

WOODCUTTER & LABORER

John Hungerford, (p 11) cut 53 cords of wood at $2/3(.29)$ a cord for the furnace between January and mid April. Next he earned 3.18.8 (abt \$10.30) for a month and two day's of unstated labor for the furnace. Perhaps ~~an~~ father and son ^{later} team, seemingly they lived in the woods- colliers might/live ~~xxxx~~ in the same teepee- since he returned to the store a blanket as well as two axes and socket wedges. (Again, a single man might use a "pitching" and a "malling" axe and two wedges are often necessary to split ~~a~~ ^{even a non} knotty log.) He "saved" money despite drawing 16/10 in cash (about \$2.08), buying $2\frac{1}{2}$ yards of linen at $2/5$ a yd, a pair of shoes at $10/6$ and a pair of "pumps" at $10/$, (abt \$1.30). A single purchase of coffee and sugar were the sole staples. Flour and meat purchases might suggest two men working and living in the woods also. The flour averaged about $2\frac{1}{2}$ pounds, $2\frac{1}{2}$ LOAVES every day, including Sunday, while pork and beef ~~xxxx~~ averaged a pound a day. The main argument against two-man work ~~xxxxxx~~ was the ~~em~~ cutting of ONLY 53 cords, less than a half-cord a day. Again, precise wood-cutting time is not given, but the average per day was about three cords. On this basis one man might have cut 53 cords in a bit over two weeks.

In mid-May, Mark Bird owed Hungerford 4.19.5 $3/4$, a "savings" of about \$13.30 out of total earnings of \$31.39, 11.16.5.