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getting the timber through - To the best of my recollection
I commenced work on Wednesday - I was stationed
at the falls to turn the timber by - On Sunday
the timber began to jam in the falls - The water
had fallen off so much that it was impossible
to get it through - I should think about five
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Description: John Warren Jackins' Affidavit Concerning Canadian Restrictions
on Sending Logs Down the Saint John River

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