

LOG LOADING WITH HORSES  
[courtesy of Draft Horse Friends](#)



Stacking was done with a system of chains loaded from the side with other horses. Chains reattached at every tier to pull the logs higher. Logging was and is yet a very dangerous and demanding occupation. This White Pine from Northern Michigan was logged off to rebuild Chicago.





This load of white pine (upper right picture) was cut on the Nestor Estate near Ewen, Michigan, in Ontonagon County in the Upper Peninsula. It was a world's record load of more than 36,000 board-

feet of lumber.

The two horses did indeed pull the load approximately a quarter of a mile. It was then loaded onto rail cars, along with the sled, and sent to Chicago. The load was reloaded as part of the Michigan Lumber exhibit at the 1893 Columbia Exposition. Weight of Eastern White Pine per 1000 bd ft: 80% moisture- 3188 lbs., 60% moisture-2834 lbs. 25% moisture-2241 lbs. This would be fair-ly high moisture, but not as much as in the summer. (Hartwick Pines Logging Museum)

Loading logs on this truck, the horses are pulling a cable which goes over a pulley at the top of the large pipe and then is attached to the logs piled up at the right side of the photo. Pho-to was taken at Moskoka, Ontario. (Courtesy of Ontario Dept. of Travel & Publicity)

