

"Timber Down The Hill" Blake

Some terms commonly used by Lumber-jacks from Canada to Mexico, wherever there are logging operations.

Bull-cook	- - - - -	A man who builds fires, sweeps out and cuts wood for Camps.
Bull-Buck	- - - - -	A man who has charge of sawyers, sawing logs.
Bitch-Hook	- - - - -	Extension hook to lengthen crotch line.
Butt-Hook	- - - - -	Used on the end of a butt-chain.
Bell-Hook	- - - - -	Used on Crotch-line for extra large logs.
Booth-Kelly	- - - - -	Strand out of cable to take the place of clevice or cold shut.
Beetle	- - - - -	A dull axe.
Bear	- - - - -	A chain tightener to tighten wrapper chain on load of logs.
Barber-Chair	- - - - -	A slab left on stump, because of improper sawing.
"Bight" of the Line-	- - - - -	Facing a square lead on wrong side of Cable.
Bindle Stiff	- - - - -	A man who carries his own blankets.
Bitch-Link	- - - - -	Used for splicing a chain when no tools or cold shuts available.
Barn Boss	- - - - -	Man in charge of horses while at Barn. Feeding & etc.
Gash-Fiddle	- - - - -	Cross-Cut Saw
The Bull	- - - - -	Policeman
Broad Axe	- - - - -	Used to hew timbers, or chute.
Cats-Paw	- - - - -	A type of knot in a cable or chain to fasten to hook.
Canada	- - - - -	The act of using a peavy, without using the hook.
Cold-Shut	- - - - -	Repair link for chain.
Choker	- - - - -	A short length of cable used to skid logs.
Choker-Hook-	- - - - -	A steel hook on end of choker.

- Cross-Haul - - - - - Where team travels while loading logs.
- Clod-Hopper - - - - - A Foreman working in the timber.
- Crotch-Line- - - - - Two lengths of cable connected in the center with a ring and having hooks on both ends.
- Cow-Juice - - - - - Milk
- Cherry-Picker- - - - - A mobile skidder & loader.
- Chaser - - - - - Man who unhooks logs at Landing.
- Donkey Doctor - - - - - Mechanic for Donkey Engine.
- Dogs - - - - - Used to connect logs so they may be trailed in tandem.
- Eye-Splice - - - - - A loop spliced in end of cable.
- Fidd-Hook - - - - - A flat hook used to hold chain tight.
- Fall-Line - - - - - Main line on horse jammer.
- Fore-&-Aft - - - - - Skids used to raise logs over roots, stumps, etc.
- Flunkie - - - - - Waiter or Waitress in dining room of logging camp
- Growser - - - - - A block of wood, used to hold log in place, on load.
- Gin-Pole - - - - - A single pole, rigged to load logs.
- Gut-Robber - - - - - A no-good Camp Cook.
- Grease Ball - - - - - Unclean cook.
- Grease Monkey - - - - - Man who greases machinery or chute.
- Gandy-Dancer - - - - - Section worker on logging railroad.
- Gyppe - - - - - A logging contractor.
- Grab - - - - - A type of hook on chain.
- Gunned - - - - - A log that accidentally turns crosswise.
- Goose-Neck - - - - - A device used in live chutes to slow logs.
- Gut-Hammer - - - - - Dinner Gong.

- Hay Rack Boom- - - - - Swing boom on Spar-tree used for loading logs.
- Heel-Boom - - - - - Metal boom used in loading logs.
- High-Tail-Hold - - - - - End of cable hanging high in a tree.
- Hay-Burners- - - - - Horses.
- Hen-Fruit - - - - - Eggs.
- "His Nibbs" - - - - - A court judge.
- Hemlock Savage - - - - - Lumber-jack.
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- Iron Burner - - - - - Blacksmith.
- Ink-Slinger - - - - - Time-keeper in logging camp.
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- Jammer - - - - - Machine used for loading logs.
- Jig-a-rued - - - - - Anything, or anyone not behaving according to regulations.
- Jill-Poke - - - - - A short pole used to shear a log.
- J. Grab - - - - - A hook which automatically unhooks.
- J - Hole - - - - - A place for team to leave road when logs are crowding them.
- Joint - - - - - A saloon or gambling hall. "House of Ill Fame" etc.
- John Law - - - - - Policeman.
- Java - - - - - Coffee.
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- Kalispel Hop - - - - - A fast movement to get in clear of rolling logs.
- King Snipe - - - - - Section Foreman on log-railroad.
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- Long-Splice- - - - - Two cables fastened together with ends tucked in.
- Long-Wrench - - - - - Cant hook or peavy.
(or Swede Hook)
- Lead Block - - - - - A pulley to guide cable on drum.
- Lumber-jack - - - - - A man who works with saw logs not lumber.

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- Marlin Spike - - - - - Tool used to splice cable.
- Molly Hogan - - - - - Cable strand used for quick repair job.
- Number Two - - - - - Shovel
(or Muck Stick)
- Pimp - - - - - Helper on Bull Dozer.
- Port-Gamble-Bow - - - An extra large snipe on end of log.
- Peters-Hook - - - - - A sliding choker hook.
- Pig - or P.F. - - - - - A canoe-shaped slide to haul men and tools to woods.
- Pigs-Foot - - - - - A type of hook used on end of crotch-line.
- Punk - - - - - Bread.
- Ram Rod - - - - - Foreman.
- Spar Tree - - - - - A tree used to secure lines for skid and load logs, approximately 100 ft. high.
- Squirrel - - - - - Weight hung on high block to swing hay rack boom.
- Spring Board - - - - - Board used by fellers to stand on while felling tree.
- Swede Fiddle - - - - - A Cross Cut Saw.
- Squaw-Hitch - - - - - A cable around back end of log.
- Samson - - - - - A cable raised high on stump or pole.
- Si-Wash - - - - - Cable pulling around tree or stump.
- Stump-Spool - - - - - Roller to keep cable from si-washing.
- Skip - - - - - Special hammer to remove trail dogs.
- Sky-Hooker - - - - - Top Loader
- Sky-Pilot - - - - - A Minister who holds services in logging camps.
- Saginaw-Flip - - - - - A certain way of holding log with peavy.
- St. Croix - - - - - A different hold on log with peavy.

Swamp-Hook - - - - -	A type of hook on end of line to hook end at side of log.
School-"Marm" - - - - -	A forked tree or log.
Side Block - - - - -	A pulley used on side of trip, on haul-back line.
Slough Pig - - - - -	A swift water log driver.
Send-Up - - - - -	A man who stays on ground and hooks logs for loading.
Stubble-Jumper - - - - -	A farmer working in the timber or a poor workman.
Splice - - - - -	Method of fastening two cables together.
Salve - - - - -	Butter.
Side-Kick - - - - -	Partner.
Si-washed - - - - -	Bar-tender refused drinks to Logger.
Sinkers - - - - -	Biscuits
Starting Bar - - - - -	Foreman
Straw Push - - - - -	Foreman
Town Clown - - - - -	Policeman
Toe-Ring - - - - -	Ring on end of cant hook.
Tail-down - - - - -	Man who rolls logs down on landing.
Tail-Block - - - - -	Pulley used at end of haul back line.
Tommy-Moore- - - - -	A large main line pulley that Butt chain passes through.
Tag-Line - - - - -	A short extension cable to reach logs.
Timber-Beast - - - - -	A Lumber-jack.
Tongs - - - - -	Used to hook end of logs.
Under-Cutter - - - - -	A device made to saw up-side-down.
Widow-Maker - - - - -	A loose limb hanging high in a tree.
Whip-Poor-Will - - - - -	Skids placed so logs will roll out of chute.
Walker - - - - -	Woods Superintendent
Whistle-Punk - - - - -	The man (or generally a boy) who signals.

- Flop - - - - - Bunk or Bed
- Nose Bag or
Vest Pocket Lump - - - - - Lunch
- Lost "His Marbles" or
Gone "Haywire" - - - - - A mentally deranged person.
- High-Hat - - - - - To scorn anyone.
- "Settin in the Pear Tree"
Or "Golden Chair" - - - - - Everything is O.K.
- Rot-Gut - - - - - A poor grade of Whiskey.
- Shack - - - - - Railroad Brakeman.
- Two Streaks of Rust - - - - - Railroad.
- Hog Head - - - - - Railroad Engineer.
- Second-Growth Lumber-jack- - - - - Younger Loggers.
- Cedar Savage - - - - - Lumber-jack who works at poles only.
- Cross-Haul Driver - - - - - Team driver - loading logs.
- Sorting Gap - - - - - Where logs are sorted to brands in water.
- Wanigans - - - - - Cook-house on raft in water, used on log drive.
- Rag Camp - - - - - Logging camp of tents.
- Gunney-Sack-Outfit - - - - - A "No Good" logging camp.
- Sky-Bound - - - - - Tree hung up.
- Deacon Seat- - - - - Bench along bunks in bunk-house, to sit on.
- Top Chains - - - - - To secure logs on cars, sleighs, trucks, etc.
- Gut Wrapper - - - - - To secure logs on cars, sleighs, trucks, etc.
- Hash "Slinger" or "Hasher" - - - - - Waitress in Logging Camp.

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