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## A NATIONAL FILM BOARD

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MILLION CORDS OF WOOD POUR DOWN  
QUEBEC RIVER IN MAMMOTH LOG DRIVE!

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STIRRING SCENES OF WILDERNESS GRANDEUR AS  
QUEBEC'S ST. MAURICE RIVER JAMMED WITH TIMBER

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WORLD'S LARGEST PRODUCER OF NEWSPRINT  
TURNS ON HEAT TO WIND UP WINTER'S WORK!

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Quebec, July 00, 1953.

The St. Maurice Valley of Quebec is the world's leading area for the production of that vital commodity, newsprint. At least four large paper mills line its banks to process the more than one million cords of wood which are floated down from the headwaters over 300 miles away. One million cords of wood would supply enough paper for two billion copies of a 72-page big city daily.

This tremendous pile of logs represents the winter's work of some 5,000 lumberjacks. Hard-working, hard-playing, these 'jacks still live like their ancestors, the famous coureurs de bois who roamed the land while the red man still ruled it. To aid them in their work nowadays however, are small armies of temasters, cooks, blacksmiths and horses, as well as the products of the mechanical age.

Logs cut during the winter and piled on the ice in the far north bush, do not reach the mills till around the end of June. The colorful "raveurs" or raftsmen keep them moving, down past places like Lake Carp Rouge, Wabano, Gouin, Rapide Blanc, the latter being one of the big power developments where pulpwood is sluiced through the big dam.

At the end of the drive will come the paper. But the 'jacks won't have time to read papers. They'll be off on "le gros spree" to wind up the year in fine high Quebec style.

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