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Mr Carr

Dear Sir:

I am sorry to inform you that Rogers mill was destroyed by fire this week and as he had the only planer in this place it will be impossible for me to get your list of lumber filled.

I told your son the aft. that we went to look at the timber that I would take it at \$300 per 700, and my reason for so doing was that I thought that I would

get ~~more~~ than 500 for  
it. but the loss of ~~Stugler's~~  
mine throws all of the  
logs that his contractors  
have been furnishing him  
on the market which  
<sup>renders</sup> it impossible for me to  
get a raise. You will  
readily see that I can't  
make a living on so  
small a margin & I  
wrote to ask if you will  
~~let~~ me cut the timber  
for 200 per 1000'. If you  
have had an opportunity  
to see for 300 since I  
was there I will by all  
means come up and  
cut it at that figure  
even at a loss. I am  
anxious to get your  
timber but as it is

my way of making  
a living I must try  
to get timber as low as  
I can for there is very  
little to be made out of it  
at any figure,

Please let me hear from  
you by return mail,

In event that I come  
up near there be a chance  
for me to get an unoccu-  
pied house on your  
place for my hands  
and ~~stable~~ for my  
cattle?

I forgot to ask you what  
price you ask for the  
large steer, or for the  
wolves in case I can  
find, you a purchaser  
Very Respectfully  
L. M. Phelps Jr