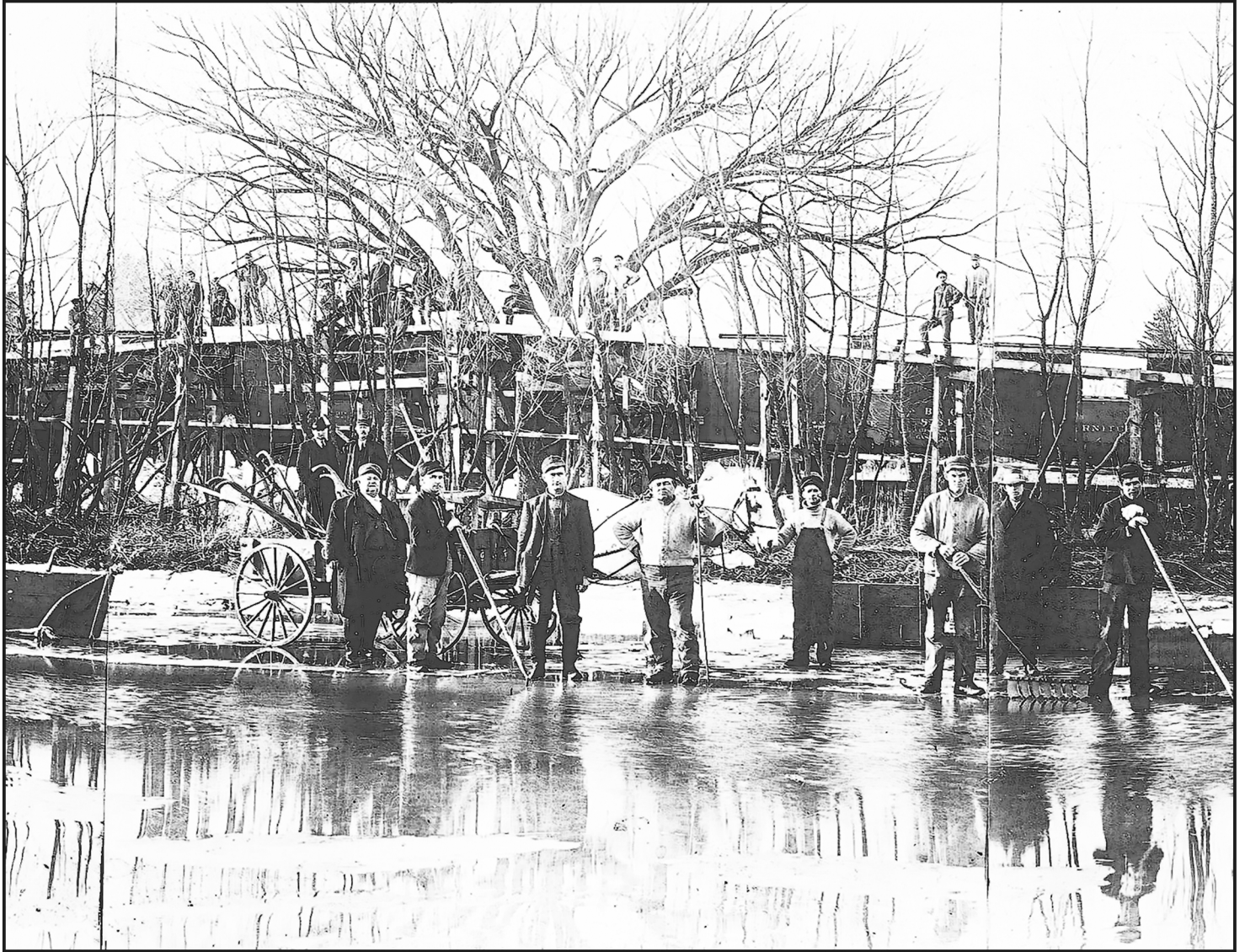


ICE COMPANY EMPLOYEES



Photograph of the Jacob J. Hotz Ice Company employees. Men stand on the frozen Iowa River and on the top of train cars in the back of the image. Dressed in coats and hats, several of them hold saws or long sticks meant for stirring the water. Horses stand among the men, ready to haul the ice blocks up a wooden chute. The ice blocks would either go into storage in a barn, or packed onto the train to ship out.

Jacob Hotz was a businessman from Iowa City, Iowa. He owned the ice company and field, located north of the dam near Coralville, from the late 1800s to about 1918. His employees were likely made up of farmers from both Coralville and Iowa City. According to Henry "Hank" Fairchild, workers were paid ten cents an hour. The company was later known as the Englert Ice Company.

