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Memories of forestry work.

What was your first job then with the Forestry?

Driving a County with a winch, taking out the wood so that they could go on to the lorries, the blokes would cut it and stack it in heaps of say 20 to 25 pieces and I used to go out , have a piece of wire, push underneath the heap, you know with a hook on the end of it, hook the wire rope from the winch on the back of the tractor, pull it underneath and then winch it up tight and just drive it out and stack it down through bedside the road. Yeah there was about 30 of us when I was with the Commission back then, most of us was felling, yeah, most of us was felling timber for pulp, you know, doing thinnings and, I mean a lot of them lived in these houses you see, this is all Forestry houses.