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Memories of forestry work.

All the trees were marked, someone used to mark the trees before you, but the whole process was, you know, they planted the trees and then they would be brashed, you know, all the lower branches would be took off and then after a certain time, when it was big enough, they would thin them and someone would come along and mark them and then take racks out, which was to take a row of trees out, or two rows, so the tractors could get in and then you just thinned it out and stacked all the stuff, produce, in against the racks, they called it, and so the tractor come along and picked them up.

How many trees would you fell in a day?

Depends on the size really, you know, if it was big ones it would be about 20, smaller ones it would be anything up to 50, 70 trees a day.