

# Album Five

Logging  
1903 - 1949

Photographic Collection: Book #5

Logging: [1903-1949, 1984]

Contains reminiscences of Frank Gallagher's logging camp; a photograph of old growth trees; logging camp (various locations) and group photos; photographs of hand logging with the use of springboards and logging with steam donkeys, tractors, power saws, and horses (on the John Manson property); photographs of log booms (various locations), logging on Quadra, and "haywire" logging on Hernando island; and a newspaper clipping about horse logging (1984).

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FRANK GALLAGHER'S LOGGING CAMP : BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1903-4

Told by Cecil Harlow Edmond.

I have talked to men who are now considered too old for logging, up to 60 and 65, and hardly any knew of the conditions that prevailed 60 or so years ago. It occurs to me that it would not be a bad idea to enlighten some of the mechanical loggers as to the way of the loggers' life in those days and the conditions they lived under.

About 1903 or 1904 I got a job from a very fine fellow named Fayder, Elijah John Fayder. Elijah was quite a man, most enterprising and a very decent fellow and his wife a very fine woman. He backed Frank Gallagher, a red-haired Irishman, to open a little camp, all told 5 men, and I was one of them. We were to get out Hemlock bark for the tannery at Westminster. The lease was what was known as Tan Bark Lease no. 432, at the junction of Toba Inlet and Price Channel behind Double Island. The cabin for the crew- there was only one there - was a log house, the lower logs about 4 or 4½ ft. diameter and about 40 feet long. The next tier would be smaller and the top logs smaller still. It had a shake roof and earth and gravel floor. There was one window at one end where somebody had chopped a hole in some of the logs about a foot square and through which no-one could see for grime. The window at the other end was just a piece of glass. That was the only light except through the door which was made of split Cedar. The dining room was a little shed outside - just 4 poles and some cross-pieces and a roof of lapped shiplap with nothing else - no roofing. There were 2 benches, 1 each side of a shiplap table. When it was fine we'd eat out there. When it was raining we'd sit inside with a potbellied stove which would take a cord of wood. A hurricane lamp was our only light.

The highest paid man was the head faller. He got \$2.50 for a 10 hour day. I think my pay was \$2.00 less board. Board was really worth about \$1.00 a month but we paid two bits ~~a day for it~~. Provisions would come up every week or so. The meat would sometimes nearly walk off the ship but by long boiling could usually be eaten. We hadhardtack mostly but sometimes bread and butter. Also "Climax" jam with nails and bits of sacking mixed up in it but more or less edible.

The logging equipment consisted of a single spool Donkey, a little bit of a thing with a 300 foot line - no haulback - and a horse. The mainline was pulled back by the horse after the Donkey had pulled in the log on the main line, after which the process was repeated. We would strip the Hemlock logs of their bark and load it on a sled, when the horse would pull the sled down to a scow. The tug which picked up the scow was usually the "Royal City", an old torpedo boat. Gallagher sold the logs, boomed and all, for \$4.25 per thousand board feet.

All hands and the cook would help to pile the bark onto the sled, and the horse would be hitched on. When there was rough ground to go over the whole thing would almost capsize. There would be wild yells to the horse to stop, which he would do quite readily, and hand-peavies and poles would be put against the sled to stop tilting and it would finally make it's way to the beach if we were lucky. If not, the whole thing would capsize and we'd have to pile it up again.

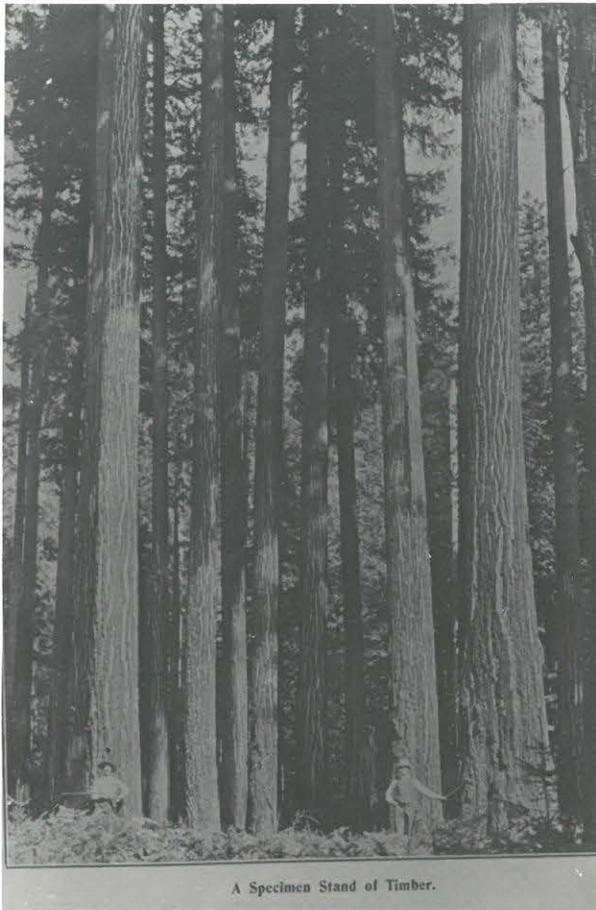
Old Frank had a little store on a shelf above his bunk. He had two pairs of socks and about 5 or 6 lbs. of chewing tobacco and a packet or two of Bull Durham. Nobody but myself wanted the Bull Durham as all hands preferred chewing tobacco. When it was wet we'd play poker. There was no money more than, perhaps \$1.00 in the camp so we bet plugs of tobacco. One day I was lucky. There was quite a pot and Frank and I were the last two in. He called for a showdown and I had a "full house" ace high. I beat Frank and took his whole store of chewing tobacco and handed it out to the crew as I didn't chew. Frank was fed up because he had lost all his store except 2 pairs of socks.

The bunks were made of poles cut out of the woods, 3 or 4 inches through, with bits of branches left here and there which served as hooks to hang clothes on. Poles were lashed to uprights and then others laid across from one end to the other and lots of Hemlock, Cedar or Spruce brush spread on them for a mattress. There were 2 tiers. When the fellow in the upper bunk turned over, the dried brush would fall on the fellow in the lower bunk so the lower bunks were not very popular. We carried our own blankets.

One of the crew was a full-blooded negro named Jim Steel -a very fine fellow. He was drowned later on, somewhere in Knight's Inlet. He was well known all over the Coast and well liked. He had cruised timber with old Mose Ireland who was there in Douglas's day. Mose went in after the Waddington massacre to try to get the guilty Indians. When at Lund celebrating his 90th birthday, Mose told the story, remarking, "Well, they were pretty hard to get and they weren't worth catching after you got them". Mose was buried at Heriot Bay. He was employed for years by the U.S. firm who paid him just the same after he was too old to do any more timber cruising. Mose would go into the woods about 100 feet then come back and make a report on the timber. I remember him and knew him quite well.

"Cecil Harlow Edmond"

(Who came to Vancouver in 1903.)



C.R. 13706

date:

col. May Ellingsen

This is not taken on Cortes Island but is an interesting example of trees that give a good idea of what old growth timber stands were like.



C.R. 13711

date: C.1907-10

col. Meg Shaw

Felling a big cedar on Jim Allen property.  
Man by the ladder is Mr. McCallum who had  
property in Whaletown Bay where the Ferry  
landing is now. That property became the  
Valley Ranch later.  
Jim Allen is on the springboard on right.



C.R. 13948

date: 1908

col. Stuart Lambert

Using springboards in felling tree. Logging being done on John Lambert's pre-emption at Sutil Point. John Lambert standing on ground. Both men on the springboards are unknown.



C.R. 13917

date: c.1911

col. Laurie Forrest

Crew from Redonda Bay logging camp.  
Standing, Marshall Dominic of Squirrel Cove.  
Second from left seated, George Seville.



C.R. 13691

date: 1918-20

col. Meg Shaw

Logging with horses on the John Manson property.  
Note the skidroad used for hauling out the logs.  
David Morrison handling the team.



C.R. 13692

date: 1918-20

col. Meg Shaw

Logging on the John Manson property. John  
Manson right beside log.

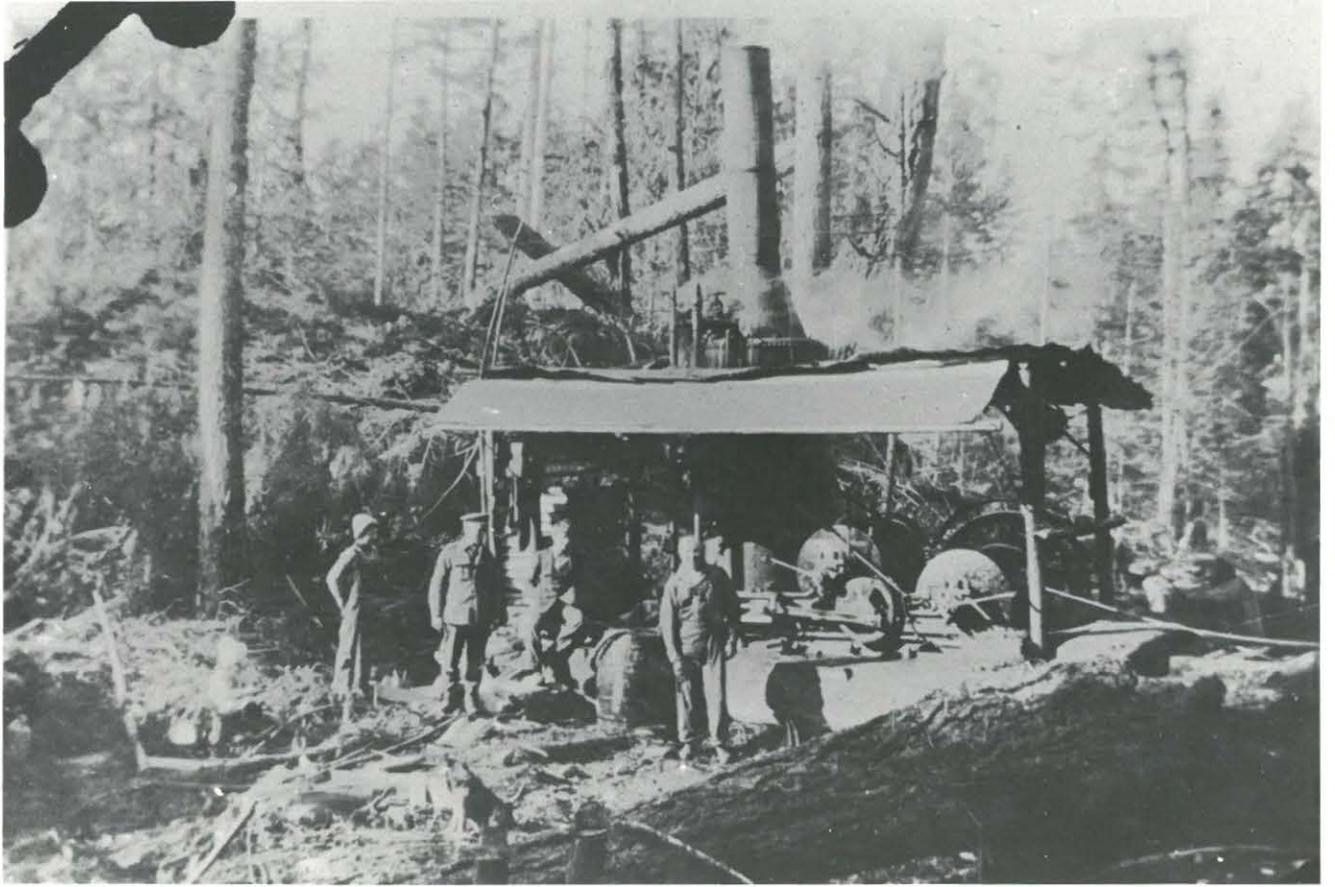


C.R. 13693

date: 1918-20

col. Meg Shaw

Two teams of horses working on logging John Manson property. John Manson on right of picture.



date: 1918

col. Meg Shaw

Munn and Hicks Steam Donkey at Manson Bay.  
From left: Duncan Robertson, his father Dave  
Robertson, the donkey engineer.

C.R. 13584



date: c. 1918

col. Meg Shaw

Munn and Hicks log boom with camp buildings in the background. Taken in Manson Bay. Seated on the swifter stick, L-R: Monty Munn, Mrs. Harry Munn, Harry Munn with daughter, Mark Hicks.



C.R. 13583

date: 1918

col. Meg Shaw

Bert Middleton Donkey engine (steam) at Quartz Bay.



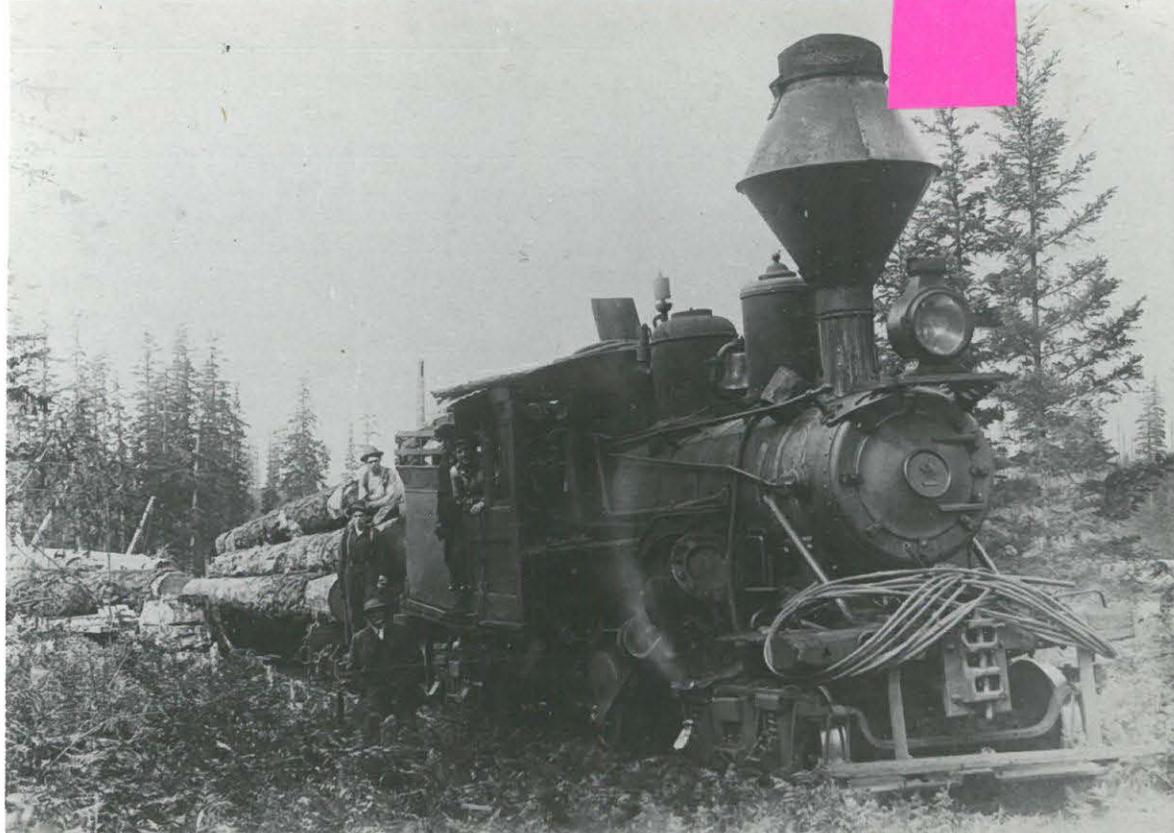


C.R. 13858

date:

col. Hazel Hansen

Ken Hansen's old gas 60 tractor in a bit of trouble. Ken had been working on the John Manson property, hauling logs and pushing them over the brink of the rather high bank so they could be later hauled out onto the beach to be floated away. As it happened, the clutch of the tractor was dragging which caused the machine to go out over the pile and end up in this embarrassing position. Both tracks were off their rollers - Ken put a wooden plug into the vacuum tank to stop the leaking gas and went for help in the form of a neighbor's D7 crawler tractor. In due course the 60 was winched back up off the log pile to safety. Amazingly, as it was dragged up, both tracks went of their own accord back onto their rollers and were in proper position as the machine got onto level ground. Ken just took the plug out of the vacuum tank and, weilding the Johnson bar, gave the engine 3 or 4 turns. The motor started and he was back in business!



C.R. 13950 (top)

date: c. 1917-18

col. Meg Shaw

Wilson & Brady Co., Heriot Bay, Quadra Is.  
"Spooly" Kusha at throttle of Climax Shay  
Herbie Joyce behind him and Archie Symons  
on logs.

Bottom: Same Co. log pile at the spar tree.



C.R. 13561

date: c. 1917

col. Meg Shaw

Perkins Logging Camp located at the east end of  
Gorge Harbor (Hansen Creek)

Hanson



C.R. 13586

date: 1918

col. Meg Shaw

Cookhouse of the Dollar and Carey logging camp  
at Gorge Harbor. Left end of group, Elsie Allen,  
Mrs. Marley. Right end, Mr. ~~Marley~~ Marley.  
Meg Robertson seated in front beside small girl.



C.R. 13604

date: 1918

col. Meg Shaw

The Dollar & Carey camp buildings, Gorge Harbor.  
Note what appears to be baled haystack in the  
right background of picture.



C.R. 13587

date:1918

col. Meg Shaw

Barrett's cookhouse located in Quartz Bay.



C.R. 13569

date: c.1920

col. Meg Shaw

Munn & Hicks Logging Camp located in Quartz Bay



C.R. 13918

date: 1922

col. Flo McKay

Ervie McKay bringing in a load of bark for household fuel using a stoneboat hauled by the logging team. His daughters Hazel (l.) and Etta sitting on top of the load. Taken on Lambert property at Sutil Point.



C.R. 139189

date: 1922

col. Flo McKay

Log dump at Lambert's beach (Sutil Point)  
used when logging with the horses.



C.R. 13898

date: 1922

col. Flo McKay

Ervie McKay with one horse from the team that was used to haul logs from the woods to the beach. The picture taken in front of Lambert corral and barn. At this time McKay, Freeman and Lamberts were working together.



C.R. 13545

date: 1928

col. Flo McKay

l.-r., Henry Tiber and Ervie McKay standing by  
narrow gauge rail line used by the gas locomotive  
to haul logs to Gunflint Lake



C.R. 13854

date: mid 1920's

col. Bill Emery

Fred Wing, handlogger who worked for a time with George Emery and in the Toba, Homfray Channel, Pendrell Sound and Refuge Cove area.

Note log is peeled and sniped and the handle of the logging jack held by his right hand.



C.R. 13818

date: 1942

col. Etta Byers

Group at Von Donop Creek.

l.-r., Arthur Hayes, daughter Nerine Hayes,  
Flo McKay with granddaughter Irene Byers close  
beside, Gwen Campbell, Fraser Campbell, Mary  
Hayes, Clarence Byers.

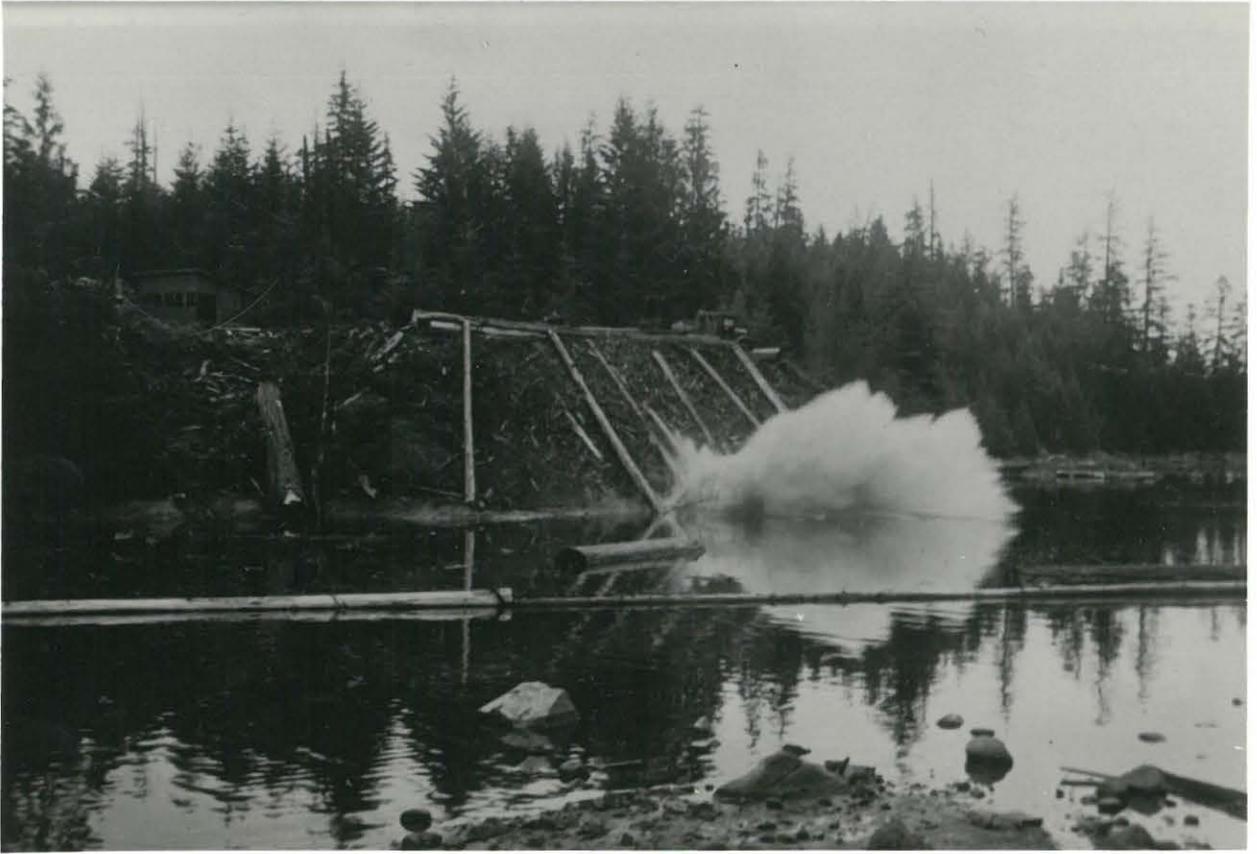


C.R. 13922

date: 1941

col. Etta Byers

Father's Day picture taken at Von Donop Creek.  
Back row l.-r., Scotty McKenzie, Clarence Byers,  
Henry Byers, Ken Hansen.  
Seated-l.-r., Ervie McKay, Flo McKay holding Irene  
Byers, Ruth Byers holding Judy Hansen, Hazel Hansen,  
Amy McKenzie. This was while they were logging here.



C.R. 13921

date: c. 1940s (1941)

col. Flo McKay

Log dump at the head of Von Donop Creek.  
Logs trucked to the dump by the truck parked  
by the browlog at the top of the spillway.



C.R. 13812

date: c. 1957

col. Etta Byers

Bill Sheepwash (standing) with daughter Beverly (l.) and Mrs. Sheepwash seated. He pre-empted the north-east quarter of Sec. 45 at the head of Von Donup Creek in 1911 and got his Crown Grant in 1916.



C.R. 13943

date: early 1930's

col. Laurie Forrest

Logging camp buildings belonging to Laurie and Doug Forrest and Herb Morrison, located in Lewis Channel. This is typical of small owner-operated camps where men left established homes to work during the week on their logging claim.



C.R. 13937

date; c. 1920's

col. Flo McKay

Wilfred Manson at controls of small donkey and Ervie McKay standing beside donkey float high and dry with the tide being out. They could log small patches of timber along the edge of the shore by floating donkey into position at high tide and doing the logging when tide was low. This happens to be Hernando Island Beach.



C.R. 13642

date c. 1920s

col. Flo McKay

"Haywire" logging. This was a four man crew.  
l.-r. Wilf Manson, Nichol Manson, Jack Manson,  
Ervie McKay.  
Taken on Hernando Island.



C.R. 13634

date: 1920s

col. Flo McKay

"Haywire" logging with donkey (steam) on a float  
pulling in logs from the fringes of the beach.  
This was taken on Hernando Island.  
Men in the picture are l.-r. Ervie Mckay, Nichol  
Manson and Wilf Manson.



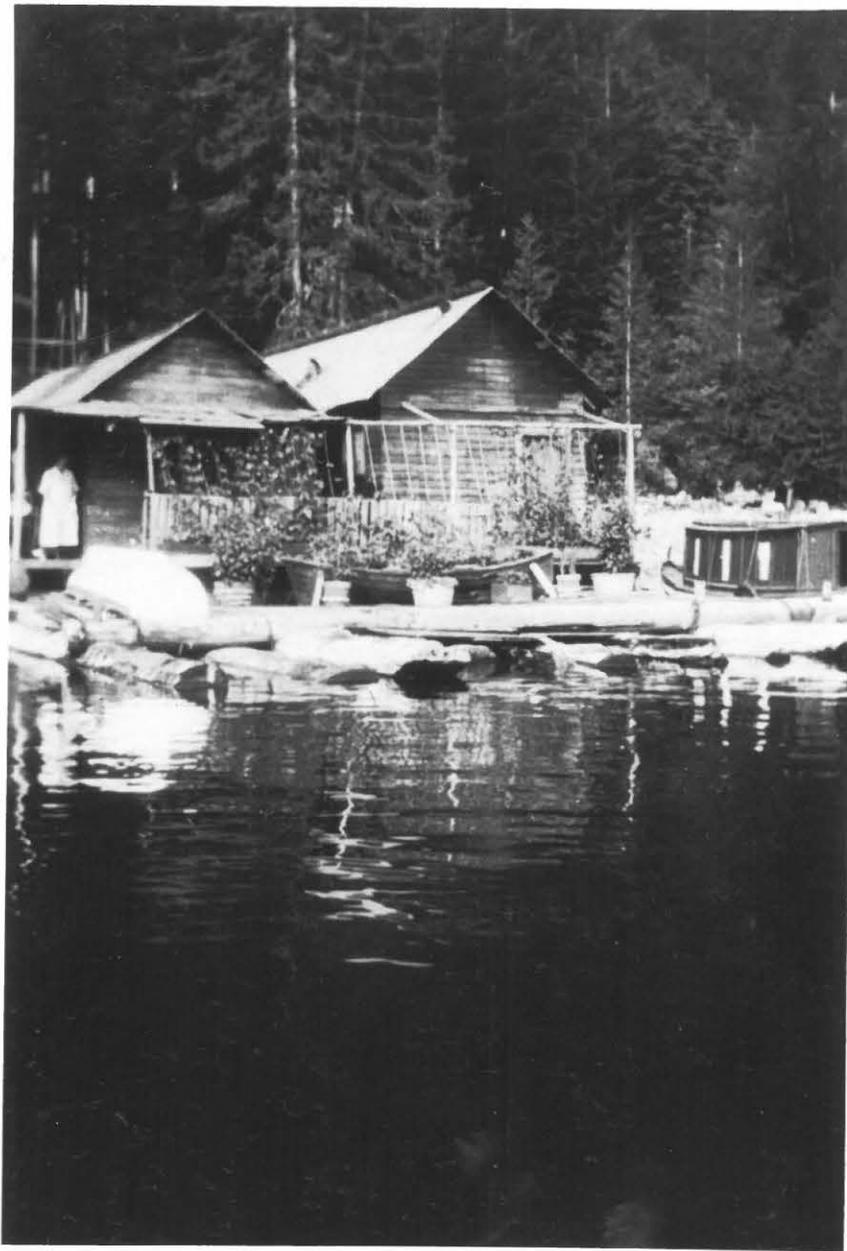
C.R. 13924

date: c. 1930 / 1938

col. Mrs. John

Picture taken at Thurston Bay when Forestry  
boats and personnel were based there.

Tom Hunter of the BC Forester.



C.R. 13849

date: c. 1925-6

col. Bill Emery

George Emery home in Pendrell Sound. Mrs. Emery  
(Bill's stepmother) on porch, plants in foreground.  
This home was burned in 1928 -9.



Bill Emery has seen Grace Harbor frozen in for six weeks for a distance of half a mile out from the beach.

Top

C.R. 13819

date: 1935

col. Bill Emery

Bottom

C.R. 13856

date: 1935

col. Bill Emery

Emery floating camp at Grace Harbor and on the move by tugboat.





C.R. 13826

date:1920-1

col. Bill Emery

Bob **Hamilton** home a typical float house garden. It was located in Pendrell Sound slough, a neighbor of Emerys. Bob worked for the Woolridge Brothers.



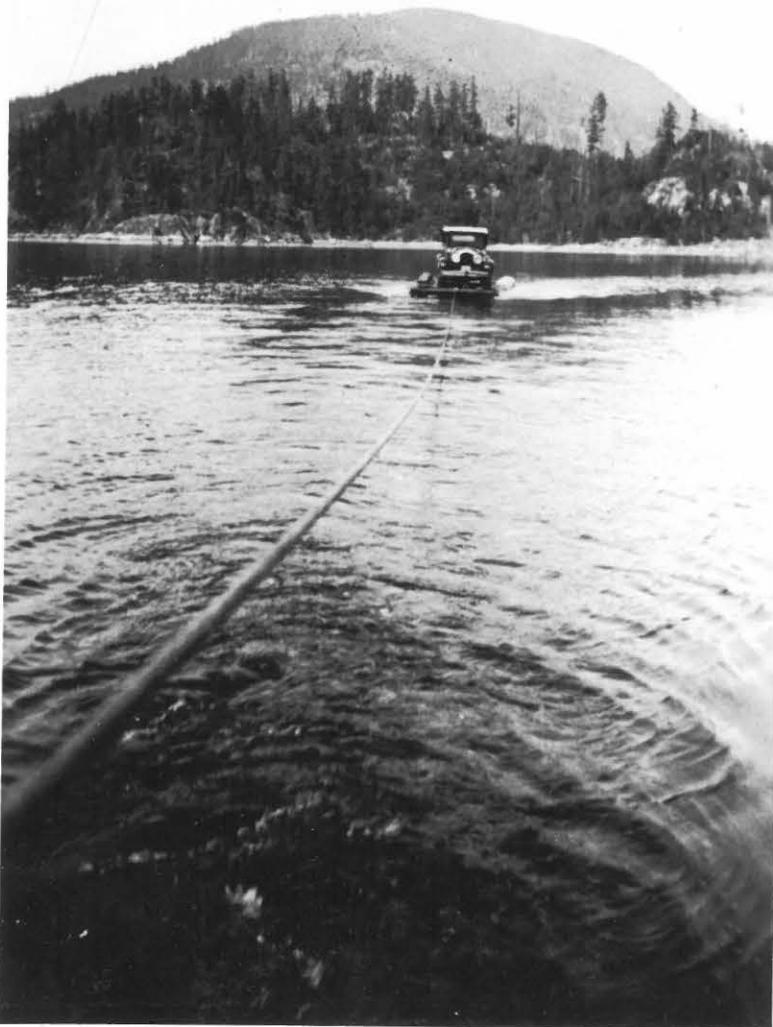
Top

C.R. 13850

date: 1935

col. Bill Emery

George Emery and wife,  
Maud with 1926 or 7  
Chev. car on float



Bottom

C.R. 13841

date: 1935

col. Bill Emery

Car being towed from  
Okeover Inlet to camp



C.R. 13638

date: 1937

col. Etta Byers

Early days truck logging, Byers & McKay Logging  
at Seaford. The first pneumatic tired logging  
truck on Cortes Island.



C.R. 13639

date: 1937

col. Etta Byers

Early days truck logging, Byers & McKay Logging  
at Seaford. Scotty McKenzie with pike pole and  
Clarence Byers, truck driver (with arms akimbo).



C.R. 13614

date: c.1946-7

col. Nesta Stackhouse

Taken of Jim Munro's logging operation. See spar tree with log pile in background & tree with boom for loading in foreground. Tall man in group on left is Pat Walsh Jr., Buy Slater across the road.



C.R. 13615

date: c.1946-7

col. Nesta Stackhouse

Also Jim Munro's logging claim. This shows device for loading logs onto truck and they were hauled out to Gorge Harbor. The two standing in the loading tongs are Peggy Munro and Shirley Dewar. This type of loading device is called a McLean boom.



C.R. 13905

date: 1940's

col. Noreen Kvello

Bill Mathews using an old time I.E.L. two-man  
power saw.

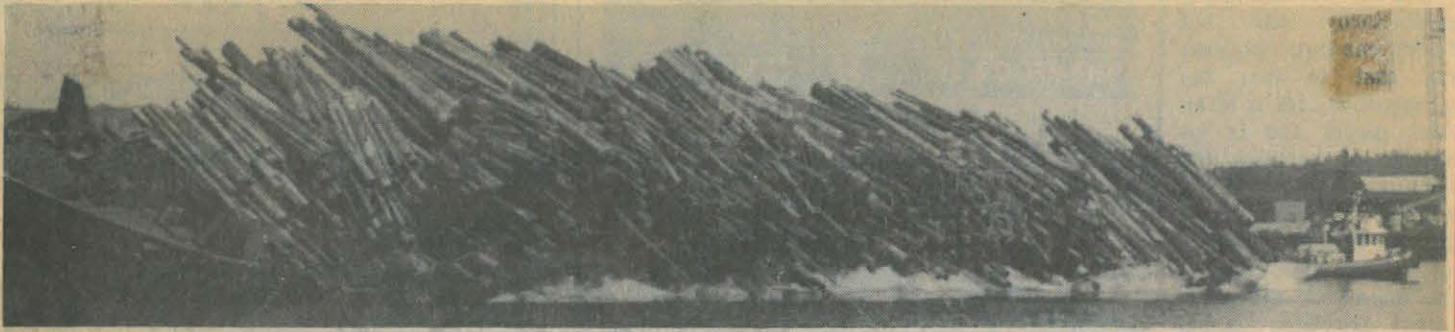


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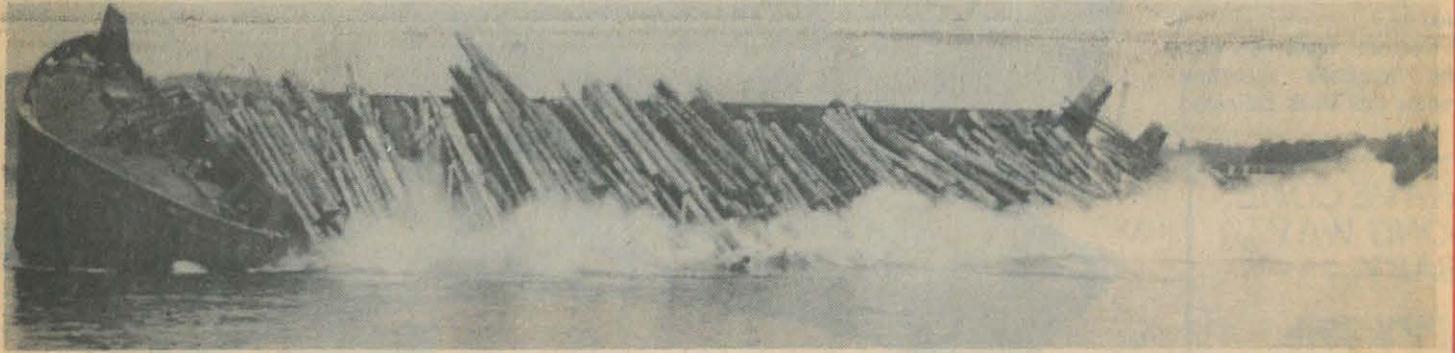
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col. May Ellingsen

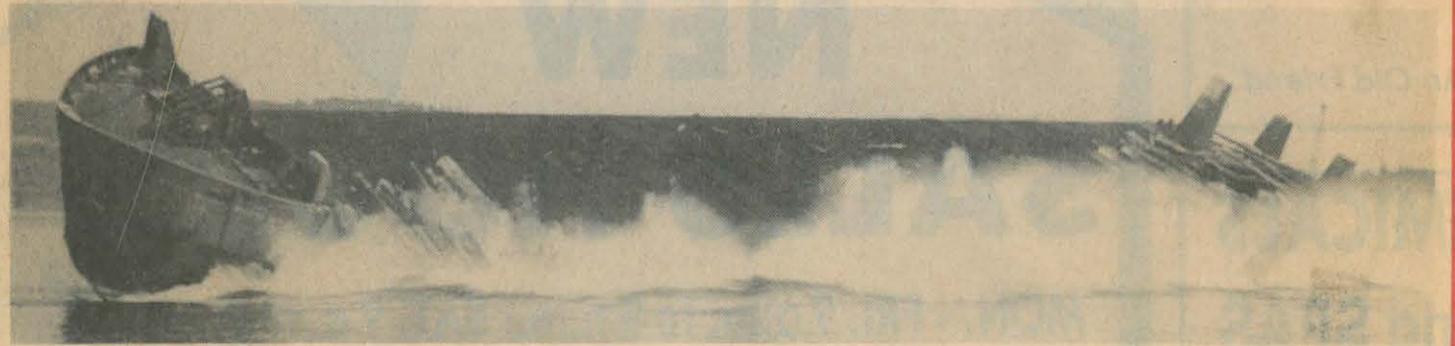
Same location and partnership as C.R. 13895.  
l. to r. Frank Tooker, Stan Anderson, Alan Olmsted,  
Jim Hill in front of large fir butt log, same  
tractor and with other logs as well.



**THEY'VE STARTED**



**THEY'RE GOING**



**THEY'RE GONE:** barge load of logs splash into water at Elk Falls Mill's Duncan Bay site