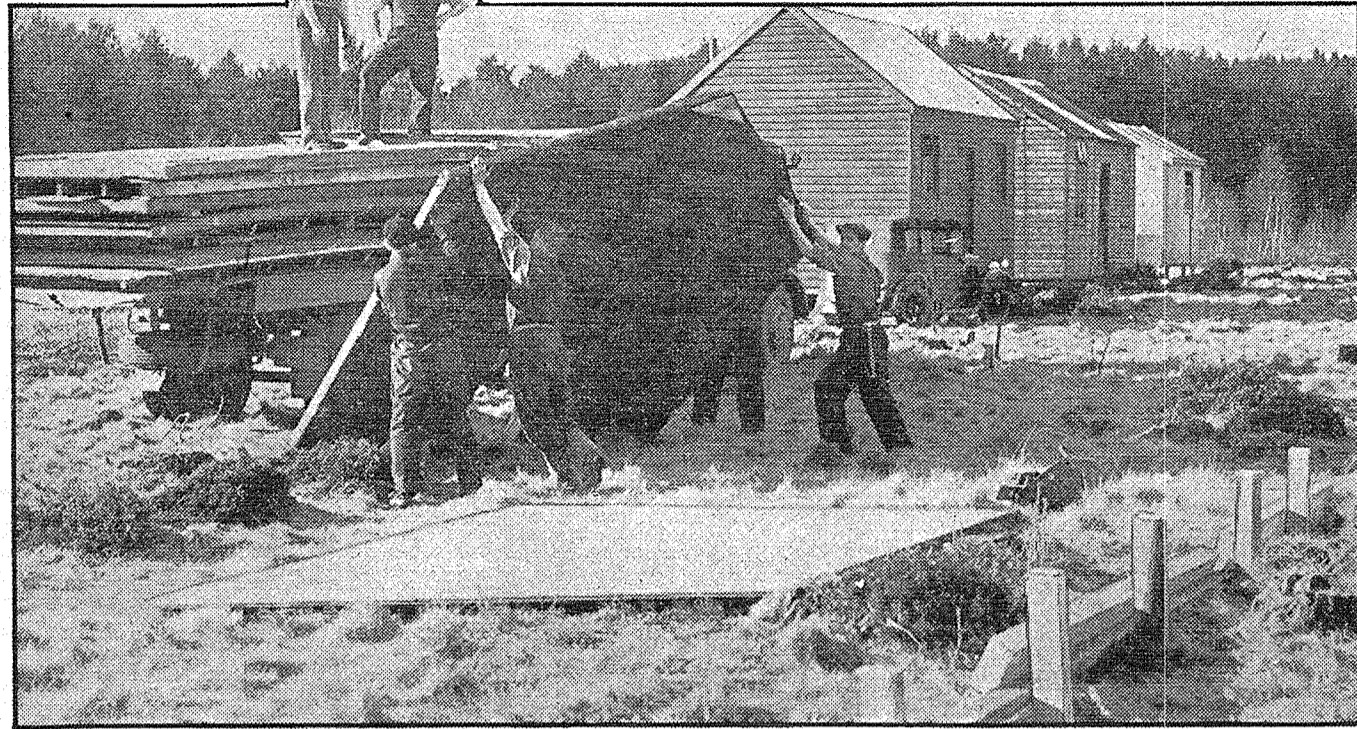


**A NEW 'TOWN'
SPRINGS UP**



**MOBILE SAWMILLS
TO THE RESCUE**



"JONESVILLE." Ballogie's new sawmilling township springs up in a forest clearing.



THE HORSE COMES INTO ITS OWN AGAIN augmenting tractor-power and going where tractors could not go. Harry Fowler from Potarch clears fallen trees from the river-bank of the Dee with the picturesque old Bridge of Potarch in the background.

FIRST OF SIX mobile sawmills being manhandled in sections before assembly at the Ballogie estate of Col. J. W. Nicol.

CLEARING THE STORM-SHATTERED FORESTS OF NORTH

MEN AND MOBILE MILLS ARE SPEEDING TO THE SCENE TO HASTEN "OPERATION WINDBLOW"

Continuing his survey of the woodlands worst-hit by the great storm, GEORGE HUTCHEON tells of the encouraging sight he met on one Deeside estate, as "Jonesville," a new sawmilling township to accommodate nearly 200 men, came into being almost overnight. The pictures on this page show this new community setting up its quarters in a woodland glade, its men at work in the forest, and other evidences of the way the great emergency is being tackled.

It was along the Shooting Green road from Ballogie House — its main entrance still criss-crossed with valuable trees — to Bridge of Potarch that I found the first visible signs of how quickly action is being taken to save the woodlands of the North. A small self-contained community was beginning to mushroom up in a clearing.

Workers were feverishly setting up temporary buildings to accommodate close on 200 men — the employees of James Jones and Sons, Ltd., Larbert, the country's biggest timber merchants, who have already taken on the immense task of clearing nearly one-fifth of all the area's blown timber along Speyside, Deeside and in Kincairdine.

Men, their wives and children, sawmills and plant are, I was told speeding north day and night in the race against time to salvage the timber from the millions of storm-flattened trees. The two biggest woodlands which the firm has already agreed to clear are those belonging to Col. J. W. Nicol at Ballogie and Sir John M'Pherson-Grant at Ballindalloch.

Without waiting for signed contracts or fixed prices the plant and men from Stranraer, the Lothians, Fifeshire and Loch Lomond-side are pouring in. Simultaneously the firm is setting up two camps to accommodate the men and their families at Ballogie and Ballindalloch. A third smaller camp may be established on the Glentannan estate.

It was only three days after the first men arrived that I chanced to pass by and already the camp at Ballogie was taking shape. Up were going wooden, asbestos-lined, huts to house six men in each; huts which are being turned out at the rate of five a week, built by five joiners. Next will be the three-roomed temporary houses for the married men; then a canteen.

Within a few weeks "Jonesville" — that is the name selected for the new community — will be complete. And into the flattened forests at both Ballogie and Ballindalloch will go up to six sawmills.

Growing apace, too, and on the same lines as the Ballogie operation is the one at Ballindalloch, I was told by Mr Alexander Hogg, the firm's area manager.

When I arrived, Col. Nicol, Mr Tom Bruce Jones, a director of the firm, Mr Hogg and Mr J. R. Bell, Ballogie's head forester, were watching the first lorry load of timber being loaded for the mills in the South. It will bring more plant on its return.

Only then were Col. Nicol and Mr Jones discussing the means by which the timber extracted will be calculated. As they talked, Mr Hogg did some calculation for me.

"I reckon there is about 2,000,000 cubic feet of timber lying in the surrounding forests of Ballogie," he said. "That constitutes about fifteen years' work for one sawmill," he added. Mr Jones turned to express his confidence that he could clear the forests in under two years — the maximum time that certain types of trees can lie in the open without deteriorating. But his target for all his contracts is eighteen months.

3000 TONS A MONTH

"I hope to take about 90,000 cubic feet out of Ballogie a month. That's about 3000 tons," he said.

Mr Jones had some strong views on how the woodlands of Deeside can be saved.

"Half of all the timber blown down will have to go to the permanent mills in the South," Mr Jones emphasised. "And to make it economical a flat rate for transport must be established." His suggestion was 10/- a ton.

For what purpose will the timber be used? Pitprops for the National Coal Board and sleepers for British Railways — who must come to the aid of estate owners and merchants with orders — but some may go for telephone and hydro-electric poles.

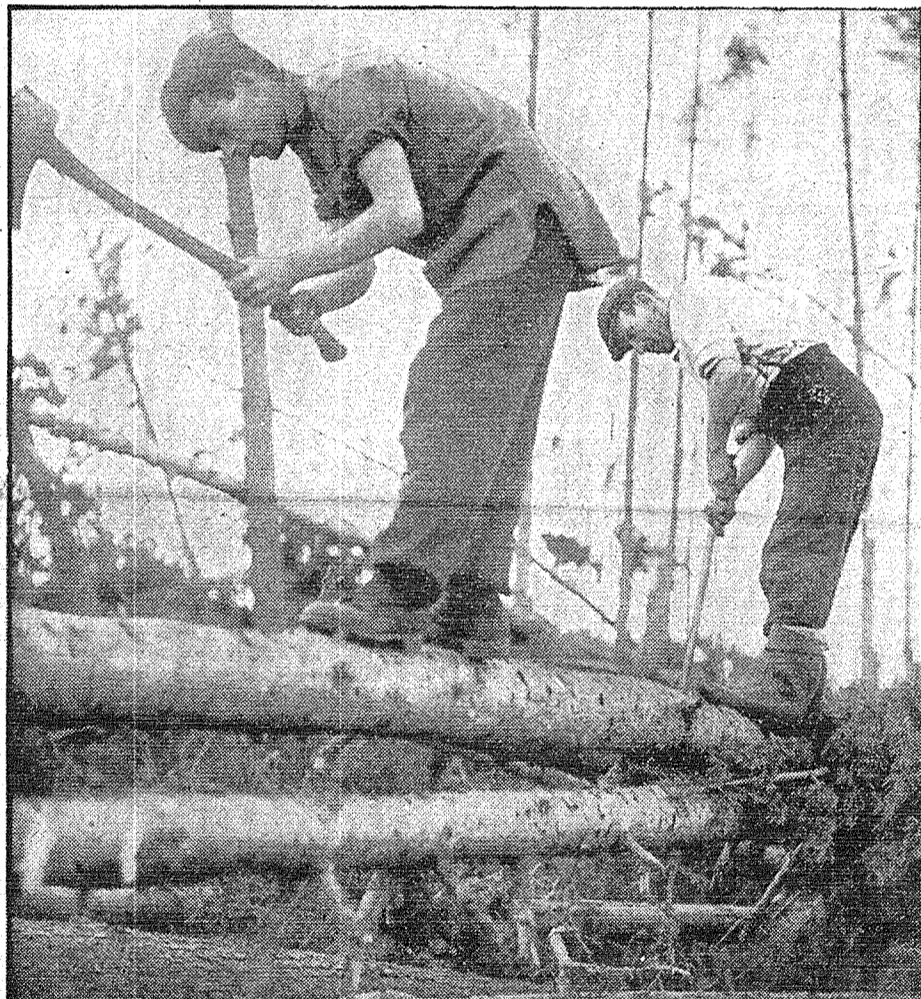
HALF CONTRACTED FOR

Later, Mr Frank Oliver, Forestry Commission conservator for the area, gave me the heartening news that about half of the blown timber had already been contracted for by timber merchants.

Even at this early stage it looks as if the confidence expressed by Mr James Stuart, Secretary of State for Scotland, that the timber "will be cleared and marketed in a fair and orderly manner" is justified and that Scotland's forests — an essential part of the national economy — will be saved.



THE FIRST LOAD OF TIMBER for sawmills in the South from the flattened forests of Deeside is loaded at Potarch. The lorry will race southwards bringing back mobile sawmilling equipment.



DRESSING THE FALLEN GIANTS—Duncan Whitehouse, Dartmore, Perthshire, and William Anderson, Drymen, Stirlingshire, prepare logs for transport to South sawmills.



SUPERVISING "Operation Windblow" at Ballogie: Mr Tom Bruce Jones, Col. J. W. Nicol and Mr Alexander Hogg.

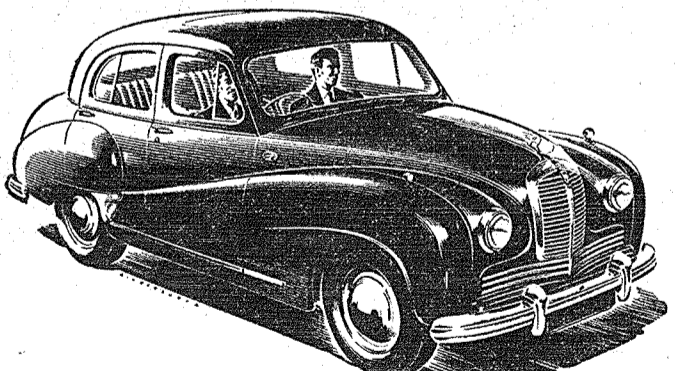


THE BLOCKED GATEWAY to Cluny Castle drive tells a story that is repeated all over the North-east: Every wooded estate has had its own burden of devastation to cope with.



THE EVIDENCE BY THE ROADSIDE, at Pitcairne, of what was at one time the 'worst transport block' in Aberdeenshire. Now the fallen trees are piled by the side of the highway and on every side can be seen traces of the havoc they wrought on their falling.

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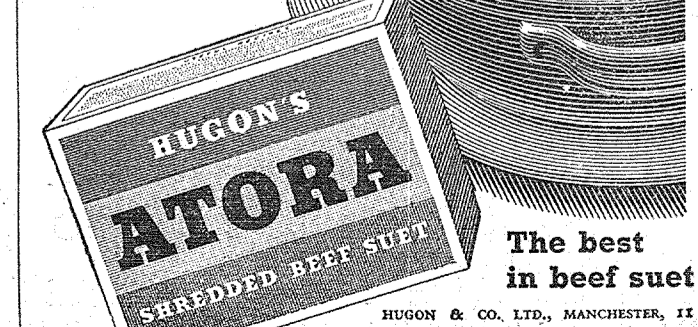
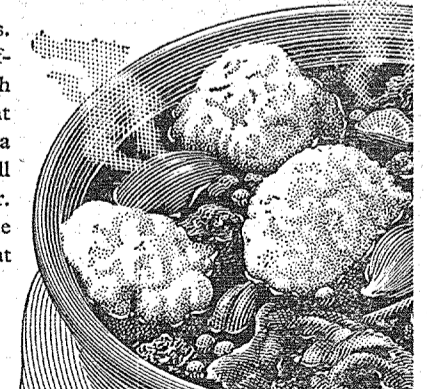
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