

## Landing Logs Safely!



### What happened?

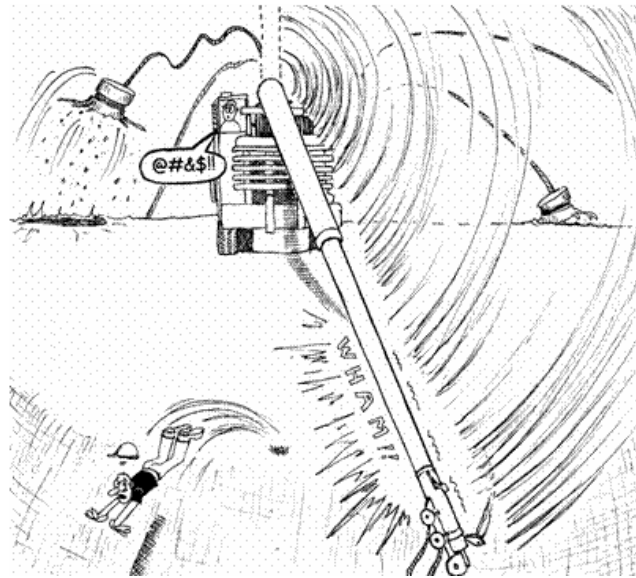
A Poleman was attempting to unhook one of three stems which had the stem-butt raised in the air. He jumped onto the stem, which destabilised and started sliding downhill. Still stopped, the stem suddenly pulled up and, having momentum, the Poleman flew off. He landed hard on his head and leg and suffered a concussion and puncture wound.

### What can we learn from this incident?

- Hauler position should allow sufficient length<sup>1</sup> in the chute for the stems to be landed safely. In this case, the hauler was positioned too close to the edge of the landing and stems were not landing properly on all occasions; poor positioning of the strop (gut-stropping) also hindered 'safe landing'.
- A small landing, bunching up both men and machines and forcing the placement of the hauler to the edge, was not ideal. This was rectified rather quickly following this incident, providing more room! Speak up when the plan isn't working or conditions are making your job unsafe.
- Be aware that stems, especially in the chute, can move suddenly.

<sup>1</sup> There are no rules on the actual landed length – it is considered best practice to aim for two-thirds of the stem length.

## Tower Collapse!



A tower collapse is always a **very serious** incident – the **potential for harm and damage is truly great!** Fortunately no one was harmed in this recent collapse, however property damage was extensive and the incident resulted in considerable loss. High stock holding, very heavy rain and a difficult harvest setting may all have contributed to this tower collapse and while this ‘safety conscious’ crew had excellent ‘pre set-up’ and a good management plan, the **use of an old guy rope extension** certainly let them down in this instance.

### What can we learn?

- Where stumps are small or unsound, deadman must be used. Both the planning and installation of deadmen should occur well in advance!
- Guy rope extensions need to be in ‘first-rate’ condition – they are required to do a big job! Extensions in poor condition are the leading cause of tower collapse in PF Olsen operations.