

THE LONG OF IT, IN SHORT

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On February 2nd, 1961, a semi-trailer load of peeler logs left Greystones Compartment 3, of the Mundaring Plantations, bound for Westralian Plywood factory at Carlisle. There may be nothing unusual about the delivery of peeler logs to this factory, but these were in lengths varying from 24 feet to 34 feet and were, so far as I can determine, the first Pinus peeler logs to be delivered in long lengths in this State.

The logs were cut from *P. radiata* planted in 1922, and the Site Quality IV. The whole tree from butt to the 9" D.U.B. crown was cut into convenient lengths as near to 30 feet as possible.

The first trip consisted of twelve logs whose lengths varied from 24 feet to 34 feet and their mid-girths overbark from 3'1" to 5'3". The total overbark volume of these logs was 525 cubic feet.

By the end of May, three parcels of these log peelers had been delivered to Westralian Plywoods, and it may be of interest to summarise the log measurements and total overbark volumes.

First Parcel	76 logs	Lengths 23 to 34 feet Mid girth 2'1" to 5'7" O.B. volume 57 loads.
Second Parcel	89 logs	Lengths 20. to 40 feet Mid girth 2'8" to 5'3" O.B. volume 62 loads.
Third Parcel	88 logs	Length 25 to 40 feet Mid girth 2'11" to 5'7" O.B. volume 63 loads.
Average volume per log		35.9 cubic feet.

(Editor's Note: It would be interesting to have some idea of the recovery from these logs).