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"The centre tree is one of the superior ('plus') trees of *Pinus pinaster* selected in Portugal for breeding purposes. The tree is 85 years old and approxinately 86 feet high."

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PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Forests Department, PERTH, 30th September, 1964

## TO THE HONOURABLE MINISTER FOR FORESTS

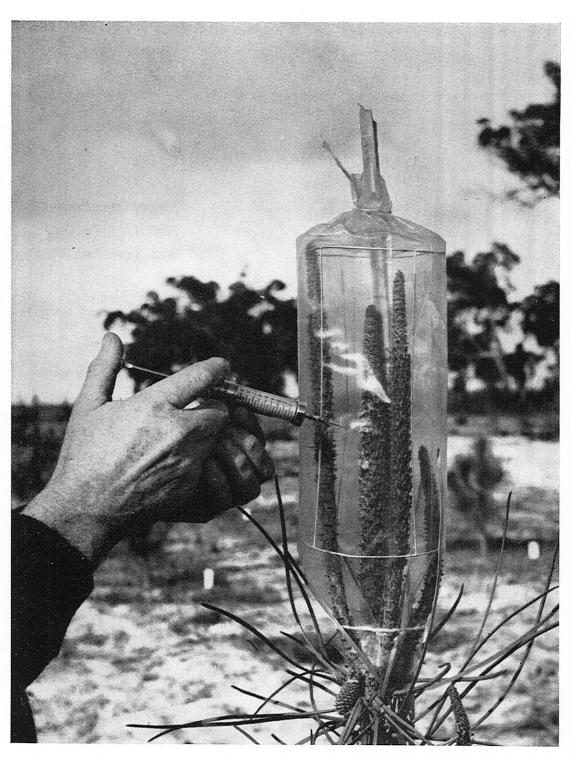
Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith my report on the operations of the Department for the year ended 30th June, 1964.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. HARRIS,

Conservator of Forests.



"Controlled pollination of a selected scion of *Pinus pinaster*. The shoots are protected by sausage skin casing to prevent pollination by undesirable strains and selected pollen dust is injected by a hypodermic syringe."

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# LIST OF COMMON AND BOTANICAL NAMES OF TREES USED IN THIS REPORT

Brown Boronia	•				••••	Boronia megastigma
Brown Mallet		••••	••••			Eucalyptus astringens
Bull Banksia						Banksia grandis
Californian Redw	ood				••••	Sequoia sempervirens
Coral-flowered G	ium	••••				Eucalyptus torquata
Dwarf Sugar Gur	n					Eucalyptus cladocalyx var. nana
Jarrah	·			• • • •		Eucalyptus marginata
Karri			•···			Eucalyptus diversicolor
Marri						Eucalyptus calophylla
Maritime Pine (P	inaster	Pine)		••••	••••	Pinus pinaster
Monterey Pine (	Radiata	Pine)				Pinus radiata
Powderbark War	ndoo					Eucalyptus accedens
River Gum						Eucalyptus camaldulensis
Sandalwood						Santalum spicatum
Sheoak						Casuarina fraseriana
Sugar Gum		,				Eucalyptus cladocalyx
Teak		••••				Tectona grandis
Tingle (Red)						Eucalyptus jacksoni
Tingle (Yellow)				••••		Eucalyptus guilfoylei
Tuart	••••	·	••••	• • • • •		Eucalyptus gomphocephala
Turpentine	••••					Syncarpia glomulifera
Wandoo						Eucalyptus redunca var. elata
W.A. Blackbutt	(Yarri)		••••	•		Eucalyptus patens

## FORESTS DEPARTMENT

## I. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF MAJOR OPERATIONS

Timber Production Total Production	(in cubic i	feet).				_			
Exports—Intersta			••••	••••	••••		6,088,16		
Oversea		****				****			per cent.) per cent.)
Local Consumption	on								per cent.)
Recent Trends in	Production	n and Con	sumpti	on.			. ,	(11	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
		Production			T-4-Ì		_		Monthly
Year	Sawn	Hewn	Tota	ı	Total Export	Local sump	,	Sawmills	Average of Men Employed
1925-26 1937-38 1945-46 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 1954-55 1955-56 1956-57 1957-58 1958-59 1958-60 1960-61 1961-62 1962-63 1963-64	cub. ft. 14,522,733 11,720,642 8,869,847 12,571,635 14,717,112 16,973,332 18,343,974 18,915,967 19,213,771 17,798,984 17,487,573 17,758,023 16,625,475 15,783,370 15,801,067 15,593,099 16,088,169	cub. ft. 6,277,952 2,573,540 14,041 1,183 1,761 1,454 4,561 5,308 3,790 742 1,310	cub. f 20,800, 14,294, 8,883, 12,572, 14,717, 16,975, 18,345, 18,920, 19,219, 17,802, 17,488, 17,759, 16,625, 15,783, 15,801, 15,593, 16,088,	.685 .192 .888 .818 .112 .093 .428 .528 .079 .774 .315 .333 .475 .3370 .067 .099	cub. ft. 12,001,38 7,545,74 3,373,02 2,342,49 2,373,965,18 3,965,18 3,477,24 4,569,97 5,671,71 6,465,02 6,167,13 5,212,53 5,660,63 5,482,51 5,266,32	14 6,74 15 5,51 10,23 13 12,34 18 13,00 16 14,48 19 15,44 14 14,65 19 13,12 2 11,81 11,29 12 10,45 10,14 10,11	ft. 9,301 8,448 0,863 0,326 3,559 9,905 6,472 3,279 1,045 2,795 6,603 4,312 8,343 0,838 0,428 0,428 0,586 1,841	No	No. 3,112 2,876 4,047 4,708 5,395 5,724 5,879 5,804 5,574 5,227 5,155 5,037 4,790 4,906 4,725 3,448
* This figure no longer i	ncludes 1,088 p	persons emplo	yed in ass	sociate	d yards in	the Metro	opolitan A	Area.	
Total Cut  Log Volumes (in  Made up as follow	ŕ		•••• ·			49,651,0	Ka	rri andoo e	35,940,018 8,736,677 2,362,754 1,846,092 765,548
From State F From Private	orest and C	Crown Land				39,431,0 10,220,0	089 (79 · 000 (20 ·	4 per cei 6 per cei	nt.) nt.)
Value Produced Total Value Sawn Total Value of O	Timber (or ther Forest	n mill skids Products	) 		1	£11,348,8 £2,893,8			
Source and Use of Source :	Funds								
Revenue— Royalties Departm	on Timber ental Sales o	, etc of Logs, etc	•				1,0	3–64 75,884 49,697	1962–63 988,731 486,135
General Loan Federal Aid I		···· , ····					E	25,581 75,000 76,000	1,474,866 125,000 76,000
Use :							1,8	76,581	1,675,866
Consolidated Reforestation General Loan Treasury Emp	Fund Fund						1,12	45,087 28,401 75,000 10,017	486,113 941,266 125,000 68,498
							1,8	58,505	1,620,877

Forest Area										
Additions to State Forest	-	••••	••••	••••		•	••••	••••	5,116	acres
Excisions from State Fore			••••	••••	••••	•	••••		387	,,
Land purchased for Pine		ng		••••	••••	••••			335	**
Total Area of State Fore	st	••••	••••	••••		••••	••••	4	4,459,038	**
Reforestation										
Cut-over area treated for	r rege	neratio	on						58,437	. 11
	Ū									,
Afforestation										
Area planted with pines,	1963	••••		••••	••••		••••		2,620	,,
Pinus radiata	••••	•···•	••••	••••	••••	1,865	acres			•
Pinus þinaster		••••	••••	••••	••••	751	- 22			
Other species	••••	••••	••••	••••		4	"			
Total area of pine planta	tion e	stablis	hed	••••	••••		••••		38,156	. **
Pinus radiata			• • • •			14,560	acres			
Pinus pinaster	•		••••	••••	•	23,194	,,			
Other species					••••	402	,,			
Total experimental area	(addit	ional)							762	,,
·	•	•								
Management										
Survey :—										
Theodolite Surveys			••••		••••		·		121	miles
Other Surveys	••••					• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		• • • • •	217	,,
Map Sheet Compilat	ion								1,240	sq. miles
Assessment :—					÷	,				
Air Photo Interpreta	ation								1,544,000	acres
Engineering, new works										
Road and Tracks	· 							.,	438	miles
Telephone Lines						••••			24	,,
Houses and Building	s (No	.)				••••	••••		11	
_	•	•				1				
Protection										
Controlled Burning									890,552	acres
Fire Outbreaks:—			٠							
Number					• .				281	
Area Burnt		••••	••••			, ••••	••••		21, <del>4</del> 55	acres
										•
Nurseries										
Hamel and Dryandra:—										
Trees produced for-										
Forests Departn		••••			••••				85,9	59
Private Buyers			••••		••••	••••	••••		94,4	
Trivate buyers	••••	••••	••••	••••		••••	••••	•••	, i, i	
Sandalwood										
Quantity exported		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		••••	••••	••••	••••	••••	531	tons
Fight										
Eight										

#### 2. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Revenue from all sources was £1,625,581 compared with £1,474,866 the previous year.

Of the net revenue £972,899 (£907,149) was transferred to the Forests Improvement and Reforestation Fund. Expenditure charged against this Fund was £1,128,401 (£941,266) and the balance in the Fund at 30th June, 1964 was £185,421 (£204,001) which included reserves for Building, £75,000 and Fire Control, £100,000.

The return from thinning operations in Departmental pine plantations was £73,559 (£80,959).

#### 3. THE FOREST AREA

#### State Forests (Forests Act, 1918-1954)

The total area of State Forest at 30th June, 1964, was 4,459,038 acres which is an increase of 4,729 acres compared with the total area at 30th June, 1963.

During the year, additions totalling 5,116 acres were made to State Forest and 387 acres were excised and reverted to the Lands Department.

Jarrah		,						June, 1963 Acres 3,187,853	June, 1964 Acres 3,190,157
	••••		 ••••	••••	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		••••		
Karri			 					171,0 <del>4</del> 7	171,041
Jarrah and Kar	ri (mix	red)	 					654,320	655,266
Jarrah and Wa	indoo (	mixed)	 					176,815	176,815
Tuart			 					5,995	5,995
Tingle Tingle			 					10,726	10,687
Karri and Ting	le (mix	(ed	 		••••			13,885	13,885
Sandalwood			 					1,930	1,930
Pine Planting			 			••••		174,555	176,041
Mallet			 					57,031	57,069
Miscellaneous			 					152	152
								4,454,309	4,459,038

#### Timber Reserves (Forests Act, 1918-1954)

The area held under Timber Reserve at 30th June, 1964, was 1,844,865 acres, which is an increase of 5,514 acres on the area at 30th June, 1963.

Jarrah				 		 	lune, 1963 Acres 82,020	June, 1964 Acres 88,644
Wandoo and Jar	rah			 		 	50,260	53,520
Jarrah and Karri				 		 	Nil	78
Pine Planting				 		 	5,908	5,908
Mallet				 	••••	 	648	648
Sandalwood				 		 	23,100	23,100
Mining Timber,	Firew	rood, e	tc.	 		 	1,677,415	1,672,967
						-	1,839,351	1,844,865

#### Land Alienations, etc.

During the year ended 30th June, 1964, 225 applications for land (and road protections and closures) were received covering a total of 519,276 acres.

The Department agreed to the release as follows—

	Alienations		Mineral Claims and Leases (Pastoral-Grazing)						
Timbe	r Zone	Outside Timber	Timber	Outside Timber					
State Forest	Crown Land	Zone	State Forest	Crown Land	Zone				
acres 1,320	acres 13,165	acres 508,430	acres 5,562	acres I,625	acres 11,040				

No. of alienations approved .... 85 No. of Leases approved .... 19

## 4. SAWMILLING, TIMBER INSPECTION AND FOREST PRODUCE

#### **Timber Production and Distribution**

The production of 16,088,169 cubic feet of sawn timber was an increase of 495,070 cubic feet on last year's figure. Of this total production 3,311,280 cubic feet were obtained from timber from private property, an increase of 150,436 cubic feet on last year.

During the year ended 31st December, 1963, 214 mills were registered, of which 116 operated on Crown Land and 98 on Private Property. Details of the intake of mill logs and production of sawn timber are given in the accompanying tables.

The annual intake of logs (1829-1964) is shown in appendix 5.

Departmental plantations yielded 1,781,588 cubic feet of pine thinnings, which was an increase of 22 per cent. on last year's figure.

The following quantities of logs were used in local plywood factories:-

									С	ubic Feet
Karri	••••		••••			,····	••••			135,516
Other			••••							127
Pine				• • • •	••••	:		• • • • •		97,416
	Tot	tal		****		****				233,059

Sawn sleepers produced during the year amounted to 3,792,227 cubic feet of which 1,449,311 cubic feet were from private property. Of the sleepers produced 2,309,081 cubic feet were inspected and a further quantity of 88,286 were re-inspected during the year. Other sawn timber inspected during the period amounted to 872,402 cubic feet.

	ς.					Sle	eepers	Other Sav			
	Distribution						Jarrah and Other Species	Karri	Jarrah and Other Species	Total	
Interstate Overseas Local						cub. ft. Nil Nil Nil	cub. ft. 587,632 1,756,790 1,447,805	cub. ft. 892,542 221,638 1,716,406	2,542 1,318,012 1,638 489,714	cub. ft. 2,798,186 2,468,142 10,821,841	
Total						Nil	3,792,227	2,830,586	9,465,356	16,088,169	

## QUANTITY OF SAWN TIMBER PRODUCED FROM CROWN LANDS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS

				From Crow	n Lands	From Private	Property		Estimated Value	
	Year			Sawn Timber other than Sleepers	Sawn Sleepers	Sawn Timber other than Sleepers	Sawn Sleepers	Total Quantity	of Timber Obtained	
1962/63 1963/64	••••			cub. ft. 9,989,864 10,433,973	cub. ft. 2,442,391 2,342,916	cub. ft. 1,727,255 1,861,969	cub. ft. 1,433,589 1,449,311	cub. ft. 15,593,099 16,088,169	£ 10,851,950 11,348,800	

#### TIMBER PRODUCTION

PRODUCTION OF TIMBER FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1964 (EXCLUSIVE OF MINING TIMBER, FIREWOOD, PILES AND POLES)

	Totals									
	Jarrah	Karri	Wandoo	Yarri	Sheoak	Marri	Pine	Other	In Log	Recovery of sawn Timber
Crown Lands Private Property	27,854,298 8,085,720	7,994,735 741,942	1,180,605 1,182,149	459,841 126,736	98,082 14,635	7,630 465	1,781,588 64,504		39,431,089 10,220,000	
Total	35,940,018	8,736,677	2,362,754	586,577	112,717	8,095	1,846,092	58,159	49,651,089	16,088,169

In addition to the above, 39,081 tons of Wandoo logs were treated for Tannin extract.

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#### Firewood Production and Consumption

The firewood consumption for the State was estimated at 711,050 tons of which 36 per cent. was used for industrial and mining fuel. The quantity of sawdust burnt as fuel was 125,311 tons.

The following table accounts for approximately 49 per cent. of the firewood consumed, the balance being obtained from private property for which specific records are not available.

Of the total quantity consumed 44 per cent. was obtained from Crown Land.

Production	Crown Land Tons	Private Property Tons	Total Tons
Domestic Firewood—			
Firewood Permits (South-West)	53,352	172	53,524
Mill Waste sold as firewood (estimated 50 per cent. of total)	39,325	18,511	57,836
Domestic use on Goldfields	24,974		24,974
Total Domestic Firewood as shown by returns	117,651	18,683	136,334
Industrial Firewood—			
Supplied under License, Nos. 3 to 8 Pumps	17,276	••••	17,276
Other Pumps	475		475
Factories, etc	65,968	173	66,141
Mill Waste sold as firewood (estimated 50 per cent. of total)	39,326	18,511	57,837
Mill Waste used as firewood	55,060	1,485	56,545
Total Industrial Firewood as shown by returns	178,105	20,169	198,274
Mining Firewood	14,372		14,372
Total Firewood Produced (as shown by returns)	310,128	38,852	348,980
Consumption  Domestic (estimated)	Tons 440,000	(at 2 tons pe	r dwelling)
Industrial	238,927	(ex Govt. Sta	ntistician)
Pumping Stations	17,751	(as per F.D.	•
Mining	14,372	(as per F.D.	•
<u>-</u>	711,050	•	
_			

#### Other Forest Produce

Piles and poles obtained from Crown lands during the year amounted to 832,497 lineal feet compared with 709,589 lineal feet for the year 1962–63. Of this total, 26,444 lineal feet were produced from Departmental operations. Returns from private property show 159,555 lineal feet produced as compared with 90,702 lineal feet for the previous year.

There were approximately 510,235 posts and strainers cut from Crown lands during the year, of which 9,519 were produced by this Department. Records received show 19,936 posts obtained from private property, but this is only a small percentage of the total production from this source.

Of the total of 319 tons of Mallet bark produced, 134 tons came from Departmental Mallet Plantations, the balance being from private property.

Apart from sawn timber supplied by sawmills 17,608 tons of mining timber were used. This was all from Crown lands, 12,070 tons being from the inland forests.

There was a slight decrease in the number of Christmas trees sold. The number sold was 10,282 as compared with 11,089 for the previous year. Revenue for Christmas trees was £1,736.

The following table shows the quantity of minor forest produce obtained during the year. The estimated total value of this forest produce was £2,893,800.

Eleven

## FOREST PRODUCE NOT ELSEWHERE INCLUDED IN PRODUCTION TABLES 1963–1964

		n-West Divisio gricultural Are	Northern, Central		
Description of Forest Produce	Supplied by Department	Other Crown Lands	Private Property*	and Eastern Goldfields	Totals
Mining Timber	26,444 9,519 1,504 134 3 2	5,538  41,634 789,553 115,297 4,000  27,231 5,300 512 79,515 3,411  125,311	159,555 19,936 184 14 2 11,850  2,637	12,070 10,216 16,500 385,419  5,110	17,608 10,216 41,634 992,052 530,171 5,504 318 18 0 39,081 10,410 3,149 79,515 3,411 432 125,311

<sup>\*</sup> Complete figures from private property are not available, only information furnished to the Department has been included.

#### Sandalwood

Although adequate stocks of sandalwood pieces were available throughout the year, on several occasions logwood was in short supply. In spite of this, orders for export have been met and it is expected that steps taken to increase supplies of logwood will bring a satisfactory result.

A total of 422 tons of sandalwood was delivered during the year as compared with 468 tons for the year ended the 30th June, 1963, and this quantity was made up as follows:—

Crown Lands-	7	<b>Fons</b>						
Logwood	(incl	uding	roots	and b	utts)			341
Pieces .	•••		••••					76
Private Prope	rty—							
Logwood								5
Total		•						422

Exports amounted to 531 tons compared with 469 tons for the previous year.

No orders for logwood were placed by oil distillers, but 56 tons of roots and butts severed from the logwood at Fremantle were delivered to them for distillation purposes. In addition they purchased approximately 3 tons of Sandalwood from private property.

The quantity of sandalwood oil distilled was 4,909 lb. and 5265 lb. were exported interstate and overseas during the year.

#### 5. TIMBER UTILIZATION

#### **Design and Construction**

A three-legged fire lookout tower, 70 feet high, was designed and has been erected at Wanneroo at three-quarters the cost of the usual four-legged construction.

The new sawmill at Dwellingup was completed and brought into production during the year. Prints of the working drawings of the building and the simple equipment installed in it are available to interested parties. There has been an appreciable demand for these prints.

A small breaking down unit is in course of being added to Harvey pine sawmill.

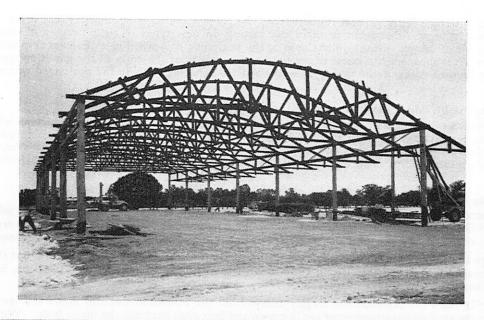
A conical sheet steel waste burner has been set up to burn sawdust waste at Ludlow pine and tuart mill.

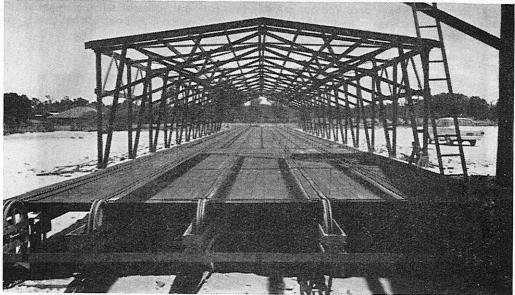
#### **Grading Rules**

Three meetings of the Western Australian Joint Timber Committee were held during the year. The draft rules for flooring, lining, siding and mouldings have been submitted to postal ballot and should be available in printed form fairly soon. Draft rules have been prepared for moulded door and window stock to replace A.S. No. 0·36–1948.

Twelve

<sup>†</sup> Apportionment between Crown Land and Private Property unknown.





"The use of timber for constructional purposes is illustrated in the above photographs.

Top: Thirteen Karri bowstring trusses were used in the roof construction of a new sawmill built by Whittakers Building Supply Co. at Welshpool. Each truss has a nailed laminated top chord and spans 62 feet clear and has a 12 ft. cantilever. The round posts are of jarrah.

Bottom: Jarrah was used at the same mill to cover this 200 feet long "green chain" sorting table."

#### Tests of Treated Sleepers

Three thousand karri sleepers have been treated with 3 per cent. pentachlorphenol in furnace oil at 1,000 pounds per square inch and despatched to the test sites near Katanning, Wilga and Claremont. The test plot at Claremont has been included to allow the behaviour of the sleepers to be readily observed at short notice by interested parties.

#### Miscellaneous Continuing Tests

Five years' exposure of timbers which might be considered for use as cooling tower fill has shown that radiata pine treated with copper-chrome-arsenic is vastly superior to any untreated naturally durable timber. Untreated wandoo is about equal to teak and is possibly slightly superior to untreated Californian redwood which has been a standard tower fill species for many decades.

In the Port Hedland plot of the marine borer test which compares the behaviour of various chemical treatments, creosote appears to be superior to both the multi-salt treatments and untreated turpentine. No Limnoria attack has been found at this plot. At the Kwinana plot, where Limnoria has attacked some creosoted specimens fairly heavily, the multi-salt treatments appear to be superior to creosote in resistance to both Limnoria and Teredines.

In response to a fairly general request from the paint manufacturing industry, conveyed through Timber Development Association to carry out testing on new types of clear finishes, a further test involving some 40 panels was set up at Como at the beginning of April, 1964. Even at this early stage, in July, 1964, it is apparent that some of the finishes are very poor. Nearly all the emulsion type P.V.A. and acrylic finishes appear to be taking up water and are behaving badly in the prolonged wet weather.

#### Durability of Powder Bark Wandoo

The results of the accelerated rot tests carried out by the Division of Forest Products in which this species was compared with jarrah and wandoo show that it is a durable timber superior to jarrah, but the great durability of both species makes it difficult to say precisely how it compares with Wandoo, and it is therefore intended to carry out a further test using a soil burial technique to establish this point.

#### Durability of a Hewn Marri Beam

The accompanying photograph taken in 1964, shows a marri (Eucalyptus calophylla) beam which was hewn in 1933 and left "in situ" ever since. Although now showing signs of breakdown in the crown and butt ends, the main body of the beam is in surprisingly good condition after 31 years of exposure.

At age 10 years, the piece of timber supporting the crown end was destroyed by fire, but the beam was undamaged. This end was left in contact with the ground to check on rot infection, but after 1954 the beam was rotated a quarter turn every year or two.

After 21 years the sapwood had largely decayed but the truewood was still sound and serviceable. Since then the gradual development of rot in crown and butt ends has been the major fault. Weathering checks up to 1 in. in depth have occurred but are a serious fault only in association with rot at the butt end. Slight termite attack was noted at age 23 years, but the damage is still not serious and is confined to the decayed sections.



Timber Utilization
"A hewn marri beam 31 years old."

#### Wooden Poles v. Steel Poles

One of the important advantages of timber is its relative cheapness compared with most other constructional materials. This advantage was high-lighted recently when in reply to questions in the Legislative Assembly, it was stated that the average cost of supplying and erecting a steel pole in an electricity transmission line was nine times greater than for a wooden pole.

A steel pole suitable for normal street service costs sixteen times more than a wooden pole. With proper maintenance they both had the same service life but steel poles need far more maintenance.

#### Safety in Industry

The committee formed in 1960, consisting of representatives of the Forests Department and the Sawmilling Industry having completed its main tasks of compiling the "Sawmill Safety Code" and analysing the occurrence of accidents in the industry in order to point the way for concentrated preventive effort, it was decided that this latter phase of the attack should be more successful if it were waged from a wider front. The committee has therefore moved under the aegis of the National Safety Council and has been broadened to include union representatives. Its title is now the "Timber Industries Safety Committee of the National Safety Council of Western Australia".

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#### 6. FOREST MANAGEMENT

#### Surveys and Map Production

The major survey network was extended by a further 121 miles of theodolite traverse, mainly on Departmental roads.

Compass and chain traverses of short lengths of less important roads not appearing on the most recent air photos, were run by Divisional staff. The distance covered was 217 miles, the greatest pro-

portion being in the Shannon division.

One hundred and forty eight miles of "control" surveys were charted, including 40 miles of traverse of the Muja-Bunbury S.E.C. transmission line run by the Lands and Surveys Department. Compass and chain traverses totalling 191 miles were also plotted.

Standard base sheets for use in the charting of field survey and air photo mapping covering 1,240 square miles were compiled. Base sheets for several pine plantations were also prepared.

Drafting work on three (Manjimup, Kirup and Perup) sheets of the new, 4-colour, one mile to an inch'litho series was continued. The Donnelly '80' litho was revised and lithographed and five temporary maps for Wanneroo, Julimar, Dale, Jarrahwood and Denmark were completed. Several 'composite' maps providing coverage to meet particular management requirements were prepared for the Shannon, Pemberton, Manjimup and Kirup divisions.

#### Forest Photogrammetry

Over 1,750 new air photos were received from the Lands and Surveys Department and approximately 1,349,000 acres were type mapped. Forty-one standard base maps, and 5 maps dealing with karri regrowth investigations were completed. Mapping of existing and proposed plantations covered 66,000 acres.

Photographic reductions were obtained from 38 type maps and 39 topo base sheets, and 422 prints

were coloured for general use.

#### Working Plans

The Working Plans Offices continued to participate in the Departmental standard type-mapping programme. One and a half million acres were the subject of air photo interpretation and 195,000 acres were mapped.

Detailed strip assessments were carried out over 1,400 acres (175 miles).

A total of 85 hardwood plots were remeasured to provide information on growth rates of native eucalypts.

Working Plan Offices carried out routine revisions of Trade Operations and hardwood and pine progress plans for all divisions.

Fire-tower and co-ordination plans were prepared as required.

Special projects carried out during the year included :-

- (i) The compilation of data for the Forest Inventory and 1965 revision of the General Working Plan, with a continual refinement of technique in the sampling, checking and presentation of volume figures.
- (ii) Work was commenced on a statistical analysis aimed at grouping the many combinations of A.P.I. types into classes within which marketable volume is strictly comparable.
  - (iii) Site quality mapping of 1,711 acres was carried out, mainly within Gnangara plantation.

#### Forest Engineering

Engineering projects during the year included the construction (438) miles and maintenance (4,808 miles) of forest roads, tracks and firelines. Twenty-four miles of telephone line were erected.

#### Plant and Equipment

The high standard of performance of the Department's plant and equipment was maintained during

year.

Front mounted blades fitted to wheel tractors have been found most efficient in the preparation, patrol and mopping-up operations of prescribed burning in the Karri forest. Sawmilling equipment, jib cranes, tractor canopies, tanks and hose reels, a tree rake, logging jinker and pine seedling lifter were also constructed.

#### **Departmental Buildings**

A new District Office was constructed at Jarrahdale and a new fire lookout tower in the Wanneroo Division.

A further 10 houses were built, 2 purchased and 5 sold, bringing the total number of Departmental houses to 464.

The new sawmill at Dwellingup, which replaces the one destroyed in the 1961 bushfire has been completed.

#### **Communications**

Radio.—Good progress has been made with the expansion of the Very High Frequency (V.H.F.) system of radio communication. The installation of further equipment has extended the system from Harvey to cover Collie, Kirup, Nannup and Busselton divisions.

The expansion has necessitated the introduction of a second channel to reduce traffic density.

The complete system of 16 repeater stations and 123 mobile units is programmed for completion

during the summer of 1964-65.

An instance of the value of the Department's V.H.F. system for purposes other than forestry, was high-lighted during the recent floods in the South-West. A radio link for the National Emergency Service was maintained between Harvey and Perth and a constant communication set up to report flood levels at the Harvey and Stirling dams. During the critical first night this information was transmitted to Perth at 15 minute intervals for the Harvey dam and 30 minute intervals for the Stirling dam.

Telephone.—The installation of telephones at Lewana Settlement in the Nannup Division was completed.

#### 7. REFORESTATION

Past trade cutting has resulted in improved growth rates on some of the trees remaining. Surplus stems in the form of useless trees and veterans of marginal quality, as well as competing stems in sapling and pole stands are still occupying valuable growing space on these cut-over areas. Their removal at the earliest possible time is essential if the whole cut-over forest area is to be brought into a condition of maximum production.

In the Northern jarrah forests a programme of stand improvement is proceeding by means of :-

- (a) Trade cutting;
- (b) Salvage cutting;
- (c) Thinning;
- (d) Cull removal by felling, or ringbarking.

The silvicultural control of felling under the West Australian system of tree-marking continued over

all permits in State Forest.

During the year 58,437 acres of virgin State Forest were cut over and treated for regeneration.

This consisted of 45,019 acres of jarrah, 4,519 acres of karri, 8,679 acres of wandoo and 20 acres of other

The total jarrah and Karri areas of State Forest treated for regeneration is now as follows:-

			Acres
Jarrah	 	 	2,259,759
Karri	 	 	106,782

#### **AFFORESTATION**

#### Establishment

A further 2,620 acres of pine plantation were established during the year. Clear felling of 155 acres brings the net area of plantation at 30th June, 1964, to 38,918 acres, including experimental areas of 762 acres.

The total area of pine plantation established by the Department to 30th June, 1964, is as follows:—

		Plan	tation				P. radiata	P. pinaster	Other Species	Total
				·			acres	acres	acres	acres
Wanneroo							7	12,367	47	12,421
Metropolitan		.,			`		. 10	2,575	12	2,597
Mundaring				****			2,139	1,108	156	3,403
Gleneagle							97	804	24	925
Harvey							1,343	3,201	55	4,599
Collie							2,305	12	2	2,319
Ludlow	••••	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •					276	1,890	23	2,189
Willcock							68	595	5	668
Keenan							803	402	17	1,222
Grimwade							3,549	178	17	3,744
Nannup	••••						3,534		3	3,537
Pemberton							429	62	41	532
						-				
Total Est			ntatior	ıs			14,560	23,194	402	38,156
Experime	ental .	Areas	••••	••••			153	542	67	762
Grand T	otal*						14,713	23,736	469	38,918

<sup>\*</sup> Some experimental areas now absorbed into plantations and other areas adjusted.

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The 1963 pine planting was distributed over the following plantations:—

					Acres	
				Pinus radiata	Pinus pinaster	Other Species
Ludlow	•		 	 13	·	•
Wanneroo-						
Yanchep			 	 	9	4
Pinjar		••••	 	 	57	•
Neaves			 	 	58	
Gnangara			 	 ••••	<del>44</del> 7	
Mundaring			 	 124		
Gleneagle	·		 	 17	. 19	
Harvey—					• • •	
Myalup			 	 13	161	
Tallanalla			 	 112		
Collie			 	 514		
Grimwade			 	 325	•	
Blackwood			 	 592		.*
Pemberton			 	 155		
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				1,865	751	· <b>4</b>
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#### Soil Surveys

Continuous investigations are being carried out in an endeavour to locate better class soils on which to establish the fast growing *Pinus radiata*.

Details of work during the year are :-

		Acres
Detailed Surveys	 	19,262
Reconnaissance Surveys	 	6,400

#### **Production of Pine Timber**

The total production of roundwood from pine plantations, mainly in the form of thinnings, again increased and amounted to 1,781,588 cubic feet.

The following figures show the steady rise in production in recent years :-

Year ende	d 30th J	une				Cubic feet
	1950		 	 		397,347
	1955		 	 		947,793
	1960		 	 		1,336,825
	1961		 	 	-	1,395,701
	1962		 	 		1,435,085
	1963		 	 		1,461,008
	1964		 	 		1.781.588

The amount of pine used for slicing and peeling totalled 97,416 cubic feet, an increase of 18,260 cubic feet compared with last year.

The log intake of Departmental pine sawmills for the year amounted to 291,734 cubic feet (16 per cent. of all pine logged).

The woodwool industry obtained 5,350 cubic feet of smaller sized logs, and 2,240 cubic feet of pine poles were used by the pearl culture industry in the North-West for the construction of rafts for culture pots.

During the last six months there has been an increasing demand for sawn pine for structural purposes, especially for the North-West Cape project and the cooling tower for the new Muja Power Station near Collie.

An increased quantity of sawn pine was supplied to the Education Department for use in their manual training centres.

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#### Log Production

Logs produced by the various plantations were as follows :-

			Cu	bic feet	Cubic feet
Metropolitan	1				608,636
Somervi	lle			312,602	
Gnangar	a			161,550	
Collier				133,934	
Scaddan				550	
000000	••••			555	
Mundaring					309,397
Gleneagle					1,500
Harvey					325,751
Harvey	Weir			187,901	
				137,850	
Grimwade				,	226,980
Busselton					269,131
Ludlow				174,870	•
Keenan				90,430	
Boranup				3,831	
Doranap	,			3,031	
Pimelia					38,365
Miscellaneou	ıs Fore	st Proc	iuce		
Licenses					1,828
					1,781,588

#### **Mallet Plantations**

No further planting was carried out and the total area of mallet plantation remains at 19,111 acres. No mining timber was supplied during the year but the Department produced 134 tons of chipped bark.

During the winter of 1963, five new arboreta were established in the agricultural areas, bringing the total to 50.

#### **Planting**

The standard procedures developed over the past few years were carried out. These included thorough cultivation to remove weed competition, cutting and spreading of roots to prevent root coil, application of dieldrin powder as a deterrent to termites, and the erection of tree guards to prevent attack by rabbits and birds.

The survival figure of 87 per cent. was slightly higher than for the previous year. Above average rains caused waterlogging in some of the heavier soils resulting in a higher proportion of deaths than in the better drained sands and sandy loams. This is illustrated by the following survival figures:—

Plots on heavy land	 	 80%
Plots on light land	 	 96%

#### Maintenance

A mobile maintenance unit consisting of a 7-ton truck carrying a tractor and 6-disc Rotensor plough and towing a caravan, operated through the inland areas for the first time.

The unit, operated by two men, completely cultivated plots on medium and heavy soils. To minimise wind erosion, cross strips only were ploughed in light soils. This work, together with the ploughing of firebreaks around older plots and other general hand maintenance, was carried out during the months of September and October, 1963. Thirty-four plots were treated in this manner.

The co-operation of the Department of Agriculture, Shire Authorities and individual farmers in this

work, was of considerable assistance and is greatly appreciated.

Moisture investigations in wheatbelt soils under different forms of ground cover were continued.

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#### Tree Nurseries

The number of trees supplied to private buyers on farms and in country towns increased by over 10,000 to 94,432.

River Gum, with 20,584 plants distributed, was once again the most popular species, followed by Sugar Gum (8,312), Coral-flowered Gum (5,445) and Dwarf Sugar Gum (5,408).

The distribution of plants from each nursery is summarised as follows:-

	Number of Plants Sold				Departmental Use			
Nursery	Potted Stock	Tray Stock	Open Rooted Plants	Pines	Other	Number of Species		
Hamel Dryandra	26,935 42,757	3,250 5,850	15,640	70,962 54	13,823 1,120	102		

#### Seed Supplies

Sales of seed to Australian and overseas buyers were valued at £7,436. compared with £2,889 last year. The increase was due mainly to large orders from Morocco (238 lb.) and the Forestry and Timber Bureau. Kalgoorlie District officers collected a record 190 lb. of seed during the year.

The Departmental Seed Store at present holds seed of over 200 species valued at £12,294. A further 1,156 lb. of conifer seed, mainly for Departmental use, was taken into stock.

#### 9. PROTECTION

#### FIRE PROTECTION

#### State Forest Under Protection

Indigenous Forest	 	 	4,054,250 acres
Pine Plantations	 	 	38,918 ,,
Mallet Plantations	 	 	19,111 .,

Adjoining this protected forest there are some 1,700,000 acres of private property, Crown lands and State Forest being held for plantation establishment on which fires must be attended to promptly as they menace protected forest.

#### The Fire Season

Figures given are for the Forest Weather Stations at Dwellingup (Jarrah) and Pemberton (Karri).

4	Jarrah	Karri
	All months except October and April well below average	Although yearly figure exceeded average by over 2 inches, rainfall for all summer months below average.
Temperature	Above average every month except April. Highest 103° in March. 27 days above 90°,	Generally mild. 12 days above 90°.
Relative Humidity	54 days below 25 per cent. 5 days below 10 per cent., 4 of these recorded in March. The Mean R/H below average.	<ul><li>19 days below 25 per cent.</li><li>2 days below 10 per cent., both of these were recorded in March.</li></ul>
Fire Hazard	7 Dangerous days, 25 Severe Summer.	2 Dangerous days, 5 Severe Summer.
Mean	5.3	4.6
Mean of Fire Seasons	5⋅5	4.4

#### Controlled Burning

Despite above average rains in spring and autumn, 890,552 acres of prescribed burning were carried out. The area burnt is well above the average of preceding years and the second highest on record.

During suspensions of the prohibited burning period, special burns were carried out in the Dwellingup division to control scrub growth following the 1961 fire, and in the karri region to promote regeneration.

An increase in the area burnt in the karri region is attributed to the use of "wheel blade" tractors which were found to be very efficient in preparation, patrol and mopping up operations.

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Safety fusee matches were used in the majority of the controlled burns and produced very satisfactory results.

Prescribed Burning		Acres
General	 	830,983
Advance and Top Disposal	 	58,529
Fire Breaks	 	1,040
Total	 	890,552

#### **Detection**

The new fire lookout tower at Wanneroo was manned for the first time late in the season.

Manning of Towers		Jarrah	Karri
First Watch	 	 2/10/63	12/11/63
Last Watch	 	 20/5/64	10/4/64

#### Fires and Fire Damage

The total number of fires attended by Departmental gangs was 281, which, although 50 more than attended last year, is still well under the overall average figure of 352 fires.

The following table sets out the principal causes :-

Excape from	n Settle	ers' bu	urning	• • • •	 			63
Escape from	Presc	ribed	Burning	g	 			46
Hunters and	d Trave	ellers			 			38
Deliberately	Lit				 			23
Bush Work	ers				 			11
Children					 			18
Lightning					 			16
Mill Locos					 			3
W.A.G.R. L	ocos				 			8
Householde	rs				 			3
Mill Surrou	ndings				 			10
Mine Surro	undings	;			 			5
Tractors					 		••••	2
Other			·		 ••••			7
Unknown					 			28
To	tal				 	••••		281

Escapes from settlers' burning again heads the list with 22.4 per cent. compared with 24.2 per cent. last year.

The total area burnt was 21,455 acres, of which just over a third was scorched above 30 feet.

Summary of Da	mage					Acres
Slight				 		 8,419
Medium				 		 5,248
Severe		••••	••••	 	••••	 7,788
Т	otal			 		 21,455
Points of Origin						 
State Fore				 		 140
Crown Lar	nds			 		 48
Private Pro	operty			 		 93
						281

### **Public Relations**

All Divisions report continued improvement in co-operation with bush fire brigades and local organisations generally.

On a number of occasions Departmental officers and men have demonstrated the use of equipment at Agricultural Shows and other similar functions.

Once again Bush Fire Brigades have availed themselves of the offer to train with Departmental gangs and much co-operative burning was carried out in State Forest, Crown land and Reserves adjacent to private property.

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#### 10. SILVICULTURE, SOILS AND FIRE RESEARCH

Forest research activities have increased rapidly in recent years and to accommodate this expansion, plans have been completed for a modern research station to be built at Como.

#### PINE SILVICULTURE

### I. Tree Breeding

#### (a) Grafting

During the past twelve months, over 1,600 successful grafts were made. The total included both spring and autumn grafting of the two species, *Pinus pinaster* and *Pinus radiata*.

Autumn grafting with Pinus radiata was quite successful but, as for last year, results were not promising for Pinus pinaster.

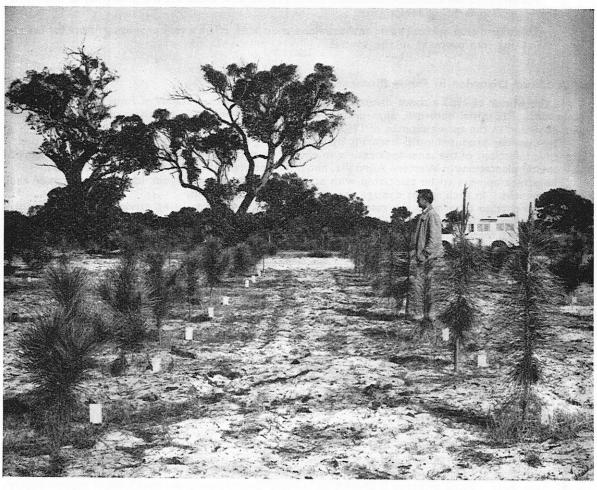
As planned, the Joondalup seed orchard of 30 acres was completely filled with *Pinus pinaster* in June, 1964.

The majority of *Pinus radiata* grafts were from local plus trees and represent an initial step towards the establishment in 1965 of a 10 acre seed orchard for this species. Due to the limited selection of suitable material available in this State, plus material from South Australia and Victoria will be included in the initial orchard.

#### (b) Controlled Pollinations

Three hundred and fifty pollinations of *Pinus pinaster* attempted during the year were successful. These crosses will provide seed in quantity to commence detailed progeny testing in 1966, of plus trees in the present Joondalup seed orchard.

Seed from 84 cones pollinated in 1961 were extracted in December, 1963. Germination tests are at present being carried out on this material.



(Pine silviculture)

"Outplantings of grafts from 2 "plus" trees in the Neave's Road scion arboretum, June, 1964. Note the difference in shoot growth between the 2 rows of clones.

The scion arboretum facilitates controlled pollination and provides further grafts for the establishment of seed orchards."

#### (c) Clonal Variation

Material in the Neave's Road scion arboretum has developed sufficiently to reveal distinct differences between clones of *Pinus pinaster*. Apart from differences in tree form, the major variation is associated with the time of initiation and vigour of shoot extension. It appears that an important difference between clones, from the viewpoint of vigour, is the capacity for multiple flushing. Certain selections reveal a much greater capacity to flush in summer and autumn, than do others.

Foliar analyses from the arboretum indicate that significant differences in nutrient levels of the needles are associated with the present selection of plus trees.

#### (d) Wood Properties

Exploratory work carried out by the C.S.I.R.O., Division of Forest Products, confirms the superiority of the Leiria race of Pinus pinaster over the Landes, Esterel and Corsican in respect of properties of spiral grain, fibre length and wood density.

#### (e) Portuguese Material

The extent to which this species is used in Portugal is worthy of note. It is the chief species in the afforestation both of the coastal sands and extensive areas of upland country rendered barren for agriculture by centuries of overclearing and over-grazing. Over the past ninety years, Portugal has established some 6 million acres of forest, about half of which is Pinus pinaster, increasing the forested area from 7.2 per cent. to 34 per cent. of the land area, at an average rate of some 67,500 acres per year.

Portugal's own Pinus pinaster seed requirements this year are some 500 metric tons\*, compared with the order for 12 tons placed by Australia in Portugal.

An officer of the Department, Mr. D. H. Perry, left for Portugal in October, 1963, to select plus material from natural stands of *Pinus pinaster*. To date approximately 45 plus trees, estimated to be at least as good as the 14 selected in this State, have been located. Material from these trees will be imported for grafting in Australia in the coming spring.

Half-sib seed has also been collected from the Portuguese trees and the possibility of importing pollen is being investigated.

This expedition, sponsored on an Australasia-wide basis, offers a very promising future for breeding improvement in the species.

#### 2. A Shoot Disorder in Pinus Pinaster

In the winter of 1963 a shoot disorder was observed in vigorous stands of Pinus pinaster in Pinjar plantation. The initial outbreak, apparently resulting from an infection in February of that year, was again observed in the spring months of 1963 and the autumn of 1964.

The disorder produces multi-leadering by the drooping and death of the terminal and lateral buds. Successive infections of the same apex results in extremely poor form. This damage has been observed in all coastal plantations in Western Australia, but is only at present considered serious at Pinjar.

The attack appears to be associated with stands which have high vigour in the late summer and

autumn months. In such stands damage can occur in all canopy levels.

Assessments to determine the rate of spread of the disorder are being carried out at 2-monthly intervals. Observations from August, 1963, to April, 1964, suggest that the first attack occurs at about age 3 years and reaches its maximum intensity at age 8-9 years. This is illustrated by the following figures :-

				Date Pl	anted	
•			1961	1959	1957	1955
Per Cent. of trees infected Per cent. of Total Damage occurring in autumn, 1964	 	 	0·6 100	6 91	32 29	33 9

Certain aspects of the disorder seemed comparable to those reported for Diplodia infection elsewhere. However, preliminary isolations of fungi from infected material appear to rule out the possibility of Diplodia as the causative agent.

#### 3. Pine Thinning (Pinus pinaster)

A remeasurement of late thinning studies initiated in 1958 is providing data to check present prescriptions. Basal area increment over the 5 years since treatment was almost trebled by the heaviest thinning intensity. Some evidence is present to indicate that a lower basal area limit of approximately 70 square feet per acre may be desirable for management purposes. This would necessitate a heavier thinning prescription than the present schedule and further trials have been designed to check the data.

\* I metric ton .... 0.9842 long tons.

#### 4. Water Relations

A further year's investigation of soil moisture in 22 year old thinned and unthinned stands of *Pinus pinaster* was commenced in October, 1963. Radial increment of the trees over the summer months is directly related to the amount of water retained in the soil profile. This study will be completed in the coming year.

#### JARRAH SILVICULTURE

Thinning investigations, involving the use of hormone 2.4.5—T to kill unwanted trees and to inhibit coppice development, have been extended and the results applied, with progressive reduction of costs to an economic level. The value of this work is now established and considerable expansion is being planned.

Tests were made with Dulux paint tint (red), Waxoline yellows and Waxoline reds for dyeing solutions of 2.4.5–T in diesolene. The Waxoline reds gave the most satisfactory results. The Waxoline yellows were unsatisfactory as frills in a Jarrah stem weather to a colour similar to that of the dyes. The other compounds were excluded on account of cost.

Other investigations initiated during the year, included:-

- (i) A regeneration enumeration in areas of massive Banksia grandis understorey. A trial is being established to find the effect of removal of the Banksia by various means, on the growth rate of existing advance growth and the recruitment of new seedlings.
- (ii) The use of foliar hormone sprays on Eucalyptus coppice and various species of Acacia scrub.
- (iii) Trials to find the effect of thinning on the growth rates and form of Jarrah coppice.

#### KARRI SILVILCULTURE

#### Flowering and Seed Production

The last of the current seed crop will be available for natural dissemination during the coming spring and summer, and will germinate in autumn, 1965. Further general seeding is not expected for about four years. The development of flower buds this year indicates a restricted flowering in 1964, becoming more general in 1966. Seed shed should occur between 1967 and summer 1969, with a peak in 1968. Stands scorched in wildfires in 1961 are expected to blossom this year and cast their seed in 1966.

Commercial seed collection will only be possible during years of abundant seeding which occur at intervals of about four, eight or twelve years. About two hundred pounds of green capsules yield one pound of pure seed containing an average of 300,000 seeds. The number of seeds obtained from each capsule and the viability of the seeds increases with the maturity of the fruit. More than 2.0 seed per capsule is accompanied by reduction in seed size. About 30 strong seedlings can be raised from 100 seeds sown in the nursery.

#### Natural Regeneration

Collection and testing of seed capsules from cut over stands assists in determining the most favourable season for the regeneration burn. The prescribed burning promotes seed shed, removes competition, and stimulates the early development of Karri seedlings, Creation of sunlit ashbeds is an important part of regeneration practice. A better distribution of ashbeds and less damage to growing stock would be achieved by pulling the crowns of felled trees into gaps for burning.

A technique has been developed for the assessment of natural regeneration. One gap is selected in each 10 acres of cut over forest. A circular one thousandth acre plot is selected on the best seedbed within half a chain of the centre of the gap and the seedlings on this area counted. Two further samples are taken between the centre and extremities of the long axis of the gap. Each area is re-assessed when seedlings are about one year old, using plots of four thousandths of an acre in area.

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Surveys of the seedling regeneration in 1963 and 1964 showed the following survival values in the germinated spots: 4,200/acre on ashbed; 1,880 on clean fair seedbed and 740 on poor bed.

Five hundred seedlings per acre has been accepted as the minimum stocking at age one year. The number of germinants required to secure this minimum stocking in various stand types are: Karri—1,000; Karri-Marri—2,000; other Karri mixtures—3,000/acre. Areas in which 80 per cent. of the gaps contained less than the acceptable number of seedlings per acre, have been delineated to enable their treatment for artificial regeneration.

#### **Artificial Regeneration**

Studies have been made of methods of artificial regeneration so that areas not satisfactorily stocked with natural regeneration may be restored to full productivity. Broadcasting or spot sowing of seed does not result in successful Karri establishment unless favourable seedbeds are available, such as the ash covered soil free from other plant species. The development of seedlings from artificially sown seeds is slower than that of naturally regenerated plants. Direct seeding is very sensitive to the influences of site, and, because of the large amount of seed required to ensure success, is expensive.

The transplanting of suitably sized natural regeneration gives more certain establishment than does seeding. Transplanted wildlings, however, require sites free of competition for successful establishment as their small root systems at the time of planting retard their early development. The addition of nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizer, and removal of weed species by spraying with 2.4.5–T, both benefit survival and height growth during the first year.

Plants raised in compressed peat pots develop a dense root system which is undamaged at the time of planting. This allows rapid possession of the site, an important factor where conditions are unfavourable. Potted planting stock shows a greater response of height growth to the application of nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizer than to the removal of plant competition by weedicide spraying, or to planting on or off ashbed. The survival percentages of potted stock are considerably higher than for transplanted wildlings, 20 per cent. where fertilizer is used.

The shoots of transplanted wildlings die back for about two thirds of their length after planting, except where the sites are unusually favourable. Bifurcation of the shoot is common and may influence the subsequent value of the growing stock. Potted seedlings branch more freely than natural regeneration, though a distinct leading shoot is retained.

The percentage success of various methods of artificial regeneration are: spot seeding 25, transplanted wildlings 75, and potted stock 95 per cent. Broadcast seeding requires four to eight times as much seed per acre as spot seeding and sixty times as much as for the raising of potted nursery stock.

#### SOILS AND PLANT NUTRITION

Pending the construction of a new Research Station, the Departmental laboratory is housed in temporary quarters at Como.

#### Pine Studies in Co-operation with C.S.I.R.O.

The following co-operative studies were carried out :---

(a) Margaret River

In association with the soil studies previously carried out, a series of foliar samples of *Pinus radiata* were collected and analysed. Results showed no clear relationship between the foliar phosphorus level and the soil phosphorus level.

(b) Grimwade

In a further study of the effect of site factors on predominant height in this area, a multiple regression was calculated using the following factors—

- (i) The relative altitude of the plot (linear and quadratic terms).
- (ii) The soil phosphorus level (linear and quadratic terms).
- (iii) The product of the relative plot altitude and the soil phosphorus level.
- (iv) The level of zinc in the foliage.

The equation gave a satisfactory fit and showed that the square of the soil phosphorus level was the most significant factor.

(c) Soil Moisture Studies

This work has now been taken over completely by C.S.I.R.O. officers.

(d) Soil Fertility Experiments

The field trial at Carinyah was continued and all blanks from the 1963 planting have been refilled. It is still too early to assess the effects of the different treatments.

A further three factorial trials involving zinc, nitrogen and phosphorus were established at Margaret River, Grimwade and Pemberton.

(e) Foliar Analysis

The analysis of foliar samples from *Pinus radiata* and *Pinus pinaster* was continued, with the work being concentrated mostly on *Pinus pinaster*.

To investigate the effect of second applications of superphosphate on *Pinus pinaster*, a series of samples were collected from 'free growth' plots at Gnangara. The plots were given an initial dressing of 2 cwt. of superphosphate per acre at time of planting and, except for control plots, a subsequent treatment of 4 cwt. per acre in August, 1962.

The second application of fertilizer resulted in increased needle length from an average 4.8 in. in the control plots to an average 7.5 in. in the treated plots. Associated with the increased needle length was a marked increase in the foliar phosphorus level from 0.078 per cent. to 0.236-per cent. The subsequent changes in foliar phosphorus levels and their relationship to growth responses are being studied in these plots.

From an examination of the Gnangara foliar data, it is evident that the chemical composition of the needles largely influences the length of the needles on the coastal sands. It has been shown that phosphorus is the most important element and it is probable that needle length can be used to predict the necessity for future fertilizer applications.

(f) Soil Aanalysis

Routine soil phosphorus analyses were an important function of the laboratory, a total of 277 samples being handled during the year.

In addition a series of chemical analyses were carried out on soil profiles collected from experimental pine plots in the Wanneroo Division.

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#### Fire Research

Research into fire behaviour in the northern Jarrah forest continued. Detailed measurements from a further 200 experimental fires have allowed an analysis of data which will give reasonable predictions of the behaviour of fires in this forest.

A draft controlled burning guide, for use by officers and overseers directly in charge of burning operations has also been produced from this data. This guide, already tested to some extent, will be put to large scale trial during the 1964/65 burning season.

Trial use of direction finders and fusee matches during last season has proved the value of these two aids to controlled burning and the increased acreages being covered are, in part, due to these refinements.

Preliminary trials, on a strictly limited basis, to investigate the possibility of burning under pine plantation canopy, have been initiated. Observation and measurement of the effect of such burning on the pine crop is being carried out concurrently.

A study of the methods and equipment devised in South Australia for the fighting of plantation fires has led to the ordering of similar equipment (viz. fire tanker, rubber lined canvas hose and hermaphrodite couplings) for trial in local plantations.

#### II. LIBRARY

A feature of the past year has been the substantial increase in the number of journal loans, the number rising from 6,233 for the year ended June, 1963, to 6,680 for the year ended June, 1964.

Enquiries received in the library ranged from requests for information on forestry topics, such as thinnings? and 'fire control', to information on the temperature at Addis Ababa.

The librarian attended the 12th biennial library conference in Tasmania in August, 1963. While in Hobart a visit was made to the Tasmanian Forestry Department Library.

#### 12. EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

#### Education

Two Staff Discussion Groups and Conferences were held for Assistant Divisional Forest Officers at Manjimup during the year.

A week's school on controlled burning was held at Tone River for overseers from Southern divisions.

A similar but shorter school was held for officers and overseers at Gleneagle.

Several courses on Workers' Safety Methods were held in the various Divisions.

Late in 1963, a further intake of eleven trainees took place; of these, three failed to reach the standard required and were dropped from the Scheme, two additional trainees were recruited. The total under training is now ten.

A further State Forestry Scholarship was awarded for 1964 while three Scholarships were awarded

by the Commonwealth. The present position is as follows:-

4th Year—Canberra—To graduate, 1964			Common wealth Scholar- ship	State Scholar- ship	Independ- ent
		• • • •			
3rd Year—Canberra			2		
2nd Year—University of W.A.			I	1 .	1
Ist Year—University of W.A.			2	1.	*2
* Suspend	ed Schola	arships			<b>-</b>

A cadetship was, for the first time, made available and was awarded in 1964.

#### **Publicity**

New publications during the year were :-

Pine Volume Yield and Log Tables.

Pamphlet No. 8 (revised) entitled "Communications—Telephone", which is part of the Foresters' Manual, Bulletin No. 58.

The following publications, all part of the Foresters' Manual, are in the course of printing:

Pamphlet No. 5 (revised	d)		 Afforestation With Pines (South-West)
Pamphlet No. 6 (revised	d)		Reforestation and Silvicultural Opera-
Pamphlet No. 7 (revised	(b	,,,,	tions—Jarrah and Karri. Fire Control.
Pamphlet No. 10 (New	section)		Forest Engineering Soumille

Over 5,000 requests for different publications were received, the school brochure "Western Australia's Wonderful Hardwoods" (1,750 copies issued) being in most demand.

Senior officers of the Department gave lectures and talks to various Societies and Public Bodies during the year.

#### 13. FOREST ECONOMICS

#### The Production and Distribution of Railway Sleepers

Production

Western Australia ranks a close second to New South Wales in the production of railway sleepers in the Commonwealth. Figures extracted from Forestry and Timber Bureau Annual Reports and the Timber Supply Review, show the total production by States, for the 10-year period 1953-54 to 1962-63 inclusive, to be as follows :-

					Million Superficial Feet
New South Wa	les			 	436
Western Austra	lia		••••	 ·	431
Queensland	. • • • •			 	308
Victoria		••••	••••	 	276
Tasmania				 	34
South Australia	••••	••••		 	12
Commo	nwealth	Total*		 	1,497

<sup>\*</sup> Figures for the last 2 years are provisional.

In Western Australia railway sleepers (all sawn) form an important part of sawmill production. Since the lifting of export restrictions in July, 1957, they have represented nearly 25 per cent. of the State's total sawn output. (See Fig. 1).

Following the lifting of restrictions, Western Australia has dominated the export of railway sleepers from the Commonwealth to overseas markets. The trend shown in the accompanying histogram

(Fig. 2) suggests that it will continue to do so.

The part that sleepers play in exports from Western Australia is shown in Fig. 1. In the last 8 years they have averaged well over 40 per cent. of the total volume of all exports. Overseas buyers absorb over 3 times the volume of sleepers marketed in the other States of the Commonwealth.

Figures from the Forestry and Timber Bureau Annual Reports, although available for only 3 years,

show also that Western Australia leads in the interstate trade of sleepers. South Australia—which includes the whole of the requirements of the Commonwealth Railways-accounts for nearly all of our interstate sleeper exports. Movements of sleepers were as follows:-

I			1	959/60	1960/61	1961/62
Interst	ate			Millic	ns of Super	Feet
From Western Australia		 	••••	6.7	9.0	8.0
From New South Wales		 		5.6	4.1	4.5
From Victoria		 		3.6	6.2	3.3

#### 14. TIMBER INDUSTRY REGULATION ACT, 1926-1950

The number of mills registered under the provisions of the Act at the close of the year totalled (116 Crown land and 98 private property).

Average numbers of persons employed in timber mills each month throughout the year was 3,448. This figure is for employees at mills cutting timber from the log only. Employees of associated yards in the metropolitan area are no longer included.

The District and Workman's Inspectors made 1,296 inspections of timber holdings.

There were 874 notifiable accidents, 3 of which were fatal. The number of accidents per 100 persons employed was 25.3 compared with 25.1 for last year.

The cost to the Forests Department of administering the Timber Industry Regulation Act for the year ending 30th June, 1964, was as follows :-

Salaries Mileage, Travelling	Allowances	ries	(2,424
	•		£5,219

#### 15. FOREST OFFENCES

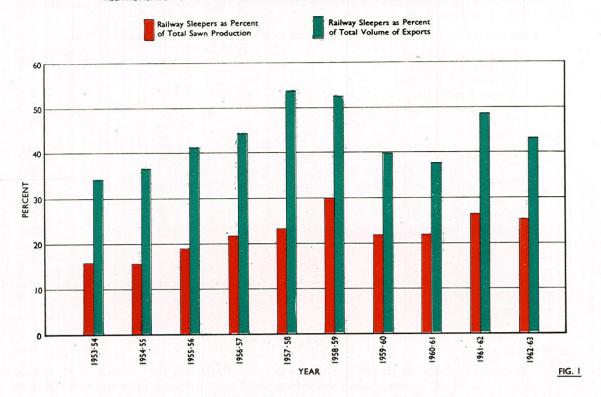
Eighty forest offences were reported during the year. Legal proceedings were taken in three cases and all resulted in conviction. Fines and costs amounted to £55 and £17 12s. 4d. respectively.

Warnings were issued in 48 instances and the remainder were dealt with by charging royalty, for-feiture of deposits, collection of damages or confiscation and sale of timber illegally cut. The amount received by the Department in this way totalled £1,725 8s. 11d.

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## PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF RAILWAY SLEEPERS IN W.A.

RELATIONSHIPS TO TOTAL SAWN PRODUCTION AND TOTAL VOLUME OF EXPORTS

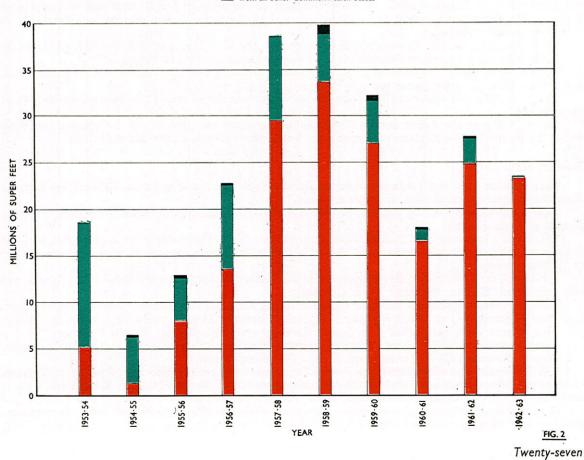


#### SAWN AND HEWN RAILWAY SLEEPERS

EXPORTS TO OVERSEAS FROM AUSTRALIA

1953-54 - 1962-63





#### 16. EMPLOYMENT IN FORESTRY AND THE TIMBER INDUSTRY

The number of wage earners directly employed in Forestry and the Timber Industry was estimated at 4,959, made up as follows:-

Fore	estry—										
	Professional Officers									46	
	General Field Staff									183	
	Clerical and Drafting									76	
	Wages Employees									569	
	Contractors and emplo	oyees	(estima	ated)						20	
	•			-					_		894
mber	Industry—										
nber	Industry— Sawmill employees inc	luding	g bush	worke	rs at 3	list De	cembe	r *			3, <del>44</del> 8
mber	Sawmill employees inc										3, <del>44</del> 8 <sup>3</sup>
mber	Sawmill employees inc Firewood cutters and	pole	getters,	work	ing un	der pe	rmits	·			•
mber	Sawmill employees inc	pole	getters,	work	ing un	der pe	rmits	·			•
	Sawmill employees inc Firewood cutters and Goldfields firewood co	pole utters 	getters, , contr	work	ing un	der pe	rmits	·			323
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<sup>\*</sup> Includes employees of registered sawmills only and for the first time, excludes 1,088 persons employed in associated yards in the metropolitan area.

#### 17. STAFF MATTERS

#### **Public Service Act**

Three Assistant Divisional Forest Officers were appointed during the year, namely, P. C. Kimber from the Tanganyikan Forest Service, A. D. Mather from the Kenyan Forest Service and P. N. Shedley, who resumed with the Department after service in private enterprise.

E. R. Hopkins resumed duty after post-graduate study in forestry at the University of Melbourne and D. Doley commenced duty after completing his post-graduate studies at the University of Western Aus-

I. S. Ferguson, who had been on twelve months' study leave without pay, continued his post-graduate studies at the Yale University in the United States of America and was granted twelve months' study leave on half pay.

Superintendent G. W. M. Nunn, who first joined the Department in 1925, reached the retiring age and ceased duty in October, 1963. A re-organisation of the work of the Department was approved following Mr. Nunn's retirement and although several new positions were created, appointments to these were not finalised.

Promotions included D. R. Moore to Superintendent and K. B. Hayes to Clerk-in-Charge, Records.

E. G. Baker was appointed Accountant following the transfer of A. B. Tenger.

A. D. F. O. K. Kelers resigned and C. A. Crew retired from the position of Clerk-in-Charge, Records, after more than 39 years' service.

Miss J. M. Bull was appointed Librarian following the transfer of Miss M. E. Redman to the Mines

Department.

During the year the Public Service Commissioner adjusted the rates of pay for officers employed under the Public Service Act, the increased rates being retrospective to the 3rd May, 1963.

#### Forests Act

Four recruits from the Tanganyikan Forest Service were appointed as Forest Officers and another from the Kenyan Forest Service as a Forest Guard.

New appointments during the year included 4 Clerical Assistants, 3 Forest Assistants, 7 Forest

Guards (I from Kenya).

Workmen's Inspector F. A. McDonald employed under the Timber Industry Regulation Act resigned to take an appointment as Secretary, W. A. Timber Workers' Union, and G. C. Kennedy was elected to fill the vacancy.

J. Marshall returned to the Department from the Commonwealth Forestry and Timber Bureau and was appointed District Forester (Fire Control).

Promotions during the year include I officer to Forest Ranger, 3 to Assistant Forester, 2 to Forester, I to District Forester, I to Senior Forester, I to Senior Forester (Fire Control) and I to Forest Officer. Two officers were reclassified I to Senior Forester and the other to District Forester. Resignations included 2 Clerical Assistants, 3 Forest Assistants, 2 Forest Guards and I Forest Assessor. District Foresters O. R. Loxton and C. H. J. Williams retired.

J. A. Thomson, who retired from the Forests Department last year, has been engaged by the Department of the North-West on a tree establishment project in the North-West and Kimberleys. He is receiving technical direction from officers of the Forests Department.

Increased rates of pay in line with those granted to officers employed under the Public Service Act,

were granted retrospectively to officers of the Field Staff General Division as from the 3rd May, 1963.

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#### APPENDIX IA

1962/63	Revenue	1963/64	1962/63	Expenditure	1963/64
£ 851,826 46,756 1,576 49,891 4,385 12,594 3,720 4,221 8,778	Sleepers Sawn Timber Piles and Poles Mining Timber Firewood Posts Sandalwood Miscelland	£ 924,698 51,491 1,780 61,437 6,600 11,361 6,265 3,252 3,426	£ 176,278 51,562 1,951 75,214 129,583 43,235 8,290	Salaries Incidentals Timber Industry Regulations Act Hardwood Conversion Pine Conversion Recoupable Projects Tree Nurseries Excess of Revenue over Expenditure distributed as follows:— 9/10 to Reforestation Fund	£ 188,98: 62,270 2,420 73,69: 158,09 46,138 13,478
983,747		1,070,310	81,604	Transferred to Treasury	972,899 107,595
160,784 49,758	Pine Conversion Pine Logs Sawn Pine	77.717		,	ŕ
210,542		231,650		-	
13,019 79,526 11,579	Hardwood Conversion Sawn Hardwood Logs Piles and Poles	88,793			
11,682 23,420 15,841 97,576	Other Sales and Fees Seeds and Trees Inspection Fees Rent and Leases Miscellaneous	. 26,272 16,812		• ·	
15,842 12,092	Recoupable Projects Specific Roads Other	7,296	-		
27,934		49,884			
474,866		1,625,581	1,474,866		1,625,581

#### APPENDIX IB

1962/63			1963/64	1962/63		1963/64
£ 94,006 907,149 18,112 76,000 50,000 	Balance as at 1st July 9/10 Revenue Rents Federal Aid Road Grant Reserve Fire Fighting Research Building Grant	 	£ 104,001 972,899 20,922 76,000 100,000 40,000	1,075,921 134,655 941,266 100,000 104,001 1,145,267	Expenditure	1,275,636 147,235 1,128,401 100,000 85,421 1,313,822

1962/63	DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE  Divisional	1963/64
£ 418,792	Divisional Wages, Materials, etc	£ 490,882
- 210,994	Head Office 50. Salaries and Allowances	255,063
16,066 102,218	51. Incidentals	19,085
203,545	53. Plant Operations	121,944 215,555
6,805	54. Purchase of Land	12,051
10,385 5,498	55. Fire Equipment 56. Como Buildings	5,967
8,046	57. Como Headquarters	2,182 8,052
13,660 8,463	58. Communications	36,945
2,617	60. Drafting	11,719 2,829
2,829 2,841	61. Surveys 62. Training of Staff	3,270
30,049	63. Insurances	6,154 32,337
18,100 10,919	64. Pay Roll Tax 65. Utilisation	20,415
4,094	F.I.C.A., etc.	31,186
657,129		784,754
1,075,921	Total Reforestation Fund	1,275,636

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APPENDIX IC
Statement of Afforestation Expenditure for Year ended 30th June, 1964

1962/63	Expenditure	1963/64	1962/63	Source of Funds	1963/64
£ 107,208 92,768 18,430 12,068 11,954 3,285 230 10,638 8,329 129,583	Plantation Establishment Plantation Maintenance Houses and Buildings* Road Construction and Maintenance Fire Prevention and Suppression Research Surveys and Plans Essential Services and Communications Administration Direct Conversion of Pine	£ 102,290 90,287 63,376 8,609 12,970 2,663 143 12,569 14,218 158,091	£ 125,000 58,951 210,542	General Loan Fund Reforestation Fund Sale of Pine Logs and Timber	£ 175,000 58,566 231,650
394,493		465,216	394,493		465,216

<sup>\*</sup> Includes £40,000 for the new Research Station at Como.

#### APPENDIX ID

Statement Showing Distribution of Forests Department Expenditure

		E	Details					£
Consolida	ated Revenue	Fund						545,087
Reforesta	tion Fund						••••	1,128,401
General	Loan Fund							175,000
Treasury	Special Emp	loymer	nt Gra	nt				10,017
							_	1,858,505
Distribut	ion of Expen	diture	<del>_</del>					£
1.	Busselton							135,939
2.	Mundaring							97,574
3.	Dwellingup		·					168,128
4.	Collie							106,237
5.	Kirup							108,958
6.	Manjimup							166,078
7.	Narrogin							28,740
8.	Gleneagle			••••				66,428
9.	Metropolitai	า						77,628
10.	Harvey							195,158
11.	Pemberton							124,104
12.	Nannup							124,739
13.	Shannon Riv	/er			••••	••••		74,111
14.	Kalgoorlie-E	speran	ce				••••	10,094
15.	Wanneroo				••••			90,641
	Head Office			••••	••••	•		283,948
							_	£1,858,505

APPENDIX 2A

## Exports from Western Australia of Timber, Tanning Substances and Essential Oils for Year ended 30th June, 1964

Item No.	Item and Destination	Quantity	Value	Item No.	Item and Destination	Quantity	Value
63490	TIMBER Hardwood Logs—	cub. ft.	£		Timber, Dressed or Moulded—	cub. ft.	£
	Australian States : South Australia	11,957	6,824	64410	Flooring: United Kingdom	5.437	4,961
63521– 63529	Sleepers— United Kingdom New Zealand		46,408		Christmas Island Cocos Islands Hong Kong	1,004 2,418 126 316	1,222 500 133 475
	Pakistan	390,226	185,099 276,328 204		United States of America	1,236	2,588
	Netherlands South Africa, Republic of	1,498	1,271 593,469	ŀ	Australian States : cub. ft. £ Mosaic Flooring :	10,537	9,879
	Australian States: cub. ft. £ New South Wales 1,224 67 Victoria 1,957 1,06		1,102,779	_	New South Wales 8,218 20,695 Victoria 146 216 South Australia 2,834 5,665 Northern Territory 25 90	11,223	
	South Australia 584,451 318,93		320,672	1	Other Flooring:	11,223	26,666
	Total	2,345,921	1,423,451	1	New South Wales 71,411 65,847 Victoria 39,483 40,642 South Australia 104,341 92,627		
64100	Softwoods, Sawn, Undressed—	2	i——	1	South Australia 104,341 92,627 Northern Territory 8,886 12,934	224,121	212,050
	Cocos Islands	1 066	1,370		Total	245,881	248,595
	Northern Territory	1.068	1,370	64490	Other Timber:		210,373
	Hardwoods, Sawn, Undressed (other than sleepers)—		- 1,377	-	United Kingdom Christmas Island	506 571	416 689
64260	Jarrah :	51,099	46,263		United States of America	6,899	6,000
	Christmas Island	139	193		Australian States: cub. ft. £	6,077	7,105
	Canada	2,352 4 571	1,762 3,406		New South Wales 24,755 30,127 Queensland 836 1,002		
	Hong Kong Malta	563	4,061 474		South Australia 6,905 5,150 Northern Territory 9,957 17,149	42,453	
	Mauritius	63,819	4,704 44,173			49,352	53,428
	Pakistan Belgium-Luxembourg	4,378	83,012 3,207	64799	Total  Plywood and Veneer—	Sq. ft.	60,533
	France	. 51	251 41		Cocos Islands	1,008 776	49
	Greece Iran	5,700	319 5,266	ļ	Japan	56,323 500	110 881,1
	Italy Netherlands	8,803	2,661 6,468		United States of America	1,800	10 40
	South Africa, Republic of United States of America	2.020	155,398 1,563		Australian States: sq. ft. £	60,407	1,397
	Australian States: cub. ft. £ New South Wales 2,720 2,19	472,126	363,225		New South Wales 147,376 5,660 Victoria2,187,080 109,426 Queensland 6,174 155		
	Victoria 144,151 100,06 South Australia 855,190 485,21	r			South Australia2 622 009 148 101 Tasmania 207,378 9,460 Northern Territory 65,470 6,279		
	Northern Territory 7,944 7,320	1 010 005	594 788	ļ		5,235,487	279,081
	Total	I 482 131	958 013		Total	5,295,894	280,478
64280	Karri:	4 380	4.000		Total, Timber Exports		3,686,732
-	United Kingdom Christmas Island Ireland Republic of New Zealand Belgium-Luxembourg	278 61 100 201 5,847 349 10,518	4 098 178 60 74,963 4,458 250 8,197	65050	WOOD MANUFACTURERS  Casks and Vats (a)—		
	Greece Netherlands	32,853	105 25,925	65130-	United Kingdom	487	2,418
	South Africa, Republic of United States of America	62,960	51,862 3,040	65290	Manufactures of Wood (except Furniture) N.E.I.— Christmas Island		250
		220,139	173,136		Cocos Islands		250 1,400 180
	Australian States: cub. ft. £ New South Wales [4,3]4 9,260				Singapore		163
Į	Victoria 21,407 13,834 South Australia 782,695 438,937	!			Japan Netherlands		35 80
	Northern Territory 74,126 56,255	892,542	518,281				2,113
	Total	1,112,681	691,417		Australian States: £ New South Wales 700		_,
64290	Other Hardwoods : Cocos Islands	150	, 50		Victoria 531 Northern Territory 5,847		
	Australian States:  Blackbutt: cub. ft. £	150	, 50				7,078
	South Australia 2,528 1,208 Northern Territory 63 102			90314-	Total		9,191
	Wandoo:	2,591	1,310	90880	United Kingdom	,	5
į	New South Wales 42 52 Victoria 11,172 12,304				Cocos Islands	•	572 80
	South Australia 2,939 1,696 Northern Territory 116 127	:			Mauritius		1,423 132
	Other Hardwoods:	14,269	14,179		Sarawak		73 143 4 354
	Victoria 55 50 Northern Territory 273 455				Indonesia		4,354 402 710
		328	505				7,894
	Total	17,338	16,044	l ,,,,,,		<u> </u>	- ,

#### APPENDIX 2A—continued

Exports from Western Australia of Timber, Tanning Substances and Essential Oils for Year ended 30th June, 1964

Item No.	Item and Destination	Quantity	Value	ltem No.	Item and Destination	Quantity	Value
	Australian States: f New South Wales 69,268 Victoria 84,468 Queensland 33,272 South Australia 63,411 Tasmania 2,852 Northern Territory 1,780		£ 255,051	87100- 87290	Essential Oils, Natural, Non-spirituous—  United Kingdom Hong Kong India	lb. 7,465 1,232 1,317 114 840 280 27,322	£ 17,755 7,191 558 128 513 1,263 6,632
	Total		262,945	Ì	South Africa, Republic of	4	1,048 24
	Total, Wood Manufactures		272,157		United States of America	11,623 5,960	605 487
16000	Tanning Substances of Natural Origin— United Kingdom Ceylon Hong Kong	cwt. 1,081 10 546 13	£ 4,263 30 2,248 45		Australian States : lb. £ New South Wales 39,658 24,945 Victoria 40,176 21,427 Queensland 326 704 South Australia 2,582 5,386	56,164	36,204
	New Zealand	2 498	8 899 8,229		South Australia 2,582 5,386	82,742	52, <del>46</del> 2
	Singapore	2,380 424 54	1,704		Total	138,906	88,666
	Austria	1,247 200 2,437	3,960 662 7,770	96450	Tool Handles, Unattached, of any material (c)— Christmas Island	Doz.	£ 51
	Germany, Federal Republic of Indonesia	2,168 1,136 564 2,149 6 1 6 907 78,623	5,068 3,880 2,245 6,728 24 1 24 3,159 236,499		Total Value of all Exports on this Return		4,370,501
		96,450	295,649				
	Australian States (b): cwt. £ New South Wales 2,665 10,506 Victoria 2,483 5,541 Queensland 1,210 5,626 South Australia 1,138 4,689 Tasmania 300 905	7,796	27,267				
			322,916				
	Total	104,246	322,716	j	· ·		

- (a) Interstate Exports included in Item 65130-65290.
  (b) Includes Synthetic Tanning Materials and Tanning Oils.
  (c) Interstate Exports not recorded separately.
- Basis of Value—F.O.B. Port of Shipment

#### APPENDIX 2B

Imports into Western Australia of Timber, Tanning Substances and Essential Oils for Year ended June, 1964

Item No.	Item and Origin	Quantity	Value	Item No.	Item and Origin	Quantity	Value
63010- 63090	Wicker, Bamboo and Cane and Manufactures thereof,	cub. ft.	£			cub. ft.	£
03070	except furniture— United Kingdom		28	64490	Other— United Kingdom		58
·	Hong Kong		6,629 78	l	Sarawak	74 21	141
	Malaya, Federation of		12,032		Germany, rederal Republic of		157
	Singapore Burma		2,477 417		Australian States : £	95	356
	China—Republic of Formosa		1 296	1	New South Wales 4,478		
	Japan		6,489	1	Queensland 2,530		
	Phillippines Switzerland		3 296		Tasmania 4,951	]	46,824
			28,746	1	Total		47,180
	Australian States: cub.ft, £ New South Wales 82		20,746		61		47,180
	Victoria 135			64610-	United Kingdom	sq. ft. 83,979	2,463
	Queensland 272 South Australia 2				New Guinea	63,325 93,329	2,410 820
			491	l	Gabon	28,357	688
	Total		29,237	i	Japan	2,970	204
63400	Hardwood Logs-				Augeration States	271,960	6,585
	Ghana	2,121	4,390		Australian States: sq. ft. £ New South Wales 173,792 15,231		
	Malaya, Federation of Nigeria	9,139 401	2,623 333		Victoria 76,893 5,386 Queensland2,687,542 190,084		
	North Borneo	32,374	12,145		Tasmania 35,809 1,393	2 074 074	212.004
	Solomon Islands	3,163 3,190	1,048 773			2,974,036	212,094
	Sarawak	617,496 1,853	216,862 547	ĺ	Total	3,245,996	218,679
	Tanganyika	268	311		Total, Timber Imports		917,965
	Western Samoa Gabon	608 1,261	75 1,424	i			
	Indonesia	3,250 4,027	11,412 3,853		WOOD MANUFACTURES	1	
	South West Africa	129	87	64795-	Reconstituted Wood, also known as Particle Board		
	Thailand	3,852	8,369	64796	Chip Board, Sliver Board, etc.— United Kingdom	188,387	8,233
	Total	683,132	264,252		Portugal	1,680	94
64110	Softwoods, Sawn, Undressed—			i	United States of America	128	16
04110	Redwood and Western Red Cedar (a): Canada	1,904	1,121		Australian States : sg. ft. f	190,195	8,3 <del>4</del> 3
	United States of America	2,670	1,809		New South Wales 282,399 33,780	1 1	
	Total	4,574	2,930	İ	Queensland 41,040 4,047 South Australia 412,686 38,448		
64120	Douglas Fir (a):			ł		736,125	76,275
	New Zealand	876	535	ļ	Total	926,320	84,618
	United States of America	51,278	44,010	65050	Casks and Vats, empty (c)—	No.	
	Total	52,154	44,545	05050	Australia (Re-imported)	140	1,743
64170	Radiata Pine (a)—: New Zealand	2.224		65150	Last Blocks and Lasts (c)—	dozen	
64190		2,234	709		United Kingdom	93	315
04170	Other Softwoods: Sweden	737	663	65160	Match Splints (c)— Finland		23,022
	United States of America	4,524	5,226				23,022
	Yugoslavia	695	651	65170	Rules and Rulers, Wooden (c)— United Kingdom		4,419
	Australian States : cub. ft. £	5,956	6,540		Hong Kong		343
	New South Wales 298 471	]		ļ			13
	Queensland 232 348 Tasmania 1,043 1,325				Total		4,775
		1,573	2,144	65190	Table Mats, Wooden (c)-	1	245
	Total	7,529	8,684	i	United Kingdom Germany, Federal Republic of		265 30
64290	Hardwoods, Sawn, Undressed—						6 61
	Ghana	1,036	888		Sweden		16
	Malaya, Federation of	195 211,104	125 142,679	L	Total		378
	North Borneo	_15,369 1,672	9,178 1,352	45010	Wood Flour (c)—	cwt.	<del></del>
	Pakistan	1,554	880	65210	Netherlands	3	7
	Singapore	210,302 3,962	122,932 2,311	t	United States of America	464	2,928
	Uganda Thailand	1,527 929	1,701 2,880		Total	467	2,935
				65290	Manufactures of Wood (except Furniture) N.E.I.		
	Australian States cub. ft. £	447,650	284,926		Whether wholly or partly finished— United Kingdom		1,595
	Victoria 906 781 Queensland 100 177			Ì	Canada		82
	Tasmania 12,762 11,094			1	India		245 59
		13,768	12,052		Malaya, Federation of New Zealand		32 552
	Total	461,418	296,978	1	Denmark		194
	Shooks and Staves—				France Germany, Federal Republic of		48 1,422
64310		2,270	1,005	l	Hungary italy		37 374
64310	Malaya, Federation of	'		1	lanan	,	5,718
64310	Malaya, Federation of		100				
64310	Malaya, Federation of	92	180		Netherlands Norway		11 82
64310	Malaya, Federation of	92 2,362	180		Netherlands Norway Philippines		11 82 20
64310	Malaya, Federation of	[			Netherlands		11 82 20 14 1,094
64310	Malaya, Federation of	2,362	1,185		Netherlands Norway Philippines Spain Sweden Switzerland Thailand		11 82 20 14 1,094
	Malaya, Federation of	2,362	1,185 3,182		Netherlands Norway Philippines Spain Sweden Switzerland Thailand Yugoslavia		11 82 20 14 1,094 28 598 14
	Malaya, Federation of	2,362	1,185		Netherlands Norway Philippines Spain Sweden Switzerland Thailand		11 82 20 14 1,094 28 598

<sup>(</sup>a) Interstate Imports included in Item 64190.

#### APPENDIX 2B—continued

Imports into Western Australia of Timber, Tanning Substances and Essential Oils for Year ended 30th June, 1963

Item No.	Item and Origin	Quantity	Value	Item No.	Item and Origin	Quantity	Value
	Australian States : £  New South Wales 15,88  Victoria 24,7:  Queensland 5,58  South Australia 8,00	94   90   91	£	16010	Tanning Substances— Bark: Australian States: cwt. £ South Australia 9 42	cwt.	£ 42
	Tasmania	<u></u>	54,292		Extracts of Natural Origin— Overseas:		
	Total		67,414	16110	Wattle Bark Extract— South Africa, Republic of	3,743	11,638
90814-	Furniture of any Material— United Kingdom			16190	Other— United Kingdom	20	11,036
90899	Canada		33,380		Norway	200	225
	Hong Kong		29,584 29		Australian States : cwt. £	3,963	12,048
	New Zealand		37 957		Victoria 25 180	- 25	180
	Australia (Re-imported)		18		Total	3,988	12,228
	China, Republic of Mainland		139 1,243	16200	Other Tanning Substances of Natural Origin Peru	98	288
	France		6 804			98	288
	Italy Japan		684 5,069	•	Australian States: cwt. £ New South Wales 608 2,090		
	Norway		2,443 4,380 2		Victoria 248 1,601 South Australia 401 3,163		4.05.4
,	South Africa, Republic of		18Î 372		Total	1,257	6,854 7,142
	Switzerland Thailand		23 5	87010-		1,355 lb.	7,172
			4,778	87290	United Kingdom India	13 397	40 279
	Australian States : £  New South Wales	26 97	84,139		Malaya Federation of	505 977 3,600 5,871 248	1,108 431 1,795 3,617 632
	South Australia 236,4 Tasmania	28	654,656		taly	27 15	83 8
	Total		738,795		South Africa, Republic of		1,800 65 13,133
92508	Clothes Pegs of any Material— Hong Kong	Gross 2,000	237		United States of America	1,713	26,499
	Czechoslovakia	3,000 1,000 2,860 8,100 7,826	320 273 669 2,991 1,188		Australian States : 1b. £ New South Wales 2,719 647 Victoria 3,594 5,172 South Australia 14,183 5,176	102,928	10,995
		24,786	5,678		Total	123,424	37,494
	Australian States : Gross £  New South Wales 7,514 3,7  Victoria 4,962 2,1				Total Value of all Imports shown on this Return		1,960,678
*.	Tasmania 56,160 20,8		26,755		1		1,700,070
	Total	93,422	32,433	1			
96450	Tool Handles, Unattached, of any Material— United Kingdom	Dozen 1,390	3,214	1			
	Canada	1,390 24 108	216				
		645	1,623				
	Australian States: dozen £ New South Wales 8,9	2,167	5,080				
***	Victoria 3,4 Queensland 11,8 South Australia	15					
		<u> </u>	24,299	_[			
			29,379	_	-		
	Total, Wood Manufactures		985,807	-			

Basis of Value
Oversea—F.O.B. Port of Shipment
Interstate—Landed cost in Western Australia

APPENDIX 3 Summary of Exports of Forest Produce since 1836

Ye	]	Timb	er	V	Tim	ber	Wood Manu- factures	Tanning Materials	Essential Oils
1 6	ar	Cub. ft.	Value	Year	Cub. ft.	Value	Value	Value	Value
1836 (4 1837 1838	a)	10,000	£ 2,500	1901 1902 1903	7,150,600 6,256,750 7,748,450	£ 572,354 500,533 619,705	£	£  859	£
1839 1840 1841				1904 1905 1906	8,072,300 8,709,500 (c) 8,830,700 (c) 6,409,550	654,949 689,943 708,993 511,923		32,876 154,087 140,720 98,773	
1842 1843 1844 1845		(b)	 163	1908 1909 1910	(c) 9,869,509 (c) 10,830,450 (c) 12,074,100	813,591 867,419 972,698		79,934 59,633 93,733	••••
1846 1847 1848 1849 1850		2,550 12,200 3,350  10,500	255 1,120 333	1911 1912 1913 1914 (d)	(c) 12,449,500 (c) 11,297,100 (c) 13,619,850 (c) 6,279,750	986,341 903,396 1,089,481 502,153		83,470 49,004 47,377 18,197	  777
1851 1852 1853		1,250 7,050 52,200	1,048 268 806 5,220	1915 (e)   1916 (e)   1917 (e)   1918 (e)   1919 (e)	(c) 9,968,500 5,432,100 3,890,650 3,436,250 4,135,750	808,392 441,991 310,893 274,141 332,584	   I1,535	6,127 10,208 18,959 16,886 18,875	381 1,102 2,060 3,995 3,987
1854 1855 1856 1857 1858		58,500 76,900 70,500 69,200	7,023 12,076 9,671 9,449	1920 (e) 1921 (e) 1922 (e)	5,065,300 9,816,250 8,309,750	465,731 1,137,819 1,041,047	21,935 24,916 22,248	22,121 23,073 13,328	3,704 10,107 6,878
1859 1860		29,250 67,250 54,800 27,750	2,340 6,051 4,932 2,497	1923 (e)   1924 (e)   1925 (e)   1926 (e)   1927 (e)	7,911,310 11,126,861 11,844,303 12,001,384	997,454 1,367,517 1,477,997 1,522,958	12,377 11,505 13,298 10,072	21,161 29,606 40,136 15,056	20,075 39,877 42,057 47,819
1862 1863 1864 1865		68,800 32,900 58,300 183,950	7,151 2,963 5,508 15,693	1927 (e) 1928 (e) 1929 (e) 1930 (e)	12,580,262 10,384,784 7,635,237 6,579,743	1,651,149 1,265,383 960,435 807,425	8,727 7,783 6,603 4,687	15,818 27,662 35,850 40,628	26,544 39,131 63,307 77,510
1866 1867 1868 1869 1870		85,650 56,750 8,000 179,900 157,200	6,849 4,541 638 14,273 17,551	1931 (e) 1932 (e) 1933 (e) 1934 (e) 1935 (e)	4,127,856 3,062,673 2,235,540 4,060,830 5,326,117	507,382 361,700 262,617 487,248 636,466	26,615 85,488 80,332 76,107 65,494	35,333 42,016 33,352 20,904 15,284	56,170 59,301 26,331 26,720 35,363
1871 1872 1873 1874		218,500 37,000 68,150 345,600	15,304 2,590 4,771 24,192	1936 (e) 1937 (e) 1938 (e) 1939 (e) 1940 (e)	5,598,180 5,673,903 7,545,744 5,704,250 5,049,585	697,522 699,684 932,420 722,310 634,859	50,665 52,338 47,934 43,518 62,796	12,237 14,491 13,865 17,842 19,485	27,526 38,185 35,128 25,550 47,736
1875 1876 1877 1878 1879 1880		342,350 219,050 336,150 580,900 627,250 662,550	23,965 23,743 26,979 63,902 69,742 66,252	1941 (e) 1942 (e) 1943 (e) 1944 (e) 1945 (e)	6,091,187 5,244,634 3,516,566 3,645,354 2,851,475	790,876 700,474 605,327 613,994 570,028	74,935 64,454 32,426 25,324 27,307	13,686 6,896 1,598 1,294 2,795	59,867 74,904 70,523 72,704 103,055
1881 1882 1883 1884		792,750 936,500 997,000 861,700	79,277 93,650 79,760 68,936	1946 (e) 1947 (e) 1948 (e) 1949 (e) 1950 (e)	3,373,025 3,458,628 3,584,405 3,198,212 2,857,946	722,061 865,255 1,099,073 993,152 974,493	(f) 2,618 (f) 13,118 (f) 6,572 (f) 6,639 (f) 13,525	4,872 12,056 9,556 5,112 8,243	128,050 151,768 116,465 75,395 78,550
1885 1886 1887 1888 1889		848,150 626,150 354,800 525,570 788,500	67,850 50,902 28,384 42,060 63,080	1951 (e) 1952 (e) 1953 (e) 1954 (e)	2,342,492 2,373,553 3,965,188 3,858,956	(g) 918,485 (g) 1,032,909 (g) 2,074,421 (g) 2,248,320	(f) 25,101 (f) 47,689 (f) 120,095 (f) 59,360	16,581 19,120 34,136 80,248	125,833 119,109 70,852 55,273
1891 1892 1893 1894		1,172,200 1,273,950 1,082,650 512,950 1,063,700	82,052 89,179 78,419 33,888 74,804	1955 (e) 1956 (e) 1957 (e) 1958 (e) 1959 (e)	3,477,249 4,568,034 4,684,017 5,572,681 6,461,535	(g) 1,935,019 (g) 2,818,716 (g) 3,256,719 (g) 3,875,705 (g) 4,373,218	(f) 79,893 (f) 119,459 (f) 78,934 (f) 39,762 (f) 41,612	37,338 554,760 588,544 337,655 259,046	80,822 90,928 58,993 101,814 52,843
1895 1896 1897 1898 1899		1,255,250 1,545,600 2,393,300 4,086,150 6,913,550	88,146 116,420 192,451 326,195	1960 (e) 1961 (e) 1962 (e) 1963 (e)	5,533,847 5,660,937 5,484,259	(g) 3,838,387 (g) 3,993,663 (g) 3,966,697	(f) 20,549 (f) 25,305 (f) 194,380 (f) 255,190	366,606 201,957 281,364 254,726	63,905 95,475 81,506 70,402
1900	••••	5,725,400	553,198 458,461	1964 (e) Total	5,266,329	(g) 3,686,732 84,433,342	(f) 272,187 2,394,215	4,860,161	2,853,891

<sup>(</sup>a) The exports up to the year 1834 consisted only of supplies to shipping, of which no record is kept.
(b) Not available.
(c) Approximate figures only.
(d) Six months ended 30th June.
(e) Year ended 30th June.
(f) Excludes Casks (principally empty returns) previously included in this item.
(g) Includes items for which the quantity in cub. ft. is not available.

APPENDIX 4 Summary of Imports of Timber, Tanning Materials and Essential Oils, since 1848

Year			Timber, Woodware, etc.	Tanning Materials	Essential Oils	,	Year		Timber, Woodware, etc.	Tanning Materials	Essentia Oils
	÷		£	£	£				£	£	
348			464			1900			56,266	1,416	£ 1,10
349	••••			****		1901			80,134	1,740	1,5
50			189			1902			97,810	3,418	1,7
51	••••	••••	3,216	••••		1903		••••	102,383	3,556	1,3
52	••••	••••	2,479	••••		1904	• • • • •		157,856	1,322	2,1
53 54	••••	• • • • •	790 831	****		1905	• • • •	••••	98,494	582	1,5
55			1,464	••••		1906	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	••••	95,229 122,016	1,412	1,9
56			1,124			1908		••••	93,205	2,767 2,392	1,5 4,5
57			744	••••		1909			90,502	4,129	4,0
58			1,528	****		1910			171,280	3,531	3,6
59		• • • • •	690			1911			152,133	2,912	4,9
60			2,005			1912			167,244	3,089	4,5
61	••••		1,459			1913			202,640	2,651	5,3
62	••••	••••	1,920	••••	·	1914	••••		78,736	629	2,8
63 64			1,568 894	••••		1914-15 1915-16		••••	107,763	2,082	4,9
65			548			1915-16			76,849 75,681	3,313 2,848	4,7 3,8
66			1,442	****		1917-18			58,305	2,020	3,0 4,3
67			1,727			1918-19			62,824	1,181	4,1
68			1,451	••••		1919-20			100,083	3,748	10,0
69			1,408			1920-21			171,654	*4,899	6,1
70			1,518			1921–22			92,448	5,865	6,5
71			736			1922-23		• • • •	109,428	6,991	4,0
72		••••	1,660			1923-24	•		133,983	2,790	3,3
73		••••	1,008		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1924-25			161,893	2,670	4,4
74 75	••••	••••	1,774 2,707	****		1925-26 1926-27		••••	144,989 162,193	5,826 8,971	4,4
76	••••	••••	3,098	••••		1927-28			183,196	9,648	4,2 6,9
, 0 77			2,036	••••		1928-29			241,601	6,894	4,4
 78			2,947	••••		1929-30			197,532	10,825	3,9
79			2,340	••••		1930-31	••••		76,533	4,145	3.1
80			3,061			1931-32			164,496	4,705	3,5
81			3,639			1932–33			197,916	4,903	3,4
82			3,692			1933-34			183,944	4,310	3,8
83	••••	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	6,667		,	1934-35			211,056	4,076	5,0
84 85	••••	••••	2,930 11,479	••••		1935–36 1936–37			228,451 257,164	5,401	3,9
86			17,888			1937–38			270,126	5,267 4,777	4,8 6,5
87		••••	8,136	••••		1938-39		••••	254,315	3,974	7.0
88			4,461			1939-40			259,399	6,802	23.0
89			7,686			1940-41			249,111	3,798	32,3
90			14,979	****		1941-42			283,611	15,846	33,8
91	••••		18,406			1942-43			163,480	6,250	47,7
92		••••	26,713	****		1943 44		••••	149,928	7,883	68,8
93		•••	14,493 17,964			19 <del>44-4</del> 5 1945-46		••••	148,838	9,264	75,4 56.2
94 95	•		47,128			1946-47		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	†219,466 386,465	19,573 12,395	78,0
96			5,381			1947-48			345,508	8,019	96,7
97			164,552		1	1948-49			470,755	8,662	42,9
98			55,566		****,	1949-50			521,815	24,923	51,
99			45,689			1950-51	••••	•	640,059	21,147	161,3
						1951-52		••••	1,037,499	18,494	167,
						1952-53		••••	509,667	21,493	69,
						1953-54			923,367	45,202	58,0
				_		1954–55 1955–56		••••	816,052 839,581	27,395	76,
						1956-57	,	••••	830,700	27,315 35,403	131,1 99,1
						1957-58			873,520	28,310	101,
						1958-59			815,300	9,365	62,
						1959-60			895,845	14,608	7 <del>4</del> ,
			1			1960-61			1,203,641	12,621	60,9
						1961-62			1,236,106	13,853	130,8
						1962–63 1963–64			1,978,937 1,903,772	9,868 19,412	63, 37,
							otal	•…•	24,021,083	575,576	2,068,0

<sup>\*</sup> This and subsequent years include tanning extracts, not previously recorded. † This and subsequent years include values for furniture, bamboo, cane, etc., not previously included.

APPENDIX 5 SUMMARY OF LOG VOLUMES PRODUCED IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA SINCE 1829

Year	*Crown Land	Private Property	Total	Year	*Crown Land	Private Property	Total
1829-1916†   1917 (a)   1918 (b)   1919 (c)   1920 (c)   1922 (c)   1923 (c)   1925 (c)   1926 (c)   1927 (c)   1928 (c)   1931 (c)   1931 (c)   1933 (c)   1934 (c)   1935 (c)   1935 (c)   1937 (c)   1938 (c)	Cubic feet	Cubic feet 2,144,500 504,950 3,390,450 5,762,900 7,018,450 15,640,150 9,867,050 9,342,800 18,142,250 25,037,600 31,356,100 23,334,450 11,098,950 11,653,600 12,148,500 4,115,950 2,456,650 6,330,400 11,451,750 13,436,150 15,902,200 15,928,950	Cubic feet 663,267,850 21,477,600 8,170,500 23,377,500 34,055,100 36,327,400 51,762,550 36,674,350 61,975,150 73,861,350 78,243,700 64,115,700 43,388,700 43,388,700 43,307,750 30,971,100 15,858,800 15,622,300 27,593,500 38,910,000 44,836,750 47,606,050 47,666,400	1939 (c) 1940 (c) 1941 (c) 1942 (c) 1943 (c) 1944 (c) 1945 (c) 1946 (c) 1948 (c) 1949 (c) 1950 (c) 1951 (c) 1953 (c) 1954 (c) 1955 (c) 1955 (c) 1956 (c) 1957 (c) 1958 (c) 1959 (c) 1960 (c) 1961 (c) 1962 (c) 1963 (c) 1964 (c)	Cubic feet 29,247,650 27,660,100 28,089,200 26,636,650 23,604,900 22,252,500 21,970,000 21,126,500 21,948,550 22,251,350 20,261,800 21,081,150 25,391,450 28,942,550 37,467,650 39,811,350 39,426,100 39,069,500 40,533,471 38,882,048 37,752,774 39,243,552 38,671,715 39,431,089	Cubic feet 11,086,000 9,139,550 10,289,000 5,633,400 4,322,950 4,456,200 4,309,550 5,482,350 7,831,950 8,871,900 9,814,300 9,932,650 10,713,050 11,938,300 13,021,400 13,562,000 15,195,450 13,773,350 11,585,350 12,397,450 13,756,198 12,017,553 10,818,790 9,789,268 9,831,552 10,220,000	Cubic feet 40,333,650 36,799,650 38,378,200 32,270,050 27,927,850 26,708,700 26,279,550 26,608,850 29,780,500 31,123,250 30,076,100 31,013,800 36,104,500 40,880,850 47,244,800 51,047,950 52,663,100 53,584,700 51,011,450 51,466,950 54,289,669 50,899,601 48,571,564 49,032,820 48,503,267 49,651,089

<sup>\*</sup> Includes State Forest Timber Reserves, Crown Land and Private Property (Timber Reserved).
† Estimated.
(a) Year ended 31st December.
(b) Six months ended 30th June.
(c) Year ended 30th June.