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FINE WOODS OF THE FUTURE

Natural regeneration of Maple, 6 years old, on silviculturally treated rain forest,
North Queensland.

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

SALIENT STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1959-60

Area of new plantations established	4,860 acres									
(Total area planted is 92,850 acres)										
Number of trees planted	2,934,000									
Trees sold to the public	435,000									
Number of trees in 25 nurseries at 30th June, 1960	5,297,000									
Area of plantations thinned unmerchantably	8,904 acres									
Area of plantations thinned merchantably	4,152 acres									
Yield of plantation thinnings	27,565,000 super. feet									
Area of plantations pruned	17,772 acres									
Natural forest given silvicultural treatment	26,803 acres									
(Total area treated is 598,628 acres)										
Length of firebreaks and roads constructed	360 miles									
Length of firebreaks and roads maintained	3,860 miles									
Logging roads constructed	88 miles									
Total mill log cut from Crown areas	²³⁸ 328,721,000 super. feet									
Railway and mining timbers, poles, &c., expressed in super. feet ..	55,061,000 super. feet									
Road subsidies to Shire Councils	£19,971									
Staff—										
Salaried officers	353									
Wages men	1,729									
Total expenditure	£3,331,519									
Expenditure on works	£1,934,057									
Gross revenue from timber sales	£2,176,934									
State Forests—1 new reserve ; total area increased by	13,560 acres									
Timber Reserves—4 new reserves ; total area increased by	28,502 acres									
National Parks—3 new reserves ; total area increased by	4,987 acres									
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Report of the Director of Forests for the Year ended 30th June, 1960

INTRODUCTION

From the point of view of the Forestry Department the year 1959-60 was one of great significance. In this year forestry was, for the first time, recognised in the name of a Ministerial portfolio, "The Forestry Act of 1959" was enacted, and the Timber Inquiry Committee of 1959 submitted its report on matters of forestry interest.

On 1st June, 1960, the Forestry Department, which had formerly been under the control of the Minister for Lands and Irrigation, was made responsible to the Minister for Agriculture and Forestry.

Forestry is a primary industry of national importance, providing substantial employment, and producing the raw material on which the timber industry in the State largely depends. Our forests are also relied on to provide major protection to our watersheds and they have aesthetic and recreational values. In the administration of the National Parks the Department has an additional responsibility to the State of no small importance. This recognition of the responsibilities and status of the Department at Ministerial level is welcome.

The passing of "The Forestry Act of 1959" represented a considerable step forward in forestry legislation in Queensland. Formerly the authorities under which the Department functioned were scattered through various Acts and there were directions in which the former Acts were inadequate. With the implementation of the new Act many former difficulties have been removed, and so the work of the Department will be facilitated.

Close liaison with other Departments will be necessary, particularly with the Lands Department in connection with land classification for forestry purposes, and the control of ringbarking, or other destruction of timber, on Crown leaseholds.

There are three regions of the State in which increased areas of State Forests are considered necessary in the interests of the timber economy of Queensland. The first and most important of these areas is North Queensland, where an important and well-developed timber industry exists. The future of this industry will be in jeopardy if the area of State Forest in North Queensland is not substantially increased. On the other hand the ultimate expansion of this industry, which produces some of the world's most attractive and most valuable woods, would be possible if sufficient of the remaining rain forest areas were placed under sound forest management. Permanent reservation as State Forest is necessary before expenditure can be incurred on the growing of the long-term forest crop. Silvicultural work cannot be carried out unless there is certainty that the areas concerned will not be diverted to other use before the forest crop has matured.

The other two regions where increased State Forest reservation is essential are the Cypress Pine areas of South Queensland, and the hardwood areas of Central Queensland. In both cases there is a substantial timber resource on Crown leaseholds. The permanent timber production from these resources is needed to assist in maintaining Queensland's timber supply.

In November, 1958, a Timber Inquiry Committee was appointed to investigate, *inter alia*, the timber sales and sawmills licensing policies of the Department and the relationship between sawn timber and plywood prices and the prices of Crown logs. After eight months of intensive inquiry the Committee submitted its report at the end of August, 1959. The report substantially endorsed the policies and procedures of the Department, but did recommend some changes. At the end of the year the report had not received final consideration.

REFORESTATION

Management

General.—Total funds provided for work under the reforestation heading were originally below the expenditure in 1958-59, but an additional allocation during the year allowed the expenditure to finally slightly exceed that of the previous year.

The softwood planting programme was 704 acres larger than in 1958-59, while the figure for silvicultural treatment of the natural forests was also somewhat higher. Extension of softwood planting to two new centres—one on State Forest Reserve 779 Gregory, in the Bundaberg District (first planting in the winter of 1960), and the other on State Forest Reserve 658 Macartney, in the Mackay District (first planting will be in 1961)—was possible.

As has been the case for many years, lack of funds prevented the extension of silvicultural work to additional cypress pine and hardwood State Forests.

State Forest reservation area increased by 13,560 acres during the year, but only a small part of this was in the region north of Townsville where there is pressing need for the permanent reservation of rain forest, not only for timber production purposes, but also for watershed protection of steep areas in this region of high rainfall.

Inventory survey work continued during the year. On the softwood plantations 353 permanent plots, sampling 3,527 acres, were remeasured and 78 new plots established. In the cypress pine—hardwood areas of the inland 1,008 plots were established on a total area of 168,000 acres. Work on the coastal hardwood forests saw the establishment of 467 plots sampling 48,000 acres, while 24,000 acres were sampled by 114 non-permanent plots. This work was, at the close of the year, interrupted by the need to furnish complete timber valuations for certain areas held under pastoral leases which, under an amendment to the Land Acts, can now be converted to a tenure equivalent to freehold. Up to date the Department has been asked to provide valuations for 197 blocks totalling 549,000 acres. This is a mammoth task which cuts seriously into the Department's normal programme.

Apart from plantations the Department has now, following detailed inventory, prescribed and applied cuts on a sustained basis for an area of 2,100,000 acres.

The cut of plantation thinnings for the year was 27,565,000 super. feet, being 7,270,000 super. feet in excess of the previous highest total, and raising the total yield to 30th June, 1960, to 189,970,000 super. feet, of a stumpage value of approximately £613,000.

The total quantity of softwood thinnings sold on a permanent basis requires the removal of 36,800,000 super. feet per year, but 3,400,000 super. feet of this is from recent sales not yet operated. Hence, removals are 80 per cent. of requirements overall which, for the small material involved generally, is reasonably satisfactory.

Silviculture

General.—Rainfall for the year, whilst generally close to, or slightly above, average for most centres, has again been erratic in distribution. Areas south of Maryborough experienced one of the best springs on record, but rainfall for the three generally wet months of the year, namely January, February and March, was well below average—the following figures illustrate the position:—

Station	Rainfall in Points			
	September–October–November		January–February–March	
	Average	1959	Average	1960
Yarraman	750	1,586	1,180	668
Imbil	879	1,988	2,229	1,152
Beerwah	1,012	2,355	2,948	1,744

In the Maryborough–Monto area rainfall followed a more normal pattern, with a total fall of slightly below average. In the Rockhampton district and in North Queensland total falls were close to average, with fairly normal distribution.

Good falls in July allowed the exotic pine planting programme for 1959 to continue without interruption and, although falls for August were below average, the good spring rains ensured an excellent survival of the planted stock.

The heavy falls of rain in September, October and November greatly hampered burning of felled scrub areas, with a resulting increase in lumping and burning costs.

Planting conditions for Hoop Pine were favourable and, although the wet season did not materialise for most of the Hoop Pine areas, the rainfall received was sufficient to ensure good survival.

Rainfall from March until the end of the year was, generally, below average but soil moisture was sufficient to enable the planting of exotic pine to commence in June and planting was still in progress at the close of the financial year.

Details of the year's work are as follows:—

	1958-59	1959-60
	Acres	Acres
Area of natural forest treated	24,383	26,803
Area of plantation established	4,180	4,860
Area covered in pruning	14,368	17,772
Area tended	59,343	70,707
Area thinned merchantably	2,750	4,152
Area thinned unmerchantably	11,897	8,904

The acreage of natural forest treated shows an increase of 2,420 acres on the area treated in 1958-59 and it is hoped to further increase this acreage during 1960-61. The amount of work covered in 1959-60 shows an all-round increase on that carried out in 1958-59, and a comparison with the programme of work completed during 1949-50 is of interest:—

	1949-50	1959-60
	Acres	Acres
Area of natural forest treated	38,756	26,803
Area of plantation established	5,225	4,860
Area covered in pruning	6,566	17,772
Area tended	22,967	70,707
Area thinned merchantably	1,326	4,152
Area thinned unmerchantably		8,904
Total area planted	46,460	92,850

The figures for pruning, tending and thinning indicate the great increase in work associated with an annual planting programme and emphasise the need for increasing man power and funds if such a programme is to be maintained.

Plantations

Appendix I shows, by districts and by species, the areas planted from 1st April, 1959, to 31st March, 1960. The area planted for the period is 4,859.8 acres made up as follows:—

	Acres
Native Conifers (chiefly Hoop Pine)	1,915.6
Exotic Conifers (chiefly Slash Pine, <i>Pinus patula</i> , <i>Pinus caribaea</i> and <i>Pinus radiata</i>)	2,878.9
Broadleaved species	11.8
Eucalypts	53.5
	<u>4,859.8</u>

The total area of effective plantation, all species, established to 31st March, 1960, is 92,850 acres comprised of:—

	Acres
Native Conifers	46,331
Exotic Conifers	42,118
Broadleaved species	1,419
Eucalypts	2,982
	<u>92,850</u>

Machines were used for the clearing of 677 acres of rain forest land and of approximately 500 acres of forest land. The former is equivalent to 35 per cent. of the area planted during the year with native conifers and the latter equivalent to 18 per cent. of the area planted with exotic conifers.

The rain forest areas were pushed without prior brushing and, despite most adverse burning conditions, the areas were prepared for planting at a lesser cost than for areas hand-felled. With machine-cleared areas the unburnt debris, following the burning off fire, can be stacked and burnt by machine at a lesser cost than is the case with hand-felled areas. The average cost per acre, including all plant hire charges, for machine cleared areas and for hand-felled areas is as follows:—

	Acres	Average cost per acre	
		Clearing and Burning £	Lumping and Burning £
Machine cleared	677	13.66	4.0
Hand cleared	1,147	18.2	8.27

It must be remembered that the machine cleared areas are, generally, of easier topography and this point must be kept in mind when considering the unit costs above.

Again, the submission of very low tenders for hand felling of forest country in the exotic pine areas kept the area cleared by machine at a low figure. It is expected, however, that close on 1,000 acres will be handled by machines during 1960-61.

Planting conditions, in the winter months for the exotic pines and in the summer months for Hoop Pine, were generally satisfactory and very little refilling has been called for.

Tubed planting stock of *Pinus patula* was used at Pechey this year with more satisfactory results and it is intended to continue using tubed stock at this centre for a number of years yet.

Pinus caribaea is now the main species at Reserve 20, Maryvale—its rate of growth is much superior to that of *Pinus elliottii* and it gives every indication of being much the better species for this tropical area.

Operations were commenced on Reserve 779, Gregory, in the Bundaberg district, and by the end of the year approximately 90 acres had been machine cleared ready for planting with *Pinus elliottii*.

The heavy spring rains over most of the Hoop Pine areas resulted in heavy weed growth and first year tending costs have been high. The machine cleared areas produced heavy crops of weeds but, even so, tending costs on these areas, at an average of £13.6 per acre, are considerably less than on hand felled areas at £18.3 per acre. The failure of heavy rains during January, February and March greatly helped the tending position.

The control of persistent Eucalyptus coppice in exotic pine plantations by ringing at ground level and treating with a 1 per cent. solution of 2,4,5-T amine salt in water is now standard practice. Area tended during the year totalled 70,707 acres.

A large pruning programme was again carried out and details of the year's work are as follows:—

	1958-59 Acres	1959-60 Acres
First operation	5,534	5,742
Second operation	4,213	5,694
Third operation	3,539	4,193
Fourth operation	1,082	2,143
	<u>14,368</u>	<u>17,772</u>

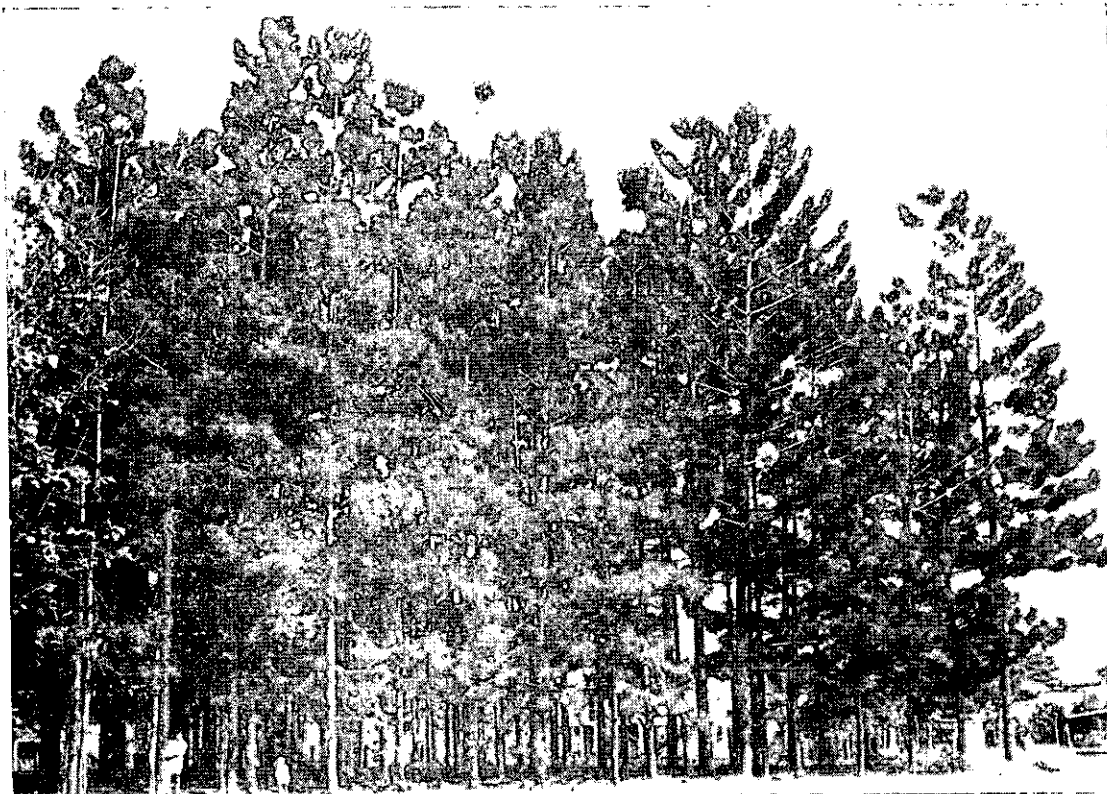
In addition to normal pruning, 130 acres of plantation were covered for the removal of epicormic shoots.



**HOOP PINE PLANTATION BROOLOO STATE FOREST,
34 YEARS OF AGE.**

The tree in the foreground has been selected for tree breeding. During 1959-60 4,860 acres were planted, bringing the total area of plantations to 92,850 acres.

These plantations yielded 27,500,000 super. ft. (Hoppus) of thinnings in 1959-60.



**HOOP PINE PLANTED IN 1938-39 IN THE FOREST PLOT AT THE TULLY STATE
SCHOOL.**

One of the 341 State School Forest Plots established in Queensland in co-operation with the Department of Education.

Unmerchantable thinning in young stands of Hoop Pine and exotic pine was carried out over a total of 8,904 acres. Details by districts are as follows:—

District	Exotic Pine Acres	Hoop Pine Acres	Eucalypts Acres
Maryborough	1,798	..	..
Brisbane	2,051	..	..
Gympie	1,907	949	35
Mackay	584	..	..
Warwick	209	..	..
Yarraman	96	920	..
Murgon .. .. .	..	165	..
Monto .. .. .	..	187	..
Atherton .. .. .	..	3	..
	<u>6,645</u>	<u>2,224</u>	<u>35</u>

This is a reduction of 2,993 acres on the figure of 11,897 acres for 1958-59 and is largely accounted for by the cessation of unmerchantable thinning in the older stands of the Beerwah-Glasshouse Mountains area.

Hoop Pine areas were relatively free of rat damage during the year, but serious damage occurred in a 5-year-old Hoop Pine area at Reserve 120, Neumgna, and to a small Bunya Pine area planted in 1955-56 at Benarkin.

Two small 1954 plantings of *Pinus radiata* in the Yarraman district suffered severely from *Diplodia pinea*, following a heavy hail storm in December, 1959.

Regeneration of Natural Forest

The provision of additional funds, plus favourable weather conditions, made possible the treatment of a total of 26,803 acres of natural forest. Unfortunately, it was not possible to increase the area of tropical rain forest treated and no treatment was possible in the natural Hoop Pine stands of South Queensland.

Details of the acreage of various forest types treated for 1959-60 and for the previous year are as follows:—

	1958-59 Acres	1959-60 Acres
Eucalypt forest	11,642	13,321
Cypress Pine	11,019	12,122
Tropical Rain Forest	1,722	1,360
Natural Hoop Pine .. .. .	..	..
	<u>24,383</u>	<u>26,803</u>

Seed Collection and Stocks

(a) *Araucaria cunninghamii*.—No Hoop Pine seed has been collected since December 1957, and on present indications a further collection will not be made before 1962.

L.G.C. values of stocks held in cold storage on 30th June, 1960, were—

L.G.C.—Per cent.	Amount lb.
—20	3,013
20-30	9,711
30-40	14,538
40-50	14,664
50+	6,504
	<u>48,430</u>

(b) *Araucaria bidwillii*.—A small collection of 58 lb. 6 oz. was made in January, 1960, for the purpose of fulfilling export orders.

(c) *Agathis robusta* and *Agathis palmerstoni*.—Small collections of these species were made at Fraser Island and Cardwell, respectively, with a small amount of *Agathis robusta* collected from plus stems at Imbil.

A total of 27 lb. 3 oz. was exported to overseas countries, mainly as small lots.

SEED MOVEMENTS, 1959-60

Species	Intake				Distribution						Stock 30-6-60
	Department Collection	Private Sources	Other States	Overseas	Department Nurseries	Brisbane Nursery	Private Persons	Other States	Overseas	Viability Tests	
	lb. oz.	lb. oz.	lb. oz.	lb. oz.	lb. oz.	lb. oz.	lb. oz.	lb. oz.	lb. oz.	lb. oz.	lb. oz.
<i>Araucaria bidwillii</i>	58 6	..	..	..	..	..	22 0	..	12 0	..	73 6
<i>Araucaria cunninghamii</i>	..	..	..	..	3,708 0	..	18 12	1 0	38 4	13 0	48,430 0
<i>Agathis palmerstoni</i>	4 15	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	4 15	4	17 3
<i>Agathis robusta</i>	21 14	..	..	..	7 0	..	2 15	..	22 4	4	80 2
<i>Eucalyptus</i> species	94 13	..	..	..	5 12	6½	14 7½	3 3½	59 3	10	132 15
<i>Pinus caribaea</i>	8	..	..	108 2	53 13	..	1 3	..	9	11	60 2
<i>Pinus elliotii</i>	1,165 0	..	..	..	187 14	..	704 1	13 0	299 1	2 4	933 8
<i>Pinus patula</i>	..	..	..	..	5 10½	..	1 2	..	9 1	8	68 10
<i>Pinus radiata</i>	2 8	..	..	..	39 9	..	17 10	..	..	13	89 7
<i>Pinus taeda</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 14	..	6 0	..	518 8
Miscellaneous <i>Pinus</i> species	..	..	..	1 0	1 0	..	6	..	4 3	..	55 2½
Miscellaneous species	189 0	6 5	..	7 8	9 11	56 0	61 0	1 8	83 13	1 13	747 0
Totals	1,537 0	6 5	..	116 10	4,018 5½	56 6½	847 9½	18 11½	539 5	20 3	51,205 15½

(d) *Pinus species*.—The total of 1,165 lb. of seed of *Pinus elliottii* collected in March-April in the Beerwah-Beerburum plantations will be sufficient to supply Departmental requirements for two years and fulfil overseas and local orders.

Of the collection, 260 lb. came from selected seed trees.

L.G.C. values were the highest ever recorded, ranging from 88 per cent. to 97 per cent. for the various batches.

The demand for *Pinus elliottii* seed was higher than in past years, 299 lb. being exported overseas, mainly to Japan, and 704 lb. supplied to private companies and individuals in Australia.

The first batch of locally collected *Pinus caribaea* was established with 8 oz. of seed from the Woree School Plot in North Queensland. L.G.C. of this batch was 78 per cent. Whilst it will be necessary for the Department to rely on imported seed of this species for a number of years to come, a start has been made towards local fulfilment of requirements.

(e) *Eucalyptus species* and *Miscellaneous species*.—A total of 283 lb. 13 oz. was collected by the Department and 223 lb. 3 oz. was exported, mainly to overseas countries.

Revenue received during the year from sale of seed was £1,523.

Nurseries

Twenty-four nurseries remained in production during the year and at the end of the financial year 25 nurseries were carrying stock. The increase is due to the establishment of a nursery on Reserve 658, parish of Macartney, in the Mackay district, for the production of planting stock of tubed *Pinus caribaea* sufficient for 100 acres per annum. The first sowing in the new nursery was made in March, 1960, and the use of filter press and infected soil from Reserve 20 ensured the ample mycorrhizal development so necessary for the production of healthy planting stock. Later, the nursery will be enlarged for the production of Hoop Pine stock and provision for this has been made in the present layout.

Of the 25 nurseries now in use, Hoop Pine planting stock is produced by 15, exotic pine planting stock by 8, Eucalypts by 1, whilst 1 at Rocklea is used for the production of planting stock of various species for supply to the public.

Stock on hand at 30th June, 1960, totalled 5,297,000 plants whilst the number of trees planted in plantations totalled 2,934,000.

Hoop Pine nurseries were trouble free and the type of planting stock produced was, generally, satisfactory. Due to the presence of *Phytophthora cinnamomi* the exotic pine nursery at Toolara has been abandoned and a new nursery constructed on a site characterised by better soil and drainage and, as far as can be ascertained, free from *Phytophthora*. The nursery at Passchendaele has remained in production on a reduced scale, but the continued infection of nursery stock with *Phytophthora* and *Diplodia* may force its closure.

As mentioned elsewhere, tubed stock of *Pinus patula* is now produced by the Pechey nursery and an extension of this nursery was necessary to provide stand down space for the tubed stock.

Sales of Trees

Sales to the public and to other Government Departments totalled 434,985, an increase of 206,680 on the number sold last year. Of this total, 358,785 were sold for planting in forest formation or equivalent to nearly 600 acres of plantation at a spacing of 9 feet x 8 feet.

Distribution, by species and by type of planting, was as follows:—

By Species		By Type of Planting	
<i>Pinus elliottii</i>	343,830	Forest Plots	358,785
<i>Pinus taeda</i>	801	Schools	4,345
<i>Pinus patula</i>	948	Government Departments	6,197
<i>Pinus radiata</i>	18,930	Departmental	2,390
Hoop Pine	23,987	Ornamental, &c.	63,268
Miscellaneous	46,489		
	<u>434,985</u>		<u>434,985</u>

Sales of miscellaneous species ex the Rocklea nursery totalled 41,351, of a cash value of £2,949 5s. 1d. Tubed stock on hand at 30th June, 1960, numbered 15,576.

The value of all sales amounted to £7,700 11s. 5d.

Silvicultural Research

Staff.—During the year the number of university trained officers engaged full-time on silvicultural research was increased by two and now stands at 13, distributed throughout the State as follows:—North Queensland (4), Mary Valley (1), Beerwah (4), Brisbane Valley (1), Dalby (1), Head Office (2).

The staff engaged on research work in the tropical rain forests of North Queensland was increased by one and a soils analyst was added to the strength of the Beerwah Research Station.

Field Work.—(i.) *North Queensland.* Staff changes involved some disruption of the work, which consisted mainly in the maintenance, measurement and treatment of existing rain forest experiments, and in the extension of the field covered by treatment around seed trees of the principal cabinet woods of the North. In addition, experiments to determine a tending schedule for regeneration resulting from silvicultural treatment were expanded.

Standard treatment rules provide for brushing and raking immediately prior to seed fall around seed trees of Group "A" species where regeneration of these species is lacking. Experiments aim at determining the intensity of treatment necessary, the distance it should extend from the parent and the follow-up treatment to ensure survival and development of the regeneration secured.

So far Maple, Ash, Silkwood, Red Cedar and Bull Oak have been covered and results have been good.

Experiments on the tending of regeneration are of recent establishment and, whilst they disclose substantial responses to removal of competition of weed species, it is too early to draw general conclusions.

Prior to the building of a glass-house and a lath-house near the office in Atherton (1958), work on the grafting of Maple was carried on under difficulties and with only slight success, principally from bud grafts. Since that time, with the better control permitted by glass- and lath-house facilities, satisfactory takes have been obtained using Terminal Wedge and Side Veneer techniques. Trials have been carried out using scions from 3 parents from R. 310 Gadgarra covering the four seasons of the year over the period October, 1958–April, 1960.

Overall results have been—

Type of Graft	Take (Per cent.)	
	Glass-house	Lath-house
Terminal Wedge	54.4	61.2
Side Veneer	63.5	46.7

Parental influence was observed with a range from 64 per cent. to 44 per cent. in takes. Season had a marked effect with overall takes as follows:—

Spring 38 per cent., Summer 60 per cent., Autumn 53 per cent., Winter 60 per cent.

Unfortunately, in the initial propagation of highly-figured trees, it will not be possible to select the season for grafting since it depends on when such trees are felled in logging. Subsequently, in extending clones of established parents it will be possible to avoid the spring period.

There appears to be no advantage to the glass-house over the lath-house in so far as percentage take is concerned.

(ii.) *Central Coastal Queensland (Bowenia).* Planting of trial plots of *Pinus caribaea* commenced at this centre in 1949 and, to date, 3 yield plots have been established in the older plots. Data for these are shown in the following table and they focus attention on the growth potential of this tree:—

Plot	Location	Age	Stocking	Average G.B.H.	Average Predominant Height	Basal Area per Acre		
						1960	M.A.I.	C.A.I.
				In.	Ft.	Sq. Ft.	Sq. Ft.	Sq. Ft.
1	Compartment 4—Stringybark	8	385	24.2	53.5	124.6	15.5	..
2	Compartment 9—Stringybark	8	393	22.4	50	108.4	13.5	..
3	Compartment 1—Stringybark	11	459	23.0	53.5	134.1	12.2	19.1

All plots were thinned unmerchantably at 4-5 years.

Stand tables show that on the oldest plot (No. 3, 11 years), a merchantable thinning with a minimum girth of 24 inches would be possible now, and this is on a site considered to be not above average for plantable types on R. 20 Maryvale. Plots 1 and 2 represent better quality sites and these will be thinnable on the same standards by age 10 years. As a consequence, the second stage of unmerchantable thinning to 300 per acre has been suspended until such time as thinning experiments resolve the question of its desirability.

The plots involved in the initial thinning experiment (Experiment 55) with Basal Area control were remeasured in June. All plots had been reduced to approximately 400 per acre before establishment of the experiment, and Basal Area increments for the period June, 1959–June, 1960, on 10 plots ranged from 20.0 to 24.5 square feet, with a mean of 22.3 square feet. Standing basal areas ranged from 61.3 square feet to 73.6 square feet, with a mean of 68.2 square feet. It is expected that treatments will be needed next year for the plots which will have basal area controls of 80 square feet and 95 square feet, respectively, and that, for many years, annual thinnings will be necessary to maintain the desired average standing basal areas.

There is a great deal of variation in form and vigour with *Pinus caribaea* and this has encouraged the initiation of a vigorous programme of tree breeding from selected parents.

(iii.) *Southern Queensland.* (a) *Tree Breeding—Slash Pine.*—From a total of 1,086 grafts attempted 659 takes resulted, i.e. 60.8 per cent. Scions came from 10 elite trees or from clones derived from these trees. No differences in percentage take were observed between scions from the original parent and those from grafts. 100 of the takes were supplied to A.P.M. as a start for a seed orchard, whilst the remainder were set out at 24 feet x 24 feet spacing in the R. 638 Beerwah seed orchard.

In 1959, and again in 1960, a series of observations was made on the phenology of flowering of the elite trees being used in seed orchard establishment. Data are still being collected, but the following points are of interest and some have practical importance in regard to the part individual parents may play in the seed orchard:—

1. On a Slash Pine tree anthesis and receptivity generally overlap in time. Anthesis usually commences before any flowers are receptive and finishes before the receptive period of female flowers is past.
2. There is a wide tree to tree variation in commencement and duration of flowering such that natural crosses of some parents could not occur.
3. Flower development in a clone corresponds, generally, with that in the parent tree but there is variation between ramets perhaps due to minor site differences, to taking of grafting material from different crown levels in the parent, or to stock influence.

In the Slash Pine seed orchards established with grafted stock from 1953 to 1960 negligible amounts of pollen have been produced. However, useful crops of female flowers have occurred and these have been used for controlled crossings of parents for progeny testing. In the younger orchard planted 1958-60 some 150 cones were so pollinated in 1960.

Pinus caribaea.—The first extensive annual plantings of *Pinus caribaea* have now reached the stage where they are sufficiently developed to permit selection of elite trees. The 1954 planting at Bowenia was gone over during the year and yielded two trees of form and vigour sufficiently outstanding to merit their selection. These trees will be kept under observation and, if their future development merits their retention, will be considered in the final sorting out of trees for use in seed orchard establishment. Preliminary selection at an early stage is a distinct advantage, particularly in a species of rapid growth and generally poor form.

Up to now, grafting of *Pinus caribaea* has followed the same technique as with Slash Pine, i.e. bottle grafts on potted stocks in glass-house or in lath-house. During the year promising results were obtained from cleft grafts on stock growing in the field. Preliminary tests carried out in January, April and November, 1959, using scions from young trees 4 to 7 years old on stock planted in the field in January, 1958, gave takes of January, 80 per cent.; April, 20 per cent.; November, 70 per cent. More extensive trials are to be initiated in the coming year. An outstanding feature was the rapid growth of the successful grafts, particularly from the November trial, where growths of up to 37 in. were recorded in 6 months.

Slash x Pinus caribaea Hybrid.—After two years in the field, and with an average height of approximately 6 feet, the Hybrid has a 20 per cent. height advantage over both of the species involved. The prospect of hybrid vigour with intermediate stem form makes this cross of particular interest. During the year the cross was repeated and the reciprocal was attempted for the first time in Queensland.

Pinus radiata.—During the year further crosses were made involving parents of outstanding health which are considered likely to have some resistance to Diplodia. For a number of years seed of the Guadalupe strain of this species has been sought, as likely to prove of interest to Queensland because of the latitude of its occurrence. Through the good graces of Dr. J. R. McWilliam of the C.S.I.R.O., seed was obtained representative of 15 individual trees on the Island. Stock of each of these is now available for use in a number of localities.

Hoop Pine.—Though 1959 was not a year of general and heavy flowering, it was possible to initiate a series of detailed field observations, to be backed by microscopic studies in the laboratory, to study the mechanics of pollination and fertilisation of Hoop Pine. Tests designed to determine the stage of receptivity indicated that it occurred when the scales opened and the cone was about 1 inch in length. This generally confirms earlier observations, but it appears that the period in time may be shorter than the earlier field observations suggested. Chief problems associated with controlled pollination are to find a suitable material for bagging the cones such that overheating and withering of cones are avoided, and also the rapid decline in viability of pollen.

Further progress was made in the matter of the vegetative reproduction of Hoop Pine by the use of "patch" grafts with dormant buds taken from the main stem. Since the last report this method has been extended to grafting in the field. Trials were carried out in September and October, 1959, using bark patches from the leading shoot of trees 30 years in age. Stocks were 3 years in the field and 8 to 9 feet in height. In all, 96 grafts were attempted and a 100 per cent. take secured. As with the field grafting of *Pinus caribaea*, the outstanding feature is the rapid elongation of the scion. Shoots produced are typical leader type, whereas grafts using first order branches retain their branch habit after four years in the field and even if staked.

Preliminary survey has been made of an area for the establishment of the first Hoop Pine seed orchard and a number of parent trees have been chosen as elites for inclusion.

Kauri Pine.—Patch grafting in the field, using scions from 22-year-old trees on to stocks three years in the field and about 6 feet in height, was carried out in September and October. Take in the September trial of 16 grafts was 60 per cent. and it was considered that heavy winds were responsible for most of the failures. Development of the graft has been slower than with Hoop Pine but is quite satisfactory.

During the year the first controlled pollinations were attempted with this species and it was observed that on the one tree maturation of male and female flowers occurs at widely separated times.

Wood samples were taken from a number of potential elite trees and quality studies are being conducted by C.S.I.R.O.

(b) *Exotic Pines*.—The major work on these species continues to be the maintenance and further treatment of thinning experiments with Slash, Loblolly and Caribbean Pine, but no general revision of results from these experiments has been attempted. It is now 5 years since this was last done and it is proposed to review the position in the near future.

To do this satisfactorily it is necessary to have reliable figures for standing values of trees of different sizes and wood of different qualities. The following figures, obtained for successive measurements of two plots of Slash Pine in a thinning experiment (Experiment 265 North Coast), emphasise this need. The plots were planted in 1948 at a spacing of 8 feet x 8 feet. Plot 1 was thinned unmerchantably at age 6 years to 403 stems per acre, Plot 2 remains at 536 stems per acre.

Area and volume increments for the period 1959-60 were—

	Plot 1	Plot 2
Basal Area per acre—		
Standing	113.1 square feet	129.5 square feet
Increment 59-60	10.4 square feet	11.6 square feet
Merchantable Volume to 4 in. d.u.b. (under bark) per acre—		
Standing	1,451 cubic feet	1,489 cubic feet
Increment 59-60	308 cubic feet	337 cubic feet
Total Volume under bark per acre—		
Standing	1,775 cubic feet	1,957 cubic feet
Increment 59-60	308 cubic feet	340 cubic feet

These are frequently the criteria on which an attempt is made to assess thinning experiments and in this case they are inconclusive.



Bud taken from main stem and grafted on Hoop pine field stock. Grafted October 1959. Stock planted 1956. Length of graft 32 inches. Note normal leader development.



Bud taken from main stem and grafted on Kauri pine field stock. Graft struck September 1959. Stock planted 1956. Note normal leader development.



Hoop pine grafts. Scions from first order branches. Grafts made on tubed stock and planted 1956. Note maintenance of branch habit despite staking.

However, when current size values established by mill studies are applied the following figures are obtained:—

	Plot 1		Plot 2	
Per Acre Standing Value (Stumpage) 1960	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
	876	0	612	0
Value Increment 1959-60	358	0	210	0

The advantage of 148s. per acre in value increment makes no allowance for the increased production of clean wood on the pruned section of the high pruned select stems, nor for the better average form of the thinned plot. Nevertheless, it provides a yardstick for measurement which permits a clear answer to be given.

The oldest thinning experiment in *Pinus caribaea* is 10 years from planting at June, 1960. It is located on Compartment 21, Six Mile Logging Area, R. 638 Beerwah, and was commenced in 1955 with treatments as follow:—

Unthinned—Plots 1 and 2, approximately 560 per acre.

Thinned 1955—Plots 3 and 6, approximately 435 per acre.

Thinned 1955—Plots 4 and 5, approximately 340 per acre.

Pertinent figures following 1960 measure are—

Plot	Stocking	Select Stems						Whole Stand		
		Average G.B.H.			Basal Area per Acre			Basal Area per Acre		
		1960	Increment 1959-60	Increment 1957-60	1960	Increment 1959-60	Increment 1957-60	1960	Increment 1959-60	Increment 1957-60
		In.	In.	In.	Sq. Ft.	Sq. Ft.	Sq. Ft.	Sq. Ft.	Sq. Ft.	Sq. Ft.
1 ..	572	23.29	1.62	5.35	47.7	6.4	19.4	146.0	20.4	58.4
2 ..	553	23.40	1.65	5.13	49.2	6.7	19.2	146.5	20.5	56.6
Mean ..	562	23.35	1.64	5.24	48.4	6.6	19.3	146.3	20.5	57.5
3 ..	439	24.00	1.77	5.57	51.2	7.3	21.0	132.5	19.2	53.8
6 ..	429	24.00	1.82	5.66	50.1	7.3	20.8	122.6	18.6	51.4
Mean ..	434	24.00	1.80	5.62	50.7	7.3	20.9	127.6	18.9	52.6
4 ..	339	24.68	1.90	6.03	54.0	8.0	23.2	113.4	17.2	49.2
5 ..	344	25.92	2.06	6.47	59.5	9.1	26.0	118.1	18.2	51.8
Mean ..	342	25.30	1.98	6.25	56.8	8.6	24.6	115.8	17.7	50.5

Average Predominant Height 1960—52.5 feet.

Growth rates in this experiment are comparable with those for Plot 3, Compartment 1, Stringybark Logging Area, at Bowenia, and merchantable thinning with a minimum girth of 24 inches will be possible next year.

Difficulties in obtaining supplies of cowyard manure led to experiments being established in 1954 using Filter press (by-product of sugar industry) against cowyard manure. Annual sowings have been made over a period of 6 years and the experiments have now been terminated. They showed that at equivalent rates of application (10 to 30 tons per acre) Filter Press gives comparable results to those from cow manure and it has the advantage of introducing no weed problems. It has the disadvantage of being expensive to transport and care is necessary to ensure that the pH of the press is less than 7.

Pot experiments conducted in the plant house on the control of damping off with Slash Pine seedlings gave promising results from organic fungicides applied as post-germination drenches. Further experiments have been established in the nursery beds but results are not yet available.

Annually since 1954, experiments have been established to indicate the best procedure to be followed if an unfavourable winter prevents completion of planting of Slash Pine before the end of winter (August). Months covered each year have been September, October, November and December with planting as close to the 15th as convenient. Treatments involved—

- (a) Lifting and Heeling in.
- (b) Wrenching in situ.
- (c) Control.

Consistently, lifting and heeling in has given the best results and survival figures for this treatment have been—

Month	Survival (Per cent.)					
	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
September	99	98	86	92	100	96
October	97	97	92	57	89	97
November	99	76	50	51	100	88
December	91	100	90	77	100	76

Trials with 2,4,5-T ester in water (1 per cent. solution) as a foliar spray continue to show promise in the control of Eucalypt, Angophora and Wattle regrowth on plantation firelines. After two or three hormone treatments these species can be eliminated and the break converted to grass.

The experiments in the control of eucalypt coppice in plantations by pre-planting aerial spraying with 2,4,5-T continue to show excellent results, but the economics of this type of treatment are not yet clear. In the 1958 treatments, the generally scattered survivors have now reached a size such that an effective cut stump treatment with 2,4,5-T can be carried out. Thus it may be possible to achieve virtually complete control of wattle and eucalypt coppice in plantation areas with two chemical treatments. The areas treated in 1959 show excellent control of coppice with no obvious differences between treatments at this stage.

No further aerial spraying was carried out this year, pending the availability of more definite results from established experiments.

Glasshouse investigations on the nutrition of *Pinus taeda*, *Pinus caribaea*, Hoop and Kauri Pines were continued. The nitrogen-phosphorus interaction reported last year in pot experiments has now been clearly shown in a number of field experiments designed to test the effect of cultivation, Ammonium sulphate, Sodium dihydrogen phosphate and other fertilisers. Analysis of first year increments showed the effect of cultivation and cultivation x phosphorus interaction to be highly significant. Phosphorus in the absence of cultivation gave no response and this shows that it is the interaction which is responsible for the effect. Cultivation, however, increased growth with or without addition of phosphorus. Other experiments involving chipped and cultivated plots have shown that only part of this response can be attributed to removal of competition from grass, &c., and there is evidence that the effect is due primarily to promoting the mineralisation of soil nitrogen.

A significant N x P interaction was also found and the following figures are for an experiment designed to study this interaction. This trial was a 4 x 3 factorial combination of superphosphate and urea, laid out in randomised blocks on a site which had been rotary-hoed before planting. The superphosphate treatments were $P_0 = \text{nil}$, $P_2 = 2$, $P_4 = 4$, $P_8 = 8$ cwt. per acre. The urea treatments were $N_0 = \text{nil}$, $N_1 = 1$, $N_2 = 2$ cwt. per acre applied four times during the growing season, i.e. $N_1 = 4$ cwt. per acre, $N_2 = 8$ cwt. per acre. The effect of these treatments on the height increment of Loblolly Pine during its first year in the field is shown in the following table (figures are means of 3 plots in inches):—

Treatment	N_0	N_1	N_2
P_0	26.6	30.0	29.6
P_2	28.5	42.4	39.4
P_4	30.3	42.4	42.4
P_8	28.7	43.7	43.6

From examination of the table it will be seen that there was little or no response to either urea or superphosphate when these fertilisers were applied alone, but there was a marked response when both were added together.

(c) *Hoop and Kauri Pine*.—At both Imbil and Yarraman the major part of the work is the maintenance and measurement of thinning experiments of long standing. Annual measurement is favoured because it permits examination of the influence of factors such as stocking and standing basal area which can be controlled, on growth under different seasonal conditions. Results from these experiments show that routine prescriptions do not need serious adjustment and a general revision of the position will not be undertaken for some years.

In south-east Queensland successful open plantations have been established only on areas which originally carried rain forest with Hoop Pine as a component member. There is insufficient land of this type available for planting to provide for the softwood requirements of the State, and exotics (Slash Pine chiefly) are planted on poor soils on the coastal plain which originally supported inferior open forest of Eucalypts. The wood of the native conifers, Hoop and Kauri Pine, is markedly superior to that of the exotic pines for general softwood and plywood purposes. The climate of coastal south-east Queensland is suitable for their growth and they occur naturally in that region on soils which apparently have no advantages over the better types on which Slash Pine is planted. However, on these types open plantings of the native species have failed whilst underplantings with overwood of Slash or Loblolly Pine have shown healthy, if slow, growth. The following figures are for a planting of Hoop and Kauri in March, 1956, under a stand of Slash Pine planted 8 feet x 8 feet in 1932 and reduced by three merchantable thinnings to select high pruned trees only (160 per acre). July 1960 data are—

—	Underplanting		Overwood
	Hoop Pine	Kauri Pine	Slash Pine
Species	Hoop Pine	Kauri Pine	Slash Pine
Stems per acre	485	480	160
Tallest stem	88 inches	139 inches	..
Average height	54 inches	77 inches	81 feet
Average G.B.H. .. .. .	..	..	36 inches
Height increment 1959-60	24 inches	39 inches	..
Basal Area per acre .. .. .	..	..	111 square feet

Small open plantings of Hoop and Kauri in a number of centres surrounded by plantings of Slash Pine are beginning to show a marked improvement in health and in growth along the edges of the Slash in about the 6th year from planting. This suggests that the earliest time for underplanting could be following unmerchantable thinning to 300 per acre, which normally is done at age 6 to 7 years.

These observations, supported by those of fertiliser experiments involving Nitrogen, suggest that there may be a build up in the N content of soil under Slash and Loblolly Pines.

Revision of the Hoop Pine volume table for the Brisbane Valley was completed during the year, using electronic data processing. Prior to processing, all sample tree data were critically examined and additional trees measured as required. Tables were prepared for total volume, merchantable volume to 4 in. d.u.b. and 6 in. d.u.b., and volume in pruned section, using both predominant height and height of individual trees as variables. Preliminary work for the Mary Valley data is well advanced, and the revised tables for this district should be available in the near future.

Apart from greater speed and accuracy in the production of volume tables, there are other advantages in having sample tree data on punch cards to permit electronic processing. During the year, further work was carried out on the Brisbane Valley data with a view to developing equations to represent tree form. This will be useful in a number of fields, and it is hoped that eventually similar studies can be undertaken with all major plantation species.

(d) *Coastal Hardwoods*.—Eight annual prescribed burns have now been carried out in the experiment at R. 958 Gundiab. Following the poor burn in 1958, the 1959 burn was quite satisfactory, 77 per cent. of the compartment being covered.

No further operations were carried out in the experiment at R. 57 St. Mary, which is now undergoing a period of protection to allow regeneration to develop.

These one-acre plots, laid down on a variety of soil and vegetational types, have been established to trace the complete history and development of our natural forests by providing detailed data on the growth of the forest as a whole, and of individual stems. They will permit analysis of the following data:—

- (i.) Girth increments by size classes and crown classes for all commercial species.
- (ii.) The relationship of standing Basal Area and Volume with increment over a wide variety of forest types and stocking.
- (iii.) The analysis and determination of site quality classes.
- (iv.) The effects of logging, silvicultural treatment, fire and protection.
- (v.) The determination of a tree classification, based principally on crown and vigour classes, for use in tree-marking operations.
- (vi.) The detailed study of the regeneration requirements of all commercial species, in regard to the effects of site, light, soil, moisture and existing stand conditions on regeneration.

To date, 121 Detailed Yield Plots have been laid down in the Dalby district. Of these, 53 plots have been established for a period of 20 years or more, with remeasurements at intervals of 3–4 years. The remaining plots were established at varying periods between 1954 and 1959 and first remeasurement of these plots will be completed during 1960.

During the past year techniques for dealing with the extraction of data from these plots have been revised and, with the provision of additional clerical staff, it is anticipated that the initial summaries of growth data for each major reserve will be available in the very near future.

In any regeneration programme a knowledge of the seeding habits of the commercial species is essential. Past research in this district has established the flowering and fruiting cycles of Narrow Leaf Ironbark (*Eucalyptus crebra*) and Spotted Gum (*Eucalyptus maculata*). More recent work has been concentrated on Cypress Pine (*Callitris glauca*), and it has been determined for this species that general seed years occur on the average every 2–3 years, dependent on seasonal variations, with the flowering and fruiting cycle for any particular crop as follows:—

Male Amenta	.. .. .	Commence development 6-7 months before pollination.
Pollen Flow	.. .. .	Normally September and October, and of 4-6 weeks duration.
Immature Cones	.. .. .	For a further 12 months after pollination.
Mature Cones and Seedfall	.. .. .	For a further 3 months, with general months being November and December.

Hence for any particular crop the total time from the development of male amenta to the completion of seedfall is 23–24 months.

To obtain further information on the duration and quantity of seedfall six seed-traps (each 10 square feet in unit area) were established in November, 1959, in good quality Cypress Pine stands on R. 58 Gideon as follows:—

- Traps 1 and 2—Unburnt areas.
 Traps 3 and 4—Light to moderate burn November 1957.
 Traps 5 and 6—Severe burn November 1957.

Collections of seed are continuing but number of seed collected in each trap to June, 1960, was:—

Seed Trap	November 1959	December 1959	January 1960	February 1960	March–June 1960	Total
1	108 (60)	248 (98)	26 (12)	31 (13)	8 (4)	421 (187)
2	186 (74)	271 (108)	53 (19)	58 (25)	9 (1)	577 (227)
3	23 (7)	25 (11)	4 (1)	2 (—)	1 (—)	55 (19)
4	52 (17)	74 (18)	7 (2)	16 (2)	40 (2)	189 (41)
All Traps	369 (158)	618 (235)	90 (34)	107 (40)	58 (7)	1,242 (474)

(Number of viable seed determined by cutting tests in brackets.)

No seed was collected in the severely burnt areas and field inspection indicated that crown recovery was slow on the trees surviving and no cones had been produced.

For Traps 1-4 79·5 per cent. of all seed and 82·9 per cent. of viable seed fell during November and December, and further dissection of weekly collections indicated that the peak period of seedfall was between 26th November and 17th December, 1959. It is expected that only insignificant quantities of seed will still fall.

Number of seed fallen per acre to date is—

Seed Trap No.	Total No. per Acre	Viable No. per Acre	Viable
1	1,833,876	814,572	Per cent. 44·4
2	2,513,412	988,812	39·3
3	239,580	82,764	34·5
4	823,284	178,596	21·7
Mean	1,352,612	516,186	38·2

These figures are representative of a heavy and general seedfall and this experiment will continue over several years to determine yearly variations in the amount of seed produced.

Protection

At the 30th June the total area of State Forest in Queensland was 5,118,483 acres. Of this, an area of 1,667,500 acres has been intensively protected by standard systems of firelines and/or fire roads.

Table "A" shows the construction and maintenance work carried out on this protection system during the year.

TABLE "A"

CLEARED BREAKS—PLANTATIONS

Construction—	Miles
Temporary Breaks	77·1
Clear	87·2
Rotary Hoe	10·8
Grade	42·1
Scrub Break Improvements	130·6
Maintenance—	
Chip	98·7
Burn	296·5
Rotary Hoe	463·4
Grade	1,301·8

CLEARED BREAKS—WESTERN FORESTS

Construction—	
Cut and Grub	167·1
Improvements—	
Grub Roads	41·8
Grade	353·6
Green Strips	134·3
Maintenance—	
Sucker and Burn	301·7
Grade	1,126·8
Rotary Hoe	602·6

GREEN BREAKS—COASTAL HARDWOOD AREAS

Construction—	
Fall Dangerous Trees	35·1
Stack and Burn	10·7
Improvements	48·7
Roads	70·0

Maintenance—

Chip and/or Plough	858.1
Burn	716.9
Roads	525.8
Grade	363.0

Construction of firelines and fire roads cost £96,576 and a further sum of £122,204 was expended on maintenance of the system.

Detention of personnel at week-ends and on public holidays, observation, patrol, detection and fire-fighting cost a further £28,437.

Costs of this last item in recent years have been—

	£
1957-58	128,607
1958-59	35,855
1959-60	28,437

These figures are a reflection of the fire season, which has been atypical in that the usual October-November peak of fire occurrence was absent.

Tables "B," "C," "D" and "E," illustrate the pattern of fire occurrence and control (with reference to Forest Reservations only). Statistics are at present recorded only for fires on or menacing Forest Reserves and against which Departmental suppression action has been taken.

TABLE "B"

AREAS OF FOREST RESERVES BURNT BY FIRES ORIGINATING ON OR ENTERING INTO RESERVES ON WHICH THERE IS SOME DEGREE OF PROTECTION

Type of Forest	Degree of Protection		Total Area Burnt
	Intensive	Extensive	
	Acres	Acres	Acres
Plantations	20	..	20
High Quality	2,093	..	2,093
Low Quality	879	400	1,279
Waste Areas	1,447	350	1,797
Total Area Burnt	4,439	750	5,189
Burnt Area as Percentage of Acres Protected by Firelines	0.27	..	0.31

The burnt area of "intensively protected" forest is larger than might be expected, due to the alteration in definition of intensive and extensive protection.

In previous years forests have been regarded as "intensively protected" only when completely surrounded by a standard system of firelines and fire roads providing ready access for men and vehicles.

The amended definitions, following the Healesville Forest Fire Control Conference of 1959, are—

Intensive Protection—Area covered by an organised detection system; initial attack commenced within two hours of detection.

Extensive Protection—Area may or may not be covered by an organised protection system; initial attack not normally commenced within two hours of detection.

Unprotected—No organised detection system; initial attack may be delayed for some considerable period, or in some cases fires may be allowed to burn unchecked.

Most of the Queensland forests previously classed as "extensively protected" would now be considered as "intensively protected".

A decision to suppress a fire in an "unprotected" area would be made with regard to the time of the year, the development of the fire season and the likelihood of damage to State Forests.

TABLE "C"

CAUSES OF FIRES ATTACKED ON OR NEAR FOREST RESERVES

Cause	Number of Fires	Percentage of Total
(a) Burning off—with Permit	5	13.2
(b) Burning off—without Permit	15	39.5
(c) *Smokers, Tourists, Travellers	10	26.3
(d) Lightning	2	5.3
(e) Trains, Railway burning	1	2.6
(f) Industrial Operations—Mills, Logging .. .. .	..	..
(g) Cars, Tractors, Mechanical Equipment .. .. .	..	..
(h) Restarts from previous fires	1	2.6
(i) Miscellaneous Known Causes	1	2.6
(j) Unknown	3	7.9
	38	..

* (c) Includes several night time or early morning fires on Reserves near the Metropolitan boundaries.

A reduction in the number of fire causes listed as "unknown" is noteworthy. This is due partly to the much easier fire load in each district and partly to the inclusion of "most probable" causes under the appropriate heading. Absolute proof of cause is difficult in many cases.

The number of lightning fires is greatly reduced in comparison with the 1957-58 figure. This is partly due to a lower heat thunderstorm incidence in November and December, but is mainly due to much higher fuel moisture at this time of the year in comparison with the normal year, with consequent lower danger of ignition.

There were two fires in young pine plantations during the year, one, of eight acres, in *Pinus elliottii* in the Maryborough district in December, as the result of a lightning strike and the other of twelve acres, in *Pinus echinata*, *Pinus elliottii* and *Pinus patula* near Gatton. The second fire occurred as a jump-over from burning operations on an external fireline adjacent to the plantation.

Recovery of the *Pinus elliottii* is in excess of 99 per cent. at Maryborough, but will be much lower at Gatton due to a greater percentage of crown consumption by flames.

TABLE "D"

SIZES REACHED BY FIRES ORIGINATING ON OR ENTERING FOREST RESERVES

Size of Fire*	Total	Percentage
Acres		
0-10	12	37.5
11-100	12	37.5
101-1,000	6	18.7
1,001-10,000	2	6.3
10,000+ .. .. .	..	..
	32	..

* Total size attained by fire, including the areas shown in Table "B" and adjacent Crown Land and private property.

TABLE "E"

MONTHLY FIRE OCCURRENCE (ALL FORESTRY DISTRICTS)

Month	Total	Percentage
July .. .. .	..	..
August	12	31.6
September	5	13.2
October	6	15.8
November	1	2.6
December	2	5.3
January	1	2.6
February .. .. .	..	..
March	1	2.6
April	3	7.9
May	3	7.9
June	4	10.5
	38	..

The maximum number of fires, 12, occurred on eleven different days during August and unseasonal rains then delayed the development of the normal October-November fires. A feature of note is the recording of fires during March, April, May and June in 1960.

This altered pattern is due to the unusual spring and early summer rains, followed by the comparative absence of the January-March wet season. In many areas the 1960 rainfall has been less than 60 per cent. of the normal

As a result of the wet spring there is a considerable body of grass in most forest areas and this is now in a much drier condition than is normal in early winter. Frosts have contributed to the drying out of fuel.

An area of 10,355 acres has been treated with prescribed burns as a hazard reduction measure. These burns have been restricted mainly to the Spotted Gum—Ironbark types. Further work is necessary before the degree to which such procedure can be expanded on other types is known.

Preliminary plans have been prepared and initial quotes have been obtained for heavy and light duty fire tankers and for additional "slip-on" first attack units for use with four-wheel drive vehicles.

It is hoped to increase, markedly, the proportion of four-wheel drive vehicles in the fleet to allow greater mobility in the coastal hill areas and in the sandy cypress pine country of Western Queensland.

New equipment is necessary to reinforce the existing range of slip-on tank units, which have rendered yeoman service in recent years in all districts.

Diesel equipment is preferred for fire units, particularly from the safety viewpoint.

Fire Weather Forecasts have been obtained regularly from the Bureau of Meteorology, whose officers utilise readings from twenty observing stations operated by this Department. Studies on the occurrence of sea breezes and on the weather associated with successful plantation site burns are continuing. It is hoped to further correlate ground burning conditions with upper air factors. The assistance and co-operation of the Bureau is acknowledged and appreciated.

Capital Improvements

Amounts of £32,500 and £43,900 were expended on the maintenance and construction, respectively, of capital improvements.

The construction items are listed below. The major items were those involved in forest station establishment at the new plantation centres referred to above.

Extension of the forest research centre at Beerwah was made by the addition of two cottages, while a start was made on the construction of a new soils laboratory.

Items on which construction funds were expended were—

Item	No.
Married Quarters (permanent)	15
Married Quarters (portable)	18
Cottages	3
Barracks—	
6 man	3
4 man	1
Galley-Showers-Laundry	5
Office-Garage-Storeroom	4
Fire Lookout Towers	3
Grafting house (Research)	1
Bridges	4
Grids	22
Telephone	31 miles

Expenditure and Labour

The total expenditure for the year on reforestation works was £1,529,809, details of which appear in Appendix H. The major headings were—

	£
Plantations	376,143
Natural Regeneration	46,588
Nursery Expenses	46,193
Research	31,737
Surveys	14,094
Protection	266,029
Capital Improvements	76,461
Stores, Supervision, &c.	304,123
Wet Time, Holidays, Leave	168,823
Cartage of Rations	14,179
Camping Allowance	109,968
Pay-roll Tax	29,300
Workers' Compensation	31,433
Seed Collection and Storage	2,101
Miscellaneous	12,637
	£1,529,809

The number of wages employees engaged on reforestation works at 30th June, 1960, was 1,419. This is 112 more than on 30th June, 1959, but the average monthly employment of 1,372 was only 42 above the previous year's figures.

Plant

The use of machines in the Department's programme is steadily increasing, as new types of machines become available and methods are changed to obtain greater efficiency. There are still many areas to be made accessible for the extraction of timber, the fire protection network to be extended and improved, and also additional access roads built to serve the new plantations.

The expansion of the Department's fleet of earthmoving machines and other plant was inadequate to keep pace with requirements.

The additional equipment purchased for the year was two light maintenance graders, three tilt bed trailers for transporting the earthmoving machines, two lightweight rock drills, one light four-wheel drive vehicle for *Harrisia Cactus* eradication in the Dalby district, and one light utility for the use of the National Parks Ranger.

Replacement machines purchased were two medium dozers, two small dozer-loaders and thirty-five vehicles.

In the repair of machines, more repairs are being done by the district mechanics; this is reducing down time due to repairs and is also saving the freight cost of bringing the machines into a major repair centre. Unfortunately, there is still insufficient personnel engaged in repair work and in the supervision of plant generally.

Considerable savings have been made in reclaiming tracks and track rollers of the crawler machines and also in reclaiming the tyres of the wheeled machines. Some of the tyres have been especially rebuilt to meet the Department's requirements. Quite a good measure of success has been obtained from all the parts reclaimed.

It is hoped that there will be sufficient funds available in the future to increase plant to meet fully the Department's requirements.

Expenditure for financial year 1959-60—Maintenance of Plant £184,999, Purchase of Plant £94,129.

A census of plant as at 30th June, 1960, was—

	Disposals	Purchases	Number at 30th June, 1960
Trucks—			
Capacity—			
Under 1 ton	18	21	187
1-2 tons	3	..	4
2 tons	12	..	100
3-4 tons	1	13	17
5-6 tons	2	3	14
Total	<u>36</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>322</u>
Tractors (D.B.H.P.)—			
(a) Track Type—			
Up to 50 h.p. with dozer	1	2	4
50 h.p. without dozer .. .. .	..	..	23
50-100 h.p. with dozer	2	2	25
100 h.p. with dozer .. .. .	..	..	5
(b) Wheel Type (End Loaders, Rotary Hoes, &c.)			
.. .. .	..	..	44
Total	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>101</u>
Graders—			
Drawn .. .. .	..	1	25
Powered to 40 h.p. .. .. .	..	..	9
40-80 h.p. .. .. .	..	2	6
80-100 h.p. .. .. .	..	..	6
100 h.p. .. .. .	..	..	3
Total .. .. .	..	<u>3</u>	<u>49</u>
Road Compressors .. .. .	..	..	12
Rippers .. .. .	..	..	23
Rotary Hoes .. .. .	..	..	37
Fire Slip On Tank Type Units .. .. .	..	..	72
Fire Tank Units (various types) .. .. .	..	..	27
Water Tank Trailers (324 gallons) .. .. .	..	..	40
Road Rollers .. .. .	..	..	6
Road Scoops .. .. .	..	..	18
End Loaders .. .. .	..	..	8
Light weight Rock Drills .. .. .	..	2	2

ACQUISITION OF LAND

During the year 1959-60 an amount of £9,820 12s. 2d. was expended on the acquisition of land for Forestry purposes as follows:—

	£ s. d.
Purchase of land	65 10 0
Compensation paid for resumptions	8,544 18 3
Survey and Real Property fees	704 1 11
Compensation paid for improvements on a surrendered	
Grazing Homestead	220 0 0
Miscellaneous	298 12 0
	<u>£9,833 2 2</u>
Less amount recovered by disposal of improvements	
in acquired areas	12 10 0
	<u>£9,820 12 2</u>

The expenditure of £65 10s. 0d. represents purchase of a property of 13 acres 2 roods 18 perches adjoining State Forest Reserve 638, parish of Beerwah, whilst the amount of £8,544 18s. 3d., expended by way of compensation for resumptions, is in respect of three properties, totalling 396 acres 3 roods 4 perches, resumed previously for Forestry purposes and now proclaimed State Forest.

FOREST SURVEYS

Nineteen camps operated during the year, of which eight were engaged on Reforestation projects, six on Forest Inventory surveys, two on Assessment surveys in Central Queensland, two on Logging surveys in North Queensland and one on Theodolite Control surveys in Southern Queensland.

Operations for each type of survey were as follows:—

Reforestation Surveys

Of the eight camps operating on Reforestation surveys two were engaged in Gympie and one in each of Brisbane, Maryborough, Mackay, Murgon, Monto and Yarraman districts. A total of 748 miles of compass and chain traverse was run, covering compartment and reserve boundaries, firebreaks, roads, species separation and soil and timber classification surveys. These camps were mainly 3-men gangs.

Forest Inventory Surveys

Of the six camps operating, three were engaged on Western cypress and hardwood, two on coastal hardwood, and one on softwood plantation areas.

In the western areas 167,960 acres were assessed, with an establishment of 1,008 permanent plots and a tally of 1,077 miles of strip and compartment boundary surveys. In the coastal hardwood areas 71,400 acres were covered, with an establishment of 467 permanent and 114 random plots and with a strip survey total of 230 miles. In the softwood plantations 353 previously established plots were remeasured and 78 new plots were established, covering an area of assessment of 4,870 acres, and 3,537 acres of site index sampling was accomplished by 187 miles of strip measurement.

Assessment Surveys

Two camps operating in the Mackay district, at Duinga and Theodore, were engaged on timber assessment surveys. An area of 66,570 acres was covered and a total of 461 miles was run as strip surveys.

Logging Surveys—North Queensland

The two camps operating in North Queensland were mainly engaged on road location surveys for logging purposes. However, some compartment surveys were run for reforestation projects in the rain forest areas. A total of 133 miles of traverse was surveyed by compass and chain.

Inspection and Investigation Surveys

520 miles of traverse were also undertaken during the year for inspection, reconnaissance and investigation surveys. These were mainly confined to Mackay and North Queensland districts.

Theodolite Control Surveys

Theodolite control lines totalling 100 miles were run during the year. Forty-three miles were on softwood plantation areas, 38 miles on western cypress and hardwood areas and 19 on coastal hardwood.

NATIONAL PARKS

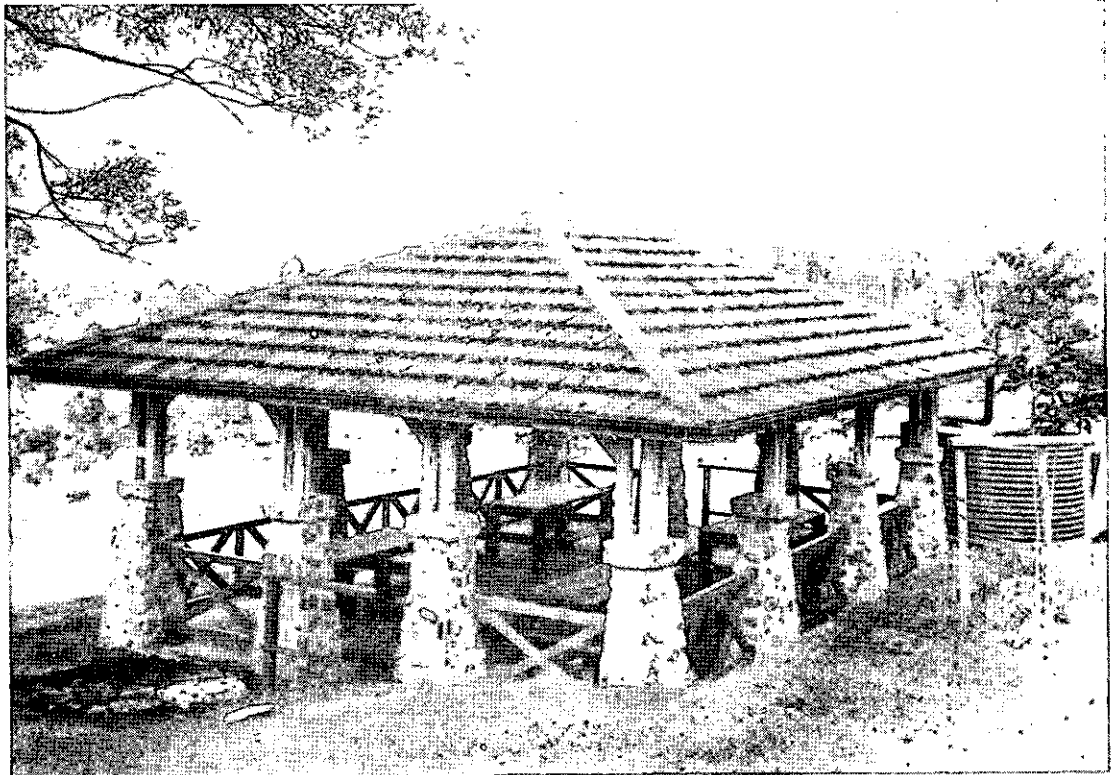
In recent years a pressing demand has developed for facilities for the picnicker and the day visitor to our National Parks. Particularly on Sundays, when the weather is suitable, are the Parks at such places as Tamborine Mountain, Springbrook, Lamington, Cunningham's Gap and Bunya Mountains thronged with visitors. In the past few years the Department has been concentrating on providing amenities and conveniences at the main picnic and parking grounds on these Parks.

Appropriate entrances have been built, toilet conveniences erected, picnic tables and fireplaces provided and, as funds permitted, shelter sheds erected. These picnic grounds are regularly maintained and serviced, the grass kept mown and, where possible, firewood provided for the person who desires to "boil the billy" or "grill the chop."



BEERBURRUM STATE FOREST.

Nine year old under-planting of Hoop pine under *Pinus elliottii* aged 24 years.



SHELTER SHED—MAIALA NATIONAL PARK—MT. GLORIOUS.

As funds permit such facilities are being provided at picnic areas frequented by the public.

These picnic grounds are focal points from which track systems radiate—lengthy tracks being provided for the young and energetic whilst, for the not so young, short circuit tracks are available. In this way all persons can enjoy the beauties of the Parks.

Sign boards on these grounds give the visitor full information as to walks available. Along the tracks, trees are name plated, protective lookouts erected at strategic points, the whole track system adequately sign posted, and occasional boards erected listing aboriginal names applicable to the particular Park and the meaning of each.

Expenditure on such works has permitted the nature lover to spend a most enjoyable leisurely day in the Australian bushland, to picnic under the shade of the trees, to walk and talk with nature as he strolled along the easy graded bush tracks, and to return to his home refreshed and invigorated for the work that lies ahead.

Many complimentary remarks have been passed by visitors to these areas, Southern tourists being particularly enthusiastic, and comments on the tracks—“so easy to walk along”; on the bushland—“wonderful to see in its natural condition”; on the signs—“how appropriate and attractive,” are commonplace.

A recent overseas and much-travelled visitor, when taken to Springbrook for a day's visit, was enthralled with the scenery, delighted with her first cup of “billy tea” around a rough bush picnic table in a setting of eucalypts—but, and this is more important, was most impressed with the respect the visitor had for the concept of “complete protection” of such areas.

The Department is very pleased to report that only isolated cases of vandalism occur on these areas and this is attributed to the fact that the majority of visitors are nature lovers and the type of facility provided invites respect.

The Department desires to record the ready co-operation given by the Albert, Beaudesert, Crow's Nest, Kingaroy, Nanango and Wambo Shire Councils in maintaining and improving access roads to the Parks. In this connection the assistance of the Main Roads Department is also acknowledged.

During the year 1959-60 an amount of £45,000 was expended on National Parks, bringing total expenditure to 30th June, 1960, to £602,357.

Some features of the year's work were—

Lamington.—A shelter shed and picnic tables constructed at Binna Burra and work continued on Moran's Falls track, which is now open to visitors.

Springbrook.—Seven chains of track constructed, joining the main entrance to the eastern track via the base of the rock escarpment, and providing an impressive close view of the perpendicular rock face from the fern tree gully. A new shelter shed erected at Warrie National Park.

Tamborine Mountain.—Special attention given to picnic grounds which become overtaxed on holidays and week-ends. Conveniences under construction at Witches Falls. A central sign, giving detailed information of Parks on the mountain, erected at Joalah.

Noosa.—Shelter shed and tables provided at Tingirana lookout.

Numinbah.—New picnic ground provided on land taken over from Main Roads Department. Random rock shelter shed under construction at entrance to track system, Natural Bridge.

Montville and Ravensbourne.—New toilet conveniences provided and picnic grounds developed.

Bunya Mountains.—The Department subsidised, to the extent of £933, roads leading to the Bunya Mountains. The work carried out by the Nanango, Kingaroy and Wambo Shire Councils has improved considerably these roads.

Hayman Island.—Eighty-one chains of new track constructed. It is proposed to connect Dolphin Point track to Blue Pearl Bay track, providing a round trip.

Lindeman Island.—Further 59 chains of track constructed.

Lake Eacham.—Shelter shed provided.

Lake Barrine.—Wooden foot-bridge built over Wright Creek.

The total length of track in all reservations at 30th June, 1960, was 250 miles 14 chains and the maintenance of this track system is a major yearly item of expenditure on National Parks.

Valuable assistance was rendered by Honorary Rangers in patrol and protection of the Parks, particularly by that small band of reliable enthusiasts in their organised week-end patrols.

The National Parks Association has continued to work in harmonious relationship with the Department—our ideal being also theirs—to retain the Parks for all time in their natural condition for the enjoyment of present and future generations. They, like the Department, appreciate that the greatest charm of the Parks lies in their naturalness.

Congratulations are extended to the President of the Association, Mr. R. W. Lahey, M.B.E., who was honoured in the New Year's Honour lists by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. It is a fitting recognition of the service Mr. Lahey has rendered to the community in Queensland in furthering the National Park ideal in this State.

During the year there were some staff changes on National Park work. Mr. J. A. Gresty, the senior National Parks Ranger, retired. He was replaced by Mr. H. A. Hausknecht from North Queensland, whilst Mr. Hausknecht's position in North Queensland was filled by the promotion of Mr. R. A. Cooley, for some years the Overseer in charge of work on National Parks at Mount Glorious.

It is most fitting that record should be made here of the work of Mr. Gresty on National Parks in this State. A profound lover of the things of nature, an uncompromising upholder of the National Park ideal, a botanist, an authority on aboriginal lore, a fluent speaker, the ideal person to control and protect our Parks, he will be very much missed. He never spared himself in the execution of his duties—long hours worked uncomplainingly and much of his leisure time on holidays and week-ends given freely for the things he loved. He had the capacity to inspire other men with his own high ideals and this inspiration will live on in the persons still administering and working on our Parks. We wish him many more years of good health to permit him to roam at leisure through his beloved Parks.

It would be appropriate, also, to make mention here of the high standard of the work performed by the men engaged on our Parks. Because of the need to retain the primitiveness of our Parks, the tools of trade of the workmen are, of necessity, mostly primitive. When one sees the tracks that have been constructed into, around and out of canyons and rough and precipitous country, and realises that the materials and tools used would be transported or carried by the men themselves into such rough and rugged country, one appreciates just what these employees have accomplished. From remarks received it is pleasing to note that the general public also appreciates the work that has been and is being done by this small and trusty body of men.

Two areas, totalling 24 acres 1 rood 30 perches, donated previously for National Parks purposes, were proclaimed as such.

Two islands, viz., Orpheus and Woody Islands, being areas of 3,380 acres and 1,750 acres, respectively, of former Vacant Crown Land, were set aside as National Parks whilst an area of 1,669 acres 3 roods 20 perches of Vacant Crown Land on the Mooloolah River was similarly proclaimed. This latter area was proclaimed by way of exchange for a cancelled National Parks Reserve of about 1,758 acres which was required for aerodrome purposes.

SAWMILLS LICENSING

During the year between 650 and 670 sawmills were in active operation.

The number of licenses current showed a further decrease, reflecting the continued diminution in timber supplies available and the competition that prevails for such supplies.

The two main classes involved were mills supplying general building timber requirements and mills engaged in the production of sleepers.

The practice of making regular inspections of licensed sawmills to ensure that requirements are being adhered to has been continued and, with but few exceptions, it has been found that sawmillers are observing the provisions of the Sawmills Licensing Act.

During the year a Sawmills Licensing Board was set up by the Honourable the Minister. The function of the Board is to consider all matters pertaining to Sawmills Licensing and to submit its recommendations to the Director of Forests. Mr. E. Sutherst of the Land Administration Commission was made Chairman and Mr. W. R. Gilbert (now deceased) and Mr. A. R. Trist were appointed members.

The following table sets out the position with regard to sawmills licenses as at 30th June, 1960:—

Number of Licenses as at 30-6-59	Classification	New Licences Issued	Formerly General, Now Restricted		Licenses not Renewed			Current Licenses as at 30-6-60	Total 30-6-60
			Plus	Minus	Refused	Relinquished	Under Consideration		
744	General mills ..	4	..	2	26	11	10	699	709
14	Case mills ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	13	13
50	Sleeper mills ..	7	1	..	1	3	1	53	54
22	Other restricted ..	1	..	..	..	1	..	22	22
73	Resaw and dressing..	3	1	..	..	2	2	73	75
903		15	2	2	27	18	13	860	873

OFFENCES

During the year ended the 30th June, 1960, officers reported on 160 cases of breaches of the Acts and Regulations administered by the Department.

Proceedings were successfully instituted against seventeen persons. Of these, 11 were proceeded against for unauthorised cutting or removal of timber, 2 for unauthorised removal of gravel, 2 for breaches of the Rural Fires Acts, and 2 for breaches of the Timber Users' Protection Acts.

In addition, a case of a breach of the Native Plants Protection Act was referred to the Department of Agriculture and Stock and that Department instituted successful proceedings.

Fines totalling £213 10s. were imposed.

In ninety-three cases of unauthorised timber operations, where it was considered the offences did not warrant proceedings, the value of the timber was collected and warnings issued. In some instances, part of the costs of investigation was charged and an amount of £145 was recovered in this way.

In 12 cases of unauthorised ringbarking, appropriate action was taken.

The other cases were of a minor nature or are still receiving attention.

As a result of action taken in all cases, an amount of £4,873 was recovered by the Crown in timber revenue.

Thirty-four complaints under the Timber Users' Protection Acts in respect of lyctus susceptible timber were received from householders, a slight decrease on the previous year's figures.

The Department continued its policy of endeavouring to get the builder to rectify the position and in 8 of the complaints investigated remedial action was taken without the necessity of prosecution.

In two cases it was necessary to take proceedings and fines totalling £30 were imposed.

In fourteen cases it was found that complaints were either of a minor nature, out of time for action to be taken, or not within the scope of the Acts. The remaining cases are receiving attention.

HARVESTING AND MARKETING

General

A near-record volume of Crown milling timber was felled during the year, amounting to 238,721,399 superficial feet, nett, Hoppus measure. (Logs sold as sleeper blocks are not included in this figure.)

This is 11,000,000 superficial feet more than was felled in 1958-1959 and 18,000,000 superficial feet more than the average annual fellings in the four years preceding 1958-1959.

Fellings of forest hardwoods increased by 5,000,000 superficial feet, continuing the upward movement evident in the previous year.

Removals of natural Hoop and Bunya Pine decreased by 5,800,000 superficial feet, compared with removals during 1958-1959, mainly because of wet weather occurring in the normal logging season.

Plantation thinnings were in demand and the volume obtained was 35 per cent. more than the record volume secured in the preceding year.

Total fellings amounted to 27,565,000 superficial feet. All sales of this class of timber that were offered during the year were taken up and it can be anticipated that annual fellings will continue to increase, providing an increasing proportion of the State's needs in timber.

The Cypress Pine cut increased by 2,000,000 superficial feet while increases also occurred in the cut of miscellaneous species (1,000,000 superficial feet) and scrub hardwoods (2,600,000 superficial feet).

The cut of cabinet woods was lower by 1,200,000 superficial feet than in the preceding year.

The demand for constructional, squared and round timbers, sleepers, fencing material and mining timbers resulted in 55,061,286 superficial feet, hoppers, being removed from Crown forests. The corresponding figure for 1958-1959 was 39,782,417 superficial feet.

The number of sleepers obtained totalled 1,229,179, being 338,000 more than in the previous year, and there were also considerable increases in the supply of poles and girder logs.

Pending a decision on the recommendations of the Timber Inquiry Committee, log prices remained unchanged.

The last general review of log prices took place in February, 1958. Since that time the costs of cutting timber have increased by 10 per cent. due to changes in the Award covering this work.

Mill Logs Cut—Crown and Private Lands

This table shows logs cut by all mills in the State, annually, for the periods indicated.

Year	Queensland Grown							Imported	Total
	Hoop and Bunya Pine	Kauri Pine	Plantation Thinnings	Cypress Pine	Hardwood	Cabinet Woods	Miscellaneous		
(1,000 superficial feet)									
1954-55	48,894	5,159	14,266	54,334	250,743	26,911	49,588	14,002	463,897
1955-56	39,238	6,235	20,054	48,411	255,023	31,361	58,990	17,829	477,141
1956-57	44,395	3,643	20,029	51,772	269,226	32,500	48,245	13,993	483,803
1957-58	49,517	3,030	19,460	56,744	257,472	26,678	44,785	14,396	472,082
1958-59	43,729	1,897	19,931	54,072	252,500	26,631	48,458	17,365	464,583
1959-60 (estimated)	35,500	2,300	27,000	56,000	266,000	24,000	47,000	20,000	477,800

Mill Logs—Crown Lands

The following are the annual quantities of mill logs obtained from Crown Lands as from 1950-51:—

	Super. ft.		Super. ft.
1950-51	187,000,000	1955-56	223,000,000
1951-52	238,000,000	1956-57	221,000,000
1952-53	206,000,000	1957-58	213,000,000
1953-54	240,000,000	1958-59	228,000,000
1954-55	224,000,000	1959-60	239,000,000

A comparison of quantities of the various species of log timber cut from Crown forests during the past five years is illustrated hereunder:—

Year	Hoop and Bunya Pine	Kauri Pine	Cypress Pine	Forest Hardwoods	Scrub Hardwoods	Cabinet Woods	Miscellaneous	Plantation Timbers
(1,000 superficial feet)								
1955-56	35,540	4,660	22,483	76,249	11,463	24,507	28,896	19,740
1956-57	42,638	2,851	21,701	76,165	8,781	22,374	26,576	20,280
1957-58	43,124	2,730	24,433	68,456	9,142	20,964	25,234	18,917
1958-59	40,808	1,951	24,907	83,284	10,162	19,139	27,130	20,296
1959-60	34,998	2,139	26,835	88,245	12,761	17,894	28,284	27,565



SPOTTED GUM AND YOUNG CYPRESS PINE—DALBY DISTRICT.



HAULING CYPRESS PINE LOGS—BARAKULA STATE FOREST

238,721,000 superficial feet of mill logs were cut from Crown lands. Of this, 26,835,000 superficial feet were Cypress Pine.

The Timber Business

(a) Mill Logs—	1958-59	1959-60
Hoop and Bunya Pine	40,808,000 super. feet	34,998,000 super. feet
Forest Hardwoods	83,284,000 super. feet	88,245,000 super. feet
Scrub Hardwoods	10,162,000 super. feet	12,761,000 super. feet
Cypress Pine	24,907,000 super. feet	26,835,000 super. feet
Kauri Pine	1,951,000 super. feet	2,139,000 super. feet
Cabinet Woods	19,042,000 super. feet	17,797,000 super. feet
Miscellaneous Species	27,131,000 super. feet	28,284,000 super. feet
Plantation Timbers	20,296,000 super. feet	27,565,000 super. feet
Limb Logs, Head Logs, Stumps and Flitches	97,000 super. feet	97,000 super. feet
Total Crown Mill Logs	227,678,000 super. feet	238,721,000 super. feet
(b) Construction Timbers—		
Headstocks, Transoms, Crossings, Braces, &c. ..	191,203 super. feet	680,274 super. feet
Sleepers	890,947 pieces	1,229,179 pieces
Girders, Corbels, Piles, Sills, and Girder Logs	81,756 lineal feet 68,004 super. feet	84,793 lineal feet 391,687 super. feet
Poles	320,950 lineal feet	440,943 lineal feet
House Blocks	99,040 lineal feet	109,926 lineal feet
Mining Timbers	426,059 lineal feet	449,846 lineal feet
Mining Timbers	32,104 pieces	35,175 pieces
Gross Receipts from Timber Sales, &c.	£2,194,871	£2,176,934
Net Revenue	£1,342,738	£1,259,568

Logging

During 1959-60 the following quantities were hauled by, and payments made to, contractors to the Department:—

Class	Quantity	Expenditure	
	Super. feet	£	s. d.
South Queensland—			
Hoop and Bunya Pine	15,198,904		
Forest Hardwoods	79,157		
Scrub Hardwoods	71,660		
Miscellaneous	30,959		
Cedar	9,467		
	15,390,147	158,482	3 8
North Queensland—			
Kauri Pine	883,750		
Cabinet Woods	17,190		
Forest Hardwoods	28,355		
Scrub Hardwoods			
Miscellaneous			
Cedar			
	929,295	10,797	4 0
Totals	16,319,442	169,279	7 8

Rosewood

No shipments were made during the year.

Stock on hand at 30th June, 1960—11 tons.

Hewn Timber Prices

No price change was made during the year.

Timber Felling and Timber Getting Award—State

During the twelve months under review the basic wage rate under the above Award varied as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	to	£	s.	d.
On 26th October, 1959	14	5	6		14	9	6
On 1st February, 1960	14	9	6		14	11	6
On 2nd May, 1960	14	11	6		14	13	6

Constructional Timbers—Departmental Contracts

A comparison of supply of constructional timbers from Crown lands with the two previous years is given hereunder:—

Class of Timber	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60
Sleepers	484,716 pieces	486,752 pieces	699,509 pieces
Crossings	193,444 super. feet	89,203 super. feet	271,507 super. feet
Transoms	159,492 super. feet	4,471 super. feet	140,448 super. feet
Bridge timber (round)	17,944 lineal feet	4,971 lineal feet	6,604 lineal feet
Bridge timber (square)	71,686 super. feet	9,246 super. feet	14,037 super. feet

Logging Roads—1959-60

The Department's road programme for the year constituted 88 miles of construction. Location and working surveys covering 266 miles were carried out.

Expenditure from Forestry votes was as follows:—

	£
New Construction	159,534
Maintenance	65,308
Subsidies to Shire Councils	19,971
Workers' Compensation	484
Pay Roll Tax	2,586
Surveys	2,392
Fares and Freights	4,227
Resumption for Access	797
	<u>£255,299</u>

FOREST PRODUCTS RESEARCH

Queensland is a treasure house of fine woods and the retention of this valuable heritage for the needs of its people depends upon the utmost employment of all modern developments in timber science, both in the conversion of the forest resource and in its proper utilisation. The object is to make use of every possible forest product and see this through to its employment with the greatest efficiency.

The work of the Forest Products Research Branch is thus of prime importance to both Government and private producers, to those who bear the responsibility for processing the materials for service in many industries, and to every citizen of the State.

Superior qualities of timber in many fields of use continue to be discovered and competition from substitute materials need not be feared provided that those concerned with timber production take care to consider the essential needs of the user and employ every facility of modern science to offer for sale an article of highest quality. Much still remains to be done in demonstrating the best methods for the most efficient use of timber in building construction and structural engineering. Waste of timber in members of unnecessary dimensions can be avoided by the proper application of the findings of up-to-date timber research, and design in wood can be successfully geared to timbers of the greatest availability from the growing forests.

At the present time, practical application of technical knowledge in the use of timber in this State is lagging behind the findings of research workers, and many troubles in timber use are the direct result of failure to make the best use of information available. This, again, places emphasis upon the necessity for a continuous policy planned to make certain that timber users are fully informed in regard to the practical values of timber research.

Research in wood chemistry and preservation has been carried on under great difficulties during the year owing to the disorganised condition of the present obsolete laboratory and non-completion of the new one. Work on this, however, is now in hand and it is hoped that it will be given urgent priority. Construction of the new Forest Products Research Yard and Workshops at Salisbury is at a standstill and progress of work at the Ipswich Road Depot will continue to be retarded until the new Salisbury facilities are in working condition.

I. Engineering and Economics

Extension services in sawmill design and associated engineering problems continued to be in demand. Layout and necessary working drawings for re-equipment of two existing mills with modern plant were prepared and advice given to two other mills on electrification and installation of new machinery. Enquiries for waste disposal systems continued. Designs for four new McCashney installations were prepared, as well as detail working drawings for conveyers.

Observers and assistance were provided for a large and comprehensive study of saw-speeds, saw-gauge, tooth design, feed rates, power consumption, &c., by Division of Forest Products, C.S.I.R.O., in a Brisbane mill. The study covered several species of hardwood, and Hoop Pine. It should provide information which can lead to marked reduction in power costs and improvement of sawing efficiency.

In order to present modern design data for wooden construction to architects and engineers, the Department arranged for a course of lectures on timber engineering to be given by an officer of Division of Forest Products, C.S.I.R.O., under the auspices of the University of Queensland. Widespread interest in the course was indicated by attendance of engineers and architects from industry, private practice and State and Commonwealth Departments.

During the year the initial steps were taken by industry to set up the necessary fabricating facilities for production to order of properly designed wooden arches, trusses and rigid frames. Construction of factory and mill buildings for this project has commenced. This development can exploit modern design and efficient use of wood to produce structures highly competitive with other materials.

Construction of the Soils Laboratory building at Beerwah was completed except for installation of equipment, plumbing and electrical services.

This building was constructed of seasoned and dressed Slash Pine from plantation trees. It employs nailed portal frames of 20-foot span and 5-foot spacing and, apart from its primary purpose, serves as a field trial of several preservation treatments of external sheeting and joinery made from this material.

Studies in sawmill economics were continued viz.,

Plantation Thinnings.—Sample batches of stems of various sizes of two species, Hoop Pine and Slash Pine, were sawn at the Experimental Yard to determine—

- (a) Recovery of sawn timber by grade. Green-off-saw recovery and losses in air seasoning to E.M.C. were recorded.
- (b) Log and tree values at current sawn timber prices.
- (c) Sawing pattern to provide maximum value return having regard to grades of sawn timber produced.

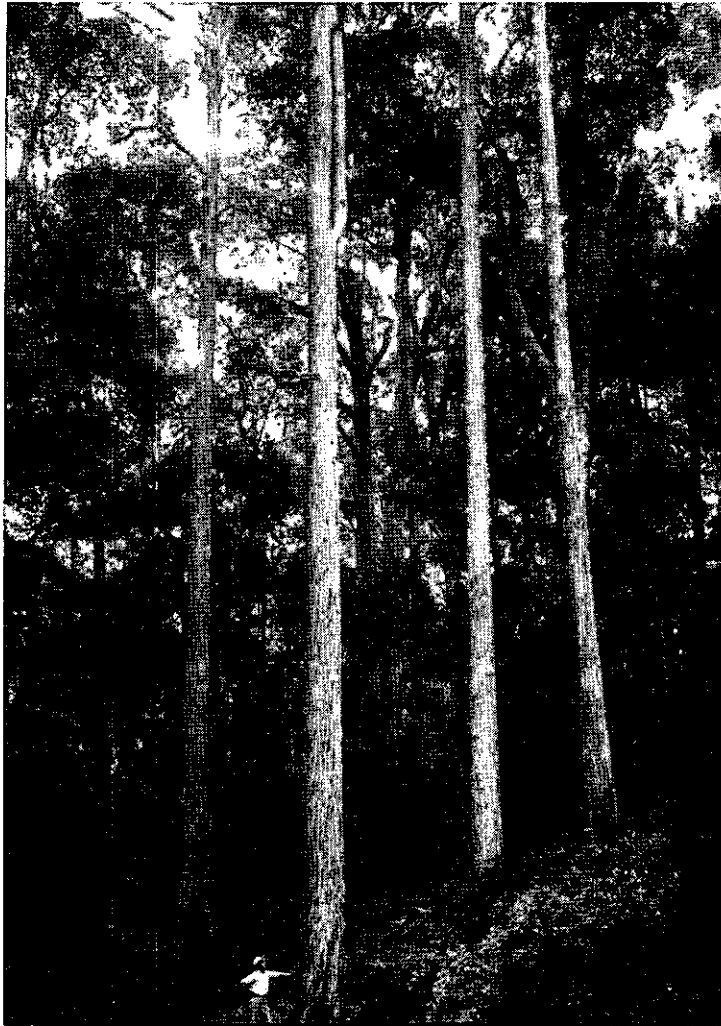
Mill studies were made as follows:—

- (1) Slash Pine (*Pinus elliotii* var. *elliotii*), fully pruned stems from Beerwah.

Sawn material from this study was processed at the Ipswich Road Yard and used for building components in the new Soils Laboratory at Beerwah.

Green-off-saw recovery was 61.5 per cent. and recoveries from butt, middle and top logs were 65.7 per cent., 58.9 per cent. and 46.5 per cent. respectively. Recovery in five girth classes from 21 inches to 40 inches + was also secured.

Taper sawing gave the best results and a sawing pattern eliminating the pith in a 2-inch central core proved unsatisfactory for producing the sizes required.



LARGE SATINAY ON FRASER ISLAND
The tree in the foreground is 134-in. g.b.h.o.b.



**TREATED NATURAL REGENERATION OF SATINAY, BRUSH BOX, BLACKBUTT AND
RED MAHOGANY ON FRASER ISLAND.**

Silvicultural treatment of 26,803 acres of natural regeneration was carried out in 1959-60.

Green-off-saw material yielded grade percentages as follows:—

	Per cent.
"A" (Clear both sides)	14.1
"B" (Clear one face, reverse face maximum 3 knots up to 1½-inch diameter in 16 feet)	9.3
"C" (Sound knots to 1½-inch diameter, no limit)	42.2
"D" (Containing pith)	34.4

In regard to the value of the sawn product and related log prices, investigations indicate that for fully pruned stems, log pricing using two only log grades, "Pruned Stem" and "Top", is desirable because of the premium in sawn value of the former.

(2) Hoop Pine (*Araucaria cunninghamii*), 100 fully pruned stems each from Yarraman and Imbil, studied on the same basis as (1) above.

To date two-thirds of the Yarraman stems have been sawn and the study is continuing.

(3) Hoop Pine from Yarraman and Imbil with Slash Pine and Loblolly Pine (*Pinus taeda*) from Beerburrum, all freshly felled first thinning stems. This study, commenced in May, is designed to test the moisture content range both within and between trees for wood pulp purposes and is continuing.

(4) North Queensland Sawmills.—Limited studies were made at thirteen mills in which the timbers sampled were Blush Walnut, MacIntyre's Boxwood, Red Eungella Satinash, Red Mahogany, Brown Touriga, Brown Cudgerie, Corduroy Laurel, Ivory Laurel, Northern Laurel and Black Bean.

(5) South-Eastern Queensland Hardwoods.—Plans were made for studies at thirteen sawmills investigated in 1953 to bring up to date information needed for accurate log pricing and to determine present efficiency levels.

II. Seasoning

The usual free service of moisture content tests for timber users was continued in Brisbane, and the number of samples received increased by 148 to a total of 908 for the year. These were supplied for checking timber deliveries against the specified moisture content and provisions of "The Timber Users' Protection Acts, 1949 to 1955," and results for flooring and dressed weatherboards were as follow:—

Moisture Content Range	Percentage of Total Number of Samples (1958-59 figures in parentheses)	
	Flooring	Weatherboards
Below 10 per cent.	1 (4)	1 (0)
10-15 per cent.	54 (59)	33 (60)
Above 15 per cent.	45 (37)	66 (40)

These figures indicate that the standard of drying has deteriorated further since last year, inasmuch as nearly half of the boards received were outside the limits approved by the above Acts. A number of complaints of unsatisfactory finished floors received during the year shows that more care should be taken to ascertain that the floor boards have been seasoned correctly before they are nailed into place.

A further 87 moisture content tests were made in North Queensland.

A number of requests for assistance in solving seasoning problems were received during the year, including five for new designs of kilns. Eleven were for inspections of existing facilities with a view to improving efficiency; four of these were in North Queensland. An experiment designed to reduce drying time by high velocity air flow has been set up at the Experimental Yard.

Air-seasoning experiments with green-off-saw covered Bollywood and Yellow Boxwood stacks at Atherton, North Queensland, showed that air equilibrium with an acceptable moisture content below 15 per cent. can be reached in about six weeks with 1-inch boards stripped at the beginning of August. Thereafter a rise to nearly 20 per cent. may be expected during the wet months. It is apparent that stacks should be taken down as soon as the boards reach the approved 10 to 15 per cent. moisture content range.

Timber under cover under a building dried slightly more slowly than that under cover in the open air and also continued at a moisture content about 2 to 3 per cent. below the other material.

III. Timber Physics

Investigations into the relationship of growth conditions to physical properties of plantation-grown coniferous and other woods have continued.

Hoop Pine (*Araucaria cunninghamii*).—A study of the basic density of 25 stems from Fraser Logging Area revealed the following main features upon analysis of the results:—

Basic Density—

- (i.) It is possible to approximately assess the mean density of a stem from the density of its basal disc (Correlation coefficient = .8604).
- (ii.) There is some indication that stem form may be related to mean stem density. However, due to the small number of stems examined, the results are not statistically significant.
- (iii.) On pooling the values of the basal discs (ranging between 24 and 35 lb./cu. ft.) there is no overall trend in basic density from pith to bark.
- (iv.) It was established that the variation within and between trees is such that each tree has to be considered as a separate entity.
- (v.) Variation in basic density within stems has been established. The resultant patterns were found to differ from tree to tree.

Spiral Grain—

Prediction of mean spiral grain of stem from its basal disc is less satisfactory than of basic density.

Variation within and between stems again prevented the results from being pooled for the nine trees studied. However, the number of distinct groups among the nine stems is not as large as in basic density.

Shrinkage—

The preliminary analysis showed that the stems have to be grouped into a number of groups with respect to each of longitudinal, radial and tangential shrinkages.

In the investigation of longitudinal shrinkages within stems the resultant patterns appeared different in different trees.

Stability of Sawn Material.—In an investigation of sawn boards the more interesting results were as follows:—

(a) Distortion is reduced by taper sawing especially in small stems from 20 to 25 inches girth breast high over bark.

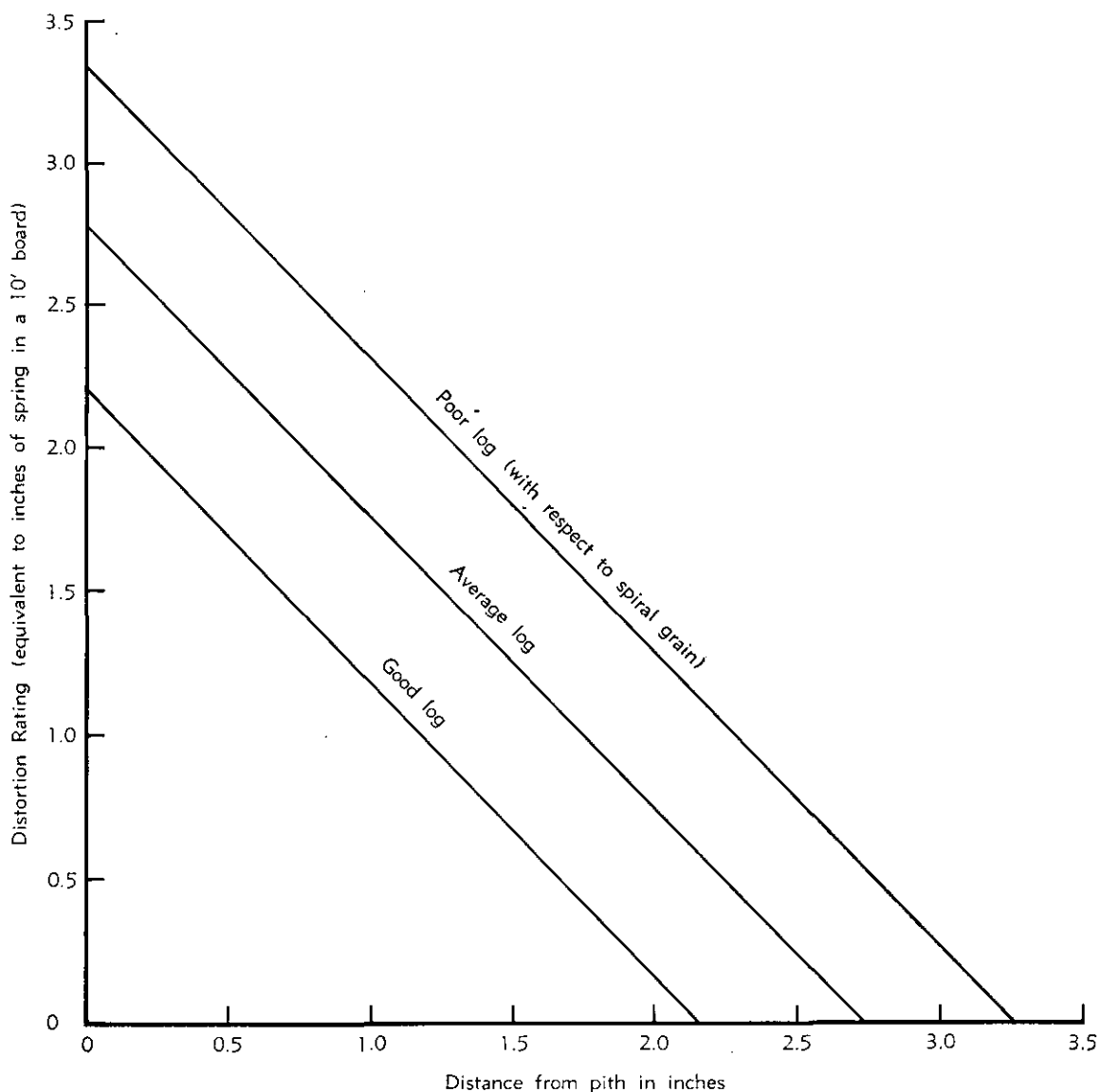
(b) Excessive spiral grain increases distortion in sawn material as shown in graph on page 38.

Further investigations of plantation stems still in progress included the effect of sweep upon sawn recovery and the incidence of cupping in relation to shrinkage across the fibres.

North Queensland Kauri (*Agathis palmerstonii*)—

Basic Density.—Measurements of 10 trees from R. 191 Wongabel, on discs taken at 10-foot intervals up the stem gave the following results:—

- (1) No linear relationship between basic density and age from pith in basal discs could be established, but it was possible to construct a trend line showing the variation of density with age. A high point in the first few rings from the pith indicated the possible formation of heartwood.
- (2) No linear relationship between basic density and girth could be found in the basal disc.
- (3) A linear relationship was found between the basic density of all trees collectively and tree height.
- (4) Some indication was found that the mean basic density of a tree can be predicted from its basal disc.
- (5) No correlation could be found to enable prediction of the mean basic density at a point higher in the tree from the basal disc.
- (6) No linear relationship was found between the mean basic density of the tree and its form factor calculated by a standard mensurational method.



Variation in distortion rating with distance from pith for logs of different spiral grain distribution (Hoop Pine).

Slash Pine (*Pinus caribaea*)

Samples from five standing trees from Banyabba State Forest, N.S.W., from which scion material had been taken for grafting purposes in Queensland Forest Service seed gardens, were examined to ascertain if these contained undesirable physical or anatomical properties as potential parents.

The following characters were measured:—Basic Density, Ring Width, Latewood Percentage, Spiral Grain, Fibre Length and Micellar Angle. Regression analyses between pairs of these characters indicated that ranking could be based upon Basic Density, Fibre Length and Micellar Angle only.

Spiral grain variation from pith to bark was found within the critical figure of 7 degrees which would exclude sawn material from higher grades. From this it was assumed that no trees were undesirable as parents in this regard, assuming that spiral grain in the basal strip is indicative of conditions in the whole tree. This has not yet been confirmed for locally-grown trees of this species.

Analysis of the results allowed the trees to be arranged in order of mean basic density and mean fibre length. Significant differences were not found between trees in the case of micellar angle, so that ranking in order on this character was not statistically possible. Ranking, therefore, was restricted to basic density and fibre length on two bases (a) high basic density and high fibre length desirable and (b) low basic density and high fibre length desirable.

Queensland Maple (*Flindersia brayleyana*).—Basal discs were cut from five trees thinned from R. 191 Barron, North Queensland, and the pattern of basic density is being studied.

Slash Pine (*Pinus elliottii* var. *elliottii*) and **Loblolly Pine** (*Pinus taeda*).—Examination was made on the suppressed portions of trees thinned from S.F.R. 589, Beerburum, to ascertain if the degree of retardation of growth had a significant effect on the percentage of latewood in the suppressed material.

Analysis showed that one of the significant factors in percentage of latewood formation in suppressed material was the rate of growth as indicated by the ring width. Work on this experiment is continuing.

IV. Wood Anatomy and Utilisation

(1) **Utilisation.**—Assistance to the timber industry and users of wood in the supply of basic information continued on the same scale as last year, 809 personal enquiries being handled with 1,883 identifications of timber for various purposes. In addition to data supplied by letter, a considerable number of official pamphlets and advisory leaflets on building and joinery timbers, timber borers, &c., was supplied to assist the use of Queensland timbers on sound lines and avoid unnecessary waste.

Lectures on wood technology to Trainee Engineers, P.M.G. Department and Australian Forestry School students were continued and assistance was given to building inspectors of other Government Departments and forest learners.

The appointment of an officer with considerable experience in building has strengthened the Branch in this field and enabled his assistance to be made available in problems of timber construction both within and outside the Department.

More reports of serious damage by termites ("White Ants") in new houses built upon concrete slab foundations have been received and architects have been warned of the great difficulty in preventing termite damage to such houses.

Most enquiries on the uses of timbers have referred to rain forest brushwoods, the use of which has been stimulated by the need for softer timbers for furniture and interior building trim and the Department's "Compulsory Log" policy in districts where these timbers are in good supply.

Properly processed brushwoods, immune to borer attack and seasoned to the specified moisture content, are now finding much wider use for building framing, flooring and internal trim, and are being accepted with confidence by building authorities. This is the direct result of the work of the Forest Products Research Branch in encouraging the installation of adequate plant for immunising and seasoning so called "secondary" timbers, and the greater use of official advisory publications provided.

The Branch continued its co-operation with the Standards Association of Australia in improving older timber standards and drafting new ones. Standards for sawn and dressed products of Eastern Australian Hardwoods are in a form available for use by timber-producing and wood-using industries, and considerable progress has been made in drafting suitable standards for sawn and milled Eastern Australian Brushwoods. One large group of sawmillers already has adopted the present hardwood standards as a basis for price lists.

Owing to the great demand for sleepers for improving railroads in Northern and Western Queensland, timbers in the usual short list of high-grade hardwoods are in short supply and the Railway Department has made successful mechanical tests on Silver Leaved Ironbark (*Eucalyptus melanophloia*) from the Springsure area. This timber is now acceptable for sleepers and crossing timbers cut to usual standards and west of Comet on the Central Railway.

Cordial co-operation has been maintained with the Division of Forest Products, C.S.I.R.O., the Government Botanist, Senior Entomologist and other Government Departments and Trade Associations. Inspection of marine borer test pieces provided by the Division of Forest Products were continued at the Darra wharf.

(2) **Wood Anatomy.**—Hoop Pine (*Araucaria cunninghamii*)—A Research Note on the variations and relationships of tracheid length and micellar angle in 28 years old plantation grown Hoop Pine and their parent tree selection was published during the year.

Slash Pine (*Pinus caribaea*).—Analysis was completed of pith to bark wood samples from the base of five standing select 24 years old stems in Banyabba State Forest, N.S.W. A report on the physical analysis of this material appears above under (III.) Timber Physics.

On the anatomical side, some of the results may be summarised as follows:—

- (a) Tracheid length showed the usual Gymosperm tendency of increase in length with distance from pith.
- (b) Most of the increased tracheid length from initial to final length occurred in about the first 15 years' growth; thereafter the length increased at a much slower rate with considerable fluctuations.
- (c) Tracheid length trends from pith to bark suggested the possible influence of a "maturity factor." One tree gave a tracheid length of 4.5 mm. in the eighth ring and thereafter fluctuated about this length with little elongation, indicating a comparative short "juvenile" period.
- (d) No correlation between basic density and tracheid length existed.
- (e) Micellar angle decreased with distance from pith in the usual Gymosperm pattern.
- (f) A highly significant correlation existed between tracheid length and micellar angle.
- (g) The usual effect of compression wood in reducing tracheid length and increasing micellar angle was observed. The markedly greater effect of compression wood on micellar angle than on tracheid length, previously noted in Hoop Pine, was also evident in *Pinus caribaea*.

V. Chemistry, Preservation and Plywood

Research work necessitating an efficient chemical laboratory has continued to be seriously retarded throughout the year due to the disorganised condition of the old laboratory and transfer operations to the new facility now in course of construction.

Although greatly hampered in space, it was found possible to supply the following analytical determinations:—

Preservation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	517
Plywood	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
Moisture Content	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	966

1. Preservation.—The year showed an increase of three in treatment plants registered under "The Timber Users' Protection Acts, 1949 to 1955," bringing the State total to 94.

Continued service to the timber industry has been maintained and visits made where necessary to supply advice upon the installation and operation of treatment plants.

Chemical analyses were made in relation to nutritional studies conducted by the Forest Research Branch and water analyses were made for silvicultural and preservation requirements.

Interest was shown in the application of Dip-diffusion treatments for anti-Lyctus control and three major trials were made, viz.:—

- (a) A semi-commercial treatment using a Boric Acid-Borax formulation on Spotted Gum (*Eucalyptus maculata*) at an inland sawmill. This showed (1) that the extreme hardness of local water made the preparation and stability of the solution difficult to attain; and (2) that the severe atmospheric drying conditions were such that even with timber block stacked under shed cover a very poor penetration of preservative was achieved.

After several months a penetration of only about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch was attained in 2 inch timber and the solution of this difficulty in dry areas would appear to lie in artificial wrapping of the treated material or in the construction of rooms in which a higher humidity can be maintained.

- (b) A commercial treatment using a Boric-Borax formulation on 1 inch boards of Spotted Gum at a North Coast sawmill. This proved (1) that a diffusion period of 9 weeks, with the timber wrapped in sisalcraft, was necessary to attain the required core penetration in susceptible timber of a minimum of 0.2 as boric acid on the oven dry weight, (2) analytical values ranged widely from 0.34 per cent. to 2.41 per cent. in the core of susceptible timber.

In all such treatments the non-compatibility of a normal fungicide (sodium pentachlorophenate) with these formulations is a serious problem and a major laboratory investigation has been commenced to study this aspect.

- (c) Dip-diffused timber was examined in coastal North Queensland in a co-operative study with the Division of Forest Products, C.S.I.R.O., using a Boro-Fluoride formulation on a number of economically important species. Results are not yet complete, but it would appear that a diffusion period of 28 days is necessary for 1 inch thick timber.

Water borne preservatives were used in a semi-commercial trial using vacuum pressure treatments. Examination of the samples is proceeding.

Pressure treated trial sleepers from the Division of Forest Products have been received for installation at two sites arranged by Queensland Railways in North and South Queensland.

Sleepers previously treated with creosote and oil mixtures and installed in the line have been inspected. Fifty-nine were removed during the year, mostly for spike-kill and decay, making a total of 186 since the trials began in 1950. Creosote-open-tank treatment in general has given satisfactory results.

Field plot inspections of treated and untreated material have continued and the results transferred to punch cards.

2. Plywood and Veneer.—Plywood treated with Benzene Hexachloride in the glue-line. A final inspection of this material showed:—

- (i) Attack by *Lyctus* was not prevented by a concentration of 0.22 lb. BHC/1000 square feet of glue-line.
- (ii) Light attack was present in the face and back veneers only in a number of sheets at a concentration of 0.88 lb. BHC/1000 square feet.

Interest has developed in the application of polyvinyl chloride and resorcinol formaldehyde as adhesives and advice has been given in connection with problems associated with these. Several laminated pine sills using the latter adhesive were made from plantation material and used in the new Beerwah Laboratory.

3. "The Timber Users' Protection Acts, 1949 to 1955," and Borer Problems.—A considerable number of complaints was investigated under the provisions of the above Acts during the year both regarding the use of *Lyctus* susceptible timber and inadequately seasoned timber. In one case legal action was taken and a fine inflicted for illegal selling of *Lyctus* susceptible timber. In others satisfactory agreement was reached between building contractors and aggrieved home owners.

Complaints of serious damage to plantation Hoop Pine sawn timber by the Hoop Pine Jewel Beetle continue to come in. These attacks usually result from logs being left too long in the bush and sawmillers are unaware that the logs have become infested until complaints from their customers are received.

VI. Biometrics

Work of this Section continued under its two divisions of (a) Statistics and (b) Biometrics. Under (a) 23,298 cards were punched for logs harvested under five categories, in addition to a further 7,773 for a large timber preservation project and 20,612 more for a forest inventory survey, making a grand total of 51,683. Some time was lost due to deficiency in staff over some four months.

A new card has been designed for processing recovery data for hardwood mill studies. This will be used for future investigations and a considerable time saving is expected. Two sortings of log sample data have been done under the revised system of tabulation with improved results in availability of data.

Under (b) Biometrics, analyses of experiments in timber physics, wood structure, thinnings studies, sawmill studies, sleeper study data, snagging, price determinations (including size and grade distribution) were provided for the Sections concerned.

The Officer-in-charge completed a course on programming the I.B.M. 650 computer, and subsequent use was made of the new technique in a number of silvicultural problems.

VII. Experimental Yard

The Sawmill Section at the Ipswich Road Yard has been operating at full capacity for most of the year and it was found necessary to employ additional staff.

Recovery studies of plantation grown logs have been made and a quantity of sawn Slash Pine was effectively used in the construction of the new soils laboratory at Beerwah.

Sawing of three consignments of Hoop Pine third thinnings from the Brisbane Valley District enabled the log prices for this area to be correctly assessed.

STAFF

At 30th June, 1960, there were 353 salaried officers on the staff, 9 more than at the same time in 1959. The number of wages men increased from 1,615 to 1,729.

Thirty-six salaried officers left the Department during the year, including six officers who retired after long and meritorious service, namely:—

Messrs.

- W. C. Woods (Draftsman-in-Charge, 49 years' service),
- J. D. Horne (Assistant Secretary, 40 years' service),
- J. L. Tardent (Forest Ranger, Division I, 40 years' service),
- F. G. Taylor (Forest Ranger, Division I, 32 years' service),
- J. A. Gresty (National Parks Ranger, 22 years' service),
- J. W. Jackson (Temporary Clerk, 34 years' service).

We wish these officers many more years of health and happiness.

It is with deep regret that the death is recorded of Field Assistant Thomas Nicholls, of Yarraman, who passed away on 17th December, 1959, at the age of 64 years. The sympathy of all members of the Department is extended to his wife and family.

During the year awards or scholarships were conferred on a number of officers of the Department and to them congratulations are extended.

The Permanent Head of the Department, Mr. V. Grenning, was awarded the N. W. Jolly Memorial Award by the Australian Institute of Foresters for his outstanding contribution to the cause of Forestry.

Mr. B. P. M. Hyland was awarded the Schlich Medal for 1959 as the most outstanding student in both class and field work at the Australian Forestry School, Canberra.

Mr. D. Cameron was awarded a scholarship from the English Speaking Union to the University of California, where he is studying towards his M.F. degree.

Mr. R. Florence, the officer-in-charge of hardwoods research, continued to work under a scholarship with C.S.I.R.O. on an ecological study of Blackbutt (*Eucalyptus pilularis*), one of Queensland's most important hardwoods.

During the year higher degrees were conferred on—

Messrs.

- B. N. Richards, Ph.D. (Nutrition of Pines—Beerwah),
- E. Volck, M.F. (Tropical Rain Forests—North Queensland),
- G. Wood, Dip. For. Oxon. (General Research—Beerwah).

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I desire to record my appreciation of the loyal and efficient service of all members of the staff during the past year.

A. R. TRIST,
Acting Director of Forests.

Appendices

APPENDIX A

Return of Timber, Etc., Removed from Crown Lands during the Year ended 30th June, 1960

Species	Quantity	
	Super. feet	Super. feet
Milling Timber—		
Hoop and Bunya Pine—		
Ply	2,698,668	
Logs	17,627,637	
Tops	14,671,238	
		34,997,543
Kauri Pine	2,139,266	
Cypress Pine	26,835,389	
Forest Hardwoods	88,244,925	
Scrub Hardwoods	12,761,202	
Cabinet Woods	17,797,368	
Miscellaneous Species	28,283,773	
Limb Logs, Head Logs, Stumps and Flitches	96,685	
		176,158,608
Plantation Thinnings—		
Hoop Pine	20,444,500	
Bunya Pine	178,783	
Kauri Pine	426,597	
Slash Pine	3,422,500	
Loblolly Pine	1,606,741	
<i>Pinus Radiata</i>	142,184	
<i>Pinus patula</i>	1,162,375	
Silky Oak	116,641	
Other Species	64,927	
		27,565,248
		238,721,399

Other Classes—									Expressed as
									Superficial feet (Hoppus) Log Measure
Sleepers Hewn	237,719	pieces	..	..	9,033,322				
Sleepers Sawn—5 ft.	183,162	pieces	..	..	5,128,536				
Sleepers Sawn—7 ft.	537,520	pieces	..	..	20,425,760				
Sleeper Blocks (as sleepers contained)	270,778	pieces	..	..	9,748,008				
Transoms, Crossings, Headstocks, Longitudinals	680,274	superficial feet	..	..	1,088,438				
Girders, Corbels, Piles, Sills, Kerb Logs	84,793	lineal feet	..	..	1,526,274				
Girder Logs	391,687	superficial feet	..	..	391,687				
Poles	440,943	lineal feet	..	..	3,086,601				
House Blocks, Round Posts	109,926	lineal feet	..	..	659,556				
Fencing Material—Split	276,541	pieces	..	..	2,488,869				
Fencing Material—Round	158,434	lineal feet	..	..	396,085				
Mining Timber—Split	35,175	pieces	..	..	140,700				
Mining Timber—Round	449,846	lineal feet	..	..	899,692				
Stakes	5,936	pieces	..	..	47,488				
Fender Chocks	216	superficial feet	..	..	270				
					55,061,286				

Fuel	47,847	tons
Charcoal	1,100	bags
Trees and Plants (Number)	284,585	
Sand, Gravel, Soil, &c.	219,026	cubic yards
Rosewood	11	tons
Lawyer Cane	14½	tons
Staghorns and Ferns	653	pieces
Peat	1,724	bags
Mulga Wood	30	tons
Bee Hives	10	hives

APPENDIX B

Annual Cut—Pine—Financial Year ended 30th June, 1960

Forestry District	Ply	Logs	Tops	Total
	Super. feet	Super. feet	Super. feet	Super. feet
Atherton .. .. .	..	98,103	83,922	182,025
Brisbane .. .. .	..	345,426	226,267	571,693
Gympie	30,614	1,241,113	940,709	2,212,436
Mackay .. .. .	..	778,675	759,153	1,537,828
Maryborough	423,214	2,467,013	2,249,193	5,139,420
Monto	577,617	1,570,910	1,523,224	3,671,751
Murgon	178,807	2,869,286	2,197,229	5,245,322
Warwick .. .. .	..	287,218	290,412	577,630
Yarraman	1,488,416	7,969,893	6,401,129	15,859,438
Total	2,698,668	17,627,637	14,671,238	34,997,543

APPENDIX C

Total Receipts, Department of Forestry, for the year ended 30th June, 1960

DISTRICTS	TOTALS	
	£	s. d.
Group 1—South Queensland (Beerwah, Brisbane, Bundaberg, Gayndah, Gympie, Imbil, Maryborough, Monto, Murgon, Pechey, Yarraman)	1,147,555	8 1
Group 2—North Queensland (Atherton, Herberton, Cooktown, Port Douglas, Cairns, Innisfail, Ingham, Charters Towers, Ravenswood, Hughenden, Townsville)	396,262	12 4
Group 3—Dalby, Roma, Taroom, Charleville, Quilpie, Mitchell	124,987	16 9
Group 4—Warwick, Goondiwindi, Inglewood, St. George, Stanthorpe, Cunnamulla	78,919	14 5
Group 5—Mackay, Rockhampton, Clermont, Bowen, Proserpine, Emerald, Springsure, Theodore	53,722	6 11
Group 6—Barcaldine, Blackall, Jundah, Longreach, Muttaborra, Stonehenge, Winton, Aramac, Isisford, Jericho	1,451	13 6
Group 7—Cloncurry, Boulia, Kynuna, Mackinlay, Richmond	379	14 2
Group 8—Burketown, Coen, Croydon, Georgetown, Normanton, Thursday Island	7	0 0
	<u>£1,803,286</u>	<u>6 2</u>
Receipts—Forestry and Lumbering	347,525	11 1
Sale of Plants, Material, &c.	15,253	14 11
Licenses† (See note after Appendix D)	2,921	1 8
Rents and Grazing Dues	9,716	3 11
	<u>£2,178,702</u>	<u>17 9</u>
Less Treasury Refunds	1,768	10 7
	<u>£2,176,934</u>	<u>7 2</u>
Plant Hire—	£	s. d.
Charged Loan Fund Projects	161,880	4 3
Trust Fund Projects	69,668	11 10
Revenue Fund Projects	339	2 4
Remitted to Treasury	231,887	18 5
	<u>£2,408,822</u>	<u>5 7</u>

APPENDIX D

Proceeds of Sales of Timber, Etc., for the Period 1st July, 1956, to 30th June, 1960

Groups*	1956-57**		1957-58		1958-59		1959-60	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Group 1 .. .. .	..	..	1,330,952	16 4	1,248,990	1 9	1,147,555	8 1
Group 2 .. .. .	..	..	468,216	14 3	502,281	17 9	396,262	12 4
Group 3 .. .. .	..	..	118,414	15 6	106,115	11 9	124,987	16 9
Group 4 .. .. .	..	..	101,053	9 5	87,464	11 6	78,919	14 5
Group 5 .. .. .	..	..	35,773	18 2	34,861	5 6	53,722	6 11
Group 6 .. .. .	..	..	4,281	4 4	1,390	19 5	1,451	13 6
Group 7 .. .. .	..	..	532	6 7	466	16 10	379	14 2
Group 8 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	15 0	7	0 0
Receipts—Forestry and Lumbering	2,083,883	0 6	2,059,225	4 7	1,981,572	19 6	1,803,286	6 2
Sale of Plants, Material, etc.	320,319	5 7	383,692	17 0	188,742	1 0	347,525	11 1
Licenses†	15,057	18 3	22,899	12 8	17,981	0 4	15,253	14 11
Rents and Grazing Dues	2,785	17 5	2,827	8 2	2,866	0 4	2,921	1 8
	7,849	14 10	8,951	16 10	8,515	15 10	9,716	3 11
	<u>2,429,895</u>	<u>16 7</u>	<u>2,477,596</u>	<u>19 3</u>	<u>2,199,677</u>	<u>17 0</u>	<u>2,178,702</u>	<u>17 9</u>
Less Treasury Refunds	3,819	0 4	2,444	10 9	4,807	0 11	1,768	10 7
Total	<u>2,426,076</u>	<u>16 3</u>	<u>2,475,152</u>	<u>8 6</u>	<u>2,194,870</u>	<u>16 1</u>	<u>2,176,934</u>	<u>7 2</u>

* For districts within the groups see Appendix C.

** Districts previously shown in sixteen groups.

† Includes the following license fees :—Fuel, Quarry, Royalty, Brand, Sawmill, Apiary, Forest Products.

APPENDIX E

The following Schedule illustrates the market price of logs during the year 1st July, 1959, to 30th June, 1960

Species—Standard Trade Names (Botanical names in Brackets)	Log Class	Delivery F.O.R.	Price per 100 super. ft. (Hoppus measure)	
			As at 1-7-59	
			s.	d.
Red Tulip Oak (<i>Argyrodendron peralatum</i>)	8 ft. plus	Cairns	41	10
		Townsville	41	10
Red Cedar (<i>Cedrela toona</i>)	8 ft. plus	Cairns	71	10
	6 ft. plus	Brisbane	77	7
North Queensland Kauri Pine (<i>Agathis palmerstoni</i>)	8 ft. plus	Cairns	61	10
		Townsville	61	10
Queensland Walnut (<i>Endiandra palmerstoni</i>)	8 ft. to 8 ft. 11 in.	Cairns	52	9
		Townsville	52	9
Northern Silky Oak (<i>Cardwellia sublimis</i>)	8 ft. plus	Cairns	61	10
		Townsville	61	10
Queensland Maple (<i>Flindersia brayleyana</i>)	8 ft. to 8 ft. 11 in.	Cairns	66	10
		Townsville	66	10
Black Pine (<i>Podocarpus amara</i>)	8 ft. plus	Cairns	51	10
		Townsville	51	10
Silver Silkwood (<i>Flindersia acuminata</i>)	8 ft. plus	Cairns	61	10
		Townsville	61	10
White Beech (<i>Gmelina leichhardtii</i>) (<i>Gmelina fasciculiflora</i>)	8 ft. plus	Cairns	61	10
		Townsville	61	10
	6 ft. plus	Brisbane	62	7
Hickory Ash (<i>Flindersia iffaiana</i>)	8 ft. plus	Cairns	51	10
Northern Silver Ash (<i>Flindersia pubescens</i>)	8 ft. plus	Cairns	61	10
		Townsville	61	10
Queensland Silver Ash (<i>Flindersia bourjotiana</i>)	8 ft. plus	Cairns	61	10
		Townsville	61	10
Bolly Silkwood (<i>Cryptocarya oblata</i>)	8 ft. plus	Cairns	41	10
		Townsville	41	10
Satin Sycamore (<i>Ceratopetalum succirubrum</i>)	8 ft. plus	Cairns	41	10
		Townsville	41	10
Yellow Walnut (<i>Beilschmiedia bancroftii</i>)	8 ft. plus	Cairns	41	10
		Townsville	41	10
Hardwoods	6 ft. plus	Brisbane	40	8
		Warwick	33	10
Hardwoods	6 ft. plus	Maryborough	34	6
		Bundaberg	34	6
Hardwoods	6 ft. plus	Rockhampton	42	0
Hardwoods	6 ft. to 6 ft. 11 in.	Townsville	39	4
Hardwoods	6 ft. plus	Mackay	39	11
Hoop Pine Ply	7 ft. plus	Brisbane	104	4
Hoop Pine "A" Quality Logs	7 ft. plus	Brisbane	88	8
Bunya Pine Logs	7 ft. plus	Brisbane	87	2
Hoop Pine "C" Quality Logs	7 ft. plus	Brisbane	55	2
Hoop Pine "D" Quality Logs	7 ft. plus	Brisbane	44	6
Bunya Pine Tops	7 ft. plus	Brisbane	44	6
Cypress Pine—1st Class	28 in. plus	Brisbane	42	5
		Gympie, Maryborough	39	5
		Goondiwindi	40	11
Mackay Scrubwoods—				
Group 1 (White Eungella Satinash)	6 ft. plus	Mackay	43	2
South Queensland Scrubwoods*—				
Case and Building Timbers Group (a)	6 ft. plus	Brisbane	37	10
Common Cabinetwoods Group (b)	6 ft. plus	Brisbane	39	9
Special Purpose Timbers Group (c)	6 ft. plus	Brisbane	41	8
Plantation Timbers—				
		G.B.H.O.B.		
Hoop Pine	38 in.	Imbil	29	9
Slash Pine	40 in.	Beerwah	27	10

* The following are the most common species included in the respective groups :—

(a) Case and Building Timbers Group—

Southern Satinash (Red Apple) (*Eugenia brachyandra*)
Rose Satinash (Watergum) (*Eugenia francistii*)
Mararie (Marara) (*Pseudoweinmannia lachnocarpa*)
Pink Poplar (Blush Cudgerie) (Maiden's Blush)
(*Euroschinus falcatus*)

Brown Tulip Oak (Crowsfoot Elm) (*Argyrodendron trifoliolatum*)
Rose Walnut (Domatia Tree) (*Endiandra discolor*)
Blush Walnut (Hard Bolly Gum) (*Beilschmiedia obtusifolia*)

(b) Common Cabinetwoods Group—

Brown Alder (Roseleaf Marara) (*Ackama paniculata*)
Brush Mahogany (Red Carrobean) (*Geissois benthami*)
Rose Mahogany (Rosewood) (*Dysoxylum fraserianum*)

Miva Mahogany (Red Bean) (*Dysoxylum muelleri*)
Blush Alder (Blush Carrobean) (*Sloanea australis*)
Bollywood (Bolly Gum) (Brown Beech) (*Litsea reticulata*)

(c) Special Purpose Timbers Group—

Crow's Ash (*Flindersia australis*)
Yellowwood (*Flindersia xanthoxyla*)

Southern Silver Ash (Bumpy Ash) (*Flindersia schottiana*)
Yellow Boxwood (*Planchonella pohlmanna*)

APPENDIX F

Constructional Timber supplied during Financial Year 1959-60 under Forestry and Lumbering Operations

Class of Timber	Quantity	Sales Value		
		£	s.	d.
Hewn Crossings	139,302 superficial feet..	6,947	16	1
Sawn Crossings	132,205 superficial feet..	5,662	15	3
Fender Chocks	216 superficial feet..	17	0	2
Girders—Dressed	5,137 lineal feet ..	4,984	3	1
Girder Logs	489 lineal feet ..	654	11	8
Headstocks and Braces	14,037 superficial feet..	902	16	1
House Blocks	3,530 lineal feet ..	816	6	3
Piles	978 lineal feet ..	592	12	6
Hewn Sleepers	237,719 pieces ..	97,205	1	8
Sawn Sleepers	191,012 pieces ..	126,368	18	5
Sleeper Blocks (as sleepers contained)	270,778 pieces ..	102,250	8	4
Split Posts and Rails	35,843 pieces ..	5,486	8	6
Hewn Transoms	64,487 superficial feet..	3,681	12	7
Sawn Transoms	75,961 superficial feet..	3,636	12	6
Total .. .. .	..	£359,207	3	1

APPENDIX G

Comparative Statement of Expenditure for Years 1958-59 and 1959-60

	1958-59	1959-60
	£	£
Revenue—		
Salaries	345,026	366,763
Travelling Expenses and Incidentals	35,627	36,939
Fares, Printing, Stores, etc.	4,973	5,390
Cash Equivalent of Long Service Leave	2,460	4,909
Timber Industry Milling and Log Marketing Inquiry Committee	1,779	720
National Parks	41,147	45,000
Loan—		
Reforestation	1,493,251	1,496,494
Acquisition of Land for Forestry Purposes	3,515	9,820
Access Roads	132,244	168,990
Purchase of Plant	79,518	94,129
Trust—		
Hardwood Supplies to Railway Department and Others	215,452	341,398
Harvesting and Marketing Timber	507,856	456,344
Access Roads—Maintenance and Subsidies	90,653	86,309
Maintenance of Capital Improvements	38,172	33,315
Maintenance of Plant	185,790	184,999
Interest and Redemption on Loans .. .. .	..	1,259,568
Total	£ 3,177,463	4,591,087

APPENDIX H

Summary of Reforestation Expenditure, 1959-60

Reserves	Reforestation					Surveys	Protection, Firefighting, &c.	Maintenance of Capital Improvements	New Construction of Nurseries, Buildings, &c.	Overhead Expenses				Pay-roll Tax	Reserve Total			
	Plantations	Natural Regeneration	Nursery Working and Maintenance	Forest Experiment	Stores, Supervision, &c.					Holidays, Wet Time, &c.	Cartage of Rations, &c.	Camping Allowance	£			s. d.		
													£			s.	d.	£
Reserve 69	..	364 14 8	..	..	..	1,562 7 11	27 5 6	24 15 0	364 5 2	271 9 1	31 1 0	8 0 0	..	2,653 18 4	
Reserve 215	..	589 9 8	..	..	6 1 3	735 11 8	18 11 1	89 17 9	138 11 6	172 10 5	106 17 7	70 8 0	..	1,731 3 7		
Reserve 309	105 11 11	3,037 16 6	23 10 11	..	1,295 8 7	1,126 2 3	..	245 2 0	..	6,295 16 9				
Reserve 359	10 14 6	..	13 6 0	..	..	..	..	118 17 11				
Reserve 460				
Reserve 494	..	170 19 3	..	..	..	665 12 0	..	..	357 3 0	116 9 4	82 18 5	134 16 0	..	1,527 18 0
Reserve 571	..	217 18 4	..	..	..	859 1 0	121 4 10	..	501 11 7	316 7 10	..	161 12 0	..	2,177 15 7	
Reserve 593	154 11 5	..	..	146 9 6	122 1 2	..	..	..	10 14 6				
Reserve 667	..	222 5 8	..	..	..	722 6 4	..	..	230 9 11	209 1 11	..	..	..	645 7 9
Reserve 692	825 7 7	117 14 11	..	683 7 10	499 1 5	9 1 3	285 4 0	..	1,181 18 2				
Reserve 727	..	158 19 7	..	..	..	220 2 3	90 5 5	..	67 1 10	139 3 7	..	..	..	2,578 16 7
Reserve 1355	11 12 2	..	..	7 4 2	..	..	..	..	599 4 10				
Reserve 1376	..	253 3 2	..	..	..	1,073 2 8	..	..	105 5 11	509 3 5	..	..	..	18 16 4
Reserve 1526	..	259 11 8	..	..	..	459 3 9	..	..	59 5 5	70 5 6	..	..	..	1,941 3 2
Reserve 1635	..	138 5 4	..	..	..	1,508 12 11	..	..	290 0 11	101 4 2	..	..	..	902 6 4
Administration	2,086 19 4				
Firefighting and Patrol	1,749 2 6	..	..	831 16 2	..	..	..	..	831 16 2				
Experiments	5 5 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,749 2 6			
Miscellaneous Surveys	5 5 4				
Drum Account	11 17 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11 17 6				
	293 6 10	2,234 17 1	..	5 5 4	123 10 8	13,584 10 8	409 7 2	114 12 9	5,413 18 6	3,653 0 1	230 14 7	968 6 0	..	27,031 9 8				
									Cr. 37 9 0					Cr. 37 9 0				

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Reserve 370	..	799 8 4	20 15 1	1,534 7 9	152 19 11	845 17 3	654 6 8	788 18 0	9 10 0	516 16 2	..	5,322 19 2
Reserve 637	..	..	..	..	24 4 10	468 15 1	97 5 8	..	2,131 11 10	1,961 0 4	255 15 5	1,230 16 0	..	11,481 3 1
Reserve 753	..	..	..	..	..	78 4 9	..	..	17 0 8	..	..	..	..	95 5 5
Reserve 893	..	291 2 6	..	..	..	1,738 13 4	788 4 3	15 14 10	772 13 0	980 15 9	212 14 11	418 8 0	..	5,899 4 8
Administration	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	135 6 1	..	..	..	..	135 6 1
Firefighting and Patrol	..	..	..	..	..	598 19 5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	598 19 5
Experiments	..	..	..	65 19 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	65 19 4
	5,992 12 0	1,090 10 10	..	65 19 4	44 19 11	4,419 0 4	1,038 9 10	861 12 1	3,710 18 3	3,730 14 1	478 0 4	2,166 0 2	..	23,598 17 2

APPENDIX H—continued

Reserves	Reforestation				Surveys	Protection, Firefighting, &c.	Maintenance of Capital Improvements	New Construction of Nurseries, Buildings, &c.	Overhead Expenses				Pay-roll Tax	Reserve Total																									
	Plantations	Natural Regeneration	Nursery Working and Maintenance	Forest Experiment					Stores, Supervision, &c.	Holidays, Wet Time, &c.	Cartage of Rations, &c.	Camping Allowance																											
															£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.													
Reserve 60	119	5	2	..	..	511	3	0	..	76	7	11	90	2	7	..	80	16	0	823	0	9															
Reserve 108	92	17	8	..	..	287	10	18	..	153	16	2	109	10	10	..	12	12	0	1,288	6	2															
Reserve 178	1,054	1	5	..	..	1,362	10	18	..	819	2	6	572	14	10	13	4	0	0	3,996	11	6															
Reserve 249	..	..	..	..	5	0	9	..	..	118	7	4	91	10	4	3	8	9	7	..	592	0	0													
Reserve 318	55	16	7	..	..	300	17	1	..	97	8	6	29	7	2	2	16	2	48	0	0	514	13	8													
Reserve 318	492	4	11	..	19	2	6	..	..	1,299	14	11	761	5	8	151	9	10	206	0	0	4,943	5	3													
Reserve 445	57	5	1	..	..	1,345	9	0	2	9	1	6	13	0	9	..	..	..	15	4	0	1,20	16	1												
Reserve 445	538	11	9	..	..	1,815	16	0	43	2	10	..	710	12	5	..	..	..	..	..	3,868	9	10													
Reserve 561	..	..	..	..	57	5	0	..	..	520	3	0	2,513	19	0	..	..	..	1,784	17	3	26,940	7	7												
Reserve 589	..	..	..	..	5	13	8	..	8,168	8	10	..	2,79	12	10	..	..	..	270	8	0	4,226	9	8												
Reserve 611	..	..	..	..	1,157	18	7	..	8,290	17	6	..	8,590	12	3	..	..	..	4,664	18	0	83,048	6	2												
Reserve 638	..	..	..	..	1,157	18	7	..	773	5	5	..	3,012	14	7	..	..	..	1,325	8	0	22,521	12	2												
Reserve 700	..	..	..	..	135	0	1	..	380	2	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,184	8	10													
Reserve 766	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	1	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	282	2	11													
Pay-roll Tax	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,223	3	5													
Administration and Patrol Experiments	..	..	..	..	..	5,807	3	7	..	1,179	4	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,809	4	5												
Miscellaneous Surveys	..	..	..	..	123	3	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,807	3	7												
	55,850	1	3	2,323	14	11	2,809	3	9	1,520	13	10	33,857	13	1	5,260	13	3	9,658	2	6	26,781	8	2	16,775	3	3	171	4	4	8,412	3	3	179,439	5	7			
Reserve 4	..	..	..	..	..	1,952	4	8	..	159	11	6	42	18	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,472	11	3	401	6	1	437	11	4	582	8	0	5,446	16	11
Reserve 21	..	..	..	..	..	4,315	4	10	..	222	18	11	546	17	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,774	4	1	1,983	15	1	712	18	2	1,070	6	0	18,040	0	11
Reserve 78	..	..	..	..	..	1,408	7	1	..	167	5	8	166	18	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	997	9	7	450	18	6	243	9	9	376	16	0	3,993	3	2
Reserve 83/106	..	..	..	..	..	1,032	9	11	..	70	1	9	166	18	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,681	11	6	599	9	2	197	8	4	424	0	0	4,959	8	11
Reserve 92	..	..	..	..	..	19	13	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	79	13	11
Reserve 127	84	0	1	14	1	10		
Reserve 144	..	..	..	..	..	2,510	2	2	..	65	12	9	318	10	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	524	11	6	289	11	7	95	19	2	279	10	0	2,269	1	4
Reserve 149	..	..	..	..	..	3,786	12	8	..	379	10	6	858	18	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,154	10	0	772	19	6	15	16	8	896	8	0	7,428	0	1
Reserve 154	..	..	..	..	..	1,884	14	3	..	337	9	1	27	5	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,295	19	8	2,438	6	8	644	19	5	20,591	2	4	20,591	2	4
Reserve 154	..	..	..	..	..	1,884	14	3	..	337	9	1	27	5	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,638	5	6	543	16	7	198	0	8	752	18	0	6,461	9	3
Reserve 161	..	..	..	..	..	6,923	4	0	..	610	3	9	264	5	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,832	8	4	1,693	13	10	845	5	8	32	16	0	289	14	2
Reserve 302 (Ballion)	..	..	..	..	..	5,472	4	0	..	879	18	8	483	14	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,835	2	6	1,876	0	10	940	8	6	2,160	12	0	18,329	13	4
Reserve 302 (Malcolm)	..	..	..	..	..	732	16	11	..	28	2	7	301	8	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	226	2	9	1,291	3	11	88	9	0	2,153	16	0	20,027	2	10
Reserve 389	1,920	7	6		
Pay-roll Tax	2,281	4	1	
Administration and Patrol Experiments	5,626	8	10	2,247	0	16
Drum Account	1,411	5	10
	14,985	5	1	38,120	3	1	2,928	6	2	3,249	6	8	11,380	8	0	4,428	6	2	11,865	6	0	2,281	4	1	2,281	4	1	121,346	3	1	121,346	3	1	Cr.	97	16	0

NORTH COAST WORKING PLAN AREA

DALBY WORKING PLAN AREA

APPENDIX H—continued

Reserves	Reforestation				Surveys	Protection, Firefighting, &c.	Maintenance of Capital Improvements	New Construction of Nurseries, Buildings, &c.	Overhead Expenses				Pay-roll Tax	Reserve Total
	Plantations	Natural Regeneration	Nursery Working and Maintenance	Forest Experiment					Stores, Supervision, &c.	Holidays, Wet Time, &c.	Cartage of Rations, &c.	Camping Allowance		
BUNDABERG WORKING PLAN AREA														
Reserve 67	..	..	..	..	13 4 2	3,036 2 6	91 11 8	..	1,687 8 2	696 4 7	49 11 9	664 8 0	..	7 6
Reserve 80	1 8 0	797 9 6	..	..	14 15 0	2,050 3 6	288 3 7	..	1,201 14 10	604 7 7	48 0 0	336 0 0	..	7,036 0 4
Reserve 169	..	359 4 9	..	..	..	188 5 8	221 4 5	..	516 12 5	246 17 11	72 15 3	226 12 0	..	4,534 12 6
Reserve 278	..	..	..	..	23 7 4	446 2 6	..	..	735 9 3	94 8 5	..	183 0 2	..	1,835 16 11
Reserve 779	1,685 14 6	1,131 4 7	..	..	15 9 6	3,631 13 8	462 13 9	1,630 0 11	1,766 17 4	918 5 4	106 5 8	1,002 7 5	..	4,798 3 1
Reserve 832	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	369 9 4	..	..	..	..	..	9,404 6 7
Pay-roll Tax	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	637 1 2	..	..	..	463 16 9	4,404 6 7
Administration	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	463 16 9
Firefighting and Patrol	..	..	..	..	..	707 8 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	637 1 2
Experiments	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	707 8 2
	1,687 2 6	2,287 18 10	..	993 4 0	66 16 0	10,059 16 0	1,064 0 11	2,003 14 9	6,545 3 2	2,560 3 10	276 12 8	2,402 7 7	463 16 9	30,410 17 0
FRASER ISLAND WORKING PLAN AREA														
Reserve 3	..	1,258 3 7	..	..	904 18 4	1,934 7 2	1,051 6 4	255 8 10	4,662 10 6	1,214 11 8	363 6 4	1,314 15 5	238 7 7	12,959 8 2
Pay-roll Tax	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	193 7 4	..	..	..	..	238 7 7
Administration	..	..	..	..	..	164 1 10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	193 7 4
Firefighting and Patrol	..	..	..	179 16 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	164 1 10
Experiments	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	179 16 2
	..	1,258 3 7	..	179 16 2	904 18 4	2,098 9 0	1,051 6 4	255 8 10	4,855 17 10	1,214 11 8	363 6 4	1,314 15 5	238 7 7	13,735 1 1
JIMNA WORKING PLAN AREA														
Reserve 137/207	18,530 11 0	..	2,581 6 9	..	155 18 11	2,970 18 11	244 7 9	796 19 3	10,811 15 1	7,971 4 7	..	6,420 5 0	1,119 19 4	50,483 7 3
Pay-roll Tax	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	580 9 4	..	..	..	..	1,119 19 4
Administration	..	..	..	..	..	26 10 11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	580 9 4
Firefighting and Patrol	..	..	..	32 12 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26 10 11
Experiments	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32 12 2
	18,530 11 0	..	2,581 6 9	32 12 2	155 18 11	2,997 9 10	244 7 9	796 19 3	11,392 4 5	7,971 4 7	..	6,420 5 0	1,119 19 4	52,242 19 0
KILKIVAN WORKING PLAN AREA														
Reserve 12/24	..	1,431 4 7	..	..	..	2,359 5 8	91 9 10	191 18 3	1,627 15 5	849 16 9	55 0 0	604 16 0	..	7,411 6 6
Reserve 26/67	..	..	..	..	22 19 0	26 10 4	9 18 2	..	99 15 6	191 0 3	..	48 0 0	..	627 16 6
Reserve 138	239 11 5	..	..	..	117 7 8	1,451 0 5	51 16 9	87 4 4	2,023 4 1	2,278 0 5	131 16 0	2,092 0 0	..	17,644 2 10
Reserve 154	9,411 13 2	..	..	..	3 14 0	194 13 0	66 4 4	7 12 1	1,058 7 8	963 17 0	129 2 0	514 0 0	..	5,528 1 1
Reserve 220	2,590 11 0	43 3 8	..	..	2 12 2	115 11 8	20 4 1	..	64 11 10	19 6 7	168 2 6	28 0 0	..	461 12 6
Reserve 298	10,119 2 8	..	3,366 0 11	..	145 7 7	2,024 5 3	324 18 7	160 1 1	9,808 15 11	4,959 4 9	296 0 0	4,308 19 0	..	35,512 15 9
Reserve 355	117 2 5	..	..	..	..	48 12 0	..	..	10 7 2	9 15 8	..	..	..	185 17 3
Reserve 424	..	..	..	..	..	58 16 8	12 3 4	..	22 0 10	8 2 6	..	7 12 0	..	113 13 9
Reserve 427	..	..	1,375 19 1	..	..	67 8 3	52 8 11	..	Cr. 83 13 8	126 13 3	192 10 0	207 4 0	..	1,938 9 10
Reserve 612	7,808 9 1	..	..	..	40 1 11	385 5 4	19 18 8	..	2,010 17 2	1,940 16 2	176 5 0	1,286 8 0	..	13,668 1 4
Reserve 673	1,538 18 5	..	..	..	119 11 2	..	..	..	20 7 10	..	..	..	..	1,678 17 5
Pay-roll Tax	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	965 0 10	..	..	..	1,785 0 9	1,785 0 9
Administration	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	965 0 10
Firefighting and Patrol	..	..	..	91 12 8	..	1,693 1 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,693 1 4
Experiments	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95 4 0	..	..	..	..	91 12 8
Drum Account	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95 4 0
	31,825 8 2	1,474 8 3	4,742 0 0	91 12 8	451 13 6	8,624 9 11	649 2 8	446 15 9	17,722 14 7	11,343 9 3	1,156 18 0	9,096 19 0	1,785 0 9	89,410 12 6

APPENDIX H—continued

Reserves	Reforestation				Surveys	Protection, Firefighting, &c.	Maintenance of Capital Improvements	New Construction of Nurseries, Buildings, &c.	Overhead Expenses				Pay-roll Tax	Reserve Total			
	Plantations	Natural Regeneration	Nursery Working and Maintenance	Forest Experiment					Stores, Supervision, &c.	Holidays, Wet Time, &c.	Cartage of Rations, &c.	Camping Allowance			£	s.	d.
Reserve 99	5,932 2 2	2,363 5 1	1,768 4 11	..	393 0 8	165 6 6	78 6 3	85 8 6	1,440 13 3	168 11 2	620 5 10	..	5,780 10 10				
Reserve 185	108 4 6	35 9 4	..	..	..	1,823 3 1	168 12 4	85 8 6	2,028 2 2	434 13 11	1,435 12 6	..	16,167 8 9	
Reserve 191	..	29 11 0	..	..	..	44 18 2	82 5 3	..	11 15 0	11 14 4	34 16 0	..	392 13 11	
Reserve 316	153 8 11	27 3 1	..	1,009 11 0	37 8 0	847 6 9	..	77 16 1				
Reserve 317	320 11 2	16 14 9	38 0 0	281 14 2	173 9 0	..	..	6,071 7 1				
Reserve 318	270 19 0	6 17 7	..	3 13 0	38 3 7	..	..	1,049 3 2				
Reserve 456	12 7 10	192 3 3	15 0 10	1,036 19 1	115 6 8	..	..	1,049 3 2				
Reserve 458	9 8 8				
Reserve 460	376 4 3				
Reserve 1071	116 0 0				
Pay-roll Tax	123 10 7	2,429 9 7	..	..	7 10 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,032 10 7
Administration	838 10 10				
Firefighting and Patrol	285 13 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Experiments				
Drum Account	6,315 14 11	7,177 7 9	1,768 4 11	3,620 8 5	405 6 1	3,076 7 10	573 9 6	254 9 4	5,812 7 8	978 6 8	3,560 19 5	838 10 10	43,113 9 3				
Cr.				
Reserve 263	2,629 17 1	..	1,433 4 3	..	375 6 11	2,556 16 11	135 3 8	276 0 8	2,074 8 1	128 5 0	1,097 16 0	..	13,691 16 9				
Reserve 316	4,277 17 9	..	..	..	28 16 8	3,356 14 4	123 2 9	325 13 9	1,562 4 6	108 0 0	1,000 0 0	..	12,066 11 0	
Reserve 321	2,150 13 6	..	..	..	68 8 10	1,912 3 4	56 19 11	18 0 0	1,052 19 8	90 17 5	399 16 0	..	0,738 15 3	
Reserve 444	583 7 10	17 9 6	..	133 6 7	37 7 10	..	..	1,267 8 10				
Reserve 574	..	114 15 6	..	..	..	534 0 0	..	..	179 11 11	..	110 8 0	..	1,728 17 7
Pay-roll Tax	728 17 7	..				
Administration	2,000 11 7	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,333 12 11				
Firefighting and Patrol	2,000 11 7				
Experiments	316 15 7				
Drum Account	9,038 8 4	114 15 6	1,433 4 3	316 15 7	472 12 5	10,943 14 0	332 15 10	619 14 5	5,002 10 9	364 10 3	2,608 0 0	728 17 7	38,796 1 10				
Cr.				
Reserve 48	..	120 12 11	..	..	22 12 5	917 8 4	5 14 11	111 16 4	241 1 9	308 5 8	240 8 0	..	2,285 2 7		
Reserve 79	..	2,012 8 7	..	..	..	1,553 8 7	166 18 7	166 18 7	919 10 4	453 11 2	771 4 0	..	8,123 1 7	
Reserve 81	..	1,473 4 6	..	..	..	1,765 14 11	72 12 7	51 14 0	646 12 1	194 8 9	652 8 0	..	6,725 10 7	
Reserve 101	254 17 11	104 2 0	..	102 6 7	24 0 0	68 16 0	..	748 19 0				
Reserve 120	248 2 3	..	..	63 19 5	..	40 0 0	..	438 14 6				
Reserve 122	..	604 15 4	..	..	19 19 3	1,299 5 7	161 0 5	70 7 9	296 0 2	126 17 6	398 12 0	..	3,822 10 9		
Reserve 132	21 1 10	140 6 1	..	..	21 0 8	..	20 8 0	..	222 16 2				
Reserve 134	..	1,333 0 0	..	..	..	928 17 10	220 5 3	23 16 11	441 16 1	208 16 9	618 8 0	..	4,883 2 2	
Pay-roll Tax	553 17 5	..				
Administration	514 0 5				
Firefighting and Patrol	2,553 14 0	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,553 14 0				
Experiments	77 17 11				
Drum Account	..	5,544 1 4	..	77 17 11	63 13 6	9,661 15 6	730 13 11	257 15 0	2,732 7 1	1,315 19 10	2,810 4 0	553 17 5	30,949 7 1				
Cr.				

NORTH QUEENSLAND WORKING PLAN AREA

WARWICK WORKING PLAN AREA

INGLEWOOD WORKING PLAN AREA

APPENDIX H—continued

Reserves	Reforestation			Surveys	Protection, Firefighting, &c.	Maintenance of Capital Improvements	New Construction of Nurseries, Buildings, &c.	Overhead Expenses				Pay-roll Tax	Reserve Total	
	Plantations	Natural Regeneration	Nursery Working and Maintenance					Forest Experiment	Stores, Supervision, &c.	Holidays, Wet Time, &c.	Cartage of Rations, &c.			Camping Allowance
Reserve 120	13,833 12 7			102 12 5	2,859 17 10	118 4 3	407 12 4	5,562 9 2	2,259 2 1	37 17 6	1,356 0 0	26,537 8 2		
Reserve 151	1,853 14 3			92 2 2	2,061 7 4	129 7 11	8 11 3	1,691 15 9	4,508 19 5	166 6 2	631 12 0	6,043 6 3		
Reserve 257	14,686 15 3			42 15 8	1,203 11 6	463 19 0	141 14 2	7,558 13 4	2,709 2 3	429 6 2	2,868 14 0	33,958 10 3		
Reserve 258	6,630 15 4			247 0 8	7,295 3 0	452 1 0	460 16 10	3,891 9 2	9,000 1 5	429 6 2	1,211 2 0	18,058 7 11		
Reserve 283	22,480 3 6			420 19 4	1,432 15 7	812 12 3	45 0 8	12,195 17 10	4,421 10 2	37 17 6	4,094 14 0	58,583 5 1		
Reserve 289	2,781 4 10			34 17 8	2,374 11 3	122 14 3	122 14 3	5,273 2 8	4,800 19 8		1,351 4 0	20,709 11 3		
Reserve 316	5,476 2 5			32 17 8	2,374 11 3	229 19 1	4 8 11	1,366 12 1	84 15 6	17 6 0	88 18 0	10,145 8 2		
Reserve 328/9/474/673	161 0 2			8 9 7	685 0 2		69 15 3	110 2 8	290 11 0			781 3 4		
Reserve 379	3,603 15 4				108 16 1			826 4 4				5,483 15 8		
Reserve 466					1,090 12 5			1,344 8 2				143 4 9		
Reserve 528	11,095 10 2			46 7 1	3,728 5 0	378 11 8	133 19 0	1,344 8 2	794 2 7	342 19 6	637 12 0	6,461 4 8		
Reserve 618	2,459 19 0			8 0 8	1,458 16 10	467 15 7	1,033 16 10	4,788 5 8	3,382 2 6	22 12 0	2,412 16 0	28,750 6 7		
Reserve 909								2,256 18 10	1,584 12 10			12,676 16 0		
Pay-roll Tax					1,232 6 6							4,698 12 5		
Administration								2,181 1 9				2,181 1 9		
Firefighting and Patrol												1,232 6 6		
Experiments												3,079 7 2		
Drum Account												Cr. 68 7 0		
Totals	85,062 12 10	1,510 15 8	12,696 1 7	1,035 3 7	26,819 14 10	4,721 15 9	3,263 3 0	49,013 2 4	30,429 4 11	1,141 4 10	15,484 10 0	238,955 8 11		

YARRAMAN WORKING PLAN AREA

MISCELLANEOUS

Pay-roll Tax												2,153 13 8	2,153 13 8
Experiments													1,374 1 5
Photo. Prints and Maps				1,568 2 0									1,568 2 0
Salisbury—								Cr. 5,302 7 10					Cr. 5,302 7 10
Depot Stock								3,466 7 11					3,466 7 11
Store Room Expenses													1,959 17 2
Totals	376,143 11 8	46,587 14 1	46,193 0 1	14,093 12 1	266,029 6 7	32,551 8 0	43,909 18 9	304,122 16 3	168,822 19 11	14,178 15 1	109,967 15 8	29,299 18 1	1,483,637 17 1

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Loan	£	s.	d.
Trust	1,496,493	12	9
	33,315	10	3
	£1,529,809	3	0

Administration	£	s.	d.
Fares and Freight	5,227	2	3
Workers' Compensation	7,419	3	8
Collection and Storage of Seed	31,453	5	7
	2,100	14	5
	£1,529,809	3	0

APPENDIX I

Net Area of Plantation Established 1st April, 1959, to 31st March, 1960

Species	Brisbane	Gympie	Mackay	Mary- borough	Monto	Murgon	North Queens- land	Warwick	Yarra- man	Queens- land Totals
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
<i>Softwoods</i>										
A. Native Conifers—										
Hoop Pine ..	45.0	339.2	..	..	210.4	494.0	47.0	..	657.0	1,792.6
Bunya Pine ..	..	28.4	..	..	..	..	0.1	..	..	28.5
Other Native Conifers ..	0.5	79.9	..	..	1.6	..	5.4	..	7.1	94.5
B. Exotic Conifers—										
<i>P. elliotii</i> ..	529.3	485.6	198.3	821.7	..	..	..	70.0	..	2,104.9
<i>P. taeda</i> ..	2.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.1
<i>P. patula</i> ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.5	160.3	160.8
<i>P. caribaea</i> ..	0.5	16.0	307.0	30.6	..	..	5.5	..	..	359.6
<i>P. radiata</i> ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	224.5	9.7	234.2
<i>P. palustris</i> ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.5	..	0.5
Others ..	..	2.0	8.0	..	4.0	..	..	2.5	0.3	16.8
C. Broadleaved Soft- woods—										
Silky Oak ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Maple ..	..	6.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6.0
Red Cedar ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Others ..	..	5.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.8
Total Softwoods	577.4	962.9	513.3	852.3	216.0	494.0	58.0	298.0	834.4	4,806.3
<i>Eucalypts</i>										
<i>Euc. grandis</i> ..	12.5	33.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45.5
Other Eucalypts ..	..	8.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8.0
Total—Eucalypts	12.5	41.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	53.5
Total—All species	589.9	1,003.9	513.3	852.3	216.0	494.0	58.0	298.0	834.4	4,859.8

APPENDIX J

Net Area of Effective Plantation Classified into Forestry Districts to 31st March, 1960

Species	Brisbane	Gympie	Mackay	Maryborough	Monto	Murgon	North Queensland	Warwick	Yarraman	Queensland Totals
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
<i>Softwoods</i>										
A. Native Conifers—										
Hoop Pine ..	427.7	15,019.1	15.4	137.6	2,656.4	8,258.7	835.8	..	16,566.9	43,917.6
Kauri Pine ..	2.2	1,553.1	0.7	69.7	..	..	290.1	..	7.1	1,922.9
Bunya Pine ..	1.5	322.9	1.7	4.7	1.2	37.6	0.9	..	58.0	428.5
Others ..	5.2	51.4	0.6	1.7	1.6	..	0.9	..	0.4	61.8
B. Exotic Conifers—										
<i>P. elliotii</i> ..	10,836.9	7,113.4	2,298.8	8,809.3	70.5	54.3	7.8	691.3	916.4	30,798.7
<i>P. taeda</i> ..	3,308.0	105.1	9.8	54.1	1.0	116.2	13.7	224.7	41.4	3,874.0
<i>P. patula</i> ..	18.7	22.2	7.6	8.1	25.2	123.9	43.6	669.8	2,963.0	3,882.1
<i>P. caribaea</i> ..	17.2	39.9	1,174.0	94.6	1.0	..	14.5	..	..	1,341.2
<i>P. radiata</i> ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,291.1	398.2	1,689.3
<i>P. palustris</i> ..	252.7	1.8	5.8	1.0	..	..	..	9.2	2.6	273.1
Others ..	83.2	15.4	73.2	16.2	6.7	1.7	10.1	29.4	24.2	260.1
C. Broadleaved Softwoods—										
Silky Oak ..	..	175.9	..	..	..	32.1	31.7	..	675.5	915.2
Maple ..	..	58.6	..	..	..	..	202.3	..	..	260.9
Red Cedar ..	..	12.5	..	..	..	..	29.2	..	..	41.7
Others ..	0.1	105.1	..	0.3	0.8	0.9	93.6	..	..	200.8
Total—Softwoods ..	14,953.4	24,596.4	3,587.6	9,197.3	2,764.4	8,625.4	1,574.2	2,915.5	21,653.7	89,867.9
<i>Eucalypts</i>										
<i>Euc. saligna</i> ..	42.2	900.2	..	..	..	33.7	0.7	..	215.7	1,192.5
<i>Euc. paniculata</i> ..	229.2	216.2	..	..	..	76.4	35.6	..	459.3	1,016.7
<i>Euc. microcorys</i> ..	215.4	17.5	..	..	..	..	27.7	..	28.7	289.3
<i>Euc. pilularis</i> ..	160.9	..	..	..	..	..	0.2	..	..	161.1
Other Eucalypts ..	19.3	273.8	..	..	..	12.8	4.0	..	12.7	322.6
Total—Eucalypts ..	667.0	1,407.7	..	..	..	122.9	68.2	..	716.4	2,982.2
Total—All Species ..	15,620.4	26,004.1	3,587.6	9,197.3	2,764.4	8,748.3	1,642.4	2,915.5	22,370.1	92,850.1

APPENDIX K

Net Area of Plantation Effective at 31st March, 1960, Classified into Five-yearly Establishment Periods

(Calendar year planting includes areas established to 31st March of succeeding year.)

Species	1920 and Earlier	1921-25	1926-30	1931-35	1936-40	1941-45	1946-50	1951-55	1956-59	Total
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
<i>Softwoods</i>										
A. Native Conifers—										
Hoop Pine ..	21.0	184.5	1,784.5	4,320.5	9,611.6	2,238.7	10,697.8	8,230.2	6,828.8	43,917.6
Kauri Pine ..	..	55.0	18.7	125.2	1,137.5	237.4	224.8	23.0	94.2	1,922.9
Bunya Pine ..	6.0	28.8	74.8	0.9	123.9	..	2.3	144.1	47.7	428.5
Others ..	..	3.7	42.6	2.4	4.6	..	..	0.3	8.2	61.8
B. Exotic Conifers—										
<i>P. elliotii</i> ..	..	6.7	48.1	1,991.6	1,130.8	506.5	3,683.4	13,526.7	9,904.9	30,798.7
<i>P. taeda</i> ..	..	..	32.5	561.3	550.1	453.0	1,284.7	884.0	108.4	3,874.0
<i>P. patula</i> ..	..	1.0	21.0	160.1	462.4	189.0	1,356.7	1,216.0	475.9	3,882.1
<i>P. caribaea</i> ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.1	422.3	916.8	1,341.2
<i>P. radiata</i> ..	..	0.4	67.8	151.9	1.9	..	131.5	622.4	713.4	1,689.3
<i>P. palustris</i> ..	..	..	0.2	28.1	108.7	44.1	45.8	39.2	7.0	273.1
Others ..	..	1.6	18.8	38.5	20.5	1.0	47.3	99.6	32.8	260.1
C. Broadleaved Softwoods—										
Silky Oak ..	..	3.1	538.8	286.7	86.6	..	..	..	..	915.2
Maple ..	..	0.8	49.1	93.6	63.4	..	14.0	17.5	10.6	260.9
Red Cedar ..	..	9.0	4.0	0.6	0.6	0.5	..	27.0	..	41.7
Others ..	..	0.7	106.0	35.1	5.7	8.8	1.7	17.5	10.6	200.8
Total—Softwoods ..	44.6	311.4	2,806.9	7,796.5	13,308.3	3,679.0	17,492.1	25,269.8	19,159.3	89,867.9
<i>Eucalypts</i>										
<i>Euc. saligna</i> ..	..	..	1.0	1.2	145.0	129.3	756.7	159.3	..	1,192.5
<i>Euc. paniculata</i> ..	..	..	1.4	532.1	402.1	77.3	1.8	2.0	..	1,016.7
<i>Euc. microcorys</i> ..	..	..	5.3	90.0	194.0	..	..	..	..	289.3
<i>Euc. pilularis</i> ..	..	..	0.2	97.9	56.9	..	6.1	..	..	161.1
Other Eucalypts ..	..	..	0.5	6.4	22.7	9.4	35.1	29.1	219.4	322.6
Total—Eucalypts ..	..	..	8.4	727.6	820.7	216.0	799.7	190.4	219.4	2,982.2
Total—All Species ..	44.6	311.4	2,815.3	8,524.1	14,129.0	3,895.0	18,291.8	25,460.2	19,378.7	92,850.1

APPENDIX L

Areas of Natural Forest Treated

A.—Eucalypts

Sub-District	Reserve No.	Treated 1959-60	First Treatment 1959-60	Total as at 30th June, 1960
		Acres	Acres	Acres
Brisbane	571	120	120	303
	69	215	..	1,535
	1,376	108	..	1,480
	215	335	..	1,050
	702	75	..	2,060
	494	68	..	934
	446	..	..	1,094
	667	..	..	914
	309/1526	115	15	3,523
	1,355	..	..	1,625
	727	53	..	976
	1,635	60	60	260
Total .. .. .	..	1,149	195	15,754
Bundaberg	80	727	..	9,484
	723	..	..	564
	832/837	1,230	477	16,783
Total .. .. .	..	1,957	477	26,831
Clermont	117	..	..	10,820
	127	..	..	23,055
Total .. .. .	..	..	..	33,875
Dalby	93	..	..	18,998
	4	..	..	11,063
	83	..	..	4,876
	78	..	..	1,130
	302	..	..	8,580
	106	..	..	1,275
Total .. .. .	..	..	..	45,922
Fraser Island	3	308	108	18,561
Total .. .. .	..	308	108	18,561
Gympie	393	..	..	3,084
	234	..	..	1,833
	502	121	60	1,628
	627	179	65	2,810
	700	..	..	3,672
	124	..	..	770
	959	54	..	1,241
	950/1	..	..	1,160
	392	..	..	84
	963	32	32	50
	952	..	..	86
Total .. .. .	..	386	157	16,418
Inglewood	101	..	..	8,512
	81	..	..	7,490
	120	..	..	298
	132	..	..	207
Total .. .. .	..	..	..	16,507
Kilcoy	370	315	100	3,893
	893	120	120	3,833
	637	..	..	1,168
Total .. .. .	..	435	220	8,894
Many Peaks	46	..	..	1,270
	28	1,055	848	11,887
	150	..	..	1,811
Total .. .. .	..	1,055	848	14,968

APPENDIX L—continued
Areas of Natural Forest Treated—continued

A.—Eucalypts—continued

Sub-District	Reserve No.	Treated 1959-60	First Treatment 1959-60	Total as at 30th June, 1960
		Acres	Acres	Acres
Maryborough	958	..	..	15,926
	57	875	..	23,720
	12	30	..	5,426
	8	1,110	550	15,033
	1	..	..	1,632
	191/864	2,278	990	14,815
	676	400	400	7,524
Total .. .. .	..	4,693	1,940	84,076
Mary Valley.. .. .	135	..	..	159
Total .. .. .	..	..	..	159
Murgon	12/24	925	..	18,128
	221	60	..	2,682
	424/427	..	..	80
Total .. .. .	..	985	..	20,890
North Coast	318/583	420	..	9,225
	249	..	..	1,185
	60	39	39	1,674
	173	448	..	3,135
	108/106/442	70	..	1,772
	313	26	..	1,650
	445/531/877	380	..	200
	351	..	..	580
	689	..	..	340
Total .. .. .	..	1,383	39	19,761
North Queensland	194	..	..	175
	245	..	..	339
	343	..	..	200
	438	160	160	2,797
	461	..	..	2,785
Total .. .. .	..	160	160	6,296
Warwick	444	..	..	4,601
	574	130	..	5,306
Total .. .. .	..	130	..	9,907
Yarraman	283	..	..	1,881
	257	..	..	125
	527/8/9	680	..	5,972
	618	..	..	50
Total .. .. .	..	680	..	8,028
Total—Eucalypts .. .. .	..	13,321	4,144	346,847

B—Cypress Pine

Sub-District	Reserve No.	Treated 1959-60	First Treatment 1959-60	Total as at 30th June, 1960
		Acres	Acres	Acres
Bundaberg	278	174	174	1,551
Total .. .. .	..	174	174	1,551
Dalby	4	167	..	280
	302	1,853	1,779	35,676
	78	2,919	1,831	67,109
	93	342	342	2,854
	106	223	223	760
	126/135	..	..	3,747
	150	336	47	6,646
	154	2,560	648	31,186
	155	718	718	4,378
	161	16	16	16
	389	24	24	24
	127	..	..	710
Total .. .. .	..	9,158	5,628	153,386

APPENDIX L—continued
Areas of Natural Forest Treated—continued

B—Cypress Pine—continued

Sub-District	Reserve No.	Treated 1959-60	First Treatment 1959-60	Total as at 30th June, 1960
Fraser Island	3	Acres ..	Acres ..	Acres 4,424
Total .. .. .	..	..	..	4,424
Inglewood	48	76	..	5,242
	79	929	..	31,824
	81	681	681	6,593
	101	..	..	540
	120	..	..	515
	122	316	..	18,300
	134	788	..	14,790
Total .. .. .	..	2,790	681	77,804
Many Peaks	34	..	..	2 496
Total .. .. .	..	..	..	2,496
Total—Cypress Pine .. .. .	..	12,122	6,483	239,661

C—Rain Forest

Sub-District	Reserve No.	Second Treatment 1959-60	First Treated 1959-60				First Treatment completed 1959-60	Total as at 30th June, 1960
			Brushed	Ring- barked and Thinned	Logged under Tree- marking Conditions	Trees Interplanted		
Natural Hoop Pine— Bundaberg	169	Acres ..	Acres ..	Acres ..	Acres ..	Number ..	Acres ..	Acres 9,902
Natural Rain Forest— Northern Queensland ..	99/194	303	134	125	72	3,200	104	835
	185	..	2	..	296	..	..	214
	191	..	..	..	..	..	..	71
	310	433	159	155	746	250	155	547
	251	..	..	..	420	..	..	..
	344	..	..	..	850	..	..	..
	350	..	..	..	450	..	..	..
	458	..	..	..	400	..	..	..
	557	..	..	..	754	..	..	..
	607	..	..	..	324	..	..	..
	700	..	..	..	90	..	..	..
	933	..	..	..	120	..	..	..
	1073	187	159	178	316	..	178	551
Total .. .. .	..	923	454	458	4,838	3,450	437	2,218
Total—Rain Forest ..	..	923	454	458	4,838	3,450	437	12,120

Grand Total—	Acres
Eucalypts	346,847
Cypress Pine	239,661
Rain Forest	12,120
	<u>598,628</u>

APPENDIX M

Summary of Forest Survey Work, Year ended 30th June, 1960

INSPECTIONS AND INVESTIGATION SURVEYS

Area	Parish	Type	Miles
Reserve 54, Portion 13v	Abinger	Inspection	17
Mapala Holding	Comelybank	Inspection	18
Portion 3	Coomooboolaroo	Inspection	4
Reserve 607	Dinden	Road Investigation	31
Reserve 14, Portions 1 and 2	Dromedary	Inspection	29
Reserve 1073	Dulanban	Road Investigation	8
Reserve 3	Fraser Island	Reconnaissance and Road Investigation	118
Repulse Creek Holding	Goomally	Inspection	26
Minerva Holding, Portion 7	Minerva	Inspection and Road Investigation	..
Reserve 146	Monkhouse	Road Investigation	8
Bedourie Holding	Moowurie	Inspection	9
Reserve 756	Palmerston	Road Investigation	62
Palmgrove Holding	Palmgrove	Inspection	15
Portions 7, 8, 10	Pearl Creek	Inspection	27
Portions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Spottswood	Inspection	22
Portions 1, 3, 4	Wafer	Inspection	41
Reserves 28, 268	Waterview	Reconnaissance and Road Investigation	85
		Total	520

ASSESSMENT SURVEYS

Area	Parish	Acreage	Miles	Chains
Reserve 54	Abinger	9,070	31	22
Portion 13v	Abinger	4,950	26	38
Coorada Holding	Atkins	..	10	42
Reserve 14, Portion 1	Dromedary	..	7	20
Repulse Creek North Holding	Goomally	17,000	239	46
Roundstone Holding	Mayne	630	10	26
Tackeracka Holding	Mungabunda	700	9	6
Portion 7	Pearl Creek	4,500	30	4
Punchbowl Holding	Tuturin	1,000	14	33
Portion 1	Tuturin	650	5	73
Portion 3	Wafer	12,570	26	61
Portion 4	Wafer	15,500	49	33
	Total	66,570	461	4

FOREST INVENTORY SURVEY

Reserve	Parish	Permanent Plots	Acreage	Compartment Boundaries		Stripping	
				Miles	Chains	Miles	Chains
302	Pelham, Quandong	320	51,200	195	1	191	9
302	Coondarra, Goldsmith	461	73,760	..	..	338	41
174	Boondandilla	227	43,000	132	33	220	20
Total for Western Cypress and Hardwood		1,008	167,960	327	34	749	70

Reserve	Parish	Permanent Plots	Random Plots	Acreage	Stripping	
					Miles	Chains
792	Kilcoy	196	..	23,400	98	52
274	Conondale	..	114	23,700	..	..
1635	Kholo, Sahl	106	..	9,500	69	74
1526	Enoggera	17	..	1,550	5	76
309	Enoggera	75	..	6,750	25	20
1355	Dundas	73	..	6,500	30	41
Total for Coastal Hardwood		467	114	71,400	230	23

APPENDIX M—continued

Summary of Forest Survey Work, Year ended 30th June, 1960—continued

FORESTRY INVENTORY SURVEY—continued

Reserve	Parish	Remeasure		New Plots		Site Index Sampling		
		Plots	Acreage	Plots	Acreage	Miles	Chains	Acreage
392 ..	Como ..	38	400	5	50	37	75	900
909 ..	Crow's Nest ..	90	984	4	49	19	0	390
124 ..	Glastonbury ..	73	722	24	249	15	20	271
263 ..	Pikedale ..	106	980	24	420	83	50	1,400
242 ..	Widgee ..	46	441	21	576	30	70	567
Total for Softwood Plantations ..		353	3,527	78	1,344	186	55	3,537

COMPARTMENT, FIREBREAK, SOIL AND ROAD SURVEYS

Reserve	Parish	Type of Survey	Miles	Chains
435 ..	Amamoor, Kandanga ..	Road, Compartment, Firebreak ..	22	56
618 ..	Avoca ..	Firebreak, Miscellaneous ..	2	54
Bayfield Holding, &c. ..	Bayfield ..	Soil ..	16	70
611 ..	Beerwah ..	Road, Firebreak, Compartment, Soil ..	38	0
561 ..	Bribie ..	Road, Firebreak, Compartment, Soil ..	16	0
135 ..	Brooloo ..	Road, Firebreak, Compartment, Soil ..	21	12
67 ..	Bulburin ..	Firebreak, Miscellaneous ..	10	78
700 ..	Canning, Toorbul ..	Road, Firebreak, Compartment, Soil ..	20	0
135 ..	Cambroon ..	Compartment, Miscellaneous ..	9	58
283 ..	Colinton ..	Firebreak, Compartment, Road ..	12	69
28 ..	Coominglah ..	Road ..	30	20
289, 316 ..	Cooyar ..	Firebreak, Road, Miscellaneous ..	2	63
257 ..	Cooyar ..	Boundary, Road, Miscellaneous ..	7	51
258 ..	Cooyar ..	Firebreak, Miscellaneous ..	3	62
185 ..	Danbulla ..	Compartment, Road ..	25	67
607 ..	Dinden ..	Road ..	38	60
8 ..	Doongul ..	Compartment ..	4	57
3 ..	Fraser Island ..	Strip, Road, Compartment ..	94	67
298, 154 ..	Gallangowan ..	Firebreak, Road, Miscellaneous ..	34	23
124 ..	Glastonbury ..	Firebreak, Road, Compartment ..	12	13
256 ..	Imbil ..	Compartment, Road, Firebreak ..	8	21
572 ..	Kenilworth ..	Boundary ..	3	0
792 ..	Kilcoy ..	Compartment ..	13	31
658 ..	Macartney ..	Compartment, Soil ..	40	0
728 ..	Maleny ..	Boundary ..	4	69
612, 138 ..	Manumbar ..	Firebreak, Miscellaneous ..	3	59
249, 318 ..	Maroochy ..	Compartment, Miscellaneous ..	4	0
20, Portion 8 ..	Maryvale ..	Soil, Firebreak, Compartment ..	57	90
146 ..	Monkhouse ..	Road, Boundary ..	3	60
343 ..	Monsildale ..	Firebreak ..	3	14
673 ..	Monsildale ..	Firebreak, Compartment, Miscellaneous ..	6	30
207, 137 ..	Monsildale, Yabba ..	Firebreak, Compartment, Miscellaneous ..	9	62
120 ..	Neumgna ..	Road, Miscellaneous ..	13	68
95, 107 ..	New Cannindah, Minerva ..	Firebreak, Road, Compartment ..	29	43
350 ..	Niagara ..	Road ..	2	50
997 ..	Noosa ..	Road, Boundary, Miscellaneous ..	7	39
279 ..	Ongera ..	Road, Boundary ..	5	8
359 ..	Palen ..	Compartment, Firebreak ..	2	69
756 ..	Palmerston ..	Road, Boundary ..	21	32
263, 321 ..	Pikedale ..	Soil, Road, Compartment, Miscellaneous ..	35	25
915 ..	Poona (Tuan) ..	Soil, Firebreak, Compartment ..	20	3
458 ..	Stone ..	Road ..	4	20
1004 ..	Toolara ..	Soil, Firebreak, Compartment ..	114	42
28, 268 ..	Waterview, Hinchinbrook ..	Road, Boundary ..	30	43
242 ..	Widgee ..	Firebreak, Road, Miscellaneous ..	10	13
Total ..			881	10

APPENDIX M—continued

Summary of Forest Survey Work, Year ended 30th June, 1960—continued

THEODOLITE CONTROL SURVEYS

Reserve								Parish								Miles	Chains
135	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Brooloo	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	53
99	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Manumbar	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	32
312	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Manumbar	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	62
95	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	New Cannindah	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	22
392	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Como	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	11
1004	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Toolara	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	33
263	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Pikedale	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	13
435	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Amamoor	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	37
302	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Pelham and Brownlie	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	28
67	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Bulburin	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	55
274	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Cambroon	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	38
792	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Kilcoy	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	69
788	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Conondale	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	25
274	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Conondale	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	61
628	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Goomboorian	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	45
496	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Monsildale	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	47
								Total	..	..	..	..	..	99	71	

APPENDIX N

State Forests, Timber Reserves and National Parks, listed by Forestry Districts and Sub-Districts, at 30th June, 1960

Forestry District	Sub-District	State Forests			Timber Reserves			National Parks		
		No.	Area		No.	Area		No.	Area	
			A.	R. P.		A.	R. P.		A.	R. P.
North Queensland	Atherton	23	264,194	0 15	41	1,270,186	0 20	45	116,893	3 39
	Ingham	6	183,593	0 0	13	472,854	2 37	26	192,946	1 31
	Total	29	447,787	0 15	54	1,743,040	3 17	71	309,840	1 30
Mackay	Mackay	6	95,457	0 0	24	163,864	1 0	89	267,648	2 29
	Rockhampton ..	9	209,023	1 0	18	172,538	0 22	15	2,597	0 0
	Clermont	3	132,378	3 35	10	210,762	2 0	2	114,800	0 0
	Total	18	436,859	0 35	52	547,164	3 22	106	385,045	2 29
Monto	Monto	15	376,259	1 35	38	217,604	3 26	4	115	2 0
	Kalpowar	7	25,189	3 20	16	50,235	1 16	..	..	..
	Total	22	401,449	1 15	54	267,840	1 2	4	115	2 0
Maryborough ..	Maryborough ..	38	355,314	3 1	19	31,302	2 37	5	9,935	0 0
	Fraser Island ..	1	392,138	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Bundaberg	17	144,295	0 4	29	91,164	3 7	..	..	..
	Total	56	891,747	3 5	48	122,467	2 4	5	9,935	0 0
Dalby	Dalby	44	1,502,154	3 14	13	124,177	0 39	2	24,545	0 0
Gympie	Gympie	34	291,252	2 37	4	2,704	0 7	5	954	2 7
	Mary Valley ..	10	142,851	0 0	3	353	0 7	1	640	0 0
	Total	44	434,103	2 37	7	3,057	0 14	6	1,594	2 7
Murgon	Murgon	14	95,933	2 13	11	54,920	1 3	..	..	..
	Gallangowan ..	4	37,910	0 0	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Jimna	4	83,889	0 0	2	5,420	0 0	..	..	..
	Total	22	217,732	2 13	13	60,340	1 3	..	..	..
Yarraman	Yarraman	26	111,351	3 8	17	23,832	1 9	2	11,116	1 18
	Benarkin	3	54,362	0 0	5	6,537	2 26	..	..	..
	Total	29	165,713	3 8	22	30,369	3 35	2	11,116	1 18
Brisbane	Brisbane	47	152,938	3 38	32	64,847	1 29	37	81,126	2 19
	North Coast ..	34	97,997	3 30	20	6,265	2 36	11	3,915	2 13
	Total	81	250,936	3 28	52	71,113	0 25	48	85,042	0 32
Warwick	Warwick	15	69,262	3 37	9	23,473	3 18	11	15,819	2 0
	Inglewood	12	300,734	3 35	13	62,694	2 28	..	..	..
	Total	27	369,997	3 32	22	86,168	2 6	11	15,819	2 0
Grand Total ..		372	5,118,483	1 2	337	3,055,739	3 7	255	843,054	0 36

At 30th June, 1960—

Total area reserved for—	A.	R. P.
State Forests	5,118,483	1 2
Timber Reserves	3,055,739	3 7
National Parks	843,054	0 36
Total Reservations	9,017,277	1 5

APPENDIX O

Reservations for the Year ended 30th June, 1960

State Forests.—One new State Forest of 10,100 acres was proclaimed during the year, viz. R. 1137 Hull and Rockingham, North Queensland Forestry District; and 13,560 acres 0 roods 38 perches were added to existing reserves. Eight reserves were cancelled for inclusion in adjoining State Forests.

Timber Reserves.—At 30th June, 1960, the number of Timber Reserves, 337, was the same as at 30th June, 1959, there being four new reserves and four cancellations during the year.

Four new areas totalling 35,357 acres 3 roods 36 perches were reserved, being as follows :—

A.	R.	P.							Forestry District
82	3	36	527	Herberton	..	..	..	..	North Queensland
70	0	0	1069	Poona	..	..	..	..	Maryborough
35,000	0	0	7	Koolbellup	..	..	..	..	Dalby
205	0	0	190	Moraby	..	..	..	..	Dalby

Four reserves totalling 6,115 acres 2 roods 14 perches were converted to State Forests, and 740 acres 1 rood 18 perches were released.

National Parks.—Three new National Parks were proclaimed during the year and one was cancelled, giving an increase of two National Parks.

New National Parks were :—

A.	R.	P.							Forestry District
1,669	3	20	R. 800	Mooloolah (Mooloolah River)	..	..	..	..	Brisbane
3,380	0	0	R. 531	Palm (Orpheus Island)	..	..	..	..	North Queensland
1,750	0	0	R. 1072	Dayman (Woody Island)	..	..	..	..	Maryborough

1ST JULY, 1959, TO 30TH JUNE, 1960

STATE FORESTS											
								No.	A.	R.	P.
At 1st July, 1959	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	379	5,104,923	0	4
Proclaimed 1-7-59 to 30-6-60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10,100	0	0
V.C.L. added to existing reserves	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,478	1	38
Areas released	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	1	0 Cr.
								380	5,118,483	1	2
Reserves cancelled for inclusion in adjoining reserves	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8			
Total at 30th June, 1960	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	372	5,118,483	1	2

TIMBER RESERVES											
At 1st July, 1959	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	337	3,027,237	3	3
Proclaimed 1-7-59 to 30-6-60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	35,357	3	36
								341	3,062,595	2	39
Reserves converted to State Forests	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	6,115	2	14
Areas released	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	740	1	18
Total at 30th June, 1960	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	337	3,055,739	3	7

NATIONAL PARKS											
At 1st July, 1959	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	253	838,066	3	26
Proclaimed 1-7-59 to 30-6-60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	6,799	3	20
V.C.L. added	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	1	30
								256	844,891	0	36
Reserves cancelled	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1,758	0	0
Areas released	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	79	0	0
Total at 30th June, 1960	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	255	843,054	0	36

APPENDIX P

Expenditure, Surveys, Year ended 30th June, 1960

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Particulars of Survey—						
Harvesting and Marketing Project—						
Forest Inventory Surveys—						
Reserve 309, Enoggera	2,024	14	2			
Reserve 1526, Enoggera	431	6	3			
Reserve 1355, Dundas	2,378	3	10			
Reserve 1635, Kholo, Sahl	3,177	11	4			
Reserve 792, Kilcoy	5,425	11	1			
Reserve 302, Conondale	584	16	0			
Reserve 274, Pelham, Quandong, Coondarra	16,673	18	2			
Reserve 174, Boondandilla	3,938	6	9			
Reserve 909, Crow's Nest	399	15	5			
Reserve 263, Pikedale	1,956	13	4			
Reserve 124, Glastonbury	655	2	8			
Reserve 242, Widgee	498	19	4			
Reserve 392, Como	468	9	4			
Miscellaneous Remeasures—						
Dalby	1,429	12	3			
Brisbane	68	0	10			
Yarraman	3	9	6			
Gympie	364	10	0			
Maryborough	164	11	7			
Murgon	26	14	1			
				40,670	5	11
Road, Boundary and Miscellaneous Surveys—						
Gympie district	76	9	3			
Murgon district	608	7	9			
Brisbane district	268	0	9			
Maryborough district	915	12	7			
Warwick district	2	2	2			
Yarraman district	16	1	2			
Mackay district	328	9	11			
North Queensland district	5,405	9	1			
				7,620	12	8
Theodolite Surveys—						
South Queensland				826	8	3
Assessment Surveys—						
Mackay District				5,472	15	4
Survey Prints, Maps and Mountings				1,107	6	0
Reforestation Branch Projects—						
As detailed in Appendix H				14,093	12	1
Total Expenditure				£69,791	0	3

APPENDIX Q

Distribution of Personnel, 30th June, 1960

Salaried officers	353
Other employees	1,729
	<u>2,082</u>