

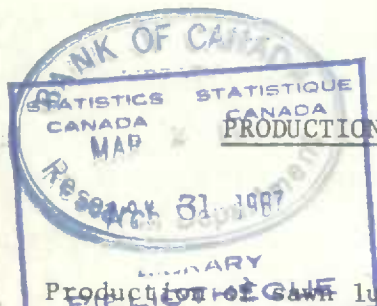


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

December, 1960

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 384,261 M ft. in December, 1960 as compared with 404,721 M ft. in December, 1959 a decrease of 5.1 p.c. from the previous year and a decrease of 1.3 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 56.4 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 11.4 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 43.6 p.c. showed an increase of 4.7 p.c. Shipments in December, 1960 totalled 391,214 M ft., as compared with 397,351 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 1.5 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 6.4 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 6.2 p.c. Total shipments for December increased by 4.2 p.c. over the November figure of 375,528 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of December, 1960 amounted to 735,798 M ft., as compared with 605,968 M ft. at the end of December the previous year and 730,407 M ft. at the end of November of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 386,046 M ft., while Interior mills showed 349,752 M ft.

Summary Figures

Table 1 gives a comparative summary of production, shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills for November and December 1959 and 1960. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 360,364 M ft. in November, 1959 to 404,721 M ft. in December, 1959 but decreased from 389,411 M ft. in November to 384,261 M ft. in December, 1960. Shipments totalled 375,528 M ft. in November, 1960 and 391,214 M ft. in December, 1960 as compared with 331,609 M ft. in November, 1959 and 397,351 M ft. in December of 1959. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 600,482 M ft. in November, 1959 to 605,968 M ft. in December, 1959 and from 730,407 M ft. in November, 1960 to 735,798 M ft. in December of this year.

Production

Table 2 gives particulars of lumber and tie production for Coast mills and Interior mills separately, and also shows separately the production of lumber and ties, by species. Production of sawn lumber in Coast mills amounted to 215,988 M ft. in December, 1960 as compared with 161,650 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 574 M ft. in December as compared with 6,049 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 56.4 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in December, 1960 as compared with 60.4 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during November, 1960 and 1959 respectively, were 60.8 and 65.0 p.c.

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Shipments

Table 3 gives details of lumber and tie shipments, by months, for Coast mills and Interior mills separately. Shipments by truck, by rail and waterborne are shown for each Canadian province, to points in the United States, to the United Kingdom and to other countries, for all mills reporting. Total estimated shipments of non-reporting mills are also given. It is to be noted, however, that some lumber originally reported as having been shipped to points in British Columbia may have been re-shipped to other provinces or exported by the purchasers and reported by them also, thereby causing a certain amount of duplication.

Shipments of Coast mills amounted to 229,229 M ft. in December of 1960 and 214,747 M ft. in November, 1960 as compared with 244,878 M ft. in December, 1959 and 193,178 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 161,985 M ft. and 152,473 M ft. in December, 1960 and 1959 and 160,781 M ft. and 138,431 M ft. in November, 1960 and 1959. Of all shipments actually reported for December, 1960 29.9 p.c. went to points in Canada, 46.4 p.c. to points in United States, 12.3 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 11.4 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 44.1 p.c. of the total, while 35.4 p.c. went by rail, and 20.5 p.c. by truck.

Stocks

Table 4 gives particulars of stocks of lumber and ties at sawmills by months. It distinguishes between stocks sold but not shipped and stocks unsold, and between stocks at Coast and Interior mills, by species. Total stocks at Coast mills in November and December, 1960 amounted to 396,822 M ft. and 386,046 M ft. as compared with 349,155 M ft. and 352,852 M ft. in November and December of 1959. Interior mills stocks increased from 251,327 M ft. in November to 253,116 M ft. in December, 1959 and from 333,585 M ft. in November to 349,752 M ft. in December, 1960. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 37.2 p.c. of the total in December, 1960 as compared with 30.0 p.c. in December, 1959 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 91.7 and 95.6.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of November and December, 1959 and 1960 for Coast mills only. Similar information is not collected from Interior mills and no attempt has been made to estimate orders on hand of non-reporting mills on the Coast. Destination and mode of shipments are shown in this table, which also gives total lumber purchases reported by some mills. Total orders on hand at the end of December, 1960 amounted to 419,337 M ft. as compared with 470,894 M ft. in December, 1959. Orders on hand at the end of November, 1960 and 1959 amounted to 409,542 M ft. and 385,828 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 2,549 M ft. in December, 1960 and 7,432 M ft. in December, 1959 as compared with 2,432 M ft. in November, 1960 and 7,460 M ft. in November, 1959.

Active Mills Reporting

Table 6 gives the number of active mills reporting each month for the Coast and Interior of British Columbia. The mills reporting for December accounted for 79.4 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1958 compared with 78.3 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for November, 1959 and 1960 were 80.8 and 78.9 respectively. It is hoped that the compilation will eventually include all mills in the 500,000 feet and over classification.

The co-operation of the British Columbia Lumber Manufacturers' Association, Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association and Northern Interior Lumbermen's Association in the collection of these statistics is gratefully acknowledged.



DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS

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Dear Sir:

Periodically a review is made of the surveys which are carried out by this Division of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in relation to the existing requirements of Government and Industry. In this manner we attempt to ensure that the data collected are justified in relation to uses, quality, costs of collection, etc.

The particular survey which we are reviewing at this time is the monthly publication entitled Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia (copy attached) and we would appreciate your comments along the following lines.

1. What use if any is made of the data?
2. If use is made, is the type of data satisfactory or can you suggest items for inclusion or deletion?
3. Would your purposes be served by publishing the data quarterly or semi-annually rather than monthly?

In the past, one of the most common complaints has been the lack of timeliness of the report. As you can appreciate, this is a most difficult problem to overcome due to the respondents not submitting returns at an early date. However, we are continuing to work on this problem and hope that in the future this will improve.

Yours very truly,

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Table 1 - Comparative Summary of Production, Shipments and Stocks of Lumber and Ties of British Columbia Sawmills

| Species | December | | November | | 12 months | |
|--|----------|---------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| | 1959 | 1960 | 1959 | 1960 | 1959 | 1960 |
| | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. |
| PRODUCTION | | | | | | |
| Douglas Fir | 157,347 | 159,175 | 153,101 | 169,255 | 1,943,156 | 2,092,365 |
| Hemlock | 97,474 | 96,027 | 86,644 | 101,696 | 893,053 | 1,163,564 |
| Balsam Fir | 3,861 | 3,083 | 2,912 | 2,999 | 41,642 | 44,992 |
| Red Cedar | 47,598 | 35,552 | 49,845 | 42,697 | 492,762 | 585,307 |
| Spruce | 78,375 | 68,496 | 51,170 | 54,383 | 1,038,570 | 1,037,432 |
| White Pine | 5,852 | 6,983 | 3,669 | 3,136 | 57,358 | 63,410 |
| Ponderosa Pine | 2,268 | 1,099 | 3,280 | 1,388 | 39,432 | 33,340 |
| Lodgepole Pine | 5,624 | 7,196 | 3,991 | 6,813 | 88,182 | 96,442 |
| Tamarack or Larch | 5,342 | 4,797 | 5,161 | 5,118 | 73,896 | 71,877 |
| All other softwoods .. | 747 | 1,697 | 334 | 1,578 | 13,759 | 5,201 |
| Total softwoods | 404,488 | 384,105 | 360,107 | 389,063 | 4,681,810 | 5,193,930 |
| Red Alder | 53 | 57 | 53 | 84 | 1,079 | 901 |
| Maple | 85 | 77 | 177 | 173 | 1,415 | 1,862 |
| Birch | 11 | 20 | 19 | 35 | 289 | 326 |
| Cottonwood | 84 | 2 | 5 | 56 | 520 | 292 |
| All other hardwoods .. | - | - | 3 | - | 67 | - |
| Total hardwoods | 233 | 156 | 257 | 348 | 3,370 | 3,381 |
| Total production ... | 404,721 | 384,261 | 360,364 | 389,411 | 4,685,180 | 5,197,311 |
| SHIPMENTS | | | | | | |
| TO: Points in Canada .. | 109,919 | 100,585 | 106,499 | 102,256 | 1,520,898 | 1,441,330 |
| Points in U.S.A. .. | 141,819 | 156,126 | 112,292 | 143,068 | 1,878,174 | 1,952,885 |
| United Kingdom | 56,881 | 41,368 | 33,371 | 46,291 | 272,449 | 512,055 |
| Other Countries ... | 35,888 | 38,693 | 36,325 | 30,386 | 293,738 | 392,617 |
| Shipments reported ... | 344,507 | 336,772 | 288,487 | 322,001 | 3,965,259 | 4,298,887 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills . | 52,844 | 54,442 | 43,122 | 53,527 | 733,360 | 736,002 |
| Total shipments | 397,351 | 391,214 | 331,609 | 375,528 | 4,698,619 | 5,034,889 |
| | | | | | | |
| | December | | November | | | |
| | 1959 | 1960 | 1959 | 1960 | | |
| | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | | |
| STOCKS ON HAND | | | | | | |
| Douglas Fir | 215,587 | 245,967 | 217,127 | 246,752 | | |
| Hemlock | 148,467 | 161,320 | 141,552 | 166,136 | | |
| Balsam Fir | 1,379 | 1,742 | 904 | 1,678 | | |
| Red Cedar | 66,806 | 88,580 | 69,231 | 92,402 | | |
| Spruce | 135,671 | 189,069 | 135,269 | 170,883 | | |
| White Pine | 16,938 | 22,481 | 14,722 | 20,695 | | |
| Ponderosa Pine | 9,956 | 14,463 | 9,920 | 13,539 | | |
| Lodgepole Pine | 4,714 | 4,237 | 4,912 | 10,936 | | |
| Tamarack or Larch | 5,228 | 6,536 | 5,706 | 6,009 | | |
| All other softwoods .. | 1,185 | 1,174 | 1,001 | 1,330 | | |
| Total softwoods | 605,931 | 735,569 | 600,344 | 730,360 | | |
| Red Alder | - | 38 | - | - | | |
| Maple | - | 121 | 2 | - | | |
| Birch | - | 2 | 3 | - | | |
| Cottonwood | 37 | 68 | 133 | 45 | | |
| All other hardwoods .. | - | - | - | 2 | | |
| Total hardwoods | 37 | 229 | 138 | 47 | | |
| Total stocks | 605,968 | 735,798 | 600,482 | 730,407 | | |

Table 2 - Lumber and Ties Sawn, December, 1960

| Species | COAST MILLS | | | INTERIOR MILLS | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Reported | Estimated | Total | Reported | Estimated | Total |
| | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. |
| <u>Lumber</u> | | | | | | |
| Douglas Fir | 81,117 | 2,472 | 83,589 | 42,470 | 29,226 | 71,696 |
| Hemlock | 90,562 | 516 | 91,078 | 2,709 | 2,180 | 4,889 |
| Balsam Fir | 1,089 | 49 | 1,138 | 1,191 | 731 | 1,922 |
| Red Cedar | 32,671 | 627 | 33,298 | 391 | 1,863 | 2,254 |
| Spruce | 2,923 | 181 | 3,104 | 40,703 | 24,543 | 65,246 |
| White Pine | 1,921 | 11 | 1,932 | 3,984 | 980 | 4,964 |
| Ponderosa Pine | - | - | - | 496 | 501 | 997 |
| Lodgepole Pine | - | 10 | 10 | 1,648 | 3,665 | 5,313 |
| Tamarack or Larch | - | - | - | 1,992 | 2,363 | 4,355 |
| All other softwoods ... | 1,688 | 9 | 1,697 | - | - | - |
| Total, softwoods .. | 211,971 | 3,875 | 215,846 | 95,584 | 66,052 | 161,636 |
| Red Alder | 26 | 31 | 57 | - | - | - |
| Maple | 65 | 12 | 77 | - | - | - |
| Birch | 3 | 5 | 8 | - | 12 | 12 |
| Cottonwood | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| All other hardwoods ... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods ... | 94 | 48 | 142 | - | 14 | 14 |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods ... | 212,065 | 3,923 | 215,988 | 95,584 | 66,066 | 161,650 |
| <u>Ties</u> | | | | | | |
| Douglas Fir | 515 | 57 | 572 | 1,485 | 1,833 | 3,318 |
| Hemlock | 2 | - | 2 | - | 58 | 58 |
| Balsam Fir | - | - | - | - | 23 | 23 |
| Red Cedar | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Spruce | - | - | - | - | 146 | 146 |
| White Pine | - | - | - | - | 87 | 87 |
| Ponderosa Pine | - | - | - | - | 102 | 102 |
| Lodgepole Pine | - | - | - | 21 | 1,852 | 1,873 |
| Tamarack or Larch | - | - | - | 4 | 438 | 442 |
| All other softwoods ... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, softwoods ... | 517 | 57 | 574 | 1,510 | 4,539 | 6,049 |
| Red Alder | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Maple | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Birch | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cottonwood | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| All other hardwoods ... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods ... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods ... | 517 | 57 | 574 | 1,510 | 4,539 | 6,049 |
| <u>LUMBER AND TIES</u> | 212,582 | 3,980 | 216,562 | 97,094 | 70,605 | 167,699 |

Table 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, December, 1960

| | By Truck and Local Sales | By Rail | Water- borne | Total Shipments |
|--|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. |
| <u>COAST MILLS</u> | | | | |
| TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u> | | | | |
| British Columbia | 33,742 | 1,171 | 4,588 | 39,501 |
| Yukon and Northwest Territories . | - | - | - | - |
| Alberta | 7 | 1,338 | xxx | 1,345 |
| Saskatchewan | - | 351 | xxx | 351 |
| Manitoba | - | 791 | xxx | 791 |
| Ontario | - | 4,310 | - | 4,310 |
| Quebec | - | 1,127 | 70 | 1,197 |
| New Brunswick | - | 81 | - | 81 |
| Nova Scotia | - | 80 | - | 80 |
| Prince Edward Island | - | 22 | - | 22 |
| Newfoundland | - | 233 | - | 233 |
| Total for Canada | 33,749 | 9,504 | 4,658 | 47,911 |
| <u>Points in U.S.A.:</u> | | | | |
| Pacific Ports | 128 | 745 | 2,604 | 3,477 |
| Atlantic Ports | - | 1,059 | 62,555 | 63,614 |
| Other points | 612 | 30,505 | 34 | 31,151 |
| Total for U.S.A. | 740 | 32,309 | 65,193 | 98,242 |
| United Kingdom | xxx * | 491 | 39,809 | 40,300 |
| Other countries | xxx * | 300 | 38,393 | 38,693 |
| Destination or carrier not specified | | | | - |
| Total shipments reported | 34,489 | 42,604 | 148,053 | 225,146 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills | | | | 4,083 |
| Total shipments, reported and estimated | | | | 229,229 |
| <u>INTERIOR MILLS</u> | | | | |
| TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u> | | | | |
| British Columbia | 31,481 | 3,249 | - | 34,730 |
| Yukon and Northwest Territories . | - | - | - | - |
| Alberta | 1,885 | 1,862 | xxx | 3,747 |
| Saskatchewan | 487 | 1,888 | xxx | 2,375 |
| Manitoba | - | 3,388 | xxx | 3,388 |
| Ontario | - | 7,289 | - | 7,289 |
| Quebec | - | 1,145 | - | 1,145 |
| New Brunswick | - | - | - | - |
| Nova Scotia | - | - | - | - |
| Prince Edward Island | - | - | - | - |
| Newfoundland | - | - | - | - |
| Total for Canada | 33,853 | 18,821 | - | 52,674 |
| <u>Points in U.S.A.:</u> | | | | |
| Pacific Ports | - | 270 | - | 270 |
| Atlantic Ports | xxx | 449 | - | 449 |
| Other points | 730 | 56,435 | xxx | 57,165 |
| Total for U.S.A. | 730 | 57,154 | - | 57,884 |
| United Kingdom | xxx * | 586 | 482 | 1,068 |
| Other countries | xxx | - | - | - |
| Destination or carrier not specified | | | | - |
| Total shipments reported | 34,583 | 76,561 | 482 | 111,626 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills | | | | 50,359 |
| Total shipments, reported and estimated | | | | 161,985 |

* Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard port

Table 4 - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, December, 1960

| Species | COAST MILLS | | | INTERIOR MILLS | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Reported | Estimated | Total | Reported | Estimated | Total |
| | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. |
| <u>SOLD (but not shipped)</u> | | | | | | |
| Douglas Fir | 97,783 | 1,831 | 99,614 | 8,098 | 5,888 | 13,986 |
| Hemlock | 88,459 | 1,656 | 90,115 | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| Balsam Fir | 5 | - | 5 | 367 | 267 | 634 |
| Red Cedar | 44,102 | 826 | 44,928 | - | - | - |
| Spruce | 4,432 | 83 | 4,515 | 6,965 | 5,065 | 12,030 |
| White Pine | 2,610 | 49 | 2,659 | 546 | 397 | 943 |
| Ponderosa Pine | - | - | - | 673 | 489 | 1,162 |
| Lodgepole Pine | - | - | - | 30 | 22 | 52 |
| Tamarack or Larch | - | - | - | 140 | 102 | 242 |
| All other softwoods .. | 756 | 14 | 770 | - | - | - |
| Total, softwoods ... | 238,147 | 4,459 | 242,606 | 16,824 | 12,234 | 29,058 |
| Red Alder | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Maple | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Birch | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cottonwood | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| All other hardwoods .. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods ... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods ... | 238,147 | 4,459 | 242,606 | 16,824 | 12,234 | 29,058 |
| <u>UNSOLD</u> | | | | | | |
| Douglas Fir | 44,470 | 833 | 45,303 | 50,408 | 36,656 | 87,064 |
| Hemlock | 56,362 | 1,055 | 57,417 | 7,978 | 5,801 | 13,779 |
| Balsam Fir | 1 | - | 1 | 638 | 464 | 1,102 |
| Red Cedar | 35,904 | 672 | 36,576 | 4,097 | 2,979 | 7,076 |
| Spruce | 2,100 | 39 | 2,139 | 98,649 | 71,736 | 170,385 |
| White Pine | 1,418 | 27 | 1,445 | 10,094 | 7,340 | 17,434 |
| Ponderosa Pine | - | - | - | 7,701 | 5,600 | 13,301 |
| Lodgepole Pine | - | - | - | 2,423 | 1,762 | 4,185 |
| Tamarack or Larch | - | - | - | 3,644 | 2,650 | 6,294 |
| All other softwoods .. | 371 | 7 | 378 | 15 | 11 | 26 |
| Total, softwoods ... | 140,626 | 2,633 | 143,259 | 185,647 | 134,999 | 320,646 |
| Red Alder | 37 | 1 | 38 | - | - | - |
| Maple | 119 | 2 | 121 | - | - | - |
| Birch | 2 | - | 2 | - | - | - |
| Cottonwood | 20 | - | 20 | 28 | 20 | 48 |
| All other hardwoods .. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods ... | 178 | 3 | 181 | 28 | 20 | 48 |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods ... | 140,804 | 2,636 | 143,440 | 185,675 | 135,019 | 320,694 |
| <u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u> | 378,951 | 7,095 | 386,046 | 202,499 | 147,253 | 349,752 |

Table 5 - Comparative Summary of Distribution of Orders on Hand and
Lumber Purchased by Coast Mills from Other Mills

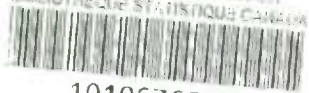
| | December | | November | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 1959 | 1960 | 1959 | 1960 |
| | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. |
| <u>ORDERS ON HAND</u> | | | | |
| <u>For shipments to points in British Columbia</u> | | | | |
| Local | 17,516 | 15,537 | 22,145 | 15,145 |
| Coastwise and Interior | 2,767 | 2,201 | 2,382 | 2,702 |
| Total | 20,283 | 17,738 | 24,527 | 17,847 |
| <u>For shipments by rail to:</u> | | | | |
| Prairie Provinces | 5,134 | 3,000 | 6,737 | 3,163 |
| Eastern Provinces | 10,869 | 8,659 | 11,270 | 5,948 |
| United States of America | 45,755 | 32,609 | 41,273 | 35,163 |
| Total | 61,758 | 44,268 | 59,280 | 44,274 |
| <u>For Waterborne shipments to:</u> | | | | |
| California | 1,610 | 927 | 1,994 | 2,690 |
| U.S. Atlantic Ports | 142,535 | 163,813 | 56,238 | 140,412 |
| Eastern Markets | 2,610 | 900 | 2,585 | - |
| Export Markets | 242,098 | 191,691 | 241,204 | 204,319 |
| Total | 388,853 | 357,331 | 302,021 | 347,421 |
| TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND | 470,894 | 419,337 | 385,828 | 409,542 |
| LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS | 7,432 | 2,549 | 7,460 | 2,432 |

Table 6 - Number of Active Mills Reporting

| | | December | | November | |
|-------------------------------|-----|----------|------|----------|------|
| | | 1959 | 1960 | 1959 | 1960 |
| Coast | No. | 78 | 64 | 81 | 70 |
| Interior | No. | 213 | 186 | 232 | 178 |
| Total, British Columbia | No. | 291 | 250 | 313 | 248 |

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