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

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Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 578,924 M bd. ft. in January 1964 as compared with 500,003 M bd. ft. in December, 1963. Shipments increased in January 1963 to 504,196 M bd. ft. from 457,940 in December 1963. Stocks on hand showed an increase from 780,446 M bd. ft. in December 1963 to 834,962 M bd. ft. in January 1964.

Table 1 gives a comparative summary of production, shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills, while Table 2 gives particulars of lumber and tie production for Coast mills and Interior mills separately. Details of lumber and tie shipments by method of transport are given in Table 3, while Table 4 shows particulars of stocks of lumber and ties at sawmills. It should be noted that some lumber originally reported as having been shipped to points within British Columbia by some operators may also be reported as having been shipped by other operators, who, in addition to sawing lumber, also purchase or have lumber sawn by contract for them. This, of course, would result in some duplication.

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand for Coast mills only, and also includes lumber purchases and some details of destination and method of transport.

Table 6 gives the number of mills reporting for the Coast and the Interior of British Columbia. The mills reporting for January accounted for 83 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1961 compared with 79.6 p.c. for January of the previous year. It is to be hoped that the compilation will eventually include all mills in the 500,000 feet and over classification.

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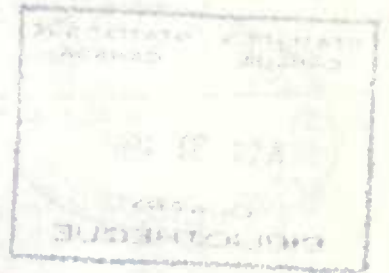


TABLE 1. Comparative Summary of Production, Shipments and Stocks of Lumber and Ties of British Columbia Sawmills

Species	January		December	
	1963 ^r	1964	1962	1963
M ft. b.m.				
Production:				
Douglas Fir	167,369	177,312	148,408	155,928
Hemlock	140,892	150,303	132,949	134,603
Balsam Fir	5,423	8,761	5,287	6,051
Red Cedar	50,300	59,964	48,979	48,286
Spruce	139,653	151,716	95,728	123,924
White Pine	3,840	5,772	2,001	6,605
Ponderosa Pine	1,170	1,109	1,420	2,034
Lodgepole Pine	13,217	15,429	8,942	13,739
Tamarack or Larch	5,201	5,368	4,724	6,613
All other softwoods ...	3,267	2,894	3,871	1,960
Total softwoods	530,332	578,628	452,309	499,743
Red Alder	180	153	105	156
Maple	342	108	190	80
Birch	34	4	24	2
Cottonwood	39	31	20	22
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	595	296	339	260
Total production	530,927	578,924	452,648	500,003
Shipments:				
To - Points in Canada	111,642	164,072	88,637	138,913
Points in U.S.A.	204,358	188,402	179,524	161,005
United Kingdom ...	36,411	40,924	51,364	47,625
Other Countries ..	60,719	43,144	43,344	51,446
Shipments reported	413,130	436,542	362,869	398,989
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	61,603	67,654	52,624	58,951
Total shipments	474,733	504,196	415,493	457,940
M ft. b.m.				
January				
December				
M ft. b.m.				
Stocks on hand:				
Douglas Fir	235,104	219,228	243,466	202,088
Hemlock	206,204	215,528	219,507	188,315
Balsam Fir	5,227	9,443	5,119	8,646
Red Cedar	80,393	81,075	78,365	72,963
Spruce	284,564	256,133	240,697	253,319
White Pine	16,906	13,273	15,498	13,332
Ponderosa Pine	7,249	7,573	7,116	8,494
Lodgepole Pine	21,586	20,094	9,899	14,443
Tamarack or Larch	7,542	7,081	10,111	12,914
All other softwoods	8,005	5,381	7,876	5,521
Total softwoods	872,780	834,809	837,654	780,035
Red Alder	37	69	51	109
Maple	263	31	230	31
Birch	52	23	28	27
Cottonwood	78	30	210	244
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	430	153	519	411
Total stocks	873,210	834,962	838,173	780,446

^r Revised figures (production only).

TABLE 2. Lumber and Ties Sawn, January 1964

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
M ft.b.m.						
Lumber:						
Douglas Fir	80,602	1,740	82,342	57,810	36,794	94,604
Hemlock	139,190	3,018	142,208	7,336	749	8,085
Balsam Fir	5,618	227	5,845	2,016	897	2,913
Red Cedar	51,140	539	51,679	7,199	1,086	8,285
Spruce	5,232	3,421	8,653	102,949	40,041	142,990
White Pine	1,710	50	1,760	2,340	1,658	3,998
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	415	622	1,037
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	11,099	4,201	15,300
Tamarack or Larch	-	4	4	2,447	2,758	5,205
All other softwoods ..	2,531	33	2,564	298	17	315
Total, softwoods ...	286,023	9,032	295,055	193,909	88,823	282,732
Red Alder	146	7	153	-	-	-
Maple	78	30	108	-	-	-
Birch	-	2	2	-	2	2
Cottonwood	-	-	-	5	26	31
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	224	39	263	5	28	33
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	286,247	9,071	295,318	193,914	88,851	282,765
Ties:						
Douglas Fir	-	-	-	114	252	366
Hemlock	-	-	-	10	-	10
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	3	3
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	72	1	73
White Pine	-	-	-	-	14	14
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	38	34	72
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	20	109	129
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	125	34	159
All other softwoods ..	-	-	-	15	-	15
Total, softwoods ...	-	-	-	394	447	841
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	-	-	-	394	447	841
Lumber and ties	286,247	9,071	295,318	194,308	89,298	283,606

TABLE 3. Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, January 1964

	By truck and local sales	By rail M ft. b.m.	Water- borne	Total shipments
<u>Coast mills</u>				
To - Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	50,456	869	7,937	59,262
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	-	1,890	-	1,890
Saskatchewan	-	963	-	963
Manitoba	-	1,335	-	1,335
Ontario	-	4,971	-	4,971
Quebec	-	2,122	-	2,122
New Brunswick	-	29	-	29
Nova Scotia	-	183	-	183
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	83	-	83
Total for Canada	50,456	12,445	7,937	70,838
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	184	1,140	5,445	6,769
Atlantic Ports .....	...	233	73,848	74,081
Other points	754	30,871	-	31,625
Total for U.S.A.	938	32,244	79,293	112,475
United Kingdom .....	...	-	39,710	39,710
Other countries .....	...	-	43,144	43,144
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	51,394	44,689	170,084	266,167
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				5,753
Total shipments, reported and estimated				271,920
<u>Interior mills</u>				
To - Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	58,379	8,964	-	67,343
Yukon and Northwest Territories ..	-	-	-	-
Alberta	4,272	3,944	...	8,216
Saskatchewan	1,329	2,995	...	4,324
Manitoba	360	3,347	...	3,707
Ontario	-	7,477	-	7,477
Quebec	-	2,167	-	2,167
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	64,340	28,894	-	93,234
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	-	313	-	313
Atlantic Ports .....	...	5,572	-	5,572
Other points	1,911	68,131	...	70,042
Total for U.S.A.	1,911	74,016	-	75,927
United Kingdom .....	...	975(1)	239	1,214
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	66,251	103,885	239	170,375
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				61,901
Total shipments, reported and estimated				232,276

(1) Shipped by rail to Eastern and/or Western Seaboard Ports.

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable

TABLE 4. Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, January 31, 1964

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
M ft.b.m.						
Douglas Fir	113,636	3,218	116,854	68,954	33,420	102,374
Hemlock	188,561	5,340	193,901	14,699	6,928	21,627
Balsam Fir	3,343	95	3,438	4,087	1,918	6,005
Red Cedar	58,305	1,651	59,956	14,190	6,929	21,119
Spruce	6,947	197	7,144	170,030	78,959	248,989
White Pine	2,790	79	2,869	6,953	3,451	10,404
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	5,034	2,539	7,573
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	13,733	6,361	20,094
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	4,707	2,374	7,081
All other softwoods ..	4,918	140	5,058	215	108	323
Total, softwoods ...	378,500	10,720	389,220	302,602	142,987	445,589
Red Alder	67	2	69	-	-	-
Maple	30	1	31	-	-	-
Birch	23	-	23	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	20	10	30
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	120	3	123	20	10	30
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	378,620	10,723	389,343	302,622	142,997	445,619

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

	January		December	
	1963	1964	1962	1963
M ft.b.m.				
<u>Orders on hand</u>				
For shipments to points in				
British Columbia:				
Local	20,254	30,651	15,054	24,168
Coastwise and interior	26,062	6,920	25,316	6,847
Totals	46,316	37,571	40,370	31,015
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	7,361	6,974	6,591	5,184
Eastern Provinces	13,706	13,034	8,481	10,899
United States of America	53,279	54,202	50,438	50,229
Totals	74,346	74,210	65,510	66,312
For Waterborne shipments to:				
California	3,250	4,090	1,300	2,700
U.S. Atlantic Ports	232,217	207,241	222,419	192,594
Eastern Markets	4,840	5,115	13,832	4,575
Export Markets	226,284	383,351	231,381	345,080
Totals	466,591	599,797	468,932	544,949
Total orders on hand	587,253	711,578	574,812	642,276
Lumber purchased from other mills	1,754	2,212	1,991	1,389

TABLE 6. Number of Mills Reporting

	January 1963			January 1964		
	Active	Inactive	Total	Active	Inactive	Total
Coast	64	10	74	62	13	75
Interior	210	144	354	226	103	329
Totals	274	154	428	288	116	404

Note: A few returns received after compilations were closed have been omitted.

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