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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 508,092 M bd. ft. in November 1964 as compared with 489,315 M bd. ft. in November 1963. Shipments increased in November 1964 to 490,197 M bd. ft. from 480,261 in November 1963. Stocks on hand showed an increase from 742,562 M bd. ft. in November 1963 to 837,851 M bd. ft. in November 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 give 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 November accounted for 82.8 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1962 compared with 80.1 p.c. for November 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	November		Eleven months ended November	
	1963r	1964	1963r	1964(1)
M ft.b.m.				
Production:				
Douglas Fir .....	163,265	156,670	1,971,724	1,930,460
Hemlock .....	141,146	151,395	1,530,804	1,532,372
Balsam Fir .....	6,554	5,242	53,938	81,765
Red Cedar .....	52,729	57,709	613,542	685,350
Spruce .....	99,384	109,014	1,414,586	1,493,254
White Pine .....	5,917	4,011	72,533	61,048
Ponderosa Pine .....	1,688	3,483	25,317	35,315
Lodgepole Pine .....	9,517	11,070	131,818	155,352
Tamarack or Larch ....	6,809	4,717	70,428	58,124
All other softwoods ..	2,065	4,424	26,474	34,727
Total softwoods ....	489,074	507,735	5,911,164	6,067,767
Red Alder .....	130	121	1,087	1,622
Maple .....	93	186	2,164	1,609
Birch .....	2	29	200	191
Cottonwood .....	16	1	504	520
All other hardwoods ..	-	20	42	95
Total hardwoods ....	241	357	3,997	4,037
Total production ...	489,315	508,092	5,915,161	6,071,804
Shipments:				
To: Points in Canada ..	128,366	136,468	1,558,862	1,818,703
Points in U.S.A. ..	171,548	184,852	2,459,118	2,452,222
United Kingdom ....	44,289	68,033	438,659	570,741
Other Countries ...	65,712	41,540	632,628	547,967
Shipments reported ...	409,915	430,893	5,089,267	5,389,633
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	70,346	59,304	899,562	782,342
Total shipments ..	480,261	490,197	5,988,829	6,171,975
November 30, 1963				
M ft.b.m.				
November 30, 1964				
M ft.b.m.				
Stocks on hand:				
Douglas Fir .....	200,526		208,112	
Hemlock .....	184,203		251,699	
Balsam Fir .....	7,570		8,583	
Red Cedar .....	68,931		91,976	
Spruce .....	225,799		223,671	
White Pine .....	22,904		14,594	
Ponderosa Pine .....	7,805		9,719	
Lodgepole Pine .....	12,410		19,124	
Tamarack or Larch .....	6,187		4,962	
All other softwoods .....	5,555		4,591	
Total softwoods .....	741,990		837,031	
Red Alder .....	45		375	
Maple .....	86		142	
Birch .....	52		99	
Cottonwood .....	389		204	
All other hardwoods .....	-		-	
Total hardwoods .....	572		820	
Total stocks .....	742,562		837,851	

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TABLE 2. Lumber and Ties Sawn, November 1964

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
M ft.b.m.						
Lumber:						
Douglas Fir .....	70,335	6,309	76,644	51,387	27,305	78,692
Hemlock .....	138,286	2,765	141,051	9,370	917	10,287
Balsam Fir .....	2,716	527	3,243	1,402	594	1,996
Red Cedar .....	45,243	1,902	47,145	10,018	546	10,564
Spruce .....	5,403	881	6,284	72,162	30,568	102,730
White Pine .....	1,034	3	1,037	2,384	590	2,974
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	3,017	347	3,364
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	8,107	2,511	10,618
Tamarack or Larch ....	-	-	-	2,078	2,587	4,665
All other softwoods ..	3,817	6	3,823	535	30	565
Total, softwoods ...	266,834	12,393	279,227	160,460	65,995	226,455
Red Alder .....	91	26	117	-	4	4
Maple .....	87	99	186	-	-	-
Birch .....	5	24	29	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	1	1
All other hardwoods ..	-	4	4	-	16	16
Total, hardwoods ...	183	153	336	-	21	21
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	267,017	12,546	279,563	160,460	66,016	226,476
Ties:						
Douglas Fir .....	1,009	4	1,013	60	261	321
Hemlock .....	-	-	-	40	17	57
Balsam Fir .....	-	-	-	-	3	3
Red Cedar .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
White Pine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	101	18	119
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	348	104	452
Tamarack or Larch ....	-	-	-	30	22	52
All other softwoods ..	-	-	-	13	23	36
Total, softwoods ...	1,009	4	1,013	592	448	1,040
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	1,009	4	1,013	592	448	1,040
Lumber and ties .....	268,026	12,550	280,576	161,052	66,464	227,516



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

	By truck and local sales	By rail	Water- borne	Total shipments
M ft.b.m.				
<u>Coast mills</u>				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	47,305	480	3,217	51,002
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	3	1,514	...	1,517
Saskatchewan .....	-	667	...	667
Manitoba .....	-	1,910	...	1,910
Ontario .....	-	4,882	-	4,882
Quebec .....	-	1,714	-	1,714
New Brunswick .....	-	178	-	178
Nova Scotia .....	-	233	-	233
Prince Edward Island .....	-	8	-	8
Newfoundland .....	-	193	-	193
Total for Canada .....	47,308	11,779	3,217	62,304
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....	592	1,547	2,808	4,947
Atlantic Ports .....	...	40	58,043	58,083
Other points .....	93	27,218	...	27,311
Total for U.S.A. ....	685	28,805	60,851	90,341
United Kingdom .....	...	-	65,547	65,547
Other countries .....	...	-	41,540	41,540
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported .....	47,993	40,584	171,155	259,732
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				7,468
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				267,200
<u>Interior mills</u>				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	36,255	6,476	-	42,731
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	4,257	4,221	...	8,478
Saskatchewan .....	973	4,092	...	5,065
Manitoba .....	337	4,204	...	4,541
Ontario .....	-	12,081	-	12,081
Quebec .....	-	1,208	-	1,208
New Brunswick .....	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	60	-	60
Total for Canada .....	41,822	32,342	-	74,164
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....	365	2,379	3,701	6,445
Atlantic Ports .....	...	3,561	-	3,561
Other points .....	972	83,533	...	84,505
Total for U.S.A. ....	1,337	89,473	3,701	94,511
United Kingdom .....	...	2,261 (2)	225	2,486
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported .....	43,159	124,076	3,926	171,161
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				51,836
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				222,997

See footnotes page 7.

TABLE 4. Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, November 30, 1964

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
M ft. b.m.						
Douglas Fir .....	124,923	1,228	126,151	60,886	21,075	81,961
Hemlock .....	226,884	5,127	232,011	13,975	5,713	19,688
Balsam Fir .....	3,614	114	3,728	3,336	1,519	4,855
Red Cedar .....	58,765	2,666	61,431	22,659	7,886	30,545
Spruce .....	7,211	3,155	10,366	151,791	61,514	213,305
White Pine .....	4,335	-	4,335	7,852	2,407	10,259
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	7,449	2,270	9,719
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	13,245	5,879	19,124
Tamarack or Larch ....	-	-	-	3,803	1,159	4,962
All other softwoods ..	4,275	8	4,283	236	72	308
Total, softwoods ...	430,007	12,298	442,305	285,232	109,494	394,726
Red Alder .....	227	148	375	-	-	-
Maple .....	80	62	142	-	-	-
Birch .....	57	42	99	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	156	48	204
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	364	252	616	156	48	204
Total, softwoods and hardwoods .....	430,371	12,550	442,921	285,388	109,542	394,930

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

	November 30, 1963	November 30, 1964
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
For shipments to points in		
British Columbia:		
Local .....	15,053	17,714
Coastwise and interior .....	5,813	13,608
Totals .....	20,866	31,322
For shipments by rail to:		
Prairie Provinces .....	4,438	5,576
Eastern Provinces .....	10,045	9,327
United States of America .....	45,585	44,252
Totals .....	60,068	59,155
For Waterborne shipments to:		
California .....	1,869	4,350
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	159,872	155,860
Eastern Markets .....	-	-
Export Markets .....	350,960	447,335
Totals .....	512,701	607,545
Total orders on hand .....	593,635	698,022
Lumber purchased from other mills .....	1,873	2,071

TABLE 6. Number of Mills Reporting

	November 1963			November 1964		
	Active	Inactive	Total	Active	Inactive	Total
Coast .....	66	11	77	65	2	67
Interior .....	192	114	306	211	85	296
Totals .....	258	125	383	276	87	363

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

(1) Includes revised production to date.

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

r Revised figures for production only.

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

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