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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 600,533 M bd. ft. in February 1964 as compared with 578,924 M bd. ft. in January 1964. Shipments increased in February 1964 to 565,185 M bd. ft. from 504,196 in January 1964. Stocks on hand showed an increase from 854,614 M bd. ft. in January 1964 to 907,162 M bd. ft. in February 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 February accounted for 84.2 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1961 compared with 79.6 p.c. for February 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.

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.

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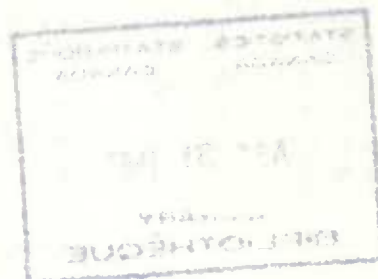


TABLE 1. Comparative Summary of Production, Shipments and Stocks of Lumber and Ties of British Columbia Sawmills

Species	February		January		Two months ended February	
	1963 <sup>r</sup>	1964	1963	1964	1963 <sup>r</sup>	1964
M ft.b.m.						
<b>Production:</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	188,926	183,342	167,369	177,312	356,295	360,654
Hemlock .....	141,400	148,245	140,892	150,303	282,292	298,548
Balsam Fir .....	5,605	7,756	5,423	8,761	11,028	16,517
Red Cedar .....	53,017	65,461	50,300	59,964	103,317	125,425
Spruce .....	168,962	164,333	139,653	151,716	308,615	316,049
White Pine .....	5,246	5,096	3,840	5,772	9,086	10,868
Ponderosa Pine .....	1,308	1,350	1,170	1,109	2,478	2,459
Lodgepole Pine .....	14,678	16,134	13,217	15,429	27,895	31,563
Tamarack or Larch .....	6,599	6,028	5,201	5,368	11,800	11,396
All other softwoods ....	2,077	2,506	3,267	2,894	5,344	5,400
Total softwoods .....	587,818	600,251	530,332	578,628	1,118,150	1,178,879
Red Alder .....	173	119	180	153	353	272
Maple .....	231	116	342	108	573	224
Birch .....	60	4	34	4	94	8
Cottonwood .....	33	43	39	31	72	74
All other hardwoods ....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods .....	497	282	595	296	1,092	578
Total production .....	588,315	600,533	530,927	578,924	1,119,242	1,179,457
<b>Shipments:</b>						
To: Points in Canada .....	140,418	174,830	111,642	164,072	252,060	338,902
Points in U.S.A. ....	193,362	215,511	204,358	188,402	397,720	403,913
United Kingdom .....	36,551	44,211	36,411	40,924	72,962	85,135
Other Countries .....	57,588	60,109	60,719	43,144	118,307	103,253
Shipments reported .....	427,919	494,661	413,130	436,542	841,049	931,203
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills ..	71,968	70,524	61,603	67,654	133,571	138,178
Total shipments ....	499,887	565,185	474,733	504,196	974,620	1,069,381
M ft.b.m.						
<b>Stocks on hand:</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	225,471	231,372	235,104	225,079		
Hemlock .....	216,032	214,899	206,204	227,260		
Balsam Fir .....	5,223	11,857	5,227	9,443		
Red Cedar .....	79,189	90,919	80,393	83,009		
Spruce .....	343,299	301,576	284,564	256,133		
White Pine .....	15,617	11,297	16,906	13,408		
Ponderosa Pine .....	5,404	5,887	7,249	7,573		
Lodgepole Pine .....	13,349	22,979	21,586	20,094		
Tamarack or Larch .....	8,659	10,937	7,542	7,081		
All other softwoods .....	7,820	5,092	8,005	5,381		
Total softwoods .....	920,063	906,815	872,780	854,461		
Red Alder .....	43	187	37	69		
Maple .....	173	83	263	31		
Birch .....	66	35	52	23		
Cottonwood .....	197	42	78	30		
All other hardwood .....	-	-	-	-		
Total hardwoods .....	479	347	430	153		
Total stocks .....	920,542	907,162	873,210	854,614		

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

TABLE 2. Lumber and Ties Sawn, February 1964

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
M ft.b.m.						
Lumber:						
Douglas Fir .....	75,569	1,360	76,929	67,201	38,927	106,128
Hemlock .....	136,664	2,213	138,877	8,550	803	9,353
Balsam Fir .....	4,296	169	4,465	2,394	897	3,291
Red Cedar .....	51,816	776	52,592	12,296	573	12,869
Spruce .....	3,492	2,556	6,048	116,656	41,627	158,283
White Pine .....	2,398	37	2,435	924	1,698	2,622
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	726	562	1,288
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	11,402	4,496	15,898
Tamarack or Larch ....	-	3	3	3,141	2,769	5,910
All other softwoods ..	2,016	25	2,041	416	28	444
Total, softwoods ...	276,251	7,139	283,390	223,706	92,380	316,086
Red Alder .....	114	5	119	-	-	-
Maple .....	93	23	116	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	1	1	-	3	3
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	2	41	43
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	207	29	236	2	44	46
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	276,458	7,168	283,626	223,708	92,424	316,132
Ties:						
Douglas Fir .....	-	-	-	153	132	285
Hemlock .....	-	-	-	15	-	15
Balsam Fir .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce .....	-	-	-	-	2	2
White Pine .....	-	-	-	-	39	39
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	48	14	62
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	15	221	236
Tamarack or Larch ....	-	-	-	70	45	115
All other softwoods ..	-	-	-	21	-	21
Total, softwoods ...	-	-	-	322	453	775
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	-	-	-	322	453	775
Lumber and ties .....	276,458	7,168	283,626	224,030	92,877	316,907



TABLE 3. Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, February 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 .....	48,212	1,307	6,287	55,806
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	12	1,521	...	1,533
Saskatchewan .....	-	513	...	513
Manitoba .....	-	1,443	...	1,443
Ontario .....	-	5,575	-	5,575
Quebec .....	-	2,182	-	2,182
New Brunswick .....	-	213	-	213
Nova Scotia .....	-	204	-	204
Prince Edward Island .....	-	9	-	9
Newfoundland .....	-	164	-	164
Total for Canada .....	48,224	13,131	6,287	67,642
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....	121	1,051	2,788	3,960
Atlantic Ports .....	...	3,318	79,508	82,826
Other points .....	392	27,252	...	27,644
Total for U.S.A. ....	513	31,621	82,296	114,430
United Kingdom .....	...	-	43,035	43,035
Other countries .....	...	-	59,859	59,859
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported .....	48,737	44,752	191,477	284,966
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				4,291
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				289,257
<u>Interior mills</u>				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	68,222	9,509	-	77,731
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	4,082	3,589	...	7,671
Saskatchewan .....	1,221	4,059	...	5,280
Manitoba .....	450	4,980	...	5,430
Ontario .....	-	9,368	-	9,368
Quebec .....	-	1,589	-	1,589
New Brunswick .....	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	30	-	30
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	89	-	89
Total for Canada .....	73,975	33,213	-	107,188
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....	-	632	-	632
Atlantic Ports .....	...	7,024	-	7,024
Other points .....	1,649	91,776	...	93,425
Total for U.S.A. ....	1,649	99,432	-	101,081
United Kingdom .....	...	957(1)	219	1,176
Other countries .....	...	-	250	250
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported .....	75,624	133,602	469	209,695
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				66,233
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				275,928

(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, February 29, 1964

Species	Coast mills(1)			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
M ft. b.m.						
Douglas Fir .....	124,903	1,933	126,836	73,882	30,654	104,536
Hemlock .....	188,859	5,340	194,199	14,632	6,068	20,700
Balsam Fir .....	4,873	319	5,192	4,711	1,954	6,665
Red Cedar .....	62,951	1,372	64,323	18,796	7,800	26,596
Spruce .....	6,118	2,809	8,927	206,872	85,777	292,649
White Pine .....	3,583	27	3,610	5,432	2,255	7,687
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	4,160	1,727	5,887
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	16,244	6,735	22,979
Tamarack or Larch ....	-	-	-	7,728	3,209	10,937
All other softwoods ...	5,026	31	5,057	25	10	35
Total, softwoods ...	396,313	11,831	408,144	352,482	146,189	498,671
Red Alder .....	101	86	187	-	-	-
Maple .....	45	38	83	-	-	-
Birch .....	19	16	35	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	30	12	42
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	165	140	305	30	12	42
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	396,478	11,971	408,449	352,512	146,201	498,713

(1) January figures revised. See details below.

TABLE 4A. Revised Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Coast Mills, January 1964

Species	Reported	Estimated	Total
M ft. b.m.			
Douglas Fir .....	119,487	3,218	122,705
Hemlock .....	200,293	5,340	205,633
Balsam Fir .....	3,343	95	3,438
Red Cedar .....	60,239	1,651	61,890
Spruce .....	6,947	197	7,144
White Pine .....	2,925	79	3,004
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-
Tamarack or Larch .....	-	-	-
All other softwoods .....	4,918	140	5,058
Total, softwoods .....	398,152	10,720	408,872
Red Alder .....	67	2	69
Maple .....	30	1	31
Birch .....	23	-	23
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-
All other hardwoods .....	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .....	120	3	123
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	398,272	10,723	408,995

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

	February		January	
	1963	1964	1963	1964
M ft.b.m.				
<u>Orders on hand</u>				
For shipments to points in				
British Columbia:				
Local .....	21,212	25,903	20,254	30,651
Coastwise and interior .....	19,921	7,569	26,062	6,920
Totals .....	41,133	33,472	46,316	37,571
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces .....	8,650	6,383	7,361	6,974
Eastern Provinces .....	14,650	15,347	13,706	13,034
United States of America .....	55,377	53,758	53,279	54,202
Totals .....	78,677	75,488	74,346	74,210
For Waterborne shipments to:				
California .....	1,650	6,308	3,250	4,090
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	202,219	242,133	232,217	207,241
Eastern Markets .....	5,776	5,116	4,840	5,115
Export Markets .....	288,196	385,781	226,284	383,351
Totals .....	497,841	639,338	466,591	599,797
Total orders on hand .....	617,651	748,298	587,253	711,578
Lumber purchased from other mills	1,488	2,375	1,754	2,212

TABLE 6. Number of Mills Reporting

	February 1963			February 1964		
	Active	Inactive	Total	Active	Inactive	Total
Coast .....	64	12	76	61	14	75
Interior .....	224	136	360	241	109	350
Totals .....	288	148	436	302	123	425

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

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