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

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TABLE 1. Summary of Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Lumber and Ties,

	January	Percentage change 1964/65									
	MM ft. b.m.	%									
<u>British Columbia</u>											
Total production	514.3	- 8									
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	446.7	(2)									
Total stocks at end of month	926.8	+ 8									
<u>Coastal mills:</u>											
Total production	274.1	- 5									
Total shipments (unduplicated)	301.3	(2)									
Total stocks at end of month ..	468.6	+ 15									
Reported orders on hand	747.7	+ 5									
<u>Interior mills:</u>											
Total production	240.2	- 10									
Total shipments (unduplicated)	145.4	(2)									
Total stocks at end of month ..	458.2	+ 3									
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	1964	1965									
per cent											
Percentage of total production estimated:											
British Columbia	13.6	15.5									
Coastal mills	0.8	1.7									
Interior mills	27.4	31.3									

(1) For detailed data see Tables 2 to 6 in this report.

(2) Shipments data not comparable.

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British Columbia Sawmills

All mills producing more than 500,000 board feet per year are asked to co-operate in this survey. In 1962 this category accounted for 99.8% of the total production of lumber and ties in the Coastal area and 98.4% in the Interior. The estimates of production of the non-reporting mills are based on the production of the reporting mills and the ratio between the production of the non-reporting mills and the reporting mills in the base year (1962). The stocks are estimated on the basis of data reported by the reporting mills for the month under review. The species distribution for the non-reporting mills in the current period has been assumed to be the same as it was in the base year.

This report covers shipments by producers only, consequently the reported destinations may not always be the final destinations. Similarly the modes of transportation apply to first destination shipments only.

The figures for "estimated shipments and adjustments" are arrived at by deducting the reported shipments (sales only) from the apparent total of unduplicated shipments (total production plus or minus the change in total inventory). Thus it includes all non-reported shipments, adjustments for duplication in the reported shipments (sales) and inventory adjustments. Duplication in the reported shipments (sales) occurs when lumber is sold by one reporting sawmill to another reporting sawmill. Such sales are shown in table 6 of this report.

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.

TABLE 2. Comparative Summary of Production, Shipments (Sales) and Stocks of Lumber and Ties of British Columbia Sawmills

Species	January	
	1964	1965
	MM ft. b.m.	
<u>Production</u>		
Douglas fir	170.0	154.5
Hemlock	146.6	148.4
Red cedar	58.3	53.7
Spruce	143.5	130.6
All other softwoods	37.5	27.0
Total softwoods	555.9	514.2
Total hardwoods	0.3	0.1
Total production	556.2	514.3
<u>Reported shipments</u>		
To: Points in Canada	164.1	90.3
Points in U.S.A.	188.4	187.7
United Kingdom	40.9	64.8
Other countries	43.1	43.1
Total	436.5	385.9
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....	...	60.8
Total shipments .....	...	446.7
<u>Stocks on hand</u>		
Douglas fir	225.0	216.4
Hemlock	227.3	281.4
Red cedar	83.0	99.6
Spruce	256.1	263.8
All other softwoods	63.0	64.9
Total softwoods	854.4	926.1
Total hardwoods	0.2	0.7
Total stocks	854.6	926.8

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties, January 1965

	By truck and local sales	By rail	Water- borne	Total shipments
Coast mills (Reported shipments)				
M ft.b.m.				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	27,178	594	7,056	34,828
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	-	757	...	757
Saskatchewan	-	474	...	474
Manitoba	-	979	...	979
Ontario	-	3,379	-	3,379
Quebec	-	1,932	-	1,932
New Brunswick	-	199	-	199
Nova Scotia	-	51	-	51
Prince Edward Island	-	42	-	42
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	27,178	8,407	7,056	42,641
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	610	1,449	2,485	4,544
Atlantic Ports .....	...	168	67,776	67,944
Other points	208	29,097	...	29,305
Total for U.S.A.	818	30,714	70,261	101,793
United Kingdom .....	...	-	60,922	60,922
Other countries .....	...	-	42,915	42,915
Total reported shipments	27,996	39,121	181,154	248,271
Estimated shipments and adjustments				53,002
Total shipments				301,273
Interior mills (Reported shipments)				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	27,586	5,395	481	33,462
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	33	-	33
Alberta	2,152	1,842	-	3,994
Saskatchewan	487	1,315	-	1,802
Manitoba	209	2,203	-	2,412
Ontario	-	4,577	-	4,577
Quebec	-	1,218	-	1,218
New Brunswick	-	34	-	34
Nova Scotia	-	72	-	72
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	34	-	34
Total for Canada	30,434	16,723	481	47,638
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	-	2,385	-	2,385
Atlantic Ports .....	...	4,100	-	4,100
Other points	2,448	76,924	...	79,372
Total for U.S.A.	2,448	83,409	-	85,857
United Kingdom .....	...	3,875(1)	55	3,930
Other countries .....	...	187	-	187
Total reported shipments	32,882	104,194	536	137,612
Estimated shipments and adjustments				7,837
Total shipments				145,449

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

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

TABLE 4. Production and Stocks of Lumber and Ties, January 1965

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
	MM ft. b.m.					
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>						
Douglas fir	72.7	2.3	75.0	50.1	29.3	79.4
Hemlock	140.8	1.0	141.8	5.8	0.8	6.6
Red cedar	43.9	0.7	44.6	8.6	0.5	9.1
Spruce	6.1	0.3	6.4	86.5	37.7	124.2
All other softwoods	6.0	0.2	6.2	13.9	7.0	20.9
Total, softwoods	269.5	4.5	274.0	164.9	75.3	240.2
Total, hardwoods	-	0.1	0.1	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	269.5	4.6	274.1	164.9	75.3	240.2
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>						
Douglas fir	119.4	1.4	120.8	70.6	25.0	95.6
Hemlock	258.2	2.5	260.7	14.7	6.0	20.7
Red cedar	67.3	2.4	69.7	22.1	7.8	29.9
Spruce	7.2	-	7.2	180.9	75.7	256.6
All other softwoods	9.6	-	9.6	39.7	15.6	55.3
Total, softwoods	461.7	6.3	468.0	328.0	130.1	458.1
Total, hardwoods	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.1	-	0.1
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	462.1	6.5	468.6	328.1	130.1	458.2

TABLE 5. Comparative Summary of Distribution of Lumber Orders on Hand Reported by Coast Mills

	January	
	1964	1965
	M ft. b.m.	
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
For shipments to points in British Columbia:		
Local	30,651	24,315
Coastwise and interior	6,920	18,341
Totals	37,571	42,656
For shipments by rail and truck to:		
Prairie Provinces	6,974	10,486
Eastern Provinces	13,034	15,600
United States	54,202	49,698
Totals	74,210	75,784
For Waterborne shipments to:		
California	4,090	2,550
U.S. Atlantic Ports	207,241	197,673
Eastern markets	5,115	-
Other export markets	383,351	429,007
Totals	599,797	629,230
Total orders on hand	711,578	747,670

TABLE 6. Purchases and Transfers by Reporting Mills, January 1965

	Coast mills	Interior mills
	M ft. b.m.	
Receipts of reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties	3,485	4,234
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties (1)	8,489	12,455
Lumber purchased from other mills	1,882	8,255

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 7. Exports(1) of Softwood Lumber

	December 1964		Twelve months ended December 1964	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$	MM ft. b.m.	\$
Douglas fir	104.0	7,427,865	1,551.8	110,118,909
Western white spruce	88.0	5,568,199	1,538.4	96,488,717
Hemlock	133.1	9,470,884	1,525.4	109,129,529
Western red cedar	32.8	2,753,891	490.9	42,350,517

(1) Customs clearance, latest available.

TABLE 8. Industry Selling Price Indexes (1956=100) (1)

	January	
	1964	1965
Lumber mills industry (Canada)	100.1	102.2
Douglas fir, B.C. Coast	103.1	102.0
Douglas fir, B.C. Interior	106.1	108.6
Spruce, B.C. Interior	88.5	89.0
Hemlock, B.C. Coast	99.7	102.2
Cedar	112.8	125.8

(1) A complete description of these indexes is contained in "Industry Selling Price Indexes 1956-59" Catalogue No. 62-515.

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