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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(1)

	October		Ten months ended October	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1964/65	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1964/65
<u>British Columbia.</u>				
Total production .....	598.5	+ 2	5,792.2	+ 1.5
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	566.3	(2)	5,808.0	(2)
Total stocks at end of month ....	866.5	+ 2.5	...	...
<u>Coastal mills:</u>				
Total production .....	302.4	- 1.3	2,988.4	+ 2.5
Total shipments (unduplicated)	276.9	(2)	3,021.7	(2)
Total stocks at end of month ..	440.5	+ 2.8	...	...
Reported orders on hand .....	536.5	- 12.8	...	...
<u>Interior mills:</u>				
Total production .....	296.1	+ 5.6	2,803.8	+ 0.5
Total shipments (unduplicated)	289.4	(2)	2,786.3	(2)
Total stocks at end of month ..	426.0	+ 2.1	...	...
	October		Ten months ended October	
	1964	1965	1964	1965
	percent			
Percentage of total production estimated:				
British Columbia .....	17.1	12.8	15.8	13.1
Coastal mills .....	8.9	0.6	6.8	2.1
Interior mills .....	26.1	25.3	25.3	24.8

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

(2) Shipment data not comparable.

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

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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 1963 this category accounted for 99.8% of the total production of lumber and ties in the Coastal area and 99.3% 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 (1963). 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	October		Ten months ended October	
	1964 <sup>r</sup>	1965	1964	1965
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir .....	180.3	177.4	1,815.6	1,756.0
Hemlock .....	157.9	159.3	1,447.3	1,585.1
Red cedar .....	66.3	59.7	654.3	622.8
Spruce .....	139.2	157.1	1,388.0	1,428.0
All other softwoods .....	42.4	44.8	398.1	397.3
Total softwoods .....	586.1	598.3	5,703.3	5,789.2
Total hardwoods .....	0.5	0.2	3.8	3.0
Total production .....	586.6	598.5	5,707.1	5,792.2
<u>Reported shipments</u>				
To: Points in Canada .....	168.5	137.5	1,682.2	1,402.1
Points in U.S.A. ....	220.2	255.7	2,267.4	2,587.7
United Kingdom .....	61.7	46.4	502.7	536.5
Other Countries .....	48.7	58.5	506.4	559.8
Total .....	499.1	498.1	4,958.7	5,086.1
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....	...	68.2	...	721.9
Total shipments .....	...	566.3	...	5,808.0
<u>Stocks on hand</u>				
Douglas fir .....	201.7	207.5	...	...
Hemlock .....	239.9	238.7	...	...
Red cedar .....	89.9	89.5	...	...
Spruce .....	243.1	260.2	...	...
All other softwoods .....	69.9	69.9	...	...
Total softwoods .....	844.5	865.8	...	...
Total hardwoods .....	0.9	0.7	...	...
Total stocks .....	845.4	866.5	...	...

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

<sup>r</sup> Revised - Production only.



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

	By truck and local sales	By rail	Water- borne	Total shipments
M ft.b.m.				
<u>Coast mills (reported shipments)</u>				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	40,356	645	100	41,101
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	23	1,268	...	1,291
Saskatchewan .....	-	559	...	559
Manitoba .....	31	1,614	...	1,645
Ontario .....	-	3,948	-	3,948
Quebec .....	-	2,348	-	2,348
New Brunswick .....	-	97	-	97
Nova Scotia .....	-	221	-	221
Prince Edward Island .....	-	21	-	21
Newfoundland .....	-	71	-	71
Total for Canada .....	40,410	10,792	100	51,302
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....	1,700	1,617	3,396	6,713
Atlantic Ports .....	...	1,143	83,803	84,946
Other points .....	348	31,261	...	31,609
Total for U.S.A. ....	2,048	34,021	87,199	123,268
United Kingdom .....	...	444(1)	43,889	44,333
Other countries .....	...	879	57,086	57,965
Total reported shipments .....	42,458	46,136	188,274	276,868
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				-
Total shipments .....				276,868
<u>Interior mills (reported shipments)</u>				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	37,595	6,217	-	43,812
Yukon and Northwest Territories	70	-	-	70
Alberta .....	6,787	10,649	...	17,436
Saskatchewan .....	1,286	5,502	...	6,788
Manitoba .....	552	4,490	...	5,042
Ontario .....	96	11,131	-	11,227
Quebec .....	-	1,665	-	1,665
New Brunswick .....	-	121	-	121
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	46,386	39,775	-	86,161
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....	458	7,677	-	8,135
Atlantic Ports .....	...	6,826	-	6,826
Other points .....	10,342	107,145	...	117,487
Total for U.S.A. ....	10,800	121,648	-	132,448
United Kingdom .....	...	399(1)	1,658	2,057
Other countries .....	...	470	94	564
Total reported shipments .....	57,186	162,292	1,752	221,230
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				68,227
Total shipments .....				289,457

(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, October 1965

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.						
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>						
Douglas fir .....	84.0	1.0	85.0	59.7	32.7	92.4
Hemlock .....	149.5	0.2	149.7	8.3	1.3	9.6
Red cedar .....	50.1	0.6	50.7	8.5	0.5	9.0
Spruce .....	7.0	0.1	7.1	117.8	32.2	150.0
All other softwoods .....	9.7	-	9.7	26.9	8.2	35.1
Total softwoods .....	300.3	1.9	302.2	221.2	74.9	296.1
Total hardwoods .....	0.2	-	0.2	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	300.5	1.9	302.4	221.2	74.9	296.1
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>						
Douglas fir .....	123.3	0.4	123.7	65.2	18.6	83.8
Hemlock .....	219.8	0.8	220.6	13.7	4.4	18.1
Red cedar .....	71.1	0.2	71.3	14.1	4.1	18.2
Spruce .....	10.6	0.1	10.7	189.0	60.5	249.5
All other softwoods .....	13.5	0.1	13.6	43.0	13.3	56.3
Total softwoods .....	438.3	1.6	439.9	325.0	100.9	425.9
Total hardwoods .....	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.1	-	0.1
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	438.8	1.7	440.5	325.1	100.9	426.0

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

	October	
	1964	1965
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
For shipments to points in British Columbia:		
Local .....	15,344	26,124
Coast and interior .....	10,076	2,651
Totals .....	25,420	28,775
For shipments by rail and truck to:		
Prairie Provinces .....	5,248	6,050
Eastern Provinces .....	8,179	11,739
United States .....	38,124	38,947
Totals .....	51,551	56,736
For waterborne shipments to:		
California .....	2,950	2,925
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	108,885	126,083
Eastern markets .....	-	-
Other export markets .....	426,229	321,984
Totals .....	538,064	450,992
Total orders on hand .....	615,035	536,503

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

	Coast mills	Interior mills
	M ft. b.m.	
Receipts of reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties .....	4,328	6,056
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1) .....	6,234	9,754
Lumber purchased from other mills ....	2,131	8,003

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 7. Exports(1) of Softwood Lumber

	September 1965		Nine months ended September 1965	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir .....	95.7	7,222	1,024.5	74,297
Western white spruce .....	132.5	8,547	1,178.1	76,043
Hemlock .....	120.5	8,993	1,258.6	91,645
Western red cedar .....	41.4	3,717	378.6	32,379

(1) Customs clearance, latest available.

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

	October	
	1964	1965
Lumber mills industry (Canada) .....	98.7	102.9
Douglas fir, B.C. Coast .....	98.1	103.5
Douglas fir, B.C. Interior .....	101.9	111.3
Spruce, B.C. Interior .....	83.2	89.9
Hemlock, B.C. Coast .....	97.8	96.6
Cedar .....	122.7	129.7

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

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