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IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

DECEMBER 1965

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

	December		Twelve months ended December	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1964/65	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1964/65
<u>British Columbia.</u>				
Total production	577.2	+ 21.0	6,939.3	+ 3.5
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	561.2	(2)	6,928.1	(2)
Total stocks at end of month	893.5	+ 4.0	...	...

Coastal mills:

Total production	311.0	+ 12.5	3,610.2	+ 3.5
Total shipments (unduplicated)	297.2	(2)	3,614.8	(2)
Total stocks at end of month ..	469.1	+ 4.1	...	...
Reported orders on hand	698.1	- 0.7	...	...

Interior mills:

Total production	266.2	+ 33.0	3,329.1	+ 3.4
Total shipments (unduplicated)	264.0	(2)	3,313.3	(2)
Total stocks at end of month ..	424.4	+ 3.9	...	...

December		Twelve months ended December	
1964	1965	1964	1965
percent			

Percentage of total production
estimated:

British Columbia	15.9	11.3	16.0	12.8
Coastal mills	7.1	0.5	7.0	1.8
Interior mills	28.1	24.0	25.7	24.8

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

(2) Shipment data not comparable.

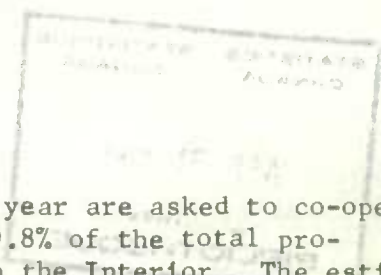
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British Columbia Sawmills



All mills producing more than 500,000 board feet per year are asked to co-operate in this survey. In 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	December		Twelve months ended December	
	1964 ^r	1965	1964 ^r	1965
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir	142.8	155.1	2,119.2	2,075.5
Hemlock	147.8	176.4	1,753.8	1,927.9
Red cedar	55.7	58.2	770.1	743.9
Spruce	103.7	147.4	1,601.0	1,713.1
All other softwoods	26.5	40.0	458.0	475.5
Total softwoods	476.5	577.1	6,702.1	6,935.9
Total hardwoods	0.3	0.1	4.5	3.4
Total production	476.8	577.2	6,706.6	6,939.3
<u>Reported shipments</u>				
To: Points in Canada	128.3	121.9	1,949.3	1,658.4
Points in U.S.A.	184.3	251.7	2,753.3	3,087.3
United Kingdom	49.8	43.9	621.1	628.0
Other Countries	60.7	64.9	608.7	689.9
Total	423.1	482.4	5,932.4	6,063.6
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....	...	78.8	...	864.5
Total shipments .....	...	561.2	...	6,928.1
<u>Stocks on hand</u>				
Douglas fir	213.3	200.1	...	...
Hemlock	258.2	260.8	...	...
Red cedar	93.2	93.5	...	...
Spruce	229.3	272.0	...	...
All other softwoods	64.4	66.5	...	...
Total softwoods	858.4	892.9	...	...
Total hardwoods	0.8	0.6	...	...
Total stocks	859.2	893.5	...	...

^r Revised figures.

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

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

	By truck and local sales	By rail	Water- borne	Total shipments
<u>Coast mills (reported shipments)</u>				
M ft.b.m.				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	37,202	1,043	71	38,316
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	63	-	63
Alberta	-	1,233	...	1,233
Saskatchewan	-	564	...	564
Manitoba	30	1,061	...	1,091
Ontario	-	4,781	-	4,781
Quebec	-	2,277	-	2,277
New Brunswick	-	223	-	223
Nova Scotia	-	148	-	148
Prince Edward Island	-	73	-	73
Newfoundland	-	288	-	288
Total for Canada	37,232	11,754	71	49,057
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	1,107	1,827	3,076	6,010
Atlantic Ports .....	...	417	102,289	102,706
Other points	354	31,778	...	32,132
Total for U.S.A.	1,461	34,022	105,365	140,848
United Kingdom .....	...	505(1)	42,191	42,696
Other countries .....	...	-	64,627	64,627
Total reported shipments	38,693	46,281	212,254	297,228
Estimated shipments and adjustments				-
Total shipments				297,228
<u>Interior mills (reported shipments)</u>				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	29,727	8,982	-	38,709
Yukon and Northwest Territories	188	-	-	188
Alberta	4,152	6,983	...	11,135
Saskatchewan	762	4,164	...	4,926
Manitoba	341	3,492	...	3,833
Ontario	-	11,851	-	11,851
Quebec	-	1,916	-	1,916
New Brunswick	-	118	-	118
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	203	-	203
Total for Canada	35,170	37,709	-	72,879
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	-	10,797	-	10,797
Atlantic Ports .....	...	3,143	-	3,143
Other points	5,317	91,643	...	96,960
Total for U.S.A.	5,317	105,583	-	110,900
United Kingdom .....	...	862(1)	295	1,157
Other countries .....	...	295	23	318
Total reported shipments	40,487	144,449	318	185,254
Estimated shipments and adjustments				78,763
Total shipments				264,017

(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, December 1965

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.						
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>						
Douglas fir	78.1	0.8	78.9	50.3	25.9	76.2
Hemlock	166.4	0.2	166.6	7.9	1.9	9.8
Red cedar	47.8	0.3	48.1	9.0	1.1	10.1
Spruce	7.7	-	7.7	113.6	26.1	139.7
All other softwoods	9.3	0.3	9.6	21.5	8.9	30.4
Total softwoods	309.3	1.6	310.9	202.3	63.9	266.2
Total hardwoods	0.1	-	0.1	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	309.4	1.6	311.0	202.3	63.9	266.2
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>						
Douglas fir	123.7	0.3	124.0	59.4	16.7	76.1
Hemlock	243.6	0.7	244.3	12.7	3.8	16.5
Red cedar	74.1	0.2	74.3	15.2	4.0	19.2
Spruce	10.2	-	10.2	201.0	60.8	261.8
All other softwoods	15.7	0.1	15.8	39.3	11.4	50.7
Total softwoods	467.3	1.3	468.6	327.6	96.7	424.3
Total hardwoods	0.5	-	0.5	0.1	-	0.1
Total softwoods and hardwoods	467.8	1.3	469.1	327.7	96.7	424.4

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

	December	
	1964	1965
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
For shipments to points in British Columbia:		
Local	21,500	29,877
Coastwise and interior	16,944	2,859
Totals	38,444	32,736
For shipments by rail and truck to:		
Prairie Provinces	6,365	6,865
Eastern Provinces	11,188	16,761
United States	47,443	52,661
Totals	64,996	76,287
For waterborne shipments to:		
California	4,125	3,900
U.S. Atlantic Ports	164,222	281,485
Eastern markets	-	-(1)
Other export markets	431,303	303,679(1)
Totals	599,650	589,064
Total orders on hand	703,090	698,087

(1) November should have read Nil and 311,751 respectively.

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

	Coast mills	Interior mills
	M ft. b.m.	
Receipts of reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties	5,041	4,381
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1)	6,175	13,364
Lumber purchased from other mills	1,679	8,604

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 7. Exports(1) of Softwood Lumber

	November 1965		Eleven months ended November	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir	105.5	7,560	1,253.2	90,835
Western white spruce	117.1	7,447	1,428.2	92,141
Hemlock	118.4	8,580	1,527.2	111,008
Western red cedar	41.7	3,456	465.9	40,061

(1) Customs clearance, latest available.

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

	December	
	1964	1965
Lumber mills industry (Canada)	98.9	103.5
Douglas fir, B.C. Coast	98.9	104.4
Douglas fir, B.C. Interior	101.0	112.2
Spruce, B.C. Interior	84.2	87.5
Hemlock, B.C. Coast	98.7	98.4
Cedar	122.0	128.8

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

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