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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)

	February		Two months ended February	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1964/65	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1964/65
<u>British Columbia</u>				
Total production	581.0	+ 1	1,095.3	- 3
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	531.3	(2)	978.0	(2)
Total stocks at end of month	976.5	+ 8	...	...

Coastal mills:

Total production	292.3	+ 5	566.4	+ 0.1
Total shipments (unduplicated)	298.0	(2)	554.1(4)	(2)
Total stocks at end of month ..	462.9	+ 3	...	...
Reported orders on hand	731.8	- 2	...	...

Interior mills:

Total production	288.7	- 4	528.9	- 7
Total shipments (unduplicated)	233.3	(2)	423.9(4)	(2)
Total stocks at end of month ..	513.6	+ 3	...	...

February		Two months ended February	
1964	1965	1964	1965
percent			

Percentage of total production
estimated:

British Columbia	15.1	13.6	15.4	14.5
Coastal mills	0.3	2.7	0.5	2.2
Interior mills	33.5	24.6	35.4	27.7

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

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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.

FOOTNOTES:

- (2) Shipment data not comparable.
- (3) Shipped by rail to Eastern and/or Western seaboard ports.
- (4) January should have read 256.1 and 190.6 for Coastal mills and Interior mills respectively.
- (5) January should have read 7,837 and 256,108 for Coastal mills and 53,002 and 190,614 for Interior mills.
- ... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.



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

Species	February		Two months ended February	
	1964	1965	1964	1965
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir	175.6	172.7	345.6	327.2
Hemlock	144.5	160.7	291.1	309.1
Red cedar	63.5	55.7	121.8	109.4
Spruce	155.2	154.9	298.7	285.5
All other softwoods	37.0	36.7	74.5	63.7
Total softwoods	575.8	580.7	1,131.7	1,094.9
Total hardwoods	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.4
Total production	576.1	581.0	1,132.3	1,095.3
<u>Reported shipments</u>				
To: Points in Canada	174.8	128.3	338.9	218.6
Points in U.S.A.	215.5	240.4	403.9	428.1
United Kingdom	44.2	64.0	85.1	128.8
Other Countries	60.2	32.8	103.3	75.9
Total	494.7	465.5	931.2	851.4
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....	...	65.8	...	126.6
Total shipments .....	...	531.3	...	978.0
<u>Stocks on hand</u>				
Douglas fir	231.4	221.4	...	...
Hemlock	214.9	270.3	...	...
Red cedar	90.9	96.2	...	...
Spruce	301.6	311.4	...	...
All other softwoods	68.0	76.6	...	...
Total softwoods	906.8	975.9	...	...
Total hardwoods	0.3	0.6	...	...
Total stocks	907.1	976.5	...	...

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties, February 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	36,797	1,172	9,851	47,820
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	15	1,455	...	1,470
Saskatchewan	-	659	...	659
Manitoba	-	1,194	...	1,194
Ontario	-	3,981	-	3,981
Quebec	-	1,947	-	1,947
New Brunswick	-	275	-	275
Nova Scotia	-	227	-	227
Prince Edward Island	-	12	-	12
Newfoundland	-	185	-	185
Total for Canada	36,812	11,107	9,851	57,770
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	788	2,661	1,503	4,952
Atlantic Ports .....	...	111	101,968	102,079
Other points	237	29,247	...	29,484
Total for U.S.A.	1,025	32,019	103,471	136,515
United Kingdom .....	...	...	60,670	60,670
Other countries .....	...	...	32,695	32,695
Total reported shipments	37,837	43,126	206,687	287,650
Estimated shipments and adjustments				10,373(5)
Total shipments				298,023(5)
<u>Interior mills (reported shipments)</u>				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	35,657	9,428	1,032	46,117
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	45	-	45
Alberta	3,719	3,934	...	7,653
Saskatchewan	679	3,275	...	3,954
Manitoba	188	3,133	...	3,321
Ontario	-	7,659	-	7,659
Quebec	-	1,533	-	1,533
New Brunswick	-	33	-	33
Nova Scotia	-	144	-	144
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	66	-	66
Total for Canada	40,243	29,250	1,032	70,525
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	1,407	2,634	-	4,041
Atlantic Ports .....	...	10,064	-	10,064
Other points	2,623	87,168	...	89,791
Total for U.S.A.	4,030	99,866	-	103,896
United Kingdom .....	...	3,224(3)	78	3,302
Other countries .....	...	145	-	145
Total reported shipments	44,273	132,485	1,110	177,868
Estimated shipments and adjustments				55,434(5)
Total shipments				233,302(5)

For footnotes see page 2.

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

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.						
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>						
Douglas fir	83.0	3.9	86.9	57.3	28.5	85.8
Hemlock	146.5	1.7	148.2	11.6	0.9	12.5
Red cedar	42.8	1.2	44.0	11.2	0.5	11.7
Spruce	5.6	0.5	6.1	114.8	34.0	148.8
All other softwoods	6.4	0.4	6.8	22.7	7.2	29.9
Total softwoods	284.3	7.7	292.0	217.6	71.1	288.7
Total hardwoods	0.2	0.1	0.3	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	284.5	7.8	292.3	217.6	71.1	288.7
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>						
Douglas fir	123.3	1.3	124.6	75.1	21.7	96.8
Hemlock	246.1	2.7	248.8	16.5	5.0	21.5
Red cedar	67.1	2.2	69.3	21.0	5.9	26.9
Spruce	6.8	-	6.8	233.7	70.9	304.6
All other softwoods	12.9	-	12.9	49.3	14.4	63.7
Total softwoods	456.2	6.2	462.4	395.6	117.9	513.5
Total hardwoods	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.1	-	0.1
Total softwoods and hardwoods	456.5	6.4	462.9	395.7	117.9	513.6

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

	February	
	1964	1965
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
For shipments to points in British Columbia:		
Local	25,903	23,823
Coastwise and interior	7,569	21,115
Totals	33,472	44,938
For shipments by rail and truck to:		
Prairie Provinces	6,383	8,683
Eastern Provinces	15,347	14,948
United States	53,758	47,135
Totals	75,488	70,766
For waterborne shipments to:		
California	6,308	4,400
U.S. Atlantic Ports	242,133	164,780
Eastern markets	5,116	-
Other export markets	385,781	446,896
Totals	639,338	616,076
Total orders on hand	748,298	731,780

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

	Coast mills	Interior mills
	M ft. b.m.	
Receipts of reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties	3,356	7,537
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1)	5,945	16,478
Lumber purchased from other mills	744	11,746

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 7. Exports(1) of Softwood Lumber

	January 1965	
	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$
Douglas fir	84.2	6,018,416
Western white spruce	66.5	4,226,283
Hemlock	105.5	7,956,081
Western red cedar	29.6	2,390,501

(1) Customs clearance, latest available.

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

	February	
	1964	1965
Lumber mills industry (Canada)	101.7	102.4
Douglas fir, B.C. Coast	104.2	103.1
Douglas fir, B.C. Interior	108.8	106.5
Spruce, B.C. Interior	89.9	89.5
Hemlock, B.C. Coast	101.4	101.7
Cedar	119.8	128.1

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

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