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

MARCH 1965

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

	March		Three months ended	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change	MM ft. b.m.	% change
		1964/65	March	1964/65
<u>British Columbia</u>				
Total production	642.6	+ 7	1,737.9	+ 0.3
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	575.7	(2)	1,553.7	(2)
Total stocks at end of month	1,043.4	+ 13	...	...

Coastal mills:

Total production	321.3	+ 14	887.7	+ 5
Total shipments (unduplicated)	311.8	(2)	865.9	(2)
Total stocks at end of month ..	472.4	+ 20	...	...
Reported orders on hand	704.3	- 6	...	...

Interior mills:

Total production	321.3	+ 1	850.2	- 4
Total shipments (unduplicated)	263.9	(2)	687.8	...
Total stocks at end of month ..	571.0	+ 7	...	...

March		Three months ended	
1964	1965	March	1965
percent			

Percentage of total production
estimated:

British Columbia	13.8	14.2	13.5	14.4
Coastal mills	0.7	2.6	0.6	2.3
Interior mills	25.5	26.0	25.9	27.0

(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	March		Three months ended March	
	1964	1965	1964	1965
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir	191.7	186.2	537.3	513.4
Hemlock	137.7	169.4	428.8	478.5
Red cedar	69.0	67.4	190.8	176.8
Spruce	159.0	177.6	457.7	463.1
All other softwoods	43.2	41.7	117.7	105.4
Total softwoods	600.6	642.3	1,732.3	1,737.2
Total hardwoods	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.7
Total production	600.9	642.6	1,733.2	1,737.9
<u>Reported shipments</u>				
To: Points in Canada	202.5	154.3	541.4	372.9
Points in U.S.A.	233.7	242.9	637.6	671.0
United Kingdom	65.5	57.3	150.6	186.1
Other Countries	40.4	52.6	143.7	128.5
Total	542.1	507.1	1,473.3	1,358.5
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....	...	68.6	...	195.2
Total shipments .....	...	575.7	...	1,553.7
<u>Stocks on hand</u>				
Douglas fir	216.8	237.3	...	...
Hemlock	205.5	279.1	...	...
Red cedar	85.7	102.2	...	...
Spruce	340.7	334.4	...	...
All other softwoods	77.9	89.8	...	...
Total softwoods	926.6	1,042.8	...	...
Total hardwoods	0.3	0.6	...	...
Total stocks	926.9	1,043.4	...	...

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties, March 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	45,168	1,420	10,320	56,908
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	-	1,785	...	1,785
Saskatchewan	-	528	...	528
Manitoba	2	2,134	...	2,136
Ontario	-	5,017	-	5,017
Quebec	-	2,527	-	2,527
New Brunswick	-	994	-	994
Nova Scotia	-	236	-	236
Prince Edward Island	-	27	-	27
Newfoundland	-	149	-	149
Total for Canada	45,170	14,817	10,320	70,307
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	1,123	2,864	4,392	8,379
Atlantic Ports .....	...	167	87,700	87,867
Other points	616	30,954	...	31,570
Total for U.S.A.	1,739	33,985	92,092	127,816
United Kingdom .....	...	-	50,424	50,424
Other countries .....	...	-	52,577	52,577
Total reported shipments	46,909	48,802	205,413	301,124
Estimated shipments and adjustments				10,728
Total shipments				311,852
<u>Interior mills (reported shipments)</u>				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	42,333	13,552	-	55,885
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	83	-	83
Alberta	4,289	3,741	...	8,030
Saskatchewan	1,050	4,200	...	5,250
Manitoba	529	4,210	...	4,739
Ontario	-	8,065	-	8,065
Quebec	-	1,741	-	1,741
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	67	-	67
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	178	-	178
Total for Canada	48,201	35,837	-	84,038
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	480	2,351	-	2,831
Atlantic Ports .....	...	4,378	-	4,378
Other points	655	107,268	...	107,923
Total for U.S.A.	1,135	113,997	-	115,132
United Kingdom .....	...	6,458	348(1)	6,806
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments	49,336	156,292	348	205,976
Estimated shipments and adjustments				57,901
Total shipments				263,877

(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, March 1965

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
	MM ft. b.m.					
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>						
Douglas fir	89.2	4.3	93.5	59.7	33.0	92.7
Hemlock	157.2	1.9	159.1	9.3	1.0	10.3
Red cedar	52.0	1.3	53.3	13.5	0.6	14.1
Spruce	7.0	0.6	7.6	129.6	40.4	170.0
All other softwoods	7.2	0.3	7.5	26.2	8.0	34.2
Total softwoods	312.6	8.4	321.0	238.3	83.0	321.3
Total hardwoods	0.1	0.2	0.3	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	312.7	8.6	321.3	238.3	83.0	321.3
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>						
Douglas fir	124.9	1.4	126.3	84.9	26.1	111.0
Hemlock	253.0	2.3	255.3	18.0	5.8	23.8
Red cedar	69.5	2.1	71.6	23.7	6.9	30.6
Spruce	6.9	-	6.9	246.8	80.7	327.5
All other softwoods	11.7	-	11.7	59.4	18.7	78.1
Total softwoods	466.0	5.8	471.8	432.8	138.2	571.0
Total hardwoods	0.3	0.3	0.6	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	466.3	6.1	472.4	432.8	138.2	571.0

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

	March	
	1964	1965
	M ft. b.m.	
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
For shipments to points in British Columbia:		
Local	22,068	25,147
Coastwise and interior	7,596	18,898
Totals	29,664	44,045
For shipments by rail and truck to:		
Prairie Provinces	5,590	8,043
Eastern Provinces	10,761	13,198
United States	53,671	45,451
Totals	70,022	66,692
For waterborne shipments to:		
California	2,330	3,675
U.S. Atlantic Ports	242,919	140,175
Eastern markets	4,108	-
Other export markets	396,350	449,697
Totals	645,707	593,547
Total orders on hand	745,393	704,284

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

	Coast mills	Interior mills
	M ft. b.m.	
Receipts of reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties	5,155	5,829
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1)	9,950	16,632
Lumber purchased from other mills	1,683	14,457

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 7. Exports(1) of Softwood Lumber

	February 1965		Two months ended February 1965	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$	MM ft. b.m.	\$
Douglas fir	98.2	6,953,988	182.4	12,972,404
Western white spruce	104.2	6,944,618	170.7	11,170,901
Hemlock	139.5	9,820,946	245.0	17,777,027
Western red cedar	41.3	3,386,845	70.9	5,777,346

(1) Customs clearance, latest available.

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

	March	
	1964	1965
Lumber mills industry (Canada)	102.3	103.3
Douglas fir, B.C. Coast	104.2	102.1
Douglas fir, B.C. Interior	110.1	108.9
Spruce, B.C. Interior	90.5	91.2
Hemlock, B.C. Coast	102.2	101.7
Cedar	122.2	130.8

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

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