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

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

	April		Four months ended April	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1964/65	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1964/65
<u>British Columbia.</u>				
Total production .....	537.4	+ 3	2,275.3	+ 0.8
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	540.5	(2)	2,094.2	(2)
Total stocks at end of month ....	1,040.3	+ 11	...	...
<u>Coastal mills:</u>				
Total production .....	305.1	+ 5	1,192.8	+ 0.5
Total shipments (unduplicated)	303.1	(2)	1,169.0	(2)
Total stocks at end of month ..	474.4	+ 21	...	...
Reported orders on hand .....	643.1	- 7	...	...
<u>Interior mills:</u>				
Total production .....	232.3	+ 0.3	1,082.5	- 3
Total shipments (unduplicated)	237.4	(2)	925.2	(2)
Total stocks at end of month ..	565.9	+ 3.5	...	...
	April		Four months ended April	
	1964	1965	1964	1965
percent				

Percentage of total production  
estimated:

British Columbia .....	10.5	10.6	12.8	13.5
Coastal mills .....	1.2	2.8	0.7	2.5
Interior mills .....	22.3	20.9	25.1	25.7

(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 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	April		Four months ended April	
	1964 <sup>r</sup>	1965	1964 <sup>r</sup>	1965
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir .....	167.5	160.3	704.8	673.7
Hemlock .....	140.6	158.7	569.4	637.2
Red cedar .....	66.8	73.6	257.6	250.4
Spruce .....	111.1	109.9	568.8	573.0
All other softwoods .....	36.8	34.6	154.5	140.0
Total softwoods .....	522.8	537.1	2,255.1	2,274.3
Total hardwoods .....	0.4	0.3	1.3	1.0
Total production .....	523.2	537.4	2,256.4	2,275.3
<u>Reported shipments</u>				
To: Points in Canada .....	131.9	135.0	673.3	507.9
Points in U.S.A. ....	244.2	244.9	881.1	915.9
United Kingdom .....	52.3	59.4	201.4	245.5
Other Countries .....	59.3	55.4	199.2	183.9
Total .....	487.7	494.7	1,955.0	1,853.2
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....	...	45.8	...	241.0
Total shipments .....	...	540.5	...	2,094.2
<u>Stocks on hand</u>				
Douglas fir .....	236.0	247.0	...	...
Hemlock .....	200.5	267.8	...	...
Red cedar .....	90.3	108.1	...	...
Spruce .....	326.9	324.9	...	...
All other softwoods .....	83.2	91.8	...	...
Total softwoods .....	936.9	1,039.6	...	...
Total hardwoods .....	0.5	0.7	...	...
Total stocks .....	937.4	1,040.3	...	...

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.



TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties, April 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 .....	41,116	1,250	7,875	50,241
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	5	1,380	...	1,385
Saskatchewan .....	-	720	...	720
Manitoba .....	-	1,688	...	1,688
Ontario .....	-	4,461	-	4,461
Quebec .....	-	2,702	-	2,702
New Brunswick .....	-	285	-	285
Nova Scotia .....	-	413	-	413
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	73	-	73
Total for Canada .....	41,121	12,972	7,875	61,968
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....	575	1,994	3,065	5,634
Atlantic Ports .....	...	91	82,819	82,910
Other points .....	31	29,256	...	29,287
Total for U.S.A. ....	606	31,341	85,884	117,831
United Kingdom .....	...	-	53,787	53,787
Other countries .....	...	-	55,436	55,436
Total reported shipments .....	41,727	44,313	202,982	289,022
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				14,089
Total shipments .....				303,111

Interior mills (reported shipments)

To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	28,130	10,048	-	38,178
Yukon and Northwest Territories	600	81	-	681
Alberta .....	3,802	5,580	...	9,382
Saskatchewan .....	543	5,024	...	5,567
Manitoba .....	279	5,026	...	5,305
Ontario .....	-	11,656	-	11,656
Quebec .....	-	1,907	-	1,907
New Brunswick .....	-	90	-	90
Nova Scotia .....	-	155	-	155
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	96	-	96
Total for Canada .....	33,354	39,663	-	73,017
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....	340	6,675	-	7,015
Atlantic Ports .....	...	6,363	-	6,363
Other points .....	5,068	108,660	...	113,728
Total for U.S.A. ....	5,408	121,698	-	127,106
United Kingdom .....	...	5,159(1)	400	5,559
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments .....	38,762	166,520	400	205,682
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				31,704
Total shipments .....				237,386

(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, April 1965

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.						
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>						
Douglas fir .....	86.7	4.3	91.0	49.3	20.0	69.3
Hemlock .....	142.9	1.8	144.7	13.3	0.7	14.0
Red cedar .....	55.0	1.3	56.3	16.9	0.4	17.3
Spruce .....	5.5	0.5	6.0	81.6	22.3	103.9
All other softwoods .....	6.4	0.4	6.8	22.7	5.1	27.8
Total softwoods .....	296.5	8.3	304.8	183.8	48.5	232.3
Total hardwoods .....	0.2	0.1	0.3	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	296.7	8.4	305.1	183.8	48.5	232.3
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>						
Douglas fir .....	136.2	1.6	137.8	88.3	20.9	109.2
Hemlock .....	235.1	3.1	238.2	23.6	6.0	29.6
Red cedar .....	74.8	1.9	76.7	25.7	5.7	31.4
Spruce .....	7.3	-	7.3	252.4	65.2	317.6
All other softwoods .....	13.7	-	13.7	62.2	15.9	78.1
Total softwoods .....	467.1	6.6	473.7	452.2	113.7	565.9
Total hardwoods .....	0.4	0.3	0.7	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	467.5	6.9	474.4	452.2	113.7	565.9

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

	April	
	1964	1965
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
<u>For shipments to points in British Columbia:</u>		
Local .....	21,441	26,507
Coastwise and interior .....	10,603	15,127
Totals .....	32,044	41,634
<u>For shipments by rail and truck to:</u>		
Prairie Provinces .....	5,506	6,686
Eastern Provinces .....	10,112	12,008
United States .....	49,377	44,242
Totals .....	64,995	62,936
<u>For waterborne shipments to:</u>		
California .....	1,600	3,175
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	194,299	112,783
Eastern markets .....	3,320	1,475
Other export markets .....	395,462	421,100
Totals .....	594,681	538,533
Total orders on hand .....	691,720	643,103

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

	Coast mills	Interior mills
	M ft. b.m.	
Receipts of reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties .....	4,022	2,522
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1) .....	9,923	5,739
Lumber purchased from other mills ....	1,112	15,311

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 7. Exports(1) of Softwood Lumber

	March 1965		Three months ended March	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$	MM ft. b.m.	\$
Douglas fir .....	133.5	9,600,633	315.9	22,573,037
Western white spruce .....	141.5	9,041,351	312.2	20,212,252
Hemlock .....	175.3	12,867,451	420.3	30,644,478
Western red cedar .....	48.1	4,148,096	119.0	9,925,442

(1) Customs clearance, latest available.

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

	April	
	1964	1965
Lumber mills industry (Canada) .....	102.6	102.6
Douglas fir, B.C. Coast .....	104.9	100.8
Douglas fir, B.C. Interior .....	108.8	108.4
Spruce, B.C. Interior .....	92.5	91.1
Hemlock, B.C. Coast .....	102.2	100.6
Cedar .....	122.9	128.9

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



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