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

JULY 1965

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

	July		Seven months ended July	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1964/65	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1964/65
<u>British Columbia.</u>				
Total production	544.8	+ 1	3,985.4	+ 4
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	592.4	(2)	4,015.0	(2)
Total stocks at end of month	829.6	+ 8.3	...	...
<u>Coastal mills:</u>				
Total production	275.5	+ 8	2,089.2	+ 8.5
Total shipments (unduplicated)	287.5	(2)	2,135.3	(2)
Total stocks at end of month ..	404.5	+ 18.8	...	...
Reported orders on hand	585.4	+ 12.4	...	...
<u>Interior mills:</u>				
Total production	259.3	- 5.7	1,896.2	0.7
Total shipments (unduplicated)	304.9	(2)	1,879.7	(2)
Total stocks at end of month ..	425.1	-	...	...
	July		Seven months ended July	
	1964	1965	1964	1965
percent				

Percentage of total production
estimated:

British Columbia	12.6	14.0	13.1	13.2
Coastal mills	1.3	2.8	1.5	2.6
Interior mills	22.6	25.5	24.8	25.1

(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 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	July		Seven months ended July	
	1964	1965	1964	1965
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir	164.0	172.4	1,224.0	1,214.1
Hemlock	137.1	154.2	963.5	1,114.4
Red cedar	61.4	54.7	433.9	435.2
Spruce	141.2	125.9	944.4	960.1
All other softwoods	36.4	37.2	266.7	259.4
Total softwoods	540.1	544.4	3,832.5	3,983.2
Total hardwoods	0.3	0.4	2.1	2.2
Total production	540.4	544.8	3,834.6	3,985.4
<u>Reported shipments</u>				
To: Points in Canada	179.7	146.2	1,168.6	950.5
Points in U.S.A.	237.4	253.9	1,635.4	1,769.9
United Kingdom	48.5	50.9	343.6	405.0
Other Countries	58.9	58.0	360.0	375.2
Total	524.5	509.0	3,507.6	3,500.6
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....	...	83.4	...	514.4
Total shipments .....	...	592.4	...	4,015.0
<u>Stocks on hand</u>				
Douglas fir	198.7	194.2	...	...
Hemlock	174.5	239.6	...	...
Red cedar	81.7	94.6	...	...
Spruce	244.8	221.5	...	...
All other softwoods	65.6	78.9	...	...
Total softwoods	765.3	828.8	...	...
Total hardwoods	0.5	0.8	...	...
Total stocks	765.8	829.6	...	...

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

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

	By truck and local sales	By rail	Water- borne	Total shipments
Coast mills (reported shipments)				
M ft.b.m.				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	43,610	384	150	44,144
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	36	-	36
Alberta	3	1,169	...	1,172
Saskatchewan	-	712	...	712
Manitoba	-	2,050	...	2,050
Ontario	-	4,632	-	4,632
Quebec	-	2,600	-	2,600
New Brunswick	-	189	-	189
Nova Scotia	-	210	-	210
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	79	1,396	1,475
Total for Canada	43,613	12,061	1,546	57,220
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	394	1,234	829	2,457
Atlantic Ports .....	...	128	83,827	83,955
Other points	986	29,797	...	30,783
Total for U.S.A.	1,380	31,159	84,656	117,195
United Kingdom .....	...	-	46,458	46,458
Other countries .....	...	-	55,950	55,950
Total reported shipments	44,993	43,220	188,610	276,823
Estimated shipments and adjustments				10,686
Total shipments				287,509

Interior mills (reported shipments)

To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	34,485	12,125	-	46,610
Yukon and Northwest Territories	193	177	-	370
Alberta	6,437	7,441	...	13,878
Saskatchewan	1,700	5,775	...	7,475
Manitoba	496	5,433	...	5,929
Ontario	-	12,892	-	12,892
Quebec	-	1,602	-	1,602
New Brunswick	-	49	-	49
Nova Scotia	-	117	-	117
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	67	-	67
Total for Canada	43,311	45,678	-	88,989
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	373	7,651	-	8,024
Atlantic Ports .....	...	11,684	-	11,684
Other points	6,066	110,953	...	117,019
Total for U.S.A.	6,439	130,288	-	136,727
United Kingdom .....	...	3,684(1)	816	4,500
Other countries .....	...	1,988	-	1,988
Total reported shipments	49,750	181,638	816	232,204
Estimated shipments and adjustments				72,687
Total shipments				304,891

(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, July 1965

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.						
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>						
Douglas fir	78.9	3.9	82.8	61.9	27.7	89.6
Hemlock	136.1	1.7	137.8	15.5	0.9	16.4
Red cedar	42.7	1.2	43.9	10.3	0.5	10.8
Spruce	5.5	0.5	6.0	87.2	32.7	119.9
All other softwoods	4.3	0.3	4.6	25.7	6.9	32.6
Total softwoods	267.5	7.6	275.1	200.6	68.7	269.3
Total hardwoods	0.3	0.1	0.4	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	267.8	7.7	275.5	200.6	68.7	269.3
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>						
Douglas fir	101.3	1.2	102.5	70.8	20.9	91.7
Hemlock	209.6	3.0	212.6	20.7	6.3	27.0
Red cedar	65.6	1.2	66.8	21.4	6.4	27.8
Spruce	8.2	-	8.2	161.3	52.0	213.3
All other softwoods	13.6	-	13.6	50.1	15.2	65.3
Total softwoods	398.3	5.4	403.7	324.3	100.8	425.1
Total hardwoods	0.4	0.4	0.8	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	398.7	5.8	404.5	324.3	100.8	425.1

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

	July	
	1964	1965
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
For shipments to points in British Columbia:		
Local	17,023	25,079
Coastwise and interior	11,982	2,969
Totals	29,005	28,048
For shipments by rail and truck to:		
Prairie Provinces	5,721	6,668
Eastern Provinces	9,264	11,120
United States	43,325	53,591
Totals	58,310	71,379
For waterborne shipments to:		
California	3,125	600
U.S. Atlantic Ports	61,963	118,843
Eastern markets	6,330	12,903
Other export markets	362,104	353,660
Totals	433,522	486,006
Total orders on hand	520,837	585,433

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

	Coast mills	Interior mills
	M ft. b.m.	
Receipts of reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties	3,645	4,950
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1)	8,499	14,247
Lumber purchased from other mills	2,014	16,726

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 7. Exports(1) of Softwood Lumber

	June 1965		Six months ended June	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$	MM ft. b.m.	\$
Douglas fir	105.7	7,377,617	647.0	46,437,584
Western white spruce	151.6	9,606,895	716.6	46,277,891
Hemlock	119.6	8,732,079	834.8	60,832,544
Western red cedar	43.5	3,650,525	252.4(2)	21,256,037

(1) Customs clearance, latest available.

(2) Includes revision for May which should have read 49.8.

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

	July	
	1964	1965
Lumber mills industry (Canada)	101.1(2)	102.4
Douglas fir, B.C. Coast	101.2	101.8
Douglas fir, B.C. Interior	112.5	110.5
Spruce, B.C. Interior	84.4	89.1
Hemlock, B.C. Coast	100.0	97.1
Cedar	124.9	129.2

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

(2) June should have read 101.9.

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