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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)

	August		Eight months ended August	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1964/65	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1964/65
<u>British Columbia</u>				
Total production	574.6	- 3	4,560.0	+ 1
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	603.6	(2)	4,618.6	(2)
Total stocks at end of month	800.6	-	...	...
<u>Coastal mills:</u>				
Total production	281.7	- 1	2,370.9	+ 2.8
Total shipments (unduplicated)	282.7	(2)	2,418.1	(2)
Total stocks at end of month ..	403.4	+ 9	...	...
Reported orders on hand	605.6	+ 20	...	...
<u>Interior mills:</u>				
Total production	292.9	- 5.5	2,189.1	- 1.4
Total shipments (unduplicated)	320.9	(2)	2,200.5	(2)
Total stocks at end of month ..	397.2	- 8	...	...

August		Eight months ended August	
1964	1965	1964	1965

percent

Percentage of total production
estimated:

British Columbia	18.4	12.7	15.5	13.2
Coastal mills	8.8	1.0	6.7	2.4
Interior mills	27.2	24.0	25.1	25.0

(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 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.

Page 3 of this issue gives the final estimates of the production of sawn lumber and ties for British Columbia for 1963.

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.

Final Estimates of Production of Lumber and Ties in British Columbia for 1963

	Coast	Interior	Total
	M ft. b.m.		
January	279,215	259,499	538,714
February	278,280	317,860	596,140
March	300,663	278,758	579,421
April	288,199	211,062	499,261
May	305,916	266,137	572,053
June	285,857	301,346	587,203
July	260,055	314,754	574,809
August	269,689	319,644	589,333
September	278,026	307,644	585,670
October	302,784	304,934	607,718
November	282,324	234,116	516,440
December	266,540	240,581	507,121
Totals	3,397,548	3,356,335	6,753,883

Note: Revisions published in 1964 were presented on the basis of sawn lumber only.

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

Species	August		Eight months ended August	
	1964(1)	1965	1964(1)	1965
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir	188.3	181.0	1,441.1	1,395.1
Hemlock	136.0	145.7	1,145.8	1,260.1
Red cedar	66.9	60.4	519.3	495.6
Spruce	158.4	142.6	1,105.6	1,102.7
All other softwoods	43.2	44.6	313.0	304.0
Total softwoods	592.8	574.3	4,524.8	4,557.5
Total hardwoods	0.5	0.3	2.7	2.5
Total production	593.3	574.6	4,527.5	4,560.0
<u>Reported shipments</u>				
To: Points in Canada	178.4	150.2	1,347.0	1,100.7
Points in U.S.A.	214.1	264.4	1,849.5	2,034.3
United Kingdom	43.2	43.4	386.8	448.4
Other Countries	40.9	62.5	400.9	437.7
Total	476.6	520.5	3,984.2	4,021.1
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....	...	83.1	...	597.5
Total shipments .....	...	603.6	...	4,618.6
<u>Stocks on hand</u>				
Douglas fir	204.8	199.9	...	...
Hemlock	175.5	231.2	...	...
Red cedar	90.7	83.5	...	...
Spruce	252.7	205.4	...	...
All other softwoods	74.5	80.0	...	...
Total softwoods	798.2	800.0	...	...
Total hardwoods	0.8	0.6	...	...
Total stocks	799.0	800.6	...	...

(1) Revised - Production data only.

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties, August 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	42,123	862	153	43,138
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	29	-	29
Alberta	-	1,028	...	1,028
Saskatchewan	-	802	...	802
Manitoba	-	1,290	...	1,290
Ontario	-	4,382	-	4,382
Quebec	-	2,165	-	2,165
New Brunswick	-	223	-	223
Nova Scotia	-	179	-	179
Prince Edward Island	-	46	-	46
Newfoundland	-	50	-	50
Total for Canada	42,123	11,056	153	53,332
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	633	1,074	1,179	2,886
Atlantic Ports .....	...	107	83,906	84,013
Other points	515	33,483	...	33,998
Total for U.S.A.	1,148	34,664	85,085	120,897
United Kingdom .....	...	87(1)	39,211	39,298
Other countries .....	...	1,279	61,086	62,365
Total reported shipments	43,271	47,086	185,535	275,892
Estimated shipments and adjustments				6,848
Total shipments				282,740
<u>Interior mills (reported shipments)</u>				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	41,839	8,023	-	49,862
Yukon and Northwest Territories	10	82	-	92
Alberta	6,312	9,747	...	16,059
Saskatchewan	2,129	7,525	...	9,654
Manitoba	589	5,719	...	6,308
Ontario	-	12,835	-	12,835
Quebec	-	1,777	-	1,777
New Brunswick	-	48	-	48
Nova Scotia	-	188	-	188
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	66	-	66
Total for Canada	50,879	46,010	-	96,889
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	495	11,134	-	11,629
Atlantic Ports .....	...	7,326	-	7,326
Other points	5,545	119,025	...	124,570
Total for U.S.A.	6,040	137,485	-	143,525
United Kingdom .....	...	2,862(1)	1,260	4,122
Other countries .....	...	-	98	98
Total reported shipments	56,919	186,357	1,358	244,634
Estimated shipments and adjustments				76,230
Total shipments				320,864

(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, August 1965

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
	MM ft. b.m.					
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>						
Douglas fir	84.6	1.3	85.9	67.0	28.1	95.1
Hemlock	130.7	0.5	131.2	13.6	0.9	14.5
Red cedar	49.6	0.4	50.0	9.9	0.5	10.4
Spruce	7.6	0.2	7.8	100.8	34.0	134.8
All other softwoods	6.4	0.1	6.5	31.2	6.9	38.1
Total softwoods	278.9	2.5	281.4	222.5	70.4	292.9
Total hardwoods	0.3	-	0.3	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	279.2	2.5	281.7	222.5	70.4	292.9
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>						
Douglas fir	111.0	0.7	111.7	70.8	17.4	88.2
Hemlock	205.5	1.0	206.5	19.3	5.4	24.7
Red cedar	63.5	0.3	63.8	15.8	3.9	19.7
Spruce	7.6	-	7.6	153.4	44.4	197.8
All other softwoods	13.2	0.1	13.3	52.1	14.6	66.7
Total softwoods	400.8	2.1	402.9	311.4	85.7	397.1
Total hardwoods	0.5	-	0.5	0.1	-	0.1
Total softwoods and hardwoods	401.3	2.1	403.4	311.5	85.7	397.2

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

	August	
	1964	1965
	M ft. b.m.	
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
For shipments to points in British Columbia:		
Local	17,892	23,643
Coastwise and interior	5,364	3,626
Totals	23,256	27,269
For shipments by rail and truck to:		
Prairie Provinces	4,654	6,568
Eastern Provinces	9,294	13,428
United States	45,329	48,431
Totals	59,277	68,427
For waterborne shipments to:		
California	4,016	3,260
U.S. Atlantic Ports	46,979	163,489
Eastern markets	-	-
Other export markets	370,324	343,186
Totals	421,319	509,935
Total orders on hand	503,852	605,631

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

	Coast mills	Interior mills
	M ft. b.m.	
Receipts of reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties	3,852	5,807
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1)	10,195	15,646
Lumber purchased from other mills	3,679	13,572
(1) Returned to owners.		

TABLE 7. Exports(1) of Softwood Lumber

	July 1965		Seven months ended July 1965	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir	164.9	12,305	811.9	58,743
Western white spruce	172.1	11,204	888.7	57,482
Hemlock	188.4	13,458	1,023.2	74,291
Western red cedar	45.0	4,021	297.4	25,277

(1) Customs clearance, latest available.

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

	August	
	1964	1965
Lumber mills industry (Canada)	100.8	103.9
Douglas fir, B.C. Coast	100.8	103.5
Douglas fir, B.C. Interior	112.5	115.5
Spruce, B.C. Interior	82.8	90.8
Hemlock, B.C. Coast	100.2	99.1
Cedar	124.1	131.1

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

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