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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)

	September		Nine months ended September	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1964/65	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1964/65
<u>British Columbia.</u>				
Total production .....	633.7	+ 6.9	5,193.7	+ 1.4
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	600.0	(2)	5,241.7(3)	(2)
Total stocks at end of month ....	834.3	+ 1.8	...	...
<u>Coastal mills:</u>				
Total production .....	315.1	+ 4.1	2,686.0	+ 2.9
Total shipments (unduplicated)	303.6	(2)	2,744.8(3)	(2)
Total stocks at end of month ..	414.9	-	...	...
Reported orders on hand .....	536.2	- 2.7	...	...
<u>Interior mills:</u>				
Total production .....	318.6	+ 9.7	2,507.7	-
Total shipments (unduplicated)	296.4	(2)	2,496.9	(2)
Total stocks at end of month ..	419.4	+ 4	...	...
	September		Nine months ended September	
	1964	1965	1964	1965
percent				

Percentage of total production  
estimated:

British Columbia .....	17.0	12.3	15.7	13.1
Coastal mills .....	8.6	1.0	6.5	2.2
Interior mills .....	25.6	23.5	25.2	24.8

(1) For detailed data see Tables 2 to 6 in this report. (2) Shipment data not comparable. (3) Includes revisions to date. ... 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.

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	September		Nine months ended September	
	1964 <sup>r</sup>	1965	1964 <sup>r</sup>	1965(1)
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir .....	194.2	183.5	1,635.3	1,578.6
Hemlock .....	143.6	165.7	1,289.4	1,425.8
Red cedar .....	68.7	67.5	588.0	563.1
Spruce .....	143.2	168.2	1,248.8	1,270.9
All other softwoods .....	42.7	48.5	355.7	352.5
Total softwoods .....	592.4	633.4	5,117.2	5,190.9
Total hardwoods .....	0.6	0.3	3.3	2.8
Total production .....	593.0	633.7	5,120.5	5,193.7
<u>Reported shipments</u>				
To: Points in Canada .....	166.7	157.2	1,513.7	1,264.6
Points in U.S.A. ....	197.7	286.1	2,047.2	2,332.0
United Kingdom .....	54.2	37.8	441.0	490.1
Other Countries .....	56.8	62.7	457.7	501.3
Total .....	475.4	543.8	4,459.6	4,588.0
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....	...	56.2	...	653.7
Total shipments .....	...	600.0	...	5,241.7
<u>Stocks on hand</u>				
Douglas fir .....	230.5	199.6	...	...
Hemlock .....	196.2	230.2	...	...
Red cedar .....	90.9	87.0	...	...
Spruce .....	233.0	249.2	...	...
All other softwoods .....	68.0	67.7	...	...
Total softwoods .....	818.6	833.7	...	...
Total hardwoods .....	0.9	0.6	...	...
Total stocks .....	819.5	834.3	...	...

(1) Includes revisions - Reported shipments only.

<sup>r</sup> Revised - Production only.

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties, September 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 .....	45,501	562	150	46,213
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	2	1,350	...	1,352
Saskatchewan .....	-	945	...	945
Manitoba .....	60	1,627	...	1,687
Ontario .....	-	4,559	-	4,559
Quebec .....	-	2,434	-	2,434
New Brunswick .....	-	332	-	332
Nova Scotia .....	-	128	-	128
Prince Edward Island .....	-	88	-	88
Newfoundland .....	-	121	-	121
Total for Canada .....	45,563	12,146	150	57,859
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....	1,344	1,563	3,148	6,055
Atlantic Ports .....	...	446	108,042	108,488
Other points .....	337	32,987	...	33,324
Total for U.S.A. ....	1,681	34,996	111,190	147,867
United Kingdom .....	...	1,180(1)	34,102	35,282
Other countries .....	...	394	62,210	62,604
Total reported shipments .....	47,244	48,716	207,652	303,612
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				-
Total shipments .....				303,612
<u>Interior mills (reported shipments)</u>				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	43,053	7,366	-	50,419
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	37	-	37
Alberta .....	6,358	11,689	...	18,047
Saskatchewan .....	2,086	7,628	...	9,714
Manitoba .....	621	4,646	...	5,267
Ontario .....	-	12,569	-	12,569
Quebec .....	-	3,091	-	3,091
New Brunswick .....	-	58	-	58
Nova Scotia .....	-	124	-	124
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	52,118	47,208	-	99,326
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....	606	10,724	-	11,330
Atlantic Ports .....	...	7,437	-	7,437
Other points .....	12,402	107,108	...	119,510
Total for U.S.A. ....	13,008	125,269	-	138,277
United Kingdom .....	...	1,558(1)	953	2,511
Other countries .....	...	79	-	79
Total reported shipments .....	65,126	174,114	953	240,193
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				56,220
Total shipments .....				296,413

(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, September 1965

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.						
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>						
Douglas fir .....	86.2	1.0	87.2	64.1	32.2	96.3
Hemlock .....	150.0	1.2	151.2	13.1	1.4	14.5
Red cedar .....	55.6	0.6	56.2	10.7	0.6	11.3
Spruce .....	10.5	0.1	10.6	126.9	30.7	157.6
All other softwoods .....	9.4	0.2	9.6	29.1	9.8	38.9
Total softwoods .....	311.7	3.1	314.8	243.9	74.7	318.6
Total hardwoods .....	0.3	-	0.3	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	312.0	3.1	315.1	243.9	74.7	318.6
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>						
Douglas fir .....	114.4	0.7	115.1	67.4	17.1	84.5
Hemlock .....	207.3	1.2	208.5	16.9	4.8	21.7
Red cedar .....	66.4	0.3	66.7	16.2	4.1	20.3
Spruce .....	11.4	0.2	11.6	183.9	53.7	237.6
All other softwoods .....	12.4	-	12.4	43.6	11.7	55.3
Total softwoods .....	411.9	2.4	414.3	328.0	91.4	419.4
Total hardwoods .....	0.5	0.1	0.6	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	412.4	2.5	414.9	328.0	91.4	419.4

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

	September	
	1964	1965
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
For shipments to points in British Columbia:		
Local .....	16,510	21,723
Coastwise and interior .....	5,946	2,677
Totals .....	22,456	24,400
For shipments by rail and truck to:		
Prairie Provinces .....	4,285	5,976
Eastern Provinces .....	8,651	13,639
United States .....	41,742	44,928
Totals .....	54,678	64,543
For waterborne shipments to:		
California .....	3,599	3,075
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	66,887	124,352
Eastern markets .....	1,500	-
Other export markets .....	401,969	319,790
Totals .....	473,955	447,217
Total orders on hand .....	551,089	536,160

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

	Coast mills	Interior mills
	M ft. b.m.	
Receipts of reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties .....	3,740	7,754
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1) .....	6,842	10,841
Lumber purchased from other mills ....	2,648	12,062

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 7. Exports(1) of Softwood Lumber

	August 1965		Eight months ended August 1965	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir .....	116.9	8,332	928.8	67,075
Western white spruce .....	156.9	10,014	1,045.6	67,496
Hemlock .....	114.9	8,361	1,138.1	82,652
Western red cedar .....	39.8	3,385	337.2	28,662

(1) Customs clearance, latest available.

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

	September	
	1964	1965
Lumber mills industry (Canada) .....	99.1	103.9
Douglas fir, B.C. Coast .....	99.3	104.4
Douglas fir, B.C. Interior .....	103.9	115.3
Spruce, B.C. Interior .....	81.4	90.2
Hemlock, B.C. Coast .....	98.8	97.9
Cedar .....	124.0	131.7

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



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