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

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

	January	Percentage change 1965/66
	MM ft. b.m.	%
<u>British Columbia</u>		
Total production	518.2	+ 0.7
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	456.8	+ 2.3
Total stocks at end of month	954.9	+ 3.0
<u>Coastal mills:</u>		
Total production	292.2	+ 6.6
Total shipments (unduplicated)	272.0	+ 6.2
Total stocks at end of month ..	489.3	+ 4.4
Reported orders on hand	782.9	+ 4.7
<u>Interior mills:</u>		
Total production	226.0	- 5.9
Total shipments (unduplicated)	184.8	- 3.0
Total stocks at end of month ..	465.6	+ 1.6

January

1965

1966

per cent

Percentage of total production
estimated:

British Columbia	15.5	10.6
Coastal mills	1.7	0.5
Interior mills	31.3	23.6

(1) For detailed data see Tables 2 to 6 in this report.

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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.

The figures for "estimated shipments and adjustments" are arrived at by deducting the shipments (sales only) as reported by sawmills from the apparent total of unduplicated shipments of sawmills (total production plus or minus the change in total inventory of sawmills). Thus it includes all non-reported sawmill shipments, adjustments for duplication in the shipments (sales) reported by sawmills 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.

To improve the distribution of shipments by destination (Table 3) the planing mills in B.C. have been asked, beginning in 1966, to report shipments (sales) by destination. On the assumption that the lumber, purchased by these planing mills, was purchased from reporting sawmills in B.C. and to avoid duplication the shipments to points in B.C. as reported by the sawmills has been reduced by the shipments to points outside B.C. as reported by the planing mills. Nevertheless the reported destinations are not necessarily the final destinations and the modes of transportation apply only to first destination shipments as reported by sawmills and, to a limited extent, planing mills.

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	January	
	1965	1966
	MM ft. b.m.	
<u>Production</u>		
Douglas fir	154.5	127.7
Hemlock	148.4	170.1
Red cedar	53.7	58.2
Spruce	130.6	123.5
All other softwoods	27.0	38.3
Total softwoods	514.2	517.8
Total hardwoods	0.1	0.4
Total production	514.3	518.2
<u>Shipments</u>		
Reported to:		
Points in Canada	90.3	91.6
Points in U.S.A.	187.7	249.8
United Kingdom	64.8	39.7
Other countries	43.1	43.2
Total	385.9	424.3
Estimated shipments and adjustments	60.8	32.5
Total shipments	446.7	456.8
<u>Stocks on hand</u>		
Douglas fir	216.4	190.7
Hemlock	281.4	284.7
Red cedar	99.6	104.6
Spruce	263.8	302.9
All other softwoods	64.9	71.5
Total softwoods	926.1	954.4
Total hardwoods	0.7	0.5
Total stocks	926.8	954.9

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties, January 1966

	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	36,444	811	-	37,255
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	20	805	...	825
Saskatchewan	-	1,038	...	1,038
Manitoba	-	1,225	...	1,225
Ontario	-	3,750	-	3,750
Quebec	-	1,733	-	1,733
New Brunswick	-	150	-	150
Nova Scotia	-	185	-	185
Prince Edward Island	-	65	-	65
Newfoundland	-	87	-	87
Total for Canada	36,464	9,849	-	46,313
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	939	5,569	2,244	8,752
Atlantic Ports .....	...	463	102,676	103,139
Other points	117	27,814	...	27,931
Total for U.S.A.	1,056	33,846	104,920	139,822
United Kingdom .....	...	-	37,789	37,789
Other countries .....	...	-	43,033	43,033
Total reported shipments	37,520	43,695	185,742	266,957
Estimated shipments and adjustments				5,053
Total shipments				272,010

Interior mills (reported shipments)

To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	10,524	8,156	-	18,680
Yukon and Northwest Territories	42	73	-	115
Alberta	3,921	5,139	...	9,060
Saskatchewan	667	2,951	...	3,618
Manitoba	229	2,877	...	3,106
Ontario	-	10,051	-	10,051
Quebec	-	624	-	624
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	75	-	75
Total for Canada	15,383	29,946	-	45,329
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	-	6,507	-	6,507
Atlantic Ports .....	...	5,673	-	5,673
Other points	3,813	93,946	...	97,759
Total for U.S.A.	3,813	106,126	-	109,939
United Kingdom .....	...	1,609(1)	302	1,911
Other countries .....	...	176(1)	-	176
Total reported shipments	19,196	137,857	302	157,355
Estimated shipments and adjustments				27,481
Total shipments				184,836

(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, January 1966

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.						
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>						
Douglas fir	61.5	0.7	62.2	44.8	20.7	65.5
Hemlock	161.5	0.3	161.8	6.6	1.7	8.3
Red cedar	48.1	0.3	48.4	8.9	0.9	9.8
Spruce	9.3	-	9.3	93.3	20.9	114.2
All other softwoods	10.1	0.2	10.3	18.9	9.1	28.0
Total softwoods	290.5	1.5	292.0	172.5	53.3	225.8
Total hardwoods	0.2	-	0.2	0.2	-	0.2
Total softwoods and hardwoods	290.7	1.5	292.2	172.7	53.3	226.0
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>						
Douglas fir	115.6	0.3	115.9	58.6	16.2	74.8
Hemlock	266.4	0.7	267.1	13.7	3.9	17.6
Red cedar	78.3	0.2	78.5	20.6	5.5	26.1
Spruce	12.0	0.1	12.1	224.3	66.5	290.8
All other softwoods	15.1	0.1	15.2	44.0	12.3	56.3
Total softwoods	487.4	1.4	488.8	361.2	104.4	465.6
Total hardwoods	0.4	0.1	0.5	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	487.8	1.5	489.3	361.2	104.4	465.6

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

	January	
	1965	1966
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
For shipments to points in British Columbia:		
Local	24,315	30,368
Coastwise and interior	18,341	1,409
Totals	42,656	31,777
For shipments by rail and truck to:		
Prairie Provinces	10,486	6,896
Eastern Provinces	15,600	17,376
United States	49,698	56,430
Totals	75,784	80,702
For waterborne shipments to:		
California	2,550	1,575
U.S. Atlantic Ports	197,673	332,668
Eastern markets	-	800
Other export markets	429,007	335,435
Totals	629,230	670,478
Total orders on hand	747,670	782,957

TABLE 6. Purchases and Transfers by Reporting Mills, January 1966

	Coast mills	Interior mills
	M ft. b.m.	
Receipts of reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties	3,931	3,432
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1)	5,799	12,354
Lumber purchased from other mills	792	7,298

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 7. Exports of Softwood Lumber

	December 1965		Twelve months ended December	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir	111.3	8,054	1,364.5	98,889
Western white spruce	112.0	7,189	1,540.2	99,330
Hemlock	152.6	10,739	1,679.8	121,747
Western red cedar	40.5	3,326	506.4	43,387

Source: Trade of Canada.

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

	January	
	1965	1966
Lumber mills industry (Canada)	102.2	104.2
Douglas fir, B.C. Coast	102.0	105.1
Douglas fir, B.C. Interior	108.6	112.1
Spruce, B.C. Interior	89.0	87.5
Hemlock, B.C. Coast	102.2	101.7
Cedar	125.8	129.1

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

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