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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)

	October		Ten months ended October	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1965/66	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1965/66
<u>British Columbia</u>				
Total production .....	532.4	- 11.0	5,917.6	+ 2.2
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	501.6	- 11.4	5,858.4	+ 0.9
Total stocks at end of month ....	1,026.3	...	...	...
<u>Coastal mills:</u>				
Total production .....	268.5	- 11.2	3,095.3	+ 3.5
Total shipments (unduplicated)	242.7	- 12.3	3,063.3	+ 1.4
Total stocks at end of month ..	503.7	...	...	...
Reported orders on hand .....	496.6	- 7.4	...	...
<u>Interior mills:</u>				
Total production .....	263.9	- 10.9	2,822.2	+ 0.7
Total shipments (unduplicated)	258.9	- 10.5	2,795.1	+ 0.3
Total stocks at end of month ..	522.6	...	...	...

October		Ten months ended October	
1965	1966	1965	1966

per cent

Percentage of total production  
estimated:

British Columbia .....	12.8	8.3	13.1	9.2
Coastal mills .....	0.6	0.7	2.1	0.7
Interior mills .....	25.3	16.1	24.8	18.6

(1) For detailed data see Tables 2 to 7 in this report.


... Figures not appropriate or not available.

Note: Data in this report may not necessarily balance due to rounding.January 1967  
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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 7 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	October		Ten months ended October	
	1965	1966	1965	1966
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir .....	177.4	152.1	1,756.0	1,625.0
Hemlock .....	159.3	140.0	1,585.1	1,662.6
Red cedar .....	59.7	62.9	622.8	667.1
Spruce .....	157.1	134.6	1,428.0	1,496.6
All other softwoods .....	44.8	42.5	397.3	463.4
Total softwoods .....	598.3	532.1	5,789.2	5,914.7
Total hardwoods .....	0.2	0.3	3.0	2.9
Total production .....	598.5	532.4	5,792.2	5,917.6
<u>Shipments</u>				
Reported to:				
Points in Canada .....	137.5	123.8	1,402.1	1,232.2
Points in U.S.A. ....	255.7	229.8	2,587.7	3,053.4
United Kingdom .....	46.4	38.9	536.5	458.5
Other Countries .....	58.5	55.8	559.8	575.5
Totals .....	498.1	448.3	5,086.1	5,319.6
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....	68.2	53.3	721.9	538.8
Total shipments .....	566.3	501.6	5,808.0	5,858.4
<u>Stocks on hand</u>				
Douglas fir .....	207.5	231.0	...	...
Hemlock .....	238.7	285.9	...	...
Red cedar .....	89.5	98.2	...	...
Spruce .....	260.2	339.0	...	...
All other softwoods .....	69.9	71.7	...	...
Total softwoods .....	865.8	1,025.8	...	...
Total hardwoods .....	0.7	0.5	...	...
Total stocks .....	866.5	1,026.3	...	...

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.



TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties, Coast Mills, October 1966

	By truck and local sales	By rail	Water- borne	Total shipments
M ft.b.m.				
<u>Reported shipments</u>				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	46,668	300	1,165	48,133
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	-	1,278	...	1,278
Saskatchewan .....	-	557	...	557
Manitoba .....	-	1,411	...	1,411
Ontario .....	-	3,316	-	3,316
Quebec .....	-	1,661	-	1,661
New Brunswick .....	-	132	-	132
Nova Scotia .....	-	399	-	399
Prince Edward Island .....	-	13	-	13
Newfoundland .....	-	49	-	49
Total for Canada .....	46,668	9,116	1,165	56,949
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....	576	2,074	6,620	9,270
Atlantic Ports .....	...	2,494	53,435	55,929
Other points .....	197	29,043	...	29,240
Total for U.S.A. ....	773	33,611	60,055	94,439
United Kingdom .....	...	-	34,953	34,953
Other countries .....	...	-	55,602	55,602
Total reported shipments ..	47,441	42,727	151,775	241,943
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				793
Total reported and estimated shipments .....				242,736
... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.				



TABLE 4. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties, Interior Mills, October 1966

	By truck and local sales	By rail	Water- borne	Total shipments
M ft. b.m.				
<u>Reported shipments</u>				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	10,603	6,098	-	16,701
Yukon and Northwest Territories	405	1,867	-	2,272
Alberta .....	4,281	12,307	...	16,588
Saskatchewan .....	1,576	4,520	...	6,096
Manitoba .....	290	5,270	...	5,560
Ontario .....	-	17,071(1)	-	17,071
Quebec .....	-	2,319	-	2,319
New Brunswick .....	-	253	-	253
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	41	-	41
Total for Canada .....	17,155	49,746	-	66,901
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....	638	2,240	-	2,878
Atlantic Ports .....	...	16,699	-	16,699
Other points .....	4,369	111,371	...	115,740
Total for U.S.A. ....	5,007	130,310	-	135,317
United Kingdom .....	...	2,257(2)	1,723	3,980
Other countries .....	...	174(2)	-	174
Total reported shipments ..	22,162	182,487	1,723	206,372
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				52,521
Total reported and estimated shipments .....				258,893

(1) Includes a small volume of lumber shipped to Ontario by truck.

(2) Shipped by rail to Eastern and/or Western seaboard ports.

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.



TABLE 5. Production and Stocks of Lumber and Ties, October 1966

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.						
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>						
Douglas fir .....	67.7	0.9	68.6	66.3	17.2	83.5
Hemlock .....	129.3	0.4	129.7	9.4	0.9	10.3
Red cedar .....	52.7	0.3	53.0	9.3	0.6	9.9
Spruce .....	6.3	-	6.3	111.2	17.1	128.3
All other softwoods .....	10.3	0.3	10.6	25.3	6.6	31.9
Total softwoods .....	266.3	1.9	268.2	221.5	42.4	263.9
Total hardwoods .....	0.3	-	0.3	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	266.6	1.9	268.5	221.5	42.4	263.9
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>						
Douglas fir .....	133.5	0.2	133.7	84.1	13.2	97.3
Hemlock .....	264.0	0.6	264.6	18.0	3.3	21.3
Red cedar .....	76.8	0.4	77.2	18.1	2.9	21.0
Spruce .....	12.9	0.1	13.0	278.6	47.4	326.0
All other softwoods .....	14.6	0.1	14.7	49.0	8.0	57.0
Total softwoods .....	501.8	1.4	503.2	447.8	74.8	522.6
Total hardwoods .....	0.5	-	0.5	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	502.3	1.4	503.7	447.8	74.8	522.6

TABLE 6. Comparative Summary of Distribution of Lumber Orders on Hand reported by Coast Mills

	October	
	1965	1966
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
For shipments to points in British Columbia:		
Local .....	26,124	26,432
Coastwise and interior .....	2,651	2,069
Totals .....	28,775	28,501
For shipments by rail and truck to:		
Prairie Provinces .....	6,050	3,065
Eastern Provinces .....	11,739	6,903
United States .....	38,947	28,404
Totals .....	56,736	38,372
For waterborne shipments to:		
California .....	2,925	7,040
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	126,083	84,417
Eastern Canada .....	-	1,897
Other export markets .....	321,984	336,381
Totals .....	450,992	429,735
Total orders on hand .....	536,503	496,608



TABLE 7. Purchases and Transfers by Reporting Mills, October 1966

	Coast mills	Interior mills
	M ft. b.m.	
Receipts of reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties .....	3,423	17,862
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1) .....	6,765	10,669
Lumber purchased from other mills ....	4,505	15,311

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 8. Exports of Softwood Lumber

	September 1966		Nine months ended September 1966	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir .....	74.7	5,738	930.8	71,696
Western white spruce .....	97.9	6,420	1,124.6	74,802
Hemlock .....	93.5	7,096	1,334.3	96,650
Western red cedar .....	30.6	2,588	399.9	34,776

Source: Trade of Canada.

TABLE 9. Industry Selling Price Indexes (1956=100)(1)

	October	
	1965 <sup>r</sup>	1966
Lumber mills industry (Canada) .....	103.1	105.4
Douglas fir, B.C. Coast .....	103.6	103.2
Douglas fir, B.C. Interior .....	111.3	112.4
Spruce, B.C. Interior .....	88.1	87.4
Hemlock, B.C. Coast .....	96.6	99.2
Cedar .....	129.7	135.2

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

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.



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