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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)

	December		Twelve months ended December	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1965/66	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1965/66
<u>British Columbia</u>				
Total production	519.8	- 9.9	6,988.2	+ 0.7
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	491.9	- 12.3	6,874.5	- 0.8
Total stocks at end of month	1,080.7	...	...	...
<u>Coastal mills:</u>				
Total production	285.5	- 8.2	3,681.6	+ 2.0
Total shipments (unduplicated)	286.8	- 3.5	3,607.6	--
Total stocks at end of month ..	545.6	...	...	...
Reported orders on hand	719.9	+ 3.1	...	...
<u>Interior mills:</u>				
Total production	234.2	- 12.0	3,306.6	- 0.7
Total shipments (unduplicated)	205.1	- 22.3	3,266.9	- 1.4
Total stocks at end of month ..	535.0	...	...	...
	December		Twelve months ended December	
	1965	1966	1965	1966
per cent				

Percentage of total production
estimated:

British Columbia	11.3	6.4	12.8	8.8
Coastal mills	0.5	0.6	1.8	0.7
Interior mills	24.0	13.6	24.8	17.9

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

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Note: Data in this report may not necessarily balance due to rounding.

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	December		Twelve months ended December	
	1965	1966	1965	1966
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir	155.1	132.4	2,075.5	1,907.6
Hemlock	176.4	158.9	1,927.9	1,980.7
Red cedar	58.2	59.1	743.9	792.1
Spruce	147.4	130.1	1,713.1	1,759.7
All other softwoods	40.0	39.1	475.5	544.7
Total softwoods	577.1	519.6	6,935.9	6,984.8
Total hardwoods	0.1	0.2	3.4	3.4
Total production	577.2	519.8	6,939.3	6,988.2
<u>Shipments</u>				
Reported to:				
Points in Canada	121.9	96.2	1,658.4	1,460.4
Points in U.S.A.	251.7	249.6	3,087.3	3,542.2
United Kingdom	43.9	45.9	628.0	571.0
Other Countries	64.9	70.5	689.9	683.4
Totals	482.4	462.2	6,063.6	6,257.0
Estimated shipments and adjustments	78.8	29.7	864.5	617.5
Total shipments	561.2	491.9	6,928.1	6,874.5
<u>Stocks on hand</u>				
Douglas fir	200.1	238.0	...	...
Hemlock	260.8	312.3	...	...
Red cedar	93.5	110.6	...	...
Spruce	272.0	341.1	...	...
All other softwoods	66.5	78.1	...	...
Total softwoods	892.9	1,080.1
Total hardwoods	0.6	0.6
Total stocks	893.5	1,080.7

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TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties, Coast Mills, December 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	32,936	367	67	33,370
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	20	758	...	778
Saskatchewan	-	431	...	431
Manitoba	-	1,104	...	1,104
Ontario	-	4,850	-	4,850
Quebec	-	3,045	-	3,045
New Brunswick	-	247	-	247
Nova Scotia	-	256	-	256
Prince Edward Island	-	6	-	6
Newfoundland	-	110	-	110
Total for Canada	32,956	11,174	67	44,197
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	785	2,579	1,933	5,297
Atlantic Ports .....	...	6,295	87,091	93,386
Other points	320	25,670	...	25,990
Total for U.S.A.	1,105	34,544	89,024	124,673
United Kingdom .....	...	38(1)	43,548	43,586
Other countries .....	...	-	70,522	70,522
Total reported shipments ..	34,061	45,756	203,161	282,978
Estimated shipments and adjustments				3,820
Total reported and estimated shipments				286,798

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

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TABLE 4. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties, Interior Mills, December 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	4,557	2,141	-	6,698
Yukon and Northwest Territories	41	88	-	129
Alberta	3,901	8,998	...	12,899
Saskatchewan	356	5,517	...	5,873
Manitoba	257	8,059	...	8,316
Ontario	-	15,485	-	15,485
Quebec	-	2,154	-	2,154
New Brunswick	-	268	-	268
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	140	-	140
Total for Canada	9,112	42,850	-	51,962
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	-	1,652	-	1,652
Atlantic Ports .....	...	20,237	-	20,237
Other points	11,310	91,751	...	103,061
Total for U.S.A.	11,310	113,640	-	124,950
United Kingdom .....	...	1,177(1)	1,100	2,277
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	20,422	157,667	1,100	179,189
Estimated shipments and adjustments				25,875
Total reported and estimated shipments				205,064

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

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

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
	MM ft. b.m.					
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>						
Douglas fir	70.9	0.8	71.7	49.4	11.3	60.7
Hemlock	152.0	0.3	152.3	5.9	0.7	6.6
Red cedar	48.9	0.2	49.1	9.5	0.4	9.9
Spruce	3.8	0.1	3.9	112.7	13.5	126.2
All other softwoods	8.1	0.2	8.3	24.9	5.9	30.8
Total softwoods	283.7	1.6	285.3	202.4	31.8	234.2
Total hardwoods	0.2	-	0.2	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	283.9	1.6	285.5	202.4	31.8	234.2
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>						
Douglas fir	138.6	0.3	138.9	87.0	12.0	99.0
Hemlock	295.0	0.5	295.5	14.7	2.1	16.8
Red cedar	87.7	0.6	88.3	19.5	2.8	22.3
Spruce	7.8	-	7.8	295.2	38.1	333.3
All other softwoods	14.4	0.2	14.6	55.9	7.7	63.6
Total softwoods	543.5	1.6	545.1	472.3	62.7	535.0
Total hardwoods	0.5	-	0.5	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	544.0	1.6	545.6	472.3	62.7	535.0

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

	December	
	1965	1966
	M ft. b.m.	
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
For shipments to points in British Columbia:		
Local	29,877	29,800
Coastwise and interior	2,859	2,912
Totals	32,736	32,712
For shipments by rail and truck to:		
Prairie Provinces	6,865	4,741
Eastern Provinces	16,761	13,961
United States	52,661	34,594
Totals	76,287	53,296
For waterborne shipments to:		
California	3,900	2,856
U.S. Atlantic Ports	281,485	235,211
Eastern Canada	-	1,300
Other export markets	303,679	394,525
Totals	589,064	633,892
Total orders on hand	698,087	719,900

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

	Coast mills	Interior mills
	M ft. b.m.	
Receipts of reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties	4,190	9,622
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1)	5,818	12,967
Lumber purchased from other mills	4,348	27,384

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 8. Exports of Softwood Lumber

	November 1966		Eleven months ended November	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir	85.7	6,184	1,087.6	83,428
Western white spruce	95.0	6,111	1,329.1	88,205
Hemlock	120.0	8,804	1,534.7	111,604
Western red cedar	35.7	2,772	478.9	41,230

Source: Trade of Canada.

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

	December	
	1965 ^r	1966
Lumber mills industry (Canada)	103.9	105.9
Douglas fir, B.C. Coast	104.4	102.6
Douglas fir, B.C. Interior	112.2	115.0
Spruce, B.C. Interior	87.5	86.2
Hemlock, B.C. Coast	100.7	100.5
Cedar	128.8	135.0

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

^r Revised figures.

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