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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)

	February		Two months ended February	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1965/66	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1965/66
<u>British Columbia</u>				
Total production .....	579.1	- 0.3	1,097.3	+ 0.2
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	558.2	+ 5.1	1,015.0	+ 3.8
Total stocks at end of month ....	975.9	-	...	...

Coastal mills:

Total production .....	304.9	+ 4.3	597.1	+ 5.4
Total shipments (unduplicated)	326.8	+ 9.7	598.8	+ 8.1
Total stocks at end of month ..	467.4	+ 1.0	...	...
Reported orders on hand .....	768.8	+ 5.1	...	...

Interior mills:

Total production .....	274.2	- 5.0	500.2	- 5.4
Total shipments (unduplicated)	231.4	- 0.8	416.2	- 1.8
Total stocks at end of month ..	508.5	- 1.0	...	...

February		Two months ended February	
1965	1966	1965	1966
percent			

Percentage of total production  
estimated:

British Columbia .....	13.6	10.1	14.5	10.3
Coastal mills .....	2.7	0.7	2.2	0.6
Interior mills .....	24.6	20.5	27.7	21.9

(1) For detailed data see Tables 2 to 7 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 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	February		Two months ended February	
	1965	1966	1965	1966
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir .....	172.7	137.7	327.2	265.4
Hemlock .....	160.7	175.1	309.1	345.2
Red cedar .....	55.7	66.1	109.4	124.3
Spruce .....	154.9	157.0	285.5	280.5
All other softwoods .....	36.7	43.0	63.7	81.3
Total softwoods .....	580.7	578.9	1,094.9	1,096.7
Total hardwoods .....	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.6
Total production .....	581.0	579.1	1,095.3	1,097.3
<u>Shipments</u>				
Reported to:				
Points in Canada .....	128.3	117.8	218.6	209.4
Points in U.S.A. ....	240.4	277.4	428.1	527.2
United Kingdom .....	64.0	53.2	128.8	92.9
Other Countries .....	32.8	70.8	75.9	114.0
Total .....	465.5	519.2	851.4	943.5
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....	65.8	39.0	126.6	71.5
Total shipments .....	531.3	558.2	978.0	1,015.0
<u>Stocks on hand</u>				
Douglas fir .....	221.4	188.2	...	...
Hemlock .....	270.3	267.6	...	...
Red cedar .....	96.2	107.5	...	...
Spruce .....	311.4	333.5	...	...
All other softwoods .....	76.6	78.6	...	...
Total softwoods .....	975.9	975.4	...	...
Total hardwoods .....	0.6	0.5	...	...
Total stocks .....	976.5	975.9	...	...

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

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

	By truck and local sales	By rail	Water- borne	Total shipments
M ft.b.m.				
<u>February 1966</u>				
<u>Reported shipments</u>				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	47,957	877	212	49,046
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	3	1,291	...	1,294
Saskatchewan .....	-	689	...	689
Manitoba .....	-	1,377	...	1,377
Ontario .....	-	4,211	-	4,211
Quebec .....	-	2,232	-	2,232
New Brunswick .....	-	368	-	368
Nova Scotia .....	-	250	-	250
Prince Edward Island .....	-	19	-	19
Newfoundland .....	-	303	-	303
Total for Canada .....	47,960	11,617	212	59,789
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....	875	1,040	1,860	3,775
Atlantic Ports .....	...	3,522	107,726	111,248
Other points .....	334	29,170	...	29,504
Total for U.S.A. ....	1,209	33,732	109,586	144,527
United Kingdom .....	...	813(1)	49,088	49,901
Other countries .....	...	360(1)	68,781	69,141
Total reported shipments .....	49,169	46,522	227,667	323,358
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				3,465
Total reported and estimated shipments .....				326,823

(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

	By truck and local sales	By rail	Water- borne	Total shipments
M ft. b.m.				
<u>February 1966</u>				
<u>Reported shipments</u>				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	16,093	8,547	-	24,640
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	225	-	-	225
Alberta .....	3,414	6,109	...	9,523
Saskatchewan .....	548	5,473	...	6,021
Manitoba .....	513	3,572	...	4,085
Ontario .....	-	12,239	-	12,239
Quebec .....	-	1,096	-	1,096
New Brunswick .....	-	57	-	57
Nova Scotia .....	-	22	-	22
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	66	-	66
Total for Canada .....	20,793	37,181	-	57,974
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....	-	7,650	-	7,650
Atlantic Ports .....	...	8,482	-	8,482
Other points .....	1,978	114,765	...	116,743
Total for U.S.A. ....	1,978	130,897	-	132,875
United Kingdom .....	...	2,461(1)	891	3,352
Other countries .....	...	1,659(1)	-	1,659
Total reported shipments .....	22,771	172,198	891	195,860
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				35,484
Total reported and estimated shipments .....				231,344

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

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

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.						
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>						
Douglas fir .....	65.2	0.9	66.1	47.6	24.0	71.6
Hemlock .....	165.2	0.4	165.6	8.5	1.0	9.5
Red cedar .....	53.0	0.4	53.4	12.3	0.4	12.7
Spruce .....	10.1	-	10.1	123.4	23.5	146.9
All other softwoods .....	9.2	0.3	9.5	26.2	7.3	33.5
Total softwoods .....	302.7	2.0	304.7	218.0	56.2	274.2
Total hardwoods .....	0.2	-	0.2	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	302.9	2.0	304.9	218.0	56.2	274.2
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>						
Douglas fir .....	109.5	0.3	109.8	64.5	13.9	78.4
Hemlock .....	250.9	0.9	251.8	12.8	3.0	15.8
Red cedar .....	82.6	0.2	82.8	20.5	4.2	24.7
Spruce .....	7.5	-	7.5	260.2	65.8	326.0
All other softwoods .....	14.9	0.1	15.0	52.3	11.3	63.6
Total softwoods .....	465.4	1.5	466.9	410.3	98.2	508.5
Total hardwoods .....	0.4	0.1	0.5	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	465.8	1.6	467.4	410.3	98.2	508.5

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

	February	
	1965	1966
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
For shipments to points in British Columbia:		
Local .....	23,823	30,709
Coastwise and interior .....	21,115	3,225
Totals .....	44,938	33,934
For shipments by rail and truck to:		
Prairie Provinces .....	8,683	8,840
Eastern Provinces .....	14,948	18,526
United States .....	47,135	55,737
Totals .....	70,766	83,103
For waterborne shipments to:		
California .....	4,400	500
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	164,780	323,068
Eastern markets .....	-	3,700
Other export markets .....	446,896	324,538
Totals .....	616,076	651,806
Total orders on hand .....	731,780	768,843

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

	Coast mills	Interior mills
	M ft. b.m.	
Receipts of reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties .....	3,472	5,193
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1) .....	6,201	17,091
Lumber purchased from other mills ....	1,813	12,608
(1) Returned to owners.		

TABLE 8. Exports of Softwood Lumber

	January 1966	
	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir .....	87.8	6,490
Western white spruce .....	82.4	5,160
Hemlock .....	133.4	9,181
Western red cedar .....	40.4	3,362

Source: Trade of Canada.

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

	February	
	1965	1966
Lumber mills industry (Canada) .....	102.6	105.0
Douglas fir, B.C. Coast .....	103.1	105.8
Douglas fir, B.C. Interior .....	106.5	112.2
Spruce, B.C. Interior .....	91.1	94.3
Hemlock, B.C. Coast .....	102.8	104.4
Cedar .....	128.1	130.0

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

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