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

MARCH 1966

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

	March		Three months ended March	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1965/66	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1965/66
<u>British Columbia</u>				
Total production	679.5	+ 5.7	1,776.8	+ 2.2
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	663.0	+ 15.2	1,678.0	+ 8.0
Total stocks at end of month	992.4	- 5.0	...	...
<u>Coastal mills:</u>				
Total production	357.0	+ 11.1	954.1	+ 7.5
Total shipments (unduplicated)	347.3	+ 11.4	946.1	+ 9.3
Total stocks at end of month ..	477.1	+ 1.0	...	...
Reported orders on hand	861.6	+ 22.3	...	...
<u>Interior mills:</u>				
Total production	322.5	+ 0.3	822.7	- 3.2
Total shipments (unduplicated)	315.7	+ 19.6	731.9	+ 6.4
Total stocks at end of month ..	515.3	- 9.7	...	...

March		Three months ended March	
1965	1966	1965	1966

per cent

Percentage of total production
estimated:

British Columbia	14.2	9.0	14.4	9.9
Coastal mills	2.6	0.6	2.3	0.6
Interior mills	26.0	18.3	27.0	20.5

(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	March		Three months ended March	
	1965	1966	1965	1966
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir	186.2	171.2	513.4	436.6
Hemlock	169.4	201.1	478.5	546.3
Red cedar	67.4	79.4	176.8	203.7
Spruce	177.6	174.8	463.1	455.3
All other softwoods	41.7	52.8	105.4	134.1
Total softwoods	642.3	679.3	1,737.2	1,776.0
Total hardwoods	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.8
Total production	642.6	679.5	1,737.9	1,776.8
<u>Shipments</u>				
Reported to:				
Points in Canada	154.3	118.3	372.9	327.7
Points in U.S.A.	242.9	366.7	671.0	893.9
United Kingdom	57.3	48.0	186.1	140.9
Other Countries	52.6	53.0	128.5	167.0
Totals	507.1	586.0	1,358.5	1,529.5
Estimated shipments and adjustments	68.6	77.0	195.2	148.5
Total shipments	575.7	663.0	1,553.7	1,678.0
<u>Stocks on hand</u>				
Douglas fir	237.3	190.1	...	...
Hemlock	279.1	279.7	...	...
Red cedar	102.2	102.4	...	...
Spruce	334.4	340.8	...	...
All other softwoods	89.8	78.9	...	...
Total softwoods	1,042.8	991.9
Total hardwoods	0.6	0.5
Total stocks	1,043.4	992.4

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

March 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	53,429	506	100	54,035
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	-	1,659	...	1,659
Saskatchewan	-	921	...	921
Manitoba	-	1,752	...	1,752
Ontario	-	6,055	-	6,055
Quebec	-	3,146	-	3,146
New Brunswick	-	346	-	346
Nova Scotia	-	107	-	107
Prince Edward Island	-	45	-	45
Newfoundland	-	534	-	534
Total for Canada	53,429	15,071	100	68,600
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	1,005	1,537	1,007	3,549
Atlantic Ports .....	...	3,149	129,605	132,754
Other points	577	35,411	...	35,988
Total for U.S.A.	1,582	40,097	130,612	172,291
United Kingdom .....	...	-	43,196	43,196
Other countries .....	...	-	52,501	52,501
Total reported shipments ..	55,011	55,168	226,409	336,588
Estimated shipments and adjustments				10,726
Total reported and estimated shipments				347,314

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

March 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	6,566	9,592	-	16,158
Yukon and Northwest Territories	25	-	-	25
Alberta	3,059	7,783	...	10,842
Saskatchewan	544	5,085	...	5,629
Manitoba	988	3,996	...	4,984
Ontario	-	10,417	-	10,417
Quebec	-	1,642	-	1,642
New Brunswick	-	26	-	26
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	11,182	38,541	-	49,723
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	225	8,988	-	9,213
Atlantic Ports .....	...	14,999	328	15,327
Other points	2,176	167,718	...	169,894
Total for U.S.A.	2,401	191,705	328	194,434
United Kingdom .....	...	3,673(1)	1,110	4,783
Other countries .....	...	514(1)	-	514
Total reported shipments ..	13,583	234,433	1,438	249,454
Estimated shipments and adjustments				66,238
Total reported and estimated shipments				315,692

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

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

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.						
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>						
Douglas fir	79.9	0.9	80.8	63.7	26.7	90.4
Hemlock	185.6	0.5	186.1	13.8	1.2	15.0
Red cedar	65.9	0.5	66.4	12.5	0.5	13.0
Spruce	10.5	0.1	10.6	141.0	23.2	164.2
All other softwoods	12.6	0.3	12.9	32.4	7.5	39.9
Total softwoods	354.5	2.3	356.8	263.4	59.1	322.5
Total hardwoods	0.2	-	0.2	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	354.7	2.3	357.0	263.4	59.1	322.5
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>						
Douglas fir	110.6	0.3	110.9	66.5	12.7	79.2
Hemlock	257.8	0.8	258.6	17.5	3.6	21.1
Red cedar	80.0	0.2	80.2	18.7	3.5	22.2
Spruce	10.2	0.2	10.4	271.0	59.4	330.4
All other softwoods	16.5	0.1	16.6	51.9	10.4	62.3
Total softwoods	475.1	1.6	476.7	425.6	89.6	515.2
Total hardwoods	0.4	-	0.4	0.1	-	0.1
Total softwoods and hardwoods	475.5	1.6	477.1	425.7	89.6	515.3

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

	March	
	1965	1966
	M ft. b.m.	
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
For shipments to points in British Columbia:		
Local	25,147	38,490
Coastwise and interior	18,898	3,756
Totals	44,045	42,246
For shipments by rail and truck to:		
Prairie Provinces	8,043	8,009
Eastern Provinces	13,198	18,404
United States	45,451	65,236
Totals	66,692	91,649
For waterborne shipments to:		
California	3,675	4,300
U.S. Atlantic Ports	140,175	363,065
Eastern markets	-	2,025
Other export markets	449,697	358,354
Totals	593,547	727,744
Total orders on hand	704,284	861,639

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

	Coast mills	Interior mills
	M ft. b.m.	
Receipts of reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties	3,635	5,620
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1)	7,546	16,774
Lumber purchased from other mills	3,635	13,884

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 8. Exports of Softwood Lumber

	February 1966		2 months ended February 1966	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir	87.8	6,589	175.6	13,079
Western white spruce	105.3	6,622	187.7	11,782
Hemlock	138.2	9,628	271.6	18,809
Western red cedar	37.5	3,135	77.9	6,497

Source: Trade of Canada.

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

	March	
	1965	1966
Lumber mills industry (Canada)	103.3	107.7
Douglas fir, B.C. Coast	102.1	107.9
Douglas fir, B.C. Interior	108.9	112.2
Spruce, B.C. Interior	91.2	99.4
Hemlock, B.C. Coast	101.3	106.8
Cedar	130.8	130.0

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

At the request of several Industry Associations a special survey has been conducted pertaining to the shipments of lumber of the Sawmills in British Columbia in the year 1965. The response to this survey has been gratifying. The cooperating respondents accounted for 98.8% of lumber shipments of the Coastal Region and for 85.5% of the lumber shipments of the Interior. The results, presented in the following table, have been expressed in percentages of the total 1965 shipments of the cooperating respondents.

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TABLE 10. Special Survey on Shipments of Lumber in
British Columbia for the year 1965

	Percentage of 1965 shipments of lumber in British Columbia			
	Kiln dried	Air dried	Unseasoned	Sawn to 1" nominal thickness
Coastal Region	11	1	88	9.0
Southern Interior Region ...	40	26	34	15.6
Northern Interior Region ...	40	21	39	4.8
Total Interior Region ....	...	...	...	10.2

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.