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

JULY 1966

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

	July		Seven months ended July	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1965/66	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1965/66
<u>British Columbia</u>				
Total production	577.7	+ 6.0	4,162.7	+ 4.4
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	584.0	- 1.4	4,276.4	+ 6.5
Total stocks at end of month	853.4	...	...	...
<u>Coastal mills:</u>				
Total production	288.6	+ 4.8	2,205.4	+ 5.6
Total shipments (unduplicated)	293.1	+ 2.0	2,294.0	+ 7.4
Total stocks at end of month ..	383.1	...	...	...
Reported orders on hand	528.9	- 9.7	...	...
<u>Interior mills:</u>				
Total production	289.1	+ 7.3	1,957.3	+ 3.2
Total shipments (unduplicated)	290.9	- 4.6	1,982.4	+ 5.5
Total stocks at end of month ..	470.3	...	...	...

July		Seven months ended July	
1965	1966	1965	1966

per cent

Percentage of total production
estimated:

British Columbia	14.0	9.7	13.2	9.4
Coastal mills	2.8	0.7	2.6	0.7
Interior mills	25.5	18.7	25.1	19.2

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

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

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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	July		Seven months ended July	
	1965	1966	1965	1966
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir	172.4	166.9	1,214.1	1,109.4
Hemlock	154.2	151.8	1,114.4	1,213.0
Red cedar	54.7	58.3	435.2	474.8
Spruce	125.9	152.0	960.1	1,037.4
All other softwoods	37.2	48.3	259.4	326.0
Total softwoods	544.4	577.3	3,983.2	4,160.6
Total hardwoods	0.4	0.4	2.2	2.1
Total production	544.8	577.7	3,985.4	4,162.7
<u>Shipments</u>				
Reported to:				
Points in Canada	146.2	125.6	950.5	844.4
Points in U.S.A.	253.9	307.9	1,769.9	2,312.4
United Kingdom	50.9	43.0	405.0	324.9
Other Countries	58.0	56.1	375.2	396.5
Totals	509.0	532.6	3,500.6	3,878.2
Estimated shipments and adjustments	83.4	51.4	514.4	398.2
Total shipments	592.4	584.0	4,015.0	4,276.4
<u>Stocks on hand</u>				
Douglas fir	194.2	171.0	...	...
Hemlock	239.6	221.4	...	...
Red cedar	94.6	87.3	...	...
Spruce	221.5	303.0	...	...
All other softwoods	78.9	70.4
Total softwoods	828.8	853.1
Total hardwoods	0.8	0.3
Total stocks	829.6	853.4

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TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties, Coast Mills, July 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	40,947	229	653	41,829
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	-	1,062	...	1,062
Saskatchewan	-	627	...	627
Manitoba	-	1,568	...	1,568
Ontario	-	4,867	-	4,867
Quebec	-	2,181	-	2,181
New Brunswick	-	119	-	119
Nova Scotia	-	278	-	278
Prince Edward Island	-	9	-	9
Newfoundland	-	185	-	185
Total for Canada	40,947	11,125	653	52,725
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	1,051	1,254	3,412	5,717
Atlantic Ports .....	...	1,730	106,526	108,256
Other points	530	26,694	...	27,224
Total for U.S.A.	1,581	29,678	109,938	141,197
United Kingdom .....	...	97(1)	40,583	40,680
Other countries .....	...	128(1)	55,940	56,068
Total reported shipments ..	42,528	41,028	207,114	290,670
Estimated shipments and adjustments				2,435
Total reported and estimated shipments				293,105

(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, July 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	12,317	5,748	-	18,065
Yukon and Northwest Territories	443	-	-	443
Alberta	5,013	11,386	...	16,399
Saskatchewan	1,139	6,623	...	7,762
Manitoba	786	6,601	...	7,387
Ontario	-	19,343	-	19,343
Quebec	-	3,358	-	3,358
New Brunswick	-	37	-	37
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	37	-	37
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	19,698	53,133	-	72,831
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	543	2,971 (2)	-	3,514
Atlantic Ports .....	...	17,512 (2)	-	17,512
Other points	5,958	139,733	...	145,691
Total for U.S.A.	6,501	160,216	-	166,717
United Kingdom .....	...	1,904 (1)	439	2,343
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	26,199	215,253	439	241,891
Estimated shipments and adjustments				49,048
Total reported and estimated shipments				290,939

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

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(2) June should have read 5,013 and 18,728 for Pacific Ports and Atlantic Ports respectively.

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

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.						
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>						
Douglas fir	80.1	0.9	81.0	64.2	21.7	85.9
Hemlock	138.7	0.4	139.1	11.8	0.9	12.7
Red cedar	46.8	0.4	47.2	10.5	0.6	11.1
Spruce	10.4	-	10.4	118.5	23.1	141.6
All other softwoods	10.3	0.2	10.5	30.2	7.6	37.8
Total softwoods	286.3	1.9	288.2	235.2	53.9	289.1
Total hardwoods	0.2	0.2	0.4	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	286.5	2.1	288.6	235.2	53.9	289.1
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>						
Douglas fir	94.1	0.2	94.3	64.6	12.1	76.7
Hemlock	195.7	0.6	196.3	20.7	4.4	25.1
Red cedar	66.6	0.2	66.8	17.3	3.2	20.5
Spruce	9.9	0.1	10.0	246.8	46.2	293.0
All other softwoods	15.2	0.2	15.4	46.2	8.8	55.0
Total softwoods	381.5	1.3	382.8	395.6	74.7	470.3
Total hardwoods	0.3	-	0.3	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	381.8	1.3	383.1	395.6	74.7	470.3

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

	July	
	1965	1966
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
For shipments to points in British Columbia:		
Local	25,079	29,170
Coastwise and interior	2,969	2,373
Totals	28,048	31,543
For shipments by rail and truck to:		
Prairie Provinces	6,668	5,005
Eastern Provinces	11,120	10,925
United States	53,591	42,951
Totals	71,379	58,881
For waterborne shipments to:		
California	600	4,552
U.S. Atlantic Ports	118,843	94,666
Eastern markets	12,903	2,350
Other export markets	353,660	336,956
Totals	486,006	438,524
Total orders on hand	585,433	528,948

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

	Coast mills	Interior mills
	M ft. b.m.	
Receipts of reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties	3,204	13,101
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1)	1,181	18,365
Lumber purchased from other mills	3,815	23,284

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 8. Exports of Softwood Lumber

	June 1966		Six months ended June 1966	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir	105.4	8,503	614.2	47,253
Western white spruce	134.1	9,218	737.9	49,233
Hemlock	158.8	12,135	921.8	66,792
Western red cedar	51.9	4,675	284.1	24,688

Source: Trade of Canada.

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

	July	
	1965	1966
Lumber mills industry (Canada)	102.6 ^r	109.5
Douglas fir, B.C. Coast	101.8	109.3
Douglas fir, B.C. Interior	110.5	112.1
Spruce, B.C. Interior	89.1	96.5
Hemlock, B.C. Coast	97.1	107.6
Cedar	129.2	144.2

(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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