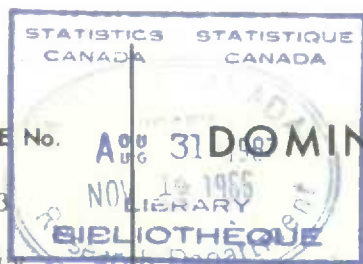


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

AUGUST 1966

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

	August		Eight months ended August	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1965/66	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1965/66
<u>British Columbia</u>				
Total production	621.9	+ 8.2	4,784.6	+ 5.0
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	574.2	- 4.9	4,850.6	+ 5.0
Total stocks at end of month	901.1	...	...	...
<u>Coastal mills:</u>				
Total production	315.4	+ 12.0	2,520.8	+ 6.3
Total shipments (unduplicated)	283.3	--	2,577.3	+ 6.5
Total stocks at end of month ..	415.2	...	...	...
Reported orders on hand	469.4	- 22.5	...	...
<u>Interior mills:</u>				
Total production	306.5	+ 4.6	2,263.8	+ 3.4
Total shipments (unduplicated)	290.9	- 9.3	2,273.3	+ 3.3
Total stocks at end of month ..	485.9	...	...	...
	August		Eight months ended August	
	1965	1966	1965	1966
	per cent			
<u>Percentage of total production</u> <u>estimated:</u>				
British Columbia	12.7	9.5	13.2	9.4
Coastal mills	1.0	0.7	2.4	0.7
Interior mills	24.0	18.5	25.0	19.1

(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.

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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	August		Eight months ended August	
	1965	1966	1965	1966
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir	181.0	175.8	1,395.1	1,285.2
Hemlock	145.7	169.1	1,260.1	1,382.1
Red cedar	60.4	60.2	495.6	535.0
Spruce	142.6	166.3	1,102.7	1,203.7
All other softwoods	44.6	50.2	304.0	376.2
Total softwoods	574.3	621.6	4,557.5	4,782.2
Total hardwoods	0.3	0.3	2.5	2.4
Total production	574.6	621.9	4,560.0	4,784.6
<u>Shipments</u>				
Reported to:				
Points in Canada	150.2	131.7	1,100.7	976.0
Points in U.S.A.	264.4	263.8	2,034.3	2,576.2
United Kingdom	43.4	47.1	448.4	372.1
Other Countries	62.5	77.3	437.7	473.8
Totals	520.5	519.9	4,021.1	4,398.1
Estimated shipments and adjustments	83.1	54.3	597.5	452.5
Total shipments	603.6	574.2	4,618.6	4,850.6
<u>Stocks on hand</u>				
Douglas fir	199.9	190.7	...	...
Hemlock	231.2	242.3	...	...
Red cedar	83.5	83.9	...	...
Spruce	205.4	297.5	...	...
All other softwoods	80.0	86.3
Total softwoods	800.0	900.7
Total hardwoods	0.6	0.4
Total stocks	800.6	901.1

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TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties, Coast Mills August 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	45,171	1,168	334	46,673
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	20	745	...	765
Saskatchewan	-	628	...	628
Manitoba	-	1,501	...	1,501
Ontario	-	3,961	-	3,961
Quebec	-	1,868	-	1,868
New Brunswick	-	193	-	193
Nova Scotia	-	200	-	200
Prince Edward Island	-	20	-	20
Newfoundland	-	273	1,469	1,742
Total for Canada	45,191	10,557	1,803	57,551
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	1,233	1,511	3,315	6,059
Atlantic Ports .....	...	2,261	57,270	59,531
Other points	326	31,726	...	32,052
Total for U.S.A.	1,559	35,498	60,585	97,642
United Kingdom .....	...	1,000(1)	41,762	42,762
Other countries .....	...	-	77,265	77,265
Total reported shipments ..	46,750	47,055	181,415	275,220
Estimated shipments and adjustments				8,058
Total reported and estimated shipments				283,278

(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 August 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	12,090	7,152	-	19,242
Yukon and Northwest Territories	1,242	1,007	-	2,249
Alberta	5,492	10,838	...	16,330
Saskatchewan	1,442	6,587	...	8,029
Manitoba	284	6,199	...	6,483
Ontario	-	18,812 (2)	-	18,812
Quebec	-	2,803	-	2,803
New Brunswick	-	65	-	65
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	81	-	81
Total for Canada	20,550	53,544	-	74,094
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	673	5,233	-	5,906
Atlantic Ports .....	...	21,546	-	21,546
Other points	8,172	130,539	...	138,711
Total for U.S.A.	8,845	157,318	-	166,163
United Kingdom .....	...	2,537 (1)	1,841	4,378
Other countries .....	...	50	-	50
Total reported shipments ..	29,395	213,449	1,841	244,685
Estimated shipments and adjustments				46,280
Total reported and estimated shipments				290,965

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

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

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

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.						
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>						
Douglas fir	90.9	0.9	91.8	61.5	22.4	83.9
Hemlock	153.5	0.5	154.0	14.1	1.0	15.1
Red cedar	49.1	0.5	49.6	10.1	0.6	10.7
Spruce	10.8	-	10.8	130.9	24.6	155.5
All other softwoods	8.7	0.3	9.0	33.3	8.0	41.3
Total softwoods	313.0	2.2	315.2	249.9	56.6	306.5
Total hardwoods	0.2	-	0.2	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	313.2	2.2	315.4	249.9	56.6	306.5
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>						
Douglas fir	115.9	0.2	116.1	63.2	11.4	74.6
Hemlock	211.1	0.7	211.8	25.4	5.1	30.5
Red cedar	64.0	0.3	64.3	16.6	3.0	19.6
Spruce	10.1	0.2	10.3	242.4	44.8	287.2
All other softwoods	12.3	0.1	12.4	61.2	12.7	73.9
Total softwoods	413.4	1.5	414.9	408.8	77.0	485.8
Total hardwoods	0.3	-	0.3	0.1	-	0.1
Total softwoods and hardwoods	413.7	1.5	415.2	408.9	77.0	485.9

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

	August	
	1965	1966
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
For shipments to points in British Columbia:		
Local	23,643	27,466
Coastwise and interior	3,626	2,658
Totals	27,269	30,124
For shipments by rail and truck to:		
Prairie Provinces	6,568	4,458
Eastern Provinces	13,428	7,844
United States	48,431	36,536
Totals	68,427	48,838
For waterborne shipments to:		
California	3,260	2,850
U.S. Atlantic Ports	163,489	76,379
Eastern markets	-	870
Other export markets	343,186	310,378
Totals	509,935	390,477
Total orders on hand	605,631	469,439

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

	Coast mills	Interior mills
	M ft. b.m.	
Receipts of reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties	2,554	11,900
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1)	6,365	14,900
Lumber purchased from other mills	4,390	26,481

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 8. Exports of Softwood Lumber

	July 1966		Seven months ended July 1966	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir	121.9	9,470	736.1	56,723
Western white spruce	149.6	10,035	887.5	59,268
Hemlock	167.0	11,559	1,088.9	78,351
Western red cedar	38.6	3,552	322.7	28,240

Source: Trade of Canada.

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

	August	
	1965 ^r	1966
Lumber mills industry (Canada)	104.1	107.4
Douglas fir, B.C. Coast	103.6	108.3
Douglas fir, B.C. Interior	115.5	112.2
Spruce, B.C. Interior	90.2	89.7
Hemlock, B.C. Coast	99.4	106.6
Cedar	131.7	135.1

(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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