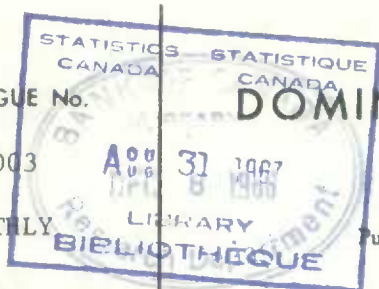


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## PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

	September		Nine months ended September	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1965/66	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1965/66
<u>British Columbia</u>				
Total production .....	600.5	- 5.2	5,385.1	+ 3.7
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	506.1	- 15.6	5,356.7	+ 2.2
Total stocks at end of month ....	995.5	...	...	...
<u>Coastal mills:</u>				
Total production .....	305.9	- 2.9	2,826.8	+ 5.2
Total shipments (unduplicated)	243.2	- 19.9	2,820.5	+ 2.8
Total stocks at end of month ..	477.9	...	...	...
Reported orders on hand .....	448.8	- 16.3	...	...
<u>Interior mills:</u>				
Total production .....	294.5	- 7.6	2,558.3	+ 2.0
Total shipments (unduplicated)	262.9	- 11.3	2,536.2	+ 1.6
Total stocks at end of month ..	517.6	...	...	...

September		Nine months ended September	
1965	1966	1965	1966

per cent

### Percentage of total production estimated:

British Columbia .....	12.3	8.6	15.7	9.3
Coastal mills .....	1.0	0.6	6.5	0.7
Interior mills .....	23.5	16.9	25.2	18.9

(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.

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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	September		Nine months ended September	
	1965	1966	1965	1966
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir .....	183.5	187.7	1,578.6	1,472.9
Hemlock .....	165.7	140.6	1,425.8	1,522.6
Red cedar .....	67.5	69.0	563.1	604.1
Spruce .....	168.2	158.3	1,270.9	1,362.0
All other softwoods .....	48.5	44.7	352.5	420.9
Total softwoods .....	633.4	600.3	5,190.9	5,382.5
Total hardwoods .....	0.3	0.2	2.8	2.6
Total production .....	633.7	600.5	5,193.7	5,385.1
<u>Shipments</u>				
Reported to:				
Points in Canada .....	157.2	132.3	1,264.6	1,108.3
Points in U.S.A. ....	286.1	247.4	2,332.0	2,823.6
United Kingdom .....	37.8	47.5	490.1	419.6
Other Countries .....	62.7	45.9	501.3	519.7
Totals .....	543.8	473.1	4,588.0	4,871.2
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....	56.2	33.0	653.7	485.5
Total shipments .....	600.0	506.1	5,241.7	5,356.7
<u>Stocks on hand</u>				
Douglas fir .....	199.6	236.1	...	...
Hemlock .....	230.2	251.0	...	...
Red cedar .....	87.0	102.9	...	...
Spruce .....	249.2	328.7	...	...
All other softwoods .....	67.7	76.4	...	...
Total softwoods .....	833.7	995.1	...	...
Total hardwoods .....	0.6	0.4	...	...
Total stocks .....	834.3	995.5	...	...

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties, Coast Mills, September 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 .....	45,825	499	123	46,447
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	30	971	...	1,001
Saskatchewan .....	-	620	...	620
Manitoba .....	-	1,096	...	1,096
Ontario .....	-	3,690	-	3,690
Quebec .....	-	1,981	-	1,981
New Brunswick .....	-	227	-	227
Nova Scotia .....	-	329	-	329
Prince Edward Island .....	-	10	-	10
Newfoundland .....	-	202	819	1,021
Total for Canada .....	45,855	9,625	942	56,422
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....	961	1,681	1,343	3,985
Atlantic Ports .....	...	1,081	54,238	55,319
Other points .....	284	32,746	...	33,030
Total for U.S.A. ....	1,245	35,508	55,581	92,334
United Kingdom .....	...	25(1)	44,045	44,070
Other countries .....	...	15(1)	45,867	45,882
Total reported shipments ..	47,100	45,173	146,435	238,708
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				4,537
Total reported and estimated shipments .....				243,245

(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, September 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 .....	14,136	5,314	-	19,450
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	521	40	-	561
Alberta .....	5,952	13,559	...	19,511
Saskatchewan .....	1,054	6,307	...	7,361
Manitoba .....	483	5,227	...	5,710
Ontario .....	-	19,784(1)	-	19,784
Quebec .....	-	3,431	-	3,431
New Brunswick .....	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	79	-	79
Total for Canada .....	22,146	53,741	-	75,887
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....	522	2,715	-	3,237
Atlantic Ports .....	...	20,530	-	20,530
Other points .....	4,237	127,115	...	131,352
Total for U.S.A. ....	4,759	150,360	-	155,119
United Kingdom .....	...	1,695(2)	1,722	3,417
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	26,905	205,796	1,722	234,423
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				28,459
Total reported and estimated shipments .....				262,882

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

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

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

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.						
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>						
Douglas fir .....	98.3	0.9	99.2	68.1	20.4	88.5
Hemlock .....	131.4	0.4	131.8	7.8	1.0	8.8
Red cedar .....	57.4	0.3	57.7	10.7	0.6	11.3
Spruce .....	6.7	-	6.7	131.2	20.3	151.5
All other softwoods .....	10.0	0.3	10.3	26.9	7.5	34.4
Total softwoods .....	303.8	1.9	305.7	244.7	49.8	294.5
Total hardwoods .....	0.2	-	0.2	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	304.0	1.9	305.9	244.7	49.8	294.5
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>						
Douglas fir .....	145.3	0.2	145.5	77.8	12.8	90.6
Hemlock .....	229.3	0.5	229.8	17.8	3.5	21.3
Red cedar .....	75.5	0.4	75.9	22.9	4.1	27.0
Spruce .....	11.8	0.1	11.9	269.9	46.8	316.7
All other softwoods .....	14.3	0.1	14.4	52.7	9.3	62.0
Total softwoods .....	476.2	1.3	477.5	441.1	76.5	517.6
Total hardwoods .....	0.4	-	0.4	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	476.6	1.3	477.9	441.1	76.5	517.6

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

	September	
	1965	1966
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
For shipments to points in British Columbia:		
Local .....	21,723	25,772
Coastwise and interior .....	2,677	1,998
Totals .....	24,400	27,770
For shipments by rail and truck to:		
Prairie Provinces .....	5,976	4,915
Eastern Provinces .....	13,639	9,233
United States .....	44,928	35,502
Totals .....	64,543	49,650
For waterborne shipments to:		
California .....	3,075	2,578
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	124,352	68,794
Eastern Canada .....	-	800
Other export markets .....	319,790	299,216
Totals .....	447,217	371,388
Total orders on hand .....	536,160	448,808

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

	Coast mills	Interior mills
	M ft. b.m.	
Receipts of reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties .....	5,599	11,599
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1) .....	8,929	14,588
Lumber purchased from other mills ....	3,666	23,222
(1) Returned to owners.		

TABLE 8. Exports of Softwood Lumber

	August 1966		Eight months ended August 1966	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir .....	120.0	9,236	856.1	65,958
Western white spruce .....	139.1	9,114	1,026.6	68,382
Hemlock .....	151.8	11,203	1,240.7	89,554
Western red cedar .....	46.6	3,947	369.3	32,187

Source: Trade of Canada.

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

	September	
	1965 <sup>r</sup>	1966
Lumber mills industry (Canada) .....	103.8	107.1
Douglas fir, B.C. Coast .....	104.4	107.1
Douglas fir, B.C. Interior .....	115.3	112.2
Spruce, B.C. Interior .....	88.8	88.5
Hemlock, B.C. Coast .....	97.9	105.4
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.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

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