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

OCTOBER 1967

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

	October		Ten months ended October	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1966/67	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1966/67
<u>British Columbia</u>				
Total production	545.7	- 4.5	6,258.9	- 0.2
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	554.7	+ 2.7	6,565.7	+ 7.1
Total stocks at end of month	790.1	(2)	...	...
<u>Coastal mills</u>				
Total production	335.8	+ 25.1	3,264.5	+ 5.5
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	317.6	+ 30.9	3,390.9	+ 10.7
Total stocks at end of month ..	424.5	(2)	...	...
Reported orders on hand	833.2	+ 68.0	...	...
<u>Interior mills</u>				
Total production	209.9	- 30.6	2,994.4	- 7.4
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	237.1	- 20.2	3,173.7	+ 3.5
Total stocks at end of month ..	365.6	(2)	...	...
			per cent	
<u>Percentage of total production</u>				
<u>estimated</u>				
British Columbia	14.5	10.6	14.4	11.2
Coastal mills	0.7	0.1	0.7	0.9
Interior mills	26.8	26.1	27.7	22.5

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

(2) Apparent increase in stocks partly due to planing mill stocks being included in 1967 and not in 1966.

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

British Columbia Sawmills

Coast Mills producing less than 500 M ft. b.m. per year and Interior Mills producing less than 3,000 M ft. b.m. per year are excluded from this survey. For these small mills and any larger mills that fail to report, the January 1967 production has been estimated on the basis of log scale figures for the previous year, supplied by the B.C. Forest Service. The stocks of non-reporting mills have been estimated initially on the basis of the estimated production and the ratio between stocks and production of reporting mills. In following months production and stocks of non-reporting mills will be estimated on the basis of the initial production and stock estimates and the rate of increase or decrease in production and stocks of the reporting mills. The total of unduplicated shipments is calculated from the total production (reported and estimated) and the increase or decrease in total stocks (reported and estimated).

The species distribution of estimated production and estimated stocks is based on the species distribution of reported production and reported stocks.

Table 3 gives the distribution of shipments reported by sawmills and planing mills. It is to be noted that the reported destinations are not necessarily final destinations. The shipments to points in B.C. in particular include sales to lumber dealers who are not included in this survey. Undoubtedly part of this lumber is subsequently shipped to other destinations. The reported shipments to points in B.C. also include sales to other sawmills or planing mills in B.C. who are included in this survey. The further shipment of this lumber by the purchasing mills is also included in the reported shipments. This leads to duplication in the figures for shipments by destination, overstating the shipments to points in B.C. The quantities of lumber purchased by reporting mills from other mills are shown in Table 7.

While the reported shipments by destination, particularly the reported shipments to points in B.C., contain some duplication the total of reported shipments and estimated shipments and adjustments is free of duplication.

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TABLE 2. Comparative Summary of Production, Shipments (Sales) and Stocks of Lumber and Ties of British Columbia Sawmills

Species	October		Ten months ended October	
	1966(1)	1967	1966(1)	1967
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir	164.3	132.9	1,729.2	1,561.5
Hemlock	141.5	182.2	1,686.1	1,763.0
Red cedar	64.4	63.0	684.4	685.2
Spruce	153.4	123.7	1,663.5	1,679.1
All other softwoods	47.2	43.5	507.7	566.4
Total softwoods	570.8	545.5	6,271.0	6,255.1
Total hardwoods	0.3	0.2	2.7	3.7
Total production	571.1	545.7	6,273.7	6,258.9
<u>Shipments</u>				
<u>Reported to</u>				
Points in Canada	123.8	115.6	1,232.2	1,460.0
Points in U.S.A.	229.8	269.9	3,053.4	3,233.4
United Kingdom	38.9	52.8	458.4	549.2
Other countries	55.8	60.6	575.5	750.5
Totals	448.3	498.9	5,319.5	5,993.1
Estimated shipments and adjustments	91.7	55.8	811.3	571.6
Total shipments (unduplicated)	540.0	554.7	6,130.8	6,565.7
<u>Stocks on hand(2)</u>				
Douglas fir	237.8	162.6	...	...
Hemlock	287.4	220.8	...	...
Red cedar	99.7	84.0	...	...
Spruce	361.8	250.0	...	...
All other softwoods	75.3	70.9	...	...
Total softwoods	1,062.3	788.4	...	...
Total hardwoods	0.5	1.7	...	...
Total stocks	1,062.8	790.1	...	...

(1) Figures previously published for Interior Mills completely revised.

(2) 1967 figures include stocks of planing mills. 1966 figures do not include these.

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

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

October 1967

	By truck and local sales	By rail	Water- borne	Total shipments
M ft. b.m.				
<u>Coast mills (reported shipments)</u>				
<u>To: Points in Canada</u>				
British Columbia	51,456	256	361	52,073
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	19	1,625	...	1,644
Saskatchewan	-	630	...	630
Manitoba	-	1,187	...	1,187
Ontario	-	3,392	-	3,392
Quebec	-	1,782	-	1,782
New Brunswick	-	192	-	192
Nova Scotia	-	191	-	191
Prince Edward Island	-	32	-	32
Newfoundland	-	86	-	86
Total for Canada	51,475	9,373	361	61,209
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	1,324	3,361	2,550	7,235
Atlantic Ports .....	...	2,166	104,753	106,919
Other points	586	26,181	...	26,767
Total for U.S.A.	1,910	31,708	107,303	140,921
United Kingdom .....	...	1,533(1)	48,312	49,845
Other countries .....	...	1,868(1)	58,150	60,018
Total reported shipments ..	53,385	44,482	214,126	311,993
Estimated shipments and adjustments				5,607
Total shipments (unduplicated)				317,600

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Continued
October 1967

	By truck and local sales	By rail	Water- borne	Total shipments
M ft. b.m.				
<u>Southern Interior mills</u> <u>(reported shipments)</u>				
<u>To: Points in Canada</u>				
British Columbia	7,351	1,102	-	8,453
Yukon and Northwest Territories	76	36	-	112
Alberta	2,041	6,475	...	8,516
Saskatchewan	162	2,300	...	2,462
Manitoba	224	2,040	...	2,264
Ontario	-	1,751	-	1,751
Quebec	-	79	-	79
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	9,854	13,783	-	23,637
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	346	75	-	421
Atlantic Ports .....	...	518	-	518
Other points	322	21,481	...	21,803
Total for U.S.A.	668	22,074	-	22,742
United Kingdom .....	...	25(1)	-	25
Other countries .....	...	-	193	193
Total reported shipments ..	10,522	35,882	193	46,597
Estimated shipments and adjustments				16,903
Total shipments (unduplicated)				63,500

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Continued
October 1967

	By truck and local sales	By rail	Water- borne	Total shipments
	M ft. b.m.			
<u>Central Interior mills</u> <u>(reported shipments)</u>				
<u>To: Points in Canada</u>				
British Columbia	11,789	128	-	11,917
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	98	443	...	541
Saskatchewan	-	109	...	109
Manitoba	-	133	...	133
Ontario	-	1,182	-	1,182
Quebec	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	11,887	1,995	-	13,882
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	-	1,887	-	1,887
Atlantic Ports .....	...	9,123	-	9,123
Other points	-	25,569	...	25,569
Total for U.S.A.	-	36,579	-	36,579
United Kingdom .....	...	876(1)	-	876
Other countries .....	...	247(1)	-	247
Total reported shipments ..	11,887	39,697	-	51,584
Estimated shipments and adjustments				10,900
Total shipments (unduplicated)				62,484

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Concluded
October 1967

	By truck and local sales	By rail	Water- borne	Total shipments
M ft. b.m.				
<u>Northern Interior mills</u> <u>(reported shipments)</u>				
<u>To: Points in Canada</u>				
British Columbia	4,920	739	-	5,659
Yukon and Northwest Territories	162	-	-	162
Alberta	315	429	...	744
Saskatchewan	-	476	...	476
Manitoba	-	1,583	...	1,583
Ontario	-	8,000	-	8,000
Quebec	-	265	-	265
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	38	-	38
Total for Canada	5,397	11,530	-	16,927
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	-	2,890	-	2,890
Atlantic Ports .....	...	18,751	-	18,751
Other points	-	48,006	...	48,006
Total for U.S.A.	-	69,647	-	69,647
United Kingdom .....	...	1,928(1)	91	2,019
Other countries .....	...	94(1)	-	94
Total reported shipments ..	5,397	83,199	91	88,687
Estimated shipments and adjustments				22,413
Total shipments				111,100

(1) Shipped by rail to eastern and/or western seaboard ports.
... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

TABLE 4. Production and Stocks of Lumber and Ties, Coast Mills
October 1967

Species	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.			
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>			
Douglas fir	83.2	2.2	85.4
Hemlock	173.4	1.1	174.5
Red cedar	53.6	0.1	53.7
Spruce	6.9	-	6.9
All other softwoods	15.2	-	15.2
Total softwoods	332.3	3.4	335.7
Total hardwoods	0.1	-	0.1
Total softwoods and hardwoods	332.4	3.4	335.8
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>			
Douglas fir	107.3	1.1	108.4
Hemlock	207.2	2.0	209.2
Red cedar	70.8	0.5	71.3
Spruce	5.9	0.1	6.0
All other softwoods	27.8	1.3	29.1
Total softwoods	419.0	5.0	424.0
Total hardwoods	0.5	-	0.5
Total softwoods and hardwoods	419.5	5.0	424.5

TABLE 5. Comparative Summary of Distribution of Lumber Orders on Hand
reported by Coast Mills

	October	
	1966	1967
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
<u>For shipments to points in British Columbia</u>		
Local	26,432	41,303
Coastwise and interior	2,069	1,799
Totals	28,501	43,102
<u>For shipments by rail and truck to</u>		
Prairie Provinces	3,065	6,321
Eastern Provinces	6,903	8,660
United States	28,404	30,993
Totals	38,372	45,974
<u>For waterborne shipments to</u>		
California	7,040	1,990
U.S.A. Atlantic Ports	84,417	198,393
Eastern Canada	1,897	-
Other export markets	336,381	543,759
Totals	429,735	744,142
Total orders on hand	496,608	833,218

TABLE 6. Production and Stocks of Lumber and Ties, Interior Mills
October 1967

Species	Southern region			Central region			Northern region		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.									
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>									
Douglas fir	15.7	7.0	22.7	18.0	4.8	22.8	1.5	0.5	2.0
Hemlock	1.8	0.8	2.6	-	-	-	3.8	1.3	5.1
Red cedar	3.7	1.7	5.4	0.4	0.1	0.5	2.5	0.9	3.4
Spruce	12.5	5.6	18.1	17.3	4.7	22.0	56.6	20.1	76.7
All other softwoods	5.3	2.3	7.6	11.7	3.2	14.9	4.3	1.5	5.8
Total softwoods	39.0	17.4	56.4	47.4	12.8	60.2	68.7	24.4	93.1
Total hardwoods	0.1	0.1	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	39.1	17.5	56.6	47.4	12.8	60.2	68.7	24.4	93.1
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>									
Douglas fir	33.2	5.4	38.6	12.4	2.7	15.1	0.4	0.1	0.5
Hemlock	6.7	1.1	7.8	-	-	-	3.2	0.6	3.8
Red cedar	9.0	1.5	10.5	-	-	-	1.9	0.3	2.2
Spruce	66.2	10.8	77.0	18.9	4.2	23.1	122.3	21.6	143.9
All other softwoods	24.2	4.0	28.2	5.3	1.2	6.5	6.1	1.0	7.1
Total softwoods	139.3	22.8	162.1	36.6	8.1	44.8	133.9	23.6	157.5
Total hardwoods	1.0	0.2	1.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	140.3	23.0	163.3	36.6	8.1	44.8	133.9	23.6	157.5

TABLE 7. Purchases and Transfers by Reporting Mills
October 1967

	Coast mills	Interior mills		
		Southern region	Central region	Northern region
		M ft. b.m.		
Receipts of reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties	2,317	3,893	5,764	8,131
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1)	6,879	2,749	5,583	9,162
Lumber purchased from other mills ...	5,790	781	2,394	4,957

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 8. Exports of Softwood Lumber

	August 1967		Eight months ended August 1967	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir	122,055	9,178	886,677	68,336
Western white spruce	160,373	10,884	998,589	65,596
Hemlock	118,535	9,083	1,239,782	89,837
Western red cedar	48,771	4,231	394,908	33,393

Source: Trade of Canada.

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

	October	
	1966 ^r	1967
Lumber mills industry (Canada)	105.2	111.4
Douglas fir, B.C. - Coast	102.6	) 112.0
Interior	112.4	
Spruce, B.C. Interior	86.3	95.4
Hemlock, B.C. Coast	98.5	110.1
Cedar	133.9	144.1

(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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