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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)

	February		Two months ended February	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1966/67	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1966/67
<u>British Columbia</u>				
Total production .....	651.7	+ 9.2	1,240.2	+ 10.0
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	613.5	+ 8.3	1,175.0	+ 13.7
Total stocks at end of month ....	1,132.2	+ 11.9(2)	...	...
<u>Coastal mills</u>				
Total production .....	316.7	+ 3.9	617.4	+ 3.4
Total shipments (unduplicated)	332.7	+ 1.8	662.7	+ 10.7
Total stocks at end of month ..	500.3	+ 7.0(2)	...	...
Reported orders on hand .....	768.9	+ 0.0	...	...
<u>Interior mills</u>				
Total production .....	335.0	+ 14.8	622.8	+ 17.4
Total shipments (unduplicated)	280.8	+ 17.2	512.3	+ 17.8
Total stocks at end of month ..	631.9	+ 16.2(2)	...	...
	February		Two months ended February	
	1966	1967	1966	1967
	per cent			
<u>Percentage of total production</u> <u>estimated</u>				
British Columbia .....	12.7	14.0	12.7	14.3
Coastal mills .....	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
Interior mills .....	25.3	26.6	26.4	27.8

(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.

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### 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.

The co-operation of the Forest Service and of the British Columbia Lumber Manufacturers' Division of the Council of the Forest Industries of B.C., The Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association and the Northern Interior Lumbermen's Association is gratefully acknowledged.

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

Species	February		Two months ended February	
	1966(1)	1967	1966(1)	1967
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir .....	142.3	158.7	273.7	302.1
Hemlock .....	175.7	170.3	346.3	332.8
Red cedar .....	66.9	69.7	125.7	127.3
Spruce .....	166.4	195.9	296.3	380.2
All other softwoods .....	45.2	56.8	85.1	97.0
Total softwoods .....	596.5	651.4	1,127.1	1,239.4
Total hardwoods .....	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.8
Total production .....	596.7	651.7	1,127.7	1,240.2
<u>Shipments</u>				
<u>Reported to</u>				
Points in Canada .....	117.8	133.1	209.4	248.2
Points in U.S.A. ....	277.4	294.6	527.2	570.7
United Kingdom .....	53.2	48.6	92.9	105.0
Other countries .....	70.8	81.7	114.0	150.1
Total .....	519.2	557.9	943.5	1,074.1
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....	47.2	55.6	90.3	100.9
Total shipments (unduplicated)	566.4	613.5	1,033.8	1,175.0
<u>Stocks on hand(2)</u>				
Douglas fir .....	193.7	240.3	...	...
Hemlock .....	268.7	264.9	...	...
Red cedar .....	109.2	113.7	...	...
Spruce .....	356.3	428.5	...	...
All other softwoods .....	83.0	84.4	...	...
Total softwoods .....	1,010.9	1,131.8	...	...
Total hardwoods .....	0.5	0.4	...	...
Total stocks .....	1,011.4	1,132.2	...	...

(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  
February 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 .....	47,771	492	40	48,303
Yukon and Northwest Territories	2,465	-	-	2,465
Alberta .....	42	1,190	...	1,232
Saskatchewan .....	-	821	...	821
Manitoba .....	-	1,340	...	1,340
Ontario .....	-	5,451	-	5,451
Quebec .....	-	1,536	-	1,536
New Brunswick .....	-	167	-	167
Nova Scotia .....	-	492	-	492
Prince Edward Island .....	-	13	-	13
Newfoundland .....	-	58	-	58
Total for Canada .....	50,278	11,560	40	61,878
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	1,279	886	2,064	4,229
Atlantic Ports .....	...	3,153	116,502	119,655
Other points .....	430	26,380	...	26,810
Total for U.S.A. ....	1,709	30,419	118,566	150,694
United Kingdom .....	...	303(1)	45,107	45,410
Other countries .....	...	-	81,708	81,708
Total reported shipments ..	51,987	42,282	245,421	339,690
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....	- 6,990			
Total shipments (unduplicated) .....	332,700			

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Continued  
February 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 .....	6,801	2,699	-	9,500
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	8	-	-	8
Alberta .....	2,621	8,997	...	11,618
Saskatchewan .....	306	5,664	...	5,970
Manitoba .....	192	5,677	...	5,869
Ontario .....	-	4,988	-	4,988
Quebec .....	-	665	-	665
New Brunswick .....	-	144	-	144
Nova Scotia .....	-	32	-	32
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	9,928	28,866	-	38,794
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	33	264	-	297
Atlantic Ports .....	...	3,333	-	3,333
Other points .....	936	54,092	...	55,028
Total for U.S.A. ....	969	57,689	-	58,658
United Kingdom .....	...	337(1)	-	337
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	10,897	86,892	-	97,789
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				8,411
Total shipments (unduplicated) .....				106,200

See footnotes at end of table.



TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Continued  
February 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 .....	8,942	392	-	9,334
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	128	155	...	283
Saskatchewan .....	-	-	...	-
Manitoba .....	-	204	...	204
Ontario .....	-	1,292	-	1,292
Quebec .....	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick .....	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	9,070	2,043	-	11,113
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	-	1,236	-	1,236
Atlantic Ports .....	...	2,754	-	2,754
Other points .....	3,890	16,639	...	20,529
Total for U.S.A. ....	3,890	20,629	-	24,519
United Kingdom .....	...	-	421	421
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	12,960	22,672	421	36,053
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				28,347
Total shipments (unduplicated) .....				64,400

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Concluded  
February 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 .....	6,699	2,339	-	9,038
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	1,011	280	...	1,291
Saskatchewan .....	-	-	...	-
Manitoba .....	-	1,420	...	1,420
Ontario .....	-	8,347	-	8,347
Quebec .....	-	1,209	-	1,209
New Brunswick .....	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	7,710	13,595	-	21,305
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	-	1,250	-	1,250
Atlantic Ports .....	...	11,463	-	11,463
Other points .....	880	47,105	...	47,985
Total for U.S.A. ....	880	59,818	-	60,698
United Kingdom .....	...	2,396(1)	-	2,396
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	8,590	75,809	-	84,399
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				25,801
Total shipments (unduplicated) .....				110,200

(1) Shipped by rail to eastern and for western seaboard ports.

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

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

Species	Reported	Estimated	Total
	MM ft. b.m.		
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>			
Douglas fir .....	82.3	1.1	83.4
Hemlock .....	157.4	1.1	158.5
Red cedar .....	57.1	0.1	57.2
Spruce .....	6.3	-	6.3
All other softwoods .....	11.0	-	11.0
Total softwoods .....	314.1	2.3	316.4
Total hardwoods .....	0.3	-	0.3
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	314.4	2.3	316.7
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>			
Douglas fir .....	136.8	1.8	138.6
Hemlock .....	239.6	1.7	241.3
Red cedar .....	87.7	0.2	87.9
Spruce .....	11.7	-	11.7
All other softwoods .....	20.4	-	20.4
Total softwoods .....	496.2	3.7	499.9
Total hardwoods .....	0.4	-	0.4
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	496.6	3.7	500.3

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

	February	
	1966	1967
	M ft. b.m.	
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
<u>For shipments to points in British</u>		
<u>Columbia</u>		
Local .....	30,709	31,823
Coastwise and interior .....	3,225	3,148
Totals .....	33,934	34,971
<u>For shipments by rail and truck to</u>		
Prairie Provinces .....	8,840	6,344
Eastern Provinces .....	18,526	15,149
United States .....	55,737	40,230
Totals .....	83,103	61,723
<u>For waterborne shipments to</u>		
California .....	500	3,050
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	323,068	222,600
Eastern Canada .....	3,700	2,200
Other export markets .....	324,538	444,352
Totals .....	651,806	672,202
Total orders on hand .....	768,843	768,896



TABLE 6. Production and Stocks of Lumber and Ties, Interior Mills  
February 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 .....	31.9	4.7	36.6	21.6	14.8	36.4	1.3	1.0	2.3
Hemlock .....	4.0	1.0	5.0	-	-	-	4.6	2.2	6.8
Red cedar .....	9.0	1.3	10.3	-	-	-	2.1	0.1	2.2
Spruce .....	51.8	7.6	59.4	11.7	8.0	19.7	74.5	36.0	110.5
All other softwoods .....	16.1	2.4	18.5	7.2	5.0	12.2	10.1	5.0	15.1
Total softwoods .....	112.8	17.0	129.8	40.5	27.8	68.3	92.6	44.3	136.9
Total hardwoods .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	112.8	17.0	129.8	40.5	27.8	68.3	92.6	44.3	136.9
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>									
Douglas fir .....	60.9	5.7	66.6	20.2	8.6	28.8	4.9	1.4	6.3
Hemlock .....	10.9	1.0	11.9	-	-	-	9.1	2.6	11.7
Red cedar .....	18.7	1.7	20.4	-	-	-	4.2	1.2	5.4
Spruce .....	135.8	12.6	148.4	19.8	8.4	28.2	187.0	53.2	240.2
All other softwoods .....	41.2	3.8	45.0	1.2	0.1	1.3	13.7	4.0	17.7
Total softwoods .....	267.5	24.8	292.3	41.2	17.1	58.3	218.9	62.4	281.3
Total hardwoods .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	267.8	24.8	292.3	41.2	17.1	58.3	218.9	62.4	281.3

TABLE 7. Purchases and Transfers by Reporting Mills  
February 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 .....	3,575	3,590	1,392	3,626
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1) .....	6,871	3,751	6,136	5,834
Lumber purchased from other mills ...	2,812	2,413	2,434	22,894

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 8. Exports of Softwoods Lumber

	January 1967	
	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir .....	109.2	8,511
Western white spruce .....	100.3	6,357
Hemlock .....	190.7	13,442
Western red cedar .....	45.8	3,781

Source: Trade of Canada.

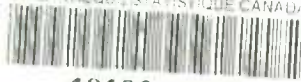
TABLE 9. Industry Selling Price Indexes (1956=100) (1)

	February	
	1966	1967
Lumber mills industry (Canada) .....	107.0	108.2
Douglas fir, B.C. Coast .....	106.2	104.3
Douglas fir, B.C. Interior .....	112.5	114.8
Spruce, B.C. Interior .....	91.5	89.8
Hemlock, B.C. Coast .....	104.8	107.7
Cedar .....	135.7	138.5

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



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