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

MARCH 1967

TABLE 13 Summary of Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Lumber and Ties(1)

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	March 1967		Three months ended March 1967	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1966/67	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1966/67
<u>British Columbia</u>				
Total production	699.6	- 1.3	1,939.9	+ 5.6
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	683.0	- 1.3	1,857.9	+ 7.7
Total stocks at end of month	1,146.2	+ 11.4(2)	...	...
<u>Coastal mills</u>				
Total production	349.5	- 2.1	966.9	+ 1.3
Total shipments (unduplicated)	375.1	+ 8.0	1,037.8	+ 9.7
Total stocks at end of month ..	474.7	- 0.5	...	...
Reported orders on hand	777.5	- 9.8	...	...
<u>Interior mills</u>				
Total production	350.2	- 0.5	973.0	+ 10.3
Total shipments (unduplicated)	307.9	- 10.6	820.2	+ 5.2
Total stocks at end of month ..	671.5	+ 21.8(2)	...	...

March		Three months ended March	
1966	1967	1966	1967

per cent

Percentage of total production
estimated

British Columbia	12.7	13.7	12.7	14.1
Coastal mills	0.6	1.2	0.6	0.8
Interior mills	25.1	26.2	25.9	27.2

(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	March		Three months ended March	
	1966(1)	1967	1966(1)	1967
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir	179.4	178.0	453.1	480.1
Hemlock	202.5	185.6	548.8	518.4
Red Cedar	80.6	78.9	206.3	206.2
Spruce	189.8	192.0	486.1	572.2
All other softwoods	56.4	64.9	141.5	161.9
Total softwoods	708.7	699.2	1,835.8	1,938.6
Total hardwoods	0.2	0.4	0.8	1.2
Total production	708.9	699.6	1,836.6	1,939.8
<u>Shipments</u>				
<u>Reported to</u>				
Points in Canada	118.3	152.0	327.7	400.2
Points in U.S.A.	366.7	322.2	893.9	892.9
United Kingdom	48.0	62.7	140.9	167.7
Other countries	53.0	83.0	167.0	233.1
Total	586.0	619.9	1,529.5	1,693.9
Estimated shipments and adjustments	105.8	63.1	196.1	163.9
Total shipments (unduplicated)	691.8	683.0	1,725.6	1,857.9
<u>Stocks on hand(2)</u>				
Douglas fir	195.6	240.8	...	...
Hemlock	281.1	245.8	...	...
Red cedar	104.0	114.4	...	...
Spruce	364.0	449.2	...	...
All other softwoods	83.3	95.3	...	...
Total softwoods	1,028.0	1,145.5	...	...
Total hardwoods	0.5	0.7	...	...
Total stocks	1,028.5	1,146.2	...	...

(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
March 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	52,845	272	77	53,194
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	12	1,577	...	1,589
Saskatchewan	-	809	...	809
Manitoba	-	1,415	...	1,415
Ontario	722	5,300	-	6,022
Quebec	74	2,165	-	2,239
New Brunswick	-	302	-	302
Nova Scotia	-	65	-	65
Prince Edward Island	-	57	-	57
Newfoundland	55	57	-	112
Total for Canada	53,708	12,019	77	65,804
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	855	1,586	6,110	8,551
Atlantic Ports .....	...	2,808	119,546	122,354
Other points	849	30,868	...	31,717
Total for U.S.A.	1,704	35,262	125,656	162,622
United Kingdom .....	...	-	57,103	57,103
Other countries .....	...	-	82,951	82,951
Total reported shipments ..	55,412	47,281	265,787	368,480
Estimated shipments and adjustments				6,620
Total shipments (unduplicated)				375,100

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Continued
March 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	8,394	2,958	-	11,352
Yukon and Northwest Territories	38	83	-	121
Alberta	2,800	10,819	...	13,619
Saskatchewan	443	5,195	...	5,638
Manitoba	117	7,188	...	7,305
Ontario	-	6,865	-	6,865
Quebec	61	439	-	500
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	11,853	33,547	-	45,400
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	233	240	-	473
Atlantic Ports .....	...	538	-	538
Other points	713	64,891	...	65,604
Total for U.S.A.	946	65,669	-	66,615
United Kingdom .....	...	276	19	295
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	12,799	99,492	19	112,310
Estimated shipments and adjustments				12,590
Total shipments (unduplicated)				124,900

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Continued
March 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	11,691	387	-	12,078
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	243	529	...	772
Saskatchewan	-	38	...	38
Manitoba	-	82	...	82
Ontario	11	1,726	-	1,737
Quebec	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	11,945	2,762	-	14,707
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	-	1,462	-	1,462
Atlantic Ports .....	...	3,331	-	3,331
Other points	4,963	17,055	...	22,018
Total for U.S.A.	4,963	21,848	-	26,811
United Kingdom .....	...	1,813	-	1,813
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	16,908	26,423	-	43,331
Estimated shipments and adjustments				26,450
Total shipments (unduplicated)				69,781

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Concluded
March 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	11,494	2,022	-	13,516
Yukon and Northwest Territories	60	-	-	60
Alberta	1,552	381	...	1,933
Saskatchewan	-	78	...	78
Manitoba	-	1,470	...	1,470
Ontario	-	8,506	-	8,506
Quebec	-	558	-	558
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	13,106	13,015	-	26,121
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	-	2,083	-	2,083
Atlantic Ports .....	...	11,098	-	11,098
Other points	3,638	49,292	...	52,930
Total for U.S.A.	3,638	62,473	-	66,111
United Kingdom .....	...	3,499 (1)	-	3,499
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	16,744	78,987	-	95,731
Estimated shipments and adjustments				17,446
Total shipments				113,177

(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
March 1967

Species	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.			
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>			
Douglas fir	91.9	1.5	93.4
Hemlock	168.7	1.1	169.8
Red cedar	63.2	0.1	63.3
Spruce	5.8	1.5	7.3
All other softwoods	15.4	-	15.4
Total softwoods	345.0	4.2	349.2
Total hardwoods	0.3	-	0.3
Total softwoods and hardwoods	345.3	4.2	349.5
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>			
Douglas fir	131.9	1.7	133.6
Hemlock	219.1	1.9	221.0
Red cedar	87.8	0.2	88.0
Spruce	6.4	2.3	8.7
All other softwoods	22.9	-	22.9
Total softwoods	468.1	6.2	474.3
Total hardwoods	0.4	-	0.4
Total softwoods and hardwoods	468.5	6.2	474.7

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

	March	
	1966	1967
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
<u>For shipments to points in British Columbia</u>		
Local	38,490	36,285
Coastwise and interior	3,756	3,378
Totals	42,246	39,663
<u>For shipments by rail and truck to</u>		
Prairie Provinces	8,009	8,384
Eastern Provinces	18,404	13,571
United States	65,236	33,687
Totals	91,649	55,642
<u>For waterborne shipments to</u>		
California	4,300	2,610
U.S. Atlantic Ports	363,065	236,603
Eastern Canada	2,025	3,575
Other export markets	358,354	439,419
Totals	727,744	682,207
Total orders on hand	861,639	777,512

TABLE 6. Production and Stocks of Lumber and Ties, Interior Mills
March 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	41.3	6.6	47.9	22.8	13.0	35.8	0.6	0.3	0.9
Hemlock	5.9	0.9	6.8	-	-	-	5.9	3.1	9.0
Red cedar	10.4	1.7	12.1	-	-	-	2.3	1.2	3.5
Spruce	46.4	7.4	53.8	14.8	8.4	23.2	72.4	36.8	109.2
All other softwoods	18.2	2.9	21.1	7.5	4.3	11.8	9.9	5.2	15.1
Total softwoods	122.1	19.7	141.8	45.1	25.6	70.7	91.1	46.5	137.6
Total hardwoods	0.1	-	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	122.2	19.7	141.9	45.1	25.6	70.7	91.1	46.5	137.6
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>									
Douglas fir	68.6	7.3	75.9	19.8	6.3	26.1	3.9	1.3	5.2
Hemlock	12.3	1.3	13.6	-	-	-	8.5	2.7	11.2
Red cedar	19.3	2.1	21.4	0.1	-	0.1	3.7	1.2	4.9
Spruce	137.0	14.6	151.6	23.0	7.3	30.3	196.1	62.5	258.6
All other softwoods	42.0	4.5	46.5	1.3	0.4	1.7	18.3	5.9	24.2
Total softwoods	279.0	29.9	308.9	44.1	14.0	58.1	230.5	73.6	304.1
Total hardwoods	0.3	-	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	279.4	29.9	309.2	44.1	14.0	58.1	230.5	73.6	304.1

TABLE 7. Purchases and Transfers by Reporting Mills
March 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	3,873	4,376	3,019	4,771
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1)	6,159	1,374	4,762	5,782
Lumber purchased from other mills ...	3,482	4,193	2,268	19,625

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 8. Exports of Softwoods Lumber

	February 1967		Two months ended February 1967	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir	81.3	6,154	190.5	14,665
Western White spruce	108.1	6,937	208.4	13,293
Hemlock	119.0	8,984	309.7	22,426
Western red cedar	43.9	3,595	89.7	7,376

Source: Trade of Canada.

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

	March	
	1966	1967
Lumber mills industry (Canada)	107.9	108.7
Douglas fir, B.C. Coast	107.8	105.4
Douglas fir, B.C. Interior	112.2	115.0
Spruce, B.C. Interior	97.6	89.8
Hemlock, B.C. Coast	107.0	108.8
Cedar	135.9	138.6

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

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