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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)

	April		Four months ended April	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1966/67	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1966/67
<u>British Columbia</u>				
Total production	607.6	- 0.4	2,547.4	+ 4.1
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	616.9	- 11.4	2,474.8	+ 2.2
Total stocks at end of month	1,142.9	(2)	...	...

Coastal mills

Total production	325.5	+ 3.7	1,292.4	+ 1.9
Total shipments (unduplicated)	330.7	- 10.8	1,368.5	+ 3.9
Total stocks at end of month ..	474.3	(2)	...	...
Reported orders on hand	869.9	+ 6.3	...	...

Interior mills

Total production	282.1	- 4.8	1,254.9	+ 6.5
Total shipments (unduplicated)	286.2	- 12.2	1,106.3	+ 0.1
Total stocks at end of month ..	668.6	(2)	...	...

April		Four months ended April	
1966	1967	1966	1967
per cent			

Percentage of total productionestimated

British Columbia	14.4	9.0	13.1	12.8
Coastal mills	2.8	1.1	0.6	0.9
Interior mills	29.0	18.2	26.7	25.1

(1) For detailed data see Tables 2 to 6 in this report.

(2) 1967 stock figures not comparable to those for 1966 as stocks of planing mills are included in 1967 only.

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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

	April		Four months ended April	
	1966(1)	1967	1966(1)	1967
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir	162.6	163.5	615.7	643.6
Hemlock	170.3	158.6	719.1	677.0
Red cedar	68.3	77.4	274.6	283.6
Spruce	153.4	146.6	639.5	718.8
All other softwoods	55.1	61.1	196.6	223.0
Total softwoods	609.7	607.2	2,445.5	2,545.9
Total hardwoods	0.2	0.3	1.0	1.5
Total production	609.9	607.6	2,446.5	2,547.4
<u>Shipments</u>				
<u>Reported to</u>				
Points in Canada	116.3	146.7	444.0	546.9
Points in U.S.A.	393.8	302.6	1,287.7	1,195.5
United Kingdom	46.1	61.8	187.0	229.5
Other countries	61.8	76.3	228.8	309.4
Totals	618.0	587.4	2,147.5	2,281.3
Estimated shipments and adjustments	78.3	29.5	274.4	193.4
Total shipments (unduplicated)	696.3	616.9	2,421.9	2,474.8
<u>Stocks on hand(2)</u>				
Douglas fir	196.0	246.5	...	...
Hemlock	229.7	234.0	...	...
Red cedar	100.0	122.6	...	...
Spruce	334.9	436.9	...	...
All other softwoods	81.2	102.0	...	...
Total softwoods	941.8	1,142.0	...	...
Total hardwoods	0.3	0.9	...	...
Total stocks	942.1	1,142.9	...	...

(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
April 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	51,431	281	380	52,092
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	3	1,039	...	1,042
Saskatchewan	-	702	...	702
Manitoba	-	1,095	...	1,095
Ontario	-	4,791	-	4,791
Quebec	-	2,484	-	2,484
New Brunswick	-	281	-	281
Nova Scotia	-	83	-	83
Prince Edward Island	-	23	-	23
Newfoundland	-	165	-	165
Total for Canada	51,434	10,944	380	62,758
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	1,216	1,066	2,249	4,531
Atlantic Ports .....	...	2,167	91,930	94,097
Other points	244	29,996	...	30,240
Total for U.S.A.	1,460	33,229	94,179	128,868
United Kingdom .....	...	289(1)	55,818	56,107
Other countries .....	...	88(1)	76,106	76,194
Total reported shipments ..	52,894	44,550	226,483	323,927
Estimated shipments and adjustments				6,800
Total shipments (unduplicated)				330,727

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Continued
April 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	10,969	3,379	-	14,348
Yukon and Northwest Territories	38	-	-	38
Alberta	2,447	13,146	...	15,593
Saskatchewan	220	6,103	...	6,323
Manitoba	197	6,275	...	6,472
Ontario	21	6,607	-	6,628
Quebec	-	1,047	-	1,047
New Brunswick	-	140	-	140
Nova Scotia	-	40	-	40
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	13,892	36,737	-	50,629
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	369	257	-	626
Atlantic Ports .....	...	3,864	-	3,864
Other points	1,403	72,385	...	73,788
Total for U.S.A.	1,772	76,506	-	78,278
United Kingdom .....	...	134(1)	-	134
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	15,664	113,377	-	129,041
Estimated shipments and adjustments				11,459
Total shipments (unduplicated)				140,500

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Continued
April 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	10,070	591	-	10,661
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	69	220	...	289
Saskatchewan	-	67	...	67
Manitoba	-	109	...	109
Ontario	748	1,642	-	2,390
Quebec	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	10,887	2,629	-	13,516
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	-	1,839	-	1,839
Atlantic Ports .....	...	3,101	-	3,101
Other points	3,378	22,800	...	26,178
Total for U.S.A.	3,378	27,740	-	31,118
United Kingdom .....	...	1,011(1)	270	1,281
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	14,265	31,380	270	45,915
Estimated shipments and adjustments				3,785
Total shipments (unduplicated)				49,700

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Concluded
April 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	3,853	4,398	...	8,251
Yukon and Northwest Territories	86	-	-	86
Alberta	541	401	...	942
Saskatchewan	-	154	...	154
Manitoba	-	1,097	...	1,097
Ontario	-	8,328	-	8,328
Quebec	-	864	-	864
New Brunswick	-	34	-	34
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	46	-	46
Total for Canada	4,480	15,322	-	19,802
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	-	2,592	-	2,592
Atlantic Ports .....	...	9,913	-	9,913
Other points	3,950	47,878	...	51,828
Total for U.S.A.	3,950	60,383	-	64,333
United Kingdom .....	...	4,245(1)	-	4,245
Other countries .....	...	105	-	105
Total reported shipments ..	8,430	80,055	-	88,485
Estimated shipments and adjustments				7,515
Total shipments (unduplicated)				96,000

(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
April 1967

Species	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.			
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>			
Douglas fir	96.1	0.8	96.9
Hemlock	145.5	1.1	146.6
Red cedar	61.6	0.1	61.7
Spruce	5.6	1.5	7.1
All other softwoods	13.0	-	13.0
Total softwoods	321.8	3.5	325.3
Total hardwoods	0.2	-	0.2
Total softwoods and hardwoods	322.0	3.5	325.5
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>			
Douglas fir	140.6	0.9	141.9
Hemlock	207.2	1.4	208.2
Red cedar	91.4	0.1	91.5
Spruce	7.0	2.2	9.2
All other softwoods	23.0	-	23.0
Total softwoods	469.2	4.7	473.9
Total hardwoods	0.4	-	0.4
Total softwoods and hardwoods	469.6	4.7	474.3

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

	April	
	1966	1967
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
<u>For shipments to points in British Columbia</u>		
Local	32,886	48,365
Coastwise and Interior	3,640	4,044
Totals	36,526	52,409
<u>For shipments by rail and truck to</u>		
Prairie Provinces	7,898	5,635
Eastern Provinces	16,163	13,156
United States	56,499	34,644
Totals	80,560	53,435
<u>For waterborne shipments to</u>		
California	3,750	2,450
U.S.A. Atlantic Ports	345,923	206,911
Eastern Canada	3,556	3,550
Other export markets	347,575	551,175
Totals	700,804	764,086
Total orders on hand	817,890	869,930

TABLE 6. Production and Stocks of Lumber and Ties, Interior Mills
April 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	36.7	5.4	42.1	18.5	5.2	23.7	0.6	0.2	0.8
Hemlock	4.1	0.6	4.7	-	-	-	5.6	1.7	7.3
Red cedar	10.6	1.6	12.2	-	-	-	2.7	0.8	3.5
Spruce	35.5	5.3	40.8	15.7	4.4	20.1	60.7	17.9	78.6
All other softwoods	22.9	3.4	26.3	9.8	2.9	12.7	7.0	2.1	9.1
Total softwoods	109.9	16.3	126.2	44.1	12.4	56.5	76.6	22.6	99.2
Total hardwoods	0.1	-	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	110.0	16.3	126.4	44.1	12.4	56.5	76.6	22.6	99.2
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>									
Douglas fir	65.3	7.0	72.3	20.4	4.0	24.4	6.0	1.9	7.9
Hemlock	11.2	1.2	12.4	-	-	-	10.2	3.2	13.4
Red cedar	19.9	2.2	22.1	0.1	-	0.1	6.8	2.1	8.9
Spruce	120.5	13.0	133.5	28.6	5.6	34.2	207.1	52.9	260.0
All other softwoods	50.0	5.5	55.5	4.7	0.9	5.6	13.6	4.3	17.9
Total softwoods	266.8	28.9	295.7	53.8	10.5	64.3	243.7	64.3	308.1
Total hardwoods	0.5	0.1	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	267.3	29.0	296.2	53.8	10.5	64.3	243.7	64.3	308.1

TABLE 7. Purchases and Transfers by Reporting Mills
April 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	3,252	3,253	1,043	50
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1)	7,705	489	1,965	2,062
Lumber purchased from other mills	3,377	4,397	998	10,927

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 8. Exports of Softwood Lumber

	March 1967		Three months ended March 1967	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir	109.8	8,474	300.4	23,140
Western white spruce	121.8	7,915	330.2	21,209
Hemlock	173.2	12,516	482.9	34,942
Western red cedar	48.8	3,952	139.0	11,328

Source: Trade of Canada.

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

	April	
	1966	1967
Lumber mills industry (Canada)	109.5	108.8
Douglas fir, B.C. - Coast	109.7	105.8
Interior	112.2	115.0
Spruce, B.C. Interior	99.6	89.6
Hemlock, B.C. Coast	110.8	109.5
Cedar	139.8	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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