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

MAY 1967

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

	May 1967		Five months ended May 1967	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1966/67	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1966/67
<u>British Columbia</u>				
Total production	629.8	+ 0.4	3,177.2	+ 3.4
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	695.3	+ 12.4	3,170.2	+ 4.3
Total stocks at end of month	1,075.3	(2)	...	...
<u>Coastal mills</u>				
Total production	349.4	+ 4.6	1,641.8	+ 2.5
Total shipments (unduplicated)	357.3	+ 2.8	1,725.8	+ 3.7
Total stocks at end of month ..	465.9	(2)	...	...
Reported orders on hand	776.4	+ 13.4	...	...
<u>Interior mills</u>				
Total production	280.4	- 4.2	1,535.3	+ 4.3
Total shipments (unduplicated)	338.1	+ 24.6	1,444.4	+ 5.0
Total stocks at end of month ..	609.4	(2)	...	...
	May		Five months ended May	
	1966	1967	1966	1967

Percentage of total productionestimated

British Columbia	11.7	7.3	12.9	11.7
Coastal mills	0.7	1.1	0.6	0.9
Interior mills	24.2	15.0	26.2	23.2

(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	May		Five months ended May	
	1966(1)	1967	1966(1)	1967
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir	183.6	155.2	799.3	798.8
Hemlock	176.3	186.9	895.4	863.9
Red Cedar	73.2	80.1	347.8	363.7
Spruce	145.9	154.3	785.4	873.1
All other softwoods	47.7	52.9	244.3	275.9
Total softwoods	626.7	629.2	3,072.2	3,175.1
Total hardwoods	0.3	0.6	1.3	2.1
Total production	627.0	629.8	3,073.5	3,177.2
<u>Shipments</u>				
<u>Reported to</u>				
Points in Canada	124.0	165.7	568.0	712.6
Points in U.S.A.	377.1	375.0	1,664.8	1,570.5
United Kingdom	44.8	39.0	231.8	268.5
Other countries	54.3	63.0	283.1	372.4
Totals	600.2	642.8	2,747.7	2,924.1
Estimated shipments and adjustments	18.5	52.5	292.9	246.0
Total shipments (unduplicated)	618.7	695.3	3,040.6	3,170.2
<u>Stocks on hand(2)</u>				
Douglas fir	199.1	222.4	...	...
Hemlock	226.5	240.4	...	...
Red cedar	101.0	116.3	...	...
Spruce	341.7	403.5	...	...
All other softwoods	84.2	91.1	...	...
Total softwoods	952.5	1,073.9	...	...
Total hardwoods	0.4	1.4	...	...
Total stocks	952.9	1,075.3	...	...

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

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

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TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties
May 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	58,805	570	1,118	60,493
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	46	1,253	...	1,299
Saskatchewan	-	600	...	600
Manitoba	-	1,729	...	1,729
Ontario	-	4,301	-	4,301
Quebec	-	2,843	-	2,843
New Brunswick	-	369	-	369
Nova Scotia	-	136	-	136
Prince Edward Island	-	15	-	15
Newfoundland	-	118	-	118
Total for Canada	58,851	11,934	1,118	71,903
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	1,165	2,517	2,344	6,026
Atlantic Ports .....	...	19,697	127,263	146,960
Other points	308	28,756	...	29,064
Total for U.S.A.	1,473	50,970	129,607	182,050
United Kingdom .....	...	-	36,405	36,405
Other countries .....	...	-	62,901	62,901
Total reported shipments ...	60,324	62,904	230,031	353,259
Estimated shipments and adjustments				4,041
Total shipments (unduplicated)				357,300

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TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Continued
May 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	13,073	3,579	-	16,652
Yukon and Northwest Territories	85	-	-	85
Alberta	3,045	13,427	...	16,472
Saskatchewan	399	6,360	...	6,759
Manitoba	282	8,835	...	9,117
Ontario	8	6,375	-	6,383
Quebec	-	1,368	-	1,368
New Brunswick	-	105	-	105
Nova Scotia	-	41	-	41
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	16,892	40,090	-	56,982
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	505	157	-	662
Atlantic Ports .....	...	2,025	-	2,025
Other points	579	87,754	...	88,333
Total for U.S.A.	1,084	89,936	-	91,020
United Kingdom .....	...	433	-	433
Other countries .....	...	-	15	15
Total reported shipments ...	17,976	130,459	15	148,450
Estimated shipments and adjustments				11,750
Total shipments (unduplicated)				160,200
... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.				

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Continued
May 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	11,980	-	-	11,980
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	36	184	...	220
Saskatchewan	-	-	...	-
Manitoba	-	435	...	435
Ontario	-	3,637	-	3,637
Quebec	-	141	-	141
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	12,016	4,397	-	16,413
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	-	2,137	-	2,137
Atlantic Ports .....	...	7,336	-	7,336
Other points	3,214	21,811	...	25,025
Total for U.S.A.	3,214	31,284	-	34,498
United Kingdom .....	...	89	-	89
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments ...	15,230	35,770	-	51,000
Estimated shipments and adjustments				11,300
Total shipments (unduplicated)				62,300

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TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Concluded
May 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	3,652	3,413	-	7,065
Yukon and Northwest Territories	120	-	-	120
Alberta	106	583	...	689
Saskatchewan	-	258	-	258
Manitoba	-	991	-	991
Ontario	-	9,216	-	9,216
Quebec	-	737	-	737
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	1,374	-	1,374
Total for Canada	3,878	16,572	-	20,450
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	-	4,028	-	4,028
Atlantic Ports .....	...	10,115	-	10,115
Other points	547	52,782	...	53,329
Total for U.S.A.	547	66,925	-	67,472
United Kingdom .....	...	2,029	-	2,029
Other countries .....	...	97	-	97
Total reported shipments ...	4,425	85,623	-	90,048
Estimated shipments and adjustments				25,541
Total shipments (unduplicated)				115,589

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

Species	Reported	Estimated	Total
		MM ft. b.m.	
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>			
Douglas fir	83.7	0.9	84.6
Hemlock	171.3	1.5	172.8
Red cedar	66.4	0.1	66.5
Spruce	7.7	1.5	9.2
All other softwoods	16.1	-	16.1
Total softwoods	345.2	4.0	349.2
Total hardwoods	0.2	-	0.2
Total softwoods and hardwoods	345.4	4.0	349.4
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>			
Douglas fir	124.5	0.9	125.4
Hemlock	213.1	1.4	214.5
Red cedar	91.3	0.1	91.4
Spruce	8.1	2.2	10.3
All other softwoods	23.8	-	23.8
Total softwoods	460.9	4.6	465.5
Total hardwoods	0.4	-	0.4
Total softwoods and hardwoods	461.3	4.6	465.9

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

	May	
	1966	1967
	M ft. b.m.	
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
<u>For shipments to points in British</u>		
<u>Columbia</u>		
Local	32,581	29,979
Coastwise and interior	3,614	3,755
Totals	36,195	33,734
<u>For shipments by rail and truck to</u>		
Prairie Provinces	5,703	5,797
Eastern Provinces	14,234	11,551
United States	46,995	35,905
Totals	66,932	53,253
<u>For waterborne shipments to</u>		
California	3,600	1,516
U.S. Atlantic Ports	232,627	179,845
Eastern Canada	4,368	2,300
Other export markets	341,171	505,732
Totals	581,766	689,393
Total orders on hand	684,893	776,380

TABLE 6. Production and Stocks of Lumber and Ties, Interior Mills
May 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	44.6	4.7	49.3	15.8	4.9	20.7	0.5	0.1	0.6
Hemlock	5.2	0.5	5.7	-	-	-	6.9	1.5	8.4
Red cedar	10.3	1.1	11.4	-	-	-	1.8	0.4	2.2
Spruce	47.0	4.9	51.9	18.3	5.7	24.0	56.7	12.6	69.3
All other softwoods	17.1	1.8	18.9	9.0	2.8	11.8	4.7	1.1	5.8
Total softwoods	124.1	13.0	137.1	43.2	13.4	56.6	70.6	15.7	86.3
Total hardwoods	0.4	-	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	124.5	13.0	137.5	43.2	13.4	56.6	70.6	15.7	86.3
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>									
Douglas fir	70.8	3.8	74.6	17.8	4.0	21.8	0.5	0.1	0.6
Hemlock	11.7	0.6	12.3	-	-	-	10.6	3.0	13.6
Red cedar	20.0	1.1	21.1	-	-	-	3.0	0.8	3.8
Spruce	113.2	6.0	119.2	25.7	5.8	31.5	189.6	52.9	242.5
All other softwoods	44.4	2.4	46.8	4.3	1.0	5.3	11.9	3.3	15.2
Total softwoods	260.1	13.8	273.9	47.8	10.8	58.6	215.7	60.2	275.9
Total hardwoods	1.0	0.1	1.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	261.1	13.9	275.0	47.8	10.8	58.6	215.7	60.2	275.9

TABLE 7. Purchases and Transfers by Reporting Mills
May 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	3,341	5,669	2,070	878
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1)	8,004	7,163	669	1,402
Lumber purchased from other mills ...	4,402	4,385	1,022	4,167

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 8. Exports of Softwoods Lumber

	April 1967		Four months ended April 1967	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir	99.2	7,494	399.6	30,634
Western White spruce	107.3	7,085	437.5	28,293
Hemlock	158.1	11,190	641.0	46,132
Western red cedar	43.8	3,813	182.3	15,141

Source: Trade of Canada.

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

	May	
	1966	1967
Lumber mills industry (Canada)	109.6	109.4
Douglas fir, B.C. - Coast	109.8	107.1
Interior	112.2	115.6
Spruce, B.C. Interior	97.1	90.5
Hemlock, B.C. Coast	111.2	110.7
Cedar	144.2	138.6

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

Special Survey on Seasoning of Lumber by
British Columbia Sawmills(1) in 1966

	Percentage of 1966 lumber shipments		
	Kilndried	Airdried	Unseasoned
<u>Coastal region</u>			
Douglas fir	6	-	94
Hemlock - Balsam	13	- (2)	87
Red cedar	24	1	75
Spruce	11	9	80
Pine	72	1	27
Other softwoods	29	-	71
All softwoods	13.7	0.5	85.8
<u>Interior region</u>			
Douglas fir	7	10	83
Hemlock	63	8	29
Balsam	57	24	19
Red cedar	35	9	56
Spruce	53	31	16
Lodgepole pine	61	24	15
Other pine	57	22	21
Other softwoods	30	30	40
All softwoods	38	21	41

(1) Co-operating respondents accounted for 92% of the lumber shipments in the Coastal region and for 83% of the lumber shipments in the Interior region.

(2) Less than 0.5%.

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