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

SEPTEMBER 1967

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

	September		Nine months ended September	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1966/67	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1966/67
<u>British Columbia</u>				
Total production	616.6	- 4.8	5,713.2	+ 0.2
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	664.1	+ 20.5	6,010.9	+ 7.5
Total stocks at end of month	793.4	(2)	...	...
<u>Coastal mills</u>				
Total production	317.0	+ 3.6	2,928.7	+ 3.6
Total shipments (unduplicated)	331.1	+ 36.1	3,073.3	+ 9.0
Total stocks at end of month ..	406.1	(2)	...	...
Reported orders on hand	752.6	+ 67.7	...	...
<u>Interior mills</u>				
Total production	299.6	- 12.4	2,784.5	- 3.2
Total shipments (unduplicated)	333.0	+ 7.9	2,936.6	+ 6.0
Total stocks at end of month ..	387.3	(2)	...	...

Percentage of total productionestimated

	per cent			
	September		Nine months ended September	
	1966	1967	1966	1967
British Columbia	15.3	9.8	14.4	11.3
Coastal mills	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.9
Interior mills	28.5	19.5	27.8	22.2

(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.

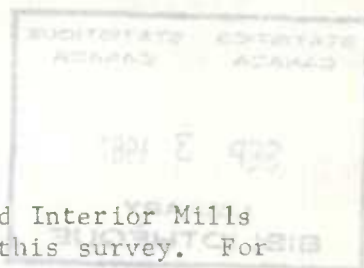
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British Columbia Sawmills



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	September		Nine months ended September	
	1966(1)	1967	1966(1)	1967
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir	201.9	144.5	1,564.9	1,428.6
Hemlock	142.0	177.6	1,544.6	1,580.8
Red cedar	70.9	61.8	620.0	622.2
Spruce	182.5	178.2	1,510.1	1,555.4
All other softwoods	50.3	54.1	460.5	522.9
Total softwoods	647.6	616.2	5,700.2	5,709.6
Total hardwoods	0.2	0.3	2.4	3.5
Total production	647.8	616.6	5,702.6	5,713.2
<u>Shipments</u>				
<u>Reported to</u>				
Points in Canada	132.3	145.6	1,108.4	1,344.4
Points in U.S.A.	247.4	330.1	2,823.6	2,963.5
United Kingdom	47.5	63.4	419.5	496.4
Other countries	45.9	70.8	519.7	689.9
Totals	473.1	609.9	4,871.2	5,494.2
Estimated shipments and adjustments	78.1	54.2	719.6	515.8
Total shipments (unduplicated)	551.2	664.1	5,590.8	6,010.0
<u>Stocks on hand(2)</u>				
Douglas fir	242.4	160.5	...	...
Hemlock	252.6	216.2	...	...
Red cedar	104.8	79.1	...	...
Spruce	350.7	267.6	...	...
All other softwoods	80.8	68.5	...	...
Total softwoods	1,031.3	791.9	...	...
Total hardwoods	0.4	1.5	...	...
Total stocks	1,031.7	793.4	...	...

(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
September 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	50,220	255	105	50,580
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	53	-	53
Alberta	115	952	...	1,067
Saskatchewan	-	654	...	654
Manitoba	-	980	...	980
Ontario	-	3,285	-	3,285
Quebec	-	1,293	-	1,293
New Brunswick	-	186	-	186
Nova Scotia	-	210	-	210
Prince Edward Island	-	6	-	6
Newfoundland	-	175	-	175
Total for Canada	50,335	8,049	105	58,489
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	1,417	997	13,699	16,113
Atlantic Ports .....	...	2,599	91,204	93,803
Other points	89	30,987	...	31,076
Total for U.S.A.	1,506	34,583	104,903	140,992
United Kingdom .....	...	-	56,933	56,933
Other countries .....	...	-	70,682	70,682
Total reported shipments ..	51,841	42,632	232,623	327,096
Estimated shipments and adjustments	4,004			
Total shipments (unduplicated)	331,100			

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Continued
September 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	13,472	2,718	-	16,190
Yukon and Northwest Territories	102	-	-	102
Alberta	3,554	11,113	...	14,667
Saskatchewan	634	7,276	...	7,910
Manitoba	194	5,779	...	5,973
Ontario	88	6,954	-	7,042
Quebec	32	990	-	1,022
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	69	-	69
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	18,076	34,899	-	52,975
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	342	604	-	946
Atlantic Ports .....	...	2,048	-	2,048
Other points	856	68,396	...	69,252
Total for U.S.A.	1,198	71,048	-	72,246
United Kingdom .....	...	287	-	287
Other countries .....	...	35	52	87
Total reported shipments ..	19,274	106,269	52	125,595
Estimated shipments and adjustments				8,713
Total shipments (unduplicated)				134,308

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Continued
September 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	11,372	356	-	11,728
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	35	179	...	214
Saskatchewan	-	165	...	165
Manitoba	-	191	...	191
Ontario	-	986	-	986
Quebec	-	61	-	61
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	11,407	1,938	-	13,345
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	-	2,235	-	2,235
Atlantic Ports .....	...	9,207	-	9,207
Other points	-	26,529	...	26,529
Total for U.S.A.	-	37,971	-	37,971
United Kingdom .....	...	825(1)	-	825
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	11,407	40,734	-	52,141
Estimated shipments and adjustments				18,637
Total shipments (unduplicated)				70,778

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Concluded
September 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	4,289	3,334	-	7,623
Yukon and Northwest Territories	186	107	-	293
Alberta	624	346	...	970
Saskatchewan	-	81	...	81
Manitoba	-	835	...	835
Ontario	-	10,521	-	10,521
Quebec	-	455	-	455
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	5,099	15,679	-	20,778
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	-	2,657	-	2,657
Atlantic Ports .....	...	16,679	-	16,679
Other points	1,403	58,208	...	59,611
Total for U.S.A.	1,403	77,544	-	78,947
United Kingdom .....	...	5,340	-	5,340
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	6,502	98,563	-	105,065
Estimated shipments and adjustments				22,808
Total shipments				127,873

(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
September 1967

Species	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.			
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>			
Douglas fir	74.8	0.8	75.6
Hemlock	165.4	1.1	166.5
Red cedar	53.3	0.1	53.4
Spruce	7.2	-	7.2
All other softwoods	13.4	0.7	14.1
Total softwoods	314.1	2.7	316.8
Total hardwoods	0.2	-	0.2
Total softwoods and hardwoods	314.3	2.7	317.0
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>			
Douglas fir	99.3	1.3	100.6
Hemlock	201.7	2.4	204.1
Red cedar	67.7	0.6	68.3
Spruce	6.4	0.1	6.5
All other softwoods	24.4	1.6	26.0
Total softwoods	399.5	6.0	405.5
Total hardwoods	0.6	-	0.6
Total softwoods and hardwoods	400.1	6.0	406.1

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

	September	
	1966	1967
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
<u>For shipments to points in British</u>		
<u>Columbia</u>		
Local	25,772	23,771
Coastwise and interior	1,998	3,093
Totals	27,770	26,864
<u>For shipments by rail and truck to</u>		
Prairie Provinces	4,915	4,706
Eastern Provinces	9,233	9,778
United States	35,502	35,541
Totals	49,650	50,025
<u>For waterborne shipments to</u>		
California	2,578	4,400
U.S.A. Atlantic Ports	68,794	217,828
Eastern Canada	800	-
Other export markets	299,216	453,445
Totals	371,388	675,673
Total orders on hand	448,808	752,562

TABLE 6. Production and Stocks of Lumber and Ties, Interior Mills
September 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	32.1	4.3	36.4	21.2	9.0	30.2	1.8	0.5	2.3
Hemlock	6.1	0.8	6.9	-	-	-	3.3	0.9	4.2
Red cedar	5.7	0.8	6.5	-	-	-	1.5	0.4	1.9
Spruce	49.3	6.7	56.0	16.0	6.8	22.8	72.1	20.1	92.2
All other softwoods	15.9	2.2	18.1	9.5	4.0	13.5	6.6	1.8	8.4
Total softwoods	109.1	14.8	124.0	46.7	19.8	66.5	85.3	23.7	109.0
Total hardwoods	0.1	-	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	109.2	14.9	124.1	46.7	19.8	66.5	85.3	23.7	109.0
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>									
Douglas fir	38.1	2.4	40.5	14.4	4.3	18.7	0.6	0.1	0.7
Hemlock	7.3	0.5	7.8	-	-	-	3.7	0.6	4.3
Red cedar	8.5	0.5	9.0	-	-	-	1.6	0.2	1.8
Spruce	77.6	4.8	82.4	16.3	4.8	21.1	136.7	20.9	157.6
All other softwoods	27.4	1.8	29.2	3.9	1.2	5.1	7.1	1.1	8.2
Total softwoods	158.9	10.0	168.9	34.6	10.3	44.9	149.7	22.9	172.6
Total hardwoods	0.9	-	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	159.8	10.0	169.8	34.6	10.3	44.9	149.7	22.9	172.6

TABLE 7. Purchases and Transfers by Reporting Mills
September 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	3,106	4,743	6,771	10,122
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1)	6,729	2,822	4,196	7,123
Lumber purchased from other mills ...	2,059	2,412	51	9,188

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 8. Exports of Softwood Lumber

	July 1967		Seven months ended July 1967	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir	140.5	10,970	764.6	59,158
Western white spruce	142.9	9,482	838.2	54,711
Hemlock	216.8	15,045	1,121.2	80,755
Western red cedar	59.4	5,037	346.1	29,161

Source: Trade of Canada.

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

	September	
	1966 ^r	1967
Lumber mills industry (Canada)	106.0	111.3
Douglas fir, B.C. - Coast .....	) 107.6	113.8 (
Interior		
Spruce, B.C. Interior	87.5	94.8
Hemlock, B.C. Coast	101.8	110.5
Cedar	134.3	140.0

(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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