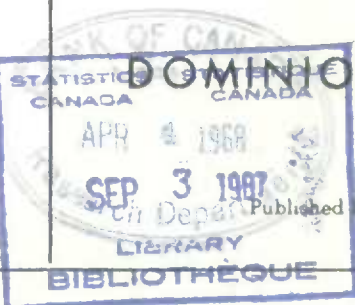


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS  
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

	January	Percentage change 1967/68
	MM ft. b.m.	%
<u>British Columbia</u>		
Total production .....	601.8	+ 2.3
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	523.4	- 6.8
Total stocks at end of month ....	880.1	- 20.3
<u>Coastal mills</u>		
Total production .....	343.0	+ 14.1
Total shipments (unduplicated)	326.9	- 0.9
Total stocks at end of month ..	433.1	- 16.1
Reported orders on hand .....	922.9	+ 19.5
<u>Interior mills</u>		
Total production .....	258.8	- 10.1
Total shipments (unduplicated)	196.5	- 15.1
Total stocks at end of month ..	447.0	- 23.9
<u>Percentage of total production</u>		
<u>estimated</u>	per cent	
British Columbia .....	14.5	12.3
Coastal mills .....	0.6	0.6
Interior mills .....	29.1	27.7

(1) For detailed data see Tables 2 to 7 in this report.

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British Columbia Sawmills and Planing Mills

Sawmills 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, production and stocks are estimated on the basis of the figures for the previous month and the rate of increase or decrease in production and stocks of the reporting mills. These estimates are checked against annual figures obtained in the Annual Census of Sawmills and planing Mills and log scale figures supplied by the B.C. Forest Service as soon as this information becomes available. If significant differences occur the estimates are adjusted accordingly.

The mills in each of the three regions of the interior are-for purposes of estimation-divided in two size groups, i.e. mills producing less than 10,000 M. ft. b.m. per year and mills producing 10,000 M. ft. b.m. or more per year.

The species distribution of estimated production and estimated stocks is based on the species distribution of reported production and reported stocks in the same area.

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 because this figure is calculated from the total production data reported and estimated and the total stocks (reported and estimated), both of which are 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	January	
	1967	1968
	MM ft. b.m.	
<u>Production</u>		
Douglas fir .....	143.4	123.2
Hemlock .....	162.5	184.7
Red cedar .....	57.7	69.5
Spruce .....	184.3	187.3
All other softwoods .....	40.2	37.5
Total softwoods .....	588.0	601.7
Total hardwoods .....	0.5	0.1
Total production .....	588.5	601.8
<u>Shipments</u>		
<u>Reported to</u>		
Points in Canada .....	115.1	105.2
Points in U.S.A. ....	276.1	274.5
United Kingdom .....	56.5	43.7
Other countries .....	68.4	81.1
Totals .....	516.1	504.5
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....	45.4	18.9
Total shipments (unduplicated)	561.5	523.4
<u>Stocks on hand</u>		
Douglas fir .....	247.8	168.8
Hemlock .....	279.0	228.6
Red cedar .....	103.9	89.6
Spruce .....	402.3	329.3
All other softwoods .....	70.0	61.6
Total softwoods .....	1,103.3	878.1
Total hardwoods .....	0.5	2.0
Total stocks .....	1,103.8	880.1

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties  
January 1968

	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 .....	49,546	857	298	50,701
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	17	1,419	...	1,436
Saskatchewan .....	-	692	...	692
Manitoba .....	-	950	...	950
Ontario .....	78	3,353	-	3,431
Quebec .....	-	1,550	-	1,550
New Brunswick .....	-	122	-	122
Nova Scotia .....	-	80	-	80
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	55	-	55
Total for Canada .....	49,641	9,078	298	59,017
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	1,680	3,901	2,276	7,857
Atlantic Ports .....	...	2,073	109,778	111,851
Other points .....	507	27,812	...	28,319
Total for U.S.A. ....	2,187	33,786	112,054	148,027
United Kingdom .....	...	1,016	36,048	37,064
Other countries .....	...	622	80,392	81,014
Total reported shipments ..	51,828	44,502	228,792	325,122
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				1,803
Total shipments (unduplicated) .....				326,925

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Continued  
January 1968

	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 .....	3,284	366	-	3,650
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	136	-	-	136
Alberta .....	1,214	5,371	...	6,585
Saskatchewan .....	60	1,596	...	1,656
Manitoba .....	170	1,343	...	1,513
Ontario .....	-	2,151	-	2,151
Quebec .....	-	220	-	220
New Brunswick .....	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	4,864	11,047	-	15,911
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	274	-	-	274
Atlantic Ports .....	...	41	-	41
Other points .....	125	16,002	...	16,127
Total for U.S.A. ....	399	16,043	-	16,442
United Kingdom .....	...	145	51	196
Other countries .....	...	97	-	97
Total reported shipments ..	5,263	27,332	51	32,646
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				4,354
Total shipments (unduplicated) .....				37,000

See footnotes at end of table.



TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Continued  
January 1968

	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 .....	14,228	-	-	14,228
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	137	616	...	753
Saskatchewan .....	-	211	...	211
Manitoba .....	-	-	...	-
Ontario .....	-	215	-	215
Quebec .....	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick .....	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	14,365	1,042	-	15,407
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	-	729	-	729
Atlantic Ports .....	...	4,783	-	4,783
Other points .....	3,890	25,176	...	29,066
Total for U.S.A. ....	3,890	30,688	-	34,578
United Kingdom .....	...	1,391	-	1,391
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	18,255	33,121	-	51,376
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				10,259
Total shipments (unduplicated) .....				61,635

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Concluded  
January 1968

	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 .....	3,921	467	-	4,388
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	1,500	607	...	2,107
Saskatchewan .....	-	22	...	22
Manitoba .....	-	38	...	38
Ontario .....	-	6,850	-	6,850
Quebec .....	-	1,422	-	1,422
New Brunswick .....	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	5,421	9,406	-	14,827
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	-	3,228	-	3,228
Atlantic Ports .....	...	15,956	-	15,956
Other points .....	-	56,276	...	56,276
Total for U.S.A. ....	-	75,460	-	75,460
United Kingdom .....	...	5,041	-	5,041
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	5,421	89,907	-	95,328
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				+ 2,507
Total shipments .....				97,835

(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  
January 1968

Species	Reported	Estimated	Total
		MM ft. b.m.	
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>			
Douglas fir .....	81.7	0.8	82.5
Hemlock .....	178.5	1.1	179.6
Red cedar .....	59.5	0.1	59.6
Spruce .....	7.4	-	7.4
All other softwoods .....	13.7	-	13.7
Total softwoods .....	340.8	2.1	342.9
Total hardwoods .....	0.1	-	0.1
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	340.9	2.1	343.0
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>			
Douglas fir .....	110.8	1.8	112.6
Hemlock .....	214.8	2.0	216.8
Red cedar .....	72.3	0.5	72.8
Spruce .....	6.1	0.1	6.2
All other softwoods .....	22.5	1.3	23.8
Total softwoods .....	426.5	5.7	432.2
Total hardwoods .....	0.4	0.5	0.9
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	426.9	6.2	433.1

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

	January	
	1967	1968
	M ft. b.m.	
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
<u>For shipments to points in British Columbia</u>		
Local .....	27,189	23,808
Coastwise and interior .....	2,679	3,619
Totals .....	29,868	27,427
<u>For shipments by rail and truck to</u>		
Prairie Provinces .....	5,628	7,258
Eastern Provinces .....	13,235	11,557
United States .....	41,785	37,621
Totals .....	60,648	56,436
<u>For waterborne shipments to</u>		
California .....	1,100	2,400
U.S.A. Atlantic Ports .....	222,754	222,363
Eastern Canada .....	-	-
Other export markets .....	503,447	614,267
Totals .....	727,301	839,030
Total orders on hand .....	817,817	922,893



TABLE 6. Production and Stocks of Lumber and Ties, Interior Mills  
January 1968

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 .....	8.3	2.9	11.2	21.3	5.6	26.9	1.8	0.8	2.6
Hemlock .....	0.7	0.3	1.0	-	-	-	2.8	1.3	4.1
Red cedar .....	3.6	1.2	4.8	0.6	0.1	0.7	3.0	1.4	4.4
Spruce .....	20.7	7.2	27.9	18.2	4.8	23.0	87.9	40.4	128.3
All other softwoods .....	4.2	1.5	5.7	10.4	2.7	13.1	3.4	1.6	5.0
Total softwoods .....	37.6	13.1	50.7	50.5	13.3	63.8	98.9	45.4	144.3
Total hardwoods .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	37.6	13.1	50.7	50.5	13.3	63.8	98.9	45.4	144.3
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>									
Douglas fir .....	38.3	3.9	42.2	8.9	1.9	10.8	2.3	0.9	3.2
Hemlock .....	5.2	0.5	5.7	-	-	-	4.3	1.8	6.1
Red cedar .....	12.6	1.3	13.9	-	-	-	2.1	0.9	2.9
Spruce .....	91.0	9.2	100.2	20.0	4.4	24.4	141.1	57.4	198.5
All other softwoods .....	23.6	2.4	26.0	5.7	1.3	7.0	3.4	1.4	4.8
Total softwoods .....	170.8	17.3	188.0	34.7	7.6	42.3	153.2	62.3	215.6
Total hardwoods .....	1.0	0.1	1.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	171.8	17.4	189.1	34.7	7.6	42.3	153.2	62.3	215.6

TABLE 7. Purchases and Transfers by Reporting Mills  
January 1968

	Coast mills	Interior mills		
		Southern region	Central region	Northern region
		M ft. b.m.		
Receipts of reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties .....	4,292	5,345	1,448	7,971
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1) .....	8,129	2,970	2,999	6,561
Lumber purchased from other mills ...	3,717	149	4,200	18,955

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 8. Exports of Softwood Lumber from Canada

	November 1967		Eleven months ended November 1967	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir .....	85,928	7,314	1,203,394	93,789
Western white spruce .....	97,435	6,942	1,382,379	92,962
Hemlock .....	132,974	10,087	1,700,754	124,122
Western red cedar .....	46,720	4,194	536,331	46,111

Source: "Exports by Commodities" DBS Catalogue No. 65-004.

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

	January	
	1967	1968
Lumber mills industry (Canada) .....	106.8	116.6
Douglas fir, B.C. - Coast .....	103.3	107.4
Interior .....	114.8	133.7
Spruce, B.C. Interior .....	88.9	98.9
Hemlock, B.C. Coast .....	101.6	117.8
Cedar .....	135.3	151.2

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



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