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

OCTOBER 1968

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

	October 1968		Ten months ended October 1968(2)	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1967/68	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1967/68
<u>British Columbia</u>				
Total production	769.2	+ 43.5	6,543.7	+ 7.1
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	741.2	+ 37.6	6,510.1	+ 1.5
Total stocks at end of month	826.6	+ 5.8	...	...
<u>Coastal mills</u>				
Total production	375.2	+ 12.2	3,479.2	+ 7.1
Total shipments (unduplicated)	362.2	+ 14.8	3,487.3	+ 3.5
Total stocks at end of month ..	410.0	- 3.6	...	...
Reported orders on hand	720.4	- 13.5	...	...
<u>Interior mills</u>				
Total production	393.9	+ 95.3	3,064.7	+ 7.1
Total shipments (unduplicated)	378.6	+ 70.0	3,023.0	- 0.6
Total stocks at end of month ..	416.6	+ 17.1	...	...

	October		Ten months ended October	
	1967	1968	1967	1968
per cent				
<u>Percentage of total production estimated</u>				
British Columbia	10.6	9.0	11.2	9.0
Coastal mills	0.1	0.7	0.9	0.9
Interior mills	26.1	16.9	22.5	18.3

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

(2) Includes revisions to date.

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

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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	October		Ten months ended October	
	1967 ^r	1968	1967(1)	1968(1)
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir	130.5	168.2	1,525.0	1,566.9
Hemlock	179.0	225.9	1,722.1	1,806.0
Red cedar	61.9	83.7	669.7	769.6
Spruce	121.5	244.2	1,638.2	1,953.0
All other softwoods	42.7	47.0	553.3	444.8
Total softwoods	535.8	769.0	6,107.6	6,540.3
Total hardwoods	0.2	0.2	3.7	3.4
Total production	536.0	769.2	6,111.3	6,543.7
<u>Shipments</u>				
<u>Reported to</u>				
Points in Canada	115.6	140.4	1,460.0	1,346.5
Points in U.S.A.	269.9	426.4	3,233.4	3,517.0
United Kingdom	52.8	42.7	549.2	405.5
Other countries	60.6	80.3	750.5	846.6
Totals	498.9	689.7	5,993.1	6,115.6
Estimated shipments and adjustments	39.7	51.5	418.7	394.5
Total shipments (unduplicated)	538.6	741.2	6,411.8	6,510.1
<u>Stocks on hand</u>				
Douglas fir	160.6	177.0	...	...
Hemlock	218.0	224.2	...	...
Red cedar	82.9	85.2	...	...
Spruce	246.9	279.0	...	...
All other softwoods	70.0	59.2	...	...
Total softwoods	778.5	824.6	...	...
Total hardwoods	1.7	2.1	...	...
Total stocks	780.2	826.7	...	...

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

^r Revised figures.

(1) Includes revisions to date.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties
October 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	47,622	52	100	47,774
Yukon and Northwest Territories	1	11	-	12
Alberta	94	1,096	...	1,190
Saskatchewan	18	290	...	308
Manitoba	27	2,297	...	2,324
Ontario	380	2,978	-	3,358
Quebec	193	2,032	-	2,225
New Brunswick	-	184	-	184
Nova Scotia	2	78	-	80
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	173	-	173
Total for Canada	48,337	9,191	100	57,628
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	1,425	3,604	3,051	8,080
Atlantic Ports .....	...	4,314	135,405	139,719
Other points	460	32,145	...	32,605
Total for U.S.A.	1,885	40,063	138,456	180,404
United Kingdom .....	...	-	38,016	38,016
Other countries .....	...	-	80,048	80,048
Total reported shipments ..	50,222	49,254	256,620	356,096
Estimated shipments and adjustments				6,504
Total shipments (unduplicated)				362,600

See footnotes at end of table.

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

October 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	14,121	5,958	-	20,079
Yukon and Northwest Territories	26	-	-	26
Alberta	3,733	10,592	...	14,325
Saskatchewan	778	3,870	...	4,648
Manitoba	374	5,299	...	5,673
Ontario	81	4,497	-	4,578
Quebec	-	833	-	833
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	83	-	83
Total for Canada	19,113	31,132	-	50,245
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	386	352	-	738
Atlantic Ports .....	...	1,955	-	1,955
Other points	515	104,376	...	104,891
Total for U.S.A.	901	106,683	-	107,584
United Kingdom .....	...	545(1)	-	545
Other countries .....	...	233(1)	-	233
Total reported shipments ..	20,014	138,593	-	158,607
Estimated shipments and adjustments				13,793
Total shipments (unduplicated)				172,400

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Continued
October 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	14,503	894	-	15,397
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	20	170	...	190
Saskatchewan	19	41	...	60
Manitoba	-	336	...	336
Ontario	-	1,191	-	1,191
Quebec	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	14,542	2,632	-	17,174
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	2,732	1,358	-	4,090
Atlantic Ports .....	...	5,766	-	5,766
Other points	-	29,084	...	29,084
Total for U.S.A.	2,732	36,208	-	38,940
United Kingdom .....	...	-	-	-
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	17,274	38,840	-	56,114
Estimated shipments and adjustments				11,386
Total shipments (unduplicated)				67,500

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Concluded
October 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	2,390	2,747	-	5,137
Yukon and Northwest Territories	63	-	-	63
Alberta	494	1,255	...	1,749
Saskatchewan	-	-	...	-
Manitoba	-	80	...	80
Ontario	79	6,547	-	6,626
Quebec	-	1,705	-	1,705
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	3,026	12,334	-	15,360
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	-	4,793	-	4,793
Atlantic Ports .....	...	14,233	-	14,233
Other points	1,360	79,047	...	80,407
Total for U.S.A.	1,360	98,073	-	99,433
United Kingdom .....	...	4,127(1)	-	4,127
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	4,386	114,534	-	118,920
Estimated shipments and adjustments				19,780
Total shipments				138,700

(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
October 1968

Species	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.			
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>			
Douglas fir	72.9	1.9	74.8
Hemlock	211.3	0.7	212.1
Red cedar	66.8	0.1	66.9
Spruce	13.8	-	13.8
All other softwoods	7.4	-	7.4
Total softwoods	372.2	2.8	375.0
Total hardwoods	0.2	-	0.2
Total softwoods and hardwoods	372.4	2.8	375.2
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>			
Douglas fir	104.0	3.7	107.7
Hemlock	204.0	5.6	209.6
Red cedar	64.1	2.1	66.2
Spruce	12.7	1.8	14.5
All other softwoods	10.3	1.3	11.6
Total softwoods	395.0	14.5	409.5
Total hardwoods	0.5	-	0.5
Total softwoods and hardwoods	395.6	14.5	410.0

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

	October	
	1967	1968
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
<u>For shipments to points in British Columbia</u>		
Local	41,303	21,098
Coastwise and interior	1,799	4,031
Totals	43,102	25,129
<u>For shipments by rail and truck to</u>		
Prairie Provinces	6,321	3,931
Eastern Provinces	8,660	14,326
United States	30,993	42,186
Totals	45,974	60,443
<u>For waterborne shipments to</u>		
California	1,990	5,350
U.S.A. Atlantic Ports	198,393	256,859
Eastern Canada	-	7,872
Other export markets	543,759	364,766
Totals	744,142	634,847
Total orders on hand	833,218	720,419

TABLE 6. Production and Stocks of Lumber and Ties, Interior Mills
October 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	45.1	5.5	50.6	29.8	7.8	37.6	4.0	1.1	5.1
Hemlock	9.6	1.2	10.8	-	-	-	2.4	0.7	3.1
Red cedar	11.8	1.4	13.2	-	-	-	2.8	0.8	3.6
Spruce	70.6	8.7	79.3	20.0	5.2	25.2	97.9	28.0	125.9
All other softwoods	20.0	2.5	22.4	9.4	2.5	11.9	4.1	1.2	5.3
Total softwoods	157.0	19.3	176.3	59.2	15.5	74.7	111.2	31.7	142.9
Total hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	157.0	19.3	176.3	59.2	15.5	74.7	111.2	31.7	142.9
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>									
Douglas fir	38.1	3.7	41.8	18.9	3.9	22.8	3.8	0.9	4.7
Hemlock	9.5	0.9	10.4	-	-	-	3.4	0.8	4.2
Red cedar	14.0	1.4	15.3	-	-	-	3.0	0.7	3.7
Spruce	86.5	8.4	95.0	17.0	3.5	20.4	120.2	28.9	149.1
All other softwoods	29.0	2.8	31.8	4.5	0.9	5.4	8.4	2.0	10.4
Total softwoods	177.1	17.3	194.3	40.3	8.3	48.6	138.7	33.4	172.1
Total hardwoods	1.4	0.1	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	178.5	17.4	195.9	40.3	8.3	48.6	138.8	33.4	172.1

TABLE 7. Purchases and Transfers by Reporting Mills
October 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	3,118	2,278	6,944	3,881
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1)	15,276	1,058	5,608	5,240
Lumber purchased from other mills ...	9,508	3,533	2,654	8,522

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 8. Exports of Softwood Lumber from Canada

	August 1968		Eight months ended August 1968	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir	121.9	11,785	810.8	73,347
Western white spruce	170.6	14,942	1,132.7	92,576
Hemlock	134.3	11,422	1,224.5	94,800
Western red cedar	47.5	5,135	396.3	39,236

Source: "Exports by Commodities," D.B.S. Catalogue No. 65-004.

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

	October	
	1967	1968
Lumber mills industry (Canada)	111.5	129.9
Douglas fir, B.C. - Coast .....	) 112.1	(131.0
Interior .....	)	( 150.6
Spruce, B.C. Interior	95.4	110.6
Hemlock, B.C. Coast	110.0	137.9
Cedar	144.7	172.4

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

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