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IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

	March 1968		Three months ended March 1968	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1967/68	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1967/68
<u>British Columbia</u>				
Total production	635.2	- 9.2	1,884.0	- 2.9
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	646.7	- 5.3	1,757.5	- 5.4
Total stocks at end of month	933.6	- 18.5	...	...
<u>Coastal mills</u>				
Total production	343.4	- 1.7	1,030.5	+ 6.6
Total shipments (unduplicated)	366.9	- 2.2	1,032.3	- 0.5
Total stocks at end of month ..	415.8	- 12.4	...	...
Reported orders on hand	953.5	+ 22.6	...	...
<u>Interior mills</u>				
Total production	291.8	- 16.7	853.5	- 12.3
Total shipments (unduplicated)	279.8	- 9.1	725.2	- 11.6
Total stocks at end of month ..	517.8	- 22.9	...	...

	March		Three months ended March	
	1967	1968	1967	1968
per cent				
<u>Percentage of total production</u> <u>estimated</u>				
British Columbia	13.7	14.5	14.1	12.9
Coastal mills	1.2	0.1	0.8	0.9
Interior mills	26.2	30.4	27.2	27.5

(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	March		Three months ended March	
	1967	1968	1967	1968
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir	178.0	144.1	480.1	407.9
Hemlock	185.6	169.8	518.4	532.3
Red cedar	78.9	80.9	206.2	237.6
Spruce	192.0	197.7	572.2	585.8
All other softwoods	64.9	42.4	161.9	119.9
Total softwoods	699.2	634.9	1,938.6	1,883.7
Total hardwoods	0.4	0.1	1.2	0.4
Total production	699.6	635.0	1,939.8	1,883.8
<u>Shipments</u>				
<u>Reported to</u>				
Points in Canada	152.0	121.4	400.2	345.8
Points in U.S.A.	322.2	309.9	892.9	888.5
United Kingdom	62.7	49.0	167.7	130.9
Other countries	83.0	97.1	233.1	265.6
Totals	619.9	577.4	1,693.9	1,630.8
Estimated shipments and adjustments	63.1	69.3	163.9	126.7(1)
Total shipments (unduplicated)	683.0	646.7	1,857.9	1,757.5(1)
<u>Stocks on hand</u>				
Douglas fir	240.8	169.5	...	...
Hemlock	245.8	205.7	...	...
Red cedar	114.4	95.3	...	...
Spruce	449.2	392.9	...	...
All other softwoods	95.3	68.1	...	...
Total softwoods	1,145.5	931.6	...	...
Total hardwoods	0.7	2.0
Total stocks	1,146.2	933.6

(1) Includes a revision for February.

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TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties
March 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	51,804	648	105	52,557
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	75	-	75
Alberta	94	1,256	...	1,350
Saskatchewan	-	798	...	798
Manitoba	-	1,336	...	1,336
Ontario	-	5,433	-	5,433
Quebec	-	1,386	-	1,386
New Brunswick	-	263	-	263
Nova Scotia	-	76	-	76
Prince Edward Island	-	95	-	95
Newfoundland	-	256	-	256
Total for Canada	51,898	11,622	105	63,625
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	1,584	3,870	2,457	7,911
Atlantic Ports .....	...	2,659	119,340	121,999
Other points	493	28,752	...	29,245
Total for U.S.A.	2,077	35,281	121,797	159,155
United Kingdom .....	...	560	41,723	42,283
Other countries .....	...	889	95,721	96,610
Total reported shipments ..	53,975	48,352	259,346	361,673
Estimated shipments and adjustments				5,227
Total shipments (unduplicated)				366,900

See footnotes at end of table.

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

March 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	6,103	584	-	6,687
Yukon and Northwest Territories	145	-	-	145
Alberta	1,432	9,479	...	10,911
Saskatchewan	567	2,254	...	2,821
Manitoba	138	2,586	...	2,724
Ontario	40	4,260	-	4,300
Quebec	-	645	-	645
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	8,425	19,808	-	28,233
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	465	-	-	465
Atlantic Ports .....	...	638	-	638
Other points	246	31,392	...	31,638
Total for U.S.A.	711	32,030	-	32,741
United Kingdom .....	...	75	-	75
Other countries .....	...	486	-	486
Total reported shipments ..	9,136	52,399	-	61,535
Estimated shipments and adjustments				10,265
Total shipments (unduplicated)				71,800

See footnotes at end of table.

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

March 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	13,191	180	-	13,371
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	83	214	...	297
Saskatchewan	-	38	...	38
Manitoba	-	381	...	381
Ontario	-	1,173	-	1,173
Quebec	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	13,274	1,986	-	15,260
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	-	841	-	841
Atlantic Ports .....	...	5,255	-	5,255
Other points	-	34,230	...	34,230
Total for U.S.A.	-	40,326	-	40,326
United Kingdom .....	...	1,410	-	1,410
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	13,274	43,722	-	56,996
Estimated shipments and adjustments				8,504
Total shipments (unduplicated)				65,500

See footnotes at end of table.

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

March 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	5,073	132	-	5,205
Yukon and Northwest Territories	153	-	-	153
Alberta	823	638	...	1,461
Saskatchewan	-	-	...	-
Manitoba	-	123	...	123
Ontario	-	5,978	-	5,978
Quebec	-	1,275	-	1,275
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	40	-	40
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	6,049	8,186	-	14,235
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	-	3,528	-	3,528
Atlantic Ports .....	...	16,740	-	16,740
Other points	-	57,447	...	57,447
Total for U.S.A.	-	77,715	-	77,715
United Kingdom .....	...	5,235	-	5,235
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	6,049	91,136	-	97,185
Estimated shipments and adjustments				45,315
Total shipments				142,500

(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
March 1968

Species	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.			
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>			
Douglas fir	96.9	2.3	99.2
Hemlock	159.1	0.8	159.9
Red cedar	61.5	0.7	62.2
Spruce	7.5	-	7.5
All other softwoods	14.5	-	14.5
Total softwoods	339.4	3.8	343.2
Total hardwoods	0.1	-	0.1
Total softwoods and hardwoods	339.6	3.8	343.4
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>			
Douglas fir	114.5	1.7	116.2
Hemlock	191.1	1.9	193.0
Red cedar	76.5	1.1	77.6
Spruce	5.8	0.1	5.9
All other softwoods	21.0	1.2	22.2
Total softwoods	408.9	6.0	414.9
Total hardwoods	0.4	0.5	0.9
Total softwoods and hardwoods	409.3	6.5	415.8

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

	March	
	1967	1968
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
<u>For shipments to points in British Columbia</u>		
Local	36,285	32,210
Coastwise and interior	3,378	4,239
Totals	39,663	36,449
<u>For shipments by rail and truck to</u>		
Prairie Provinces	8,384	8,417
Eastern Provinces	13,571	16,259
United States	33,687	41,592
Totals	55,642	66,268
<u>For waterborne shipments to</u>		
California	2,610	2,550
U.S.A. Atlantic Ports	236,603	212,567
Eastern Canada	3,575	-
Other export markets	439,419	635,635
Totals	682,207	850,752
Total orders on hand	777,512	953,469

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

March 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	13.9	4.2	18.1	20.0	4.2	24.2	1.6	1.0	2.6
Hemlock	2.4	0.7	3.1	-	-	-	4.2	2.7	6.9
Red cedar	8.4	2.5	10.9	-	-	-	4.8	3.0	7.8
Spruce	20.9	6.3	27.2	24.7	5.2	29.9	81.1	52.0	133.1
All other softwoods	5.5	1.7	7.2	11.6	2.4	14.0	4.1	2.6	6.7
Total softwoods	51.1	15.4	66.5	56.3	11.9	68.2	95.8	61.3	157.1
Total hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	51.1	15.4	66.5	56.3	11.9	68.2	95.8	61.3	157.1
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>									
Douglas fir	30.6	4.2	34.8	10.0	1.8	11.8	4.1	2.6	6.7
Hemlock	3.3	0.4	3.7	-	-	-	5.5	3.5	9.0
Red cedar	12.0	1.6	13.6	-	-	-	2.5	1.6	4.1
Spruce	101.4	13.9	115.3	24.2	4.4	28.6	149.3	93.8	243.1
All other softwoods	23.2	3.2	26.4	6.3	1.1	7.4	7.4	4.7	12.1
Total softwoods	170.5	23.4	193.9	40.5	7.3	47.8	168.8	106.1	274.9
Total hardwoods	1.0	0.1	1.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	171.5	23.5	195.1	40.5	7.3	47.8	168.8	106.1	274.9

TABLE 7. Purchases and Transfers by Reporting Mills

March 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	5,256	2,408	1,205	-
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1)	8,452	2,817	5,631	5,439
Lumber purchased from other mills ...	3,835	1,953	6,705	16,487

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 8. Exports of Softwood Lumber from Canada

	January 1968	
	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir	94.9	8,016
Western white spruce	90.0	6,485
Hemlock	173.9	13,192
Western red cedar	44.4	4,110

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

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

	March	
	1967	1968
Lumber mills industry (Canada)	108.8	122.3
Douglas fir, B.C. - Coast	110.1	133.6
Interior		
Spruce, B.C. Interior	89.8	102.8
Hemlock, B.C. Coast	108.9	125.4
Cedar	138.6	157.7

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

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