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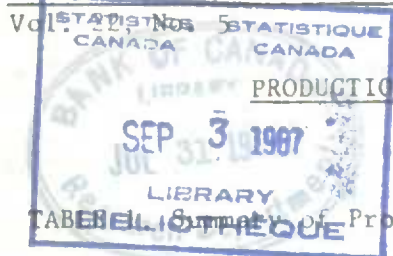
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

MAY 1968

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

	May 1968		Five months ended May 1968	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1967/68	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1967/68
<u>British Columbia</u>				
Total production	656.5	+ 4.2	3,120.2	- 1.8
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	724.2	+ 4.2	3,105.7	- 2.0
Total stocks at end of month	821.4	- 23.6	...	...
<u>Coastal mills</u>				
Total production	379.2	+ 8.5	1,757.2	+ 7.0
Total shipments (unduplicated)	414.1	+ 15.9	1,806.2	+ 4.7
Total stocks at end of month ..	369.3	- 20.7	...	...
Reported orders on hand	853.4	+ 9.9	...	...
<u>Interior mills</u>				
Total production	277.3	- 1.1	1,363.2	- 11.2
Total shipments (unduplicated)	310.1	- 8.3	1,299.5	- 10.0
Total stocks at end of month ..	452.1	- 25.8	...	...

May		Five months ended May	
1967	1968	1967	1968

per cent

Percentage of total productionestimated

British Columbia	7.3	9.9	11.7	11.1
Coastal mills	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.9
Interior mills	15.0	22.2	23.2	24.4

(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	May		Five months ended May	
	1967	1968	1967	1968
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir	155.2	188.9	798.8	733.9
Hemlock	186.9	183.7	863.9	887.4
Red cedar	80.1	81.9	363.7	400.5
Spruce	154.3	152.5	873.1	888.2
All other softwoods	52.9	48.9	275.9	208.2
Total softwoods	629.2	655.9	3,175.1	3,118.8
Total hardwoods	0.6	0.6	2.1	1.3
Total production	629.8	656.5	3,177.2	3,120.2
<u>Shipments</u>				
<u>Reported to</u>				
Points in Canada	165.7	158.3	712.6	632.4
Points in U.S.A.	375.0	358.8	1,570.5	1,574.4
United Kingdom	39.0	39.6	268.5	228.7
Other countries	63.0	112.1	372.4	451.6
Totals	642.8	668.8	2,924.1	2,887.1
Estimated shipments and adjustments	52.5	55.4	246.0	218.6
Total shipments (unduplicated)	695.3	724.2	3,170.2	3,105.7
<u>Stocks on hand</u>				
Douglas fir	222.4	175.7	...	...
Hemlock	240.4	170.1	...	...
Red cedar	116.3	84.9	...	...
Spruce	403.5	322.4	...	...
All other softwoods	91.1	66.4	...	...
Total softwoods	1,073.9	819.6
Total hardwoods	1.4	1.8
Total stocks	1,075.3	821.4

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TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties
May 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	61,995	305	1,414	63,714
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	82	-	82
Alberta	38	1,316	...	1,354
Saskatchewan	-	895	...	895
Manitoba	2	1,368	...	1,370
Ontario	-	8,202	-	8,202
Quebec	-	2,808	-	2,808
New Brunswick	-	374	-	374
Nova Scotia	-	145	-	145
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	96	-	96
Total for Canada	62,035	15,591	1,414	79,040
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	1,333	3,433	560	5,326
Atlantic Ports .....	...	2,428	149,692	152,120
Other points	517	27,760	...	28,277
Total for U.S.A.	1,850	33,621	150,252	185,723
United Kingdom .....	...	1,883(1)	34,106	35,989
Other countries .....	...	7,634(1)	104,154	111,788
Total reported shipments ..	63,885	58,729	289,926	412,540
Estimated shipments and adjustments				1,560
Total shipments (unduplicated)				414,100

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Continued
May 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	11,040	1,708	-	12,748
Yukon and Northwest Territories	106	-	-	106
Alberta	2,482	12,534	...	15,016
Saskatchewan	237	4,523	...	4,760
Manitoba	66	3,799	...	3,865
Ontario	34	6,743	-	6,777
Quebec	-	626	-	626
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	13,965	29,933	-	43,898
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	570	34	-	604
Atlantic Ports .....	...	586	-	586
Other points	733	49,074	...	49,807
Total for U.S.A.	1,303	49,694	-	50,997
United Kingdom .....	...	- (1)	61	61
Other countries .....	...	340 (1)	-	340
Total reported shipments ..	15,268	79,967	61	95,296
Estimated shipments and adjustments				17,004
Total shipments (unduplicated)				112,300

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Continued
May 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	15,124	-	-	15,124
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	95	820	...	915
Saskatchewan	-	72	...	72
Manitoba	-	170	...	170
Ontario	-	789	-	789
Quebec	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	15,219	1,851	-	17,070
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	-	1,465	-	1,465
Atlantic Ports .....	...	3,631	-	3,631
Other points	-	31,827	...	31,827
Total for U.S.A.	-	36,923	-	36,923
United Kingdom .....	...	- (1)	425	425
Other countries .....	...	- (1)	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	15,219	38,774	425	54,418
Estimated shipments and adjustments				12,182
Total shipments (unduplicated)				66,600

See footnotes at end of table.

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

May 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	4,837	1,937	-	6,774
Yukon and Northwest Territories	121	-	-	121
Alberta	411	1,117	...	1,528
Saskatchewan	-	1	...	1
Manitoba	-	148	...	148
Ontario	-	9,020	-	9,020
Quebec	-	658	-	658
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	5,369	12,881	-	18,250
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports	-	3,337	-	3,337
Atlantic Ports .....	...	11,509	-	11,509
Other points	-	70,303	...	70,303
Total for U.S.A.	-	85,149	-	85,149
United Kingdom .....	...	2,468 (1)	683	3,151
Other countries .....	...	- (1)	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	5,369	100,498	683	106,550
Estimated shipments and adjustments				24,750
Total shipments				131,300

(1) Shipped by rail to eastern and/or western seaboard ports.

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TABLE 4. Production and Stocks of Lumber and Ties, Coast Mills
May 1968

Species	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.			
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>			
Douglas fir	112.0	0.9	112.9
Hemlock	171.0	1.8	172.8
Red cedar	65.4	-	65.4
Spruce	11.7	-	11.7
All other softwoods	15.4	0.7	16.1
Total softwoods	375.5	3.4	378.9
Total hardwoods	0.3	-	0.3
Total softwoods and hardwoods	375.8	3.4	379.2
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>			
Douglas fir	118.7	2.1	120.8
Hemlock	151.9	4.3	156.2
Red cedar	67.1	0.5	67.6
Spruce	5.5	1.5	7.0
All other softwoods	15.4	1.2	16.6
Total softwoods	358.7	9.6	368.3
Total hardwoods	0.5	0.5	1.0
Total softwoods and hardwoods	359.2	10.1	369.3

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

	May	
	1967	1968
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
<u>For shipments to points in British Columbia</u>		
Local	29,979	20,621
Coastwise and interior	3,755	2,979
Totals	33,734	23,600
<u>For shipments by rail and truck to</u>		
Prairie Provinces	5,797	6,291
Eastern Provinces	11,551	11,432
United States	35,905	36,077
Totals	53,253	53,800
<u>For waterborne shipments to</u>		
California	1,516	1,423
U.S.A. Atlantic Ports	179,845	198,706
Eastern Canada	2,300	-
Other export markets	505,732	575,898
Totals	689,393	776,027
Total orders on hand	776,380	853,427

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

May 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	31.8	7.4	39.2	26.1	8.2	34.3	1.9	0.6	2.5
Hemlock	4.1	1.0	5.1	-	-	-	4.4	1.4	5.8
Red cedar	8.5	2.0	10.5	-	-	-	4.5	1.5	6.0
Spruce	31.6	7.3	38.9	11.3	3.5	14.8	65.7	21.4	87.1
All other softwoods	9.8	2.3	12.1	12.3	3.9	16.2	3.4	1.1	4.5
Total softwoods	85.9	19.9	105.8	49.8	15.6	65.4	79.8	26.0	105.8
Total hardwoods	0.2	0.1	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	86.1	20.0	106.1	49.8	15.6	65.4	79.8	26.0	105.8
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>									
Douglas fir	31.6	5.1	36.7	12.3	2.2	14.5	2.4	1.3	3.7
Hemlock	3.7	0.6	4.3	-	-	-	6.2	3.4	9.6
Red cedar	10.1	1.6	11.7	-	-	-	3.6	2.0	5.6
Spruce	74.7	12.1	86.9	18.3	3.3	21.6	133.1	73.8	206.9
All other softwoods	26.0	4.2	30.2	7.1	1.3	8.4	7.2	4.0	11.2
Total softwoods	146.1	23.7	169.8	37.7	6.7	44.4	152.5	84.6	237.1
Total hardwoods	0.7	0.1	0.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	146.9	23.8	170.7	37.7	6.7	44.4	152.5	84.6	237.1

TABLE 7. Purchases and Transfers by Reporting Mills
May 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	3,607	4,175	4,935	589
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1)	9,470	4,314	4,883	3,231
Lumber purchased from other mills ...	8,088	4,363	261	9,767

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 8. Exports of Softwood Lumber from Canada

	March 1968		Three months ended March 1968	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir	86.7	7,930	252.5	21,810
Western white spruce	128.4	9,869	341.6	25,402
Hemlock	162.3	13,045	428.2	33,333
Western red cedar	44.7	4,361	130.4	12,223

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

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

	May	
	1967	1968
Lumber mills industry (Canada)	109.3	124.6
Douglas fir, B.C. - Coast	110.6	133.6
Interior		
Spruce, B.C. Interior	90.5	109.2
Hemlock, B.C. Coast	110.7	128.1
Cedar	138.6	163.7

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

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