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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)

	June 1968		Six months ended June 1968	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1967/68	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1967/68
<u>British Columbia</u>				
Total production .....	673.3	+ 0.4	3,793.5	- 1.4
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	715.3	- 4.4	3,821.0	- 2.5
Total stocks at end of month ....	782.0	- 22.6	...	...
<u>Coastal mills</u>				
Total production .....	329.4	- 4.0	2,086.6	+ 5.1
Total shipments (unduplicated)	355.5	- 2.7	2,161.7	+ 3.4
Total stocks at end of month ..	343.9	- 22.5	...	...
Reported orders on hand .....	756.3	+ 9.1	...	...
<u>Interior mills</u>				
Total production .....	343.9	+ 5.1	1,707.1	- 8.3
Total shipments (unduplicated)	359.8	- 6.1	1,659.3	- 9.2
Total stocks at end of month ..	438.1	- 22.7	...	...

June		Six months ended June	
1967	1968	1967	1968

per cent

Percentage of total productionestimated

British Columbia .....	10.7	12.0	11.6	11.3
Coastal mills .....	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.8
Interior mills .....	21.2	22.7	23.0	24.1

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

... 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	June		Six months ended June	
	1967	1968	1967	1968
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir .....	184.2	176.1	983.0	910.0
Hemlock .....	179.3	179.6	1,043.2	1,067.0
Red cedar .....	70.5	80.6	434.2	481.1
Spruce .....	171.2	182.8	1,044.3	1,071.0
All other softwoods .....	64.6	53.7	340.5	261.9
Total softwoods .....	669.8	672.8	3,844.9	3,791.6
Total hardwoods .....	0.5	0.6	2.6	1.9
Total production .....	670.3	673.4	3,847.5	3,793.6
<u>Shipments</u>				
<u>Reported to</u>				
Points in Canada .....	163.2	153.2	875.8	785.6
Points in U.S.A. ....	346.4	356.0	1,916.9	1,930.4
United Kingdom .....	71.3	42.5	339.8	271.2
Other countries .....	85.7	86.7	458.1	538.3
Totals .....	666.6	638.4	3,590.7	3,525.5
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....	82.0	76.9	328.0	295.5
Total shipments (unduplicated)	748.6	715.3	3,918.8	3,821.0
<u>Stocks on hand</u>				
Douglas fir .....	242.6	167.7	...	...
Hemlock .....	206.0	176.6	...	...
Red cedar .....	101.9	73.9	...	...
Spruce .....	371.5	296.7	...	...
All other softwoods .....	87.8	64.1	...	...
Total softwoods .....	1,009.8	779.1	...	...
Total hardwoods .....	0.5	2.8	...	...
Total stocks .....	1,010.3	782.0	...	...

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties  
June 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 .....	61,078	578	100	61,756
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	6	-	6
Alberta .....	47	1,599	...	1,646
Saskatchewan .....	-	552	...	552
Manitoba .....	-	1,613	...	1,613
Ontario .....	-	5,997	-	5,997
Quebec .....	-	2,576	-	2,576
New Brunswick .....	-	204	-	204
Nova Scotia .....	-	242	-	242
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	48	-	48
Total for Canada .....	61,125	13,415	100	74,640
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	1,550	2,566	1,981	6,097
Atlantic Ports .....	...	16,757	92,888	109,645
Other points .....	331	37,620	...	37,951
Total for U.S.A. ....	1,881	56,943	94,869	153,693
United Kingdom .....	...	- (1)	38,115	38,115
Other countries .....	...	974(1)	84,920	85,894
Total reported shipments ..	63,006	71,332	218,004	352,342
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				3,158
Total shipments (unduplicated) .....				355,500

See footnotes at end of table.

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

June 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 .....	11,516	4,455	-	15,971
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	52	-	-	52
Alberta .....	2,717	9,318	...	12,035
Saskatchewan .....	563	4,410	...	4,937
Manitoba .....	137	4,491	...	4,628
Ontario .....	100	8,793	-	8,893
Quebec .....	-	1,014	-	1,014
New Brunswick .....	-	45	-	45
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	15,085	32,526	-	47,611
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	214	256	-	470
Atlantic Ports .....	...	1,700	-	1,700
Other points .....	6	72,081	...	72,087
Total for U.S.A. ....	220	74,037	-	74,257
United Kingdom .....	...	-	47	47
Other countries .....	...	276(1)	-	276
Total reported shipments ..	15,305	106,839	47	122,191
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				24,709
Total shipments (unduplicated) .....				146,900

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Continued  
June 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 .....	15,009	146	-	15,155
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	19	385	...	404
Saskatchewan .....	-	83	...	83
Manitoba .....	-	76	...	76
Ontario .....	-	382	-	382
Quebec .....	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick .....	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	15,028	1,072	-	16,100
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	-	1,692	-	1,692
Atlantic Ports .....	...	4,138	-	4,138
Other points .....	18	29,588	...	29,606
Total for U.S.A. ....	18	35,418	-	35,436
United Kingdom .....	...	-	612	612
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	15,046	36,490	612	52,148
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				18,852
Total shipments (unduplicated) .....				71,000

See footnotes at end of table.



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

June 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 .....	2,523	409	-	2,932
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	-	219	...	219
Saskatchewan .....	-	72	...	72
Manitoba .....	-	470	...	470
Ontario .....	-	10,361	-	10,361
Quebec .....	-	840	-	840
New Brunswick .....	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	2,523	12,371	-	14,894
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	-	3,255	-	3,255
Atlantic Ports .....	...	12,799	-	12,799
Other points .....	1,914	74,605	...	76,519
Total for U.S.A. ....	1,914	90,659	-	92,573
United Kingdom .....	...	3,328(1)	426	3,754
Other countries .....	...	499(1)	-	499
Total reported shipments ..	4,437	106,857	426	111,720
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				30,180
Total shipments .....				141,900

(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  
June 1968

Species	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.			
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>			
Douglas fir .....	80.7	0.8	81.5
Hemlock .....	164.8	0.7	165.5
Red cedar .....	65.5	0.7	66.2
Spruce .....	6.2	-	6.2
All other softwoods .....	9.8	-	9.8
Total softwoods .....	327.0	2.2	329.2
Total hardwoods .....	0.2	-	0.2
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	327.2	2.2	329.4
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>			
Douglas fir .....	101.0	2.0	103.0
Hemlock .....	155.6	4.0	159.6
Red cedar .....	56.8	0.9	57.7
Spruce .....	6.4	1.4	7.8
All other softwoods .....	13.6	1.1	14.7
Total softwoods .....	333.5	9.4	342.9
Total hardwoods .....	0.5	0.5	1.0
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	334.0	9.9	343.9

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

	June	
	1967	1968
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
<u>For shipments to points in British Columbia</u>		
Local .....	29,573	19,634
Coastwise and interior .....	4,449	2,712
Totals .....	34,022	22,346
<u>For shipments by rail and truck to</u>		
Prairie Provinces .....	6,006	5,431
Eastern Provinces .....	10,512	11,503
United States .....	38,203	34,295
Totals .....	54,721	51,229
<u>For waterborne shipments to</u>		
California .....	4,370	2,075
U.S.A. Atlantic Ports .....	151,865	196,593
Eastern Canada .....	2,100	-
Other export markets .....	446,002	484,009
Totals .....	604,337	682,677
Total orders on hand .....	693,080	756,252



TABLE 6. Production and Stocks of Lumber and Ties, Interior Mills  
June 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 .....	44.8	10.0	54.8	26.3	10.3	36.6	2.4	0.8	3.2
Hemlock .....	7.4	1.6	9.0	0.6	0.2	0.8	3.2	1.1	4.3
Red cedar .....	9.8	2.2	12.0	-	-	-	1.8	0.6	2.4
Spruce .....	40.0	8.9	48.9	12.2	4.8	17.0	82.9	27.8	110.7
All other softwoods .....	13.8	3.1	16.9	12.4	4.9	17.3	7.3	2.4	9.7
Total softwoods .....	115.7	25.7	141.5	51.5	20.2	71.7	97.6	32.8	130.4
Total hardwoods .....	0.3	0.1	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	116.0	25.8	141.8	51.5	20.2	71.7	97.6	32.8	130.4
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>									
Douglas fir .....	35.2	7.8	43.0	12.8	2.6	15.4	4.6	1.7	6.3
Hemlock .....	6.9	1.5	8.4	-	-	-	6.2	2.4	8.6
Red cedar .....	10.4	2.3	12.7	-	-	-	2.5	1.0	3.5
Spruce .....	61.3	13.5	74.8	16.2	3.3	19.5	140.8	53.8	194.6
All other softwoods .....	19.6	4.3	23.9	8.8	1.8	10.6	10.8	4.1	14.9
Total softwoods .....	133.4	29.3	162.7	37.8	7.8	45.6	164.9	63.0	227.9
Total hardwoods .....	1.5	0.3	1.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	134.9	29.7	164.6	37.8	7.8	45.6	164.9	63.0	227.9

TABLE 7. Purchases and Transfers by Reporting Mills  
June 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 .....	2,743	4,012	7,165	9,085
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1) .....	8,160	3,047	6,121	13,979
Lumber purchased from other mills ...	11,852	3,299	1,199	10,482

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 8. Exports of Softwood Lumber from Canada

	April 1968		Four months ended April 1968	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir .....	112.7	10,130	365.2	31,940
Western white spruce .....	149.6	12,190	491.1	37,592
Hemlock .....	172.4	13,093	600.6	46,426
Western red cedar .....	56.8	5,399	187.2	17,622

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

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

	June	
	1967	1968
Lumber mills industry (Canada) .....	109.5	125.7
Douglas fir, B.C. - Coast .....	105.9	127.5
Interior .....	118.2	137.3
Spruce, B.C. Interior .....	90.0	110.2
Hemlock, B.C. Coast .....	110.8	127.1
Cedar .....	139.9	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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