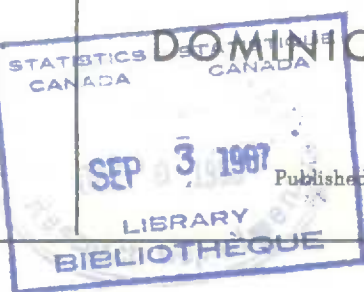


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS  
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

	July 1968		Seven months ended July 1968	
	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1967/68	MM ft. b.m.	% change 1967/68
<u>British Columbia</u>				
Total production .....	707.2	+ 20.0	4,500.8	+ 1.4
Total shipments (unduplicated) ..	624.8	- 9.6	4,445.8	- 3.6
Total stocks at end of month ....	868.2	- 5.3	...	...
<u>Coastal mills</u>				
Total production .....	332.7	+ 13.3	2,419.3	+ 6.2
Total shipments (unduplicated)	242.1	- 25.3	2,403.8	- 0.5
Total stocks at end of month ..	434.5	+ 5.2	...	...
Reported orders on hand .....	798.5	+ 12.8	...	...
<u>Interior mills</u>				
Total production .....	374.5	+ 26.6	2,081.5	- 3.6
Total shipments (unduplicated)	382.3	+ 4.3	2,041.6	- 7.0
Total stocks at end of month ..	433.7	- 13.8	...	...

	July		Seven months ended July	
	1967	1968	1967	1968
<u>Percentage of total production</u> <u>estimated</u>				
British Columbia .....	11.3	14.5	11.7	11.8
Coastal mills .....	1.1	0.1	0.9	0.9
Interior mills .....	21.6	26.3	22.8	24.5

(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	July		Seven months ended July	
	1967	1968	1967	1968
MM ft. b.m.				
<u>Production</u>				
Douglas fir .....	140.0	179.3	1,123.0	1,089.3
Hemlock .....	165.1	183.7	1,208.3	1,250.7
Red cedar .....	64.9	74.1	499.1	555.2
Spruce .....	151.9	221.7	1,196.2	1,292.7
All other softwoods .....	67.0	48.0	407.5	309.9
Total softwoods .....	588.9	706.8	4,433.8	4,498.4
Total hardwoods .....	0.3	0.4	2.9	2.3
Total production .....	589.2	707.2	4,436.7	4,500.8
<u>Shipments</u>				
<u>Reported to</u>				
Points in Canada .....	151.9	140.5	1,027.7	926.1
Points in U.S.A. ....	344.4	334.1	2,261.3	2,264.5
United Kingdom .....	54.2	24.8	394.1	296.0
Other countries .....	70.6	55.9	528.7	594.2
Totals .....	621.1	555.3	4,211.8	4,080.8
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....	69.7	69.4	397.8	364.9
Total shipments (unduplicated)	690.8	624.8	4,609.6	4,445.8
<u>Stocks on hand</u>				
Douglas fir .....	204.3	199.7	...	...
Hemlock .....	206.8	126.0	...	...
Red cedar .....	95.6	81.1	...	...
Spruce .....	317.6	304.5	...	...
All other softwoods .....	90.6	54.5	...	...
Total softwoods .....	915.0	765.8	...	...
Total hardwoods .....	1.5	2.4	...	...
Total stocks .....	916.5	868.2	...	...

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties  
July 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 .....	42,676	229	2,609	45,514
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	-	27	-	27
Alberta .....	32	1,129	...	1,161
Saskatchewan .....	-	571	...	571
Manitoba .....	16	1,092	...	1,108
Ontario .....	-	4,255	-	4,255
Quebec .....	-	1,709	-	1,709
New Brunswick .....	-	51	-	51
Nova Scotia .....	-	228	-	228
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	58	-	58
Total for Canada .....	42,724	9,349	2,609	54,682
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	1,604	3,391	1,868	6,863
Atlantic Ports .....	...	3,660	79,812	83,472
Other points .....	315	29,971	...	30,286
Total for U.S.A. ....	1,919	37,022	81,680	120,621
United Kingdom .....	...	410(1)	20,825	21,235
Other countries .....	...	525(1)	54,873	55,398
Total reported shipments ..	44,643	47,306	159,987	251,936
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				- 9,836
Total shipments (unduplicated) .....				242,100

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Continued  
July 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 .....	11,337	3,300	-	14,637
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	168	40	-	208
Alberta .....	4,696	12,354	...	17,050
Saskatchewan .....	864	5,440	...	6,304
Manitoba .....	186	4,354	...	4,540
Ontario .....	160	9,957	-	10,117
Quebec .....	-	1,113	-	1,113
New Brunswick .....	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	17,411	36,558	-	53,969
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	526	1,018	-	1,544
Atlantic Ports .....	...	3,265	-	3,265
Other points .....	295	80,628	...	80,923
Total for U.S.A. ....	821	84,911	-	85,732
United Kingdom .....	...	-	495	495
Other countries .....	...	98(1)	-	98
Total reported shipments ..	18,232	121,567	495	140,294
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				10,406
Total shipments (unduplicated) .....				150,700

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Continued  
July 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 .....	11,789	220	-	12,009
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	19	319	...	338
Saskatchewan .....	-	83	...	83
Manitoba .....	-	42	...	42
Ontario .....	-	832	-	832
Quebec .....	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick .....	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	11,808	1,496	-	13,304
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	-	4,916	-	4,916
Atlantic Ports .....	...	6,486	-	6,486
Other points .....	18	22,220	...	22,238
Total for U.S.A. ....	18	33,622	-	33,640
United Kingdom .....	...	-	-	-
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Total reported shipments ..	11,826	35,118	-	46,944
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				19,056
Total shipments (unduplicated) .....				66,000

See footnotes at end of table.



TABLE 3. Shipments (Sales) of Sawn Lumber and Ties - Concluded  
July 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 .....	3,185	4,039	-	7,224
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	78	564	...	642
Saskatchewan .....	-	449	...	449
Manitoba .....	-	81	...	81
Ontario .....	-	9,769	-	9,769
Quebec .....	-	151	-	151
New Brunswick .....	-	135	-	135
Nova Scotia .....	-	75	-	75
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	3,263	15,263	-	18,526
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	-	6,165	-	6,165
Atlantic Ports .....	...	7,769	-	7,769
Other points .....	-	80,175	...	80,175
Total for U.S.A. ....	-	94,109	-	94,109
United Kingdom .....	...	3,069(1)	-	3,069
Other countries .....	...	448(1)	-	448
Total reported shipments ..	3,263	112,889	-	116,152
Estimated shipments and adjustments .....				49,748
Total shipments .....				165,900

(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  
July 1968

Species	Reported	Estimated	Total
MM ft. b.m.			
<u>Lumber and ties sawn</u>			
Douglas fir .....	86.2	2.4	88.6
Hemlock .....	166.7	0.8	167.5
Red cedar .....	60.7	0.9	61.6
Spruce .....	8.0	-	8.0
All other softwoods .....	6.8	-	6.8
Total softwoods .....	328.4	4.0	332.4
Total hardwoods .....	0.3	-	0.3
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	328.7	4.0	332.7
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>			
Douglas fir .....	125.9	4.0	129.9
Hemlock .....	205.7	6.0	111.7
Red cedar .....	65.2	1.1	66.3
Spruce .....	12.0	1.8	13.8
All other softwoods .....	10.9	1.4	12.3
Total softwoods .....	419.6	14.3	433.9
Total hardwoods .....	0.6	-	0.6
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	420.2	14.3	434.5

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

	July	
	1967	1968
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
<u>For shipments to points in British Columbia</u>		
Local .....	29,442	18,961
Coastwise and interior .....	3,225	3,125
Totals .....	32,667	22,086
<u>For shipments by rail and truck to</u>		
Prairie Provinces .....	6,551	4,576
Eastern Provinces .....	9,412	11,308
United States .....	41,773	34,805
Totals .....	57,736	50,689
<u>For waterborne shipments to</u>		
California .....	6,577	4,000
U.S.A. Atlantic Ports .....	141,243	262,211
Eastern Canada .....	2,150	-
Other export markets .....	467,752	459,473
Totals .....	617,722	725,684
Total orders on hand .....	708,125	798,459



TABLE 6. Production and Stocks of Lumber and Ties, Interior Mills  
July 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 .....	44.4	7.1	51.5	20.5	15.5	36.0	2.2	1.0	3.2
Hemlock .....	9.4	1.5	10.9	-	-	-	3.6	1.7	5.3
Red cedar .....	9.6	1.5	11.1	-	-	-	1.0	0.4	1.4
Spruce .....	50.8	8.1	58.9	10.4	7.9	18.3	93.0	43.5	136.5
All other softwoods .....	19.5	3.1	22.6	6.7	5.1	11.8	4.6	2.2	6.8
Total softwoods .....	133.7	21.3	155.0	37.6	28.5	66.1	104.4	48.9	153.3
Total hardwoods .....	0.1	-	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	133.8	21.3	155.1	37.6	28.5	66.1	104.4	48.9	153.3
<u>Stocks of lumber and ties</u>									
Douglas fir .....	36.2	5.1	41.3	12.0	10.2	22.2	3.9	2.4	6.3
Hemlock .....	6.8	1.0	7.8	-	-	-	4.0	2.5	6.5
Red cedar .....	10.4	1.5	11.9	-	-	-	1.8	1.1	2.9
Spruce .....	71.0	10.1	81.1	9.4	8.0	17.4	118.6	73.6	192.2
All other softwoods .....	26.2	3.7	29.9	3.5	3.0	6.5	3.6	2.2	5.8
Total softwoods .....	150.6	21.4	172.0	24.9	21.2	46.1	131.9	81.9	213.8
Total hardwoods .....	1.6	0.2	1.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	152.2	21.6	173.8	24.9	21.2	46.1	131.9	81.9	213.8

TABLE 7. Purchases and Transfers by Reporting Mills  
July 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 .....	3,456	9,536	5,348	5,494
Returns by reporting mills of custom sawn lumber and ties(1) .....	7,929	3,254	3,251	9,242
Lumber purchased from other mills ...	6,913	1,285	7,514	11,477

(1) Returned to owners.

TABLE 8. Exports of Softwood Lumber from Canada

	May 1968		Five months ended May 1968	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000	MM ft. b.m.	\$'000
Douglas fir .....	101.5	9,109	466.7	41,049
Western white spruce .....	142.9	12,167	634.0	49,759
Hemlock .....	175.5	14,178	776.1	60,604
Western red cedar .....	56.8	5,852	244.1	23,474

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

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

	July	
	1967	1968
Lumber mills industry (Canada) .....	109.2	126.3
Douglas fir, B.C. - Coast .....	104.9	127.9
Interior .....	115.5	138.5
Spruce, B.C. Interior .....	90.0	109.1
Hemlock, B.C. Coast .....	110.5	129.4
Cedar .....	138.4	166.3

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



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