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

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled $339,714 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in December, 1954 as compared with $278,448 \mathrm{Mft}$. in December, 1953 , an increase of 22.0 p.c. over the previous year but a decrease of 9.7 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 69.2 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of $7.7 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{c}$. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 30.8 p.c. showed an increase of 74.8 p.c. Shipments in December, 1954 totalled $364,689 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$, as compared with $243,823 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. the previous year, an increase of $49.6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. with Coast mills registering an increase of 16.5 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 175.0 p.c. Total shipments for December increased by 6.1 p.c. over the November figure of $343,582 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. Stocks on hand at the end of December, 1954 amounted to $458,460 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$., as compared with $501,617 \mathrm{M}$ ft . at the end of December the previous year and $485,147 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. at the end of November of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling $293,617 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$, while Interior mills showed $164,843 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$.

## Summary Figures

Table 1 gives a comparative summary of production, shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills for November and December 1953 and 1954. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from $272,726 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in November, 1953 to $278,448 \mathrm{Mft}$. in December, 1953 and from $376,324 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in November to $339,714 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in December, 1954. Shipments totalled $343,582 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in November 1954 and $364,689 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in December, 1954 as compared with $256,199 \mathrm{Mft}$. in November and $243,823 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in December of 1953 . Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from $462,381 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in November, 1953 to $501,617 \mathrm{Mft}$. in December 1953 and decreased from $485,147 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in November, 1954 to $458,460 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in December of this year.

## Production

Table 2 gives particulars of lumber and tie production for Coast mills and Interior mills separately, and also shows separately the production of lumber and ties, by species. Production of sawn lumber in Coast mills amounted to 234,439 M ft . in December, 1954 as compared with $103,572 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$, reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 692 M ft . in December as compared with $1,011 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for $69.2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in December, 1954 as compared with 78.6 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during November, 1954 and November, 1953 respectively, were 63.1 and $79.0 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$.

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Table 3 gives details of lumber and tie shipments, by months, for Coast mills and Interior mills separately. Shipments by truck, by rail and waterborne are shown for each Canadian province, to points in the United States, to the United Kingdom and to other countries, for all mills reporting. Total estimated shipments of non-reporting mills are also given. It is to be noted, however, that some lumber originally reported as having been shipped to points in British Columbia may have been re-shipped to other provinces or exported by the purchasers and reported by them also, thereby causing a certain amount of duplication.

Shipments of Coast mills amounted to $224,801 \mathrm{Mft}$. in December of 1954 and $225,183 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in November, 1954 as compared with $192,964 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in December, 1953 and $203,032 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped $139,888 \mathrm{M}$ ft . and $50,859 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in December, 1954 and 1953 and $130,439 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. and $53,167 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in November, 1954 and 1953. Of all shipments actually reported for December, 27.8 p.c. went to points in Canada, 41.6 p.c. to points in United States, 20.8 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 9.8 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 45.8 p.c. of the total, while 36.9 p.c. went by rail, and 17.3 p.c. by truck.

## Stocks

Table 4 gives particulars of stocks of lumber and ties at sawmills by months. It distinguishes between stocks sold but not shipped and stocks unsold, and between stocks at Coast and Interior mills, by species. Total stocks at Coast mills in November and December, 1954 amounted to $279,851 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. and $293,617 \mathrm{Mft}$ as compared with $275,321 \mathrm{Mft}$. and $295,347 \mathrm{Mft}$. in November and December of 1953. Interior mills stocks increased from $187,060 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in November to $206,270 \mathrm{Mft}$. in December, 1953 but decreased from $205,296 \mathrm{M}$ ft. in November to $164,843 \mathrm{M}$ ft. in December, 1954. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 25.9 p.c. of the total in December, 1954 as compared with 33.9 p.c. in December, 1953 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 80.5 and 88.8.

## Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of November and December, 1953 and 1954 for Coast mills only. Similar information is not collected from Interior mills and no attempt has been made to estimate orders on hand of non-reporting mills on the Coast. Destination and mode of shipments are shown in this table, which also gives total lumber purchases reported by some mills. Total orders on hand at the end of December, 1954 amounted to $393,622 \mathrm{M}$ ft . as compared with $325,508 \mathrm{Mft}$. in December, 1953. Orders on hand at the end of November, 1954 and 1953 amounted to $358,359 \mathrm{Mft}$. and $335,519 \mathrm{Mft}$, respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to $8,236 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in December. 1954 and $3,101 \mathrm{Mft}$. in December. 1953 as compared with $5,741 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in November. 1954 and $10,054 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft} .\mathrm{in} \mathrm{November} 1953.$,

## Active Mills Reporting

Table 6 gives the number of active mills reporting each month for the Coast and Interior of British Columbia. The mills reporting for December accounted for 76.3 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1952 compared with 86.7 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for November, 1953 and 1954 were 86.9 and 76.8 respectively. It is hoped that the compilation will eventually include all mills in the 500,000 feet and over classification.

The co-operation of the British Columbia Lumber Manufacturers' Association, Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association and Northern Interior Lumbermen's Association in the collection of these statistics is gratefully acknowledged.
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Table 1. - Comparative Summary of Production, Shipments and Stocks of Lumber
and Ties of British Columbia Sawmills, December, 1954

|  | December |  | November |  | 12 Months |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 |
|  | M ft. | M. ft | M ft . | M ft | M ft. | M ft. |
| PRODUCTION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Douglas Fir | 146,215 | 167,816 | 142,037 | 170,408 | 1,869,337 | 2,004,482 |
| Hemlock. | 62,460 | 70,253 | 65,982 | 76,111 | 770,279 | 800,694 |
| Balsam Fir | 479 | 1,978 | 571 | 2,093 | 13,211 | 18,056 |
| Red Cedar | 31,127 | 40,810 | 30,611 | 45,651 | 420,855 | 482,836 |
| Spruce | 26,489 | 43,660 | 21,552 | 58,526 | 584,471 | 680,461 |
| White Pine | 4,096 | 4,259 | 3,386 | 5,929 | 62,251 | 61.109 |
| Ponderosa Pine | 1,575 | 2,544 | 2,825 | 4,295 | 43,213 | 46,658 |
| Lodgepole Pine | 1,318 | 1,727 | 1,335 | 2,864 | 33,573 | 34,839 |
| All other softwoods | 4,478 | 6,379 | 4,158 | 10,041 | 88,821 | 99,955 |
| Total softwoods | 278,237 | 339,426 | 272,457 | 375,918 | 3,886,011 | 4,229,090 |
| Red Alder | 106 | 135 | 153 | 151 | 2, 360 | 1,476 |
| Maple | 73 | 81 | 80 | 130 | 1,853 | 1,234 |
| Birch | 16 | 33 | 18 | 49 | 411 | 537 |
| Cottonwood | 16 | 39 | 18 | 76 | 539 | 769 |
| All other hardwoods | - |  |  | - |  |  |
| Total hardwoods | 211 | 288 | 269 | 406 | 5,163 | 4,016 |
| Total production | 278,448 | 339,714 | 272,726 | 376,324 | 3,891,174 | 4,233,106 |
| SHIPMENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| To: Points in Canada... | 63,969 | 74,982 | 65,056 | 85,117 | 1,111,522 | 1,165,919 |
| Points in U.S.A. | 78,706 | 112,186 | 87,463 | 133,958 | 1,238,287 | 1,391,193 |
| United Kingdom | 52,111 | 56, 111 | 46,625 | 57,082 | 468,949 | 655,738 |
| Other Countries | 24, 330 | 26,511 | 31,930 | 26,886 | 309,459 | 333,524 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills | 24, 707 | 7 94,899 | 25,125 | 40,539 | 446,549 | 717,837 |
| Total shipments | 243,823 | 364,689 | 256,199 | 343,582 | 3,574,766 | 4,264,211 |
|  | December |  |  |  | November |  |
|  |  | 1953 |  |  | 1953 | 1954 |
| STOCKS ON HAND | $\frac{1953}{M} \mathrm{ft}$ M ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |  |  |  | M ft. | M ft. |
| Douglas Fir ... | 229,573 |  |  | , 493 | 208,751 | 196,940 |
| Hemlock | 87,355 |  | 102, | , 307 | 87,388 | 93,277 |
| Balsam Fir | 1,518 |  |  | 417 | 2,244 | 1,454 |
| Red Cedar | 45,526 |  |  | , 833 | 45,149 | 56,204 |
| Spruce | 95,031 |  |  | , 110 | 81,120 | 89,932 |
| White Pine | 14,306 |  |  | , 115 | 12,375 | 17,656 |
| Ponderosa Pine | 10,864 |  |  | ,648 | 10,028 | 15,387 |
| Lodgepole Pine | 4,185 |  |  | , 866 | 3,715 | 7,027 |
| A.ll other softwoods | 13,056 |  |  | , 281 | 11,417 | 6,856 |
| Total softwoods | 501,414 |  | 458 , | , 070 | 462,187 | 484,733 |
| Red Alder. | -70 |  |  | 7 | 63 | 6 |
| Maple | 61 |  |  | 1 | 54 | - |
| Birch | 37 |  |  | 25 | 40 | 12 |
| Alltonwood other hardwoods | 35 |  |  | 352 | 34 | 391 |
|  |  |  |  | 5 | 3 | 5 |
| Total hardwoods. |  | 203 |  | 390 | 194 | 414 |
| Total stocks........ | 501,617 |  | 458, | , 460 | 462,381 | 485,147 |

Table 2. Lumber and Ties Sawn, December, 1954

| Species | COAST MILLS |  |  | INTERIOR MILLS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Reported Estimated |  | Total | Reported Estimated |  | Total |
| LUMBER | Mft b . | ft.b.m. M | Mft b. m | Mft b 。 | Mft.b.m. | $\mathrm{Mft.b.m}$ |
| Douglas Fir ...... | 117,117 | 5,523 | 122,640 | 25,926 | 17,772 | 43,698 |
| Hemlock ......... | 64,482 | 1,300 | 65,782 | 3,189 | 1,208 | 4,397 |
| Balsam Fir . ...... | 1,190 | 40 | 1,230 | 437 | 310 | 747 |
| Red Cedar ....... | 36,619 | 1,350 | 37,969 | 1,898 | 943 | 2,841 |
| Spruce | 4,386 | 304 | 4,690 | 15,676 | 23,228 | 38,904 |
| White Pine | 1,734 | 4 | 1,738 | 804 | 1,717 | 2,521 |
| Ponderosa Pine | - | 43 | 43 | 1,043 | 1,026 | 2,500 |
| Lodgepole Pine... | - | - | - | 1,474 | 673 | 1,716 |
| All other soft woods | 61 | 8 | 69 | 2,866 | 3,372 | 6,238 |
| Total, softwoods | 225,589 | 8,572 | 234,161 | 53,313 | 50,249 | 103,562 |
| Red Alder......... | 74 | 61 | 135 | - | - | - |
| Maple ............ | 52 | 29 | 81 | - | - | - |
| Birch ........... | 19 | 8 | 27 | - | 6 | 6 |
| Cottonwood ....... | - | 35 | 35 | - | 4 | 4 |
| All other hardwoods | - | , |  | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods. | 145 | 133 | 278 | - | 10 | 10 |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods | 225,734 | 8,705 | 234,439 | 53,313 | 50,259 | 103,572 |
| TIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Douglas Fir... | 571 | 62 | 633 | 530 | 315 | 845 |
| Hemlock ......... | 44 | 15 | 59 | - | 15 | 15 |
| Balsam Fir ....... | - | - |  | - | 1 | 1 |
| Red Cedar ....... | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| Spruce ....... | - | - | - | 61 | 5 | 66 |
| White Pine........ | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ponderosa Pine ... | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Lodgepole Pine.... | - | - | - | - | 11 | 11 |
| All other softwoods | - | - | - | 24 | 48 | 72 |
| Total, softwoods . | 615 | 77 | 692 | 615 | 396 | 1.011 |
| Red Alder......... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Maple ............ | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Birch | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cottonwood ....... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| All other hardwoods | - - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods | - - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods | 615 | 77 | 692 | 615 | 396 | 1,011 |
| LUMBER AND TIES | 226,349 | 8,782 | 235,131 | 53.928 | 50,655 | 104,583 |

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, December, 1954.

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { By Truck } \\ & \text { (Local Sales) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { By } \\ \text { Rail } \end{gathered}$ | Water borne | Total Shipments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| British Columbia | 29,320 | 1,276 | 1,975 | 32,571 |
| Yukon and Northwest Territories |  | - | 24 | 24 |
| Alberta |  | 2,279 | xxxxxx | 2,279 |
| Sa skatchewan |  | 455 | xxxxxx | 455 |
| Manitoba | : $\cdot$ | 1,044 | xxxxxx | 1,044 |
| Ontario |  | 5,540 | - | 5,540 |
| Quebec |  | 1,217 | - | 1,217 |
| New Brunswick |  | 110 | - | 110 |
| Nova Scotia |  | 133 | - | 133 |
| Prince Edward Island |  | - | - | - |
| Newfoundland |  | 51 | - | 51 |
| Total for Canada | 29,320 | 12,105 | 1,999 | 43,424 |
| Points in U.S.A.: |  |  |  |  |
| Pacific Ports .... |  | 482 | 942 | 1,424 |
| Atlantic Ports |  | 913 | 40,936 | 41,849 |
| Other points, by rail |  | 42,553 | xxxxxx | 42,553 |
| Total for U.S.A. |  | 43,948 | 41.878 | 85,826 |
| United Kingdom |  | 1,150 | $52.727$ |  |
| Other countries | . x | 39 | $26,416$ | $26,455$ |
| Destination or carrier not specified _............................. |  |  |  |  |
| Total shipments reported ... | 29,320 | 57,242 | 123020 | 209.582 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reportin | ng mills |  |  | 15.219 |
| Total shipments, reported and e | estimated |  |  | 224,801 |
| INTERIOR MILLS |  |  |  |  |
| TO: Points in Canada: 16224 British Columbia 17.784 |  |  |  |  |
| British Columbia.......... | 16,224 | 1,560 | - | 17,784 |
| Yukon and Northwest Territories |  |  | - |  |
| Alberta.................... | 1,119 | 2.693 | mxaxixx | 3,812 |
| Saskatchewan |  | 1,649 | xxyxxi | 1,649 |
| Manitoba |  | 3,997 | xxxxxx | 3,997 |
| Ontario |  | 3,684 | - | 3,684 |
| Quebec |  | 632 | - | 632 |
| New Brunswick |  | - | - | - |
| Nova Scotia |  | - | - | - |
| Prince Edward Island |  | - | - | - |
| Newfoundland |  | - $=$ | - | - |
| Total for Canada | 17,343 | 14,215 | - | 31,558 |
| Points in U.S. A.: |  |  |  |  |
| Pacific Ports |  | 77 | - | 77 |
| Atlantic Ports |  | 839 | - | 839 |
| Other points, by rail |  | 25,444 | xxxxxx | 25,444 |
| Total for U.S.A. | . | 26,360 | - | 26,360 |
| United Kingdom | . . $x$ | x 1,616 | 618 | 2,234 |
| Other countries ...... | . . . $x$ | x | 56 | 56 |
| Destination or carrier not specified .t. |  |  |  |  |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills ......................... 9,680 |  |  |  |  |
| Total shipments, reported and e | estimated |  |  | 139,888 |
| $x$ Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port. |  |  |  |  |

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills
December 31, 1954.

| Species | COAST MILLS |  |  | INTERIOR MILLS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Reported Estimated Total |  |  | Reported Estimated |  | Total |
|  | M ft. b.m | ft . b m. | $\mathrm{Mft} . \mathrm{b} . \mathrm{m}$. | M ft. b m | ft. b. m | t. b. m. |
| SOLD (but not shipped) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Douglas Fir | 100.966 | 3,917 | 104,883 | 5,926 | 5,566 | 11,492 |
| Hemlock | 69,663 | 2,703 | 72,366 | 123 | 116 | 239 |
| Balsam Fir | 121 | 5 | 126 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Red Cedar | 28,848 | 1,119 | 29,967 | 94 | 88 | 182 |
| Spruce | 5,482 | 213 | 5,695 | 5,808 | 5,456 | 11,264 |
| White Pine. | 3,479 | 135 | 3,614 | 1,617 | 1,519 | 3,136 |
| Ponderosa Pine .. | - | - | - | 2,407 | 2,261 | 4,668 |
| Lodgepole Pine ... | - | - | - | 80 | 75 | 155 |
| All other softwoods | 828 | 32 | 860 | 521 | 489 | 1,010 |
| Total, softwoods | 209,387 | 8,124 | 217,511 | 16,578 | 15,572 | 32,150 |
| Red Alder | - | - | - | - | = | - |
| Maple .... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Birch | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cottonwood | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| A 11 other hardwoods | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods | $\square=$ | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods | 209,387 | 8,124 | 217.511 | 16,578 | 15,572 | 32,150 |

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| Douglas Fir | 27,818 | 1,079 | 28,897 | 17,646 | 16,575 | 34,221 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hemlock | 22,856 | 887 | 23.743 | 3,073 | 2,886 | 5,959 |
| Balsam Fir | 106 | 4 | 110 | 91 | 86 | 177 |
| Red Cedar | 19.523 | 758 | 20,281 | 1,755 | 1,648 | 3,403 |
| Spruce | 1,250 | 48 | 1,298 | 33,441 | 31,412 | 64,853 |
| White Pine | 1,614 | 63 | 1,677 | 1,386 | 1,302 | 2,688 |
| Ponderosa Pine | - | - | - | 5,662 | 5,318 | 10,980 |
| Lodgepole Pine | * | = | = | 2,429 | 2,282 | 4,711 |
| All other soft woods | 83 | 3 | 86 | 2,746 | 2,579 | 5,325 |
| Total, softwoods | 73,250 | 2.842 | 76.092 | 68,229 | 64.088 | 132,317 |
| Red Alder | 6 | 1 | 7 | - | - | - |
| Maple | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |  |
| Birch | 1 |  | 1 | 12 | 12 | 24 |
| Cottonwood | - | $=$ | - | 182 | 170 | 352 |
| All other hardwoods | 5 | - | 5 | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods | 13 | 1 | 14 | 194 | 182 | 376 |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods | 73.263 | 2.843 | 76,106 | 68,423 | 64,270 | 132,693 |
| SOLD AND UNSOLD | 282,650 | 10,967 | 293,617 | 85,001 | 79,842 | 164,843 |

Table 5. - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of December, 1954 and Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)


## ORDERS ON HAND

For saipment to points in British Columbia
Local
Coastwise and Interior
Total.

| 12,387 | 12,807 | 10,598 | 13,960 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2,688 | 2,358 | 2,664 | 2,620 |
| 15,075 | 15,165 | 13,262 | 16,580 |

For shipment by rail to:

| Prairie Provinces | 5.798 | 4.675 | 5,318 | 5,236 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Eastern Provinces | 14,104 | 9.912 | 13.477 | 8,765 |
| United States of America | 31,382 | 55,805 | 28.044 | 49,027 |
| Total | 51.284 | 70,392 | 46,839 | 63,028 |

For waterborne shipments to:

| California | 100 | 316 | 3,903 | 765 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| U.S.A.tlantic Ports | 53,742 | 29,416 | 46,237 | 32,380 |
| Eastern Markets | 1,460 | - | 1,150 | 335 |
| Exports Markets | 203.847 | 278,333 | 224.128 | 245,271 |
| Total | 259,149 | 308,065 | 275,418 | $2.78,751$ |
| OTAL ORDERS ON HAND | 325,508 | 393.622 | 335,519 | 358,359 |

LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS

3,101
8,236
10,054
5, 741

## Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

December, 1954.

|  | December |  | November |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 |
| Coast ..................... No. | 93 | 107 | 99 | 105 |
| Interior ................. No. | 142 | 236 | 136 | 219 |
| Total British Columbia ... No. | 235 | 343 | 235 | 324 |

A few returns received after compilations were closed have been omitted.

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