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THE LUMBER INDUSTRY IN 1922.

Statistics on the Lumber industry in Canada during 1922 have been recently completed by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and show a substantial increase over the 1921 production. The production of sawn lumber in Canada during 1920 reached a total of over four billion feet, board measure, the highest cut recorded since 1912. This was followed, however, by a period of depression during 1921 which was general throughout all fields of industrial activity. The production of lumber in 1921 decreased by over a third and the average value decreased by over ten dollars a thousand feet. The cut during 1922 shows an increase of 9.4 percent in quantity accompanied by an increase of over two million dollars in total value. The average value decreased by less than two dollars a thousand.

During 1922 a total of 3,138,598 thousand feet board measure of lumber valued at \$34,554,172 was reported. The number of mills reporting in 1922 was 2,922 as compared to 3,126 in 1921, a reduction of six and a half percent, but the average production per mill increased from 918 thousand feet in 1921 to 1,074 in 1922. The average number of days each mill was in operation in 1921 was only 82, while in 1922 the average mill operated for 90 days.

The total number of employees on salaries and wages was 31,892 as compared to 30,337 in 1921, an increase of five percent. The total payroll was \$27,621,691 as compared to \$26,707,689 in 1921, an increase of three percent. The average of earnings per employee for all classes shows a slight decrease from 1921 due chiefly to decreases in wages. With regard to other agencies of production in this industry, fuel, power and miscellaneous expenses decreased from 1921 to 1922.

Lath production increased in quantity and value from 804,449 thousand at \$4,188,121 in 1921 to 1,031,420 thousand at \$5,690,328 in 1922.

Shingle production showed a decrease in quantity and value from 2,986,580 thousand at \$10,727,096 in 1921 to 2,506,956 thousand valued at \$10,397,080 in 1922.

Other products and by products of the sawmilling industry showed a general decrease in total value from \$8,798,326 to \$5,409,314. These products include veneer, box shocks, spoolwood, cooperage stock, sawn ties, etc. Pulpwood to the amount of 638,208 cords valued at \$8,273,686 was cut up, barked or rossed in 1922 being a decrease in quantity and value from the figures for 1921.

The total value of all products of the sawmills and allied mills during 1922 was \$114,324,530 as compared to \$116,891,191 for 1921, a decrease of two and a quarter percent.

The total capital invested in these mills in 1922 was \$162,835,219 representing a decrease of twelve and a half percent from the investments in 1921.

The complete statistics in detail for this industry for the calendar years 1921 and 1922 are being combined in a report which will be available for distribution in a short time. Copies may be obtained on application to the Dominion Statistician.

The following tables show the production of lumber in 1921 and 1922 by provinces and by kinds of wood:-

Lumber Production 1921 and 1922 by provinces

	Quantity		Value	
	1921 M. ft. b.m.	1922 M. ft. b.m.	1921 \$	1922 \$
CANADA	2,869,307	3,138,598	82,448,585	84,554,172
British Columbia	926,266	1,157,854	24,867,321	27,571,142
Ontario	734,054	776,280	24,518,164	25,687,380
Quebec	649,334	649,354	19,556,462	17,489,026
New Brunswick ..	269,983	360,030	7,810,622	8,906,894
Nova Scotia	115,246	101,451	3,054,995	2,509,912
Manitoba	61,727	54,930	1,398,067	1,371,062
Alberta	26,002	25,618	711,149	649,791
Saskatchewan ...	10,892	9,609	273,093	283,922
P.E.I. Island	5,803	3,472	158,712	85,043

Lumber Production 1921 and 1922 by Kinds of Wood

	Quantity		Value	
	1921 M. ft. b.m.	1922 M. ft. b.m.	1921 \$	1922 \$
TOTAL	2,869,307	3,138,598	82,448,585	84,554,172
Spruce	874,456	1,018,333	24,621,202	25,743,197
Douglas fir	680,845	820,724	16,613,882	18,778,646
White pine	480,214	576,292	17,228,634	20,520,044
Hemlock	232,169	204,742	6,114,436	4,848,002
Cedar	95,375	102,603	2,799,167	3,275,171
Balsam fir	71,707	97,716	1,834,217	2,174,750
Red pine	85,530	67,173	2,515,507	1,993,033
Yellow birch	68,897	49,552	2,355,503	1,635,570
Jack pine	51,574	43,209	1,268,086	926,534
Western yellow pine	40,020	30,708	1,001,493	715,405
Maple	47,962	30,185	1,771,742	1,052,831
Tamarack	35,323	30,087	823,181	628,675
Basswood	26,118	18,036	914,700	594,763
Elm	21,063	15,515	710,208	519,833
White birch	19,712	14,424	652,179	398,784
Ash	8,723	6,175	310,583	196,676
Beech	6,445	4,341	243,559	140,700
Poplar	10,679	3,498	332,548	86,422
Oak	3,950	2,572	149,909	119,943
Minor species	1,128	1,247	50,526	53,015
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