

During 1922 a cut of 3,138,598,000 feet, board measure, of lumber valued at \$84,554,172 was reported (Table 3). The number of mills in operation in 1922 was 2,922 as compared to 3,126 in 1921, a reduction of 6½ p.c., but the average production per mill increased from 918,000 feet in 1921 to 1,074,000 in 1922. The average number of days each mill was in operation in 1921 was only 82, while in 1922 the average number of days in operation increased to 90.

The total number of employees on salaries and wages was 31,892, as compared to 30,337 in 1921, an increase of 5 p.c. The total payroll was \$27,621,691, as compared with \$26,707,689 in 1921, an increase of 3 p.c. The average of earnings per employee for all classes shows a slight decrease from 1921, due chiefly to decreases in wages. Other agencies of production, such as fuel, power and miscellaneous expenses, showed decreases in 1922 from figures of the previous year.

Lath production increased in quantity and value from 804,449,000, valued at \$4,188,121, in 1921 to 1,031,420,000, valued at \$5,690,328, in 1922.

Shingle production showed a decrease in quantity and value from 2,986,580,000, valued at \$10,727,096, in 1921 to 2,506,956,000, valued at \$10,397,080, in 1922.

Other products and by-products of the saw-milling industry showed a general decrease in total value from \$8,798,326 to \$5,409,314. These products include veneer, box shooks, 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 saw-mills and allied mills during 1922 was \$114,324,580, as compared with \$116,891,191 for 1921, a decrease of 2¼ p.c.

The total capital invested in these mills in 1922 was \$162,835,219, representing a decrease of 12½ p.c. from the investment in 1921.

Table 3 shows the production during 1922 by kinds of wood and Table 4 gives the same information by provinces.

**3.—Total Production of Lumber, Lath and Shingles in Canada, by Kinds of Wood, for the calendar year 1922.**

Kinds of Wood.	Lumber.		Lath.		Shingles.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	M ft. B.M.	\$	M.	\$	M.	\$
<b>Softwoods—</b>						
Spruce.....	1,018,333	25,743,197	589,433	3,153,313	27,742	94,175
Douglas fir.....	820,724	18,778,646	65,657	362,000	—	—
White pine.....	576,292	20,520,044	228,923	1,373,615	12,667	41,611
Hemlock.....	204,742	4,848,002	42,423	239,976	2,364	8,320
Cedar.....	102,603	3,275,171	14,777	84,520	2,457,916	10,233,228
Balsam fir.....	97,716	2,174,750	38,271	196,085	3,859	11,595
Red pine.....	67,173	1,993,033	21,167	118,950	—	—
Jack pine.....	43,209	996,534	23,458	125,237	2,106	7,112
Yellow pine.....	30,708	715,405	3,793	21,437	—	—
Tamarack.....	30,087	628,875	2,046	9,234	—	—
Yellow cypress.....	42	1,260	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Softwoods.....</b>	<b>2,991,629</b>	<b>79,674,917</b>	<b>1,029,948</b>	<b>5,684,367</b>	<b>2,506,654</b>	<b>10,396,041</b>
<b>Hardwoods—</b>						
Yellow birch.....	49,552	1,635,570	83	449	—	—
Maple.....	30,185	1,052,831	20	120	—	—
Basswood.....	18,036	594,763	193	1,008	—	—
Elm.....	15,515	519,883	—	—	—	—
White birch.....	11,414	398,784	250	1,310	—	—
Ash.....	6,175	196,676	4	12	—	—
Beech.....	4,841	140,700	2	20	—	—
Poplar.....	3,498	86,422	19	98	87	251
Oak.....	2,572	119,943	—	—	—	—
Chestnut.....	479	22,586	—	—	—	—