

Table 2 gives the production of lumber, lath and shingles from 1908 to 1924 inclusive.

The production of sawn lumber in Canada in 1920 reached a total of over four billion feet, board measure, the highest cut recorded since 1912. This was followed in 1921, however, by a period of depression which was general throughout all fields of industrial activity. The production of lumber in 1921 decreased by over a third and the average value by over \$10 a thousand feet. The cut during 1922 showed an increase of 9.4 p.c. in quantity, accompanied by an increase of over \$2,000,000 in total value, while the production in 1923 again increased to 3,728,445,000 feet, board measure, and the value to \$108,290,542. Statistics of production in 1924 show an increase in quantity to 3,878,942,000 feet, board measure, accompanied by a decrease in value to \$104,444,622.

2.—Lumber, Lath and Shingle Production in Canada, for the calendar years 1908-1924.

Years.	Lumber cut.		Shingles cut.		Lath cut.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	M ft. B. M.	\$	M.	\$	M.	\$
1908.....	3,347,126	54,338,036	1,499,396	3,101,996	671,562	1,487,125
1909.....	3,814,942	62,819,477	1,988,753	3,701,182	822,124	1,979,034
1910.....	4,451,852	70,609,233	1,976,640	3,557,211	851,953	1,943,544
1911.....	4,918,202	75,830,954	1,838,474	3,512,078	965,235	2,212,228
1912.....	4,389,723	69,475,784	1,578,343	3,175,319	899,016	2,064,622
1913.....	3,816,642	65,796,438	1,485,279	3,064,641	739,678	1,783,283
1914.....	3,946,254	60,363,369	1,843,554	3,688,746	625,010	1,585,484
1915.....	3,842,676	61,819,806	3,089,470	5,734,852	793,226	2,040,819
1916.....	3,490,550	58,365,849	2,897,562	5,962,933	665,588	1,743,940
1917.....	4,151,703	83,655,097	3,020,956	8,431,215	616,949	1,828,018
1918.....	3,896,631	103,700,620	2,662,521	8,184,448	438,100	1,369,616
1919.....	3,819,750	122,030,653	2,915,309	13,525,625	520,203	2,157,758
1920.....	4,298,804	168,171,987	2,855,766	14,665,159	762,031	5,248,879
1921.....	2,869,307	82,448,585	2,986,580	10,727,096	804,449	4,188,121
1922.....	3,138,598	84,554,172	2,506,956	10,397,090	1,031,420	5,690,328
1923.....	3,728,445	108,290,542	2,718,350	9,617,114	1,153,735	6,324,747
1924.....	3,878,942	104,444,622	3,129,501	10,406,293	1,165,819	5,975,253

The number of mills in operation in 1924 was 2,761, as compared with 2,883 in 1923, but the average production per mill increased from 1,295,000 to 1,405,000 feet. The average number of days each mill was in operation in 1923 was 94.5, and in 1924 97.3.

The total number of employees on salaries and wages in 1924 was 35,494, as compared with 35,070 in 1923, an increase of 1.2 p.c. The total payroll was \$34,783,780, as compared with \$33,490,504 in 1923, an increase of 3.8 p.c. The average earnings per employee for all classes shows an increase in 1924 from \$955 to \$980. Power used increased from 259,803 h.p. in 1923 to 285,263 h.p. in 1924, fuel cost from \$607,687 to \$651,499 and total cost of materials from \$73,325,718 to \$83,141,692.

Lath production increased in quantity from 1,153,735,000 (valued at \$6,324,747) in 1923 to 1,165,819,000 (valued at \$5,975,253) in 1924.

Shingle production showed an increase in both quantity and value from 2,718,650,000, valued at \$9,617,114, in 1923, to 3,129,501,000, valued at \$10,406,293, in 1924.

Other products and by-products of the saw-milling industry showed a general increase in total value from \$5,931,413 to \$10,520,098. These products include veneer, box shooks, spoolwood, cooperage stock, sawn ties, etc. Pulpwood to the amount of 814,180 cords, valued at \$11,583,293, was cut up, barked or "rossed" in 1924, an increase in quantity and value over 1923.