

Subsection 2.—The Lumber Industry

The manufacture of sawn lumber is the second most important industry in Canada depending on the forest for its raw materials.

The total number of sawmills, tie, shingle, lath, veneer, stave, heading and hoop mills and mills for cutting-up and barking or rossing of pulpwood that reported in 1947 was 6,481, as compared with 6,001 in 1946. Employees numbered 55,426 and wages and salaries amounted to \$83,360,452. The logs, bolts and other materials and supplies of the industry were valued at \$208,543,819, the gross value of production was \$402,133,298 and net value \$190,514,978.

Lumber production in Canada reached its maximum in 1947 at almost 5,877,901,000 ft. b.m. Average values were fairly uniform up to 1916, but increased rapidly from 1917 to 1920, only to decline gradually during the following years to the lowest level for the entire period, which was reached in 1932. With the exception of 1938, increases took place each year from 1933 to 1947.

9.—Quantities and Values of Lumber and All Sawmill Products, by Provinces, 1946 and 1947

Province or Territory	Lumber Production				Total Values ¹	
	Quantities		Values		1946	1947
	1946	1947	1946	1947		
M ft. b.m.	M ft. b.m.	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Prince Edward Island.....	12,232	13,893	492,477	587,924	562,631	661,504
Nova Scotia.....	330,578	387,996	14,519,554	18,014,263	16,159,079	19,654,834
New Brunswick.....	316,141	354,767	14,948,556	17,951,051	17,230,075	20,608,236
Quebec.....	1,161,607	1,227,055	55,249,378	63,253,288	66,160,934	73,898,677
Ontario.....	673,441	733,129	34,181,404	41,526,059	41,526,408	51,170,386
Manitoba.....	59,234	65,307	2,290,813	2,809,324	2,483,193	2,938,224
Saskatchewan.....	104,970	104,744	3,703,021	3,973,886	3,947,249	4,185,743
Alberta.....	255,675	283,478	8,398,471	9,691,039	9,383,450	10,743,328
British Columbia.....	2,169,096	2,707,052	96,382,732	164,199,747	130,433,625	218,235,191
Yukon.....	306	480	23,293	36,775	23,413	37,175
Totals.....	5,083,280	5,877,901	230,189,699	322,048,356	287,910,057	402,133,298

¹ Includes all other sawmill products.

10.—Lumber Cut By Kinds of Wood, 1946 and 1947

Kinds of Wood	Quantity		Value	
	1946	1947	1946	1947
	M ft. b.m.	M ft. b.m.	\$	\$
Spruce.....	1,782,598	2,011,659	75,983,581	93,219,260
Douglas fir.....	1,128,325	1,410,177	48,660,805	85,566,959
Hemlock.....	589,091	657,016	25,782,165	39,009,827
White pine.....	351,490	385,805	19,811,249	23,976,633
Cedar.....	221,860	302,710	12,447,838	23,144,075
Yellow birch.....	187,353	212,718	10,040,288	12,686,421
Jack pine and lodgepole pine.....	236,345	233,762	9,897,015	10,804,956
Maple.....	103,971	112,002	6,123,144	6,880,167
Balsam fir.....	129,019	142,031	5,493,437	6,502,451
Red pine.....	62,121	67,256	3,181,180	3,834,922
Other kinds.....	291,107	342,765	12,768,997	16,422,685
Totals.....	5,083,280	5,877,901	230,189,699	322,048,356