

The strong tendency on the part of many people to evaluate Canada's forest resources in terms of timber alone is understandable. Timber is the most obvious product of forest land and commonly the chief marketable commodity. The non-timber values of the forests, while of great economic importance, have been relatively neglected. However, increasing recognition of these great national assets is developing a broader concept of forestry.

Forest resources are inventoried periodically by provincial forest authorities and, with their co-operation, the Forestry Branch of the Department of Resources and Development compiles the National Forest Inventory. The latest estimates of accessible and total forest stands in the ten provinces and in the Yukon and Northwest Territories appear in Table 1. These estimates are subject to constant revision as more accurate and complete inventories are prepared.

1.—Estimate of Total Stand of Timber, by Type and Size, and by Provinces and Regions

Province and Region	Conifers			Broad-leaved			Totals		
	Saw Material	Small Material	Total Equivalent Volume	Saw Material	Small Material	Total Equivalent Volume	Saw Material	Small Material	Total Equivalent Volume
Accessible	Million ft. b.m.	'000 cords	Million cu. ft. ¹	Million ft. b.m.	'000 cords	Million cu. ft. ¹	Million ft. b.m.	'000 cords	Million cu. ft. ¹
Newfoundland ²	3,127	31,902	3,337	—	—	—	3,127	31,902	3,337
Prince Edward Island...	65	560	61	40	240	28	105	800	89
Nova Scotia.....	4,849	23,167	2,939	1,261	5,363	708	6,110	28,530	3,647
New Brunswick.....	5,000	60,000	6,100	1,500	30,000	2,850	6,500	90,000	8,950
TOTALS, ATLANTIC PROVINCES².....	13,041	115,629	12,437	2,801	35,603	3,586	15,842	151,232	16,023
Quebec.....	38,181	450,495	45,925	14,019	176,108	17,773	52,200	626,603	63,701
Ontario.....	42,775	261,515	30,784	11,529	300,380	27,838	54,304	561,895	58,622
TOTALS, CENTRAL PROVINCES.....	80,956	712,010	76,712	25,548	476,488	45,611	106,504	1,188,498	122,323
Manitoba.....	815	9,900	1,005	1,630	19,090	1,949	2,445	28,990	2,954
Saskatchewan.....	580	3,200	388	1,010	50,130	4,463	1,590	53,330	4,851
Alberta.....	7,000	74,400	7,724	2,080	36,000	3,476	9,080	110,400	11,200
TOTALS, PRAIRIE PROVINCES.....	8,395	87,500	9,117	4,720	105,220	9,888	13,115	192,720	19,005
British Columbia—									
Coast.....	76,108	13,922	14,502	—	—	—	76,108	13,922	14,502
Interior.....	33,630	172,364	21,377	—	—	—	33,630	172,364	21,377
TOTALS, BRITISH COLUMBIA.....	109,738	186,286	35,879	—	—	—	109,738	186,286	35,879
Totals, Accessible².....	212,130	1,101,425	134,145	33,069	617,311	59,085	245,199	1,718,736	193,230
Totals, Inaccessible^{2,3}.....	169,834	844,609	103,782	3,385	124,582	11,267	173,219	969,191	115,049
Grand Totals^{2,3}.....	381,964	1,946,034	237,927	36,454	741,893	70,352	418,418	2,687,927	308,279

¹ Cubic volumes do not include wood in stumps and unusable tops.

² Exclusive of Labrador.

³ Including estimates of inaccessible stands in the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Forest Land Tenure.—Private individuals or corporations own 7 p.c. of Canada's total forest land. The remaining 93 p.c. is still in the possession of the Crown in the right of the Federal Government or of the provinces: rights to cut