

The predominant part that lumber and other forest products have played in the development of Canada has resulted in a widespread tendency to evaluate the forests in terms of timber alone. A growing realization of the economic importance of the non-timber values however is bringing about increasing recognition of their true value and thus developing a broader concept of forestry.

Inventories of the forest resources are made periodically by provincial forest authorities and, with their co-operation, the Forestry Branch of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources compiles the National Forest Inventory. The latest estimates of the total stand of timber, by province and region, appear in Table 1. These estimates are subject to constant revision as more accurate and complete inventories are compiled.

1.—Estimate of Total Stand of Timber by Type and Size and by Province and Region 1955

Province and Region	Conifers			Broadleaved			Totals		
	Saw Timber	Smaller Material	Total Equivalent Volume	Saw Timber	Smaller Material	Total Equivalent Volume	Saw Timber	Smaller 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—									
Labrador.....	5,474	62,041	6,368	416	2,141	265	5,890	64,182	6,633
Island.....	5,857	65,354	6,727	1,039	1,150	305	6,896	66,504	7,032
Prince Edward Island...	220	672	101	47	460	49	267	1,132	150
Nova Scotia.....	4,849	23,167	2,939	1,261	5,363	708	6,110	28,530	3,647
New Brunswick.....	12,250	65,294	8,000	9,500	24,706	4,000	21,750	90,000	12,000
TOTALS, ATLANTIC PROVINCES.....	28,650	216,528	24,135	12,263	33,820	5,327	40,913	250,346	29,462
Quebec.....	37,005	450,495	45,693	12,951	176,108	17,559	49,956	626,603	63,252
Ontario.....	80,117	437,188	53,184	74,861	167,721	29,229	154,978	604,909	82,413
TOTALS, CENTRAL PROVINCES.....	117,122	887,683	98,877	87,812	343,829	46,788	204,934	1,231,512	145,665
Manitoba.....	3,460	24,077	2,739	1,775	20,391	2,088	5,235	44,468	4,827
Saskatchewan.....	5,747	50,157	5,413	10,137	47,822	6,092	15,884	97,979	11,505
Alberta.....	7,000	74,400	7,724	2,080	36,000	3,476	9,080	110,400	11,200
TOTALS, PRAIRIE PROVINCES.....	16,207	148,634	15,876	13,992	104,213	11,656	30,199	252,847	27,532
British Columbia.....	458,016	109,581	100,917	8,136	--	1,628	466,152	109,581	102,545
Northwest Territories...	660	34,500	3,065	480	16,500	1,498	1,140	51,000	4,563
Yukon Territory.....	1,750	25,000	2,475	250	6,000	560	2,000	31,000	3,035
Totals, Accessible.....	622,405	1,421,926	245,345	122,933	504,362	67,457	745,338	1,926,288	312,802
Totals, Inaccessible...	222,851	893,364	120,566	8,707	166,927	15,930	231,558	1,060,291	136,436
Canada.....	845,256	2,315,290	365,911	131,640	671,289	83,387	976,896	2,986,579	449,238

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

Forest Land Tenure.—Private individuals or corporations own 6 p.c. of the total forested land of Canada and the remaining 94 p.c. is still in the possession of the Crown in the right of the Federal or the Provincial Governments. Rights to cut Crown timber under lease or licence have been granted on 8 p.c. of the total forest land. Some of the unalienated land has already been logged and has reverted to the Crown but it is mainly located in the inaccessible and less accessible areas.