

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, reports of which were compiled for 1954, was 7,696 as compared with 8,194 in 1953. Mills sawing less than 15,000 ft. b.m. are excluded but account for less than one-half of one per cent of the total lumber production. Employees numbered 57,010 and wages and salaries amounted to \$139,571,531. The logs, bolts and other materials and supplies of the industry were valued at \$301,118,370, the gross value of production was \$572,186,498 and net value \$263,629,457.

Lumber production in Canada reached its maximum in 1953 at 7,305,958,000 ft. b.m. Average values were fairly uniform until 1916 but increased rapidly from 1917 to 1920 to decline gradually during the following years to the lowest level for the entire period in 1932. With the exception of 1938 and 1949 increases took place each year from 1933 to 1951; decreases of 2.8 p.c., 4.7 p.c. and 1.5 p.c. occurred in 1952, 1953, and 1954.

10.—Quantity and Value of Lumber Production and Value of All Sawmill Products by Province 1953 and 1954

Province or Territory	Lumber Production				Value of All Sawmill Products	
	Quantity		Value		1953	1954
	1953	1954	1953	1954		
M ft. b.m.	M ft. b.m.	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Newfoundland.....	48,922	30,716	2,809,172	1,795,559	3,147,960	2,081,838
Prince Edward Island.....	10,504	8,827	563,416	468,586	637,918	536,769
Nova Scotia.....	295,868	273,583	17,560,898	16,102,774	19,055,939	17,406,816
New Brunswick.....	335,078	227,365	21,802,348	14,325,913	25,490,363	17,509,665
Quebec.....	1,200,598	1,099,036	82,083,803	73,094,936	96,026,261	86,038,897
Ontario.....	823,721	721,742	63,275,565	55,511,696	79,573,208	69,286,415
Manitoba.....	55,527	44,963	3,491,815	2,705,720	3,920,005	3,163,501
Saskatchewan.....	81,596	85,663	4,604,386	4,641,824	4,908,053	4,865,045
Alberta.....	400,822	366,027	20,991,533	20,250,893	23,781,960	22,793,615
British Columbia.....	4,045,724	4,378,695	276,564,562	293,429,444	323,474,522	347,883,651
Yukon and N.W.T.....	7,598	7,238	638,495	584,660	677,515	620,286
Canada.....	7,305,958	7,243,855	494,385,993	482,912,005	580,693,704	572,186,498

11.—Quantity and Value of Lumber Cut by Kind 1953 and 1954

Kind of Wood	Quantity		Value	
	1953	1954	1953	1954
	M ft. b.m.	M ft. b.m.	\$	\$
Spruce.....	2,401,089	2,204,914	145,939,362	132,345,070
Douglas fir.....	1,971,091	2,124,329	136,503,569	141,867,380
Hemlock.....	834,580	910,006	53,082,862	57,656,130
White pine.....	420,030	406,226	36,394,943	34,729,121
Cedar.....	439,689	479,921	39,105,269	42,151,851
Yellow birch.....	205,949	188,271	17,080,897	15,598,203
Jack pine and lodgepole pine.....	304,115	246,889 ¹	17,647,209	14,704,760 ¹
Maple.....	131,638	90,581	10,993,902	7,514,425
Balsam fir.....	210,089	193,267	12,744,089	11,364,979
Red pine.....	59,904	55,959	4,813,081	4,576,353
Other kinds.....	327,784	343,478	20,080,810	20,403,733
Totals.....	7,305,958	7,243,841	494,385,993	482,912,005

¹ Jack pine only in 1954.