

Inventories of 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 Standing Timber, by Type and Size and by Province and Region 1956

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
	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
Accessible									
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	250,348	29,462
Quebec.....	37,005	450,495	45,693	12,950	176,108	17,559	49,955	626,603	63,252
Ontario.....	80,703	438,771	53,436	78,359	171,242	30,228	159,062	610,013	83,664
TOTALS, CENTRAL PROVINCES.....	117,708	889,266	99,129	91,309	347,350	47,787	209,017	1,236,616	146,916
Manitoba.....	4,896	55,405	5,689	4,605	18,651	2,506	9,501	74,056	8,195
Saskatchewan.....	5,881	55,812	5,920	10,187	51,882	6,447	16,068	107,694	12,367
Alberta.....	65,277	225,235	32,200	61,224	136,061	23,810	126,501	361,296	56,010
TOTALS, PRAIRIE PROVINCES.....	76,054	336,452	43,809	76,016	206,594	32,763	152,070	543,046	76,572
British Columbia.....	458,015	109,581	100,918	8,137	..	1,627	466,152	109,581	102,545
Northwest Territories...	1,000	34,500	3,132	1,000	16,500	1,603	2,000	51,000	4,735
Yukon Territory.....	1,750	25,000	2,475	250	6,000	560	2,000	31,000	3,035
TOTALS, ACCESSIBLE.....	683,177	1,611,327	273,598	188,975	610,264	89,667	872,152	2,221,591	363,265
TOTALS, POTENTIALLY ACCESSIBLE.....	215,146	794,639	110,574	5,265	92,750	8,937	220,411	887,389	119,511
Canada.....	898,323	2,405,966	384,172	194,240	703,014	98,604	1,092,563	3,108,980	482,77

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

Forest Land Tenure.—Private individuals or corporations own 5 p.c. of the total forest land of Canada and the remaining 95 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 11 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 less accessible areas.

Farm woodlots on the 623,000 farms across Canada cover about 22,780,000 acres (Census of 1951)—13 p.c. of the total farm area and over 6 p.c. of the total accessible productive forest. These small wooded tracts ranging in size from three or four acres to 200 or more acres are among the most accessible forests in Canada. Further, the woodlots of Eastern Canada are in general highly productive because they lie in the southern parts of the country and frequently occupy soils that are considerably higher in quality than those typical of the northern forests.