

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 1951, was 7,934 as compared with 7,551 for 1950. 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 62,415 and wages and salaries amounted to \$132,058,607. The logs, bolts and other materials and supplies of the industry were valued at \$313,174,713, the gross value of production was \$591,551,749 and net value \$271,865,508.

Lumber production in Canada reached its maximum in 1951 at 6,948,697,000 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.

11.—Quantity and Value of Lumber Production and Value of All Sawmill Products, by Province, 1950 and 1951

Province or Territory	Lumber Production				Value of All Sawmill Products	
	Quantity		Value		1950	1951
	1950	1951	1950	1951		
M ft. b.m.	M ft. b.m.	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Newfoundland.....	45,282	41,981	2,214,046	2,456,588	2,430,089	2,727,335
Prince Edward Island.....	11,569	10,465	564,831	543,019	632,758	610,578
Nova Scotia.....	281,222	331,906	14,456,475	19,987,788	15,772,588	21,534,108
New Brunswick.....	298,918	292,097	16,867,224	18,892,064	19,774,001	22,124,951
Quebec.....	1,129,404	1,182,986	64,294,496	78,867,947	73,571,302	89,401,801
Ontario.....	819,835	820,696	55,692,481	60,802,961	68,488,612	76,072,011
Manitoba.....	58,345	60,071	3,179,488	3,873,547	3,351,875	4,112,135
Saskatchewan.....	66,056	78,694	3,237,996	4,281,687	3,641,075	4,497,183
Alberta.....	331,097	398,295	14,986,473	20,405,750	16,005,403	22,667,881
British Columbia.....	3,508,787	3,723,877	246,729,414	296,883,313	293,022,294	347,147,390
Yukon and N.W.T.....	3,383	7,629	257,776	655,577	258,401	656,376
Canada.....	6,553,898	6,948,697	422,480,700	507,650,241	496,948,398	591,551,749

12.—Quantity and Value of Lumber Cut, by Kind, 1950 and 1951

Kind of Wood	Quantity		Value	
	1950	1951	1950	1951
	M ft. b.m.	M ft. b.m.	\$	\$
Spruce.....	2,066,126	2,274,583	110,709,703	137,626,573
Douglas fir.....	1,782,272	1,778,048	121,243,611	143,413,098
Hemlock.....	813,475	880,354	53,664,060	68,120,805
White pine.....	437,405	449,686	33,536,717	37,825,447
Cedar.....	349,713	360,919	37,341,464	39,635,695
Yellow birch.....	177,551	189,754	12,895,526	15,688,629
Jack pine and lodgepole pine.....	287,885	309,449	14,110,807	17,018,456
Maple.....	97,986	123,150	7,835,097	10,442,033
Balsam fir.....	164,672	173,007	8,361,433	10,534,118
Red pine.....	82,855	84,467	5,718,491	6,452,850
Other kinds.....	293,958	325,280	17,063,791	20,892,637
Totals.....	6,553,898	6,948,697	422,480,700	507,650,241