

SHINGLES.

Comparative statistics of the 1909 shingle cut for Canada are presented in table 30.

TABLE 30.

SHINGLES—The Quantity and Value of the cut by Provinces, 1908 and 1909, with per cent distribution and average values.

PROVINCE.	QUANTITY, 1908.		QUANTITY, 1909.		Total Value, 1909.	AVERAGE VALUE PER M.	
	Thousands.	Per cent Dis- tribution.	Thousands.	Per cent Dis- tribution.		1908.	1909.
					\$	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Canada.....	1,499,396	100	1,988,753	100	3,701,182	2 07	1 86
British Columbia.....	724,652	48.2	866,275	43.1	1,627,624	1 92	1 88
Quebec.....	406,440	27.2	337,668	17.0	628,610	2 09	1 87
Prince Edward Island....	(1)	(1)	279,845	14.0	323,080	(1)	1 15
New Brunswick.....	109,913	7.3	243,202	12.2	469,860	2 96	1 93
Ontario.....	223,533	14.9	238,943	12.0	611,228	2 59	2 57
Nova Scotia.....	33,141	2.2	21,035	1.1	34,938	2 09	1 66
Alberta.....	(2)	(2)	1,285	(2)	2,067	(2)	1 61
Manitoba.....	1,125	0.1	460	(2)	625	2 80	1 49
Saskatchewan.....	592	(3)	50	(3)	150	2 30	3 00

(1) No reports were received from Prince Edward Island for 1908.

(2) No shingles were reported from Alberta for 1908.

(3) Less than one-tenth of one per cent.

There was an increase in the shingle production reported for 1909 of 489,357,000 or 32.6 per cent. A part of this increase is undoubtedly due to the more complete reports received for 1909. The value of the shingles produced in Canada, 1909, \$3,701,182 is greater than that of the lumber production of any species except spruce, white pine or Douglas fir, and exceeds the value of the 1909 lumber production of the province of Nova Scotia.

British Columbia holds by a great lead its position as first, with a cut of 866,275,000, valued at \$1,627,624. British Columbia produces two-fifths of the shingles manufactured in Canada; British Columbia and Quebec together produce three-fifths. A large cut reported from Prince Edward Island and a large increase in New Brunswick give these provinces third and fourth places. Quebec stands second in spite of a decrease, and because of a decrease Ontario falls to fifth place.

The average price of shingles at \$1.86 per thousand is 21 cents lower than in 1908. The price fluctuated widely in 1909; it was \$1.15 in Prince Edward Island, \$2.57 in Ontario and \$3.00 in Saskatchewan. The average price of shingles in the United States for 1908 was \$2.55.

Cedar was the chief species used in British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. Shingles were most commonly manufactured of spruce in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia; spruce, poplar and jack pine are used in the prairies.