

Pacific Northwest Lumber Cargo Shipments

Result for the First Nine Months of the Year in Deep-sea Cargoes—Growth of British Columbia Shipments.

Pacific Northwest cargo-shipping mills forwarded 1,047,650,288 feet of lumber by water to all markets, during the first nine months of the current year.

This is 278,462,304 feet less than was shipped by the same mills, the first nine months of 1914.

Export business totals 248,154,018 feet this year as against 431,505,774 feet for the first nine months last year. Loss in export trade is 183,351,756 feet, of which 85,359,747 feet is represented in the Australian business. China has taken 74,690,021 feet less this year, and South America 50,995,204 feet less than in the first nine months of 1914.

Heavy losses in Australia, China and South America were partially offset by a gain of 51,102,549 feet with the United Kingdom and slightly increased shipments to India, Eastern Canada, Mexico, Central America and Cuba.

These cargo shipping facts are gleaned from the third quarterly shipping report just issued by Fred. W. Alexander, secretary of the Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau, Seattle. The report shows the following comparative distribution of water-borne business:

	First Nine Months		Gain or Loss Lumber, ft.
	1914 Lumber, ft.	1915 Lumber, ft.	
California	824,175,233	649,732,816	174,442,417
Alaska	5,842,283	11,348,342	*5,506,059
British Columbia	729,209	.....	729,209
Panama	12,292,067	9,011,523	3,280,544
Atlantic Coast	16,459,223	74,865,062	*58,405,839
Eastern Canada .....	.....	10,986,280	*10,986,280
Hawaiian Islands	23,101,553	40,467,004	*17,365,651
Philippine Islands	12,007,450	3,085,243	8,922,207
Australia	155,138,479	69,778,732	85,359,747
New Zealand	8,819,436	1,954,403	6,865,033
West Coast So. America.....	72,618,076	21,622,872	50,995,204
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Mexico	3,295,780	4,272,316	*976,536
China	114,537,558	39,847,537	74,690,021
Japan	10,093,017	6,549,957	3,543,060
South Sea Islands	9,748,751	4,107,993	5,640,758
U. K. and Continent	32,069,146	83,171,695	*51,102,549
Africa	11,337,051	6,909,796	4,427,255
India	5,903,470	8,481,881	*2,578,411
Central America .....	.....	690,402	*690,402
Cuba .....	.....	766,434	*766,434
Totals	1,326,112,592	1,047,650,288	278,462,304

*Indicates gain.

The only shipping gains are shown by the British Columbia and Puget Sound districts. Canadian mills shipped 20,892,253 feet more the first nine months of 1915 than in the corresponding months of 1914. The increase in shipments from British Columbia will make a still higher figure in the remaining months of the year. The Puget Sound mills shipped 14,342,005 feet more this year than in the first nine months of 1914. Grays Harbor mills shipped 87,755,094 feet less, Willapa Harbor 47,882,596 feet less, Columbia River mills 165,859,237 feet less and Oregon Coast mills 12,199,635 feet less. The details of loadings in the several districts are as follows:

Total Shipments.

	First Nine Months		Gain or Loss Lumber, ft.
	1915 Lumber, ft.	1914 Lumber, ft.	
British Columbia	50,408,765	29,516,512	*20,892,253
Puget Sound	339,100,815	324,758,810	*14,342,005
Grays Harbor	197,655,203	285,410,297	87,755,094
Willapa Harbor	49,211,990	97,094,586	47,882,596
Columbia River	254,780,661	420,639,898	165,859,237
Oregon Coast	156,492,854	168,692,489	12,199,635
Totals	1,047,650,288	1,326,112,592	278,462,304

*Indicates gain.

In foreign shipments, British Columbia alone shows a gain, with 37,698,365 feet for the first nine months of this year, as compared with 24,389,607 feet for the last year, or an increase of 13,308,758 feet.

The heaviest loss in foreign shipments is revealed in the statistics of shipments from the Columbia River district. During the present year 56,357,378 feet of lumber has been loaded for export in that district as compared with 168,731,574 feet in the district for the first nine months of last year, the loss is represented in 112,373,196 feet.

The second heaviest loss in foreign business is recorded in the Puget Sound district. During the first nine months of 1914 these mills loaded 163,550,942 feet as against 114,960,839 feet for the same period this year, the loss being 48,590,104 feet.

The Grays Harbor district shows 34,392,005 feet for this year as against 62,509,052 feet for last year, the loss being 28,117,047 feet. Details of the foreign shipments by loading districts are contained in the following table:

Foreign Shipments.

	For Nine Months		Gain or Loss Lumber, ft.
	1915 Lumber, ft.	1914 Lumber, ft.	
British Columbia	37,698,365	24,389,607	*13,308,758
Puget Sound	114,960,839	163,550,942	48,590,104
Grays Harbor	34,392,005	62,509,052	28,117,047
Willapa Harbor	4,688,140	12,169,040	7,480,900
Columbia River	56,358,378	168,731,574	112,373,196
Oregon Coast	56,292	155,559	99,267
Totals	248,154,018	431,505,774	183,351,756

*Indicates gain.

The California shipments, which show a loss amounting to 174,442,417 feet, when analyzed show a small gain from both British Columbia and Puget Sound districts, with heavy losses in the Grays Harbor, Willapa Harbor and Columbia River districts, and a nominal loss from the Oregon Coast district. The Grays Harbor-California shipments have slumped off 70,673,114 feet for the nine months this year as compared with the first nine months of last year. The Willapa Harbor shipments have decreased 47,389,106 feet and the Columbia River-California shipments decreased 52,243,009 feet. The following table gives the details:

California Shipments.

	First Nine Months		Gain or Loss Lumber, ft.
	1915 Lumber, ft.	1914 Lumber, ft.	
British Columbia	1,373,938	806,400	*567,538
Puget Sound	142,617,955	135,222,313	*7,395,642
Grays Harbor	142,998,396	213,671,510	70,673,114
Willapa Harbor	33,434,789	80,823,895	47,389,106
Columbia River	172,871,176	225,114,185	52,243,009
Oregon Coast	156,436,562	168,536,930	12,100,368
Totals	649,732,816	824,175,233	174,442,417

*Indicates gain.

In offshore domestic shipments Puget Sound shows a heavy increase totaling 81,522,022 feet for the nine months as compared with 25,985,555 feet. Practically all of this is represented in increased trade with the Atlantic Coast ports and the Hawaiian Islands. British Columbia shipped 11,336,462 feet to the Atlantic Coast this year as compared with 4,320,505 feet for the same period last year, a gain of 7,015,957 feet. The Grays Harbor mills this year have shipped 20,264,802 feet to the Atlantic Coast as compared