

225 million feet). The interior is divided into two distinct types. The Dry Belt country is characterized by light precipitation and the tree growth is light in consequence. It consists largely of Douglas fir and western yellow pine. The Kootenay country has a high annual precipitation and is practically a modified repetition of the Coast type, characterized by the addition of such species as mountain fir and Engelmann spruce, and a lack of Sitka spruce. This type grades into the Southern Rocky Mountain type of mountain fir, Englemann spruce and lodgepole pine, which crosses the summit and clothes the eastern slope of the Rockies down to the prairie line.

British Columbia cut in 1913: 1,173,647,000 feet, board measure, of lumber in her mills. Over two thirds of this was Douglas fir, about seven percent was tamarack and seven percent red cedar, and of the remainder, five percent was spruce, five percent western yellow pine, three percent hemlock, two percent western white pine, and one percent each, mountain fir and jack pine. With the exception of unimportant quantities of cottonwood, maple and birch, no hardwoods are found in this province. Twelve kinds of wood were reported.

The lands in this province are under the administration of the provincial government, with the exception of the Railway Belt and the Peace River Block, which are under the administration of the Federal Government.

The reservation from sale or pre-emption of all lands carrying 8,000 board feet per acre west of the Cascade Mountains, or 5,000 board feet per acre east of this range, replaces the creation of formal reserves in that part of the province under provincial administration. This area is said to exceed 100,000,000 acres.

The Railway Belt consists of the land lying within twenty miles of the Canadian Pacific Railway's right-of-way across the Province. This belt which is forty miles wide and about five hundred miles long (containing about 12,800,000 acres in all), is said to contain 2,500,000 acres of saw timber or approximately thirty-six billion feet, board measure, of standing timber. In this district thirteen reserves have been set aside containing 2,420,838 acres in all. These are protected and administered by the Federal Government.