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spruce riving contracts were cancelled some time ago, followed by the cancellation of 125 hand loggers' spruce contracts. Subsequently all contracts were cancelled following the conclusion of military hostilities,

During the spring, summer and autumn months when rafts could be towed across Hecate Straits the mainland sawmills were supplied with logs. The department recognized the necessity of providing sawmills on Queen Charlotte Islands to saw airplane lumber in the winter, when it would be impossible to successfully tow rafts across Hecate Straits. Towing barges of sawn lumber was substituted in the winter, which was relatively much safer and much more rapid. Including those on the islands and mainland, 13 sawmills were engaged exclusively in sawing airplane lumber, making a total of 16 mills, the combined output of which reached 6,850,000 feet of the selected accepted airplane stock in the month of November, indicating a total cut of approximately 21 million feet of all grades of spruce lumber, the lower than airplane grades finding a market through the usual commercial channels or through the demands of pulp mills.

B. C. Airplane Production

(January to November, 1918, inclusive)

January	116,000	209,000
February	500,000	375,000
March	470,000	289,000
April	439,000	212,000
May	1,019,000	876,000
June	1,825,000	829,000
July	2,165,000	987,000
August	3,024,000	1,530,000
September	4,487,000	1,475,000
October	5,229,000	1,060,000
November	6,850,000	1,382,000
Total	26,124,000	9,224,000
Grand total		35,348,000

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