

LUMBER, LATH AND SHINGLES.

This bulletin gives the statistics of the production of lumber, lath and shingles by mills in Canada during the calendar year 1914. The statistics are gathered almost entirely by correspondence which in the past has been carried on by the Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior with the mill operators. An arrangement was entered into with Mr. G. C. Piché, M. F. Chief of the Forest Service of the province of Quebec for the collection of these statistics in Quebec province for 1914. As Mr. Piché's staff are in close touch with the lumbermen in Quebec the returns for 1914 are exceptionally complete and are not therefore exactly comparable with those of former years, the number of reports received being almost double that of 1913. A similar arrangement with Mr. H. R. MacMillan, M. F., Chief Forester of the British Columbia Forest Service has resulted similarly in more complete statistics for that province, twenty-three more mills contributing to the reports than in 1913. It is hoped that co-operative arrangements of this nature will be made with the other lumber-producing provinces in the future.

Including returns from Quebec and British Columbia, as indicated above, 2,843 firms or individuals operating saw- and shingle-mills in Canada furnished the figures on which this bulletin is compiled. This is a total increase of 656 mills due largely as before explained, to more complete returns from Quebec and British Columbia.

The total production for 1914 includes, 3,946,254,000 feet board measure of sawn lumber valued at \$60,363,369; 625,010,000 lath valued at \$1,585,484; 1,843,554,000 shingles valued at \$3,688,746; making a total value for the three classes of products of \$65,637,599.

(A directory of active saw- and shingle-mills in Canada in 1914 will be found in the appendix).

NOTE: The following figures are as nearly correct for the production of all the provinces as it is possible to make them. It should be noted that most of the provinces saw into lumber logs cut in an adjoining province. Logs cut in Quebec are sawn in Ontario and New Brunswick, logs cut in Ontario are sawn in Quebec and Manitoba, and the same crossing of the boundary occurs in the other western provinces. While this does not greatly affect the total credited to each province, an endeavour will be made to eliminate in future issues, the slight difference thus caused.

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Table A is a summary of the information concerning the production of sawn lumber classed by provinces.