

# Madison's Lumber Retrospective

A 60-year walk down  
forestry's Memory Lane

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AN INDEPENDENT MARKET SURVEY COVERING FIR, HEMLOCK, CEDAR, WESTERN WHITE SPRUCE

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Temporary shutdown of logging camps on northern end of Vancouver Island, due to fire hazard will again reduce Hemlock offerings. This is where large stands of Hemlock are cut.

Japan bought her first postwar cedar logs in Vancouver last week (see Cedar). She has already bought some 3,000,000 feet of Douglas Fir logs and would

The labor situation with IWA remains unsettled. Several producers have reported that an increase in wages at the present time would put them out of business at present market prices. At the best prices can only hold their present level - they certainly will not increase this year.

Two Japanese importers in Vancouver last week bought 2,000,000 feet of cedar logs, first since the war. They are for domestic construction. Prices paid for logs was not disclosed. Charter party rate was \$20 F.I.O. for Japanese vessels. These vessels were chartered in Japan some weeks ago when the offshore market was depressed. The Japanese importers said this rate could not be duplicated today. While this initial cedar purchase did not make any appreciable dent in the cedar log market, it is a forerunner of future business. There are no restrictions on the export of cedar logs from Canada to Japan.

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All transits were reported slow moving. What are usually premium items as 2x8 - 12' and 14' - No. 1 & 2 Com. Dry dimension were not selling last week. Cars of Dry 2x4 all 16' offered in transit at \$101 were not finding buyers. In many instances no reasonable counter offers were being made in New York and Boston. It was a tough job to find a buyer. "If a customer wants a certain car" said one Spruce wholesaler "He will pay for it. But the trouble is to first find the customer."

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No. 3 dimension from Kamloops is still moving at \$48 for 2x4 to the Canadian markets. There are a few sales reported down to \$45 but we have a notion this would be pretty poor No. 3 dimension.

According to Forestry department officials September sawing in the Fort George forest district dropped about 5% during September from a comparable figure in 1951. Mills cut 38,703,083 b.f.m. in September of this year compared with 42,352,165 in the same month last year.

Total cut in Prince George area for first 10 months of this year is 262,211,561 b.f.m. an increase of 9% over last year.