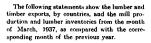
LUMBER REVIEW

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Lumber and timber exports in March registered a decline, which is, however, considered as merely temponary. During the month under review there were shipped to this market 9,978,840 board feet of lumber and timber compared with 1,640,496 board

get for the corresponding period last year, or a decrease of 15%. Prospects for this trade continue to be bright judging from the keen demand for timber concessions by prospective operators who expect to cater to the Japanese market. Consumption of sawn lumber by the above market in March increased considerably, amounting to 498,200 board feet compared with 106,848 board feet and 4,240 board feet for February and January, respectively.

Demand in China during the month under review continued comparatively active. There were shipped to this market in March 875,984 of lumber and timber compared with 185,712 board feet for the corresponding month in 1936, or an increase of 371%. Besides rough lumber, usually of a special grade known as the "Quartermaster grade", and round logs, considerable merchantable flooring is being shipped to the above market. It has been reported, however, that some difficulties are being met by local producers in connection with shipment of the latter product, arising from strict ruling recently issued by Customs Authorities in China. It is hoped, however, that these difficulties will be straightened out as soon as the method of grading flooring stocks followed by local exporters is better known by the Chinese authorities.

Exports of lumber and timber to the United States in March registered an increase of 22% compared with the previous month. The above amount is, however, still considered below normal. Local producers still found difficulties in securing adequate space for cargoes due to shortage of bottoms, which arose as a result of the Pacific Cost maritime strike.

Statement Showing Lumber and Timber Exports During the Month of March, 1936 and 1937

Destination		1937		1936	
		Quantity in Board Feet	Customs-De- clared Value	Quantity in Board Feet	Customs-De clared Value
Japan		9,480,640 498,200	P193,646 9,250	11,640,072 424	P205,332 196
China			10,893 19,368	185,712	8,958
Australia	Unsawn Timber Sawn Lumber		11,949 26,868	190,376 708,080	6,026 37,785
Singapore	Sawn Lumber	25,864	1,619 4,080	424	120
United States	Sawn Lumber	1,183,808	78,761	63,600 4,792,048	3,689 324,103
British Africa	Unsawn Timber Sawn Lumber	310,368	23,228	234,472	13,460
Portuguese Africa	Sawn Lumber	160,696	12,152	35,192	1,685
Great Britain	Unsawn Timber	687,728	61,824	1,021,840	84,384
Hawaii	Unsawn Timber	69,960	6,010	15,688	2,454
Denmark	Unsawn Timber Sawn Lumber	6,360	713	15,264	1,145
	Unsawn Timber Sawn Lumber	17,808	2,368	=	=
[reland	Sawn Lumber	7,632	923	70,808	6,358
Sweden	Sawn Lumber	22,896	2,674	=	
New Zealand	Unsawn Timber Sawn Lumber	83,104	8,648	43,248	3,300
British E. Indies	Sawn Lumber	=	=	70,808	15,876
longkong	Sawn Lumber			424	59
Canada	Unsawn Timber Sawn Lumber	=	= =	5,088	951
TOTAL		10,320,160 4,002,560	P218,107 256,867	11,894,048 7,199,520	P215,047 500,834
GRAND TOTAL		14.322.720	P474.974	19.093,568	P715.881

NOTE:-Board Feet should be used.

Lumber and timber shipments to Australia were steady. Total exports to this market in March aggregated 853,936 board (set, 306,552

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board feet of which were logs. This was the first log shipment to Australia during the year. As stated in our previous review, some local producers are now booked for large orders for the above market, necessitating regular shipments. Lumber consumption in Great Britain during the month under review fell off considerably compared with the previous month, but the amount actually shipped may still be considered normal. The decline was due to an apparently comparatively heavy stocks on hand in the above market, due to the unusually large shipment made in February.

The domestic market continued active. Prices for common stocks were comparable to those obtainable in the United States. Mill production in March totalled 20,935,547 board feet compared with 19,341,816 board feet for the same month in 1936. Lumber deliveries during the month under review exceeded production by 4%.