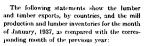
## LUMBER REVIEW

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Lumber and timber exports in January totalled 23,782,160 board feet feet, compared with 8,054,728 board feet for the corresponding month in 1936. Demand in Japan was unusually active; 20,395,672 board feet of round logs, or 85% of the total exports during

the month under review, were consigned to that market. Prices of Philippine timber in Japan are reported to have gone up, although this gain is considerably offset by the recent rise in freight rates. Japanese timber buyers continue to seek for new sources of supply and it is generally expected that this year's exportation of log to Japan will surpass that of 1936. In this connection, for year we have been calling attention to the wisdom of curtualing the shipment of logs abroad, particularly to countries which buy round logs and none better the property of the proper

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be sustained in the next few months to come remains to be seen, as usually the demand from this source is usually irregular.

The shipping strike in the Pacific Coast naturally resulted in a considerable falling off of lumber and timber shipments to the United States. Lumber and timber exports to this country in January aggregated 627,966 board feet, which was 1.644.272 board feet below that of the previous month and 498,200 band feet the previous month and 498,200 band feet the previous month and 498,200 band feet the producers books and prospects for the next few months are bright.

Shipments to Australia during the month

Sipments to Australia during the month under review fell off considerably from the previous month but this was offset to a large extent by a comparatively large consumption in New Zealand. Demands in South Africa and Great Britain were comparatively strong and Great Britain were comparatively strong and consumption by these markets in January

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Consumption by these markets in January consisted entirely of sawn lumber.

The situation in the domestic market continued favorable. Prices were considerably the order of the same properties of the corresponding month in 1936. The form the corresponding month in 1936 of the increasing use of timber in the mines. Mill production during the month under review increased 3% compared with the figure for the corresponding period last year. Total deliveries was slightly below production. This, however, was merely a reflection of the shipping strike in the Pacific Coast.

Statement Showing Lumber and Timber Export During the Month of January, 1936 and 1937

		1937		1936	
Destination		Quantity in Board Feet	Customs De- clared Value	Quantity in Board Feet	Customs De
Japan	Unsawn Timber. Sawn Lumber.	20 395,672 4,240	P367,626 400	5,560,760	P100,70
China	Unsawn Timber. Sawn Lumber.	957,392 47,912	14,491 2.631	319,272	6,87
Great Britain	Unsawn Timber. Sawn Lumber.	998,096	73,360	305,704	21,15
United States	Unsawn Timber, Sawn Lumber,	627,096	51,200	164,088 961,208	22,96 50,25
British Africa	Unsawn Timber. Sawn Lumber.	326,056	24,352	178,504	10,01
New Zealand	Unsawn Timber	170,024	11,340		
Portuguese Africa	Unsawn Timber. Sawn Lumber.	92,008	5,082	35,192	2,84
Sweden.	Unsawn Timber. Sawn Lumber.	61,904	7,314	11,024	81
Australia	Unsawn Timber. Sawn Lumber.	40,704	2,781	67,416 280,264	1,68 11.26
Canada	Unsawn Timber. Sawn Lumber	22,472	2,507		
Ireland	Unsawn Timber. Sawn Lumber.	13,992	1,272	71,232	5,30
Greece.	Unsawn Timber. Sawn Lumber.	8,904	855		
Netherlands	Unsawn Timber Sawn Lumber	7,208	775		
Finland .	Unsawn Timber. Sawn Lumber.	6,784	883		
Egypt.	Unsawn Timber. Sawn Lumber.	1,696	92		
Hongkong	Unsawn Timber. Sawn Lumber.		===	47,488	2,25
Singapore	Unsawn Timber Sawn Lumber			52,576	9,83
Total -	Unsawn Timber. Sawn Lumber.	21,523,088 2,259,072	P393,457 173,504	6,111,536 1,943,192	P132,220 113,75
Grand Total		23,782,160	P566.961	8,054,728	P245,979

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