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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

APRIL, 1962

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 406,182 M bd. ft. in April, 1962 as compared with 547,435 M bd. ft. in March, 1962. Shipments decreased in April, 1962 to 460,113 M bd. ft. from 515,933 in March, 1962. Stocks on hand showed a decrease from 851,789 M bd. ft. in March, 1962 to 773,850 M bd. ft. in April, 1962.

Table 1 gives a comparative summary of production, shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills, while Table 2 gives particulars of lumber and tie production for Coast mills and Interior mills separately. Details of lumber and tie shipments by method of transport are given in Table 3, while Table 4 shows particulars of stocks of lumber and ties at sawmills. It should be noted that some lumber originally reported as having been shipped to points within British Columbia by some operators may also be reported as having been shipped by other operators, who, in addition to sawing lumber, also purchase or have lumber sawn by contract for them. This, of course, would result in some duplication.

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand for Coast mills only, and also includes lumber purchases and some details of destination and method of transport.

Table 6 gives the number of active mills reporting each month for the Coast and the Interior of British Columbia. The mills reporting for April accounted for 80.7 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1960 compared with 79.2 p.c. for April of the previous year. It is to be hoped that the compilation will eventually include all mills in the 500,000 feet and over classification.

The co-operation of the British Columbia Lumber Manufacturers' Association, Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association and Northern Interior Lumbermen's Association in the collection of these statistics is gratefully acknowledged.

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TABLE 1 - Comparative Summary of Production, Shipments and Stocks of Lumber and Ties of British Columbia Sawmills

Species	April 1961	April 1962	March 1961	March 1962	4 months 1961	4 months 1962
	M ft.b.m.					
Production:						
Douglas Fir	164,814	141,291	193,368	187,538	698,424	655,202
Hemlock	96,876	119,770	111,011	120,980	408,744	473,843
Balsam Fir	4,039	4,986	3,087	5,924	14,132	20,960
Red Cedar	54,498	50,401	57,968	58,564	202,847	205,478
Spruce	53,735	67,886	109,721	145,753[r]	355,765	452,388
White Pine	8,764	7,215	7,382	6,693	27,521	27,967
Ponderosa Pine	3,476	2,617	2,821	1,758	8,792	7,446
Lodgepole Pine	5,413	5,108	9,568	11,657	33,187	35,317
Tamarack or Larch	3,908	4,783	5,994	5,741	21,163	19,352
All other softwoods	2,681	1,640	2,432	2,355	8,950	7,059
Total softwoods	398,204	405,697	503,352	546,963[r]	1,779,525	1,905,012
Red Alder	110	182	125	156	399	466
Maple	80	248	97	216	488	594
Birch	29	33	30	57	126	118
Cottonwood	167	22	3	43	176	131
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	386	485	255	472	1,189	1,309
Total production	398,590	406,182	503,607	547,435[r]	1,780,714	1,906,321
Shipments						
To: Points in Canada	113,843	112,385	126,105	131,159	459,257	468,262
Points in U.S.A.	195,596	221,804	194,535	225,597	697,743	834,386
United Kingdom	33,173	32,114	35,482	31,527	162,332	131,359
Other Countries	37,917	37,465	35,617	44,316	130,093	142,187
Shipments reported	380,529	403,768	391,739	432,599	1,449,425	1,576,194
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	50,206	56,345	66,196	83,334	226,635	261,888
Total shipments	430,735	460,113	457,935	515,933	1,676,060	1,838,082

	April 1961	April 1962	March 1961	March 1962
	M ft.b.m.		M ft.b.m.	
Stocks on hand:				
Douglas Fir	230,514	187,461	249,673	216,534
Hemlock	145,496	164,067	163,251	168,334
Balsam Fir	3,188	6,455	3,114	4,119
Red Cedar	104,413	91,316	102,669	96,268
Spruce	235,212	281,075	250,535	323,918
White Pine	15,560	12,028	14,000	12,103
Ponderosa Pine	13,913	7,444	10,980	7,696
Lodgepole Pine	8,209	12,396	9,407	11,518
Tamarack or Larch	7,268	4,126	8,036	4,216
All other softwoods	6,412	7,323	6,375	7,015
Total softwoods	770,185	773,691	818,040	851,721
Red Alder	9	74	23	20
Maple	32	41	51	33
Birch	-	37	24	-
Cottonwood	406	7	71	15
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	447	159	169	68
Total stocks	770,632	773,850	818,209	851,789

[r] Revised figures - see footnote page 4.

TABLE 2 - Lumber and Ties Sawn, April, 1962

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
	M ft.b.m.					
Lumber						
Douglas Fir	77,094	2,498	79,592	34,748	26,058	60,806
Hemlock	114,072	794	114,866	3,160	1,744	4,904
Balsam Fir	2,915	52	2,967	1,333	686	2,019
Red Cedar	41,871	611	42,482	6,784	1,135	7,919
Spruce	3,908	1,668	5,576	42,033	20,178	62,211
White Pine	3,153	5	3,158	3,123	934	4,057
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	1,949	657	2,606
Lodgepole Pine	-	121	121	2,468	2,177	4,645
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	1,190	3,575	4,765
All other softwoods	1,544	88	1,632	-	8	8
Total, softwoods	244,557	5,837	250,394	96,788	57,152	153,940
Red Alder	109	73	182	-	-	-
Maple	109	139	248	-	-	-
Birch	10	12	22	3	8	11
Cottonwood	-	2	2	-	20	20
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	228	226	454	3	28	31
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	244,785	6,063	250,848	96,791	57,180	153,971
Ties						
Douglas Fir	278	28	306	167	420	587
Hemlock	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	87(1)	12	99
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	11	11
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	145	197	342
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	10	8	18
All other softwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods	278	28	306	409	648	1,057
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	278	28	306	409	648	1,057
Lumber and ties	245,063	6,091	251,154	97,200	57,828	155,028

(1) This item should have read 20 instead of 500 in March report making adjustments of minus 480 necessary in totals.

TABLE 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, April, 1962

	By truck and local sales	By rail	Water-borne	Total shipments
		M ft.b.m.		
Coast mills				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	47,153	2,458	6,879	56,490
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	25	1,637	...	1,662
Saskatchewan	-	748	...	748
Manitoba	-	1,325	...	1,325
Ontario	-	6,037	-	6,037
Quebec	-	2,125	1,471	3,596
New Brunswick	-	31	-	31
Nova Scotia	-	88	-	88
Prince Edward Island	-	5	-	5
Newfoundland	-	93	470	563
Total for Canada	47,178	14,547	8,820	70,545
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	769	1,632	2,321	4,722
Atlantic Ports	-	237	95,457	95,694
Other points	748	31,981	-	32,729
Total for U.S.A.	1,517	33,850	97,778	133,145
United Kingdom	...	2,258(1)	29,071	31,329
Other countries	...	-	37,465	37,465
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	48,695	50,655	173,134	272,484
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				5,429
Total shipments, reported and estimated				277,913
Interior mills				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	15,600	3,389	-	18,989
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	1,305	5,217	...	6,522
Saskatchewan	424	2,693	...	3,117
Manitoba	-	3,538	...	3,538
Ontario	-	8,815	-	8,815
Quebec	-	738	-	738
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	13	-	13
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	108	-	108
Total for Canada	17,329	24,511	-	41,840
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	-	-	-	-
Atlantic Ports	...	4,817	-	4,817
Other points	146	83,696	...	83,842
Total for U.S.A.	146	88,513	-	88,659
United Kingdom	...	86(1)	699	785
Other countries	...	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	17,475	113,110	699	131,284
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				50,916
Total shipments, reported and estimated				182,200

(1) Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

TABLE 4 - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, April 30, 1962

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
	M ft.b.m.					
Sold (but not shipped)						
Douglas Fir	77,472	1,926	79,398	3,068	1,682	4,750
Hemlock	104,179	2,589	106,768	95	50	145
Balsam Fir	1,202	30	1,232	66	35	101
Red Cedar	34,343	854	35,197	1,556	817	2,373
Spruce	611	15	626	10,863	6,683	17,546
White Pine	2,253	56	2,309	1,747	917	2,664
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	515	270	785
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	638	425	1,063
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	5	3	8
All other softwoods	2,586	64	2,650	-	-	-
Total, softwoods	222,646	5,534	228,180	18,553	10,882	29,435
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	222,646	5,534	228,180	18,553	10,882	29,435
Unsold						
Douglas Fir	29,732	739	30,471	46,937	25,905	72,842
Hemlock	42,780	1,063	43,843	8,170	5,141	13,311
Balsam Fir	785	20	805	2,642	1,675	4,317
Red Cedar	36,723	913	37,636	10,481	5,629	16,110
Spruce	3,902	97	3,999	159,070	99,834	258,904
White Pine	2,575	64	2,639	2,894	1,522	4,416
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	4,366	2,293	6,659
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	6,957	4,376	11,333
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	2,700	1,418	4,118
All other softwoods	3,859	96	3,955	471	247	718
Total, softwoods	120,356	2,992	123,348	244,688	148,040	392,728
Red Alder	72	2	74	-	-	-
Maple	40	1	41	-	-	-
Birch	20	-	20	11	6	17
Cottonwood	-	-	-	5	2	7
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	132	3	135	16	8	24
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	120,488	2,995	123,483	244,704	148,048	392,752
Sold and unsold	343,134	8,529	351,663	263,257	158,930	422,187

TABLE 5 - Comparative Summary of Distribution of Orders on Hand and Lumber Purchased by Coast Mills from Other Mills

	April 1961	April 1962	March 1961	March 1962
	M ft.b.m.			
Orders on hand				
For shipments to points in British Columbia				
Local	21,340	19,526	19,965	17,727
Coastwise and Interior	3,438	3,188	2,305	3,051
Total	24,778	22,714	22,270	20,778
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	7,570	8,363	7,869	7,547
Eastern Provinces	14,709	11,815	14,683	14,624
United States of America	47,326	51,629	41,741	44,051
Total	69,605	71,807	64,293	66,222
For Waterborne shipments to:				
California	3,012	4,112	3,785	7,815
U.S. Atlantic Ports	104,178	106,699	123,177	125,013
Eastern Markets	-	3,588	5,735	4,278
Export Markets	176,257	173,863	158,857	175,714
Total	283,447	288,262	291,554	312,820
Total orders on hand	377,830	382,783	378,117	399,820
Lumber purchased from other mills	2,613	2,065	2,371	1,464

TABLE 6 - Number of Active Mills Reporting

		April 1961	April 1962	March 1961	March 1962
Coast	No.	68	65	69	64
Interior	"	138	145	196	211
Total, British Columbia	"	206	210	265	275

A few returns received after compilations were closed have been omitted.

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