

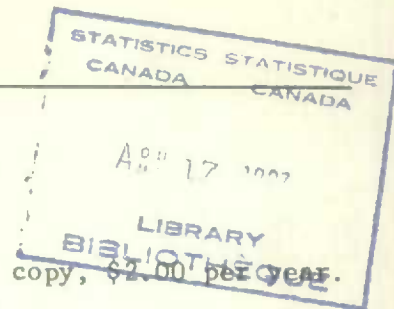
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 362,975 M ft. in November, 1956 as compared with 319,846 M ft. in November, 1955 an increase of 13.5 p.c. over the previous year but a decrease of 11.8 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 57.8 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 5.1 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 42.2 p.c. showed an increase of 27.3 p.c. Shipments in November, 1956 totalled 345,620 M ft., as compared with 372,235 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 7.2 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 1.7 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 17.5 p.c. Total shipments for November decreased by 4.8 p.c. from the October figure of 362,964 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of November, 1956 amounted to 570,660 M ft., as compared with 463,921 M ft. at the end of November the previous year and 558,029 M ft. at the end of October of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 290,011 M ft., while Interior mills showed 280,649 M ft.

Summary Figures

Table 1 gives a comparative summary of production, shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills for October and November 1955 and 1956. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 421,281 M ft. in October, 1955 to 319,846 M ft. in November, 1955 and from 411,506 M ft. in October to 362,975 M ft. in November, 1956. Shipments totalled 362,964 M ft. in October, 1956 and 345,620 M ft. in November, 1956 as compared with 392,014 M ft. in October and 372,235 M ft. in November of 1955. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 513,221 M ft. in October, 1955 to 463,921 M ft. in November and increased from 558,029 M ft. in October 1956 to 570,660 M ft. in November of this year.

Production

Table 2 gives particulars of lumber and tie production for Coast mills and Interior mills separately, and also shows separately the production of lumber and ties, by species. Production of sawn lumber in Coast mills amounted to 208,122 M ft. in November, 1956 as compared with 148,407 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,821 M ft. in November as compared with 4,625 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 57.8 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in November, 1956 as compared with 62.4 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during October, 1956 and 1955 respectively, were 52.9 and 59.0 p.c.

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Shipments

Table 3 gives details of lumber and tie shipments, by months, for Coast mills and Interior mills separately. Shipments by truck, by rail and waterborne are shown for each Canadian province, to points in the United States, to the United Kingdom and to other countries, for all mills reporting. Total estimated shipments of non-reporting mills are also given. It is to be noted, however, that some lumber originally reported as having been shipped to points in British Columbia may have been re-shipped to other provinces or exported by the purchasers and reported by them also, thereby causing a certain amount of duplication.

Shipments of Coast mills amounted to 203,903 M ft. in November of 1956 and 197,867 M ft. in October, 1956 as compared with 200,493 M ft. in November, 1955 and 200,993 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 141,717 M ft. and 171,742 M ft. in November 1956 and 1955 and 165,097 M ft. and 191,021 M ft. in October, 1956 and 1955. Of all shipments actually reported for November, 35.6 p.c. went to points in Canada, 44.0 p.c. to points in United States, 8.5 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 11.9 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 27.2 p.c. of the total, while 48.7 p.c. went by rail, and 24.1 p.c. by truck.

Stocks

Table 4 gives particulars of stocks of lumber and ties at sawmills by months. It distinguishes between stocks sold but not shipped and stocks unsold, and between stocks at Coast and Interior mills, by species. Total stocks at Coast mills in October and November, 1956 amounted to 283,429 M ft. and 290,011 M ft. as compared with 273,445 M ft. and 273,508 M ft. in October and November of 1955. Interior mills stocks decreased from 239,776 M ft. in October to 190,413 M ft. in November, 1955 but increased from 274,600 M ft. in October to 280,649 M ft. in November, 1956. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 34.3 p.c. of the total in November, 1956 as compared with 25.6 p.c. in November, 1955 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 90.9 and 85.7.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of October and November, 1955 and 1956 for Coast mills only. Similar information is not collected from Interior mills and no attempt has been made to estimate orders on hand of non-reporting mills on the Coast. Destination and mode of shipments are shown in this table, which also gives total lumber purchases reported by some mills. Total orders on hand at the end of November, 1956 amounted to 275,480 M ft. as compared with 342,964 M ft. in November, 1955. Orders on hand at the end of October, 1956 and 1955 amounted to 256,608 M ft. and 318,788 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 4,604 M ft. in November, 1956 and 4,067 M ft. in November, 1955 as compared with 3,944 M ft. in October, 1956 and 6,146 M ft. in October, 1955.

Active Mills Reporting

Table 6 gives the number of active mills reporting each month for the Coast and Interior of British Columbia. The mills reporting for November accounted for 78.4 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1954 compared with 78.6 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for October, 1955 and 1956 were 78.9 and 80.2 respectively. It is 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.

Table 1. - Comparative Summary of Production, Shipments and Stocks of Lumber and Ties of British Columbia Sawmills, November, 1956.

	November		October		11 months	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	157,515	174,174	197,511	196,328	2,011,422	2,010,575
Hemlock	61,111	72,165	68,903	73,684	790,526	758,932
Balsam Fir	3,080	4,332	4,811	3,900	26,133	43,401
Red Cedar	35,327	41,082	41,461	42,470	488,802	456,549
Spruce	44,166	51,219	77,857	70,151	779,829	799,837
White Pine	4,865	5,427	7,411	6,461	70,567	66,121
Ponderosa Pine	2,860	3,521	4,191	3,714	48,294	48,608
Lodgepole Pine	4,160	4,552	6,873	5,352	55,199	60,683
All other softwoods ...	6,409	6,209	11,813	9,146	104,766	89,464
Total, softwoods	319,493	362,681	420,831	411,206	4,375,538	4,334,170
Red Alder	114	96	139	52	1,654	1,208
Maple	190	138	198	205	1,730	2,236
Birch	28	42	60	29	581	422
Cottonwood	17	18	47	14	1,041	871
All other hardwoods ...	4	-	6	-	52	28
Total, hardwoods	353	294	450	300	5,058	4,765
Total, production	319,846	362,975	421,281	411,506	4,380,596	4,338,935
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada ...	94,610	102,482	119,311	125,002	1,259,767	1,423,900
Points in U.S.A. ...	110,064	126,811	131,096	129,084	1,403,827	1,393,011
United Kingdom	30,789	24,473	38,149	22,735	550,616	319,904
Other Countries	38,381	34,256	24,068	29,592	375,977	310,370
Shipments reported	273,844	288,022	312,624	306,413	3,590,187	3,447,185
Estimated shipments non-reporting mills ...	98,391	57,598	79,390	56,551	858,356	776,351
Total shipments	372,235	345,620	392,014	362,964	4,448,543	4,223,536
STOCKS ON HAND						
	November		October			
	1955	1956	1955	1956		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	201,549	219,773	212,284	214,566		
Hemlock	96,811	115,187	97,683	112,462		
Balsam Fir	3,787	1,813	768	1,404		
Red Cedar	56,459	67,955	54,010	65,750		
Spruce	71,282	125,321	107,099	120,290		
White Pine	11,684	11,487	13,091	10,418		
Ponderosa Pine	12,122	18,581	13,229	16,525		
Lodgepole Pine	4,451	6,076	4,975	7,823		
All other softwoods ...	5,676	3,985	10,016	8,262		
Total, softwoods	463,821	570,178	513,155	557,500		
Red Alder	43	41	3	45		
Maple	25	44	14	45		
Birch	14	17	7	17		
Cottonwood	15	379	39	421		
All other hardwoods ...	3	1	3	1		
Total hardwoods	100	482	66	529		
Total stocks	463,921	570,660	513,221	558,029		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, November, 1956

Species	COAST MILLS			INTERIOR MILLS		
	Reported M ft.b.m.	Estimated M ft.b.m.	Total M ft.b.m.	Reported M ft.b.m.	Estimated M ft.b.m.	Total M ft.b.m.
LUMBER						
Douglas Fir	85,856	4,752	90,608	44,679	33,523	78,202
Hemlock	67,350	1,363	68,713	2,952	378	3,330
Balsam Fir	3,186	93	3,279	386	630	1,016
Red Cedar	38,164	900	39,064	1,625	393	2,018
Spruce	4,068	173	4,241	20,971	25,993	46,964
White Pine	1,503	112	1,615	1,874	1,922	3,796
Ponderosa Pine	-	4	4	1,879	1,550	3,429
Lodgepole Pine	-	6	6	1,529	2,538	4,067
All other softwoods ..	324	3	327	460	5,096	5,556
Total, softwoods	200,451	7,406	207,857	76,355	72,023	148,378
Red Alder	74	22	96	-	-	-
Maple	108	27	135	-	3	3
Birch	29	5	34	-	8	8
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	18	18
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	211	54	265	-	29	29
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	200,662	7,460	208,122	76,355	72,052	148,407
TIES						
Douglas Fir	1,487	238	1,725	1,066	2,573	3,639
Hemlock	90	6	96	-	26	26
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	37	37
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	14	14
White Pine	-	-	-	16	-	16
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	88	88
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	29	450	479
All other softwoods ..	-	-	-	-	326	326
Total, softwoods	1,577	244	1,821	1,111	3,514	4,625
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	1,577	244	1,821	1,111	3,514	4,625
LUMBER AND TIES	202,239	7,704	209,943	77,466	75,566	153,032

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, November, 1956

	By Truck (Local Sales) M ft.b.m.	By Rail M ft.b.m.	Water- borne M ft.b.m.	Total Shipments M ft.b.m.
<u>COAST MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	42,910	1,673	1,490	46,073
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta		1,531	xxxxxxx	1,531
Saskatchewan		424	xxxxxxx	424
Manitoba		1,054	xxxxxxx	1,054
Ontario		6,077	-	6,077
Quebec		1,395	-	1,395
New Brunswick		133	-	133
Nova Scotia		105	-	105
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		59	-	59
Total for Canada	42,910	12,451	1,490	56,851
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		1,076	-	1,076
Atlantic Ports		446	20,419	20,865
Other points, by rail		57,636	xxxxxxx	57,636
Total for U.S.A.		59,158	20,419	79,577
United Kingdomx		1,270	22,880	24,150
Other countriesx		999	33,257	34,256
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported ..	42,910	73,878	78,046	194,834
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				9,069
Total shipments, reported and estimated				203,903
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	25,610	2,139	-	27,749
Yukon and Northwest Territories		299	-	299
Alberta	837	3,888	xxxxxxx	4,725
Saskatchewan		2,045	xxxxxxx	2,045
Manitoba		3,159	xxxxxxx	3,159
Ontario		7,104	-	7,104
Quebec		550	-	550
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	26,447	19,184	-	45,631
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		389	-	389
Atlantic Ports		943	-	943
Other points, by rail		45,902	xxxxxxx	45,902
Total for U.S.A.		47,234	-	47,234
United Kingdomx		24	299	323
Other countriesx		-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported ..	26,447	66,442	299	93,188
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				48,529
Total shipments, reported and estimated				141,717
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, November, 1956

Species	COAST MILLS			INTERIOR MILLS		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.
<u>SOLD (BUT NOT SHIPPED)</u>						
Douglas Fir	78,290	2,982	81,272	5,221	5,093	10,314
Hemlock	73,189	2,788	75,977	673	656	1,329
Balsam Fir	24	1	25	-	-	-
Red Cedar	26,045	992	27,037	468	457	925
Spruce	2,571	98	2,669	5,314	5,184	10,498
White Pine	2,758	105	2,863	951	928	1,879
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	336	327	663
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other softwoods ..	519	20	539	-	-	-
Total, softwoods	<u>183,396</u>	<u>6,986</u>	<u>190,382</u>	<u>12,963</u>	<u>12,645</u>	<u>25,608</u>
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	22	1	23	-	-	-
Birch	4	-	4	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods.....	<u>26</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	<u>183,422</u>	<u>6,987</u>	<u>190,409</u>	<u>12,963</u>	<u>12,645</u>	<u>25,608</u>
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	36,572	1,393	37,965	45,671	44,551	90,222
Hemlock	21,304	811	22,115	7,981	7,785	15,766
Balsam Fir	170	6	176	816	796	1,612
Red Cedar	33,227	1,266	34,493	2,784	2,716	5,500
Spruce	2,703	103	2,806	55,353	53,995	109,348
White Pine	1,140	44	1,184	2,815	2,746	5,561
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	9,070	8,848	17,918
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	3,076	3,000	6,076
All other softwoods ..	758	29	787	1,346	1,313	2,659
Total, softwoods	<u>95,874</u>	<u>3,652</u>	<u>99,526</u>	<u>128,912</u>	<u>125,750</u>	<u>254,662</u>
Red Alder	39	2	41	-	-	-
Maple	20	1	21	-	-	-
Birch	13	-	13	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	192	187	379
All other hardwoods ..	1	-	1	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	<u>73</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>192</u>	<u>187</u>	<u>379</u>
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	<u>95,947</u>	<u>3,655</u>	<u>99,602</u>	<u>129,104</u>	<u>125,937</u>	<u>255,041</u>
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>	<u>279,369</u>	<u>10,642</u>	<u>290,011</u>	<u>142,067</u>	<u>138,582</u>	<u>280,649</u>

Table 5. - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of November, 1956 and
Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	November		October	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
For Shipments to points in British Columbia				
Local	17,687	15,315	16,863	18,843
Coastwise and Interior	3,379	4,079	2,976	3,498
Total	21,066	19,394	19,839	22,341
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	9,970	8,795	9,824	7,815
Eastern Provinces	15,165	14,358	13,494	21,253
United States of America	51,091	47,059	45,321	39,479
Total	76,226	70,212	68,639	68,547
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	1,100	1,710	3,726	540
U.S. Atlantic Ports	32,086	25,299	29,978	22,715
Eastern Markets	-	67	-	-
Export Markets	212,486	158,798	196,606	142,465
Total	245,672	185,874	230,310	165,720
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	342,964	275,480	318,788	256,608
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM				
OTHER MILLS	4,067	4,604	6,146	3,944

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting
November, 1956

		November		October	
		1955	1956	1955	1956
Coast	No.	100	86	103	92
Interior	No.	273	266	306	275
Total, British Columbia		373	352	409	367

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

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