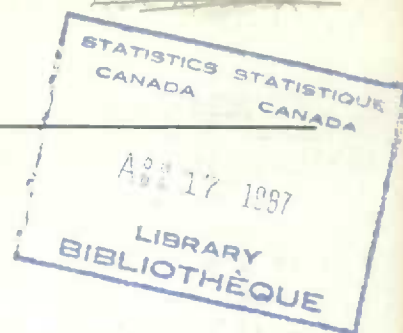


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 386,946 M ft. in February, 1956 as compared with 377,361 M ft. in February, 1955 an increase of 2.5 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 1.7 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 56.2 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 4.2 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 43.8 p.c. showed an increase of 12.7 p.c. Shipments in February, 1956 totalled 353,503 M ft., as compared with 380,894 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 7.2 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 9.1 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 4.6 p.c. Total shipments for February decreased by 5.5 p.c. from the January figure of 374,207 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of February, 1956 amounted to 545,214 M ft., as compared with 516,015 M ft. at the end of February the previous year and 514,123 M ft. at the end of January of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 299,100 M ft., while Interior mills showed 246,114 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 January and February 1955 and 1956. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 406,113 M ft. in January, 1955 to 377,361 M ft. in February, 1955 but increased from 380,651 M ft. in January to 386,946 M ft. in February, 1956. Shipments totalled 374,207 M ft. in January, 1956 and 353,503 M ft. in February, 1956 as compared with 355,798 M ft. in January and 380,894 M ft. in February of 1955. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 512,652 M ft. in January, 1955 to 516,015 M ft. in February and increased from 514,123 M ft. in January, 1956 to 545,214 M ft. in February 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 215,576 M ft. in February, 1956 as compared with 166,194 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,875 M ft. in February as compared with 3,301 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 56.2 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in February, 1956 as compared with 60.1 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during January, 1956 and 1955 respectively, were 55.2 and 59.6 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 200,233 M ft. in February of 1956 and 210,897 M ft. in January, 1956 as compared with 220,261 M ft. in February, 1955 and 236,784 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 153,270 M ft. and 160,633 M ft. in February, 1956 and 1955 and 163,310 M ft. and 119,014 M ft. in January, 1956 and 1955. Of all shipments actually reported for February, 39.2 p.c. went to points in Canada, 41.7 p.c. to points in United States, 9.1 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 10.0 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 26.1 p.c. of the total, while 50.4 p.c. went by rail, and 23.5 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 January and February, 1956 amounted to 278,655 M ft. and 299,100 M ft. as compared with 294,641 M ft. and 309,982 M ft. in January and February of 1955. Interior mills stocks decreased from 218,011 M ft. in January to 206,033 M ft. in February, 1955 but increased from 235,468 M ft. in January to 246,114 M ft. in February, 1956. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 29.8 p.c. of the total in February, 1956 as compared with 28.3 p.c. in February, 1955 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 84.8 and 85.3.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of January and February, 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 February, 1956 amounted to 337,806 M ft. as compared with 394,613 M ft. in February, 1955. Orders on hand at the end of January, 1956 and 1955 amounted to 348,648 M ft. and 396,276 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 5,661 M ft. in February, 1956 and 5,189 M ft. in February, 1955 as compared with 5,423 M ft. in January, 1956 and 4,403 M ft. in January, 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 February accounted for 80.5 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1953 compared with 79.4 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for January, 1955 and 1956 were 78.6 and 79.9 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, February, 1956.

	February		January		2 Months	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	155,498	162,964	171,712	163,624	327,210	326,588
Hemlock	77,157	69,082	76,009	69,085	153,166	138,167
Balsam Fir	1,208	4,262	1,516	4,372	2,724	8,634
Red Cedar	50,028	43,943	45,423	53,046	95,451	96,989
Spruce	74,174	81,877	89,042	66,157	163,216	148,034
White Pine	7,420	5,299	5,895	4,893	13,315	10,192
Ponderosa Pine	2,395	2,899	2,921	3,950	5,316	6,849
Lodgepole Pine	3,821	5,971	4,187	5,446	8,008	11,417
All other softwoods	5,412	9,980	8,977	9,551	14,389	19,531
Total softwoods	377,113	386,277	405,682	380,124	782,795	766,401
Red Alder	93	272	169	159	262	431
Maple	54	260	104	271	158	531
Birch	30	43	72	33	102	76
Cottonwood	71	89	86	59	157	148
All other hardwoods	-	5	-	5	-	10
Total hardwoods	248	669	431	527	679	1,196
Total production	377,361	386,946	406,113	380,651	783,474	767,597
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	101,902	114,933	97,099x	113,874	199,001	228,807
Points in U.S.A.	114,820	122,345	118,285x	120,734	233,105	243,079
United Kingdom	54,231	26,669	67,118x	41,639	121,349	68,308
Other Countries	27,956	29,320	32,502x	21,915	60,458	51,235
Shipments reported	298,909	293,267	315,004x	298,162	613,913	591,429
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	81,985	60,236	40,794x	76,045	122,779	136,281
Total shipments	380,894	353,503	355,798x	374,207	736,692	727,710
STOCKS ON HAND						
	February		January			
	1955	1956	1955	1956		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	188,491	204,659	187,682	199,570		
Hemlock	110,751	102,242	103,894	98,449		
Balsam Fir	355	2,306	1,188	938		
Red Cedar	59,221	73,023	63,825	70,140		
Spruce	108,827	128,632	108,921	107,447		
White Pine	16,334	11,358	14,228	13,313		
Ponderosa Pine	17,341	11,506	18,529	12,794		
Lodgepole Pine	4,747	5,876	5,123	5,800		
All other softwoods	9,719	5,532	9,227	5,588		
Total softwoods	515,786	545,134	512,617	514,039		
Red Alder	-	25	7	22		
Maple	3	39	-	45		
Birch	11	14	23	15		
Cottonwood	209	-	-	-		
All other hardwoods	6	2	5	2		
Total hardwoods	229	80	35	84		
Total stocks	516,015	545,214	512,652	514,123		

x Quantities showing Shipments for January, 1955 in the January, 1956 report, were copied wrongly, should read same as above.

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, February, 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.
LUMBER						
Douglas Fir	92,071	3,587	95,658	31,161	31,807	62,968
Hemlock	64,117	1,094	65,211	2,763	990	3,753
Balsam Fir	2,507	21	2,528	959	608	1,567
Red Cedar	38,921	756	39,677	3,866	400	4,266
Spruce	6,523	168	6,691	44,951	30,223	75,174
White Pine	2,601	9	2,610	1,086	1,600	2,686
Ponderosa Pine	-	16	16	775	2,101	2,876
Lodgepole Pine	-	7	7	2,487	3,145	5,632
All other softwoods.....	2,595	5	2,600	2,492	4,689	7,181
Total, softwoods	209,335	5,663	214,998	90,540	75,563	166,103
Red Alder	177	95	272	-	-	-
Maple	174	86	260	-	-	-
Birch	20	17	37	-	6	6
Cottonwood	-	9	9	66	14	80
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	5	5
Total, hardwoods	371	207	578	66	25	91
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	209,706	5,870	215,576	90,606	75,588	166,194
TIES						
Douglas Fir.....	1,627	141	1,768	1,036	1,534	2,570
Hemlock	107	-	107	-	11	11
Balsam Fir.....	-	-	-	-	167	167
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	12	12
White Pine	-	-	-	-	3	3
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	7	7
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	115	217	332
All other softwoods	-	-	-	-	199	199
Total, softwoods.....	1,734	141	1,875	1,151	2,150	3,301
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	1,734	141	1,875	1,151	2,150	3,301
LUMBER AND TIES	211,440	6,011	217,451	91,757	77,738	169,495

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, February, 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	39,678	1,514	1,327	42,519
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta		2,956	-	2,956
Saskatchewan		1,095	xxxxxx	1,095
Manitoba		1,357	xxxxxx	1,357
Ontario		9,145	xxxxxx	9,145
Quebec		2,254	-	2,254
New Brunswick		212	-	212
Nova Scotia		891	-	891
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		43	-	43
Total for Canada	39,678	19,467	1,327	60,472
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		1,219	1,121	2,340
Atlantic Ports		3,320	20,584	23,904
Other points, by rail		55,355	xxxxxx	55,355
Total for U.S.A.		59,894	21,705	81,599
United Kingdomx		1,153	25,131	26,284
Other countriesx		1,027	28,293	29,320
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported ...	39,678	81,541	76,456	197,675
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				2,558
Total shipments, reported and estimated				200,233
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	27,633	7,321	-	34,954
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	1,630	3,370	xxxxxx	5,000
Saskatchewan		2,212	xxxxxx	2,212
Manitoba		3,847	xxxxxx	3,847
Ontario		7,937	-	7,937
Quebec		481	-	481
New Brunswick		28	-	28
Nova Scotia		2	-	2
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	29,263	25,198	-	54,461
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		629	-	629
Atlantic Ports		2,078	-	2,078
Other points, by rail		38,039	xxxxxx	38,039
Total for U.S.A.		40,746	-	40,746
United Kingdomx		175	210	385
Other countriesx		-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported ...	29,263	66,119	210	95,592
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				57,678
Total shipments, reported and estimated				153,270
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

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

February, 1956

Species	COAST MILLS			INTERIOR MILLS		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
SOLD (but not shipped)	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.
Douglas Fir	90,292	2,567	92,859	7,594	6,434	14,028
Hemlock	69,738	1,982	71,720	329	279	608
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	56	48	104
Red Cedar	34,118	970	35,088	202	171	373
Spruce	3,725	106	3,831	9,655	8,180	17,835
White Pine	3,677	105	3,782	1,013	858	1,871
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	1,231	1,043	2,274
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	56	47	103
All other softwoods	2,566	73	2,639	148	125	273
Total, softwoods	204,116	5,803	209,919	20,284	17,185	37,469
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	25	1	26	-	-	-
Birch	6	-	6	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	31	1	32	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	204,147	5,804	209,951	20,284	17,185	37,469
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	29,466	838	30,304	36,524	30,944	67,468
Hemlock	22,985	653	23,638	3,398	2,878	6,276
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	1,192	1,010	2,202
Red Cedar	29,638	842	30,480	3,834	3,248	7,082
Spruce	3,181	91	3,272	56,135	47,559	103,694
White Pine	1,010	29	1,039	2,526	2,140	4,666
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	4,998	4,234	9,232
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	3,125	2,648	5,773
All other softwoods	358	10	368	1,219	1,033	2,252
Total, softwoods	86,638	2,463	89,101	112,951	95,694	208,645
Red Alder	24	1	25	-	-	-
Maple	13	-	13	-	-	-
Birch	8	-	8	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	2	-	2	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	47	1	48	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	86,685	2,464	89,149	112,951	95,694	208,645
SOLD AND UNSOLD	290,832	8,268	299,100	133,235	112,879	246,114

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

	February		January	
	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.....	17,507	27,556	14,626	27,396
Coastwise and Interior.....	2,512	4,327	2,591	4,353
Total	20,019	31,883	17,217	31,749
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces.....	6,537	11,625	5,442	13,299
Eastern Provinces	17,500	22,831	13,096	19,229
United States of America.....	59,316	47,737	58,561	54,079
Total	83,353	82,193	77,099	86,607
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	325	1,619	310	1,565
U.S. Atlantic Ports	17,428	28,978	22,872	33,650
Eastern Markets	5,000	6,275	1,988	1,646
Exports Markets	268,488	186,858	276,790	193,431
Total	291,241	223,730	301,960	230,292
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND.....	394,613	337,806	396,276	348,648
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
	5,189	5,661	4,403	5,423

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

<u>February, 1956</u>				
	February		January	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
Coast	No. 102	86	101	82
Interior	No. 262	278	258	265
Total, British Columbia	No. 364	364	359	347

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

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