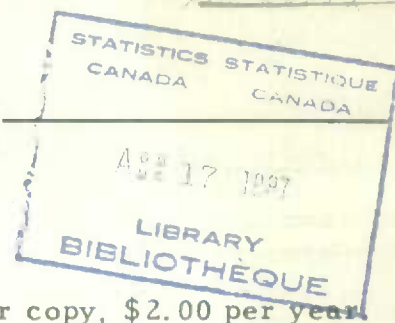


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 335,000 M ft. in April, 1956 as compared with 328,530 M ft. in April, 1955 an increase of 2.0 p.c. over the previous year but a decrease of 19.7 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 63.3 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 8.9 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 36.7 p.c. showed an increase of 28.2 p.c. Shipments in April, 1956 totalled 341,758 M ft., as compared with 402,918 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 15.2 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 14.6 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 16.3 p.c. Total shipments for April decreased by 11.0 p.c. from the March figure of 383,802 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of April, 1956 amounted to 555,208 M ft., as compared with 495,111 M ft. at the end of April the previous year and 563,681 M ft. at the end of March of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 299,105 M ft., while Interior mills showed 256,103 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 March and April, 1955 and 1956. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 413,242 M ft. in March, 1955 to 328,530 M ft. in April, 1955 and from 417,388 M ft. in March to 335,000 M ft. in April, 1956. Shipments totalled 383,802 M ft. in March, 1956 and 341,758 M ft. in April, 1956, as compared with 380,302 M ft. in March and 402,918 M ft. in April of 1955. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 566,473 M ft. in March, 1955 to 495,111 M ft. in April and decreased from 563,681 M ft. in March, 1956 to 555,208 M ft. in April 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 209,640 M ft. in April, 1956 as compared with 120,624 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 2,326 M ft. in April as compared with 2,410 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 63.3 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in April, 1956 as compared with 70.8 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during March, 1956 and 1955 respectively, were 52.7 and 61.2 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 218,366 M ft. in April of 1956 and 217,-577 M ft. in March, 1956 as compared with 255,568 M ft. in April, 1955 and 250,319 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 123,392 M ft. and 147,-350 M ft. in April, 1956 and 1955 and 166,225 M ft. and 129,983 M ft. in March, 1956 and 1955. Of all shipments actually reported for April, 39.9 p.c. went to points in Canada, 41.8 p.c. to points in United States, 9.7 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 8.6 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 28.0 p.c. of the total, while 47.3 p.c. went by rail, and 24.7 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 March and April, 1956 amounted to 298,687 M ft. and 299,105 M ft. as compared with 317,-727 M ft. and 297,848 M ft. in March and April of 1955. Interior mills stocks decreased from 248,746 M ft. in March to 197,263 M ft. in April, 1955 and decreased from 264,994 M ft. in March to 256,103 M ft. in April, 1956. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 31.5 p.c. of the total in April, 1956 as compared with 33.2 p.c. in April, 1955 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 85.7 and 79.8.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of March and April, 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 April, 1956 amounted to 330,838 M ft. as compared with 344,943 M ft. in April, 1955. Orders on hand at the end of March, 1956 and 1955 amounted to 339,806 M ft. and 371,061 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 6,128 M ft. in April, 1956 and 3,643 M ft. in April, 1955 as compared with 5,197 M ft. in March, 1956 and 6,590 M ft. in March, 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 April accounted for 79.9 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1954 compared with 79.5 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for March, 1955 and 1956 were 78.2 and 79.5 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, April, 1956.

	April		March		4 Months	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	156,558	155,514	182,847	179,678	666,615	661,780
Hemlock	66,092	67,936	80,239	78,592	299,497	284,695
Balsam Fir	734	2,753	1,598	4,400	5,056	15,787
Red Cedar	45,599	41,908	44,335	39,819	185,385	178,716
Spruce	42,296	49,796	79,063	90,940	284,575	288,770
White Pine	3,744	5,943	6,857	5,696	23,916	21,831
Ponderosa Pine	4,000	2,751	3,312	3,442	12,628	13,042
Lodgepole Pine	2,877	3,155	4,267	6,848	15,152	21,420
All other softwoods	6,262	4,884	9,760	7,430	30,411	31,845
Total softwoods.	328,162	334,640	412,278	416,845	1,523,235	1,517,886
Red Alder	117	88	150	89	529	608
Maple	170	149	121	154	449	834
Birch	61	33	69	35	232	144
Cottonwood	17	90	624	265	798	503
All other hardwoods	3	-	-	-	3	10
Total hardwoods	368	360	964	543	2,011	2,099
Total production	328,530	335,000	413,242	417,388	1,525,246	1,519,985
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada.	96,556	114,929	113,754	135,378	409,311	479,114
Points in U.S.A. .	124,967	120,571	117,229	125,981	475,301	489,631
United Kingdom..	57,004	28,094	59,469	35,497	237,822	131,899
Other Countries ..	40,453	24,700	45,758	30,015	146,669	105,950
Shipments reported ..	318,980	288,294	336,210	326,871	1,269,103	1,206,594
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	83,938	53,464	44,092	56,931	250,809	246,676
Total shipments	402,918	341,758	380,302	383,802	1,519,912	1,453,270
STOCKS ON HAND						
	April		March			
	1955	1956	1955	1956		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	184,269	199,287	210,186	211,040		
Hemlock	96,758	111,197	107,461	109,622		
Balsam Fir	1,473	831	291	1,209		
Red Cedar	66,447	74,143	60,487	69,885		
Spruce	100,255	131,554	132,205	137,171		
White Pine	14,038	12,356	17,676	8,552		
Ponderosa Pine	20,832	12,546	22,455	14,398		
Lodgepole Pine	3,808	5,722	5,982	5,669		
All other softwoods	7,028	6,827	9,505	5,517		
Total softwoods.	494,908	554,463	566,248	563,063		
Red Alder	-	30	-	31		
Maple	3	44	4	45		
Birch	29	24	1	21		
Cottonwood	166	645	216	519		
All other hardwoods	5	2	4	2		
Total hardwoods	203	745	225	618		
Total stocks	495,111	555,208	566,473	563,681		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn April, 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	89,064	5,660	94,724	32,400	24,858	57,258
Hemlock	62,765	1,069	63,834	2,990	502	3,492
Balsam Fir	1,472	102	1,574	710	450	1,160
Red Cedar	38,957	892	39,849	1,698	353	2,051
Spruce	6,025	124	6,149	24,392	19,230	43,622
White Pine	3,047	140	3,187	1,354	1,390	2,744
Ponderosa Pine ...	-	6	6	1,519	1,180	2,699
Lodgepole Pine ...	-	9	9	963	1,939	2,902
All other softwoods	40	3	43	1,019	3,582	4,601
Total, softwoods .	201,370	8,005	209,375	67,045	53,484	120,529
Red Alder	65	23	88	-	-	-
Maple	117	29	146	-	3	3
Birch	26	5	31	-	2	2
Cottonwood	-	-	-	81	9	90
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	208	57	265	81	14	95
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	201,578	8,062	209,640	67,126	53,498	120,624
TIES						
Douglas Fir	1,441	301	1,742	717	1,073	1,790
Hemlock	575	9	584	-	26	26
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	19	19
Red Cedar	-	-	-	8	-	8
Spruce	-	-	-	-	25	25
White Pine	-	-	-	12	-	12
Ponderosa Pine ...	-	-	-	-	46	46
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	244	244
All other softwoods .	-	-	-	20	220	240
Total, softwoods .	2,016	310	2,326	757	1,653	2,410
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	2,016	310	2,326	757	1,653	2,410
LUMBER AND TIES	203,594	8,372	211,966	67,883	55,151	123,034

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, April, 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.
COAST MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	56,850	2,551	1,235	60,636
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta		3,893	xxxxxxx	3,893
Saskatchewan		1,191	xxxxxxx	1,191
Manitoba		1,626	xxxxxxx	1,626
Ontario		7,356	-	7,356
Quebec		3,110	-	3,110
New Brunswick		248	-	248
Nova Scotia		132	-	132
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		92	-	92
Total for Canada	56,850	20,199	1,235	78,284
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		689	1,884	2,573
Atlantic Ports		606	26,981	27,587
Other points, by rail		52,968	xxxxxxx	52,968
Total for U.S.A.		54,263	28,865	83,128
United Kingdomx		1,154	26,579	27,733
Other countriesx		749	23,951	24,700
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported ..	56,850	76,365	80,630	213,845
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				4,521
Total shipments, reported and estimated				218,366
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	14,116	3,414	-	17,530
Yukon and Northwest Territories		32	-	32
Alberta	286	5,202	xxxxxxx	5,488
Saskatchewan		3,664	xxxxxxx	3,664
Manitoba		4,161	xxxxxxx	4,161
Ontario		5,208	-	5,208
Quebec		474	-	474
New Brunswick		30	-	30
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		34	-	34
Newfoundland		24	-	24
Total for Canada	14,402	22,243	-	36,645
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		104	-	104
Atlantic Ports		1,084	-	1,084
Other points, by rail		36,255	xxxxxxx	36,255
Total for U.S.A.		37,443	-	37,443
United Kingdomx		232	129	361
Other countriesx		-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported ..	14,402	59,918	129	74,449
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				48,943
Total shipments, reported and estimated				123,392
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills April, 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.
SOLD (but not shipped)						
Douglas Fir	82,654	3,398	86,052	8,505	6,910	15,415
Hemlock	73,075	3,005	76,080	389	316	705
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	24	19	43
Red Cedar	30,340	1,248	31,588	100	81	181
Spruce	4,422	182	4,604	8,355	6,788	15,143
White Pine	4,450	183	4,633	818	665	1,483
Ponderosa Pine ...	-	-	-	1,327	1,078	2,405
Lodgepole Pine ...	-	-	-	316	257	573
All other softwoods	1,788	74	1,862	340	276	616
Total, softwoods .	196,729	8,090	204,819	20,174	16,390	36,564
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	23	1	24	-	-	-
Birch	12	-	12	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	35	1	36	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	196,764	8,091	204,855	20,174	16,390	36,564
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	28,349	1,166	29,515	37,687	30,618	68,305
Hemlock	23,031	947	23,978	5,757	4,677	10,434
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	435	353	788
Red Cedar	36,141	1,486	37,627	2,619	2,128	4,747
Spruce	1,878	77	1,955	60,610	49,242	109,852
White Pine	863	36	899	2,947	2,394	5,341
Ponderosa Pine ...	-	-	-	5,595	4,546	10,141
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	2,841	2,308	5,149
All other softwoods	207	9	216	2,280	1,853	4,133
Total, softwoods .	90,469	3,721	94,190	120,771	98,119	218,890
Red Alder	29	1	30	-	-	-
Maple	19	1	20	-	-	-
Birch	8	-	8	2	2	4
Cottonwood	-	-	-	356	289	645
All other hardwoods	2	-	2	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	58	2	60	358	291	649
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	90,527	3,723	94,250	121,129	98,410	219,539
SOLD AND UNSOLD	287,291	11,814	299,105	141,303	114,800	256,103

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

	April		March	
	1955 M ft.	1956 M ft.	1955 M ft.	1956 M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
<u>For shipments to points in British Columbia</u>				
Local	19,624	28,799	18,625	31,261
Coastwise and Interior	2,989	4,822	3,523	3,828
Total	22,613	33,621	22,148	35,089
<u>For shipments by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces	7,672	14,857	7,170	12,555
Eastern Provinces	18,125	22,018	18,835	23,962
United States of America	60,856	55,487	57,286	52,729
Total	86,653	92,362	83,291	89,246
<u>For waterborne shipments to:</u>				
California	1,450	2,191	1,892	2,530
U.S. Atlantic Ports	34,766	35,605	26,522	39,095
Eastern Markets	1,860	11,930	2,118	630
Exports Markets	197,601	155,129	235,090	173,216
Total	235,677	204,855	265,622	215,471
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND.....	344,943	330,838	371,061	339,806
<u>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS</u>				
	3,643	6,128	6,590	5,197

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

	April, 1956			
	1955	1956	1955	1956
CoastNo.	97	87	105	91
InteriorNo.	215	205	285	306
Total, British ColumbiaNo.	312	292	390	397

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

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