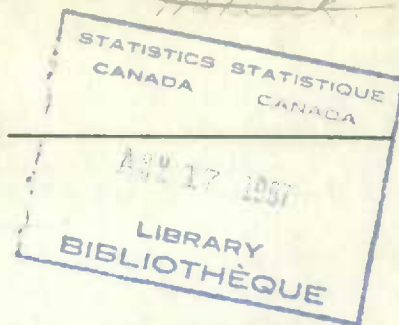


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 382,113 M ft. in May, 1956 as compared with 375,058 M ft. in May, 1955 an increase of 1.9 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 14.1 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 59.3 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 5.5 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 40.7 p.c. showed an increase of 14.9 p.c. Shipments in May, 1956 totalled 401,454 M ft., as compared with 400,430 M ft. the previous year, an increase of .3 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 2.1 p.c. but Interior mills an increase of 4.1 p.c. Total shipments for May increased by 17.5 p.c. over the April figure of 341,758 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of May, 1956 amounted to 535,896 M ft., as compared with 476,038 M ft. at the end of May the previous year and 555,208 M ft. at the end of April of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 290,087 M ft., while Interior mills showed 245,809 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 April and May, 1955 and 1956. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 328,530 M ft. in April, 1955 to 375,058 M ft. in May, 1955 and from 335,000 M ft. in April to 382,113 M ft. in May, 1956. Shipments totalled 341,758 M ft. in April, 1956 and 401,454 M ft. in May, 1956, as compared with 402,918 M ft. in April and 400,430 M ft. in May of 1955. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 495,111 M ft. in April, 1955 to 476,038 M ft. in May and decreased from 555,208 M ft. in April, 1956 to 535,896 M ft. in May 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 222,833 M ft. in May, 1956 as compared with 151,534 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 3627 M ft. in May as compared with 4,119 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 59.3 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in May, 1956 as compared with 63.0 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during April, 1956 and 1955 respectively, were 63.9 and 70.8 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 244,913 M ft. in May of 1956 and 218,366 M ft. in April, 1956 as compared with 250,020 M ft. in May, 1955 and 255,568 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 156,541 M ft. and 150,410 M ft. in May, 1956 and 1955 and 123,392 M ft. and 147,350 M ft. in April, 1956 and 1955. Of all shipments actually reported for May, 40.1 p.c. went to points in Canada, 41.5 p.c. to points in United States, 9.6 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 8.8 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 28.3 p.c. of the total, while 47.2 p.c. went by rail, and 24.5 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 April and May, 1956 amounted to 299,105 M ft. and 290,087 M ft. as compared with 297,848 M ft. and 291,797 M ft. in April and May of 1955. Interior mills stocks decreased from 197,263 M ft. in April to 184,241 M ft. in May, 1955 and decreased from 256,103 M ft. in April to 245,809 M ft. in May, 1956. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 30.6 p.c. of the total in May, 1956 as compared with 28.9 p.c. in May, 1955 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 86.8 and 84.5.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of April and May 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 May, 1956 amounted to 300,157 M ft. as compared with 353,852 M ft. in May, 1955. Orders on hand at the end of April 1956 and 1955 amounted 330,838 M ft. and 344,943 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 6,104 M ft. in May, 1956 and 5,230 M ft. in May, 1955 as compared with 6,128 M ft. in April, 1956 and 3,643 M ft. in April, 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 May accounted for 78.5 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1954 compared with 78.5 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for April, 1955 and 1956 were 79.5 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, May, 1956.

	May		April		5 Months	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	178,893	184,825	156,558	155,514	845,508	846,605
Hemlock	73,610	69,962	66,092	67,936	373,107	354,657
Balsam Fir	3,645	2,902	734	2,753	8,701	18,689
Red Cedar	43,782	44,445	45,599	41,908	229,167	223,161
Spruce	51,642	55,891	42,296	49,796	336,217	344,661
White Pine	5,761	7,000	3,744	5,943	29,677	28,831
Ponderosa Pine....	5,600	6,431	4,000	2,751	18,228	19,473
Lodgepole Pine....	3,644	3,758	2,877	3,155	18,796	25,178
All other softwoods	8,072	6,221	6,262	4,884	38,483	38,066
Total, softwoods	374,649	381,435	328,162	334,640	1,897,884	1,899,321
Red Alder	162	152	117	88	691	760
Maple	175	383	170	149	624	1,217
Birch	55	52	61	33	287	196
Cottonwood	13	91	17	90	811	594
All other hardwoods	4	-	3	-	7	10
Total, hardwoods	409	678	368	360	2,420	2,777
Total, production	375,058	382,113	328,530	335,000	1,900,304	1,902,098
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada	100,619	135,486	96,556	114,929	509,930	614,600
Points in U.S.A	132,541	140,430	124,967	120,571	607,842	630,061
United Kingdom	48,077	32,327	57,004	28,094	285,899	164,226
Other Countries	39,022	29,982	40,453	24,700	185,691	135,932
Shipments reported..	320,259	338,225	318,980	288,294	1,589,362	1,544,819
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	80,171	63,229	83,938	53,464	330,980	309,905
Total shipments ...	400,430	401,454	402,918	341,758	1,920,342	1,854,724
	May		April			
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
STOCKS ON HAND						
Douglas Fir	182,021	193,830	184,269	199,287		
Hemlock	88,553	101,023	96,758	111,197		
Balsam Fir	1,055	949	1,473	831		
Red Cedar	61,211	77,685	66,447	74,143		
Spruce	94,922	118,113	100,255	131,554		
White Pine	19,236	12,771	14,038	12,356		
Ponderosa Pine ...	20,482	18,429	20,832	12,546		
Lodgepole Pine....	4,179	8,007	3,808	5,722		
All other softwoods	4,235	4,507	7,028	6,827		
Total softwoods	475,894	535,314	494,908	554,463		
Red Alder	-	66	-	30		
Maple	8	65	3	44		
Birch	9	36	29	24		
Cottonwood	122	413	166	645		
All other hardwoods	5	2	5	2		
Total hardwoods	144	582	203	745		
Total stocks....	476,038	535,896	495,111	555,208		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn May, 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	98,687	7,439	106,126	40,607	31,950	72,557
Hemlock	62,815	1,978	64,793	3,963	577	4,540
Balsam Fir	1,891	129	2,020	272	577	849
Red Cedar	39,101	1,232	40,333	3,675	429	4,104
Spruce	6,105	224	6,329	22,593	26,955	49,548
White Pine	2,421	171	2,592	2,433	1,936	4,369
Ponderosa Pine	-	6	6	4,893	1,454	6,347
Lodgepole Pine	-	10	10	1,008	2,361	3,369
All other softwoods.	40	3	43	939	4,815	5,754
Total, softwoods..	211,060	11,192	222,252	80,383	71,054	151,437
Red Alder	113	39	152	-	-	-
Maple	298	82	380	-	3	3
Birch	36	13	49	-	3	3
Cottonwood	-	-	-	79	12	91
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	447	134	581	79	18	97
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	211,507	11,326	222,833	80,462	71,072	151,534
TIES						
Douglas Fir	2,562	460	3,022	790	2,330	3,120
Hemlock	593	12	605	-	24	24
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	33	33
Red Cedar	-	-	-	8	-	8
Spruce	-	-	-	-	14	14
White Pine	-	-	-	39	-	39
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	78	78
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	379	379
All other softwoods	-	-	-	140	284	424
Total, softwoods.	3,155	472	3,627	977	3,142	4,119
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	3,155	472	3,627	977	3,142	4,119
LUMBER AND TIES	214,662	11,798	226,460	81,439	74,214	155,653

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, May, 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	61,189	2,311	1,519	65,019
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta		3,815	xxxxxx	3,815
Saskatchewan		1,604	xxxxxx	1,604
Manitoba		2,294	xxxxxx	2,294
Ontario		9,233	-	9,233
Quebec		5,183	-	5,183
New Brunswick		361	-	361
Nova Scotia		139	-	139
Prince Edward Island		89	-	89
Newfoundland		182	-	182
Total for Canada	61,189	25,211	1,519	87,919
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		699	1,174	1,873
Atlantic Ports		1,388	30,985	32,373
Other points, by rail		54,272	xxxxxx	54,272
Total for U.S.A.		56,359	32,159	88,518
United Kingdom x		-	31,727	31,727
Other countries x		-	29,982	29,982
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported ...	61,189	81,570	95,387	238,146
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				6,767
Total shipments, reported and estimated				244,913
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	21,176	4,012	-	25,188
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	436	4,639	xxxxxx	5,075
Saskatchewan		3,816	xxxxxx	3,816
Manitoba		5,397	xxxxxx	5,397
Ontario		7,606	-	7,606
Quebec		419	-	419
New Brunswick		36	-	36
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		30	-	30
Total for Canada	21,612	25,955	-	47,567
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		490	-	490
Atlantic Ports		1,122	-	1,122
Other points, by rail		50,300	xxxxxx	50,300
Total for U.S.A.		51,912	-	51,912
United Kingdom x		114	486	600
Other countries x		-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported ...	21,612	77,981	486	100,079
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				56,462
Total shipments, reported and estimated				156,541
x Shipments by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills May, 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	83,285	4,577	87,862	6,359	5,795	12,154
Hemlock	64,457	3,542	67,999	277	252	529
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	35,302	1,940	37,242	88	80	168
Spruce	3,548	195	3,743	7,677	6,996	14,673
White Pine	3,687	203	3,890	522	476	998
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	1,726	1,573	3,299
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	265	242	507
All other softwoods	394	22	416	66	60	126
Total, softwoods	190,673	10,479	201,152	16,980	15,474	32,454
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	20	1	21	-	-	-
Birch	15	1	16	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	35	2	37	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	190,708	10,481	201,189	16,980	15,474	32,454
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	27,483	1,510	28,993	33,915	30,906	64,821
Hemlock	21,977	1,208	23,185	4,871	4,439	9,310
Balsam Fir	414	23	437	268	244	512
Red Cedar	31,598	1,737	33,335	3,631	3,309	6,940
Spruce	1,817	100	1,917	51,159	46,621	97,780
White Pine	760	42	802	3,705	3,376	7,081
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	7,916	7,214	15,130
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	3,924	3,576	7,500
All other softwoods	103	5	108	2,018	1,839	3,857
Total, softwoods	84,152	4,625	88,777	111,407	101,524	212,931
Red Alder	63	3	66	-	-	-
Maple	42	2	44	-	-	-
Birch	8	1	9	6	5	11
Cottonwood	-	-	-	216	197	413
All other hardwoods	2	-	2	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	115	6	121	222	202	424
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	84,267	4,631	88,898	111,629	101,726	213,355
SOLD AND UNSOLD	274,975	15,112	290,087	128,609	117,200	245,809

Table 5. - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of May, 1956 and

Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	May		April	
	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.....	20,208	27,528	19,624	28,799
Coastwise and Interior	3,105	4,215	2,989	4,822
Total	23,313	31,743	22,613	33,621
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	7,520	11,846	7,672	14,857
Eastern Provinces	16,900	22,906	18,125	22,018
United States of America	59,196	48,634	60,856	55,487
Total	83,616	83,386	86,653	92,362
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	3,066	2,380	1,450	2,191
U.S. Atlantic Ports	32,712	34,738	34,766	35,605
Eastern Markets	5,250	2,539	1,860	11,930
Exports Markets	205,895	145,371	197,601	155,129
Total	246,923	185,028	235,677	204,855
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	353,852	300,157	344,943	330,838
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
	5,230	6,104	3,643	6,128

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

	May, 1956			
	May		April	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
Coast.....No.	100	88	97	87
Interior	No. 234	242	215	205
Total, British Columbia	334	330	312	292

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