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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 390,877 M ft. in July, 1956 as compared with 400,353 M ft. in July, 1955 a decrease of 2.4 p. c. from the previous year and a decrease of 6.3 p. c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 44.5 p. c. of the total, showed a decrease of 12.7 p. c. from the same month of the previous year, but the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 55.5 p. c. showed an increase of 7.9 p. c. Shipments in July, 1956 totalled 397,586 M ft.; as compared with 414,318 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 4.0 p. c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 17.5 p. c. but Interior mills an increase of 11.8 p. c. Total shipments for July decreased by 5.3 p. c. from the June figure of 419,947 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of July, 1956 amounted to 518,948 M ft., as compared with 469,494 M ft. at the end of July the previous year and 529,482 M ft. at the end of June of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 278,498 M ft., while Interior mills showed 240,450 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 June and July, 1955 and 1956. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 429,622 M ft. in June, 1955 to 400,353 M ft. in July, 1955 and from 416,964 M ft. in June to 390,877 M ft. in July, 1956. Shipments totalled 419,947 M ft. in June, 1956 and 397,586 M ft. in July, 1956 as compared with 432,722 M ft. in June and 414,318 M ft. in July of 1955. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 480,005 M ft. in June, 1955 to 469,494 M ft. in July, 1955 and decreased from 529,482 M ft. in June, 1956 to 518,948 M ft. in July 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 171,424 M ft. in July, 1956 as compared with 211,905 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 2,649 M ft. in July as compared with 4,899 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 44.5 p. c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in July, 1956 as compared with 49.8 p. c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during June, 1956 and 1955 respectively, were 54.6 and 57.9 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 184,878 M ft. in July of 1956 and 238,858 M ft. in June, 1956 as compared with 224,129 M ft. in July, 1955 and 259,854 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 212,708 M ft. and 190,189 M ft. in July, 1956 and 1955 and 181,089 M ft. and 172,868 M ft. in June, 1956 and 1955. Of all shipments actually reported for July, 46.1 p.c. went to points in Canada, 39.1 p.c. to points in United States, 9.3 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 5.5 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 21.1 p.c. of the total, while 49.5 p.c. went by rail, and 29.4 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 June and July, 1956 amounted to 281,403 M ft. and 278,498 M ft. as compared with 285, - 157 M ft. and 263,166 M ft. in June and July of 1955. Interior mills stocks increased from 194,848 M ft. in June to 206,328 M ft. in July, 1955 but decreased from 248, - 079 M ft. in June to 240,450 M ft. in July, 1956. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 31.5 p.c. of the total in July, 1956 as compared with 24.4 p.c. in July, 1955 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 85.8 and 84.9.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of June and July, 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 July, 1956 amounted to 275,013 M ft. as compared with 334,384 M ft. in July, 1955. Orders on hand at the end of June, 1956 and 1955 amounted to 275,171 M ft. and 359,135 M ft. respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 5,659 M ft. in July, 1956 and 4,949 M ft. in July, 1955 as compared with 6,520 M ft. in June, 1956 and 7,096 M ft. in June, 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 July accounted for 80.1 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1954 compared with 77.5 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for June, 1955 and 1956 were 77.8 and 77.4 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, July, 1956

	July		June		7 Months	
	1955 M ft.	1956 M ft.	1955 M ft.	1956 M ft.	1955 M ft.	1956 M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	184,795	193,508	209,681	206,926	1,239,984	1,247,039
Hemlock	63,529	55,182	76,099	69,256	512,735	479,095
Balsam Fir	1,414	4,031	1,424	3,970	11,539	26,690
Red Cedar	39,640	30,527	45,726	37,299	314,533	290,987
Spruce	80,687	79,311	68,060	73,546	484,964	497,518
White Pine	5,797	5,970	7,105	5,599	42,579	40,400
Ponderosa Pine ..	6,626	7,095	5,478	6,120	30,332	32,688
Lodgepole Pine ..	6,642	6,918	5,169	5,016	30,607	37,112
All other softwoods	10,830	8,045	10,362	8,813	59,675	54,924
Total, softwoods	399,960	390,587	429,104	416,545	2,726,948	2,706,453
Red Alder	160	86	204	93	1,055	939
Maple	150	145	224	196	998	1,558
Birch	49	40	55	30	391	266
Cottonwood	28	19	25	100	864	713
All other hardwoods	6	-	10	-	23	10
Total, hardwoods	393	290	518	419	3,331	3,486
Total, production	400,353	390,877	429,622	416,964	2,730,279	2,709,939
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada	122,051	143,103	129,563	150,450	761,544	908,153
Points in U.S.A.	124,631	121,351	140,399	129,298	872,872	880,710
United Kingdom	40,984	29,021	49,762	28,242	376,645	221,489
Other Countries	39,562	17,149	33,145	38,062	258,398	191,143
Shipments reported	327,228	310,624	352,869	346,052	2,269,459	2,201,495
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	87,090	86,962	79,853	73,895	497,923	470,762
Total shipments ..	414,318	397,586	432,722	419,947	2,767,382	2,672,257
STOCKS ON HAND						
	July		June			
	1955 M ft.	1956 M ft.	1955 M ft.	1956 M ft.		
Douglas Fir	180,145	205,565	196,729	197,483		
Hemlock	85,887	104,180	87,334	100,110		
Balsam Fir	519	1,420	1,249	1,473		
Red Cedar	57,375	71,818	59,412	73,113		
Spruce	104,721	95,996	88,144	113,672		
White Pine	13,017	10,611	21,387	9,552		
Ponderosa Pine ..	20,270	19,957	15,954	19,815		
Lodgepole Pine ..	3,321	5,639	4,163	8,882		
All other softwoods	4,227	3,312	5,511	4,890		
Total softwoods	469,482	518,498	479,883	528,990		
Red Alder	-	-	3	42		
Maple	2	8	8	80		
Birch	3	3	6	32		
Cottonwood	2	438	100	336		
All other hardwoods	5	1	5	2		
Total hardwoods	12	450	122	492		
Total stocks ...	469,494	518,948	480,005	529,482		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn July, 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	82,481	4,188	86,669	59,533	40,970	100,503
Hemlock	47,260	1,156	48,416	5,648	871	6,519
Balsam Fir	2,158	89	2,247	968	777	1,745
Red Cedar	26,952	812	27,764	2,164	599	2,763
Spruce	4,235	152	4,387	40,189	34,648	74,837
White Pine	1,027	113	1,140	2,499	2,257	4,756
Ponderosa Pine ...	513	4	517	4,906	1,579	6,485
Lodgepole Pine	-	6	6	3,185	3,257	6,442
All other softwoods .	11	3	14	1,897	5,932	7,829
Total softwoods.	164,637	6,523	171,160	120,989	90,890	211,879
Red Cedar	56	30	86	-	-	-
Maple	79	61	140	-	5	5
Birch	26	9	35	1	4	5
Cottonwood	3	-	3	-	16	16
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	164	100	264	1	25	26
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	164,801	6,623	171,424	120,990	90,915	211,905
TIES						
Douglas Fir	2,160	327	2,487	1,048	2,801	3,849
Hemlock	153	9	162	67	18	85
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	39	39
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	82	5	87
White Pine	-	-	-	74	-	74
Ponderosa Pine ...	-	-	-	-	93	93
Lodgepole Pine ...	-	-	-	-	470	470
All other softwoods .	-	-	-	52	150	202
Total, softwoods	2,313	336	2,649	1,323	3,576	4,899
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	2,313	336	2,649	1,323	3,576	4,899
LUMBER AND TIES	167,114	6,959	174,073	122,313	94,491	216,804

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

	By Truck (Local Sales)	By Rail	Water - borne	Total Shipments
	M ft. b. m.	M ft. b. m.	M ft. b. m.	M ft. b. m.
<u>COAST MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	50,919	1,754	1,944	54,617
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta		2,926	xxxxxxx	2,926
Saskatchewan		1,094	xxxxxxx	1,094
Manitoba		1,474	xxxxxxx	1,474
Ontario		5,938	-	5,938
Quebec		3,074	-	3,074
New Brunswick		669	-	669
Nova Scotia		396	-	396
Prince Edward Island		50	-	50
Newfoundland		93	-	93
Total for Canada	50,919	17,468	1,944	70,331
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		870	-	870
Atlantic Ports		459	20,610	21,069
Other points, by rail		43,403	xxxxxxx	43,403
Total for U.S.A.		44,732	20,610	65,342
United Kingdomx		3,213	24,677	27,890
Other countriesx		35	17,086	17,121
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported ...	50,919	65,448	64,317	180,684
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				4,194
Total shipments, reported and estimated				184,878
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	38,402	3,971	-	42,373
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	1,915	4,321	xxxxxxx	6,236
Saskatchewan		3,961	xxxxxxx	3,961
Manitoba		6,237	xxxxxxx	6,237
Ontario		12,657	-	12,657
Quebec		1,040	-	1,040
New Brunswick		218	-	218
Nova Scotia		29	-	29
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		21	-	21
Total for Canada	40,317	32,455	-	72,772
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		120	-	120
Atlantic Ports		1,967	-	1,967
Other points, by rail		53,922	xxxxxxx	53,922
Total for U.S.A.		56,009	-	56,009
United Kingdomx		-	1,131	1,131
Other countriesx		-	28	28
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported ...	40,317	88,464	1,159	129,940
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				82,768
Total shipments, reported and estimated				212,708
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, July, 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	79,456	3,309	82,765	7,670	5,925	13,595
Hemlock	66,756	2,780	69,536	561	433	994
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	318	246	564
Red Cedar	30,596	1,274	31,870	244	189	433
Spruce	3,622	151	3,773	7,641	5,903	13,544
White Pine	2,247	94	2,341	715	552	1,267
Ponderosa Pine	155	6	161	1,736	1,341	3,077
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	188	146	334
All other softwoods ..	273	11	284	232	179	411
Total, softwoods .	183,105	7,625	190,730	19,305	14,914	34,219
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	183,105	7,625	190,730	19,305	14,914	34,219
<u>Unsold</u>						
Douglas Fir	30,309	1,262	31,571	43,798	33,836	77,634
Hemlock	18,584	774	19,358	8,063	6,229	14,292
Balsam Fir	130	5	135	407	314	721
Red Cedar	31,496	1,312	32,808	3,784	2,923	6,707
Spruce	2,500	104	2,604	42,919	33,156	76,075
White Pine	578	24	602	3,611	2,790	6,401
Ponderosa Pine	355	16	371	9,223	7,125	16,348
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	2,993	2,312	5,305
All other softwoods ..	298	12	310	1,301	1,006	2,307
Total, softwoods .	84,250	3,509	87,759	116,099	89,691	205,790
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	8	-	8	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	2	1	3
Cottonwood	-	-	-	247	191	438
All other hardwoods .	1	-	1	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	9	-	9	249	192	441
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	84,259	3,509	87,768	116,348	89,883	206,231
Sold and Unsold	267,364	11,134	278,498	135,653	104,797	240,450

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

	July		June	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
ORDERS ON HAND				
For shipments to points in British Columbia				
Local	19,264	21,675	20,270	26,965
Coastwise and Interior	2,252	3,090	2,486	3,234
Total	21,516	24,765	22,756	30,199
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	6,654	8,222	6,769	9,776
Eastern Provinces	17,262	20,881	15,251	18,937
United States of America	55,383	49,484	60,401	47,546
Total	79,299	78,587	82,421	76,259
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	2,060	565	-	760
U.S. Atlantic Ports	26,772	34,592	38,126	32,400
Eastern Markets	1,600	2,250	2,753	1,975
Exports Markets	203,137	134,254	213,079	133,578
Total	233,569	171,661	253,958	168,713
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	334,384	275,013	359,135	275,171
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
	4,949	5,659	7,096	6,520

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

		July, 1956			
		July		June	
		1955	1956	1955	1956
Coast	No.	100	89	103	92
Interior	No.	318	319	311	265
Total, British Columbia		418	408	414	357

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

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