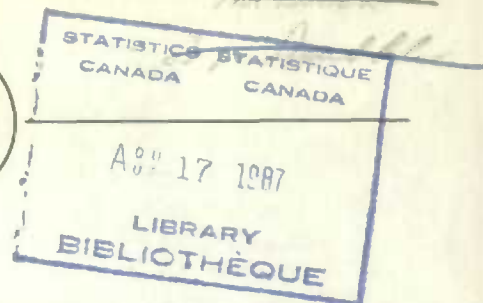


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 405,388 M ft. in September, 1956 as compared with 460,150 M ft. in September, 1955 a decrease of 11.9 p.c. from the previous year and a decrease of 9.7 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 49.9 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 15.6 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 50.1 p.c. showed a decrease of 7.9 p.c. Shipments in September, 1956 totalled 400,969 M ft., as compared with 435,098 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 7.8 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 15.6 p.c. but Interior mills an increase of 2.0 p.c. Total shipments for September decreased by 9.2 p.c. from the August figure of 441,726 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of September, 1956 amounted to 510,224 M ft., as compared with 472,478 M ft. at the end of September the previous year and 514,515 M ft. at the end of August of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 261,914 M ft., while Interior mills showed 248,310 M ft.

Summary Figures

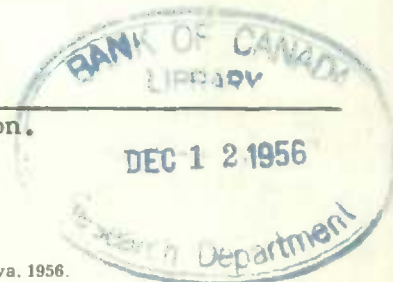
Table 1 gives a comparative summary of production, shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills for August and September, 1955 and 1956. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 449,040 M ft. in August, 1955 to 460,150 M ft. in September, 1955 but decreased from 449,127 M ft. in August to 405,388 M ft. in September, 1956. Shipments totalled 441,726 M ft. in August, 1956 and 400,969 M ft. in September, 1956 as compared with 481,814 M ft. in August and 435,098 M ft. in September of 1955. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 437,570 M ft. in August, 1955 to 472,478 M ft. in September, 1955 but decreased from 514,515 M ft. in August, 1956 to 510,224 M ft. in September 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 201,469 M ft. in September, 1956 as compared with 198,442 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 898 M ft. in September as compared with 4,579 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 49.9 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in September, 1956 as compared with 52.1 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during August, 1956 and 1955 respectively, were 45.2 and 50.6 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 204,993 M ft. in September of 1956 and 215-890 M ft. in August, 1956 as compared with 242,931 M ft. in September, 1955 and 247-500 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 195,976 M ft. and 192,167 M ft. in September, 1956 and 1955 and 225,836 M ft. and 234,314 M ft. in August, 1956 and 1955. Of all shipments actually reported for September, 42.5 p.c. went to points in Canada, 38.8 p.c. to points in United States, 9.2 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 9.5 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 26.6 p.c. of the total, while 46.6 p.c. went by rail, and 26.8 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 August and September, 1956 amounted to 263,598 M ft. and 261,914 M ft. as compared with 249,046 M ft. and 248,081 M ft. in August and September of 1955. Interior mills stocks increased from 188,524 M ft. in August to 224,397 M ft. in September, 1955 but decreased from 250,917 M ft. in August to 248,310 M ft. in September, 1956. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 35.5 p.c. of the total in September, 1956 as compared with 27.6 p.c. in September, 1955 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 86.4 and 82.5.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of August and September, 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 September, 1956 amounted to 240,220 M ft. as compared with 308,945 M ft. in September, 1955. Orders on hand at the end of August, 1956 and 1955 amounted to 275,703 M ft. and 340,102 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 5,446 M ft. in September, 1956 and 5,308 M ft. in September, 1955 as compared with 4,143 M ft. in August, 1956 and 7,829 M ft. in August, 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 September accounted for 78.5 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1954 compared with 78.2 p.c. for the previous year. The percentage for August, 1955 and 1956 were 77.0 and 78.1 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, September, 1956.

	September		August		9 months	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	211,354	183,706	205,058	209,328	1,656,396	1,640,073
Hemlock	74,759	71,113	73,018	62,875	660,512	613,083
Balsam Fir	4,529	3,666	2,174	4,813	18,242	35,169
Red Cedar	46,573	40,032	50,908	41,978	412,014	372,997
Spruce	87,760	81,301	85,082	99,648	657,806	678,467
White Pine	7,716	6,901	7,996	6,932	58,291	54,233
Ponderosa Pine	5,352	3,548	5,559	5,137	41,243	41,373
Lodgepole Pine	7,626	5,959	5,933	7,708	44,166	50,779
All other softwoods	14,026	8,804	12,843	10,381	86,544	74,109
Total, softwoods ...	459,695	405,030	448,571	448,800	3,635,214	3,560,283
Red Alder	180	81	166	40	1,401	1,060
Maple	165	226	179	109	1,342	1,893
Birch	55	36	47	49	493	351
Cottonwood	48	15	65	111	977	839
All other hardwoods .	7	-	12	18	42	28
Total, hardwoods ...	455	358	469	327	4,255	4,171
Total, production ..	460,150	405,388	449,040	449,127	3,639,469	3,564,454
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada .	139,041	130,862	145,261	157,401	1,045,846	1,196,416
Points in U.S.A. .	145,562	119,161	144,233	137,245	1,162,667	1,137,116
United Kingdom ...	56,296	28,343	48,737	22,864	481,678	272,696
Other Countries ..	24,580	29,217	30,550	26,162	313,528	246,522
Shipments reported	365,479	307,583	368,781	343,672	3,003,719	2,852,750
Estimated shipments non-reporting mills .	69,619	93,386	113,033	98,054	680,575	662,202
Total shipments	435,098	400,969	481,814	441,726	3,684,294	3,514,952
STOCKS ON HAND						
	September		August			
	1955	1956	1955	1956		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	181,863	202,028	182,614		197,634	
Hemlock	89,851	89,562	82,111		90,153	
Balsam Fir	1,019	428	1,535		827	
Red Cedar	58,043	63,908	51,068		70,082	
Spruce	105,475	123,053	80,656		119,523	
White Pine	10,420	8,443	10,606		9,625	
Ponderosa Pine	13,381	11,925	19,004		16,355	
Lodgepole Pine	3,812	6,761	3,874		7,075	
All other softwoods .	8,545	3,907	5,900		2,686	
Total softwoods	472,409	510,015	437,368		513,960	
Red Alder	-	45	14		48	
Maple	11	63	90		71	
Birch	8	12	26		63	
Cottonwood	46	88	68		372	
All other hardwoods .	4	1	4		1	
Total hardwoods ...	69	209	202		555	
Total stocks	472,478	510,224	437,570		514,515	

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn September, 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	83,460	5,382	88,842	48,393	42,081	90,474
Hemlock	62,251	1,601	63,852	5,486	1,684	7,170
Balsam Fir	1,994	97	2,091	619	920	1,539
Red Cedar	36,418	875	37,293	1,257	1,482	2,739
Spruce	6,022	164	6,186	43,112	31,985	75,097
White Pine	2,299	124	2,423	1,995	2,460	4,455
Ponderosa Pine	-	4	4	1,857	1,600	3,457
Lodgepole Pine	-	7	7	2,280	3,189	5,469
All other softwoods ...	437	3	440	2,410	5,605	8,015
Total, softwoods ...	<u>192,881</u>	<u>8,257</u>	<u>201,138</u>	<u>107,409</u>	<u>91,006</u>	<u>198,415</u>
Red Alder	61	20	81	-	-	-
Maple	201	21	222	-	4	4
Birch	23	5	28	-	8	8
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	15	15
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	<u>285</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	<u>193,166</u>	<u>8,303</u>	<u>201,469</u>	<u>107,409</u>	<u>91,033</u>	<u>198,442</u>
TIES						
Douglas Fir	690	148	838	1,240	2,312	3,552
Hemlock	57	3	60	-	31	31
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	36	36
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	18	18
White Pine	-	-	-	23	-	23
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	87	87
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	483	483
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	-	349	349
Total, softwoods ...	<u>747</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>898</u>	<u>1,263</u>	<u>3,316</u>	<u>4,579</u>
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	<u>747</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>898</u>	<u>1,263</u>	<u>3,316</u>	<u>4,579</u>
LUMBER AND TIES	193,913	8,454	202,367	108,672	94,349	203,021

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, September, 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: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	49,842	1,325	2,421	53,588
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta		2,306	xxxxxxx	2,306
Saskatchewan		890	xxxxxxx	890
Manitoba		1,137	xxxxxxx	1,137
Ontario		6,609	-	6,609
Quebec		3,945	-	3,945
New Brunswick		96	-	96
Nova Scotia		113	-	113
Prince Edward Island		38	-	38
Newfoundland		154	-	154
Total for Canada	49,842	16,613	2,421	68,876
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		955	-	955
Atlantic Ports		230	23,053	23,283
Other points, by rail		47,391	xxxxxxx	47,391
Total for U.S.A.		48,576	23,053	71,629
United Kingdomx		531	27,307	27,838
Other countriesx		524	28,673	29,197
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported ...	49,842	66,244	81,454	197,540
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				7,453
Total shipments, reported and estimated				204,993
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	31,594	3,909	-	35,503
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	915	4,605	xxxxxxx	5,520
Saskatchewan		6,292	xxxxxxx	6,292
Manitoba		5,224	xxxxxxx	5,224
Ontario		8,676	-	8,676
Quebec		754	-	754
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		17	-	17
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	32,509	29,477	-	61,986
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		946	-	946
Atlantic Ports		3,461	-	3,461
Other points, by rail		43,125	xxxxxxx	43,125
Total for U.S.A.		47,532	-	47,532
United Kingdomx		126	379	505
Other countriesx		-	20	20
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	32,509	77,135	399	110,043
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				85,933
Total shipments, reported and estimated				195,976
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

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

	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	71,606	3,122	74,728	7,536	6,543	14,079
Hemlock	56,509	2,463	58,972	470	408	878
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	27,510	1,199	28,709	161	140	301
Spruce	4,078	178	4,256	6,617	5,745	12,362
White Pine	1,466	64	1,530	912	792	1,704
Ponderosa Pine	73	3	76	2,379	2,065	4,444
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	27	23	50
All other softwoods ...	522	23	545	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	<u>161,764</u>	<u>7,052</u>	<u>168,816</u>	<u>18,102</u>	<u>15,716</u>	<u>33,818</u>
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	45	2	47	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	<u>45</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	161,809	7,054	168,863	18,102	15,716	33,818
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	31,250	1,362	32,612	43,148	37,461	80,609
Hemlock	23,066	1,006	24,072	3,019	2,621	5,640
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	229	199	428
Red Cedar	29,357	1,280	30,637	2,281	1,980	4,261
Spruce	2,882	126	3,008	55,362	48,065	103,427
White Pine	1,719	75	1,794	1,828	1,587	3,415
Ponderosa Pine	267	11	278	3,815	3,312	7,127
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	3,592	3,119	6,711
All other softwoods ...	556	24	580	1,489	1,293	2,782
Total, softwoods ...	<u>89,097</u>	<u>3,884</u>	<u>92,981</u>	<u>114,763</u>	<u>99,637</u>	<u>214,400</u>
Red Alder	43	2	45	-	-	-
Maple	15	1	16	-	-	-
Birch	8	-	8	2	2	4
Cottonwood	-	-	-	47	41	88
All other hardwoods ...	1	-	1	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	<u>67</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>92</u>
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	<u>89,164</u>	<u>3,887</u>	<u>93,051</u>	<u>114,812</u>	<u>99,680</u>	<u>214,492</u>
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>	250,973	10,941	261,914	132,914	115,396	248,310

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

	September		August	
	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	18,555	20,078	20,861	24,446
Coastwise and Interior	2,469	2,422	2,532	2,677
Total	21,024	22,500	23,393	27,123
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	5,648	6,469	6,243	6,431
Eastern Provinces	15,131	14,442	14,847	16,890
United States of America	47,244	42,380	60,626	48,241
Total	68,023	63,291	81,716	71,562
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	93	-	-	565
U.S. Atlantic Ports	22,935	24,844	26,421	26,171
Eastern Markets	3,346	365	1,035	3,420
Exports Markets	193,524	129,220	207,537	146,862
Total	219,898	154,429	234,993	177,018
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	308,945	240,220	340,102	275,703
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
	5,308	5,446	7,829	4,143

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

	September		August	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
Coast No.	104	90	94	95
Interior No.	318	285	295	290
Total, British Columbia	422	375	389	385

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

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