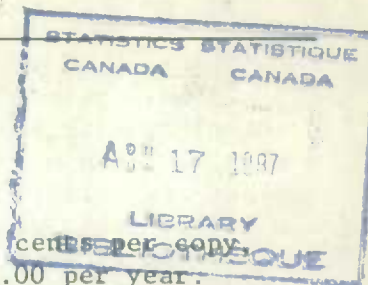


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 391,259 M ft. in October, 1957 as compared with 434,054 M ft. in October, 1956 a decrease of 9.9 p.c. from the previous year but an increase of 0.4 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 55.9 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 1.8 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 44.1 p.c. showed a decrease of 18.4 p.c. Shipments in October, 1957 totalled 385,958 M ft., as compared with 362,964 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 6.3 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 6.8 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 5.8 p.c. Total shipments for October increased by 0.9 p.c. over the September figure of 382,546 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of October, 1957 amounted to 563,209 M ft., as compared with 558,029 M ft. at the end of October the previous year and 567,435 M ft. at the end of September of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 284,965 M ft., while Interior mills showed 278,244 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 September and October, 1956 and 1957. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 428,490 M ft. in September, 1956 to 434,054 M ft. in October, 1956 and from 389,523 M ft. in September to 391,259 M ft. in October, 1957. Shipments totalled 382,546 M ft. in September, 1957 and 385,958 M ft. in October, 1957 as compared with 400,969 M ft. in September and 362,964 M ft. in October of 1956. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 510,224 M ft. in September, 1956 to 558,029 M ft. in October but decreased from 567,435 M ft. in September, 1957 to 563,209 M ft. in October 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 216,865 M ft. in October, 1957 as compared with 169,285 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,898 M ft. in October as compared with 3,211 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 55.9 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in October, 1957 as compared with 51.3 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during September, 1957 and 1956 respectively, were 51.7 and 48.3 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 211,315 M ft. in October of 1957 and 206,495 M ft. in September, 1957 as compared with 197,867 M ft. in October, 1956 and 204,993 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 174,643 M ft. and 165,097 M ft. in October, 1957 and 1956 and 176,051 M ft. and 195,976 M ft. in September, 1957 and 1956. Of all shipments actually reported for October, 36.3 p.c. went to points in Canada, 38.0 p.c. to points in United States, 13.1 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 12.6 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 30.1 p.c. of the total, while 46.5 p.c. went by rail, and 23.4 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 September and October, 1957 amounted to 263,765 M ft. and 284,965 M ft. as compared with 261,914 M ft. and 283,429 M ft. in September and October of 1956. Interior mills stocks increased from 248,310 M ft. in September to 274,600 M ft. in October, 1956 but decreased from 303,670 M ft. in September to 278,244 M ft. in October, 1957. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 35.9 p.c. of the total in October, 1957 as compared with 34.5 p.c. in October, 1956 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 92.9 and 88.8.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of September and October, 1956 and 1957 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 October, 1957 amounted to 274,672 M ft. as compared with 256,608 M ft. in October, 1956. Orders on hand at the end of September, 1957 and 1956, amounted to 275,366 M ft. and 240,220 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 8,351 M ft. in October, 1957 and 3,944 M ft. in October, 1956 as compared with 9,160 M ft. in September, 1957 and 5,446 M ft. in September, 1956.

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 October accounted for 80.3 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1955 compared with 80.2 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for September, 1956 and 1957 were 78.5 and 81.3 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, October, 1957.

	October		September		10 Months	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	207,235	180,495	194,169	169,335	1,935,312	1,640,741
Hemlock	75,835	85,851	73,275	82,904	706,367	749,100
Balsam Fir	4,067	1,510	3,857	4,025	40,942	33,492
Red Cedar	43,584	41,021	41,161	38,764	427,965	349,876
Spruce	76,363	61,482	88,400	68,378	813,745	712,735
White Pine	6,906	5,327	7,370	7,131	64,772	52,124
Ponderosa Pine	4,049	2,367	3,868	3,282	49,126	31,191
Lodgepole Pine	5,800	5,443	6,465	7,170	60,935	66,690
All other softwoods ...	9,907	7,412	9,557	8,088	90,161	73,911
Total softwoods	433,746	390,908	428,122	389,077	4,189,325	3,709,860
Red Alder	53	68	83	45	1,138	778
Maple	210	212	231	274	2,146	2,002
Birch	30	19	38	24	392	344
Cottonwood	15	50	16	100	934	616
All other hardwoods ...	-	2	-	3	31	7
Total hardwoods	308	351	368	446	4,641	3,747
Total production ...	434,054	391,259	428,490	389,523	4,193,966	3,713,607
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada	125,002	118,989	130,862	120,849	1,321,418	1,268,808
Points in U.S.A.	129,084	124,403	119,161	130,537	1,266,200	1,179,756
United Kingdom	22,735	42,913	28,343	34,806	295,431	302,183
Other Countries	29,592	41,028	29,217	37,974	276,114	318,130
Shipments reported	306,413	327,333	307,583	324,166	3,159,163	3,068,877
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills ...	56,551	58,625	93,386	58,380	718,753	667,936
Total shipments	362,964	385,958	400,969	382,546	3,877,916	3,736,813
STOCKS ON HAND						
	October		September			
	1956	1957	1956	1957		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	214,566	204,198	202,028	193,619		
Hemlock	112,462	128,621	89,562	119,556		
Balsam Fir	1,404	1,867	428	1,778		
Red Cedar	65,750	55,436	63,908	58,026		
Spruce	120,290	129,485	123,053	146,287		
White Pine	10,418	17,447	8,443	18,680		
Ponderosa Pine	16,525	13,029	11,925	14,013		
Lodgepole Pine	7,823	5,075	6,761	5,147		
All other softwoods ...	8,262	7,720	3,907	9,876		
Total softwoods	557,500	562,878	510,015	566,982		
Red Alder	45	-	45	-		
Maple	45	3	63	4		
Birch	17	4	12	3		
Cottonwood	421	323	88	445		
All other hardwoods ...	1	1	1	1		
Total hardwoods	529	331	209	453		
Total stocks	558,029	563,209	510,224	567,435		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, October, 1957.

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	88,767	5,706	94,473	53,047	28,524	81,571
Hemlock	77,642	1,595	79,237	5,748	833	6,581
Balsam Fir	177	31	208	571	731	1,302
Red Cedar	36,466	1,227	37,693	2,581	708	3,289
Spruce	2,807	225	3,032	33,781	24,656	58,437
White Pine	1,142	10	1,152	3,221	954	4,175
Ponderosa Pine	390	-	390	1,271	686	1,957
Lodgepole Pine	-	13	13	1,656	3,290	4,946
All other softwoods ..	368	3	371	2,751	4,221	6,972
Total, softwoods ..	207,759	8,810	216,569	104,627	64,603	169,230
Red Alder	24	44	68	-	-	-
Maple	176	35	211	-	1	1
Birch	8	9	17	-	2	2
Cottonwood	-	-	-	7	43	50
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	2	-	2
Total, hardwoods ..	208	88	296	9	46	55
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	207,967	8,898	216,865	104,636	64,649	169,285
TIES						
Douglas Fir	1,801	96	1,897	902	1,652	2,554
Hemlock	-	-	-	-	33	33
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	-	1	1	-	38	38
Spruce	-	-	-	-	13	13
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	20	20
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	98	386	484
All other softwoods ..	-	-	-	-	69	69
Total, softwoods ..	1,801	97	1,898	1,000	2,211	3,211
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	1,801	97	1,898	1,000	2,211	3,211
Lumber and Ties	209,768	8,995	218,763	105,636	66,860	172,496

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, October, 1957.

	By Truck	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	45,886	1,426	1,301	48,613
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta		1,246	xxxxxx	1,246
Saskatchewan		1,012	xxxxxx	1,012
Manitoba		1,365	xxxxxx	1,365
Ontario		5,211	-	5,211
Quebec		1,507	-	1,507
New Brunswick		230	-	230
Nova Scotia		192	-	192
Prince Edward Island		14	-	14
Newfoundland		76	-	76
Total for Canada	45,886	12,279	1,301	59,466
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports	160..	859	193	1,212
Atlantic Ports		669	19,009	19,678
Other points, by rail		42,607	xxxxxx	42,607
Total for U.S.A.	160..	44,135	19,202	63,497
United Kingdom	x	3,346	37,896	41,242
Other countries	x	1,536	39,264	40,800
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	46,046	61,296	97,663	205,005
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				6,310
Total shipments, reported and estimated				211,315
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	28,867	1,795	-	30,662
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	1,454..	4,788	xxxxxx	6,242
Saskatchewan		5,197	xxxxxx	5,197
Manitoba		5,479	xxxxxx	5,479
Ontario		9,935	-	9,935
Quebec		1,916	-	1,916
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		67	-	67
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		25	-	25
Total for Canada	30,321	29,202	-	59,523
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports	245..	118	-	363
Atlantic Ports		697	-	697
Other points, by rail		59,846	xxxxxx	59,846
Total for U.S.A.	245..	60,661	-	60,906
United Kingdom	x	895	776	1,671
Other countries	x	-	228	228
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	30,566	90,758	1,004	122,328
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				52,315
Total shipments, reported and estimated				174,643
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, October, 1957.

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</u> (but not shipped)						
Douglas Fir	67,468	2,893	70,361	6,702	4,242	10,944
Hemlock	78,569	3,369	81,938	1,055	668	1,723
Balsam Fir	57	2	59	-	-	-
Red Cedar	22,430	962	23,392	130	82	212
Spruce	4,254	182	4,436	2,674	1,692	4,366
White Pine	1,214	52	1,266	1,482	938	2,420
Ponderosa Pine	625	27	652	121	77	198
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	18	11	29
All other softwoods ..	402	18	420	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ..	175,019	7,505	182,524	12,182	7,710	19,892
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	175,019	7,505	182,524	12,182	7,710	19,892
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	44,151	1,893	46,044	47,062	29,787	76,849
Hemlock	26,374	1,132	27,506	10,689	6,765	17,454
Balsam Fir	49	2	51	1,076	681	1,757
Red Cedar	23,142	992	24,134	4,714	2,984	7,698
Spruce	2,109	90	2,199	72,559	45,925	118,484
White Pine	2,086	89	2,175	7,095	4,491	11,586
Ponderosa Pine	251	11	262	7,298	4,619	11,917
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	3,090	1,956	5,046
All other softwoods ..	61	3	64	4,432	2,804	7,236
Total, softwoods ..	98,223	4,212	102,435	158,015	100,012	258,027
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	3	-	3	-	-	-
Birch	1	-	1	2	1	3
Cottonwood	1	-	1	197	125	322
All other hardwoods ..	1	-	1	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	6	-	6	199	126	325
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	98,229	4,212	102,441	158,214	100,138	258,352
Sold and Unsold	273,248	11,717	284,965	170,396	107,848	278,244

Table 5. - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of October, 1957 and
Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	October		September	
	1956	1957	1956	1957
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
For Shipments to points in British Columbia				
Local	18,843	12,314	20,078	16,450
Coastwise and Interior	3,498	3,623	2,422	1,374
Total	22,341	15,937	22,500	17,824
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	7,815	3,559	6,469	4,078
Eastern Provinces	21,253	8,748	14,442	9,618
United States of America	39,479	41,658	42,380	40,521
Total	68,547	53,965	63,291	54,217
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	540	-	-	330
U.S. Atlantic Ports	22,715	37,521	24,844	21,176
Eastern Markets	-	-	365	-
Exports Markets	142,465	167,249	129,220	181,819
Total	165,720	204,770	154,429	203,325
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	256,608	274,672	240,220	275,366
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
	3,944	8,351	5,446	9,160

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting October, 1957

		October		September	
		1956	1957	1956	1957
Coast	No.	92	86	90	84
Interior	No.	275	280	285	291
Total, British Columbia	No.	367	366	375	375

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

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