

MAY 3 1957 35-003 C-2

DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS

OTTAWA - CANADA

Published by Authority of the Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce



STATISTICS STATISTIQUE
CANADA CANADA

LIBRARY
BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Vol. 11 No. 2 February, 1957

Price: 25 cents per copy, \$2.00 per year.

LIBRARY
Research Department

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

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 346,514 M ft. in February, 1957 as compared with 407,393 M ft. in February, 1956 a decrease of 14.9 p.c. from the previous year but an increase of 19.6 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 51.0 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 17.8 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 49.0 p.c. showed a decrease of 8.6 p.c. Shipments in February, 1957 totalled 312,973 M ft., as compared with 353,503 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 11.5 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 13.1 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 9.3 p.c. Total shipments for February increased by 2.2 p.c. over the January figure of 306,370 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of February, 1957 amounted to 623,708 M ft., as compared with 545,214 M ft. at the end of February the previous year and 564,392 M ft. at the end of January of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 306,767 M ft., while Interior mills showed 316,941 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 January and February, 1956 and 1957. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 400,708 M ft. in January 1956 to 407,393 M ft. in February, 1956 and from 289,681 M ft. in January to 346,514 M ft. in February, 1957. Shipments totalled 306,370 M ft. in January, 1957 and 312,973 M ft. in February, 1957 as compared with 374,207 M ft. in January and 353,503 M ft. in February of 1956. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 514,123 M ft. in January, 1956 to 545,214 M ft. in February and increased from 564,392 M ft. in January, 1957 to 623,708 M ft. in February 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 175,175 M ft. in February, 1957 as compared with 164,882 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,468 M ft. in February as compared with 4,989 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 51.0 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in February, 1957 as compared with 54.6 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during January, 1957 and 1956 respectively, were 61.3 and 53.6 p.c.

Prepared in the Forestry Section, Industry and Merchandising Division.

6504-509-27

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 174,009 M ft. in February of 1957 and 190,565 M ft. in January, 1957 as compared with 200,233 M ft. in February 1956 and 210,897 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 138,964 M ft. and 153,270 M ft. in February, 1957 and 1956 and 115,805 M ft. and 163,310 M ft. in January, 1957 and 1956. Of all shipments actually reported for February, 43.9 p.c. went to points in Canada, 37.8 p.c. to points in United States, 8.3 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 10.0 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 24.2 p.c. of the total, while 46.6 p.c. went by rail, and 29.2 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 January and February, 1957 amounted to 294,476 M ft. and 306,767 M ft. as compared with 278,655 M ft. and 299,100 M ft. in January and February of 1956. Interior mills stocks increased from 235,468 M ft in January to 246,114 M ft. in February, 1956 and increased from 269,916 M ft. in January to 316,941 M ft. in February, 1957. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 34.8 p.c. of the total in February, 1957 as compared with 29.8 p.c. in February, 1956 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 92.5 and 84.8.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of January and February, 1956 and 1957 for Coast mills only. Similar information if 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 February, 1957 amounted to 278,655 M ft. as compared with 337,806 M ft. in February, 1956. Orders on hand at the end of January, 1957 and 1956 amounted to 258,013 M ft. and 348,648 M ft. respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 3,193 M ft. in February, 1957 and 5,661 M ft. in February, 1956 as compared with 3,784 M ft. in January, 1957 and 5,423 M ft. in January, 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 February accounted for 77.1 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1955 compared with 80.5 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for January, 1956 and 1957 were 79.3 and 83.2 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, February, 1957.

	February		January		2 Months	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	171,039	148,810	171,884	123,690	342,923	272,500
Hemlock	70,960	66,034	70,925	65,000	141,885	131,034
Balsam Fir	4,466	2,827	4,552	3,153	9,018	5,980
Red Cedar	45,269	27,675	55,269	29,051	100,538	56,726
Spruce	88,994	80,011	71,910	56,505	160,904	136,516
White Pine	5,609	4,175	5,192	2,481	10,801	6,656
Ponderosa Pine	3,165	1,475	4,307	1,600	7,472	3,075
Lodgepole Pine	6,492	8,917	5,895	4,493	12,387	13,410
All other softwoods	10,707	6,404	10,230	3,555	20,937	9,959
Total softwoods	406,701	346,328	400,164	289,528	806,865	635,856
Red Alder	278	57	163	42	441	99
Maple	266	62	277	66	543	128
Birch	45	21	35	34	80	55
Cottonwood	97	46	64	11	161	57
All other hardwoods	6	-	5	-	11	-
Total hardwoods	692	186	544	153	1,236	339
Total production	407,393	346,514	400,708	289,681	808,101	636,195
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	114,933	111,456	113,874	87,226	228,807	198,682
Points in U.S.A.	122,345	95,917	120,734	104,868	243,079	200,785
United Kingdom	26,669	21,105	41,639	28,983	68,308	50,088
Other Countries	29,320	25,441	21,915	29,917	51,235	55,358
Shipments reported	293,267	253,919	298,162	250,994	591,429	504,913
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills ...	60,236	59,054	76,045	55,376	136,281	114,430
Total shipments	353,503	312,973	374,207	306,370	727,710	619,343
STOCKS ON HAND						
	February		January			
	1956	1957	1956	1957		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	204,659	210,209	199,570	201,832		
Hemlock	102,242	121,172	98,449	114,505		
Balsam Fir	2,306	910	938	1,637		
Red Cedar	73,023	64,493	70,140	64,631		
Spruce	128,632	193,114	107,447	140,738		
White Pine	11,358	9,324	13,313	10,313		
Ponderosa Pine	11,506	12,200	12,794	15,880		
Lodgepole Pine	5,876	6,408	5,800	5,923		
All other softwoods	5,532	5,521	5,588	8,787		
Total softwoods	545,134	623,351	514,039	564,246		
Red Alder	25	8	22	-		
Maple	39	23	45	-		
Birch	14	15	15	4		
Cottonwood	-	307	-	139		
All other hardwoods	2	4	2	3		
Total hardwoods	80	357	84	146		
Total stocks	545,214	623,708	514,123	564,392		

Table 2. - LUMBER AND TIES SAWN, FEBRUARY, 1957.

Species	COAST MILLS			INTERIOR MILLS		
	Reported M ft.b.m.	Estimated M ft.b.m.	Total M ft.b.m.	Reported M ft.b.m.	Estimated M ft.b.m.	Total M ft.b.m.
LUMBER						
Douglas Fir	74,305	3,516	77,821	31,278	35,275	66,553
Hemlock	60,573	978	61,551	2,669	1,162	3,831
Balsam Fir	1,095	99	1,194	809	824	1,633
Red Cedar	24,839	732	25,571	710	1,282	1,992
Spruce	5,946	102	6,048	45,339	28,567	73,906
White Pine	1,742	98	1,840	737	1,598	2,335
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	464	1,004	1,468
Lodgepole Pine	-	10	10	4,321	3,647	7,968
All other softwoods ..	1,012	2	1,014	1,192	3,944	5,136
Total, softwoods ..	169,512	5,537	175,049	87,519	77,303	164,822
Red Alder	40	17	57	-	-	-
Maple	35	25	60	-	2	2
Birch	4	5	9	8	4	12
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	46	46
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	79	47	126	8	52	60
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	169,591	5,584	175,175	87,527	77,355	164,882
TIES						
Douglas Fir	1,415	52	1,467	920	2,049	2,969
Hemlock	-	-	-	561	91	652
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	-	1	1	-	111	111
Spruce	-	-	-	36	21	57
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	7	7
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	274	665	939
All other softwoods ..	-	-	-	-	254	254
Total, softwoods ..	1,415	53	1,468	1,791	3,198	4,989
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	1,415	53	1,468	1,791	3,198	4,989
LUMBER AND TIES	171,006	5,637	176,643	89,318	80,553	169,871

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

	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	36,745	2,474	1,099	40,318
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta		2,097	xxxxxx	2,097
Saskatchewan		1,016	xxxxxx	1,016
Manitoba		1,783	xxxxxx	1,783
Ontario		5,909	-	5,909
Quebec		2,001	-	2,001
New Brunswick		381	-	381
Nova Scotia		153	-	153
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		68	-	68
Total for Canada	36,745	15,882	1,099	53,726
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		954	886	1,840
Atlantic Ports		910	14,629	15,539
Other points, by rail		47,777	xxxxxx	47,777
Total for U.S.A.		49,641	15,515	65,156
United Kingdomx		780	20,310	21,090
Other countriesx		945	24,496	25,441
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	36,745	67,248	61,420	165,413
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				8,596
Total shipments, reported and estimated				174,009
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	37,265	3,883	-	41,148
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	235	3,264	xxxxxx	3,499
Saskatchewan		2,797	xxxxxx	2,797
Manitoba		3,173	xxxxxx	3,173
Ontario		6,154	-	6,154
Quebec		959	-	959
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	37,500	20,230	-	57,730
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		552	-	552
Atlantic Ports		100	-	100
Other points, by rail		30,109	xxxxxx	30,109
Total for U.S.A.		30,761	-	30,761
United Kingdomx		-	15	15
Other countriesx		-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	37,500	50,991	15	88,506
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				50,458
Total shipments, reported and estimated				138,964

x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

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

Species	COAST MILLS			INTERIOR MILLS		
	Reported M ft.b.m.	Estimated M ft.b.m.	Total M ft.b.m.	Reported M ft.b.m.	Estimated M ft.b.m.	Total M ft.b.m.
<u>SOLD (but not shipped)</u>						
Douglas Fir	79,769	2,630	82,399	4,951	4,465	9,416
Hemlock	79,606	2,624	82,230	1,066	961	2,027
Balsam Fir	18	-	18	-	-	-
Red Cedar	29,210	963	30,173	190	171	361
Spruce	4,301	142	4,443	5,140	4,636	9,776
White Pine	2,845	94	2,939	923	832	1,755
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	228	206	434
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	19	18	37
All other softwoods ..	27	1	28	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	195,776	6,454	202,230	12,517	11,289	23,806
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	8	7	15
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	8	7	15
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	195,776	6,454	202,230	12,525	11,296	23,821
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	42,373	1,397	43,770	45,930	28,694	74,624
Hemlock	24,632	812	25,444	7,060	4,411	11,471
Balsam Fir	63	2	65	509	318	827
Red Cedar	29,295	966	30,261	2,276	1,422	3,698
Spruce	2,943	97	3,040	108,237	67,618	175,855
White Pine	1,541	51	1,592	1,870	1,168	3,038
Ponderosa Pine	231	8	239	7,095	4,432	11,527
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	3,921	2,450	6,371
All other softwoods ..	59	1	60	3,344	2,089	5,433
Total, softwoods ...	101,137	3,334	104,471	180,242	112,602	292,844
Red Alder	8	-	8	-	-	-
Maple	22	1	23	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	30	1	31	170	106	276
All other hardwoods ..	4	-	4	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	64	2	66	170	106	276
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	101,201	3,336	104,537	180,412	112,708	293,120
SOLD AND UNSOLD	296,977	9,790	306,767	192,937	124,004	316,941

Table 5. - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of February, 1957 and

Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	February		January	
	1956	1957	1956	1957
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
<u>For shipments to points in British Columbia</u>				
Local	27,556	21,811	27,396	16,865
Coastwise and Interior	4,327	2,902	4,353	3,231
Total	31,883	24,713	31,749	20,096
<u>For shipments by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces	11,625	9,967	13,299	11,750
Eastern Provinces	22,831	18,697	19,229	18,410
United States of America	47,737	56,230	54,079	53,788
Total	82,193	84,894	86,607	83,948
<u>For waterborne shipments to:</u>				
California	1,619	550	1,565	600
U.S. Atlantic Ports	28,978	28,878	33,650	16,503
Eastern Markets	6,275	25	1,646	-
Exports Markets	186,858	139,595	193,431	136,866
Total	223,730	169,048	230,292	153,969
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	337,806	278,655	348,648	258,013
<u>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS</u>				
OTHER MILLS	5,661	3,193	5,423	3,784

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

February, 1957

	February		January	
	1956	1957	1956	1957
Coast	No. 86	77	82	72
Interior	No. 278	266	265	218
Total, British Columbia	No. 364	343	347	290

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

STATISTICS CANADA LIBRARY
BIBLIOTHÈQUE STATISTIQUE CANADA



1010676799