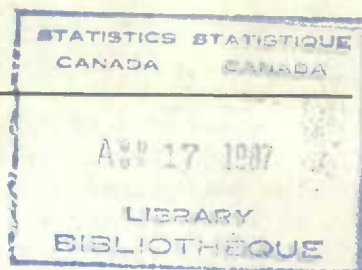


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 379,227 M ft. in May, 1957 as compared with 401,373 M ft. in May, 1956 a decrease of 5.5 p.c. from the previous year but an increase of 17.9 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 55.7 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 8.8 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 44.3 p.c. showed a decrease of 1.1 p.c. Shipments in May, 1957 totalled 440,371 M ft., as compared with 401,454 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 9.7 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 0.9 p.c. but Interior mills an increase of 26.3 p.c. Total shipments for May increased by 33.5 p.c. over the April figure of 329,807 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of May, 1957 amounted to 593,689 M ft., as compared with 535,896 M ft. at the end of May the previous year and 672,003 M ft. at the end of April of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 268,933 M ft., while Interior mills showed 324,756 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, 1956 and 1957. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 351,089 M ft. in April, 1956 to 401,373 M ft. in May, 1956 and from 321,758 M ft. in April to 379,227 M ft. in May, 1957. Shipments totalled 329,807 M ft. in April, 1957 and 440,371 M ft. in May, 1957 as compared with 341,758 M ft. in April and 401,454 M ft. in May of 1956. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 555,208 M ft. in April, 1956 to 535,896 M ft. in May and decreased from 672,003 M ft. in April, 1957 to 593,689 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 210,802 M ft. in May, 1957 as compared with 163,688 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 587 M ft. in May as compared with 4,150 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 55.7 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in May, 1957 as compared with 57.7 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during April, 1957 and 1956 respectively, were 61.0 and 61.8 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 242,630 M ft. in May of 1957 and 208,826 M ft. in April, 1957 as compared with 244,913 M ft. in May, 1956 and 218,366 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 197,741 M ft. and 156,541 M ft. in May, 1957 and 1956 and 120,981 M ft. and 123,392 M ft. in April, 1957 and 1956. Of all shipments actually reported for May, 41.6 p.c. went to points in Canada, 38.3 p.c. to points in United States, 8.9 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 11.2 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 30.2 p.c. of the total, while 45.5 p.c. went by rail, and 24.3 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, 1957 amounted to 293,177 M ft. and 268,933 M ft. as compared with 299,105 M ft. and 290,087 M ft. in April and May of 1956. Interior mills stocks decreased from 256,103 M ft. in April to 245,809 M ft. in May, 1956 and decreased from 378,826 M ft. in April to 324,756 M ft. in May, 1957. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 34.4 p.c. of the total in May, 1957 as compared with 30.6 p.c. in May, 1956 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 92.9 and 86.8.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of April and May, 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 May, 1957 amounted to 256,923 M ft. as compared with 300,157 M ft. in May, 1956. Orders on hand at the end of April, 1957 and 1956 amounted to 299,325 M ft. and 330,838 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 10,280 M ft. in May, 1957 and 6,104 M ft. in May, 1956 as compared with 6,359 M ft. in April, 1957 and 6,128 M ft. in April, 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 May accounted for 77.9 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1955 compared with 78.5 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for April, 1956 and 1957 were 79.9 and 77.9 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, 1957.

	May		April		5 Months	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	194,034	171,087	163,039	143,568	889,625	750,949
Hemlock	71,903	79,330	69,757	76,963	364,310	360,842
Balsam Fir	3,028	3,455	2,898	3,782	19,542	18,234
Red Cedar	45,772	37,806	43,033	32,505	230,260	164,376
Spruce	60,627	64,810	53,979	44,931	374,293	329,099
White Pine	7,466	6,801	6,272	4,476	30,587	22,368
Ponderosa Pine	7,019	5,421	3,001	3,855	21,224	14,167
Lodgepole Pine	4,070	4,833	3,424	4,601	27,320	32,449
All other softwoods	6,753	5,241	5,311	6,710	41,053	29,588
Total softwoods	400,672	378,784	350,714	321,391	1,998,214	1,722,072
Red Alder	156	73	90	111	778	339
Maple	392	221	152	192	1,245	752
Birch	53	55	34	33	202	161
Cottonwood	100	94	99	31	650	233
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	11	-
Total hardwoods	701	443	375	367	2,886	1,485
Total production	401,373	379,227	351,089	321,758	2,001,100	1,723,557
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada	135,486	145,856	114,929	111,261	614,600	589,622
Points in U.S.A.	140,430	134,065	120,571	116,141	630,061	569,516
United Kingdom	52,327	31,186	28,094	24,071	164,226	130,055
Other Countries	29,982	39,368	24,700	31,005	135,932	153,073
Shipments reported	338,225	350,475	288,294	282,478	1,544,819	1,442,266
Estimated shipments of						
non-reporting mills	63,229	89,896	53,464	47,329	309,905	301,815
Total shipments	401,454	440,371	341,758	329,807	1,854,724	1,744,081
STOCKS ON HAND						
	May		April			
	1956	1957	1956	1957		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	193,830	181,433	199,287	207,813		
Hemlock	101,023	114,604	111,197	118,867		
Balsam Fir	949	1,170	831	1,194		
Red Cedar	77,685	60,948	74,143	66,869		
Spruce	118,113	185,983	131,554	234,361		
White Pine	12,771	15,454	12,356	12,940		
Ponderosa Pine	18,429	20,085	12,546	16,735		
Lodgepole Pine	8,007	8,999	5,722	9,063		
All other softwoods	4,507	4,637	6,827	3,981		
Total softwoods	535,314	593,313	554,463	671,823		
Red Alder	66	-	30	-		
Maple	65	43	44	28		
Birch	36	4	24	5		
Cottonwood	413	326	645	146		
All other hardwoods	2	3	2	1		
Total hardwoods	582	376	745	180		
Total stocks	535,896	593,689	555,208	672,003		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, May, 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	86,120	5,047	91,167	43,926	32,356	76,282
Hemlock	71,184	1,610	72,794	5,576	885	6,461
Balsam Fir	2,421	30	2,451	249	755	1,004
Red Cedar	34,413	1,139	35,552	1,647	506	2,153
Spruce	4,871	244	5,115	30,253	29,425	59,678
White Pine	3,330	9	3,339	2,219	1,243	3,462
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	4,150	1,207	5,357
Lodgepole Pine	-	12	12	859	3,366	4,225
All other softwoods.	26	2	28	1,492	3,475	4,967
Total, softwoods.	202,365	8,093	210,458	90,371	73,218	163,589
Red Alder	52	21	73	-	-	-
Maple	187	32	219	-	2	2
Birch	42	8	50	-	5	5
Cottonwood	2	-	2	40	52	92
All other hardwoods.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods.	283	61	344	40	59	99
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	202,648	8,154	210,802	90,411	73,277	163,688
TIES						
Douglas Fir	559	28	587	984	2,067	3,051
Hemlock	-	-	-	-	75	75
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	101	101
Spruce	-	-	-	-	17	17
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	41	23	64
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	50	546	596
All other softwoods.	-	-	-	-	246	246
Total, softwoods.	559	28	587	1,075	3,075	4,150
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	559	28	587	1,075	3,075	4,150
LUMBER AND TIES	203,207	8,182	211,389	91,486	76,352	167,838

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

	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>				
<u>TO: Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	58,459	2,789	2,348	63,596
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta		2,744	xxxxxx	2,744
Saskatchewan		1,546	xxxxxx	1,546
Manitoba		1,718	xxxxxx	1,718
Ontario		7,871	-	7,871
Quebec		2,790	-	2,790
New Brunswick		555	-	555
Nova Scotia		341	-	341
Prince Edward Island		28	-	28
Newfoundland		275	-	275
Total for Canada	58,459	20,657	2,348	81,464
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		6,515	1,928	8,443
Atlantic Ports		941	31,323	32,264
Other points, by rail		44,083	xxxxxx	44,083
Total for U.S.A.		51,539	33,251	84,790
United Kingdom	x	276	30,880	31,156
Other countries	x	55	39,244	39,299
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported ...	58,459	72,527	105,723	236,709
Estimated shipments of				
non-reporting mills				5,921
Total shipments, reported and estimated				242,630
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
<u>TO: Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	25,612	3,999	-	29,611
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	1,074	6,708	xxxxxx	7,782
Saskatchewan		6,456	xxxxxx	6,456
Manitoba		6,355	xxxxxx	6,355
Ontario		13,098	-	13,098
Quebec		1,001	-	1,001
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		64	-	64
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		25	-	25
Total for Canada	26,686	37,706	-	64,392
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		806	-	806
Atlantic Ports		1,501	-	1,501
Other points, by rail		46,968	xxxxxx	46,968
Total for U.S.A.		49,275	-	49,275
United Kingdom	x	-	30	30
Other countries	x	-	69	69
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported ...	26,686	86,981	99	113,766
Estimated shipments of				
non-reporting mills				83,975
Total shipments, reported and estimated				197,741
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, May, 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 (but not shipped)</u>						
Douglas Fir	65,726	2,646	68,372	3,686	3,076	6,762
Hemlock	67,891	2,734	70,625	1,829	1,526	3,355
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	27,967	1,126	29,093	426	356	782
Spruce	3,997	161	4,158	421	4,524	9,945
White Pine	3,998	161	4,159	1,093	912	2,005
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	166	139	305
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other softwoods ..	50	2	52	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ..	169,629	6,830	176,459	12,621	10,533	23,154
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	30	1	31	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	30	1	31	-	-	-
 Total, softwoods and hardwoods	 169,659	 6,831	 176,490	 12,621	 10,533	 23,154
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	34,148	1,375	35,523	38,579	32,197	70,776
Hemlock	25,424	1,024	26,448	7,727	6,449	14,176
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	638	532	1,170
Red Cedar	24,458	985	25,443	3,069	2,561	5,630
Spruce	2,553	102	2,655	92,242	76,983	169,225
White Pine	1,851	75	1,926	4,014	3,350	7,364
Ponderosa Pine	340	14	354	10,589	8,837	19,426
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	4,905	4,094	8,999
All other softwoods ..	59	2	61	2,466	2,058	4,524
Total, softwoods ..	88,833	3,577	92,410	164,229	137,061	301,290
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	12	-	12	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	2	2	4
Cottonwood	17	1	18	168	140	308
All other hardwoods ..	3	-	3	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	32	1	33	170	142	312
 Total, softwoods and hardwoods	 88,865	 3,578	 92,443	 164,399	 137,203	 301,602
 SOLD AND UNSOLD	 258,524	 10,409	 268,933	 177,020	 147,736	 324,756

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

Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	May		April	
	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 ..	27,528	23,086	28,799	24,071
Coastwise and Interior	4,215	4,680	4,822	4,029
Total	31,743	27,766	33,621	28,100
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	11,846	8,271	14,857	9,887
Eastern Provinces	22,906	13,553	22,018	14,839
United States of America	48,634	47,176	55,487	57,085
Total	83,386	69,000	92,362	81,811
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	2,380	925	2,191	925
U.S. Atlantic Ports	34,738	17,177	35,605	37,688
Eastern Markets	2,539	1,300	11,930	-
Exports Markets	145,371	140,755	155,129	150,801
Total	185,028	160,157	204,855	189,414
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	300,157	256,923	330,838	299,325
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM				
OTHER MILLS	6,104	10,280	6,128	6,359

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

		May		April	
		1956	1957	1956	1957
Coast	No.	88	85	87	86
Interior	No.	242	243	205	190
Total, British Columbia	No.	330	328	292	276

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

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