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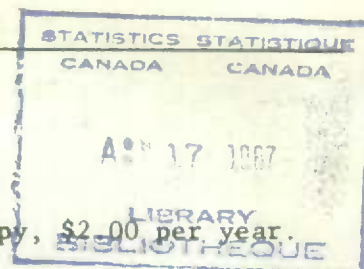
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS

IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 405,664 M ft. in June, 1957 as compared with 439,543 M ft. in June, 1956 a decrease of 7.7 p.c. from the previous year but an increase of 7.0 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 49.3 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 14.0 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 50.7 p.c. showed a decrease of 0.6 p.c. Shipments in June, 1957 totalled 460,381 M ft., as compared with 419,947 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 9.6 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 7.1 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 12.9 p.c. Total shipments for June increased by 4.5 p.c. over the May figure of 440,371 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of June, 1957 amounted to 524,310 M ft., as compared with 529,482 M ft. at the end of June the previous year and 593,689 M ft. at the end of May of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totaling 226,953 M ft., while Interior mills showed 297,357 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 May and June, 1956 and 1957. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 401,373 M ft. in May, 1956 to 439,543 M ft. in June, 1956 and from 379,227 M ft. in May, 1957 to 405,664 M ft. in June, 1957. Shipments totalled 440,371 M ft. in May, 1957 and 460,381 M ft. in June, 1957 as compared with 401,454 M ft. in May and 419,947 M ft. in June of 1956. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 535,896 M ft. in May, 1956 to 529,482 M ft. in June and decreased from 593,689 M ft. in May, 1957 to 524,310 M ft. in June 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 198,923 M ft. in June, 1957 as compared with 201,238 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,169 M ft. in June as compared with 4,334 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 49.3 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in June, 1957 as compared with 53.0 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during May, 1957 and 1956 respectively, were 55.7 and 57.7 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 255,926 M ft. in June of 1957 and 242,630 M ft. in May 1957 as compared with 238,858 M ft. in June, 1956 and 244,913 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 204,455 M ft. and 181,089 M ft. in June, 1957 and 1956 and 197,741 M ft. and 156,541 M ft. in May, 1957 and 1956. Of all shipments actually reported for June, 47.4 p.c. went to points in Canada, 32.0 p.c. to points in United States, 10.7 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 9.9 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 23.7 p.c. of the total, while 45.5 p.c. went by rail, and 30.8 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 May and June, 1957 amounted to 268,933 M ft. and 226,953 M ft. as compared with 290,087 M ft. and 281,403 M ft. in May and June of 1956. Interior mills stocks increased from 245,809 M ft. in May to 248,079 M ft. in June, 1956 but decreased from 324,756 M ft. in May to 297,357 M ft. in June, 1957. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 39.3 p.c. of the total in June, 1957 as compared with 32.5 p.c. in June, 1956 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 92.9 and 84.1.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of May and June, 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 June, 1957 amounted to 220,226 M ft. as compared with 275,171 M ft. in June, 1956. Orders on hand at the end of May, 1957 and 1956 amounted to 256,923 M ft. and 300,157 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 10,750 M ft. in June, 1957 and 6,520 M ft. in June, 1956 as compared with 10,280 M ft. in May, 1957 and 6,104 M ft. in May, 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 June accounted for 79.0 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1955 compared with 77.4 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for May, 1956 and 1957 were 78.5 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, June, 1957.

| | June | | May | | 6 Months | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 |
| | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. |
| PRODUCTION | | | | | | |
| Douglas Fir | 217,685 | 187,542 | 194,034 | 171,087 | 1,107,310 | 938,491 |
| Hemlock | 71,289 | 75,366 | 71,903 | 79,330 | 435,599 | 436,208 |
| Balsam Fir | 4,163 | 2,857 | 3,028 | 3,455 | 23,705 | 21,091 |
| Red Cedar | 38,386 | 37,227 | 45,772 | 37,806 | 268,646 | 201,603 |
| Spruce | 79,881 | 79,768 | 60,627 | 64,810 | 454,174 | 408,867 |
| White Pine | 6,013 | 4,216 | 7,466 | 6,801 | 36,600 | 26,584 |
| Ponderosa Pine | 6,678 | 4,079 | 7,019 | 5,421 | 27,902 | 18,246 |
| Lodgepole Pine | 5,454 | 6,229 | 4,070 | 4,833 | 32,774 | 38,678 |
| All other softwoods | 9,558 | 7,935 | 6,753 | 5,241 | 50,611 | 37,523 |
| Total softwoods | 439,107 | 405,219 | 400,672 | 378,784 | 2,437,321 | 2,127,291 |
| Red Alder | 95 | 113 | 156 | 73 | 873 | 452 |
| Maple | 201 | 192 | 392 | 221 | 1,446 | 944 |
| Birch | 30 | 42 | 53 | 55 | 232 | 203 |
| Cottonwood | 110 | 98 | 100 | 94 | 760 | 331 |
| All other hardwoods | - | - | - | - | 11 | - |
| Total hardwoods | 436 | 445 | 701 | 443 | 3,322 | 1,930 |
| Total production | 439,543 | 405,664 | 401,373 | 379,227 | 2,440,643 | 2,129,221 |
| SHIPMENTS | | | | | | |
| TO: Points in Canada | 150,450 | 182,409 | 135,486 | 145,856 | 765,050 | 772,031 |
| Points in U.S.A. | 129,298 | 123,315 | 140,430 | 134,065 | 759,359 | 692,831 |
| United Kingdom | 28,242 | 41,053 | 32,327 | 31,186 | 192,468 | 171,108 |
| Other Countries | 38,062 | 38,389 | 29,982 | 39,368 | 173,994 | 191,462 |
| Shipments reported | 346,052 | 385,166 | 338,225 | 350,475 | 1,890,871 | 1,827,432 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills | 73,895 | 75,215 | 63,229 | 89,896 | 383,800 | 377,030 |
| Total shipments | 419,947 | 460,381 | 401,454 | 440,371 | 2,274,671 | 2,204,462 |
| STOCKS ON HAND | | | | | | |
| | June | | May | | | |
| | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 | | |
| | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | | |
| Douglas Fir | 197,483 | 170,779 | 193,830 | 181,433 | | |
| Hemlock | 100,110 | 91,206 | 101,023 | 114,604 | | |
| Balsam Fir | 1,473 | 1,260 | 949 | 1,170 | | |
| Red Cedar | 73,113 | 52,908 | 77,685 | 60,948 | | |
| Spruce | 113,672 | 166,873 | 118,113 | 185,983 | | |
| White Pine | 9,552 | 13,245 | 12,771 | 15,454 | | |
| Ponderosa Pine | 19,815 | 18,221 | 18,429 | 20,085 | | |
| Lodgepole Pine | 8,882 | 5,382 | 8,007 | 8,999 | | |
| All other softwoods | 4,890 | 4,070 | 4,507 | 4,637 | | |
| Total softwoods | 528,990 | 523,944 | 535,314 | 593,313 | | |
| Red Alder | 42 | 62 | 66 | - | | |
| Maple | 80 | 62 | 65 | 43 | | |
| Birch | 32 | 4 | 36 | 4 | | |
| Cottonwood | 336 | 235 | 413 | 326 | | |
| All other hardwoods | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Total hardwoods | 492 | 366 | 582 | 376 | | |
| Total stocks | 529,482 | 524,310 | 535,896 | 593,689 | | |

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, June, 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 | 84,861 | 4,171 | 89,032 | 55,921 | 38,130 | 94,051 |
| Hemlock | 68,158 | 839 | 68,997 | 4,979 | 1,283 | 6,262 |
| Balsam Fir | 1,714 | 32 | 1,746 | 300 | 811 | 1,111 |
| Red Cedar | 31,966 | 1,004 | 32,970 | 3,187 | 1,022 | 4,209 |
| Spruce | 5,010 | 275 | 5,285 | 40,794 | 33,671 | 74,465 |
| White Pine | 516 | 2 | 518 | 2,214 | 1,484 | 3,698 |
| Ponderosa Pine | - | - | - | 2,883 | 1,170 | 4,053 |
| Lodgepole Pine | - | 11 | 11 | 1,294 | 4,230 | 5,524 |
| All other softwoods .. | 21 | 2 | 23 | 1,744 | 6,017 | 7,761 |
| Total, softwoods .. | 192,246 | 6,336 | 198,582 | 113,316 | 87,818 | 201,134 |
| Red Alder | 92 | 21 | 113 | - | - | - |
| Maple | 156 | 34 | 190 | - | 2 | 2 |
| Birch | 30 | 7 | 37 | - | 5 | 5 |
| Cottonwood | - | 1 | 1 | 48 | 49 | 97 |
| All other hardwoods .. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods .. | 278 | 63 | 341 | 48 | 56 | 104 |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods .. | 192,524 | 6,399 | 198,923 | 113,364 | 87,874 | 201,238 |
| TIES | | | | | | |
| Douglas Fir | 1,130 | 14 | 1,144 | 1,344 | 1,971 | 3,315 |
| Hemlock | 25 | - | 25 | - | 82 | 82 |
| Balsam Fir | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Red Cedar | - | - | - | - | 48 | 48 |
| Spruce | - | - | - | - | 18 | 18 |
| White Pine | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ponderosa Pine | - | - | - | - | 26 | 26 |
| Lodgepole Pine | - | - | - | 104 | 590 | 694 |
| All other softwoods .. | - | - | - | - | 151 | 151 |
| Total, softwoods .. | 1,155 | 14 | 1,169 | 1,448 | 2,886 | 4,334 |
| Red Alder | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Maple | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Birch | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cottonwood | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| All other hardwoods .. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods .. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods .. | 1,155 | 14 | 1,169 | 1,448 | 2,886 | 4,334 |
| LUMBER AND TIES | 193,679 | 6,413 | 200,092 | 114,812 | 90,760 | 205,572 |

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, June, 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. |
|---|--|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| COAST MILLS | | | | |
| TO: Points in Canada: | | | | |
| British Columbia | 76,850 | 2,940 | 2,076 | 81,866 |
| Yukon and Northwest Territories | | - | - | - |
| Alberta | | 4,447 | xxxxxx | 4,447 |
| Saskatchewan | | 1,327 | xxxxxx | 1,327 |
| Manitoba | | 1,971 | xxxxxx | 1,971 |
| Ontario | | 7,819 | - | 7,819 |
| Quebec | | 2,382 | 200 | 2,582 |
| New Brunswick | | 469 | - | 469 |
| Nova Scotia | | 234 | - | 234 |
| Prince Edward Island | | 32 | - | 32 |
| Newfoundland | | 39 | - | 39 |
| Total for Canada | 76,850 | 21,660 | 2,276 | 100,786 |
| Points in U.S.A.: | | | | |
| Pacific Ports | | 1,378 | 272 | 1,650 |
| Atlantic Ports | | 8,606 | 11,327 | 19,933 |
| Other points, by rail | | 48,153 | xxxxxx | 48,153 |
| Total for U.S.A. | | 58,137 | 11,599 | 69,736 |
| United Kingdomx | | 202 | 40,310 | 40,512 |
| Other countriesx | | 1,857 | 36,513 | 38,370 |
| Destination or carrier not specified | | | | - |
| Total shipments reported | 76,850 | 81,856 | 90,698 | 249,404 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills | | | | 6,522 |
| Total shipments, reported and estimated | | | | 255,926 |
| INTERIOR MILLS | | | | |
| To: Points in Canada: | | | | |
| British Columbia | 40,870 | 3,791 | - | 44,761 |
| Yukon and Northwest Territories | - | - | - | - |
| Alberta | 909 | 6,941 | xxxxxx | 7,750 |
| Saskatchewan | | 6,866 | xxxxxx | 6,866 |
| Manitoba | | 6,304 | xxxxxx | 6,304 |
| Ontario | | 14,785 | - | 14,785 |
| Quebec | | 1,061 | - | 1,061 |
| New Brunswick | | - | - | - |
| Nova Scotia | | 61 | - | 61 |
| Prince Edward Island | | - | - | - |
| Newfoundland | | 35 | - | 35 |
| Total for Canada | 41,779 | 39,844 | - | 81,623 |
| Points in U.S.A.: | | | | |
| Pacific Ports | | 1,258 | - | 1,258 |
| Atlantic Ports | | 1,269 | - | 1,269 |
| Other points, by rail | | 51,052 | xxxxxx | 51,052 |
| Total for U.S.A. | | 53,579 | - | 53,579 |
| United Kingdomx | | - | 541 | 541 |
| Other countriesx | | - | 19 | 19 |
| Destination or carrier not specified | | | | - |
| Total shipments reported | 41,779 | 93,423 | 560 | 135,762 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills | | | | 68,693 |
| Total shipments, reported and estimated | | | | 204,455 |
| x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port. | | | | |

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, June, 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. |
| SOLD (but not shipped) | | | | | | |
| Douglas Fir | 55,325 | 1,832 | 57,157 | 4,282 | 3,385 | 7,667 |
| Hemlock | 52,010 | 1,722 | 53,732 | 1,619 | 1,280 | 2,899 |
| Balsam Fir | 100 | 3 | 103 | - | - | - |
| Red Cedar | 20,572 | 681 | 21,253 | 357 | 282 | 639 |
| Spruce | 3,047 | 101 | 3,148 | 3,926 | 3,103 | 7,029 |
| White Pine | 2,165 | 72 | 2,237 | 1,379 | 1,090 | 2,469 |
| Ponderosa Pine | - | - | - | 226 | 179 | 405 |
| Lodgepole Pine | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| All other softwoods .. | 35 | 1 | 36 | - | - | - |
| Total, softwoods .. | 133,254 | 4,412 | 137,666 | 11,789 | 9,319 | 21,108 |
| Red Alder | 50 | 2 | 52 | - | - | - |
| Maple | 60 | 2 | 62 | - | - | - |
| Birch | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cottonwood | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| All other hardwoods .. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods .. | 110 | 4 | 114 | - | - | - |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods .. | 133,364 | 4,416 | 137,780 | 11,789 | 9,319 | 21,108 |
| UNSOLD | | | | | | |
| Douglas Fir | 33,452 | 1,108 | 34,560 | 39,874 | 31,521 | 71,395 |
| Hemlock | 23,630 | 782 | 24,412 | 5,676 | 4,487 | 10,163 |
| Balsam Fir | 120 | 4 | 124 | 577 | 456 | 1,033 |
| Red Cedar | 24,670 | 817 | 25,487 | 3,088 | 2,441 | 5,529 |
| Spruce | 2,463 | 82 | 2,545 | 86,093 | 68,058 | 154,151 |
| White Pine | 1,574 | 52 | 1,626 | 3,861 | 3,052 | 6,913 |
| Ponderosa Pine | 321 | 11 | 332 | 9,765 | 7,719 | 17,484 |
| Lodgepole Pine | - | - | - | 3,006 | 2,376 | 5,382 |
| All other softwoods .. | 59 | 1 | 60 | 2,219 | 1,755 | 3,974 |
| Total, softwoods .. | 86,289 | 2,857 | 89,146 | 154,159 | 121,865 | 276,024 |
| Red Alder | 10 | - | 10 | - | - | - |
| Maple | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Birch | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Cottonwood | 13 | 1 | 14 | 124 | 97 | 221 |
| All other hardwoods .. | 3 | - | 3 | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods .. | 26 | 1 | 27 | 126 | 99 | 225 |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods .. | 86,315 | 2,858 | 89,173 | 154,285 | 121,964 | 276,249 |
| SOLD AND UNSOLD | 219,679 | 7,274 | 226,953 | 166,074 | 131,283 | 297,357 |

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

| | June | | May | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 |
| | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. |
| ORDERS ON HAND | | | | |
| For shipments to points in British Columbia | | | | |
| Local | 26,965 | 18,266 | 27,528 | 23,086 |
| Coastwise and Interior | 3,234 | 3,788 | 4,215 | 4,680 |
| Total | 30,199 | 22,054 | 31,743 | 27,766 |
| For shipments by rail to: | | | | |
| Prairie Provinces | 9,776 | 5,304 | 11,846 | 8,271 |
| Eastern Provinces | 18,937 | 9,363 | 22,906 | 13,553 |
| United States of America | 47,546 | 34,954 | 48,634 | 47,176 |
| Total | 76,259 | 49,621 | 83,386 | 69,000 |
| For waterborne shipments to: | | | | |
| California | 760 | - | 2,380 | 925 |
| U.S. Atlantic Ports | 32,400 | 12,943 | 34,738 | 17,177 |
| Eastern Markets | 1,975 | 600 | 2,539 | 1,300 |
| Exports Markets | 133,578 | 135,008 | 145,371 | 140,755 |
| Total | 168,713 | 148,551 | 185,028 | 160,157 |
| TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND | 275,171 | 220,226 | 300,157 | 256,923 |
| LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS | | | | |
| | 6,520 | 10,750 | 6,104 | 10,280 |

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

| | | June | | May | |
|-------------------------------|-----|------|------|------|------|
| | | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 |
| Coast | No. | 92 | 91 | 88 | 85 |
| Interior | No. | 265 | 289 | 242 | 243 |
| Total, British Columbia | No. | 357 | 380 | 330 | 328 |

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

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