

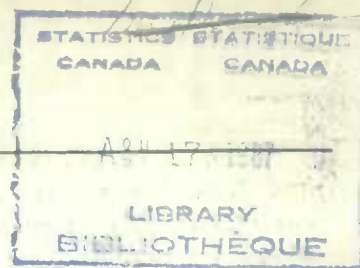
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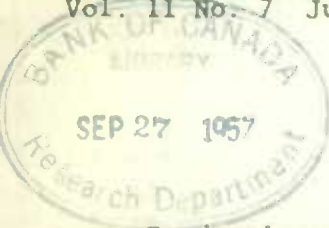
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 403,028 M ft. in July, 1957 as compared with 414,520 M ft. in July, 1956 a decrease of 2.8 p.c. from the previous year and a decrease of 0.6 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 42.5 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 3.9 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 57.5 p.c. showed a decrease of 1.9 p.c. Shipments in July, 1957 totalled 366,544 M ft., as compared with 397,586 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 7.8 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 15.1 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 1.5 p.c. Total shipments for July decreased by 20.4 p.c. from the June figure of 460,381 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of July, 1957 amounted to 558,800 M ft., as compared with 518,948 M ft. at the end of July the previous year and 524,310 M ft. at the end of June of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 259,022 M ft., while Interior mills showed 299,778 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 June and July, 1956 and 1957. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 439,543 M ft. in June, 1956 to 414,520 M ft. in July, 1956 and from 405,664 M ft. in June to 403,028 M ft. in July, 1957. Shipments totalled 460,381 M ft. in June, 1957 and 366,544 M ft. in July, 1957 as compared with 419,947 M ft. in June and 397,586 M ft. in July of 1956. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 529,482 M ft. in June, 1956 to 518,948 M ft. in July, 1956 but increased from 524,310 M ft. in June, 1957 to 558,800 M ft. in July 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 170,377 M ft. in July, 1957 as compared with 227,796 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 831 M ft. in July as compared with 4,024 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 42.5 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in July, 1957 as compared with 43.0 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during June, 1957 and 1956 respectively, were 49.3 and 53.0 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 157,045 M ft. in July of 1957 and 255,926 M ft. in June, 1957 as compared with 184,878 M ft. in July, 1956 and 238,858 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 209,499 M ft. and 212,708 M ft. in July, 1957 and 1956 and 204,455 M ft. and 181,089 M ft. in June, 1957 and 1956. Of all shipments actually reported for July, 47.8 p.c. went to points in Canada, 37.1 p.c. to points in United States, 8.5 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 6.6 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 21.3 p.c. of the total, while 47.5 went by rail, and 31.2 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 June and July 1957 amounted to 226,953 M ft. and 259,022 M ft. as compared with 281,403 M ft. and 278,498 M ft. in June and July of 1956. Interior mills stocks decreased from 248,079 M ft. in June to 240,450 M ft. in July, 1956 but increased from 297,357 M ft. in June to 299,778 M ft. in July, 1957. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 37.8 p.c. of the total in July, 1957 as compared with 31.5 p.c. in July, 1956 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively 92.9 and 85.8.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of June and July, 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 July, 1957 amounted to 249,118 M ft. as compared with 275,013 M ft. in July, 1956. Orders on hand at the end of June, 1957 and 1956 amounted to 220,226 M ft. and 275,171 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 8,567 M ft. in July, 1957 and 5,659 M ft. in July, 1956 as compared with 10,750 M ft. in June, 1957 and 6,520 M ft. in June, 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 July accounted for 78.1 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1955 compared with 80.1 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for June, 1956 and 1957 were 77.4 and 79.0 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, July, 1957.

	July		June		7 Months	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	204,847	173,465	217,685	187,542	1,312,157	1,111,956
Hemlock	56,922	68,751	71,289	75,366	492,521	504,959
Balsam Fir	4,246	3,563	4,163	2,857	27,951	24,654
Red Cedar	31,435	34,794	38,386	37,227	300,081	236,397
Spruce	86,343	91,975	79,881	79,768	540,517	500,842
White Pine	6,437	6,855	6,013	4,216	43,037	33,439
Ponderosa Pine	7,707	4,194	6,678	4,079	35,609	22,440
Lodgepole Pine	7,514	8,329	5,454	6,229	40,288	47,007
All other softwoods	8,770	10,485	9,558	7,935	59,381	48,008
Total softwoods	414,221	402,411	439,107	405,219	2,851,542	2,529,702
Red Alder	88	137	95	113	961	589
Maple	148	360	201	192	1,594	1,304
Birch	41	51	30	42	273	254
Cottonwood	22	69	110	98	782	400
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	11	-
Total hardwoods	299	617	436	445	3,621	2,547
Total production	414,520	403,028	439,543	405,664	2,855,163	2,532,249
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada	143,103	134,526	150,450	182,409	908,153	906,557
Points in U.S.A.	121,351	104,361	129,298	123,315	880,710	797,192
United Kingdom	29,021	23,856	28,242	41,053	221,489	194,964
Other Countries	17,149	18,849	38,062	38,389	191,143	210,311
Shipments reported	310,624	281,592	346,052	385,166	2,201,495	2,109,024
Estimated shipments of						
non-reporting mills	86,962	84,952	73,895	75,215	470,762	461,982
Total shipments	397,586	366,544	419,947	460,381	2,672,257	2,571,006
STOCKS ON HAND						
	July		June			
	1956	1957	1956	1957		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	205,565	179,803	197,483	170,779		
Hemlock	104,180	106,127	100,110	91,206		
Balsam Fir	1,420	1,260	1,473	1,260		
Red Cedar	71,818	57,658	73,113	52,908		
Spruce	95,996	170,333	113,672	166,873		
White Pine	10,611	15,558	9,552	13,245		
Ponderosa Pine	19,957	17,997	19,815	18,221		
Lodgepole Pine	5,639	5,673	8,882	5,382		
All other softwoods	3,312	4,192	4,890	4,070		
Total softwoods	518,498	558,601	528,990	523,944		
Red Alder	-	15	42	62		
Maple	8	82	80	62		
Birch	3	16	32	4		
Cottonwood	438	85	336	235		
All other hardwoods	1	1	2	3		
Total hardwoods	450	199	492	366		
Total stocks	518,948	558,800	529,482	524,310		

Table 2. Lumber and Ties Sawn, July, 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	62,259	9,461	71,720	52,220	45,603	97,823
Hemlock	58,771	2,018	60,789	4,908	2,976	7,884
Balsam Fir	1,695	105	1,800	780	983	1,763
Red Cedar	27,612	2,154	29,766	3,398	1,630	5,028
Spruce	3,236	367	3,603	53,559	34,796	88,355
White Pine	2,029	21	2,050	2,880	1,925	4,805
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	2,801	1,323	4,124
Lodgepole Pine	-	85	85	3,235	4,326	7,561
All other softwoods ..	2	18	20	2,214	8,166	10,380
Total, softwoods ..	155,604	14,229	169,833	125,995	101,728	227,723
Red Alder	38	99	137	-	-	-
Maple	205	153	358	-	2	2
Birch	12	33	45	-	6	6
Cottonwood	-	4	4	2	63	65
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	255	289	544	2	71	73
Total, softwoods and hardwoods..	155,859	14,518	170,377	125,997	101,799	227,796
TIES						
Douglas Fir	788	43	831	926	2,165	3,091
Hemlock	-	-	-	-	78	78
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	17	17
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	45	25	70
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	199	484	683
All other softwoods..	-	-	-	-	85	85
Total, softwoods..	788	43	831	1,170	2,854	4,024
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods..	788	43	831	1,170	2,854	4,024
LUMBER AND TIES	156,647	14,561	171,208	127,167	104,653	231,820

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, July, 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>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	40,880	1,295	1,154	43,329
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....		6	-	6
Alberta		1,219	xxxxxx	1,219
Saskatchewan		620	xxxxxx	620
Manitoba		804	xxxxxx	804
Ontario		3,376	-	3,376
Quebec		1,310	800	2,110
New Brunswick		316	-	316
Nova Scotia		61	-	61
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		162	-	162
Total for Canada	40,880	9,169	1,954	52,003
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		4,851	264	5,115
Atlantic Ports		4,766	15,667	20,433
Other points, by rail		24,403	xxxxxx	24,403
Total for U.S.A.		34,020	15,931	49,951
United Kingdomx		328	23,197	23,525
Other countriesx		206	18,643	18,849
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	40,880	43,723	59,725	144,328
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				12,717
Total shipments, reported and estimated				157,045
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	45,174	2,049	-	47,223
Yukon and Northwest Territories.	-	50	-	50
Alberta	1,786	7,035	xxxxxx	8,821
Saskatchewan		6,100	xxxxxx	6,100
Manitoba		5,556	xxxxxx	5,556
Ontario		13,555	-	13,555
Quebec		1,187	-	1,187
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		31	-	31
Total for Canada	46,960	35,563		82,523
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		399	-	399
Atlantic Ports		1,367	-	1,367
Other points, by rail		52,644	xxxxxx	52,644
Total for U.S.A.		54,510		54,410
United Kingdomx		75	256	331
Other countriesx		-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	46,960	90,048	256	137,264
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				72,235
Total shipments, reported and estimated				209,499

x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, July, 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	56,835	5,283	62,118	4,389	3,612	8,001
Hemlock	60,102	5,587	65,689	1,340	1,103	2,443
Balsam Fir	100	9	109	-	-	-
Red Cedar	24,285	2,257	26,542	230	189	419
Spruce	3,216	299	3,515	4,398	3,619	8,017
White Pine	2,822	262	3,084	1,229	1,012	2,241
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	78	64	142
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	24	20	44
All other softwoods ...	79	8	87	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	147,439	13,705	161,144	11,688	9,619	21,307
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	147,439	13,705	161,144	11,688	9,619	21,307
<u>Unsold</u>						
Douglas Fir	36,244	3,369	39,613	38,438	31,633	70,071
Hemlock	26,576	2,470	29,046	4,909	4,040	8,949
Balsam Fir	50	5	55	601	495	1,096
Red Cedar	21,975	2,043	24,018	3,664	3,015	6,679
Spruce	2,471	230	2,701	85,630	70,470	156,100
White Pine	1,816	168	1,984	4,525	3,724	8,249
Ponderosa Pine	250	23	273	9,645	7,937	17,582
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	3,088	2,541	5,629
All other softwoods ...	59	5	64	2,217	1,824	4,041
Total, softwoods ...	89,441	8,313	97,754	152,717	125,679	278,396
Red Alder	14	1	15	-	-	-
Maple	74	8	82	-	-	-
Birch	11	1	12	2	2	4
Cottonwood	13	1	14	39	32	71
All other hardwoods ...	1	-	1	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	113	11	124	41	34	75
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	89,554	8,324	97,878	152,758	125,713	278,471
Sold and Unsold	236,993	22,029	259,022	164,446	135,332	299,778

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

	July		June	
	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	21,675	12,961	26,965	18,266
Coastwise and Interior	3,090	4,523	3,234	3,788
Total	24,765	17,484	30,199	22,054
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	8,222	4,431	9,776	5,304
Eastern Provinces	20,881	8,666	18,937	9,363
United States of America	49,484	38,679	47,546	34,954
Total	78,587	51,776	76,259	49,621
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	565	-	760	-
U.S. Atlantic Ports	34,592	17,845	32,400	12,943
Eastern Markets	2,250	-	1,975	600
Exports Markets	134,254	162,013	133,578	135,008
Total	171,661	179,858	168,713	148,551
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	275,013	249,118	275,171	220,226
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM				
OTHER MILLS	5,659	8,567	6,520	10,750

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

	July		June	
	1956	1957	1956	1957
CoastNo.	89	87	92	91
InteriorNo.	319	303	265	289
Total, British ColumbiaNo.	408	390	357	380

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

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