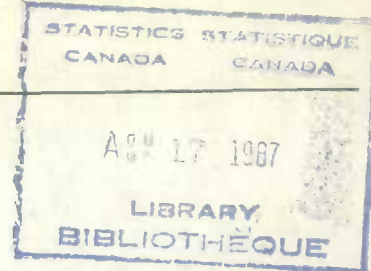


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 389,523 M ft. in September, 1957 as compared with 428,490 M ft. in September, 1956 a decrease of 9.1 p.c. from the previous year and a decrease of 2.8 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 51.7 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 2.7 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 48.3 p.c. showed a decrease of 15.1 p.c. Shipments in September, 1957 totalled 382,546 M ft., as compared with 400,969 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 4.6 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 0.7 p.c. but Interior mills a decrease of 10.2 p.c. Total shipments for September decreased by 3.7 p.c. from the August figure of 397,303 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of September, 1957 amounted to 567,435 M ft., as compared with 510,224 M ft. at the end of September the previous year and 552,063 M ft. at the end of August of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 263,765 M ft., while Interior mills showed 303,670 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 August and September, 1956 and 1957. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 476,259 M ft. in August, 1956 to 428,490 M ft. in September, 1956 and from 400,576 M ft. in August, 1957 to 389,523 M ft. in September, 1957. Shipments totalled 397,303 M ft. in August, 1957 and 382,546 M ft. in September, 1957 as compared with 441,726 M ft. in August and 400,969 M ft. in September of 1956. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 514,515 M ft. in August, 1956 to 510,224 M ft. in September, 1956 but increased from 552,063 M ft. in August, 1957 to 567,435 M ft. in September 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 200,676 M ft. in September, 1957 as compared with 182,874 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 821 M ft. in September as compared with 5,152 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 51.7 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in September, 1957 as compared with 48.3 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during August, 1957 and 1956 respectively, were 47.7 and 43.6 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 206,495 M ft. in September of 1957 and 181,052 M ft. in August, 1957 as compared with 204,993 M ft. in September, 1956 and 215,890 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 176,051 M ft. and 195,976 M ft. in September, 1957 and 1956 and 216,251 M ft. and 225,836 M ft. in August, 1957 and 1956. Of all shipments actually reported for September, 37.3 p.c. went to points in Canada, 40.3 p.c. to points in United States, 10.7 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 11.7 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 32.0 p.c. of the total, while 43.5 p.c. went by rail, and 24.5 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 August and September, 1957 amounted to 266,798 M ft. and 263,765 M ft. as compared with 263,598 M ft. and 261,914 M ft. in August and September of 1956. Interior mills stocks decreased from 250,917 M ft. in August to 248,310 M ft. in September, 1956 but increased from 285,265 M ft. in August to 303,670 M ft. in September, 1957. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 36.3 p.c. of the total in September, 1957 as compared with 35.5 p.c. in September, 1956 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 93.6 and 86.4.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of August and September, 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 September, 1957 amounted to 275,366 M ft. as compared with 240,220 M ft. in September, 1956. Orders on hand at the end of August, 1957 and 1956 amounted to 271,807 M ft. and 275,703 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 9,160 M ft. in September, 1957 and 5,446 M ft. in September, 1956 as compared with 11,143 M ft. in August, 1957 and 4,143 M ft. in August, 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 September accounted for 81.3 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 August, 1956 and 1957 were 78.1 and 79.7 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, September, 1957.

	September		August		9 Months	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	194,169	169,335	221,751	178,955	1,728,077	1,460,246
Hemlock	73,275	82,904	64,736	75,386	630,532	663,249
Balsam Fir	3,857	4,025	5,067	3,303	36,875	31,982
Red Cedar	41,161	38,764	43,139	33,694	384,381	308,855
Spruce	88,400	68,378	108,465	82,033	737,382	651,253
White Pine	7,370	7,131	7,459	6,227	57,866	46,797
Ponderosa Pine	3,868	3,282	5,600	3,102	45,077	28,824
Lodgepole Pine	6,465	7,170	8,382	7,070	55,135	61,247
All other softwoods	9,557	8,088	11,316	10,403	80,254	66,499
Total softwoods	428,122	389,077	475,915	400,173	3,755,579	3,318,952
Red Alder	83	45	41	76	1,085	710
Maple	231	274	111	212	1,936	1,790
Birch	38	24	51	47	362	325
Cottonwood	16	100	121	66	919	566
All other hardwoods	-	3	20	2	31	5
Total hardwoods	368	446	344	403	4,333	3,396
Total production	428,490	389,523	476,259	400,576	3,759,912	3,322,348
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada	130,862	120,849	157,401	122,413	1,196,416	1,149,819
Points in U.S.A.	119,161	130,537	137,245	127,624	1,137,116	1,055,353
United Kingdom	28,343	34,806	22,864	29,500	272,696	259,270
Other Countries	29,217	37,974	26,162	28,817	246,522	277,102
Shipments reported	307,583	324,166	343,672	308,354	2,852,750	2,741,544
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	93,386	58,380	98,054	88,949	662,202	609,311
Total shipments	400,969	382,546	441,726	397,303	3,514,952	3,350,855
STOCKS ON HAND						
	September		August			
	1956	1957	1956	1957		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	202,028	193,619	197,634	182,434		
Hemlock	89,562	119,556	90,153	110,253		
Balsam Fir	428	1,778	827	1,265		
Red Cedar	63,908	58,026	70,082	56,442		
Spruce	123,053	146,287	119,523	159,242		
White Pine	8,443	18,680	9,625	13,911		
Ponderosa Pine	11,925	14,013	16,355	15,176		
Lodgepole Pine	6,761	5,147	7,075	4,947		
All other softwoods	3,907	9,876	2,686	8,040		
Total softwoods	510,015	566,982	513,960	551,710		
Red Alder	45	-	48	-		
Maple	63	4	71	-		
Birch	12	3	63	-		
Cottonwood	88	445	372	348		
All other hardwoods	1	1	1	5		
Total hardwoods	209	453	555	353		
Total stocks	510,224	567,435	514,515	552,063		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, September, 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	75,973	5,318	81,291	54,173	29,187	83,360
Hemlock	73,890	1,059	74,949	6,714	1,093	7,807
Balsam Fir	2,778	29	2,807	510	708	1,218
Red Cedar	33,834	737	34,571	3,320	815	4,135
Spruce	3,675	203	3,878	37,742	26,737	64,479
White Pine	2,817	10	2,827	3,344	960	4,304
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	2,552	695	3,247
Lodgepole Pine	-	11	11	2,998	3,307	6,305
All other softwoods ...	-	2	2	4,149	3,764	7,913
Total, softwoods ...	192,967	7,369	200,336	115,502	67,266	182,768
Red Alder	25	20	45	-	-	-
Maple	240	32	272	-	2	2
Birch	14	8	22	-	2	2
Cottonwood	-	1	1	54	45	99
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	3	-	3
Total, hardwoods ...	279	61	340	57	49	106
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	193,246	7,430	200,676	115,559	67,315	182,874
TIES						
Douglas Fir	730	41	771	1,228	2,685	3,913
Hemlock	50	-	50	-	98	98
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	58	58
Spruce	-	-	-	-	21	21
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	35	35
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	157	697	854
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	30	143	173
Total, softwoods ...	780	41	821	1,415	3,737	5,152
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	780	41	821	1,415	3,737	5,152
LUMBER AND TIES	194,026	7,471	201,497	116,974	71,052	188,026

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, September, 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: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	43,038	1,196	1,016	45,250
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	5	5
Alberta		1,130	xxxxxxx	1,130
Saskatchewan		524	xxxxxxx	524
Manitoba		952	xxxxxxx	952
Ontario		5,114	-	5,114
Quebec		1,310	-	1,310
New Brunswick		187	-	187
Nova Scotia		252	-	252
Prince Edward Island		1	-	1
Newfoundland		114	-	114
Total for Canada	43,038	10,780	1,021	54,839
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		663	-	663
Atlantic Ports		794	30,605	31,399
Other points, by rail		42,450	xxxxxxx	42,450
Total for U.S.A.		43,907	30,605	74,512
United Kingdomx		7	33,727	33,734
Other countriesx		83	37,766	37,849
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	43,038	54,777	103,119	200,934
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				5,561
Total shipments, reported and estimated				206,495
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	34,823	3,235	-	38,058
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	1,605	5,001	xxxxxxx	6,606
Saskatchewan		5,890	xxxxxxx	5,890
Manitoba		4,174	xxxxxxx	4,174
Ontario		10,373	-	10,373
Quebec		798	-	798
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		31	-	31
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		80	-	80
Total for Canada	36,428	29,582	-	66,010
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		763	-	763
Atlantic Ports		508	-	508
Other points, by rail		54,754	xxxxxxx	54,754
Total for U.S.A.		56,025	-	56,025
United Kingdomx		675	397	1,072
Other countriesx		-	125	125
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	36,428	86,282	522	123,232
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				52,819
Total shipments, reported and estimated				176,051
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, September, 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	57,327	2,208	59,535	5,799	3,522	9,321
Hemlock	73,554	2,832	76,386	1,676	1,018	2,694
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	23,942	922	24,864	120	73	193
Spruce	3,957	152	4,109	2,546	1,547	4,093
White Pine	2,982	115	3,097	1,631	991	2,622
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	216	131	347
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	20	12	32
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	161,762	6,229	167,991	12,008	7,294	19,302
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	161,762	6,229	167,991	12,008	7,294	19,302
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	38,895	1,498	40,393	52,488	31,882	84,370
Hemlock	24,803	955	25,758	9,156	5,562	14,718
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	1,106	672	1,778
Red Cedar	23,966	923	24,889	5,027	3,053	8,080
Spruce	1,952	75	2,027	84,644	51,414	136,058
White Pine	2,425	93	2,518	6,497	3,946	10,443
Ponderosa Pine	116	4	120	8,427	5,119	13,546
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	3,182	1,933	5,115
All other softwoods ...	60	3	63	6,105	3,708	9,813
Total, softwoods ...	92,217	3,551	95,768	176,632	107,289	283,921
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	4	-	4	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	2	1	3
Cottonwood	1	-	1	276	168	444
All other hardwoods ...	1	-	1	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	6	-	6	278	169	447
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	92,223	3,551	95,774	176,910	107,458	284,368
SOLD AND UNSOLD	253,985	9,780	263,765	188,918	114,752	303,670

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

	September		August	
	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	20,078	16,450	24,446	14,017
Coastwise and Interior	2,422	1,374	2,677	3,531
Total	22,500	17,824	27,123	17,548
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	6,469	4,078	6,431	4,625
Eastern Provinces	14,442	9,618	16,890	14,459
United States of America	42,380	40,521	48,241	39,859
Total	63,291	54,217	71,562	58,943
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	-	330	565	405
U.S. Atlantic Ports	24,844	21,176	26,171	25,419
Eastern Markets	365	-	3,420	-
Exports Markets	129,220	181,819	146,862	169,492
Total	154,429	203,325	177,018	195,316
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	240,220	275,366	275,703	271,807
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM				
OTHER MILLS	5,446	9,160	4,143	11,143

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

	September		August	
	1956	1957	1956	1957
Coast No.	90	84	95	84
Interior No.	285	291	290	293
Total, British Columbia . No.	375	375	385	377

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

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