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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 362,182 M ft. in January, 1958 as compared with 284,256 M ft. in January, 1957 an increase of 27.4 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 20.4 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 54.1 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 14.2 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 45.9 p.c. showed an increase of 47.5 p.c. Shipments in January, 1958 totalled 334,420 M ft., as compared with 306,370 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 9.2 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 1.1 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 22.5 p.c. Total shipments for January increased by 13.5 p.c. over the December figure of 294,716 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of January, 1958 amounted to 609,027 M ft., as compared with 564,392 M ft. at the end of January the previous year and 585,852 M ft. at the end of December, 1957. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 297,222 M ft., while Interior mills showed 311,805 M ft.

Page 3 gives the final estimates of the production of sawn lumber (excluding sawn ties) for British Columbia and provinces East of the Rockies for 1956 and revised estimates for 1957. Similar revised monthly estimates of sawn lumber production for all provinces (except Newfoundland), are contained in the January issue of the Monthly report entitled "Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies".

Summary Figures

Table 1 gives a comparative summary of production, shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills for December, 1956 and 1957 and January, 1957 and 1958. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 287,626 M ft. in December, 1956 to 284,256 M ft. in January, 1957 but increased from 300,862 M ft. in December 1957 to 362,182 M ft. in January, 1958. Shipments totalled 294,716 M ft. in December, 1957 and 334,420 M ft. in January, 1958 as compared with 248,405 M ft. in December, 1956 and 306,370 M ft. in January of 1957. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 602,162 M ft. in December, 1956 to 564,392 M ft. in January, 1957 but increased from 585,852 M ft. in December, 1957 to 609,027 M ft. in January 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 194,480 M ft. in January, 1958 as compared with 161,703 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,637 M ft. in January as compared with 4,362 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 54.1 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in January, 1958 as compared with 60.4 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during December, 1957 and 1956 respectively, were 58.4 and 57.3 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 192,611 M ft. in January of 1958 and 174,559 M ft. in December, 1957 as compared with 190,565 M ft. in January, 1957 and 153,428 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 141,809 M ft. and 115,805 M ft. in January, 1958 and 1957 and 120,157 M ft. and 94,977 M ft. in December, 1957 and 1956. Of all shipments actually reported for January, 35.8 p.c. went to points in Canada, 40.0 p.c. to points in United States, 13.1 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 11.1 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 38.9 p.c. of the total, while 35.9 p.c. went by rail, and 25.2 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 December, 1957 and January, 1958 amounted to 289,600 M ft. and 297,222 M ft. as compared with 300,906 M ft. and 294,476 M ft. in December, 1956 and January of 1957. Interior mills stocks decreased from 301,256 M ft. in December, 1956 to 269,916 M ft. in January, 1957 but increased from 296,252 M ft. in December, 1957 to 311,805 M ft. in January, 1958. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 34.6 p.c. of the total in January, 1958 as compared with 38.2 p.c. in January, 1957 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 92.9 and 92.8.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of December, 1956 and 1957 and January 1957 and 1958 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 January, 1958 amounted to 280,568 M ft. as compared with 258,013 M ft. in January, 1957. Orders on hand at the end of December, 1957 and 1956 amounted to 295,273 M ft. and 275,562 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 6,729 M ft. in January, 1958 and 3,784 M ft. in January, 1957 as compared with 7,062 M ft. in December, 1957 and 2,276 M ft. in December, 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 January accounted for 77.3 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1956 compared with 83.2 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for December, 1956 and 1957 were 79.2 and 80.2 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.

Final Estimates of Canadian Production of Sawn Lumber for 1956,
and Revised Estimates for 1957

Month	Year	British Columbia			East of Rockies	Total Canada ^x
		Coast	Interior	Total		
January	1956	207,194	179,687	386,881	195,582	582,463
	1957	171,478	106,519	277,997	184,701	462,698
February	1956	214,905	182,164	397,069	247,233	644,302
	1957	170,625	165,411	336,036	222,203	558,239
March	1956	217,102	213,537	430,639	263,475	694,114
	1957	191,017	185,582	376,599	255,169	631,768
April	1956	208,987	132,216	341,203	135,281	476,484
	1957	190,642	122,599	313,241	157,104	470,345
May	1956	222,140	166,095	388,235	265,971	654,206
	1957	205,327	164,213	369,540	265,457	634,997
June	1956	224,732	204,653	429,385	386,573	815,958
	1957	193,756	201,883	395,639	330,675	726,314
July	1956	170,890	232,267	403,157	388,514	791,671
	1957	165,952	228,526	394,478	329,635	724,113
August	1956	200,777	265,236	466,013	359,418	825,431
	1957	185,154	206,732	391,886	293,713	685,599
September	1956	200,841	217,511	418,352	288,089	706,441
	1957	195,464	183,460	378,924	215,489	594,413
October	1956	214,991	207,022	422,013	187,761	609,774
	1957	211,232	169,828	381,060	130,926	511,986
November	1956	207,474	162,668	370,142	122,346	492,488
	1957	198,423	135,936	334,359	61,141	395,500
December	1956	164,144	117,737	281,881	125,011	406,892
	1957	173,317	121,229	294,546	75,166	369,712
12 months	1956	2,454,177	2,280,793	4,734,970	2,965,254	7,700,224 ^x
	1957	2,252,387	1,991,918	4,244,305	2,521,379	6,765,684 ^x

x Production in the Yukon and N.W.T. (8,288 M ft. b.m.) and Newfoundland (31,091 M ft. b.m.) not included in the 1956 quantities; 1957 quantities not yet available.

Table 1. - Comparative Summary of Production, Shipments and Stocks of Lumber and Ties of British Columbia, January, 1958.

	January		December	
	*1957	1958	*1956	*1957
PRODUCTION	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	120,742	161,309	130,223	139,891
Hemlock	63,264	68,335	56,109	62,869
Balsam Fir	3,102	3,870	2,724	4,216
Red Cedar	28,338	35,489	28,999	31,473
Spruce	56,540	71,641	51,579	47,057
White Pine	2,471	3,757	4,820	2,738
Ponderosa Pine	1,605	1,437	2,301	1,425
Lodgepole Pine	4,505	8,570	4,610	5,362
All other softwoods	3,540	7,586	6,040	5,568
Total, softwoods	284,107	361,994	287,405	300,599
Red Alder	41	33	73	114
Maple	64	91	106	76
Birch	33	17	25	29
Cottonwood	11	47	17	44
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	149	188	221	263
Total, production	*284,256	362,182	*287,626	*300,862
SHIPMENTS				
TO: Points in Canada	87,226	102,175	81,141	85,063
Points in U.S.A.	104,868	114,043	83,570	96,764
United Kingdom	28,983	37,250	19,241	40,520
Other Countries	29,917	31,635	34,092	30,557
Shipments reported	250,994	285,103	218,044	252,904
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills.	55,376	49,317	30,361	41,812
Total shipments	306,370	334,420	248,405	294,716
STOCKS ON HAND				
	January	1958	December	1957
	1957		1956	
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	201,832	232,627	198,894	220,830
Hemlock	114,505	110,483	122,467	117,685
Balsam Fir	1,637	1,357	1,357	1,829
Red Cedar	64,631	63,313	68,276	58,365
Spruce	140,738	161,096	162,853	148,353
White Pine	10,313	15,369	11,990	16,077
Ponderosa Pine	15,880	10,240	14,050	9,934
Lodgepole Pine	5,923	5,016	9,217	4,777
All other softwoods	8,787	9,212	12,610	7,794
Total, softwoods	564,246	608,713	601,714	585,644
Red Alder	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	3	51	3
Birch	4	-	-	3
Cottonwood	139	260	396	201
All other hardwoods	3	51	1	1
Total, hardwoods	146	314	448	208
Total, stocks	564,392	609,027	602,162	585,852

* Revised

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, January, 1958.

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	86,118	3,669	89,787	39,077	28,419	67,496
Hemlock	62,769	1,009	63,778	2,739	1,728	4,467
Balsam Fir	1,771	119	1,890	1,133	723	1,856
Red Cedar	31,563	1,071	32,634	2,005	850	2,855
Spruce	3,791	202	3,993	42,791	24,777	67,568
White Pine	1,399	2	1,401	779	1,549	2,328
Ponderosa Pine	3	2	5	347	1,035	1,382
Lodgepole Pine	-	24	24	3,235	4,222	7,457
All other softwoods ...	811	16	827	2,889	3,358	6,247
Total, softwoods ...	188,225	6,114	194,339	94,995	66,661	161,656
Red Alder	12	21	33	-	-	-
Maple	70	17	87	-	4	4
Birch	5	7	12	-	5	5
Cottonwood	4	5	9	31	7	38
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	91	50	141	31	16	47
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	188,316	6,164	194,480	95,026	66,677	161,703
TIES						
Douglas Fir	1,627	10	1,637	908	1,481	2,389
Hemlock	-	-	-	66	24	90
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	124	124
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	23	57	80
White Pine	-	-	-	28	-	28
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	50	50
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	249	840	1,089
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	388	124	512
Total, softwoods ...	1,627	10	1,637	1,662	2,700	4,362
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	1,627	10	1,637	1,662	2,700	4,362
LUMBER AND TIES	189,943	6,174	196,117	96,688	69,377	166,065

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, January, 1958

	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	36,924	1,383	703	39,010
Yukon and Northwest Territories		24	-	24
Alberta		1,708	xxxxxx	1,708
Saskatchewan		264	xxxxxx	264
Manitoba		736	xxxxxx	736
Ontario		4,154	-	4,154
Quebec		928	-	928
New Brunswick		219	-	219
Nova Scotia		102	-	102
Prince Edward Island		18	-	18
Newfoundland		80	-	80
Total for Canada	36,924	9,616	703	47,243
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	181	650	1,100	1,931
Atlantic Ports		139	41,439	41,578
Other points by rail		30,183	xxxxxx	30,183
Total for U.S.A.	181	30,972	42,539	73,692
United Kingdom	x	311	35,433	35,744
Other countries	x	-	31,635	31,635
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total Shipments reported	37,105	40,899	110,310	188,314
Estimated shipments of				
non-reporting mills				4,297
Total shipments, reported and estimated				192,611
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	33,351	843	-	34,194
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	1,539	5,010	xxxxxx	6,549
Saskatchewan		3,441	xxxxxx	3,441
Manitoba		4,207	xxxxxx	4,207
Ontario		5,925	-	5,925
Quebec		560	-	560
New Brunswick		28	-	28
Nova Scotia		28	-	28
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	34,890	20,042	-	54,932
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	-	171	-	171
Atlantic Ports		-	-	-
Other points, by rail		40,180	xxxxxx	40,180
Total for U.S.A.	-	40,351	xxxxxx	40,351
United Kingdom	x	1,036	470	1,506
Other countries	x	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	34,890	61,429	470	96,789
Estimated shipments of				
non-reporting mills				45,020
Total shipments, reported and estimated				141,809
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, January, 1958

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	86,543	2,813	89,356	6,835	4,904	11,739
Hemlock	69,067	2,245	71,312	675	484	1,159
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	27,196	884	28,080	180	129	309
Spruce	3,133	102	3,235	4,150	2,978	7,128
White Pine	2,426	79	2,505	926	664	1,590
Ponderosa Pine	30	1	31	191	137	328
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	13	10	23
All other softwoods ...	2	-	2	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	188,397	6,124	194,521	12,970	9,306	22,276
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
 Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	188,397	6,124	194,521	12,970	9,306	22,276
 <u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	41,375	1,345	42,720	51,709	37,103	88,812
Hemlock	26,385	858	27,243	6,270	4,499	10,769
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	790	567	1,357
Red Cedar	27,743	902	28,645	3,656	2,623	6,279
Spruce	2,118	69	2,187	86,488	62,058	148,546
White Pine	1,702	55	1,757	5,541	3,976	9,517
Ponderosa Pine	83	3	86	5,703	4,092	9,795
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	2,907	2,086	4,993
All other softwoods ...	57	1	58	5,329	3,823	9,152
Total, softwoods ...	99,463	3,233	102,696	168,393	120,827	289,220
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	3	-	3	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	1	-	1	151	108	259
All other hardwoods ...	1	-	1	29	21	50
Total, hardwoods ...	5	-	5	180	129	309
 Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	99,468	3,233	102,701	168,573	120,956	289,529
 SOLD AND UNSOLD	287,865	9,357	297,222	181,543	130,262	311,805

Table 5. - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of January, 1958 and

Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)


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	January		December	
	1957	1958	1956	1957
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
For shipments to points in British Columbia				
Local	16,865	14,775	17,051	11,524
Coastwise and Interior	3,231	4,733	3,752	4,216
Total	20,096	19,508	20,803	15,740
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	11,750	5,290	9,498	4,692
Eastern Provinces	18,410	12,356	17,519	10,652
United States of America	53,788	40,183	51,220	40,224
Total	83,948	57,829	78,237	55,568
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	600	350	-	350
U.S. Atlantic Ports	16,503	56,798	25,206	61,082
Eastern Markets	-	586	-	120
Exports Markets	136,866	145,497	151,316	162,413
Total	153,969	203,231	176,522	223,965
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	258,013	280,568	275,562	295,273
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS	3,784	6,729	2,276	7,062

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

January, 1958

	January		December	
	1957	1958	1956	1957
Coast No.	72	70	83	87
Interior No.	218	223	261	239
Total, British Columbia ... No.	290	293	344	326

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