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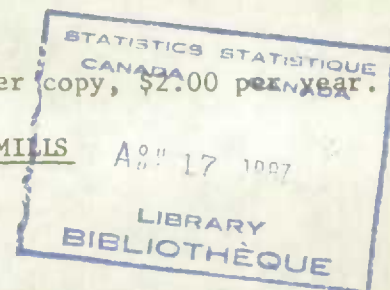
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA



Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 473,945 M ft. in October, 1958 as compared with 386,169 M ft. in October, 1957 an increase of 22.7 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 1.8 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 51.6 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 14.7 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 48.4 p.c. showed an increase of 32.6 p.c. Shipments in October, 1958 totalled 500,191 M ft., as compared with 385,958 M ft. the previous year an increase of 29.6 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 31.1 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 27.7 p.c. Total shipments for October increased by 22.2 p.c. over the September figure of 409,352 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of October, 1958 amounted to 521,372 M ft., as compared with 563,209 M ft. at the end of October the previous year and 553,424 M ft. at the end of September of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 304,165 M ft., while Interior mills showed 217,207 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 September and October, 1957 and 1958. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 384,897 M ft. in September, 1957 to 386,169 M ft. in October, 1957 and from 465,696 M ft. in September to 473,945 M ft. in October 1958. Shipments totalled 409,352 M ft. in September, 1958 and 500,191 M ft. in October, 1958 as compared with 382,546 M ft. in September and 385,958 M ft. in October of 1957. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 567,435 M ft. in September, 1957 to 563,209 M ft. in October and decreased from 553,424 M ft. in September, 1958 to 521,372 M ft. in October 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 244,539 M ft. in October, 1958 as compared with 227,819 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 13 M ft. in October as compared with 1,574 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 51.6 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in October, 1958 as compared with 55.2 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during September, 1958 and 1957 respectively, were 47.7 and 51.0 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 277,086 M ft. in October of 1958 and 173,-739 M ft. in September, 1958 as compared with 211,315 M ft. in October, 1957 and 206,-495 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 223,105 M ft. and 174,643 M ft. in October, 1958 and 1957 and 235,613 M ft. and 176,051 M ft. in September, 1958 and 1957. Of all shipments actually reported for October, 36.0 p.c. went to points in Canada, 48.3 p.c. to points in United States, 7.4 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 8.3 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 35.9 p.c. of the total, while 39.0 p.c. went by rail, and 25.1 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 September and October, 1958 amounted to 337,104 M ft. and 304,165 M ft. as compared with 263,765 M ft. and 284,965 M ft. in September and October of 1957. Interior mills stocks decreased from 303,670 M ft. in September to 278,244 M ft. in October, 1957 but increased from 216,320 M ft. in September to 217,207 M ft. in October, 1958. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 34.5 p.c. of the total in October, 1958 as compared with 35.9 p.c. in October, 1957 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 96.1 and 92.9.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of September and October, 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 October, 1958 amounted to 266,536 M ft. as compared with 274,672 M ft. in October, 1957. Orders on hand at the end of September, 1958 and 1957 amounted to 340,806 M ft. and 275,366 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 10,497 M ft. in October, 1958 and 8,351 M ft. in October, 1957 as compared with 9,040 M ft. in September, 1958 and 9,160 M ft. in September, 1957.

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 October accounted for 80.6 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1956 compared with 80.3 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for September, 1957 and 1958 were 81.3 and 80.4 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, October, 1958.

	October		September		10 Months	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	178,303	201,106	167,491	196,949	1,620,541	1,812,528
Hemlock	83,814	95,012	80,982	80,461	731,306	738,852
Balsam Fir	1,509	4,002	3,956	3,900	33,020	34,645
Red Cedar	40,053	50,026	37,879	48,360	341,637	453,003
Spruce	61,590	96,126	68,484	104,188	713,666	820,761
White Pine	5,310	5,460	7,072	7,521	51,755	57,542
Ponderosa Pine	2,363	3,891	3,292	4,043	31,278	32,991
Lodgepole Pine	5,459	7,815	7,190	8,916	66,879	81,135
All other softwoods ..	7,425	10,211	8,114	11,067	74,060	82,932
Total softwoods ...	385,826	473,649	384,460	465,405	3,664,142	4,114,389
Red Alder	66	54	44	50	757	611
Maple	207	156	267	154	1,950	1,380
Birch	18	34	23	24	336	301
Cottonwood	50	52	100	63	617	363
All other hardwoods ..	2	-	3	-	7	-
Total hardwoods ...	343	296	437	291	3,667	2,655
Total production ..	386,169	473,945	384,897	465,696	3,667,809	4,117,044
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada ..	118,989	155,718	120,849	155,306	1,268,808	1,393,673
Points in U.S.A. ..	124,403	208,991	130,537	160,971	1,179,756	1,507,579
United Kingdom	42,913	32,164	34,806	14,660	302,183	293,867
Other Countries ...	41,028	35,671	37,974	8,188	318,130	279,251
Shipments reported	327,333	432,544	324,166	339,125	3,068,877	3,474,370
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills ..	58,625	67,647	58,380	70,227	667,936	624,930
Total shipments ...	385,958	500,191	382,546	409,352	3,736,813	4,099,300
STOCKS ON HAND						
	October		September			
	1957	1958	1957	1958		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	204,198	190,359	193,619	203,998		
Hemlock	128,621	119,882	119,556	132,320		
Balsam Fir	1,867	903	1,778	246		
Red Cedar	55,436	60,984	58,026	64,887		
Spruce	129,485	117,044	146,287	116,437		
White Pine	17,447	15,581	18,680	16,221		
Ponderosa Pine	13,029	7,205	14,013	9,688		
Lodgepole Pine	5,075	2,566	5,147	2,295		
All other softwoods ..	7,720	6,747	9,876	7,225		
Total softwoods ...	562,878	521,271	566,982	553,317		
Red Alder	-	-	-	-		
Maple	3	3	4	3		
Birch	4	6	3	6		
Cottonwood	323	91	445	97		
All other hardwoods ..	1	1	1	1		
Total hardwoods ...	331	101	453	107		
Total stocks	563,209	521,372	567,435	553,424		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, October, 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	94,225	5,556	99,781	67,793	32,656	100,449
Hemlock	86,759	1,171	87,930	5,310	1,753	7,063
Balsam Fir	2,003	183	2,186	798	1,012	1,810
Red Cedar	43,243	1,360	44,603	4,647	776	5,423
Spruce	8,334	298	8,632	59,734	27,758	87,492
White Pine	904	5	909	2,795	1,756	4,551
Ponderosa Pine	185	2	187	1,963	1,717	3,680
Lodgepole Pine	-	43	43	2,155	5,051	7,206
All other softwoods ...	16	12	28	4,068	6,021	10,089
Total, softwoods ...	235,669	8,630	244,299	149,263	78,500	227,763
Red Alder	19	35	54	-	-	-
Maple	122	28	150	-	6	6
Birch	17	9	26	-	8	8
Cottonwood	-	10	10	-	42	42
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	158	82	240	-	56	56
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	235,827	8,712	244,539	149,263	78,556	227,819
TIES						
Douglas Fir	13	-	13	150	713	863
Hemlock	-	-	-	-	19	19
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	6	6
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	2	2
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	24	24
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	199	367	566
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	28	66	94
Total, softwoods ...	13	-	13	377	1,197	1,574
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	13	-	13	377	1,197	1,574
LUMBER AND TIES	235,840	8,712	244,552	149,640	79,753	229,393

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

	By Truck and Local Sales	By Rail	Water- borne	Total Shipments
	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.
COAST MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	53,635	1,996	1,586	57,217
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	38	1,534	xxxxxx	1,572
Saskatchewan	-	1,344	xxxxxx	1,344
Manitoba	-	1,205	xxxxxx	1,205
Ontario	-	7,676	-	7,676
Quebec	-	2,013	-	2,013
New Brunswick	-	113	603	716
Nova Scotia	-	241	-	241
Prince Edward Island	-	1	-	1
Newfoundland	-	151	431	582
Total for Canada	53,673	16,274	2,620	72,567
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	174	629	250	1,053
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxx	1,026	85,684	86,710
Other points, by rail	251	41,803	xxxxxx	42,054
Total for U.S.A.	425	43,458	85,934	129,817
United Kingdom	xxxxxx	x 1,112	30,883	31,995
Other countries	xxxxxx	x 192	35,479	35,671
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	54,098	61,036	154,916	270,050
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				7,036
Total shipments, reported and estimated				277,086
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	45,292	2,690	-	47,982
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	3,423	6,655	xxxxxx	10,078
Saskatchewan	-	6,068	xxxxxx	6,068
Manitoba	-	4,529	xxxxxx	4,529
Ontario	-	13,884	-	13,884
Quebec	-	544	-	544
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	66	-	66
Total for Canada	48,715	34,436	-	83,151
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	253	201	-	454
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxx	300	-	300
Other points, by rail	5,529	72,891	xxxxxx	78,420
Total for U.S.A.	5,782	73,392	-	79,174
United Kingdom	xxxxxx	x -	169	169
Other countries	xxxxxx	x -	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	54,497	107,828	169	162,494
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				60,611
Total shipments, reported and estimated				223,105
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, October, 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.
SOLD (but not shipped)						
Douglas Fir	87,834	3,244	91,078	3,005	1,601	4,606
Hemlock	69,978	2,585	72,563	-	-	-
Balsam Fir	52	2	54	-	-	-
Red Cedar	28,037	1,036	29,073	100	53	153
Spruce	4,167	154	4,321	2,274	1,212	3,486
White Pine	1,869	69	1,938	20	11	31
Ponderosa Pine	185	7	192	116	62	178
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other softwoods ...	8	-	8	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	192,130	7,097	199,227	5,515	2,939	8,454
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	192,130	7,097	199,227	5,515	2,939	8,454
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	34,792	1,285	36,077	38,225	20,373	58,598
Hemlock	37,525	1,386	38,911	5,485	2,923	8,408
Balsam Fir	314	12	326	341	182	523
Red Cedar	22,512	832	23,344	5,489	2,925	8,414
Spruce	3,652	135	3,787	68,788	36,662	105,450
White Pine	2,217	82	2,299	7,380	3,933	11,313
Ponderosa Pine	85	3	88	4,401	2,346	6,747
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	1,674	892	2,566
All other softwoods ...	99	3	102	4,330	2,307	6,637
Total, softwoods ...	101,196	3,738	104,934	136,113	72,543	208,656
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	3	-	3	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	4	2	6
Cottonwood	-	-	-	59	32	91
All other hardwoods ...	1	-	1	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	4	-	4	63	34	97
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	101,200	3,738	104,938	136,176	72,577	208,753
SOLD AND UNSOLD	293,330	10,835	304,165	141,691	75,516	217,207

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

Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	October		September	
	1957	1958	1957	1958
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
For shipments to points in British Columbia				
Local	12,314	14,956	16,450	16,926
Coastwise and Interior	3,623	2,658	1,374	3,212
Total	15,937	17,614	17,824	20,138
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	3,559	4,403	4,078	6,093
Eastern Provinces	8,748	9,392	9,618	12,364
United States of America	41,658	43,929	40,521	50,869
Total	53,965	57,724	54,217	69,326
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	-	575	330	595
U.S. Atlantic Ports	37,521	81,716	21,176	113,518
Eastern Markets	-	600	-	5,133
Exports Markets	167,249	108,307	181,819	132,096
Total	204,770	191,198	203,325	251,342
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	274,672	266,536	275,366	340,806
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
	8,351	10,497	9,160	9,040

Table 6. Number of Active Mills Reporting

October, 1958

		October		September	
		1957	1958	1957	1958
Coast	No.	86	86	84	84
Interior	No.	280	293	291	292
Total, British Columbia	No.	366	379	375	376

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

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