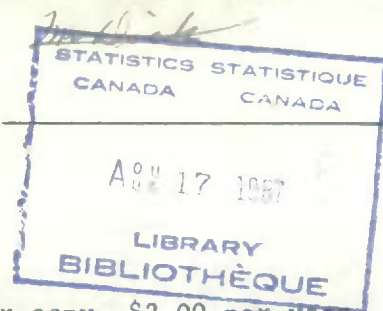


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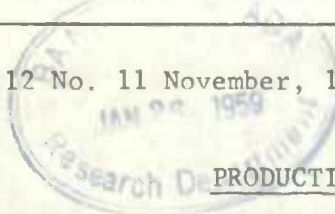
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS  
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 376,068 M ft. in November, 1958 as compared with 338,873 M ft. in November, 1957 an increase of 11.0 p.c. over the previous year but a decrease of 20.7 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 58.1 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 9.6 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 41.9 p.c. showed an increase of 12.9 p.c. Shipments in November, 1958 totalled 379,183 M ft., as compared with 351,511 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 7.9 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 4.2 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 13.4 p.c. Total shipments for November decreased by 24.2 p.c. from the October figure of 500,191 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of November, 1958 amounted to 512,477 M ft., as compared with 576,552 M ft. at the end of November the previous year and 521,372 M ft. at the end of October of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 309,559 M ft., while Interior mills showed 202,918 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 October and November, 1957 and 1958. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 386,169 M ft. in October, 1957 to 338,873 M ft. in November, 1957 and from 473,945 M ft. in October to 376,068 M ft. in November, 1958. Shipments totalled 500,191 M ft. in October, 1958 and 379,183 M ft. in November, 1958 as compared with 385,958 M ft. in October and 351,511 M ft. in November of 1957. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 563,209 M ft. in October, 1957 to 576,552 M ft. in November but decreased from 521,372 M ft. in October, 1958 to 512,477 M ft. in November 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 218,189 M ft. in November, 1958 as compared with 156,598 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 401 M ft. in November as compared with 880 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 58.1 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in November, 1958 as compared with 58.8 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during October, 1958 and 1957 respectively, were 51.6 and 55.2 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 220,271 M ft. in November of 1958 and 277,086 M ft. in October, 1958 as compared with 211,334 M ft. in November, 1957 and 211,315 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 158,912 M ft. and 140,177 M ft. in November, 1958 and 1957 and 223,105 M ft. and 174,643 M ft. in October, 1958 and 1957. Of all shipments actually reported for November, 36.8 p.c. went to points in Canada, 47.8 p.c. to points in United States, 5.6 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 9.8 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 36.6 p.c. of the total, while 38.9 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 October and November, 1958 amounted to 304,165 M ft. and 309,559 M ft. as compared with 284,965 M ft. and 281,131 M ft. in October and November of 1957. Interior mills stocks increased from 278,244 M ft. in October to 295,421 M ft. in November, 1957 but decreased from 217,207 M ft. in October to 202,918 M ft. in November, 1958. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 33.7 p.c. of the total in November, 1958 as compared with 37.1 p.c. in November, 1957 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 95.0 and 93.9.

### Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of October and November, 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 November, 1958 amounted to 320,798 M ft. as compared with 274,872 M ft. in November, 1957. Orders on hand at the end of October, 1958 and 1957 amounted to 266,536 M ft. and 274,672 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 7,923 M ft. in November, 1958 and 6,727 M ft. in November, 1957 as compared with 10,497 M ft. in October, 1958 and 8,351 M ft. in October, 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 November accounted for 79.8 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1956 compared with 80.2 p.c. for the previous year. The percentage for October, 1957 and 1958 were 80.3 and 80.6 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, November, 1958.

	November		October		11 Months	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<b>PRODUCTION</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	162,481	162,950	178,303	201,106	1,783,022	1,975,478
Hemlock .....	74,145	84,684	83,814	95,012	805,451	823,536
Balsam Fir .....	3,969	2,725	1,509	4,002	36,989	37,370
Red Cedar .....	31,641	43,345	40,053	50,026	373,278	496,348
Spruce .....	48,848	61,834	61,590	96,126	762,514	882,595
White Pine .....	4,102	3,877	5,310	5,460	55,857	61,419
Ponderosa Pine .....	1,687	3,139	2,363	3,891	32,965	36,130
Lodgepole Pine .....	4,610	5,907	5,459	7,815	71,489	87,042
All other softwoods ..	7,136	7,354	7,425	10,211	81,196	90,286
Total softwoods ...	338,619	375,815	385,826	473,649	4,002,761	4,490,204
Red Alder .....	54	88	66	54	811	699
Maple .....	140	106	207	156	2,090	1,486
Birch .....	57	48	18	34	393	349
Cottonwood .....	3	11	50	52	620	374
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	2	-	7	-
Total hardwoods ...	254	253	343	296	3,921	2,908
Total production ..	338,873	376,068	386,169	473,945	4,006,682	4,493,112
<b>SHIPMENTS</b>						
TO: Points in Canada ..	100,134	120,765	118,989	155,718	1,368,942	1,514,438
Points in U.S.A. ..	124,986	156,744	124,403	208,991	1,304,742	1,664,323
United Kingdom ....	42,991	18,430	42,913	32,164	345,174	312,297
Other Countries ...	34,447	31,790	41,028	35,671	352,577	311,041
Shipments reported .....	302,558	327,729	327,333	432,544	3,371,435	3,802,099
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills ..	48,953	51,454	58,625	67,647	716,889	676,384
Total shipments ...	351,511	379,183	385,958	500,191	4,088,324	4,478,483
<b>STOCKS ON HAND</b>						
	November		October			
	1957	1958	1957	1958		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir .....	210,357	193,741	204,198	190,359		
Hemlock .....	114,905	131,096	128,621	119,882		
Balsam Fir .....	5,292	376	1,867	903		
Red Cedar .....	56,881	59,781	55,436	60,984		
Spruce .....	148,850	96,291	129,485	117,044		
White Pine .....	16,738	14,483	17,447	15,581		
Ponderosa Pine .....	10,655	9,727	13,029	7,205		
Lodgepole Pine .....	5,123	2,321	5,075	2,566		
All other softwoods ..	7,693	4,519	7,720	6,747		
Total softwoods ...	576,494	512,335	562,878	521,271		
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-		
Maple .....	3	-	3	3		
Birch .....	4	6	4	6		
Cottonwood .....	50	136	323	91		
All other hardwoods ..	1	-	1	1		
Total hardwoods ...	58	142	331	101		
Total stocks .....	576,552	512,477	563,209	521,372		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, November, 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.
<b>LUMBER</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	84,214	4,745	88,959	50,508	22,552	73,060
Hemlock .....	79,303	1,587	80,890	2,740	1,042	3,782
Balsam Fir .....	1,341	182	1,523	471	728	1,199
Red Cedar .....	38,781	1,304	40,085	2,562	698	3,260
Spruce .....	4,544	643	5,187	35,226	21,420	56,646
White Pine .....	1,231	4	1,235	1,292	1,350	2,642
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	2	2	1,935	1,189	3,124
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	34	34	1,576	4,059	5,635
All other softwoods ...	24	10	34	2,868	4,369	7,237
Total, softwoods ...	209,438	8,511	217,949	99,178	57,407	156,585
Red Alder .....	47	41	88	-	-	-
Maple .....	58	44	102	-	4	4
Birch .....	18	25	43	-	5	5
Cottonwood .....	-	7	7	-	4	4
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	123	117	240	-	13	13
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	209,561	8,628	218,189	99,178	57,420	156,598
<b>TIES</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	376	24	400	167	364	531
Hemlock .....	-	1	1	-	11	11
Balsam Fir .....	-	-	-	-	3	3
Red Cedar .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce .....	-	-	-	-	1	1
White Pine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	-	13	13
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	14	224	238
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	48	35	83
Total, softwoods ...	376	25	401	229	651	880
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	376	25	401	229	651	880
<b>LUMBER AND TIES</b>	209,937	8,653	218,590	99,407	58,071	157,478

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, November, 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.
<u>COAST MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia .....	44,812	1,704	1,540	48,056
Yukon and Northwest Territories .	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	-	1,597	xxxxxxx	1,597
Saskatchewan .....	-	831	xxxxxxx	831
Manitoba .....	-	1,707	xxxxxxx	1,707
Ontario .....	-	6,012	-	6,012
Quebec .....	-	2,937	-	2,937
New Brunswick .....	-	195	-	195
Nova Scotia .....	-	38	-	38
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	85	-	85
Total for Canada .....	44,812	15,106	1,540	61,458
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	145	731	879	1,755
Atlantic Ports .....	xxxxxxx	971	67,221	68,192
Other points.....	172	32,355	xxxxxxx	32,527
Total for U.S.A. ....	317	34,057	68,100	102,474
United Kingdom .....	xxxxxxx	x	18,405	18,405
Other countries .....	xxxxxxx	x	31,732	31,790
Destination or carrier not specified. ....				-
Total shipments reported .....	45,129	49,221	119,777	214,127
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				6,144
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				220,271
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia .....	28,120	5,118	-	33,238
Yukon and Northwest Territories .	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	2,468	5,144	xxxxxxx	7,612
Saskatchewan .....	-	5,357	xxxxxxx	5,357
Manitoba .....	-	4,233	xxxxxxx	4,233
Ontario .....	-	8,416	-	8,416
Quebec .....	-	451	-	451
New Brunswick .....	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	30,588	28,719	-	59,307
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	153	497	-	650
Atlantic Ports .....	xxxxxxx	404	-	404
Other points.....	4,447	48,769	xxxxxxx	53,216
Total for U.S.A. ....	4,600	49,670	-	54,270
United Kingdom .....	xxxxxxx	x	25	25
Other countries .....	xxxxxxx	x	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported .....	35,188	78,389	25	113,602
Estimated shipments of Non-reporting mills .....				45,310
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				158,912
* Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, November, 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 .....	81,764	3,370	85,134	4,308	2,517	6,825
Hemlock .....	82,126	3,385	85,511	442	258	700
Balsam Fir .....	13	1	14	-	-	-
Red Cedar .....	26,629	1,098	27,727	120	70	190
Spruce .....	4,366	180	4,546	1,064	622	1,686
White Pine .....	2,262	93	2,355	237	138	375
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	134	78	212
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other softwoods ...	7	-	7	131	77	208
Total, softwoods ...	197,167	8,127	205,294	6,436	3,760	10,196
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	197,167	8,127	205,294	6,436	3,760	10,196
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir .....	37,307	1,538	38,845	39,729	23,208	62,937
Hemlock .....	35,068	1,445	36,513	5,285	3,087	8,372
Balsam Fir .....	115	5	120	153	89	242
Red Cedar .....	23,693	976	24,669	4,542	2,653	7,195
Spruce .....	2,733	113	2,846	55,053	32,160	87,213
White Pine .....	1,118	46	1,164	6,684	3,905	10,589
Ponderosa Pine .....	85	4	89	5,950	3,476	9,426
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	1,465	856	2,321
All other softwoods ...	19	-	19	2,704	1,581	4,285
Total, softwoods ...	100,138	4,127	104,265	121,565	71,015	192,580
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	4	2	6
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	86	50	136
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	90	52	142
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	100,138	4,127	104,265	121,655	71,067	192,722
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>	297,305	12,254	309,559	128,091	74,827	202,918

Table 5. Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of November, 1958 and  
Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	November		October	
	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 .....	11,414	13,813	12,314	14,956
Coastwise and Interior .....	4,107	2,732	3,623	2,658
Total .....	15,521	16,545	15,937	17,614
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces .....	5,479	4,019	3,559	4,403
Eastern Provinces .....	10,077	9,054	8,748	9,392
United States of America .....	36,330	46,507	41,658	43,929
Total .....	51,886	59,580	53,965	57,724
For waterborne shipments to:				
California .....	1	525	-	575
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	40,732	99,050	37,521	81,716
Eastern Markets .....	-	600	-	600
Exports Markets .....	166,732	144,498	167,249	108,307
Total .....	207,465	244,673	204,770	191,198
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND .....	274,872	320,798	274,672	266,536
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM				
OTHER MILLS .....	6,727	7,923	8,351	10,497

Table 6. Number of Active Mills Reporting

November, 1958

		November		October	
		1957	1958	1957	1958
Coast .....	No.	88	84	86	86
Interior .....	No.	239	281	280	293
Total, British Columbia	No.	327	365	366	379

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

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