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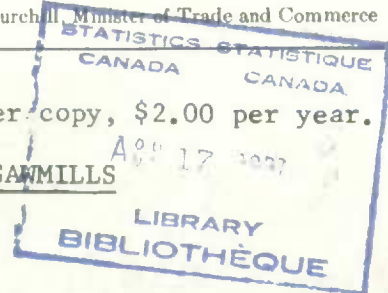
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS  
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA



Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 350,750 M ft. in December, 1958 as compared with 300,862 M ft. in December, 1957 an increase of 16.6 p.c. over the previous year but a decrease of 6.7 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 58.7 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 17.3 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 41.3 p.c. showed an increase of 15.6 p.c. Shipments in December, 1958 totalled 337,974 M ft., as compared with 294,716 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 14.7 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 16.2 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 12.5 p.c. Total shipments for December decreased by 10.9 p.c. from the November figure of 379,183 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of December, 1958 amounted to 536,870 M ft., as compared with 585,852 M ft. at the end of December the previous year and 512,477 M ft. at the end of November of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 319,154 M ft., while Interior mills showed 217,716 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 November and December, 1957 and 1958. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 338,873 M ft. in November, 1957 to 300,862 M ft. in December, 1957 and from 376,068 M ft. in November to 350,750 M ft. in December, 1958. Shipments totalled 379,183 M ft. in November, 1958 and 337,974 M ft. in December, 1958 as compared with 351,511 M ft. in November and 294,716 M ft. in December of 1957. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 576,552 M ft. in November, 1957 to 585,852 M ft. in December and increased from 512,477 M ft. in November, 1958 to 536,870 M ft. in December 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 203,889 M ft. in December, 1958 as compared with 143,975 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 2,013 M ft. in December as compared with 873 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 58.7 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in December, 1958 as compared with 58.4 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during November, 1958 and 1957 respectively, were 58.1 and 58.8 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 202,773 M ft. in December of 1958 and 220,271 M ft. in November, 1958 as compared with 174,559 M ft. in December, 1957 and 211,334 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 135,201 M ft. and 120,157 M ft. in December, 1958 and 1957 and 158,912 M ft. and 140,177 M ft. in November, 1958 and 1957. Of all shipments actually reported for December, 34.7 p.c. went to points in Canada, 42.7 p.c. to points in United States, 11.2 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 11.4 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 36.3 p.c. of the total, while 38.1 p.c. went by rail, and 25.6 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 November and December, 1958 amounted to 309,559 M ft. and 319,154 M ft. as compared with 281,131 M ft. and 289,600 M ft. in November and December of 1957. Interior mills stocks increased from 295,421 M ft. in November to 296,252 M ft. in December, 1957 and increased from 202,918 M ft. in November to 217,716 M ft. in December, 1958. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 35.6 p.c. of the total in December, 1958 as compared with 35.0 p.c. in December, 1957 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 96.2 and 94.6.

### Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of November and December, 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 December, 1958 amounted to 338,686 M ft. as compared with 295,273 M ft. in December, 1957. Orders on hand at the end of November, 1958 and 1957 amounted to 320,798 M ft. and 274,872 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 9,348 M ft. in December, 1958 and 7,062 M ft. in December, 1957 as compared with 7,923 M ft. in November, 1958 and 6,727 M ft. in November, 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 December accounted for 81.2 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 percentages for November, 1957 and 1958 were 80.2 and 79.8 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, December, 1958.

	December		November		12 Months	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<b>PRODUCTION</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	139,891	149,546	162,481	162,950	1,922,913	2,125,024
Hemlock .....	62,869	78,239	74,145	84,684	868,320	901,775
Balsam Fir .....	4,216	2,829	3,969	2,725	41,205	40,199
Red Cedar .....	31,473	36,766	31,641	43,345	404,751	533,114
Spruce .....	47,057	66,050	48,848	61,834	809,571	948,645
White Pine .....	2,738	4,043	4,102	3,877	58,595	65,462
Ponderosa Pine .....	1,425	2,043	1,687	3,139	34,390	38,173
Lodgepole Pine .....	5,362	5,863	4,610	5,907	76,851	92,905
All other softwoods ..	5,568	5,055	7,136	7,354	86,764	95,341
Total softwoods ...	300,599	350,434	338,619	375,815	4,303,360	4,840,638
Red Alder .....	114	200	54	88	925	899
Maple .....	76	88	140	106	2,166	1,574
Birch .....	29	17	57	48	422	366
Cottonwood .....	44	11	3	11	664	385
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	7	-
Total hardwoods ...	263	316	254	253	4,184	3,224
Total production ..	300,862	350,750	338,873	376,068	4,307,544	4,843,862
<b>SHIPMENTS</b>						
TO: Points in Canada ..	85,063	102,535	100,134	120,765	1,454,005	1,616,973
Points in U.S.A. ..	96,764	126,319	124,986	156,744	1,401,506	1,790,642
United Kingdom ....	40,520	33,055	42,991	18,430	385,694	345,352
Other Countries ...	30,557	33,879	34,447	31,790	383,134	344,920
Shipments reported .....	252,904	295,788	302,558	327,729	3,624,339	4,097,887
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills ..	41,812	42,186	48,953	51,454	758,701	718,570
Total shipments ...	294,716	337,974	351,511	379,183	4,383,040	4,816,457
<b>STOCKS ON HAND</b>						
	December		November			
	1957	1958	1957	1958		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir .....	220,830	193,666	210,357	193,741		
Hemlock .....	117,685	134,323	114,905	131,096		
Balsam Fir .....	1,829	778	5,292	376		
Red Cedar .....	58,365	61,348	56,881	59,781		
Spruce .....	148,353	112,299	148,850	96,291		
White Pine .....	16,077	13,874	16,738	14,483		
Ponderosa Pine .....	9,934	9,625	10,655	9,727		
Lodgepole Pine .....	4,777	3,766	5,123	2,321		
All other softwoods ..	7,794	7,047	7,693	4,519		
Total softwoods ...	585,644	536,726	576,494	512,335		
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-		
Maple .....	3	3	3	-		
Birch .....	3	7	4	6		
Cottonwood .....	201	134	50	136		
All other hardwoods ..	1	-	1	-		
Total hardwoods ...	208	144	58	142		
Total stocks .....	585,852	536,870	576,552	512,477		

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

	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 .....	79,824	3,940	83,764	42,175	21,140	63,315
Hemlock .....	74,842	818	75,660	1,553	1,012	2,565
Balsam Fir .....	1,147	127	1,274	873	678	1,551
Red Cedar .....	34,271	965	35,236	1,029	500	1,529
Spruce .....	5,345	206	5,551	42,397	18,061	60,458
White Pine .....	2,019	3	2,022	842	1,179	2,021
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	2	2	1,042	985	2,027
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	30	30	1,640	3,899	5,539
All other softwoods ...	37	9	46	1,446	3,512	4,958
Total, softwoods ...	197,485	6,100	203,585	92,997	50,966	143,963
Red Alder .....	175	25	200	-	-	-
Maple .....	63	21	84	-	4	4
Birch .....	6	7	13	-	4	4
Cottonwood .....	-	7	7	-	4	4
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	244	60	304	-	12	12
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	197,729	6,160	203,889	92,997	50,978	143,975
<b>TIES</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	1,900	108	2,008	95	364	459
Hemlock .....	-	4	4	-	10	10
Balsam Fir .....	-	-	-	-	4	4
Red Cedar .....	-	1	1	-	-	-
Spruce .....	-	-	-	40	1	41
White Pine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	-	14	14
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	70	224	294
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	26	25	51
Total, softwoods ...	1,900	113	2,013	231	642	873
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	1,900	113	2,013	231	642	873
<b>LUMBER AND TIES</b>	199,629	6,273	205,902	93,228	51,620	144,848

Table 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, December, 1958

	By Truck and Local Sales	By Rail	Water- borne	Total Shipments
<u>COAST MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia .....	38,391	1,200	1,181	40,772
Yukon and Northwest Territories .	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	-	1,228	xxxxxxx	1,228
Saskatchewan .....	-	374	xxxxxxx	374
Manitoba .....	-	1,074	xxxxxxx	1,074
Ontario .....	-	4,674	-	4,674
Quebec .....	-	1,571	-	1,571
New Brunswick .....	-	337	-	337
Nova Scotia .....	-	664	-	664
Prince Edward Island .....	-	25	-	25
Newfoundland .....	-	68	-	68
Total for Canada .....	38,391	11,215	1,181	50,787
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	296	1,080	482	1,858
Atlantic Ports .....	xxxxxxx	5,305	40,994	46,299
Other points, by rail .....	78	32,089	xxxxxxx	32,167
Total for U.S.A. ....	374	38,474	41,476	80,324
United Kingdom .....	xxxxxxx x	1,603	31,452	33,055
Other countries .....	xxxxxxx x	510	33,369	33,879
Destination or carrier not specified. ....				-
Total shipments reported .....	38,765	51,802	107,478	198,045
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				4,728
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				202,773
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia .....	32,344	3,643	-	35,987
Yukon and Northwest Territories .	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	1,458	4,511	xxxxxxx	5,969
Saskatchewan .....	-	1,828	xxxxxxx	1,828
Manitoba .....	-	1,608	xxxxxxx	1,608
Ontario .....	-	5,966	-	5,966
Quebec .....	-	390	-	390
New Brunswick .....	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	33,802	17,946	-	51,748
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	-	516	-	516
Atlantic Ports .....	xxxxxxx	633	-	633
Other points, by rail .....	3,179	41,667	xxxxxxx	44,846
Total for U.S.A. ....	3,179	42,816	-	45,995
United Kingdom .....	xxxxxxx x	-	-	-
Other countries .....	xxxxxxx x	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified. ....				-
Total shipments reported .....	36,981	60,762	-	97,743
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				37,458
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				135,201
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				



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

	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 .....	84,049	2,643	86,692	2,711	1,501	4,212
Hemlock .....	77,305	2,431	79,736	-	-	-
Balsam Fir .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar .....	28,900	909	29,809	-	-	-
Spruce .....	6,707	211	6,918	2,444	1,353	3,797
White Pine .....	2,299	71	2,370	29	16	45
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	142	79	221
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other softwoods ...	3	-	3	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	199,263	6,265	205,528	5,326	2,949	8,275
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	199,263	6,265	205,528	5,326	2,949	8,275
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir .....	37,567	1,181	38,748	41,201	22,813	64,014
Hemlock .....	44,167	1,388	45,555	5,813	3,219	9,032
Balsam Fir .....	90	3	93	441	244	685
Red Cedar .....	23,328	733	24,061	4,813	2,665	7,478
Spruce .....	3,593	113	3,706	62,997	34,881	97,878
White Pine .....	1,242	39	1,281	6,551	3,627	10,178
Ponderosa Pine .....	85	3	88	5,996	3,320	9,316
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	2,424	1,342	3,766
All other softwoods ...	88	2	90	4,476	2,478	6,954
Total, softwoods ...	110,160	3,462	113,622	134,712	74,589	209,301
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	3	-	3	-	-	-
Birch .....	1	-	1	4	2	6
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	86	48	134
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	4	-	4	90	50	140
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	110,164	3,462	113,626	134,802	74,639	209,441
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>	309,427	9,727	319,154	140,128	77,588	217,716

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

	December		November	
	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 .....	11,524	15,022	11,414	13,813
Coastwise and Interior .....	4,216	2,608	4,107	2,732
Total .....	15,740	17,630	15,521	16,545
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces .....	4,692	4,302	5,479	4,019
Eastern Provinces .....	10,652	15,005	10,077	9,054
United States of America .....	40,224	46,324	36,330	46,507
Total .....	55,568	65,631	51,886	59,580
For waterborne shipments to:				
California .....	350	-	1	525
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	61,082	122,356	40,732	99,050
Eastern Markets .....	120	600	-	600
Exports Markets .....	162,413	132,469	166,732	144,498
Total .....	223,965	255,425	207,465	244,673
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND .....	295,273	338,686	274,872	320,798
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM				
OTHER MILLS .....	7,062	9,348	6,727	7,923

Table 6. Number of Active Mills Reporting

December, 1958

		December		November	
		1957	1958	1957	1958
Coast .....	No.	87	84	88	84
Interior .....	No.	239	272	239	281
Total, British Columbia	No.	326	356	327	365

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

