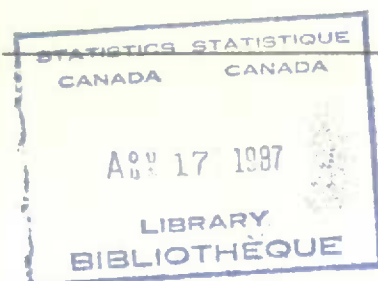


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### PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 341,243 M ft. in April, 1958 as compared with 317,066 M ft. in April, 1957 an increase of 7.6 p.c. over the previous year but a decrease of 13.6 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 64.4 p.c. of the total showed an increase of 14.9 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, but the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 35.6 p.c. showed a decrease of 3.5 p.c. Shipments in April, 1958 totalled 355,166 M ft., as compared with 329,807 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 7.7 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 7.3 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 8.4 p.c. Total shipments for April decreased by 13.2 p.c. from the March figure of 409,171 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of April, 1958 amounted to 593,199 M ft., as compared with 672,003 M ft. at the end of April the previous year and 614,391 M ft. at the end of March of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 292,252 M ft., while Interior mills showed 300,947 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 March and April 1957 and 1958. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 381,876 M ft. in March 1957 to 317,066 M ft. in April, 1957 and from 395,183 M ft. in March to 341,243 M ft. in April, 1958. Shipments totalled 409,171 M ft. in March, 1958 and 355,166 M ft. in April, 1958 as compared with 354,560 M ft. in March and 329,807 M ft. in April of 1957. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 670,137 M ft. in March, 1957 to 672,003 M ft. in April but decreased from 614,391 M ft. in March, 1958 to 593,199 M ft. in April 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 217,687 M ft. in April, 1958 as compared with 119,422 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,982 M ft. in April as compared with 2,152 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 64.4 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in April, 1958 as compared with 60.3 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during March, 1958 and 1957 respectively, were 55.1 and 50.3 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 224,028 M ft. in April of 1958 and 232,317 M ft. in March, 1958 as compared with 208,826 M ft. in April, 1957 and 201,641 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 131,138 M ft. and 120,981 M ft. in April, 1958 and 1957 and 176,854 M ft. and 152,919 M ft. in March 1958 and 1957. Of all shipments actually reported for April, 36.3 p.c. went to points in Canada, 43.4 p.c. to points in United States, 11.5 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 8.8 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 35.8 p.c. of the total, while 42.1 p.c. went by rail, and 22.1 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 March and April, 1958 amounted to 293,083 M ft. and 292,252 M ft. as compared with 301,728 M ft. and 293,177 M ft. in March and April of 1957. Interior mills stocks increased from 368,409 M ft. in March to 378,826 M ft. in April, 1957 but decreased from 321,308 M ft. in March to 300,947 M ft. in April, 1958. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 33.8 p.c. of the total in April, 1958 as compared with 32.9 p.c. in April, 1957 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 91.8 and 91.9.

### Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of March and April, 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 April, 1958 amounted to 249,812 M ft. as compared with 299,325 M ft. in April, 1957. Orders on hand at the end of March, 1958 and 1957 amounted to 252,313 M ft. and 295,241 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 7,901 M ft. in April, 1958 and 6,359 M ft. in April, 1957 as compared with 7,396 M ft. in March, 1958 and 5,078 M ft. in March, 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 April accounted for 80.6 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1956 compared with 77.9 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for March, 1957 and 1958 were 77.2 and 79.2 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.

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

	April		March		4 Months	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1957
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<b>PRODUCTION</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	141,587	156,837	161,916	171,163	571,247	654,953
Hemlock .....	75,097	73,224	71,784	71,580	274,592	280,424
Balsam Fir .....	3,721	1,329	4,944	4,626	14,568	13,169
Red Cedar .....	31,726	44,846	36,416	44,291	123,497	164,163
Spruce .....	44,923	44,088	82,951	78,824	264,505	277,423
White Pine .....	4,441	6,094	4,395	5,920	15,442	19,311
Ponderosa Pine .....	3,867	3,094	1,822	2,929	8,774	9,494
Lodgepole Pine .....	4,614	5,393	9,632	8,815	27,694	31,635
All other softwoods ...	6,732	6,012	7,688	6,762	24,353	27,432
Total softwoods .....	316,708	340,917	381,548	394,910	1,324,672	1,478,004
Red Alder .....	108	113	54	42	259	221
Maple .....	187	143	205	183	516	617
Birch .....	32	31	18	28	104	107
Cottonwood .....	31	39	51	20	140	127
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods .....	358	326	328	273	1,019	1,072
Total production .....	317,066	341,243	381,876	395,183	1,325,691	1,479,076
<b>SHIPMENTS</b>						
To: Points in Canada ...	111,261	113,731	133,823	129,424	443,766	465,554
Points in U.S.A. ...	116,141	135,908	118,525	132,646	435,451	498,632
United Kingdom .....	24,071	35,923	24,710	33,997	98,869	142,194
Other Countries .....	31,005	27,794	27,342	40,071	113,705	130,329
Shipments reported .....	282,478	313,356	304,400	336,138	1,091,791	1,236,709
Estimated shipments						
of non-reporting mills	47,329	41,810	50,160	73,033	211,919	217,860
Total shipments .....	329,807	355,166	354,560	409,171	1,303,710	1,454,569
<b>STOCKS ON HAND</b>						
	April		March			
	1957	1958	1957	1958		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir .....	207,813	217,131	208,062	213,138		
Hemlock .....	118,867	102,659	124,950	109,682		
Balsam Fir .....	1,194	574	1,172	1,037		
Red Cedar .....	66,869	68,852	68,475	68,237		
Spruce .....	234,361	166,511	225,962	182,043		
White Pine .....	12,940	15,408	12,006	13,744		
Ponderosa Pine .....	16,735	10,540	12,457	9,707		
Lodgepole Pine .....	9,063	7,799	9,161	8,593		
All other softwoods ...	3,981	3,558	7,619	7,897		
Total softwoods .....	671,823	593,032	669,864	614,078		
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-		
Maple .....	28	3	28	3		
Birch .....	5	4	4	4		
Cottonwood .....	146	159	240	305		
All other hardwoods ...	1	1	1	1		
Total hardwoods .....	180	167	273	313		
Total stocks .....	672,003	593,199	670,137	614,391		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, March, 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 .....	91,910	4,984	96,894	40,725	15,967	56,692
Hemlock .....	68,521	971	69,492	2,779	936	3,715
Balsam Fir .....	55	60	115	648	502	1,150
Red Cedar .....	40,944	1,424	42,368	1,953	524	2,477
Spruce .....	4,219	268	4,487	25,173	14,398	39,571
White Pine .....	3,175	4	3,179	1,866	1,049	2,915
Ponderosa Pine .....	2	2	4	2,166	875	3,041
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	34	34	1,891	2,862	4,753
All other softwoods ....	804	22	826	1,130	3,940	5,070
Total, softwoods ....	209,630	7,769	217,399	78,331	41,053	119,384
Red Alder .....	93	20	113	-	-	-
Maple .....	122	18	140	-	3	3
Birch .....	21	5	26	2	3	5
Cottonwood .....	2	7	9	-	30	30
All other hardwoods ....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ....	238	50	288	2	36	38
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ....	209,868	7,819	217,687	78,333	41,089	119,422
<b>TIES</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	1,871	106	1,977	360	914	1,274
Hemlock .....	-	4	4	-	13	13
Balsam Fir .....	-	-	-	-	64	64
Red Cedar .....	-	1	1	-	-	-
Spruce .....	-	-	-	-	30	30
White Pine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	-	49	49
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	5	601	606
All other softwoods ....	-	-	-	30	86	116
Total, softwoods ....	1,871	111	1,982	395	1,757	2,152
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ....	1,871	111	1,982	395	1,757	2,152
<b>LUMBER AND TIES</b>	211,739	7,930	219,669	78,728	42,846	121,574

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, April, 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: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia .....	52,615	2,120	1,275	56,010
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....		-	-	-
Alberta .....		2,089	xxxxxxx	2,089
Saskatchewan .....		1,279	xxxxxxx	1,279
Manitoba .....		1,965	xxxxxxx	1,965
Ontario .....		6,886	-	6,886
Quebec .....		1,489	1,658	3,147
New Brunswick .....		343	626	969
Nova Scotia .....		183	-	183
Prince Edward Island .....		19	-	19
Newfoundland .....		60	-	60
Total for Canada .....	52,615	16,433	3,559	72,607
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	177	2,003	1,505	3,685
Atlantic Ports .....		1,028	44,181	45,209
Other points, by rail .....		32,950	xxxxxxx	32,950
Total for U.S.A. ....	177	35,981	45,686	81,844
United Kingdom .....	x	623	34,884	35,507
Other countries .....	x	4	27,727	27,731
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported .....	52,792	53,041	111,856	217,689
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				6,339
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				224,028
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia .....	15,197	1,539	-	16,736
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....		-	-	-
Alberta .....	1,316	6,340	xxxxxxx	7,656
Saskatchewan .....		4,593	xxxxxxx	4,593
Manitoba .....		3,811	xxxxxxx	3,811
Ontario .....		7,670	-	7,670
Quebec .....		604	-	604
New Brunswick .....		54	-	54
Nova Scotia .....		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....		-	-	-
Newfoundland .....		-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	16,513	24,611	-	41,124
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	14	181	-	195
Atlantic Ports .....		-	-	-
Other points, by rail .....		53,869	xxxxxxx	53,869
Total for U.S.A. ....	14	54,050	-	54,064
United Kingdom .....	x	96	320	416
Other countries .....	x	-	63	63
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported ....	16,527	78,757	383	95,667
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				35,471
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				131,138
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, April, 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 .....	82,174	3,078	85,252	6,712	3,653	10,365
Hemlock .....	64,904	2,431	67,335	1,110	604	1,714
Balsam Fir .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar .....	31,603	1,184	32,787	300	163	463
Spruce .....	3,509	131	3,640	6,114	3,327	9,441
White Pine .....	4,199	157	4,356	800	435	1,235
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	520	283	803
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	173	95	268
All other softwoods ...	4	-	4	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	186,393	6,981	193,374	15,729	8,560	24,289
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	186,393	6,981	193,374	15,729	8,560	24,289
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir .....	41,153	1,541	42,694	51,042	27,778	78,820
Hemlock .....	20,791	779	21,570	7,797	4,243	12,040
Balsam Fir .....	141	5	146	277	151	428
Red Cedar .....	29,692	1,112	30,804	3,107	1,691	4,798
Spruce .....	1,508	56	1,564	98,345	53,521	151,866
White Pine .....	1,858	70	1,928	5,109	2,780	7,889
Ponderosa Pine .....	103	4	107	6,236	3,394	9,630
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	4,877	2,654	7,531
All other softwoods ...	57	2	59	2,263	1,232	3,495
Total, softwoods ...	95,303	3,569	98,872	179,053	97,444	276,497
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	3	-	3	-	-	-
Birch .....	1	-	1	2	1	3
Cottonwood .....	1	-	1	102	56	158
All other hardwoods ...	1	-	1	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	6	-	6	104	57	161
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	95,309	3,569	98,878	179,157	97,501	276,658
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u> .....	281,702	10,550	292,252	194,886	106,061	300,947

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

	April		March	
	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 .....	24,071	18,866	23,271	18,283
Coastwise and Interior .....	4,029	4,133	5,178	4,134
Total .....	28,100	22,999	28,449	22,417
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces .....	9,887	5,611	9,561	5,983
Eastern Provinces .....	14,839	11,425	15,508	11,378
United States of America ....	57,085	42,743	58,163	34,739
Total .....	81,811	59,779	83,232	52,100
For waterborne shipments to:				
California .....	925	-	550	-
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	37,688	58,432	35,552	49,534
Eastern Markets .....	-	262	-	2,400
Exports Markets .....	150,801	108,340	147,458	125,862
Total .....	189,414	167,034	183,560	177,796
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND .....	299,325	249,812	295,241	252,313
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS.	6,359	7,901	5,078	7,396

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

April, 1958

		April		March	
		1957	1958	1957	1958
Coast .....	No.	86	89	80	82
Interior .....	No.	190	189	266	272
Total, British Columbia ....	No.	276	278	346	354

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

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