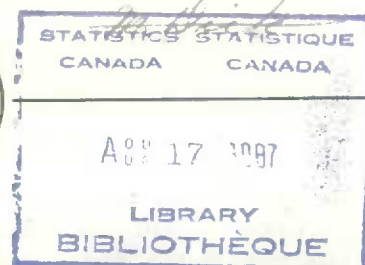


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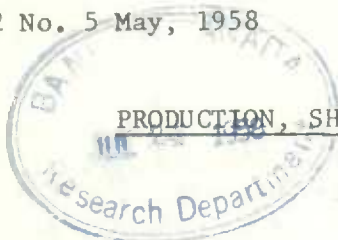
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 402,602 M ft. in May, 1958 as compared with 374,277 M ft. in May, 1957 an increase of 7.6 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 18.0 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 57.3 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 12.1 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 42.7 p.c. showed an increase of 2.1 p.c. Shipments in May, 1958 totalled 407,255 M ft., as compared with 440,371 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 7.5 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 6.7 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 8.5 p.c. Total shipments for May increased by 14.7 p.c. over the April figure of 355,166 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of May, 1958 amounted to 552,087 M ft., as compared with 593,689 M ft. at the end of May the previous year and 593,199 M ft. at the end of April of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 291,626 M ft., while Interior mills showed 260,461 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 April and May, 1957 and 1958. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 317,066 M ft. in April, 1957 to 374,277 M ft. in May, 1957 and from 341,243 M ft. in April to 402,602 M ft. in May, 1958. Shipments totalled 355,166 M ft. in April, 1958 and 407,255 M ft. in May, 1958 as compared with 329,807 M ft. in April and 440,371 M ft. in May of 1957. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 672,003 M ft. in April, 1957 to 593,689 M ft. in May and decreased from 593,199 M ft. in April, 1958 to 552,087 M ft. in May 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 229,420 M ft. in May, 1958 as compared with 168,632 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,366 M ft. in May as compared with 3,184 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 57.3 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in May, 1958 as compared with 55.0 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during April, 1958 and 1957 respectively, were 64.4 and 60.3 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 226,258 M ft. in May of 1958 and 224,028 M ft. in April, 1958 as compared with 242,630 M ft. in May, 1957 and 208,826 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 180,997 M ft. and 197,741 M ft. in May, 1958 and 1957 and 131,138 M ft. and 120,981 M ft. in April, 1958 and 1957. Of all shipments actually reported for May, 39.3 p.c. went to points in Canada, 42.1 p.c. to points in United States, 10.5 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 8.1 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 31.2 p.c. of the total, while 44.5 p.c. went by rail, and 24.3 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 April and May, 1958 amounted to 292,252 M ft. and 291,626 M ft. as compared with 293,177 M ft. and 268,933 M ft. in April and May of 1957. Interior mills stocks decreased from 378,826 M ft. in April to 324,756 M ft. in May, 1957 and decreased from 300,947 M ft. in April to 260,461 M ft. in May, 1958. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 35.7 p.c. of the total in May, 1958 as compared with 34.4 p.c. in May, 1957 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 87.8 and 92.9.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of April and May, 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 May, 1958 amounted to 249,603 M ft. as compared with 256,923 M ft. in May 1957. Orders on hand at the end of April, 1958 and 1957 amounted to 249,812 M ft. and 299,325 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 8,894 M ft. in May, 1958 and 10,280 M ft. in May, 1957 as compared with 7,901 M ft. in April, 1958 and 6,359 M ft. in April, 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 May accounted for 80.7 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 April, 1957 and 1958 were 77.9 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, May, 1958.

	May		April		5 Months	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	168,964	180,814	141,587	156,837	740,211	835,767
Hemlock	77,460	76,071	75,097	73,224	352,052	356,495
Balsam Fir	3,394	3,413	3,721	1,329	17,962	16,582
Red Cedar	36,890	52,414	31,726	44,846	160,387	216,577
Spruce	64,868	66,174	44,923	44,088	329,373	343,597
White Pine	6,725	6,078	4,441	6,094	22,167	25,389
Ponderosa Pine	5,438	3,829	3,867	3,094	14,212	13,323
Lodgepole Pine	4,847	6,888	4,614	5,393	32,541	38,523
All other softwoods	5,256	6,506	6,732	6,012	29,609	33,938
Total softwoods	373,842	402,187	316,708	340,917	1,698,514	1,880,191
Red Alder	71	175	108	113	330	396
Maple	215	123	187	143	731	740
Birch	54	56	32	31	158	163
Cottonwood	95	61	31	39	235	188
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	435	415	358	326	1,454	1,487
Total production	374,277	402,602	317,066	341,243	1,699,968	1,881,678
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada	145,856	137,844	111,261	113,731	589,622	603,398
Points in U.S.A.	134,065	147,459	116,141	135,908	569,516	646,091
United Kingdom	31,186	36,623	24,071	35,923	130,055	178,817
Other Countries	39,368	28,457	31,005	27,794	153,073	158,786
Shipments reported	350,475	350,383	282,478	313,356	1,442,266	1,587,092
Estimated shipments of						
non-reporting mills	89,896	56,872	47,329	41,810	301,815	274,732
Total shipments	440,371	407,255	329,807	355,166	1,744,081	1,861,824
STOCKS ON HAND						
	May		April			
	1957	1958	1957	1958		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	181,433	204,246	207,813	217,131		
Hemlock	114,604	94,102	118,867	102,659		
Balsam Fir	1,170	269	1,194	574		
Red Cedar	60,948	70,730	66,869	68,852		
Spruce	185,983	148,571	234,361	166,511		
White Pine	15,454	14,565	12,940	15,408		
Ponderosa Pine	20,085	11,029	16,735	10,540		
Lodgepole Pine	8,999	6,076	9,063	7,799		
All other softwoods	4,637	2,339	3,981	3,558		
Total softwoods	593,313	551,927	671,823	593,032		
Red Alder	-	-	-	-		
Maple	43	103	28	3		
Birch	4	6	5	4		
Cottonwood	326	50	146	159		
All other hardwoods	3	1	1	1		
Total hardwoods	376	160	180	167		
Total stocks	593,689	552,087	672,003	593,199		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, May, 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	90,264	6,758	97,022	56,298	24,098	80,396
Hemlock	69,710	1,729	71,439	3,293	1,306	4,599
Balsam Fir	1,323	78	1,401	1,147	707	1,854
Red Cedar	48,161	1,305	49,466	2,263	684	2,947
Spruce	7,108	366	7,474	37,571	21,055	58,626
White Pine	1,917	16	1,933	2,756	1,389	4,145
Ponderosa Pine	49	2	51	2,732	1,009	3,741
Lodgepole Pine	-	44	44	1,866	4,250	6,116
All other softwoods ..	227	25	252	1,740	4,391	6,131
Total, softwoods ..	218,759	10,323	229,082	109,666	58,889	168,555
Red Alder	140	35	175	-	-	-
Maple	90	29	119	-	4	4
Birch	20	10	30	22	4	26
Cottonwood	5	9	14	14	33	47
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	255	83	338	36	41	77
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	219,014	10,406	229,420	109,702	58,930	168,632
TIES						
Douglas Fir	1,290	72	1,362	750	1,284	2,034
Hemlock	-	3	3	-	30	30
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	158	158
Red Cedar	-	1	1	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	74	74
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	37	37
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	18	710	728
All other softwoods ..	-	-	-	3	120	123
Total, softwoods ..	1,290	76	1,366	771	2,413	3,184
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	1,290	76	1,366	771	2,413	3,184
LUMBER AND TIES	220,304	10,482	230,786	110,473	61,343	171,816

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, May, 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	56,487	1,671	1,331	59,489
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta		2,287	xxxxxx	2,287
Saskatchewan		1,012	xxxxxx	1,012
Manitoba		1,675	xxxxxx	1,675
Ontario		6,845	-	6,845
Quebec		2,020	322	2,342
New Brunswick		245	-	245
Nova Scotia		315	-	315
Prince Edward Island		22	-	22
Newfoundland		17	-	17
Total for Canada	56,487	16,109	1,653	74,249
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	155	992	1,500	2,647
Atlantic Ports		3,114	41,465	44,579
Other points, by rail		33,905	xxxxxx	33,905
Total for U.S.A.	155	38,011	42,965	81,131
United Kingdom	x	73	35,381	35,454
Other countries	x	30	28,427	28,457
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported ...	56,642	54,223	108,426	219,291
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				6,967
Total shipments, reported and estimated				226,258
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	25,778	1,815	-	27,593
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	2,276	7,609	xxxxxx	9,885
Saskatchewan		4,844	xxxxxx	4,844
Manitoba		6,173	xxxxxx	6,173
Ontario		14,517	-	14,517
Quebec		460	-	460
New Brunswick		92	-	92
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		31	-	31
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	28,054	35,541	-	63,595
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	269	413	-	682
Atlantic Ports		728	-	728
Other points, by rail		64,918	xxxxxx	64,918
Total for U.S.A.	269	66,059	-	66,328
United Kingdom	x	109	1,060	1,169
Other countries	x	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported ...	28,323	101,709	1,060	131,092
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				49,905
Total shipments, reported and estimated				180,997
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, May, 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	81,109	3,859	84,968	6,795	3,773	10,568
Hemlock	59,882	2,849	62,731	1,087	604	1,691
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	31,924	1,519	33,443	406	225	631
Spruce	3,314	158	3,472	10,546	5,856	16,402
White Pine	2,736	130	2,866	1,269	705	1,974
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	256	142	398
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	155	86	241
All other softwoods .	13	1	14	-	-	-
Total, softwoods .	178,978	8,516	187,494	20,514	11,391	31,905
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	50	2	52	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	50	2	52	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	179,028	8,518	187,546	20,514	11,391	31,905
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	40,377	1,921	42,298	42,701	23,711	66,412
Hemlock	21,993	1,046	23,039	4,270	2,371	6,641
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	173	96	269
Red Cedar	31,477	1,498	32,975	2,367	1,314	3,681
Spruce	3,340	159	3,499	80,499	44,699	125,198
White Pine	1,971	94	2,065	4,925	2,735	7,660
Ponderosa Pine	100	5	105	6,768	3,758	10,526
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	3,752	2,083	5,835
All other softwoods .	45	2	47	1,464	814	2,278
Total, softwoods .	99,303	4,725	104,028	146,919	81,581	228,500
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	49	2	51	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	4	2	6
Cottonwood	-	-	-	32	18	50
All other hardwoods .	1	-	1	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	50	2	52	36	20	56
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	99,353	4,727	104,080	146,955	81,601	228,556
SOLD AND UNSOLD	278,381	13,245	291,626	167,469	92,992	260,461

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

Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	May		April	
	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	23,086	17,082	24,071	18,866
Coastwise and Interior	4,680	4,632	4,029	4,133
Total	27,766	21,714	28,100	22,999
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	8,271	4,753	9,887	5,611
Eastern Provinces	13,553	10,997	14,839	11,425
United States of America	47,176	45,634	57,085	42,743
Total	69,000	61,384	81,811	59,779
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	925	-	925	-
U.S. Atlantic Ports	17,177	68,944	37,688	58,432
Eastern Markets	1,300	-	-	262
Exports Markets	140,755	97,561	150,801	108,340
Total	160,157	166,505	189,414	167,034
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	256,923	249,603	299,325	249,812
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM				
OTHER MILLS	10,280	8,894	6,359	7,901

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

May, 1958

		May		April	
		1957	1958	1957	1958
Coast	No.	85	84	86	89
Interior	No.	243	259	190	189
Total, British Columbia	No.	328	343	276	278

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

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