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

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 424,816 M ft. in July, 1958 as compared with 399,333 M ft. in July, 1957 an increase of 6.4 p.c. over the previous year but a decrease of 1.4 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 43.7 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 11.4 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 56.3 p.c. showed an increase of 2.8 p.c. Shipments in July, 1958 totalled 439,917 M ft., as compared with 366,544 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 20.0 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 31.6 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 11.3 p.c. Total shipments for July decreased by 4.7 p.c. from the June figure of 461,767 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of July, 1958 amounted to 514,644 M ft., as compared with 558,800 M ft. at the end of July the previous year and 547,149 M ft. at the end of June of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 260,622 M ft., while Interior mills showed 254,022 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 June and July, 1957 and 1958. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 401,142 M ft. in June, 1957 to 399,333 M ft. in July, 1957 and from 430,839 M ft. in June to 424,816 M ft. in July, 1958. Shipments totalled 461,767 M ft. in June, 1958 and 439,917 M ft. in July, 1958 as compared with 460,381 M ft. in June and 366,544 M ft. in July of 1957. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 524,310 M ft. in June, 1957 to 558,800 M ft. in July, 1957 but decreased from 547,149 M ft. in June, 1958 to 514,644 M ft. in July 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 183,877 M ft. in July, 1958 as compared with 236,566 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,970 M ft. in July as compared with 2,403 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 43.7 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in July, 1958 as compared with 41.8 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during June, 1958 and 1957 respectively, were 51.6 and 48.6 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 206,719 M ft. in July of 1958 and 245,954 M ft. in June, 1958 as compared with 157,045 M ft. in July, 1957 and 255,926 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 233,198 M ft. and 209,499 M ft. in July, 1958 and 1957 and 215,813 M ft. and 204,455 M ft. in June, 1958 and 1957. Of all shipments actually reported for July, 41.1 p.c. went to points in Canada, 45.4 p.c. to points in United States, 5.8 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 7.7 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 28.5 p.c. of the total, while 45.6 p.c. went by rail, and 25.9 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 June and July, 1958 amounted to 276,372 M ft. and 260,622 M ft. as compared with 226,953 M ft. and 259,022 M ft. in June and July of 1957. Interior mills stocks increased from 297,357 M ft. in June to 299,778 M ft. in July, 1957 but decreased from 270,777 M ft. in June to 254,022 M ft. in July, 1958. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 33.8 p.c. of the total in July, 1958 as compared with 37.8 p.c. in July, 1957 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 89.7 and 92.9.

### Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of June and July, 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 July, 1958 amounted to 302,092 M ft. as compared with 249,118 M ft. in July, 1957. Orders on hand at the end of June, 1958 and 1957 amounted to 260,669 M ft. and 220,226 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 6,962 M ft. in July, 1958 and 8,567 M ft. in July, 1957 as compared with 10,775 M ft. in June, 1958 and 10,750 M ft. in June, 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 July accounted for 80.1 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1956 compared with 78.1 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for June, 1957 and 1958 were 79.0 and 80.5 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, July, 1958.

	July		June		7 Months	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<b>PRODUCTION</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	171,916	193,674	185,531	192,368	1,097,658	1,221,809
Hemlock .....	67,197	60,488	73,594	75,923	492,843	492,906
Balsam Fir .....	3,522	3,213	2,816	2,412	24,300	22,207
Red Cedar .....	34,037	40,112	36,384	52,929	230,808	309,618
Spruce .....	92,164	98,247	79,870	80,177	501,407	522,021
White Pine .....	6,817	7,616	4,214	5,478	33,198	38,483
Ponderosa Pine .....	4,207	3,119	4,092	4,438	22,511	20,880
Lodgepole Pine .....	8,351	9,228	6,247	7,828	47,139	55,579
All other softwoods ..	10,519	8,944	7,958	9,020	48,086	51,902
Total softwoods ..	398,730	424,641	400,706	430,573	2,497,950	2,735,405
Red Alder .....	133	34	110	46	573	476
Maple .....	351	107	187	148	1,269	995
Birch .....	50	20	41	41	249	224
Cottonwood .....	69	14	98	31	402	233
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods ..	603	175	436	266	2,493	1,928
Total production ..	399,333	424,816	401,142	430,839	2,500,443	2,737,333
<b>SHIPMENTS</b>						
TO: Points in Canada ..	134,526	150,942	182,409	173,623	906,557	927,963
Points in U.S.A. ..	104,361	166,665	123,315	155,372	797,192	968,128
United Kingdom ....	23,856	21,179	41,053	32,969	194,964	232,965
Other Countries ...	18,849	28,253	38,389	32,512	210,311	219,551
Shipments reported ....	281,592	367,039	385,166	394,476	2,109,024	2,348,607
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills ..	84,952	72,878	75,215	67,291	461,982	414,901
Total shipments .....	366,544	439,917	460,381	461,767	2,571,006	2,763,508
<b>STOCKS ON HAND</b>						
	July		June			
	1957	1958	1957	1958		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir .....	179,803	194,855	170,779	205,789		
Hemlock .....	106,127	84,982	91,206	93,154		
Balsam Fir .....	1,260	1,291	1,260	259		
Red Cedar .....	57,658	65,193	52,908	71,692		
Spruce .....	170,333	136,752	166,873	139,353		
White Pine .....	15,558	11,694	13,245	14,856		
Ponderosa Pine .....	17,997	12,559	18,221	13,249		
Lodgepole Pine .....	5,673	5,240	5,382	5,151		
All other softwoods ..	4,192	1,736	4,070	3,318		
Total softwoods ..	558,601	514,302	523,944	546,821		
Red Alder .....	15	11	62	9		
Maple .....	82	85	62	107		
Birch .....	16	18	4	31		
Cottonwood .....	85	227	235	180		
All other hardwoods ..	1	1	3	1		
Total hardwoods ..	199	342	366	328		
Total stocks .....	558,800	514,644	524,310	547,149		

Table 2. Lumber and Ties Sawn, July, 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 .....	78,407	3,503	81,910	70,684	37,986	108,670
Hemlock .....	53,607	795	54,402	3,784	1,903	5,687
Balsam Fir .....	1,029	133	1,162	961	1,081	2,042
Red Cedar .....	36,206	1,003	37,209	1,740	1,162	2,902
Spruce .....	6,194	226	6,420	61,157	30,667	91,824
White Pine .....	2,549	2	2,551	3,033	2,032	5,065
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	1	1	1,053	2,028	3,081
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	34	34	2,703	5,783	8,486
All other softwoods ...	25	9	34	3,004	5,784	8,788
Total, softwoods ...	178,017	5,706	183,723	148,119	88,426	236,545
Red Alder .....	12	22	34	-	-	-
Maple .....	79	22	101	-	6	6
Birch .....	5	7	12	-	8	8
Cottonwood .....	-	7	7	-	7	7
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	96	58	154	-	21	21
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	178,113	5,764	183,877	148,119	88,447	236,566
<b>TIES</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	1,509	169	1,678	388	1,028	1,416
Hemlock .....	263	28	291	79	29	108
Balsam Fir .....	-	-	-	-	9	9
Red Cedar .....	-	1	1	-	-	-
Spruce .....	-	-	-	-	3	3
White Pine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	-	37	37
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	114	594	708
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	20	102	122
Total, softwoods ...	1,772	198	1,970	601	1,802	2,403
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	1,772	198	1,970	601	1,802	2,403
<b>LUMBER AND TIES</b>	179,885	5,962	185,847	148,720	90,249	238,969

Table 3. Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, July, 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 .....	47,019	1,772	1,322	50,113
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....		219	-	219
Alberta .....		1,531	xxxxxxx	1,531
Saskatchewan .....		630	xxxxxxx	630
Manitoba .....		1,081	xxxxxxx	1,081
Ontario .....		6,975	-	6,975
Quebec .....		1,853	-	1,853
New Brunswick .....		230	-	230
Nova Scotia .....		357	-	357
Prince Edward Island .....		-	-	-
Newfoundland .....		311	-	311
Total for Canada .....	47,019	14,959	1,322	63,300
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....	63	676	175	914
Atlantic Ports .....		1,015	54,319	55,334
Other points, by rail .....		32,859	xxxxxxx	32,859
Total for U.S.A. ....	63	34,550	54,494	89,107
United Kingdom .....	x	394	20,521	20,915
Other countries .....	x	245	27,998	28,243
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported .....	47,082	50,148	104,335	201,565
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				5,154
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				206,719
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	45,271	3,500	-	48,771
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	2,632	7,896	xxxxxxx	10,528
Saskatchewan .....		5,145	xxxxxxx	5,145
Manitoba .....		5,758	xxxxxxx	5,758
Ontario .....		16,521	-	16,521
Quebec .....		867	-	867
New Brunswick .....		-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....		22	-	22
Prince Edward Island .....		-	-	-
Newfoundland .....		30	-	30
Total for Canada .....	47,903	39,739	-	87,642
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....	289	203	-	492
Atlantic Ports .....		641	-	641
Other points, by rail .....		76,425	xxxxxxx	76,425
Total for U.S.A. ....	289	77,269	-	77,558
United Kingdom .....	x	150	114	264
Other countries .....	x	-	10	10
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported .....	48,192	117,158	124	165,474
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				67,724
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				233,198
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				



Table 2. Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, July, 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 .....	72,323	2,397	74,720	7,106	4,229	11,335
Hemlock .....	57,041	1,890	58,931	428	255	683
Balsam Fir .....	-	-	-	100	60	160
Red Cedar .....	33,081	1,096	34,177	505	301	806
Spruce .....	2,708	90	2,798	7,205	4,287	11,492
White Pine .....	1,848	61	1,909	988	588	1,576
Ponderosa Pine .....	25	1	26	130	76	206
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other softwoods ...	25	1	26	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	167,051	5,536	172,587	16,462	9,796	26,258
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	167,051	5,536	172,587	16,462	9,796	26,258
Unsold						
Douglas Fir .....	35,531	1,178	36,709	44,865	27,226	72,091
Hemlock .....	18,509	613	19,122	3,887	2,359	6,246
Balsam Fir .....	-	-	-	704	427	1,131
Red Cedar .....	25,541	846	26,387	2,379	1,444	3,823
Spruce .....	3,690	122	3,812	73,841	44,809	118,650
White Pine .....	1,528	51	1,579	4,126	2,504	6,630
Ponderosa Pine .....	250	8	258	7,511	4,558	12,069
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	3,261	1,979	5,240
All other softwoods ...	54	2	56	1,030	624	1,654
Total, softwoods ...	85,103	2,820	87,923	141,604	85,930	227,534
Red Alder .....	11	-	11	-	-	-
Maple .....	82	3	85	-	-	-
Birch .....	14	1	15	2	1	3
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	141	86	227
All other hardwoods ...	1	-	1	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	108	4	112	143	87	230
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	85,211	2,824	88,035	141,747	86,017	227,764
Sold and Unsold .....	252,262	8,360	260,622	158,209	95,813	254,022

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

	July 1957	1958	June 1957	1958
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<b>ORDERS ON HAND</b>				
For shipments to points in British Columbia				
Local .....	12,961	17,170	18,266	17,522
Coastwise and Interior .....	4,523	4,355	3,788	4,350
Total .....	17,484	21,525	22,054	21,872
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces .....	4,431	11,777	5,304	4,500
Eastern Provinces .....	8,666	12,777	9,363	11,775
United States of America .....	38,679	45,544	34,954	45,922
Total .....	51,776	70,098	49,621	62,197
For waterborne shipments to:				
California .....	-	-	-	-
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	17,845	110,651	12,943	89,122
Eastern Markets .....	-	-	600	200
Exports Markets .....	162,013	99,818	135,008	87,278
Total .....	179,858	210,469	148,551	176,600
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND .....	249,118	302,092	220,226	260,669
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS .....	8,567	6,962	10,750	10,775

Table 6. Number of Active Mills Reporting

July, 1958

	July 1957	1958	June 1957	1958
Coast ..... No.	87	85	91	89
Interior ..... No.	303	285	289	270
Total, British Columbia .. No.	390	370	380	359

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

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