

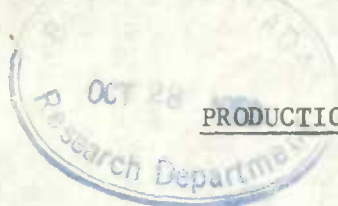
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 440,070 M ft. in August, 1958 as compared with 396,300 M ft. in August, 1957 an increase of 11.2 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 3.7 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 45.6 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 8.0 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 54.4 p.c. showed an increase of 13.8 p.c. Shipments in August, 1958 totalled 426,249 M ft., as compared with 397,303 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 7.3 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 3.4 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 10.5 p.c. Total shipments for August decreased by 3.1 p.c. from the July figure of 439,917 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of August, 1958 amounted to 512,820 M ft., as compared with 552,063 M ft. at the end of August the previous year and 514,644 M ft. at the end of July of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 280,269 M ft., while interior mills showed 232,551 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 July and August, 1957 and 1958. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 399,333 M ft. in July, 1957 to 396,300 M ft. in August, 1957 but increased from 424,816 M ft. in July to 440,070 M ft. in August, 1958. Shipments totalled 439,917 M ft. in July, 1958 and 426,249 M ft. in August, 1958 as compared with 366,544 M ft. in July and 397,303 M ft. in August of 1957. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 558,800 M ft. in July, 1957 to 552,063 M ft. in August, 1957 and decreased from 514,644 M ft. in July, 1958 to 512,820 M ft. in August 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 200,820 M ft. in August, 1958 as compared with 238,322 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Interior mills in August was 928 M ft., while no sawn ties were reported for Coast mills. Coast mills accounted for 45.6 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in August, 1958 as compared with 46.9 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during July, 1958 and 1957 respectively, were 43.7 and 41.8 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-report-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 187,221 M ft. in August of 1958 and 206,719 M ft. in July, 1958 as compared with 181,052 M ft. in August, 1957 and 157,045 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 239,028 M ft. and 216,251 M ft. in August, 1958 and 1957 and 233,198 M ft. and 209,499 M ft. in July, 1958 and 1957. Of all shipments actually reported for August, 43.7 p.c. went to points in Canada, 47.9 p.c. to points in United States, 4.0 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 4.4 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 20.4 p.c. of the total, while 51.0 p.c. went by rail, and 28.6 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 July and August, 1958 amounted to 260,622 M ft. and 280,269 M ft. as compared with 259,022 M ft. and 266,798 M ft. in July and August of 1957. Interior mills stocks decreased from 299,778 M ft. in July to 285,265 M ft. in August, 1957 and decreased from 254,022 M ft. in July to 232,551 M ft. in August, 1958. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 27.7 p.c. of the total in August, 1958 as compared with 36.3 p.c. in August, 1957 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 86.9 and 91.8.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of July and August, 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 August, 1958 amounted to 366,670 M ft. as compared with 271,807 M ft. in August, 1957. Orders on hand at the end of July, 1958 and 1957 amounted to 302,092 M ft. and 249,118 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 5,691 M ft. in August, 1958 and 11,143 M ft. in August, 1957 as compared with 6,962 M ft. in July, 1958 and 8,567 M ft. in July, 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 August accounted for 79.8 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1956 compared with 79.7 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for July, 1957 and 1958 were 78.1 and 80.1 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, August, 1958.

	August		July		8 Months	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	177,089	192,664	171,916	193,674	1,274,747	1,414,473
Hemlock	73,667	70,473	67,197	60,488	566,510	563,379
Balsam Fir	3,255	4,536	3,522	3,213	27,555	26,743
Red Cedar	32,897	44,999	34,037	40,112	263,705	354,617
Spruce	82,185	98,426	92,164	98,247	583,592	620,447
White Pine	6,175	6,078	6,817	7,616	39,373	44,561
Ponderosa Pine	3,112	4,177	4,207	3,119	25,623	25,057
Lodgepole Pine	7,091	8,825	8,351	9,228	54,230	64,404
All other softwoods .	10,435	9,752	10,519	8,944	58,521	61,654
Total softwoods ..	395,906	439,930	398,730	424,641	2,893,856	3,175,335
Red Alder	74	31	133	34	647	507
Maple	207	75	351	107	1,476	1,070
Birch	46	19	50	20	295	243
Cottonwood	65	15	69	14	467	248
All other hardwoods .	2	-	-	-	2	-
Total hardwoods ..	394	140	603	175	2,887	2,068
Total production .	396,300	440,070	399,333	424,816	2,896,743	3,177,403
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada ..	122,413	154,686	134,526	150,942	1,028,970	1,082,649
Points in U.S.A. ..	127,624	169,489	104,361	166,665	924,816	1,137,617
United Kingdom	29,500	14,078	23,856	21,179	224,464	247,043
Other Countries ...	28,817	15,841	18,849	28,253	239,128	235,392
Shipments reported	308,354	354,094	281,592	367,039	2,417,378	2,702,701
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .	88,949	72,155	84,952	72,878	550,931	487,056
Total shipments	397,303	426,249	366,544	439,917	2,968,309	3,189,757
STOCKS ON HAND						
	August		July			
	1957	1958	1957	1958		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	182,434	193,393	179,803	194,855		
Hemlock	110,253	103,943	106,127	84,982		
Balsam Fir	1,265	1,269	1,260	1,291		
Red Cedar	56,442	59,711	57,658	65,193		
Spruce	159,242	120,854	170,333	136,752		
White Pine	13,911	14,988	15,558	11,694		
Ponderosa Pine	15,176	7,868	17,997	12,559		
Lodgepole Pine	4,947	3,815	5,673	5,240		
All other softwoods .	8,040	6,821	4,192	1,736		
Total softwoods ..	551,710	512,662	558,601	514,302		
Red Alder	-	-	15	11		
Maple	-	3	82	85		
Birch	-	6	16	18		
Cottonwood	348	148	85	227		
All other hardwoods .	5	1	1	1		
Total hardwoods ..	353	158	199	342		
Total stocks	552,063	512,820	558,800	514,644		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, August, 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	77,684	5,222	82,906	72,482	36,776	109,258
Hemlock	63,885	1,219	65,104	3,682	1,676	5,358
Balsam Fir	1,619	156	1,775	1,693	1,065	2,758
Red Cedar	40,239	1,184	41,423	2,676	900	3,576
Spruce	6,837	304	7,141	60,635	30,649	91,284
White Pine	2,036	4	2,040	1,797	2,241	4,038
Ponderosa Pine	-	2	2	2,589	1,572	4,161
Lodgepole Pine	-	37	37	2,520	5,952	8,472
All other softwoods	251	22	273	3,642	5,754	9,396
Total, softwoods	192,551	8,150	200,701	151,716	86,585	238,301
Red Alder	2	29	31	-	-	-
Maple	45	24	69	-	6	6
Birch	2	9	11	-	8	8
Cottonwood	-	8	8	-	7	7
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	49	70	119	-	21	21
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	192,600	8,220	200,820	151,716	86,606	238,322
TIES						
Douglas Fir	-	-	-	95	405	500
Hemlock	-	-	-	-	11	11
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	3	3
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	1	1
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	14	14
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	82	234	316
All other softwoods	-	-	-	42	41	83
Total, softwoods	-	-	-	219	709	928
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	-	-	-	219	709	928
LUMBER AND TIES	192,600	8,220	200,820	151,935	87,315	239,250

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, August, 1958

	By Truck (Local Sales) M ft.b.m.	By Rail M ft.b.m.	Water- borne M ft.b.m.	Total Shipments M ft.b.m.
<u>COAST MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	48,470	2,563	1,351	52,384
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta		1,718	xxxxxxx	1,718
Saskatchewan		656	xxxxxxx	656
Manitoba		1,380	xxxxxxx	1,380
Ontario		7,033	-	7,033
Quebec		2,732	-	2,732
New Brunswick		253	-	253
Nova Scotia		267	-	267
Prince Edward Island		23	-	23
Newfoundland		405	-	405
Total for Canada	48,470	17,030	1,351	66,851
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports	136	667	25	828
Atlantic Ports		3,561	41,061	44,622
Other points, by rail		39,014	xxxxxxx	39,014
Total for U.S.A.	136	43,242	41,086	84,464
United Kingdomx		37	14,041	14,078
Other countriesx		46	15,795	15,841
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	48,606	60,355	72,273	181,234
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				5,987
Total shipments, reported and estimated				187,221
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	48,820	2,628	-	51,448
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	3,545	7,197	xxxxxxx	10,742
Saskatchewan		5,967	xxxxxxx	5,967
Manitoba		7,317	xxxxxxx	7,317
Ontario		10,795	-	10,795
Quebec		1,440	-	1,440
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		59	-	59
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		67	-	67
Total for Canada	52,365	35,470	-	87,835
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports	208	69	-	277
Atlantic Ports		1,009	-	1,009
Other points, by rail		83,739	xxxxxxx	83,739
Total for U.S.A.	208	84,817	-	85,025
United Kingdomx		-	-	-
Other countriesx		-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported ...	52,573	120,287	-	172,860
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				66,168
Total shipments, reported and estimated				239,028
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, August, 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	79,033	3,373	82,406	5,467	3,142	8,609
Hemlock	77,397	3,303	80,700	635	365	1,000
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	31,951	1,364	33,315	529	304	833
Spruce	3,533	151	3,684	11,498	6,607	18,105
White Pine	2,368	101	2,469	1,053	605	1,658
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	133	76	209
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	32	19	51
All other softwoods ...	27	1	28	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	194,309	8,293	202,602	19,347	11,118	30,465
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	194,309	8,293	202,602	19,347	11,118	30,465
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	31,686	1,352	33,038	44,034	25,306	69,340
Hemlock	16,219	692	16,911	3,386	1,946	5,332
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	806	463	1,269
Red Cedar	20,806	888	21,694	2,457	1,412	3,869
Spruce	3,976	170	4,146	60,278	34,641	94,919
White Pine	1,658	71	1,729	5,799	3,333	9,132
Ponderosa Pine	89	4	93	4,805	2,761	7,566
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	2,390	1,374	3,764
All other softwoods ...	50	2	52	4,281	2,460	6,741
Total, softwoods ...	74,484	3,179	77,663	128,236	73,696	201,932
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	3	-	3	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	4	2	6
Cottonwood	-	-	-	94	54	148
All other hardwoods ...	1	-	1	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	4	-	4	98	56	154
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	74,488	3,179	77,667	128,334	73,752	202,086
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>	268,797	11,472	280,269	147,681	84,870	232,551

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

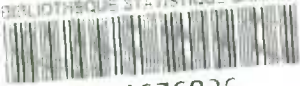
	August		July	
	1957	1958	1957	1958
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
For shipments to points in British Columbia				
Local	14,017	16,686	12,961	17,170
Coastwise and Interior	3,531	2,807	4,523	4,355
Total	17,548	19,493	17,484	21,525
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	4,625	4,948	4,431	11,777
Eastern Provinces	14,459	11,065	8,666	12,777
United States of America	39,859	56,188	38,679	45,544
Total	58,943	72,201	51,776	70,098
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	405	360	-	-
U.S. Atlantic Ports	25,419	147,691	17,845	110,651
Eastern Markets	-	-	-	-
Exports Markets	169,492	126,925	162,013	99,818
Total	195,316	274,976	179,858	210,469
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	271,807	366,670	249,118	302,092
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM				
OTHER MILLS	11,143	5,691	8,567	6,962

Table 6. Number of Active Mills Reporting
August, 1958

	August		July	
	1957	1958	1957	1958
Coast No.	84	79	87	85
Interior No.	293	285	303	285
Total, British Columbia . No.	377	364	390	370

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

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