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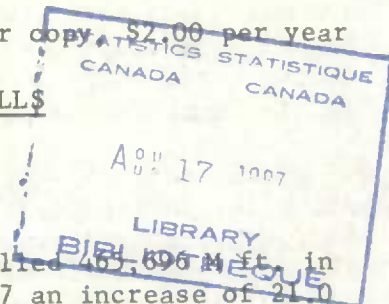


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA



Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 465,696 M ft. in September, 1958 as compared with 384,897 M ft. in September, 1957 an increase of 21.0 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 5.7 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 47.7 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 13.1 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 52.3 p.c. showed an increase of 29.2 p.c. Shipments in September, 1958 totalled 409,352 M ft., as compared with 382,546 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 7.0 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 15.9 p.c. but Interior mills an increase of 33.8 p.c. Total shipments for September decreased by 4.0 p.c. from the August figure of 426,249 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of September, 1958 amounted to 553,424 M ft., as compared with 567,435 M ft. at the end of September the previous year and 512,820 M ft. at the end of August of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 337,104 M ft., while Interior mills showed 216,320 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 August and September, 1957 and 1958. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 396,300 M ft. in August, 1957 to 384,897 M ft. in September, 1957 but increased from 440,070 M ft. in August to 465,696 M ft. in September, 1958. Shipments totalled 426,249 M ft. in August, 1958 and 409,352 M ft. in September 1958 as compared with 397,303 M ft. in August and 382,546 M ft. in September of 1957. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 552,063 M ft. in August, 1957 to 567,435 M ft. in September 1957 and increased from 512,820 M ft. in August, 1958 to 553,424 M ft. in September 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 221,942 M ft. in September, 1958 as compared with 242,667 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Interior mills in September was 1,087 M ft. while no sawn ties were reported for Coast mills. Coast mills accounted for 47.7 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in September, 1958 as compared with 51.0 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during August, 1958 and 1957 respectively, were 45.6 and 46.9 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 173,739 M ft. in September of 1958 and 187,-221 M ft. in August, 1958 as compared with 206,495 M ft. in September, 1957 and 181,052 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 235,613 M ft. and 176,051 M ft. in September, 1958 and 1957 and 239,028 M ft. and 216,251 M ft. in August, 1958 and 1957. Of all shipments actually reported for September, 45.8 p.c. went to points in Canada, 47.5 p.c. to points in United States, 4.3 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 2.4 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 14.4 p.c. of the total, while 53.7 p.c. went by rail, and 31.9 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 August and September, 1958 amounted to 280,269 M ft. and 337,104 M ft. as compared with 266,798 M ft. and 263,765 M ft. in August and September of 1957. Interior mills stocks increased from 285,265 M ft. in August to 303,670 M ft. in September, 1957 but decreased from 232,551 M ft. in August to 216,320 M ft. in September, 1958. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 27.1 p.c. of the total in September, 1958 as compared with 36.3 p.c. in September, 1957 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 92.4 and 93.6.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of August and September, 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 September, 1958 amounted to 340,806 M ft. as compared with 275,366 M ft. in September, 1957. Orders on hand at the end of August, 1958 and 1957 amounted to 366,670 M ft. and 271,807 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 9,040 M ft. in September, 1958 and 9,160 M ft. in September, 1957 as compared with 5,691 M ft. in August, 1958 and 11,143 M ft. in August, 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 September accounted for 80.4 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1956 compared with 81.3 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for August, 1957 and 1958 were 79.7 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, September, 1958.

	September		August		9 Months	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	167,491	196,949	177,089	192,664	1,442,238	1,611,422
Hemlock	80,982	80,461	73,667	70,473	647,492	643,840
Balsam Fir	3,956	3,900	3,255	4,536	31,511	30,643
Red Cedar	37,879	48,360	32,897	44,999	301,584	402,977
Spruce	68,484	104,188	82,185	98,426	652,076	724,635
White Pine	7,072	7,521	6,175	6,078	46,445	52,082
Ponderosa Pine	3,292	4,043	3,112	4,177	28,915	29,100
Lodgepole Pine	7,190	8,916	7,091	8,825	61,420	73,320
All other softwoods	8,114	11,067	10,435	9,752	66,635	72,721
Total softwoods	384,460	465,405	395,906	439,930	3,278,316	3,640,740
Red Alder	44	50	74	31	691	557
Maple	267	154	207	75	1,743	1,224
Birch	23	24	46	19	318	267
Cottonwood	100	63	65	15	567	311
All other hardwoods	3	-	2	-	5	-
Total hardwoods	437	291	394	140	3,324	2,359
Total production	384,897	465,696	396,300	440,070	3,281,640	3,643,099
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada	120,849	155,306	122,413	154,686	1,149,819	1,237,955
Points in U.S.A.	130,537	160,971	127,624	169,489	1,055,353	1,298,588
United Kingdom	34,806	14,660	29,500	14,078	259,270	261,703
Other Countries	37,974	8,188	28,817	15,841	277,102	243,580
Shipments reported	324,166	339,125	308,354	354,094	2,741,544	3,041,826
Estimated shipments of						
non-reporting mills	58,380	70,227	88,949	72,155	609,311	557,283
Total shipments	382,546	409,352	397,303	426,249	3,350,855	3,599,109
STOCKS ON HAND						
	September		August			
	1957	1958	1957	1958		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	193,619	203,998	182,434	193,393		
Hemlock	119,556	132,320	110,253	103,943		
Balsam Fir	1,778	246	1,265	1,269		
Red Cedar	58,026	64,887	56,442	59,711		
Spruce	146,287	116,437	159,242	120,854		
White Pine	18,680	16,221	13,911	14,988		
Ponderosa Pine	14,013	9,688	15,176	7,868		
Lodgepole Pine	5,147	2,295	4,947	3,815		
All other softwoods	9,876	7,225	8,040	6,821		
Total softwoods	566,982	553,317	551,710	512,662		
Red Alder	-	-	-	-		
Maple	4	3	-	3		
Birch	3	6	-	6		
Cottonwood	445	97	348	148		
All other hardwoods	1	1	5	1		
Total hardwoods	453	107	353	158		
Total stocks	567,435	553,424	552,063	512,820		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, September, 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>LUMBER</u>						
Douglas Fir	36,471	6,088	92,559	68,570	35,303	103,873
Hemlock	71,953	1,558	73,511	5,121	1,816	6,937
Balsam Fir	1,953	168	2,121	673	1,102	1,775
Red Cedar	41,507	1,250	42,757	4,657	946	5,603
Spruce	8,514	326	8,840	66,377	28,970	95,347
White Pine	1,835	15	1,850	3,657	2,014	5,671
Ponderosa Pine	-	2	2	2,246	1,778	4,024
Lodgepole Pine	-	39	39	2,594	5,795	8,389
All other softwoods ...	17	23	40	4,383	6,597	10,980
Total, softwoods ...	212,250	9,469	221,719	158,278	84,321	242,599
Red Alder	18	32	50	-	-	-
Maple	123	25	148	-	6	6
Birch	7	9	16	-	8	8
Cottonwood	-	9	9	12	42	54
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	148	75	223	12	56	68
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	212,398	9,544	221,942	158,290	84,377	242,667
<u>TIES</u>						
Douglas Fir	-	-	-	56	461	517
Hemlock	-	-	-	-	13	13
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	4	4
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	1	1
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	17	17
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	236	252	488
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	-	47	47
Total, softwoods ...	-	-	-	292	795	1,087
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	-	-	-	292	795	1,087
LUMBER AND TIES	212,398	9,544	221,942	158,582	85,172	243,754

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

	By Truck and 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	52,687	2,301	648	55,636
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	23	-	23
Alberta	-	2,092	xxxxxx	2,092
Saskatchewan	-	932	xxxxxx	932
Manitoba	-	1,552	xxxxxx	1,552
Ontario	-	7,192	-	7,192
Quebec	-	1,947	-	1,947
New Brunswick	-	187	-	187
Nova Scotia	-	274	-	274
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	234	-	234
Total for Canada	52,687	16,734	648	70,069
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	276	563	284	1,123
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxx	1,118	25,009	26,127
Other points	361	46,578	xxxxxx	46,939
Total for U.S.A.	637	48,259	25,293	74,189
United Kingdom	xxxxxx x	27	14,584	14,611
Other countries	xxxxxx x	-	8,188	8,188
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	53,324	65,020	48,713	167,057
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				6,682
Total shipments, reported and estimated				173,739
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	49,855	3,581	-	53,436
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	2,425	5,887	xxxxxx	8,312
Saskatchewan	-	5,104	xxxxxx	5,104
Manitoba	-	6,029	xxxxxx	6,029
Ontario	-	11,687	-	11,687
Quebec	-	638	-	638
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	31	-	31
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	52,280	32,957	-	85,237
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	345	590	-	935
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxx	350	-	350
Other points	2,312	83,185	xxxxxx	85,497
Total for U.S.A.	2,657	84,125	-	86,782
United Kingdom	xxxxxx x	-	49	49
Other countries	xxxxxx x	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	54,937	117,082	49	172,068
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				63,545
Total shipments, reported and estimated				235,613
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, September, 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	98,220	4,401	102,621	4,438	2,383	6,821
Hemlock	97,386	4,363	101,749	60	32	92
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	20	11	31
Red Cedar	32,072	1,437	33,509	160	86	246
Spruce	5,060	227	5,287	5,417	2,909	8,326
White Pine	2,348	105	2,453	483	259	742
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	106	58	164
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other softwoods ...	13	1	14	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	235,099	10,534	245,633	10,684	5,738	16,422
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	235,099	10,534	245,633	10,684	5,738	16,422
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	33,328	3,507	36,835	37,552	20,169	57,721
Hemlock	22,117	2,327	24,444	3,926	2,109	6,035
Balsam Fir	21	2	23	125	67	192
Red Cedar	21,407	2,252	23,659	4,862	2,611	7,473
Spruce	3,407	358	3,765	64,446	34,613	99,059
White Pine	2,249	237	2,486	6,857	3,683	10,540
Ponderosa Pine	85	9	94	6,135	3,295	9,430
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	1,493	802	2,295
All other softwoods ...	145	16	161	4,587	2,463	7,050
Total, softwoods ...	82,759	8,708	91,467	129,983	69,812	199,795
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	3	-	3	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	4	2	6
Cottonwood	-	-	-	63	34	97
All other hardwoods ...	1	-	1	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	4	-	4	67	36	103
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	82,763	8,708	91,471	130,050	69,848	199,898
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>	317,862	19,242	337,104	140,734	75,586	216,320

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

	September		August	
	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	16,450	16,926	14,017	16,686
Coastwise and Interior	1,374	3,212	3,531	2,807
Total	17,824	20,138	17,548	19,493
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	4,078	6,093	4,625	4,948
Eastern Provinces	9,618	12,364	14,459	11,065
United States of America	40,521	50,869	39,859	56,188
Total	54,217	69,326	58,943	72,201
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	330	595	405	360
U.S. Atlantic Ports	21,176	113,518	25,419	147,691
Eastern Markets	-	5,133	-	-
Exports Markets	181,819	132,096	169,492	126,925
Total	203,325	251,342	195,316	274,976
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	275,366	340,806	271,807	366,670
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM				
OTHER MILLS	9,160	9,040	11,143	5,691

Table 6. Number of Active Mills Reporting

	September		August	
	1957	1958	1957	1958
Coast No.	84	84	84	79
Interior No.	291	292	293	285
Total, British Columbia No.	375	376	377	364

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

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