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

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Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 386,206 M ft. in January, 1959 as compared with 376,343 M ft. in January, 1958 an increase of 2.6 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 5.9 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 57.5 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 8.4 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, but the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 42.5 p.c. showed a decrease of 4.3 p.c. Shipments in January, 1959 totalled 358,823 M ft., as compared with 334,420 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 7.3 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 11.5 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 1.6 p.c. Total shipments for January increased by 6.2 p.c. over the December figure of 337,974 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of January, 1959 amounted to 570,988 M ft., as compared with 609,027 M ft. at the end of January the previous year and 536,870 M ft. at the end of December, 1958. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 325,076 M ft., while Interior mills showed 245,912 M ft.

Page 3 gives the final estimates of the production of sawn lumber (excluding sawn ties) for British Columbia and provinces East of the Rockies for 1957 and revised estimates for 1958. Similar revised monthly estimates of sawn lumber production for all provinces (except Newfoundland), are contained in the January issue of the Monthly report entitled "Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies".

Summary Figures

Table 1 gives a comparative summary of production, shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills for December, 1957 and 1958 and January, 1958 and 1959. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 312,700 M ft. in December, 1957 to 376,343 M ft. in January, 1958 and from 364,726 M ft. in December, 1958 to 386,206 M ft. in January, 1959. Shipments totalled 337,974 M ft. in December, 1958 and 358,823 M ft. in January, 1959 as compared with 294,716 M ft. in December, 1957 and 334,420 M ft. in January of 1958. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 585,852 M ft. in December, 1957 to 609,027 M ft. in January, 1958 and increased from 536,870 M ft. in December, 1958 to 570,988 M ft. in January 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 218,531 M ft. in January, 1959 as compared with 163,819 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 3,384 M ft. in January as compared with 472 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 57.5 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in January, 1959 as compared with 54.8 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during December, 1958 and 1957 respectively, were 59.1 and 58.9 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 214,778 M ft. in January of 1959 and 202,773 M ft. in December, 1958 as compared with 192,611 M ft. in January, 1958 and 174,559 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 144,045 M ft. and 141,809 M ft. in January, 1959 and 1958 and 135,201 M ft. and 120,157 M ft. in December, 1958 and 1957. Of all shipments actually reported for January, 37.9 p.c. went to points in Canada, 42.6 p.c. to points in United States, 6.9 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 12.6 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 36.0 p.c. of the total, while 34.5 p.c. went by rail, and 29.5 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 December, 1958 and January, 1959 amounted to 319,154 M ft. and 325,076 M ft. as compared with 289,600 M ft. and 297,222 M ft. in December, 1957 and January of 1958. Interior mills stocks increased from 296,252 M ft. in December, 1957 to 311,805 M ft. in January, 1958 and increased from 217,716 M ft. in December, 1958 to 245,912 M ft. in January, 1959. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 27.5 p.c. of the total in January, 1959 as compared with 34.6 p.c. in January, 1958 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 92.8 and 92.9.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of December, 1957 and 1958 and January, 1958 and 1959 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 January, 1959 amounted to 360,054 M ft. as compared with 280,568 M ft. in January, 1958. Orders on hand at the end of December, 1958 and 1957 amounted to 338,686 M ft. and 295,273 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 9,329 M ft. in January, 1959 and 6,729 M ft. in January, 1958 as compared with 9,348 M ft. in December, 1958 and 7,062 M ft. in December, 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 January accounted for 80.5 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1957 compared with 77.3 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for December, 1957 and 1958 were 80.2 and 81.2 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.

Final Estimates of Canadian Production of Sawn Lumber for 1957,
and Revised Estimates for 1958.

Month	Year	British Columbia			East of Rockies	Total Canada ^x
		Coast	Interior	Total		
January	1957	179,098	110,155	289,253	195,103	484,356
	1958	203,122	167,222	370,344	172,979	543,323
February	1957	178,207	171,057	349,264	235,841	585,105
	1958	207,025	182,244	389,269	188,472	577,741
March	1957	199,506	191,916	391,422	268,971	660,393
	1958	225,604	179,697	405,301	228,741	634,042
April	1957	199,114	126,784	325,898	164,593	490,491
	1958	227,361	123,498	350,859	122,302	473,161
May	1957	214,452	169,818	384,270	276,774	661,044
	1958	239,615	174,388	414,003	244,045	658,048
June	1957	202,366	208,774	411,140	343,959	755,099
	1958	230,061	213,104	443,165	289,819	732,984
July	1957	173,327	236,326	409,653	343,459	753,112
	1958	192,048	244,640	436,688	297,875	734,563
August	1957	193,382	213,788	407,170	309,361	716,531
	1958	209,744	246,456	456,200	237,676	693,876
September	1957	204,150	189,722	393,872	225,256	619,128
	1958	231,805	250,950	482,755	202,140	684,895
October	1957	220,619	175,625	396,244	135,726	531,970
	1958	255,406	235,595	491,001	138,843	629,844
November	1957	207,241	140,576	347,817	63,973	411,790
	1958	227,885	161,942	389,827	86,032	475,859
December	1957	181,019	125,365	306,384	79,343	385,727
	1958	212,950	148,890	361,840	122,760	484,600
12 months	1957	2,352,481	2,059,906	4,412,387	2,642,359	7,054,746 ^x
	1958	2,662,626	2,328,626	4,991,252	2,331,684	7,322,936

x Production in the Yukon and N.W.T. (6,396 M ft. b.m.) and Newfoundland (38,616 M ft. b.m.) not included in the 1957 quantities; 1958 quantities not yet available.

Table 1. - Comparative Summary of Production, Shipments and Stocks of Lumber and Ties of British Columbia Sawmills, January, 1959.

	January		December	
	*1958	1959	*1957	*1958
PRODUCTION	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	167,603	161,814	145,276	155,429
Hemlock	71,321	84,247	65,620	81,689
Balsam Fir	4,017	3,456	4,392	2,939
Red Cedar	37,036	38,695	32,847	38,384
Spruce	74,124	80,406	48,698	68,361
White Pine	3,898	3,437	2,837	4,202
Ponderosa Pine	1,484	1,966	1,473	2,112
Lodgepole Pine	8,826	7,469	5,525	6,053
Tamarack or Larch	-	3,971	-	-
All other softwoods	7,838	439	5,757	5,226
Total, softwoods	376,147	385,900	312,425	364,395
Red Alder	34	192	119	209
Maple	95	59	79	92
Birch	19	19	31	18
Cottonwood	48	36	46	12
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	196	306	275	331
Total, production	*376,343	386,206	*312,700	*364,726
SHIPMENTS				
TO: Points in Canada	102,175	118,566	85,063	102,535
Points in U.S.A.	114,043	133,294	96,764	126,319
United Kingdom	37,250	21,474	40,520	33,055
Other Countries	31,635	39,362	30,557	33,879
Shipments reported	285,103	312,696	252,904	295,788
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills ..	49,317	46,127	41,812	42,186
Total shipments	334,420	358,823	294,716	337,974
STOCKS ON HAND				
	January		December	
	1958	1959	1957	1958
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	232,627	205,017	220,830	193,666
Hemlock	110,483	137,658	117,685	134,323
Balsam Fir	1,357	1,105	1,829	778
Red Cedar	63,313	64,613	58,365	61,348
Spruce	161,096	130,224	148,353	112,299
White Pine	15,369	12,385	16,077	13,874
Ponderosa Pine	10,240	8,907	9,934	9,625
Lodgepole Pine	5,016	5,031	4,777	3,766
Tamarack or Larch	-	4,924	-	-
All other softwoods	9,212	1,027	7,794	7,047
Total, softwoods	608,713	570,891	585,644	536,726
Red Alder	-	-	-	-
Maple	3	2	3	3
Birch	-	4	3	7
Cottonwood	260	91	201	134
All other hardwoods	51	-	1	-
Total, hardwoods	314	97	208	144
Total, stocks	609,027	570,988	585,852	536,870

* Revised

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn January, 1959

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	88,622	2,669	91,291	40,491	26,412	66,903
Hemlock	81,198	530	81,728	1,072	1,419	2,491
Balsam Fir	1,560	41	1,601	1,131	723	1,854
Red Cedar	36,587	631	37,218	944	533	1,477
Spruce	4,783	195	4,978	51,771	23,653	75,424
White Pine	1,393	-	1,393	1,060	984	2,044
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	969	990	1,959
Lodgepole Pine	25	19	44	2,246	5,040	7,286
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	1,050	2,864	3,914
All other softwoods ...	-	8	8	431	-	431
Total, softwoods ...	214,168	4,093	218,261	101,165	62,618	163,783
Red Alder	173	19	192	-	-	-
Maple	39	20	59	-	-	-
Birch	12	4	16	-	3	3
Cottonwood	-	3	3	33	-	33
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	224	46	270	33	3	36
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	214,392	4,139	218,531	101,198	62,621	163,819
TIES						
Douglas Fir	2,978	406	3,384	65	171	236
Hemlock	-	-	-	27	1	28
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	1	1
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	4	4
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	7	7
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	139	139
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	43	14	57
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	2,978	406	3,384	135	337	472
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	2,978	406	3,384	135	337	472
LUMBER AND TIES	217,370	4,545	221,915	101,333	62,958	164,291

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, January, 1959

	By Truck and 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: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	45,209	2,180	669	48,058
Yukon and Northwest Territories ...	-	-	-	-
Alberta	-	2,180	xxxxxxx	2,180
Saskatchewan	-	791	xxxxxxx	791
Manitoba	-	1,451	xxxxxxx	1,451
Ontario	-	4,147	-	4,147
Quebec	-	1,041	-	1,041
New Brunswick	-	448	226	674
Nova Scotia	-	74	-	74
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	248	-	248
Total for Canada	45,209	12,560	895	58,664
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	32	1,227	-	1,259
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxxx	3,405	53,222	56,627
Other points	142	33,374	xxxxxxx	33,516
Total for U.S.A.	174	38,006	53,222	91,402
United Kingdom	xxxxxxx	* 1,271	20,203	21,474
Other countries	xxxxxxx	* 1,000	38,362	39,362
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	45,383	52,837	112,682	210,902
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				3,876
Total shipments, reported and estimated				214,778
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	44,202	1,578	-	45,780
Yukon and Northwest Territories ...	-	30	-	30
Alberta	1,947	2,338	xxxxxxx	4,285
Saskatchewan	-	2,019	xxxxxxx	2,019
Manitoba	-	2,080	xxxxxxx	2,080
Ontario	-	4,948	-	4,948
Quebec	-	760	-	760
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	46,149	13,753	-	59,902
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	-	241	-	241
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxxx	659	-	659
Other points	584	40,408	xxxxxxx	40,992
Total for U.S.A.	584	41,308	-	41,892
United Kingdom	xxxxxxx	* -	-	-
Other countries	xxxxxxx	* -	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	46,733	55,061	-	101,794
Estimated shipments of Non-reporting mills				42,251
Total shipments, reported and estimated				144,045
* Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, January, 1959

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	90,646	1,895	92,541	5,298	3,291	8,589
Hemlock	99,438	2,079	101,517	40	25	65
Balsam Fir	262	5	267	-	-	-
Red Cedar	35,918	752	36,670	46	29	75
Spruce	3,220	67	3,287	4,996	3,104	8,100
White Pine	1,331	28	1,359	239	148	387
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	216	134	350
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	120	75	195
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other softwoods ...	7	-	7	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	230,822	4,826	235,648	10,955	6,806	17,761
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	230,822	4,826	235,648	10,955	6,806	17,761
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	38,491	805	39,296	39,839	24,752	64,591
Hemlock	25,613	536	26,149	6,123	3,804	9,927
Balsam Fir	167	3	170	412	256	668
Red Cedar	19,411	406	19,817	4,966	3,085	8,051
Spruce	2,465	52	2,517	71,745	44,575	116,320
White Pine	1,296	27	1,323	5,746	3,570	9,316
Ponderosa Pine	113	2	115	5,207	3,235	8,442
Lodgepole Pine	25	1	26	2,967	1,843	4,810
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	3,036	1,888	4,924
All other softwoods ...	12	-	12	622	386	1,008
Total, softwoods ...	87,593	1,832	89,425	140,663	87,394	228,057
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	2	-	2	-	-	-
Birch	1	-	1	2	1	3
Cottonwood	-	-	-	56	35	91
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	3	-	3	58	36	94
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	87,596	1,832	89,428	140,721	87,430	228,151
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>	318,418	6,658	325,076	151,676	94,236	245,912

Table 5. - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of January, 1959 and

Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)


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	January		December	
	1958	1959	1957	1958
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
For shipments to points in British Columbia				
Local	14,775	26,340	11,524	15,022
Coastwise and Interior	4,733	6,545	4,216	2,608
Total	19,508	32,885	15,740	17,630
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	5,290	6,552	4,692	4,302
Eastern Provinces	12,356	11,819	10,652	15,005
United States of America	40,183	48,621	40,224	46,324
Total	57,829	66,992	55,568	65,631
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	350	-	350	-
U.S. Atlantic Ports	56,798	124,124	61,082	122,356
Eastern Markets	586	4,850	120	600
Exports Markets	145,497	131,203	162,413	132,469
Total	203,231	260,177	223,965	255,425
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	280,568	360,054	295,273	338,686
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
	6,729	9,329	7,062	9,348

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

January, 1959

	January		December	
	1958	1959	1957	1958
Coast No.	70	73	87	84
Interior No.	223	242	239	272
Total, British Columbia No.	293	315	326	356

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