



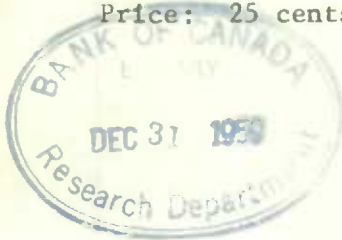
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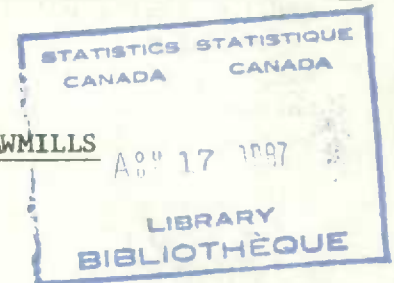
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

October, 1959



Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 428,334 M ft. in October, 1959 as compared with 492,588 M ft. in October, 1958 a decrease of 13.0 p.c. from the previous year but an increase of 20.8 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 58.1 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 2.5 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 41.9 p.c. showed a decrease of 24.4 p.c. Shipments in October, 1959 totalled 414,029 M ft., as compared with 500,191 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 17.2 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 19.7 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 14.1 p.c. Total shipments for October increased by 28.6 p.c. over the September figure of 321,889 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of October, 1959 amounted to 564,229 M ft., as compared with 521,372 M ft. at the end of October the previous year and 532,264 M ft. at the end of September of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 304,651 M ft., while Interior mills showed 259,578 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 September and October, 1958 and 1959. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 483,842 M ft. in September, 1958 to 492,588 M ft. in October, 1958 and from 354,622 M ft. in September to 428,334 M ft. in October, 1959. Shipments totalled 321,889 M ft. in September, 1959 and 414,029 M ft. in October, 1959 as compared with 409,352 M ft. in September and 500,191 M ft. in October of 1958. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 553,424 M ft. in September, 1958 to 521,372 M ft. in October but increased from 532,264 M ft. in September, 1959 to 564,229 M ft. in October 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 247,729 M ft. in October, 1959 as compared with 178,034 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,339 M ft. in October as compared with 1,232 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 58.1 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in October, 1959 as compared with 51.9 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during September, 1959 and 1958 respectively, were 38.1 and 47.9 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 222,425 M ft. in October of 1959 and 106,624 M ft. in September, 1959 as compared with 277,086 M ft. in October, 1958 and 173,739 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 191,604 M ft. and 223,105 M ft. in October, 1959 and 1958 and 215,265 M ft. and 235,613 M ft. in September, 1959 and 1958. Of all shipments actually reported for October, 38.5 p.c. went to points in Canada, 48.9 p.c. to points in United States, 6.5 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 6.1 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 25.8 p.c. of the total, while 48.8 p.c. went by rail, and 25.4 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 September and October, 1959 amounted to 272,859 M ft. and 304,651 M ft. as compared with 337,104 M ft. and 304,165 M ft. in September and October of 1958. Interior mills stocks increased from 216,320 M ft. in September to 217,207 M ft. in October, 1958 and increased from 259,405 M ft. in September to 259,578 M ft. in October, 1959. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 37.8 p.c. of the total in October, 1959 as compared with 34.5 p.c. in October, 1958 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 93.6 and 96.1.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of September and October, 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 October, 1959 amounted to 355,841 M ft. as compared with 266,536 M ft. in October, 1958. Orders on hand at the end of September, 1959 and 1958 amounted to 320,828 M ft. and 340,806 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 8,026 M ft. in October, 1959 and 10,497 M ft. in October, 1958 as compared with 5,165 M ft. in September, 1959 and 9,040 M ft. in September, 1958:

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 October accounted for 81.4 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1957 compared with 80.6 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for September, 1958 and 1959 were 80.4 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, October, 1959

Species	October		September		10 Months	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
	M. ft.	M. ft.	M. ft.	M. ft.	M. ft.	M. ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir.....	208,969	174,325	204,607	139,271	1,883,016	1,649,273
Hemlock.....	99,161	100,250	83,965	53,837	771,115	710,164
Balsam Fir.....	4,161	3,077	4,055	2,998	35,966	35,201
Red Cedar.....	52,193	54,290	50,451	35,917	472,748	396,082
Spruce.....	99,496	74,546	107,835	96,483	849,386	925,367
White Pine.....	5,655	5,665	7,797	5,725	59,695	48,482
Ponderosa Pine.....	4,024	3,010	4,180	3,817	34,105	34,516
Lodgepole Pine.....	8,063	5,605	9,204	7,374	83,653	79,975
Tamarack or Larch.....	-	6,857	-	6,935	-	64,602
All other softwoods....	10,557	511	11,445	1,990	85,719	12,783
Total softwoods.....	492,279	428,136	483,539	354,347	4,275,403	3,956,445
Red Alder.....	56	61	52	129	637	973
Maple.....	163	92	161	108	1,439	1,153
Birch.....	35	9	25	28	316	259
Cottonwood.....	55	32	65	10	378	472
All other hardwoods....	-	4	-	-	-	32
Total hardwoods.....	309	198	303	275	2,770	2,889
Total production....	492,588	428,334	483,842	354,622	4,278,173	3,959,334
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada....	155,718	138,204	155,306	113,591	1,393,673	1,304,480
Points in U.S.A.....	208,991	175,423	160,971	127,666	1,507,579	1,624,063
United Kingdom.....	32,164	23,298	14,660	11,468	293,867	182,197
Other Countries.....	35,671	22,156	8,188	7,098	279,251	221,525
Shipments reported.....	432,544	359,081	339,125	259,823	3,474,370	3,332,265
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	67,647	54,948	70,227	62,066	624,930	637,394
Total shipments.....	500,191	414,029	409,352	321,889	4,099,300	3,969,659
STOCKS ON HAND						
	October		September			
	1958	1959	1958	1959		
	M. ft.	M. ft.	M. ft.	M. ft.		
Douglas Fir.....	190,359	192,149	203,998	160,811		
Hemlock.....	119,882	124,395	132,320	106,684		
Balsam Fir.....	903	875	246	1,524		
Red Cedar.....	60,984	67,448	64,887	66,684		
Spruce.....	117,044	140,061	116,437	164,644		
White Pine.....	15,581	18,670	16,221	13,800		
Ponderosa Pine.....	7,205	7,782	9,688	8,194		
Lodgepole Pine.....	2,566	5,595	2,295	5,151		
Tamarack or Larch.....	-	6,143	-	3,206		
All other softwoods....	6,747	1,033	7,225	1,434		
Total softwoods.....	521,271	564,151	553,317	532,132		
Red Alder.....	-	-	-	-		
Maple.....	3	2	3	2		
Birch.....	6	3	6	1		
Cottonwood.....	91	73	97	129		
All other hardwoods....	1	-	1	-		
Total hardwoods.....	101	78	107	132		
Total Stocks.....	521,372	564,229	553,424	532,264		

Table 2 - Lumber and Ties Sawn, October, 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.....	88,247	4,566	92,813	53,433	25,945	79,378
Hemlock.....	91,953	981	92,934	6,188	1,125	7,313
Balsam Fir.....	1,644	241	1,885	604	588	1,192
Red Cedar.....	47,048	1,113	48,161	5,296	833	6,129
Spruce.....	8,553	403	8,956	44,789	20,792	65,581
White Pine.....	2,732	-	2,732	1,823	1,110	2,933
Ponderosa Pine.....	54	-	54	1,570	1,370	2,940
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	21	21	994	4,219	5,213
Tamarack or Larch....	-	-	-	2,684	4,135	6,819
All other softwoods...	-	9	9	502	-	502
Total, softwoods...	240,231	7,334	247,565	117,883	60,117	178,000
Red Alder.....	26	35	61	-	-	-
Maple.....	64	28	92	-	-	-
Birch.....	-	6	6	-	3	3
Cottonwood.....	-	5	5	-	27	27
All other hardwoods...	-	-	-	4	-	4
Total, hardwoods...	90	74	164	4	30	34
Total, softwoods and hardwoods...	240,321	7,408	247,729	117,887	60,147	178,034
TIES						
Douglas Fir.....	1,186	153	1,339	335	460	795
Hemlock.....	-	-	-	-	3	3
Balsam Fir.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce.....	-	-	-	-	9	9
White Pine.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine.....	-	-	-	-	16	16
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	-	-	19	352	371
Tamarack or Larch....	-	-	-	8	30	38
All other softwoods...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods...	1,186	153	1,339	362	870	1,232
Red Alder.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods...	1,186	153	1,339	362	870	1,232
LUMBER AND TIES	241,507	7,561	249,068	118,249	61,017	179,266

Table 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, October, 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: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	60,248	1,956	1,433	63,637
Yukon and Northwest Territories ...	-	-	13	13
Alberta	-	1,999	xxxxxxx	1,999
Saskatchewan	-	580	xxxxxxx	580
Manitoba	-	1,239	xxxxxxx	1,239
Ontario	-	7,682	-	7,682
Quebec	-	2,372	548	2,920
New Brunswick	-	137	-	137
Nova Scotia	-	472	-	472
Prince Edward Island	-	4	-	4
Newfoundland	-	542	-	542
Total for Canada	60,248	16,983	1,994	79,225
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports	118	1,316	466	1,900
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxxx	2,310	46,702	49,012
Other points	1,061	40,094	xxxxxxx	41,155
Total for U.S.A.	1,179	43,720	47,168	92,067
United Kingdom	xxxxxxx	* 1,282	21,815	23,097
Other countries	xxxxxxx	* 520	21,636	22,156
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	61,427	62,505	92,613	216,545
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				5,880
Total shipments, reported and estimated				222,425
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	24,919	4,680	-	29,599
Yukon and Northwest Territories ...	-	-	-	-
Alberta	4,023	5,541	xxxxxxx	9,564
Saskatchewan	190	3,026	xxxxxxx	3,216
Manitoba	-	4,400	xxxxxxx	4,400
Ontario	-	11,721	-	11,721
Quebec	-	479	-	479
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	29,132	29,847	-	58,979
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports	462	1,269	-	1,731
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxxx	3,147	-	3,147
Other points	232	78,246	xxxxxxx	78,478
Total for U.S.A.	694	82,662	-	83,356
United Kingdom	xxxxxxx	* 105	96	201
Other countries	xxxxxxx	* -	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	29,826	112,614	96	142,536
Estimated shipments of Non-reporting mills				49,068
Total shipments, reported and estimated				191,604
* Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4 - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, October, 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.....	70,461	2,206	72,667	3,999	2,064	6,063
Hemlock.....	67,910	2,126	70,036	60	31	91
Balsam Fir.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar.....	40,954	1,282	42,236	54	28	82
Spruce.....	2,366	74	2,440	6,493	3,350	9,843
White Pine.....	2,066	65	2,131	109	56	165
Ponderosa Pine.....	1	-	1	185	95	280
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	-	-	94	49	143
Tamarack or Larch.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other softwoods...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods...	183,758	5,753	189,511	10,994	5,673	16,667
Red Alder.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods...	183,758	5,753	189,511	10,994	5,673	16,667
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir.....	42,996	1,346	44,342	45,565	23,512	69,077
Hemlock.....	43,120	1,350	44,470	6,463	3,335	9,798
Balsam Fir.....	-	-	-	577	298	875
Red Cedar.....	14,604	457	15,061	6,642	3,427	10,069
Spruce.....	8,239	258	8,497	78,681	40,600	119,281
White Pine.....	2,359	74	2,433	9,196	4,745	13,941
Ponderosa Pine.....	294	9	303	4,748	2,450	7,198
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	-	-	3,596	1,856	5,452
Tamarack or Larch.....	-	-	-	4,052	2,091	6,143
All other softwoods...	31	1	32	661	340	1,001
Total, softwoods...	111,643	3,495	115,138	160,181	82,654	242,835
Red Alder.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple.....	2	-	2	-	-	-
Birch.....	-	-	-	2	1	3
Cottonwood.....	-	-	-	48	25	73
All other hardwoods...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods...	2	-	2	50	26	76
Total, softwoods and hardwoods...	111,645	3,495	115,140	160,231	82,680	242,911
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>	295,403	9,248	304,651	171,225	88,353	259,578

Table 5 - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of October, 1959 and
Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	October		September	
	1958	1959	1958	1959
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
For shipments to points in British Columbia				
Local	14,956	19,079	16,926	19,802
Coastwise and Interior	2,658	5,696	3,212	4,085
Total	17,614	24,775	20,138	23,887
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	4,403	5,907	6,093	5,865
Eastern Provinces	9,392	14,240	12,364	13,830
United States of America	43,929	45,256	50,869	47,084
Total	57,724	65,403	69,326	66,779
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	575	1,000	595	-
U. S. Atlantic Ports	81,716	19,978	113,518	43,074
Eastern Markets	600	3,912	5,133	3,350
Exports Markets	108,307	240,773	132,096	183,738
Total	191,198	265,663	251,342	230,162
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	266,536	355,841	340,806	320,828
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS	10,497	8,026	9,040	5,165

Table 6 - Number of Active Mills Reporting

October, 1959

		October		September	
		1958	1959	1958	1959
Coast	No.	86	82	84	77
Interior	No.	293	240	292	255
Total, British Columbia	No.	379	322	376	332

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

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