

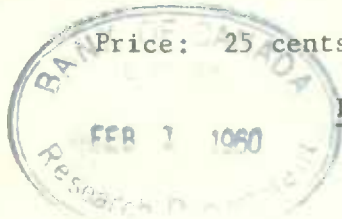


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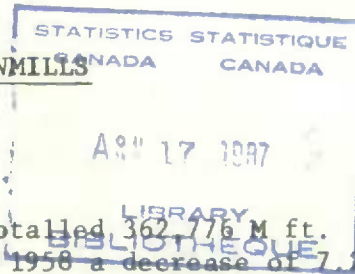
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS  
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

November, 1959



Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 362,776 M ft. in November, 1959 as compared with 391,108 M ft. in November, 1958 a decrease of 7.2 p.c. from the previous year and a decrease of 15.3 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 64.6 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 2.7 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, but the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 35.4 p.c., showed a decrease of 21.1 p.c. Shipments in November, 1959 totalled 331,609 M ft., as compared with 379,183 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 12.5 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 12.3 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 12.9 p.c. Total shipments for November decreased by 19.9 p.c. from the October figure of 414,029 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of November, 1959 amounted to 600,482 M ft., as compared with 512,477 M ft. at the end of November the previous year and 564,229 M ft. at the end of October of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 349,155 M ft., while Interior mills showed 251,327 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 October and November 1958 and 1959. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 492,588 M ft. in October, 1958 to 391,108 M ft. in November, 1958 and from 428,334 M ft. in October to 362,776 M ft. in November, 1959. Shipments totalled 414,029 M ft. in October, 1959 and 331,609 M ft. in November, 1959 as compared with 500,191 M ft. in October and 379,183 M ft. in November of 1958. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 521,372 M ft. in October, 1958 to 512,477 M ft. in November but increased from 564,229 M ft. in October, 1959 to 600,482 M ft. in November 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 233,073 M ft. in November, 1959 as compared with 127,194 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,265 M ft. in November as compared with 1,244 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 64.6 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in November, 1959 as compared with 58.4 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during October, 1959 and 1958 respectively, were 58.1 and 51.9 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 193,178 M ft. in November of 1959 and 222,425 M ft. in October, 1959 as compared with 220,271 M ft. in November, 1958 and 277,086 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 138,431 M ft. and 158,912 M ft. in November, 1959 and 1958 and 191,604 M ft. and 223,105 M ft. in October, 1959 and 1958. Of all shipments actually reported for November, 36.9 p.c. went to points in Canada, 38.9 p.c. to points in United States, 11.6 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 12.6 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 28.7 p.c. of the total, while 46.9 p.c. went by rail, and 24.4 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 October and November, 1959 amounted to 304,651 M ft. and 349,155 M ft. as compared with 304,165 M ft. and 309,559 M ft. in October and November of 1958. Interior mills stocks decreased from 217,207 M ft. in October to 202,918 M ft. in November, 1958 and decreased from 259,578 M ft. in October to 251,327 M ft. in November, 1959. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 40.2 p.c. of the total in November, 1959 as compared with 33.7 p.c. in November, 1958 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 95.1 and 95.0.

### Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of October and November, 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 November, 1959 amounted to 385,828 M ft. as compared with 320,798 M ft. in November, 1958. Orders on hand at the end of October, 1959 and 1958 amounted to 355,841 M ft. and 266,536 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 7,460 M ft. in November, 1959 and 7,923 M ft. in November, 1958 as compared with 8,026 M ft. in October, 1959 and 10,497 M ft. in October, 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 November accounted for 80.8 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1957 compared with 79.8 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for October, 1958 and 1959 were 80.6 and 81.4 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, November, 1959

Species	November		October		11 Months	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
	M. ft.	M. ft.	M. ft.	M. ft.	M. ft.	M. ft.
<b>PRODUCTION</b>						
Douglas Fir.....	169,396	154,204	208,969	174,325	2,052,412	1,803,477
Hemlock.....	88,408	86,723	99,161	100,250	859,523	796,887
Balsam Fir.....	2,834	2,933	4,161	3,077	38,800	38,134
Red Cedar.....	45,237	49,918	52,193	54,290	517,985	446,000
Spruce.....	63,998	52,032	99,496	74,546	913,384	977,399
White Pine.....	4,022	3,706	5,655	5,665	63,717	52,188
Ponderosa Pine.....	3,245	3,343	4,024	3,010	37,350	37,859
Lodgepole Pine.....	6,101	4,060	8,063	5,605	89,754	84,035
Tamarack or Larch.....	-	5,260	-	6,857	-	69,862
All other softwoods.....	7,603	340	10,557	511	93,322	13,123
Total softwoods.....	390,844	362,519	492,279	428,136	4,666,247	4,318,964
Red Alder.....	92	53	56	61	729	1,026
Maple.....	111	177	163	92	1,550	1,330
Birch.....	50	19	35	9	366	278
Cottonwood.....	11	5	55	32	389	477
All other hardwoods.....	-	3	-	4	-	35
Total hardwoods.....	264	257	309	198	3,034	3,146
Total production.....	391,108	362,776	492,588	428,334	4,669,281	4,322,110
<b>SHIPMENTS</b>						
TO: Points in Canada.....	120,765	106,499	155,718	138,204	1,514,438	1,410,979
Points in U.S.A.....	156,744	112,292	208,991	175,423	1,664,323	1,736,355
United Kingdom.....	18,430	33,371	32,164	23,298	312,297	215,568
Other Countries.....	31,790	36,325	35,671	22,156	311,041	257,850
Shipments reported.....	327,729	288,487	432,544	359,081	3,802,099	3,620,752
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills....	51,454	43,122	67,647	54,948	676,384	680,516
Total shipments.....	379,183	331,609	500,191	414,029	4,478,483	4,301,268
<b>STOCKS ON HAND</b>						
	November		October			
	1958	1959	1958	1959		
	M. ft.	M. ft.	M. ft.	M. ft.		
Douglas Fir.....	193,741	217,127	190,359	192,149		
Hemlock.....	131,096	141,552	119,882	124,395		
Balsam Fir.....	376	904	903	875		
Red Cedar.....	59,781	69,231	60,984	67,448		
Spruce.....	96,291	135,269	117,044	140,061		
White Pine.....	14,483	14,722	15,581	18,670		
Ponderosa Pine.....	9,727	9,920	7,205	7,782		
Lodgepole Pine.....	2,321	4,912	2,566	5,595		
Tamarack or Larch.....	-	5,706	-	6,143		
All other softwoods.....	4,519	1,001	6,747	1,033		
Total softwoods.....	512,335	600,344	521,271	564,151		
Red Alder.....	-	-	-	-		
Maple.....	-	2	3	2		
Birch.....	6	3	6	3		
Cottonwood.....	136	133	91	73		
All other hardwoods.....	-	-	1	-		
Total hardwoods.....	142	138	101	78		
Total Stocks.....	512,477	600,482	521,372	564,229		

Table 2 - Lumber and Ties Sawn, November, 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.
<b>LUMBER</b>						
Douglas Fir.....	89,518	4,451	93,969	39,056	19,133	58,189
Hemlock.....	81,532	1,041	82,573	3,191	956	4,147
Balsam Fir.....	1,610	218	1,828	701	404	1,105
Red Cedar.....	45,026	1,029	46,055	3,209	654	3,863
Spruce.....	6,206	365	6,571	29,564	15,888	45,452
White Pine.....	1,756	-	1,756	961	989	1,950
Ponderosa Pine.....	4	-	4	2,396	927	3,323
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	20	20	707	2,939	3,646
Tamarack or Larch.....	-	-	-	1,723	3,496	5,219
All other softwoods.....	37	9	46	294	-	294
Total, softwoods.....	225,689	7,133	232,822	81,802	45,386	127,188
Red Alder.....	27	26	53	-	-	-
Maple.....	151	26	177	-	-	-
Birch.....	11	5	16	1	2	3
Cottonwood.....	-	5	5	-	-	-
All other hardwoods.....	-	-	-	3	-	3
Total, hardwoods.....	189	62	251	4	2	6
Total, softwoods and hardwoods.....	225,878	7,195	233,073	81,806	45,388	127,194
<b>TIES</b>						
Douglas Fir.....	1,140	125	1,265	399	382	781
Hemlock.....	-	-	-	-	3	3
Balsam Fir.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce.....	-	-	-	-	9	9
White Pine.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine.....	-	-	-	-	16	16
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	-	-	44	350	394
Tamarack or Larch.....	-	-	-	6	35	41
All other softwoods.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods.....	1,140	125	1,265	449	795	1,244
Red Alder.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods.....	1,140	125	1,265	449	795	1,244
<b>LUMBER AND TIES</b>	227,018	7,320	234,338	82,255	46,183	128,438

Table 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, November, 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.....	47,580	2,292	1,638	51,510
Yukon and Northwest Territories.	-	-	-	-
Alberta.....	-	1,446	xxxxxx	1,446
Saskatchewan.....	-	437	xxxxxx	437
Manitoba.....	-	939	xxxxxx	939
Ontario.....	-	6,692	-	6,692
Quebec.....	-	1,481	303	1,784
New Brunswick.....	-	85	-	85
Nova Scotia.....	-	365	-	365
Prince Edward Island.....	-	9	-	9
Newfoundland.....	-	217	-	217
Total for Canada.....	47,580	13,963	1,941	63,484
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports.....	95	739	1,651	2,485
Atlantic Ports.....	xxxxxx	1,320	11,411	12,731
Other points.....	123	39,623	xxxxxx	39,746
Total for U.S.A.....	218	41,682	13,062	54,962
United Kingdom.....	xxxxxx	*1,250	31,774	33,024
Other countries.....	xxxxxx	* 500	35,825	36,325
Destination or carrier not specified.....				-
Total shipments reported.....	47,798	57,395	82,602	187,795
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills.....				5,383
Total shipments, reported and estimated.....				193,178
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia.....	19,858	3,295	-	23,153
Yukon and Northwest Territories.	-	-	-	-
Alberta.....	2,305	3,739	xxxxxx	6,044
Saskatchewan.....	134	2,103	xxxxxx	2,237
Manitoba.....	-	3,488	xxxxxx	3,488
Ontario.....	-	7,810	-	7,810
Quebec.....	-	283	-	283
New Brunswick.....	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia.....	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island.....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland.....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada.....	22,297	20,718	-	43,015
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports.....	-	951	-	951
Atlantic Ports.....	xxxxxx	1,051	-	1,051
Other points.....	367	54,961	xxxxxx	55,328
Total for U.S.A.....	367	56,963	-	57,330
United Kingdom.....	xxxxxx	* 150	197	347
Other countries.....	xxxxxx	* -	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified.....				-
Total shipments reported.....	22,664	77,831	197	100,692
Estimated shipments of Non-reporting mills.....				37,739
Total shipments, reported and estimated.....				138,431
*Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				



Table 4 - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, November, 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.
<b>SOLD (but not shipped)</b>						
Douglas Fir.....	90,000	2,902	92,902	3,286	1,847	5,133
Hemlock.....	73,328	2,364	75,692	-	-	-
Balsam Fir.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar.....	33,942	1,094	35,036	30	17	47
Spruce.....	3,242	105	3,347	4,368	2,455	6,823
White Pine.....	1,703	55	1,758	35	20	55
Ponderosa Pine.....	10	-	10	110	62	172
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	-	-	88	49	137
Tamarack or Larch.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other softwoods.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods.....	202,225	6,520	208,745	7,917	4,450	12,367
Red Alder.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ....	202,225	6,520	208,745	7,917	4,450	12,367
<b>UNSOLD</b>						
Douglas Fir.....	50,771	1,637	52,408	42,706	23,978	66,684
Hemlock.....	53,336	1,720	55,056	6,919	3,885	10,804
Balsam Fir.....	49	2	51	546	307	853
Red Cedar.....	22,977	740	23,717	6,680	3,751	10,431
Spruce.....	6,973	225	7,198	75,507	42,394	117,901
White Pine.....	1,847	60	1,907	7,046	3,956	11,002
Ponderosa Pine.....	20	-	20	6,224	3,494	9,718
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	-	-	3,058	1,717	4,775
Tamarack or Larch.....	-	-	-	3,654	2,052	5,706
All other softwoods.....	49	2	51	609	341	950
Total, softwoods.....	136,022	4,386	140,408	152,949	85,875	238,824
Red Alder.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple.....	2	-	2	-	-	-
Birch.....	-	-	-	2	1	3
Cottonwood.....	-	-	-	85	48	133
All other hardwoods.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods.....	2	-	2	87	49	136
Total, softwoods and hardwoods.....	136,024	4,386	140,410	153,036	85,924	238,960
<b>SOLD AND UNSOLD</b>	<b>338,249</b>	<b>10,906</b>	<b>349,155</b>	<b>160,953</b>	<b>90,374</b>	<b>251,327</b>

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

Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	November		October	
	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.....	13,813	22,145	14,956	19,079
Coastwise and Interior.....	2,732	2,382	2,658	5,696
Total.....	16,545	24,527	17,614	24,775
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces.....	4,019	6,737	4,403	5,907
Eastern Provinces.....	9,054	11,270	9,392	14,240
United States of America.....	46,507	41,273	43,929	45,256
Total.....	59,580	59,280	57,724	65,403
For Waterborne shipments to:				
California.....	525	1,994	575	1,000
U.S. Atlantic Ports.....	99,050	56,238	81,716	19,978
Eastern Markets.....	600	2,585	600	3,912
Exports Markets.....	144,498	241,204	108,307	240,773
Total.....	244,673	302,021	191,198	265,663
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND.....	320,798	385,828	266,536	355,841
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS...	7,923	7,460	10,497	8,026

Table 6 - Number of Active Mills Reporting

November, 1959

		November		October	
		1958	1959	1958	1959
Coast.....	No.	84	81	86	82
Interior.....	No.	281	232	293	240
Total, British Columbia.....	No.	365	313	379	322

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

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