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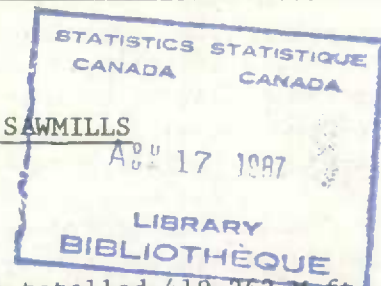
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

February, 1959



Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 419,262 M ft. in February, 1959 as compared with 395,292 M ft. in February, 1958 an increase of 6.1 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 8.6 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 52.9 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 6.3 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 47.1 p.c. showed an increase of 5.8 p.c. Shipments in February, 1959 totalled 395,005 M ft., as compared with 355,812 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 11.0 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 12.0 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 9.8 p.c. Total shipments for February increased by 10.1 p.c. over the January figure of 358,823 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of February, 1959 amounted to 608,286 M ft., as compared with 637,103 M ft. at the end of February the previous year and 570,988 M ft. at the end of January of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 332,382 M ft., while Interior mills showed 275,904 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 January and February, 1958 and 1959. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 376,343 M ft. in January, 1958 to 395,292 M ft. in February, 1958 and from 386,206 M ft. in January to 419,262 M ft. in February, 1959. Shipments totalled 358,823 M ft. in January, 1959 and 395,005 M ft. in February, 1959 as compared with 334,420 M ft. in January and 355,812 M ft. in February of 1958. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 609,027 M ft. in January, 1958 to 637,103 M ft. in February and increased from 570,988 M ft. in January, 1959 to 608,286 M ft. in February 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 219,120 M ft. in February, 1959 as compared with 195,803 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 2,872 M ft. in February as compared with 1,467 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 52.9 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in February, 1959 as compared with 52.8 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during January, 1959 and 1958 respectively, were 57.5 and 54.8 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-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 222,033 M ft. in February of 1959 and 214,778 M ft. in January, 1959 as compared with 198,258 M ft. in February, 1958 and 192,611 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 172,972 M ft. and 157,554 M ft. in February, 1959 and 1958 and 144,045 M ft. and 141,809 M ft. in January, 1959 and 1958. Of all shipments actually reported for February, 40.4 p.c. went to points in Canada, 47.4 p.c. to points in United States, 6.3 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 5.9 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 33.0 p.c. of the total, while 36.1 p.c. went by rail, and 30.9 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 January and February, 1959 amounted to 325,076 M ft. and 332,382 M ft. as compared with 297,222 M ft. and 303,589 M ft. in January and February of 1958. Interior mills stocks increased from 311,805 M ft. in January to 333,514 M ft. in February, 1958 and increased from 245,912 M ft. in January to 275,904 M ft. in February, 1959. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 23.0 p.c. of the total in February, 1959 as compared with 32.6 p.c. in February, 1958 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 93.5 and 93.8.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of January and February, 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 February, 1959 amounted to 400,841 M ft. as compared with 269,727 M ft. in February, 1958. Orders on hand at the end of January, 1959 and 1958 amounted to 360,054 M ft. and 280,568 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 10,556 M ft. in February, 1959 and 7,182 M ft. in February, 1958 as compared with 9,329 M ft. in January 1959 and 6,729 M ft. in January, 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 February accounted for 81.0 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1957 compared with 78.4 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for January, 1958 and 1959 were 77.3 and 80.5 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, February, 1959.

	February		January		2 Months	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
PRODUCTION	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	172,111	168,409	167,603	161,814	339,714	330,223
Hemlock	70,219	85,515	71,321	84,247	141,540	169,762
Balsam Fir	3,472	3,570	4,017	3,456	7,489	7,026
Red Cedar	41,256	40,275	37,036	38,695	78,292	78,970
Spruce	85,740	99,529	74,124	80,406	159,864	179,935
White Pine	3,673	4,368	3,898	3,437	7,571	7,805
Ponderosa Pine	2,101	2,269	1,484	1,966	3,585	4,235
Lodgepole Pine	9,123	9,167	8,826	7,469	17,949	16,636
Tamarack or Larch	-	4,781	-	3,971	-	8,752
All other softwoods ..	7,299	1,134	7,838	439	15,137	1,573
Total softwoods	394,994	419,017	376,147	385,900	771,141	804,917
Red Alder	34	86	34	192	68	278
Maple	209	104	95	59	304	163
Birch	32	24	19	19	51	43
Cottonwood	23	31	48	36	71	67
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	298	245	196	306	494	551
Total production ...	395,292	419,262	376,343	386,206	771,635	805,468
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada ..	120,224	138,121	102,175	118,566	222,399	256,687
Points in U.S.A. ..	116,035	162,321	114,043	133,294	230,078	295,615
United Kingdom	35,024	21,663	37,250	21,474	72,274	43,137
Other Countries ...	30,829	20,028	31,635	39,362	62,464	59,390
Shipments reported ...	302,112	342,133	285,103	312,696	587,215	654,829
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	53,700	52,872	49,317	46,127	103,017	98,999
Total shipments	355,812	395,005	334,420	358,823	690,232	753,828
STOCKS ON HAND						
	February		January			
	1958	1959	1958	1958	1958	1958
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	227,579	208,966	232,627	205,017		
Hemlock	120,266	140,232	110,483	137,658		
Balsam Fir	644	1,369	1,357	1,105		
Red Cedar	65,918	63,970	63,313	64,613		
Spruce	183,225	153,324	161,096	130,224		
White Pine	12,952	19,421	15,369	12,385		
Ponderosa Pine	10,619	8,766	10,240	8,907		
Lodgepole Pine	6,048	6,004	5,016	5,031		
Tamarack or Larch	-	4,469	-	4,924		
All other softwoods ...	9,453	1,616	9,212	1,027		
Total softwoods	636,704	608,137	608,713	570,891		
Red Alder	-	-	-	-		
Maple	3	3	3	2		
Birch	4	5	-	4		
Cottonwood	391	141	260	91		
All other hardwoods ...	1	-	51	-		
Total hardwoods	399	149	314	97		
Total stocks	637,103	608,286	609,027	570,988		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn February, 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	83,764	3,851	87,615	47,694	29,652	77,346
Hemlock	81,213	860	82,073	2,321	1,061	3,382
Balsam Fir	1,665	54	1,719	1,017	834	1,851
Red Cedar	36,789	961	37,750	1,864	661	2,525
Spruce	6,301	250	6,551	64,581	28,386	92,967
White Pine	2,396	-	2,396	792	1,180	1,972
Ponderosa Pine	161	-	161	1,014	1,073	2,087
Lodgepole Pine	75	19	94	2,713	5,602	8,315
Tamarack or Larch ...	-	-	-	1,677	3,063	4,740
All other softwoods ..	539	9	548	586	-	586
Total, softwoods ..	212,903	6,004	218,907	124,259	71,512	195,771
Red Alder	65	21	86	-	-	-
Maple	83	21	104	-	-	-
Birch	15	5	20	-	4	4
Cottonwood	-	3	3	28	-	28
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	163	50	213	28	4	32
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	213,066	6,054	219,120	124,287	71,516	195,803
TIES						
Douglas Fir	2,583	289	2,872	41	535	576
Hemlock	-	-	-	57	3	60
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	11	11
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	21	21
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	357	401	758
Tamarack or Larch ...	-	-	-	9	32	41
All other softwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ..	2,583	289	2,872	464	1,003	1,467
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	2,583	289	2,872	464	1,003	1,467
LUMBER AND TIES	215,649	6,343	221,992	124,751	72,519	197,270

Table 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, February, 1959

	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	50,822	2,775	1,059	54,656
Yukon and Northwest Territories ...	-	-	20	20
Alberta	-	2,279	xxxxxxx	2,279
Saskatchewan	-	531	xxxxxxx	531
Manitoba	-	1,074	xxxxxxx	1,074
Ontario	-	4,814	-	4,814
Quebec	-	1,098	112	1,210
New Brunswick	-	115	-	115
Nova Scotia	-	626	-	626
Prince Edward Island	-	5	-	5
Newfoundland	-	289	-	289
Total for Canada	50,822	13,606	1,191	65,619
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	235	1,099	-	1,334
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxxx	2,755	71,946	74,701
Other points	80	34,059	xxxxxxx	34,139
Total for U.S.A.	315	37,913	71,946	110,174
United Kingdom	xxxxxxx	* 1,250	20,369	21,619
Other countries	xxxxxxx	* 520	19,508	20,028
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	51,137	53,289	113,014	217,440
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				4,593
Total shipments, reported and estimated				222,033
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	52,176	2,481	-	54,657
Yukon and Northwest Territories ...	-	-	-	-
Alberta	1,857	2,798	xxxxxxx	4,655
Saskatchewan	-	2,684	xxxxxxx	2,684
Manitoba	-	4,299	xxxxxxx	4,299
Ontario	-	5,310	-	5,310
Quebec	-	897	-	897
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	54,033	18,469	-	72,502
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	-	90	-	90
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxxx	818	-	818
Other points	493	50,746	xxxxxxx	51,239
Total for U.S.A.	493	51,654	-	52,147
United Kingdom	xxxxxxx	* 44	-	44
Other countries	xxxxxxx	* -	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	54,526	70,167	-	124,693
Estimated shipments of Non-reporting mills				48,279
Total shipments, reported and estimated				172,972
* Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, February, 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.
SOLD (but not shipped)						
Douglas Fir	100,548	2,957	103,505	5,208	3,027	8,235
Hemlock	101,283	2,979	104,262	1,384	805	2,189
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	28	16	44
Red Cedar	39,076	1,149	40,225	337	196	533
Spruce	4,685	138	4,823	3,236	1,881	5,117
White Pine	3,078	91	3,169	1,013	589	1,602
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	182	106	288
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	8	5	13
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	4	2	6
All other softwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	248,670	7,314	255,984	11,400	6,627	18,027
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	248,670	7,314	255,984	11,400	6,627	18,027
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	32,746	963	33,709	40,167	23,350	63,517
Hemlock	24,385	718	25,103	5,488	3,190	8,678
Balsam Fir	40	1	41	812	472	1,284
Red Cedar	13,327	392	13,719	6,003	3,490	9,493
Spruce	2,222	66	2,288	89,227	51,869	141,096
White Pine	961	28	989	8,639	5,022	13,661
Ponderosa Pine	445	13	458	5,072	2,948	8,020
Lodgepole Pine	75	2	77	3,740	2,174	5,914
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	2,823	1,640	4,463
All other softwoods ..	9	-	9	1,016	591	1,607
Total, softwoods ...	74,210	2,183	76,393	162,987	94,746	257,733
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	3	-	3	2	1	3
Cottonwood	2	-	2	89	52	141
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	5	-	5	91	53	144
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	74,215	2,183	76,398	163,078	94,799	257,877
SOLD AND UNSOLD	322,885	9,497	332,382	174,478	101,426	275,904

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

Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	February		January	
	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	18,720	28,350	14,775	26,340
Coastwise and Interior	4,402	5,102	4,733	6,545
Total	23,122	33,452	19,508	32,885
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	5,931	7,495	5,290	6,552
Eastern Provinces	13,539	13,873	12,356	11,819
United States of America	40,559	50,489	40,183	48,621
Total	60,029	71,857	57,829	66,992
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	540	335	350	-
U.S. Atlantic Ports	52,411	144,614	56,798	124,124
Eastern Markets	5,240	6,014	586	4,850
Exports Markets	128,385	144,569	145,497	131,203
Total	186,576	295,532	203,231	260,177
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	269,727	400,841	280,568	360,054
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS.	7,182	10,556	6,729	9,329

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

February, 1959

	February		January	
	1958	1959	1958	1959
Coast	81	78	70	73
Interior	262	267	223	242
Total, British Columbia	343	345	293	315

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

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