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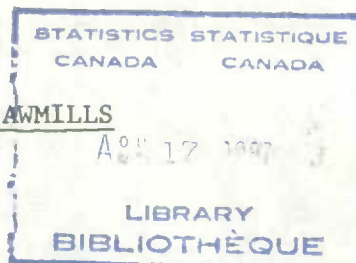
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

May, 1959



Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 420,466 M ft. in May, 1959 as compared with 418,553 M ft. in May, 1958 an increase of 0.5 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 2.4 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 57.6 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 0.4 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 42.4 p.c. showed an increase of 0.5 p.c. Shipments in May, 1959 totalled 465,036 M ft., as compared with 407,255 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 14.2 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 20.8 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 5.9 p.c. Total shipments for May increased by 0.2 p.c. over the April figure of 464,131 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of May, 1959 amounted to 532,146 M ft., as compared with 552,087 M ft. at the end of May the previous year and 578,119 M ft. at the end of April of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 285,180 M ft., while Interior mills showed 246,966 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 April and May, 1958 and 1959. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 354,993 M ft. in April, 1958 to 418,553 M ft. in May, 1958 and from 410,435 M ft. in April to 420,466 M ft. in May, 1959. Shipments totalled 464,131 M ft. in April 1959 and 465,036 M ft. in May, 1959 as compared with 355,166 M ft. in April and 407,255 M ft. in May of 1958. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 593,199 M ft. in April, 1958 to 552,087 M ft. in May and decreased from 578,119 M ft. in April, 1959 to 532,146 M ft. in May 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 240,241 M ft. in May, 1959 as compared with 177,505 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,751 M ft. in May as compared with 969 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 57.6 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in May, 1959 as compared with 57.6 p.c. the previous year. The percentage of Coast mills during April, 1959 and 1958 respectively, were 61.3 and 64.6 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 273,347 M ft. in May of 1959 and 278,454 M ft. in April, 1959 as compared with 226,258 M ft. in May, 1958 and 224,028 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 191,689 M ft. and 180,997 M ft. in May, 1959 and 1958 and 185,677 M ft. and 131,138 M ft. in April, 1959 and 1958. Of all shipments actually reported for May, 33.9 p.c. went to points in Canada, 54.3 p.c. to points in United States, 5.4 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 6.4 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 35.9 p.c. of the total, while 42.2 p.c. went by rail, and 21.9 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 April and May, 1959 amounted to 309,069 M ft. and 285,180 M ft. as compared with 292,252 M ft. and 291,626 M ft. in April and May of 1958. Interior mills stocks decreased from 300,947 M ft. in April to 260,461 M ft. in May, 1958 and decreased from 269,050 M ft. in April to 246,966 M ft. in May, 1959. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 24.4 p.c. of the total in May, 1959 as compared with 35.7 p.c. in May, 1958 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 91.2 and 87.8.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of April and May, 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 May, 1959 amounted to 375,643 M ft. as compared with 249,603 M ft. in May, 1958. Orders on hand at the end of April, 1959 and 1958 amounted to 379,736 M ft. and 249,812 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 7,417 M ft. in May, 1959 and 8,894 M ft. in May, 1958, as compared with 9,481 M ft. in April, 1959 and 7,901 M ft. in April, 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 May accounted for 79.6 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1957 compared with 80.7 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for April, 1958 and 1959 were 80.6 and 80.3 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, May, 1959.

	May		April		5 Months	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
PRODUCTION	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	187,869	178,455	163,078	177,271	868,557	874,283
Hemlock	79,403	88,595	76,439	91,641	372,092	433,846
Balsam Fir	3,538	3,483	1,373	3,373	17,205	21,049
Red Cedar	54,713	54,875	46,814	49,471	226,048	231,054
Spruce	68,507	72,927	45,638	66,063	355,563	430,147
White Pine	6,305	3,267	6,335	6,623	26,361	22,964
Ponderosa Pine	3,959	5,524	3,198	3,955	13,769	15,926
Lodgepole Pine	7,099	5,402	5,557	4,792	39,677	36,481
Tamarack or Larch	-	5,648	-	4,936	-	25,694
All other softwoods ...	6,727	1,675	6,221	1,986	35,070	6,742
Total softwoods	418,120	419,851	354,653	410,111	1,954,342	2,098,186
Red Alder	183	153	118	99	413	573
Maple	128	218	149	149	772	718
Birch	58	34	32	29	170	124
Cottonwood	64	206	41	39	197	360
All other hardwoods ...	-	4	-	8	-	12
Total hardwoods	433	615	340	324	1,552	1,787
Total production	418,553	420,466	354,993	410,435	1,955,894	2,099,973
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada ...	137,844	137,323	113,731	131,830	603,398	680,849
Points in U.S.A. ...	147,459	219,968	135,908	203,081	646,091	894,839
United Kingdom	36,623	21,892	35,923	22,685	178,817	112,054
Other Countries	28,457	25,670	27,794	34,746	158,786	152,392
Shipments reported	350,383	404,853	313,356	392,342	1,587,092	1,840,134
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	56,872	60,183	41,810	71,789	274,732	293,167
Total shipments	407,255	465,036	355,166	464,131	1,861,824	2,133,301
	May		April			
	1958	1959	1958	1959		
STOCKS ON HAND	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	204,246	173,235	217,131	186,042		
Hemlock	94,102	102,424	102,659	120,964		
Balsam Fir	269	1,286	574	720		
Red Cedar	70,730	69,577	68,852	65,681		
Spruce	148,571	144,961	166,511	169,784		
White Pine	14,565	18,820	15,408	16,319		
Ponderosa Pine	11,029	12,843	10,540	9,436		
Lodgepole Pine	6,076	3,032	7,799	3,293		
Tamarack or Larch	-	3,016	-	3,000		
All other softwoods ...	2,339	2,660	3,558	2,841		
Total softwoods	551,927	531,854	593,032	578,080		
Red Alder	-	-	-	-		
Maple	103	3	3	-		
Birch	6	4	4	-		
Cottonwood	50	285	159	39		
All other hardwoods ...	1	-	1	-		
Total hardwoods	160	292	167	39		
Total stocks	552,087	532,146	593,199	578,119		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, May, 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	90,880	5,541	96,421	50,851	28,839	79,690
Hemlock	80,541	1,380	81,921	5,514	1,159	6,673
Balsam Fir	1,439	224	1,663	1,168	652	1,820
Red Cedar	50,113	1,335	51,448	2,693	734	3,427
Spruce	5,929	385	6,314	41,170	25,436	66,606
White Pine	350	-	350	1,980	937	2,917
Ponderosa Pine	121	-	121	4,481	909	5,390
Lodgepole Pine	-	21	21	637	4,421	5,058
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	2,096	3,520	5,616
All other softwoods ...	1,468	9	1,477	198	-	198
Total, softwoods ...	230,841	8,895	239,736	110,788	66,607	177,395
Red Alder	120	33	153	-	-	-
Maple	191	27	218	-	-	-
Birch	25	5	30	1	3	4
Cottonwood	100	4	104	102	-	102
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	4	-	4
Total, hardwoods ...	436	69	505	107	3	110
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	231,277	8,964	240,241	110,895	66,610	177,505
TIES						
Douglas Fir	1,585	166	1,751	246	347	593
Hemlock	-	-	-	-	1	1
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	7	7
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	13	13
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	40	283	323
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	7	25	32
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	1,585	166	1,751	293	676	969
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	1,585	166	1,751	293	676	969
LUMBER AND TIES	232,862	9,130	241,992	111,188	67,286	178,474

Table 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, May, 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	55,590	3,264	1,242	60,096
Yukon and Northwest Territories ...	-	-	-	-
Alberta	-	2,523	xxxxxxx	2,523
Saskatchewan	-	734	xxxxxxx	734
Manitoba	-	1,373	xxxxxxx	1,373
Ontario	-	5,957	-	5,957
Quebec	-	1,040	6,496	7,536
New Brunswick	-	292	25	317
Nova Scotia	-	288	-	288
Prince Edward Island	-	28	-	28
Newfoundland	-	213	-	213
Total for Canada	55,590	15,712	7,763	79,065
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports	324	1,694	166	2,184
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxxx	4,267	91,522	95,789
Other points	302	41,724	xxxxxxx	42,026
Total for U.S.A.	626	47,685	91,688	139,999
United Kingdom	xxxxxxx	* 1,250	20,642	21,892
Other countries	xxxxxxx	* 545	25,125	25,670
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	56,216	65,192	145,218	266,626
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				6,721
Total shipments, reported and estimated				273,347
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	29,378	1,573	-	30,951
Yukon and Northwest Territories ...	-	-	-	-
Alberta	2,634	6,379	xxxxxxx	9,013
Saskatchewan	142	5,164	xxxxxxx	5,306
Manitoba	-	4,420	xxxxxxx	4,420
Ontario	-	8,245	-	8,245
Quebec	-	258	-	258
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	65	-	65
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	32,154	26,104	-	58,258
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports	455	-	-	455
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxxx	489	-	489
Other points	89	78,936	xxxxxxx	79,025
Total for U.S.A.	544	79,425	-	79,969
United Kingdom	xxxxxxx	* -	-	-
Other countries	xxxxxxx	* -	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	32,698	105,529	-	138,227
Estimated shipments of Non-reporting mills				53,462
Total shipments, reported and estimated				191,689
* Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, May, 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	83,164	3,261	86,425	3,024	1,830	4,854
Hemlock	73,714	2,890	76,604	248	150	398
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	86	52	138
Red Cedar	46,044	1,805	47,849	33	20	53
Spruce	3,180	125	3,305	9,252	5,599	14,851
White Pine	1,129	44	1,173	348	211	559
Ponderosa Pine	253	10	263	440	266	706
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	101	61	162
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	44	27	71
All other softwoods ...	7	-	7	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	207,491	8,135	215,626	13,576	8,216	21,792
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	1	-	1
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	1	-	1
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	207,491	8,135	215,626	13,577	8,216	21,793
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	30,898	1,211	32,109	31,054	18,793	49,847
Hemlock	17,834	699	18,533	4,292	2,597	6,889
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	715	433	1,148
Red Cedar	13,857	543	14,400	4,532	2,743	7,275
Spruce	2,489	98	2,587	77,387	46,831	124,218
White Pine	1,302	51	1,353	9,803	5,932	15,735
Ponderosa Pine	490	19	509	7,080	4,285	11,365
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	1,788	1,082	2,870
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	1,835	1,110	2,945
All other softwoods ...	56	3	59	1,616	978	2,594
Total, softwoods ...	66,926	2,624	69,550	140,102	84,784	224,886
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	3	-	3	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	2	1	3
Cottonwood	1	-	1	177	107	284
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	4	-	4	179	108	287
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	66,930	2,624	69,554	140,281	84,892	225,173
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>	274,421	10,759	285,180	153,858	93,108	246,966

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

Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	May		April	
	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	17,082	25,461	18,866	26,224
Coastwise and Interior	4,632	6,012	4,133	4,884
Total	21,714	31,473	22,999	31,108
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	4,753	6,299	5,611	7,235
Eastern Provinces	10,997	14,199	11,425	16,147
United States of America	45,634	55,396	42,743	54,775
Total	61,384	75,894	59,779	78,157
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	-	500	-	500
U. S. Atlantic Ports	68,944	117,099	58,432	123,658
Eastern Markets	-	-	262	4,678
Exports Markets	97,561	150,677	108,340	141,635
Total	166,505	268,276	167,034	270,471
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	249,603	375,643	249,812	379,736
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS.	8,894	7,417	7,901	9,481

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

May, 1959

	May		April	
	1958	1959	1958	1959
Coast	No. 84	80	89	80
Interior	No. 259	214	189	195
Total, British Columbia	No. 343	294	278	275

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

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