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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS  
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Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 502,883 M ft. in June, 1959 as compared with 447,660 M ft. in June, 1958 an increase of 12.3 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 19.5 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 49.9 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 8.0 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 50.1 p.c. showed an increase of 17.0 p.c. Shipments in June, 1959 totalled 525,844 M ft., as compared with 461,767 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 13.9 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 12.8 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 15.2 p.c. Total shipments for June increased by 13.1 p.c. over the May figure of 465,036 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of June, 1959 amounted to 517,844 M ft., as compared with 547,149 M ft. at the end of June the previous year and 532,146 M ft. at the end of May of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 264,584 M ft., while Interior mills showed 253,260 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 May and June, 1958 and 1959. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 418,553 M ft. in May, 1958 to 447,660 M ft. in June, 1958 and from 420,466 M ft. in May, 1959 to 502,883 M ft. in June, 1959. Shipments totalled 465,036 M ft. in May, 1959 and 525,844 M ft. in June, 1959 as compared with 407,255 M ft. in May and 461,767 M ft. in June of 1958. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 552,087 M ft. in May, 1958 to 547,149 M ft. in June and decreased from 532,146 M ft. in May, 1959 to 517,844 M ft. in June 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 248,995 M ft. in June, 1959 as compared with 250,127 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,766 M ft. in June as compared with 1,995 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 49.9 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in June, 1959 as compared with 51.9 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during May, 1959 and 1958 were the same (57.6) for both years.

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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 277,320 M ft. in June of 1959 and 273,347 M ft. in May, 1959 as compared with 245,954 M ft. in June, 1958 and 226,258 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 248,524 M ft. and 215,813 M ft. in June, 1959 and 1958 and 191,689 M ft. and 180,997 M ft. in May, 1959 and 1958. Of all shipments actually reported for June, 38.6 p.c. went to points in Canada, 48.9 p.c. to points in United States, 5.1 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 7.4 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 28.4 p.c. of the total, while 45.0 p.c. went by rail, and 26.6 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 May and June, 1959 amounted to 285,180 M ft. and 264,584 M ft. as compared with 291,626 M ft. and 276,372 M ft. in May and June of 1958. Interior mills stocks increased from 260,461 M ft. in May to 270,777 M ft. in June, 1958 and increased from 246,966 M ft. in May to 253,260 M ft. in June, 1959. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 26.1 p.c. of the total in June, 1959 as compared with 37.1 p.c. in June, 1958 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 91.0 and 90.1.

### Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of May and June, 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 June, 1959 amounted to 302,979 M ft. as compared with 260,669 M ft. in June, 1958. Orders on hand at the end of May, 1959 and 1958 amounted to 375,643 M ft. and 249,603 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 12,584 M ft. in June, 1959 and 10,775 M ft. in June, 1958 as compared with 7,417 M ft. in May, 1959 and 8,894 M ft. in May, 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 June accounted for 79.0 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1957 compared with 80.5 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for May, 1958 and 1959 were 80.7 and 79.6 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, June, 1959.

	June		May		6 Months	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
<b>PRODUCTION</b>	<b>M.ft.</b>	<b>M ft.</b>	<b>M ft.</b>	<b>M ft.</b>	<b>M ft.</b>	<b>M ft.</b>
Douglas Fir .....	199,783	216,535	187,869	178,455	1,068,340	1,090,818
Hemlock .....	79,248	89,503	79,403	88,595	451,340	523,349
Balsam Fir .....	2,501	4,435	3,538	3,483	19,706	25,484
Red Cedar .....	55,230	52,749	54,713	54,875	281,278	283,803
Spruce .....	82,967	108,435	68,507	72,927	438,530	538,582
White Pine .....	5,673	5,401	6,305	3,267	32,034	28,365
Ponderosa Pine .....	4,589	4,819	3,959	5,524	18,358	20,745
Lodgepole Pine .....	8,073	9,805	7,099	5,402	47,750	46,286
Tamarack or Larch .....	-	8,450	-	5,648	-	34,144
All other softwoods .....	9,319	2,399	6,727	1,675	44,389	9,141
Total softwoods .....	447,383	502,531	418,120	419,851	2,401,725	2,600,717
Red Alder .....	48	114	183	153	461	687
Maple .....	154	156	128	218	926	874
Birch .....	43	43	58	34	213	167
Cottonwood .....	32	34	64	206	229	394
All other hardwoods .....	-	5	-	4	-	17
Total hardwoods .....	277	352	433	615	1,829	2,139
Total production .....	447,660	502,883	418,553	420,466	2,403,554	2,602,856
<b>SHIPMENTS</b>						
TO: Points in Canada .....	173,623	172,664	137,844	137,323	777,021	853,513
Points in U.S.A. ....	155,372	218,821	147,459	219,968	801,463	1,113,660
United Kingdom .....	32,969	22,940	36,623	21,892	211,786	134,994
Other Countries .....	32,512	33,220	28,457	25,670	191,298	185,612
Shipments reported .....	394,476	447,645	350,383	404,853	1,981,568	2,287,779
Estimated shipments						
of non-reporting mills.	67,291	78,199	56,872	60,183	342,023	371,366
Total shipments .....	461,767	525,844	407,255	465,036	2,323,591	2,659,145
	June		May			
	1958	1959	1958	1959		
<b>STOCKS ON HAND</b>	<b>M ft.</b>	<b>M ft.</b>	<b>M ft.</b>	<b>M ft.</b>		
Douglas Fir .....	205,789	171,859	204,246	173,235		
Hemlock .....	93,154	91,609	94,102	102,424		
Balsam Fir .....	259	898	269	1,286		
Red Cedar .....	71,692	64,513	70,730	69,577		
Spruce .....	139,353	154,740	148,571	144,961		
White Pine .....	14,856	14,961	14,565	18,820		
Ponderosa Pine .....	13,249	10,536	11,029	12,843		
Lodgepole Pine .....	5,151	4,497	6,076	3,032		
Tamarack or Larch .....	-	2,395	-	3,016		
All other softwoods .....	3,318	1,824	2,339	2,660		
Total softwoods .....	546,821	517,832	551,927	531,854		
Red Alder .....	9	-	-	-		
Maple .....	107	2	103	3		
Birch .....	31	1	6	4		
Cottonwood .....	180	9	50	285		
All other hardwoods .....	1	-	1	-		
Total hardwoods .....	328	12	160	292		
Total stocks .....	547,149	517,844	552,087	532,146		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, June, 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 .....	98,754	5,027	103,781	67,646	42,349	109,995
Hemlock .....	81,640	1,077	82,717	5,162	1,620	6,782
Balsam Fir .....	1,395	222	1,617	1,816	1,002	2,818
Red Cedar .....	47,069	1,200	48,269	3,367	1,113	4,480
Spruce .....	8,094	390	8,484	63,425	36,322	99,747
White Pine .....	1,766	-	1,766	1,985	1,650	3,635
Ponderosa Pine .....	161	-	161	2,849	1,783	4,632
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	22	22	1,847	7,227	9,074
Tamarack or Larch .....	-	-	-	2,772	5,619	8,391
All other softwoods ....	1,855	9	1,864	535	-	535
Total, softwoods ....	240,734	7,947	248,681	151,404	98,685	250,089
Red Alder .....	87	27	114	-	-	-
Maple .....	129	27	156	-	-	-
Birch .....	32	6	38	-	5	5
Cottonwood .....	-	6	6	-	28	28
All other hardwoods ....	-	-	-	5	-	5
Total, hardwoods ....	248	66	314	5	33	38
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ....	240,982	8,013	248,995	151,409	98,718	250,127
<b>TIES</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	1,558	208	1,766	276	717	993
Hemlock .....	-	-	-	-	4	4
Balsam Fir .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce .....	-	-	-	189	15	204
White Pine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	-	26	26
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	110	599	709
Tamarack or Larch .....	-	-	-	16	43	59
All other softwoods ....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ....	1,558	208	1,766	591	1,404	1,995
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ....	1,558	208	1,766	591	1,404	1,995
<b>LUMBER AND TIES</b>	242,540	8,221	250,761	152,000	100,122	252,122

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, June, 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 .....	70,076	2,168	1,479	73,723
Yukon and Northwest Territories ...	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	11	2,831	xxxxxxx	2,842
Saskatchewan .....	4	760	xxxxxxx	764
Manitoba .....	-	1,330	xxxxxxx	1,330
Ontario .....	-	7,927	-	7,927
Quebec .....	-	2,491	-	2,491
New Brunswick .....	-	621	-	621
Nova Scotia .....	-	369	-	369
Prince Edward Island .....	-	12	-	12
Newfoundland .....	-	263	-	263
Total for Canada .....	70,091	18,772	1,479	90,342
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	233	1,222	-	1,455
Atlantic Ports .....	xxxxxxx	2,014	71,395	73,409
Other points .....	95	49,354	xxxxxxx	49,449
Total for U.S.A. ....	328	52,590	71,395	124,313
United Kingdom .....	xxxxxxx	* 1,296	21,544	22,840
Other countries .....	xxxxxxx	* 500	32,720	33,220
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported .....	70,419	73,158	127,138	270,715
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				6,605
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				277,320
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia .....	43,692	5,040	-	48,732
Yukon and Northwest Territories ...	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	3,871	5,965	xxxxxxx	9,836
Saskatchewan .....	424	6,191	xxxxxxx	6,615
Manitoba .....	-	5,697	xxxxxxx	5,697
Ontario .....	-	11,016	-	11,016
Quebec .....	-	426	-	426
New Brunswick .....	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	47,987	34,335	-	82,322
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	255	160	-	415
Atlantic Ports .....	xxxxxxx	4,976	-	4,976
Other points .....	106	89,011	xxxxxxx	89,117
Total for U.S.A. ....	361	94,147	-	94,508
United Kingdom .....	xxxxxxx	* -	100	100
Other countries .....	xxxxxxx	* -	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported .....	48,348	128,482	100	176,930
Estimated shipments of Non-reporting mills .....				71,594
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				248,524

\* Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.



Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, June, 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 .....	78,463	2,660	81,123	3,824	2,519	6,343
Hemlock .....	64,619	2,190	66,809	60	40	100
Balsam Fir .....	-	-	-	40	26	66
Red Cedar .....	40,561	1,375	41,936	41	27	68
Spruce .....	3,965	134	4,099	8,508	5,604	14,112
White Pine .....	1,479	50	1,529	136	90	226
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	587	387	974
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	303	200	503
Tamarack or Larch .....	-	-	-	251	164	415
All other softwoods .....	17	1	18	-	-	-
Total, softwoods .....	189,104	6,410	195,514	13,750	9,057	22,807
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods .....	189,104	6,410	195,514	13,750	9,057	22,807
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir .....	27,775	941	28,716	33,567	22,110	55,677
Hemlock .....	17,528	594	18,122	3,966	2,612	6,578
Balsam Fir .....	50	2	52	470	310	780
Red Cedar .....	15,426	523	15,949	3,955	2,605	6,560
Spruce .....	4,015	136	4,151	79,809	52,569	132,378
White Pine .....	1,455	49	1,504	7,055	4,647	11,702
Ponderosa Pine .....	521	18	539	5,440	3,583	9,023
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	2,408	1,586	3,994
Tamarack or Larch .....	-	-	-	1,194	786	1,980
All other softwoods .....	32	1	33	1,068	705	1,773
Total, softwoods .....	66,802	2,264	69,066	138,932	91,513	230,445
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	2	-	2	-	-	-
Birch .....	1	-	1	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	1	-	1	5	3	8
All other hardwoods .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .....	4	-	4	5	3	8
Total, softwoods and hardwoods .....	66,806	2,264	69,070	138,937	91,516	230,453
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>	255,910	8,674	264,584	152,687	100,573	253,260

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

Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	June		May	
	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 .....	17,522	21,312	17,082	25,461
Coastwise and Interior .....	4,350	4,277	4,632	6,012
Total .....	21,872	25,589	21,714	31,473
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces .....	4,500	4,947	4,753	6,299
Eastern Provinces .....	11,775	10,136	10,997	14,199
United States of America ....	45,922	41,915	45,634	55,396
Total .....	62,197	56,998	61,384	75,894
For waterborne shipments to:				
California .....	-	535	-	500
U. S. Atlantic Ports .....	89,122	77,400	68,944	117,099
Eastern Markets .....	200	-	-	-
Exports Markets .....	87,278	142,457	97,561	150,677
Total .....	176,600	220,392	166,505	268,276
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND .....	260,669	302,979	249,603	375,643
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS.	10,775	12,584	8,894	7,417

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

June, 1959

	June		May	
	1958	1959	1958	1959
Coast ..... No.	89	80	84	80
Interior ..... No.	270	255	259	214
Total, British Columbia .... No.	359	335	343	294

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

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