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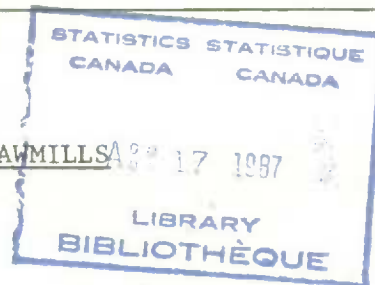
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

July, 1959



Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 306,925 M ft. in July, 1959 as compared with 441,061 M ft. in July, 1958, a decrease of 30.4 p.c. from the previous year and a decrease of 39.0 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 16.1 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 74.5 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, but the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 83.9 p.c. showed an increase of 4.2 p.c. Shipments in July, 1959 totalled 323,835 M ft., as compared with 439,917 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 26.4 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 61.6 p.c. but Interior mills an increase of 4.8 p.c. Total shipments for July decreased by 38.4 p.c. from the June figure of 525,844 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of July, 1959 amounted to 485,191 M ft., as compared with 514,644 M ft. at the end of July the previous year and 517,844 M ft. at the end of June of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 245,024 M ft., while Interior mills showed 240,167 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 June and July, 1958 and 1959. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 447,660 M ft. in June 1958 to 441,061 M ft. in July, 1958 and from 502,883 M ft. in June to 306,925 M ft. in July, 1959. Shipments totalled 525,844 M ft. in June, 1959 and 323,835 M ft. in July, 1959 as compared with 461,767 M ft. in June and 439,917 M ft. in July of 1958. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 547,149 M ft. in June, 1958 to 514,644 M ft. in July, 1958 and decreased from 517,844 M ft. in June, 1959 to 485,191 M ft. in July 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 49,133 M ft. in July, 1959 as compared with 255,105 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 307 M ft. in July as compared with 2,380 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 16.1 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in July, 1959 as compared with 44.0 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during June, 1959 and 1958 respectively, were 49.9 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 79,463 M ft. in July of 1959 and 277,320 M ft. in June, 1959 as compared with 206,719 M ft. in July, 1958 and 245,954 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 244,372 M ft. and 233,198 M ft. in July, 1959 and 1958 and 248,524 M ft. and 215,813 M ft. in June, 1959 and 1958. Of all shipments actually reported for July, 45.8 p.c. went to points in Canada, 47.8 p.c. to points in United States, 3.9 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 2.5 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 15.9 p.c. of the total, while 54.8 p.c. went by rail, and 29.3 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 June and July, 1959 amounted to 264,584 M ft. and 245,024 M ft. as compared with 276,372 M ft. and 260,622 M ft. in June and July of 1958. Interior mills stocks decreased from 270,777 M ft. in June to 254,022 M ft. in July, 1958 and decreased from 253,260 M ft. in June to 240,167 M ft. in July, 1959. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 30.2 p.c. of the total in July, 1959 as compared with 33.8 p.c. in July, 1958 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 89.9 and 89.7.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of June and July, 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 July, 1959 amounted to 272,816 M ft. as compared with 302,092 M ft. in July, 1958. Orders on hand at the end of June, 1959 and 1958 amounted to 302,979 M ft. and 260,669 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 1,378 M ft. in July, 1959 and 6,962 M ft. in July, 1958 as compared with 12,584 M ft. in June, 1959 and 10,775 M ft. in June, 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 July accounted for 79.3 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1957 compared with 80.1 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for June, 1958 and 1959 were 80.5 and 79.0 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, July, 1959

	July		June		7 Months	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
	M.ft.	M.ft.	M.ft.	M.ft.	M.ft.	M.ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	201,023	133,600	199,783	216,535	1,269,363	1,224,418
Hemlock	63,100	23,052	79,248	89,503	514,440	546,401
Balsam Fir	3,335	1,861	2,501	4,435	23,041	27,345
Red Cedar	41,864	12,672	55,230	52,749	323,142	296,475
Spruce	101,666	108,364	82,967	108,435	540,196	646,946
White Pine	7,902	3,990	5,673	5,401	39,936	32,355
Ponderosa Pine	3,224	3,752	4,589	4,819	21,582	24,497
Lodgepole Pine	9,520	10,422	8,073	9,805	57,270	56,708
Tamarack or Larch	-	8,587	-	8,450	-	42,731
All other softwoods ...	9,244	490	9,319	2,399	53,633	9,631
Total softwoods	440,878	306,790	447,383	502,531	2,842,603	2,907,507
Red Alder	36	47	48	114	497	734
Maple	111	45	154	156	1,037	919
Birch	22	35	43	43	235	202
Cottonwood	14	8	32	34	243	402
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	5	-	17
Total hardwoods	183	135	277	352	2,012	2,274
Total production	441,061	306,925	447,660	502,883	2,844,615	2,909,781
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada ...	150,942	113,315	173,623	172,664	927,963	966,828
Points in U.S.A. ...	166,665	118,387	155,372	218,821	968,128	1,232,047
United Kingdom	21,179	9,536	32,969	22,940	232,965	144,530
Other Countries	28,253	6,268	32,512	33,220	219,551	191,880
Shipments reported	367,039	247,506	394,476	447,645	2,348,607	2,535,285
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	72,878	76,329	67,291	78,199	414,901	447,695
Total shipments	439,917	323,835	461,767	525,844	2,763,508	2,982,980
STOCKS ON HAND						
	July		June			
	1958	1959	1958	1959		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	194,855	169,190	205,789	171,859		
Hemlock	84,982	74,429	93,154	91,609		
Balsam Fir	1,291	1,068	259	898		
Red Cedar	65,193	63,418	71,692	64,513		
Spruce	136,752	141,804	139,353	154,740		
White Pine	11,694	15,218	14,856	14,961		
Ponderosa Pine	12,559	9,118	13,249	10,536		
Lodgepole Pine	5,240	5,888	5,151	4,497		
Tamarack or Larch	-	3,114	-	2,395		
All other softwoods ...	1,736	1,766	3,318	1,824		
Total softwoods	514,302	485,013	546,821	517,832		
Red Alder	11	-	9	-		
Maple	85	2	107	2		
Birch	18	-	31	1		
Cottonwood	227	176	180	9		
All other hardwoods ...	1	-	1	-		
Total hardwoods	342	178	328	12		
Total stocks	514,644	485,191	547,149	517,844		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, July, 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	19,842	1,666	21,508	63,192	42,304	110,496
Hemlock	13,645	437	14,082	7,366	1,599	8,965
Balsam Fir	-	94	94	776	990	1,766
Red Cedar	8,742	450	9,192	2,515	965	3,480
Spruce	3,793	161	3,954	64,067	40,129	104,196
White Pine	14	-	14	2,386	1,590	3,976
Ponderosa Pine	149	3	152	1,333	1,736	3,569
Lodgepole Pine	-	11	11	2,379	7,248	9,627
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	2,725	5,806	8,531
All other softwoods ...	-	2	2	488	-	488
Total, softwoods ...	46,185	2,824	49,009	152,727	102,367	255,094
Red Alder	36	11	47	-	-	-
Maple	37	8	45	-	-	-
Birch	29	1	30	-	5	5
Cottonwood	-	2	2	-	6	6
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	102	22	124	-	11	11
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	46,287	2,846	49,133	152,727	102,378	255,105
TIES						
Douglas Fir	273	34	307	456	833	1,289
Hemlock	-	-	-	-	5	5
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	1	1
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	196	18	214
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	31	31
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	70	714	784
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	-	56	56
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	273	34	307	722	1,658	2,380
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	273	34	307	722	1,658	2,380
LUMBER AND TIES	46,560	2,880	49,440	153,449	104,036	257,485

Table 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, July, 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	21,826	873	903	23,602
Yukon and Northwest Territories ...	-	-	-	-
Alberta	-	517	xxxxxxx	517
Saskatchewan	-	347	xxxxxxx	347
Manitoba	-	391	xxxxxxx	391
Ontario	-	2,700	-	2,700
Quebec	-	534	-	534
New Brunswick	-	92	-	92
Nova Scotia	-	11	-	11
Prince Edward Island	-	12	-	12
Newfoundland	-	121	-	121
Total for Canada	21,826	5,598	903	28,327
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports	26	405	-	431
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxxx	259	22,986	23,245
Other points	-	9,051	xxxxxxx	9,051
Total for U.S.A.	26	9,715	22,986	32,727
United Kingdom	xxxxxxx *	35	9,292	9,327
Other countries	xxxxxxx	-	6,268	6,268
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	21,852	15,348	39,449	76,649
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				2,814
Total shipments, reported and estimated				79,463
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	45,629	4,961	-	50,590
Yukon and Northwest Territories ...	-	-	-	-
Alberta	4,022	5,256	xxxxxxx	9,278
Saskatchewan	554	5,206	xxxxxxx	5,760
Manitoba	-	5,385	xxxxxxx	5,385
Ontario	-	13,340	-	13,340
Quebec	-	635	-	635
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	50,205	34,783	-	84,988
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports	158	160	-	318
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxxx	3,909	-	3,909
Other points	317	81,116	xxxxxxx	81,433
Total for U.S.A.	475	85,185	-	85,660
United Kingdom	xxxxxxx *	209	-	209
Other countries	xxxxxxx	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	50,680	120,177	-	170,857
Estimated shipments of Non-reporting mills				73,515
Total shipments, reported and estimated				244,372
* Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmill, July, 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	71,618	4,430	76,048	3,732	2,530	6,262
Hemlock	45,441	2,810	48,251	12	8	20
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	16	11	27
Red Cedar	38,391	2,375	40,766	20	14	34
Spruce	4,117	255	4,372	10,264	6,959	17,223
White Pine	1,449	90	1,539	68	46	114
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	248	168	416
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	30	20	50
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other softwoods ...	37	2	39	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	161,053	9,962	171,015	14,390	9,756	24,146
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	161,053	9,962	171,015	14,390	9,756	24,146
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	30,936	1,913	32,849	32,200	21,831	54,031
Hemlock	16,544	1,023	17,567	5,120	3,471	8,591
Balsam Fir	50	3	53	589	399	988
Red Cedar	15,446	955	16,401	3,705	2,512	6,217
Spruce	4,712	292	5,004	68,657	46,548	115,205
White Pine	1,431	89	1,520	7,178	4,867	12,045
Ponderosa Pine	549	34	583	4,839	3,280	8,119
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	3,479	2,359	5,838
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	1,856	1,258	3,114
All Other softwoods ...	27	2	29	1,012	686	1,698
Total, softwoods ...	69,695	4,311	74,006	128,635	87,211	215,846
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	2	-	2	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	1	-	1	104	71	175
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	3	-	3	104	71	175
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	69,698	4,311	74,009	128,739	87,282	216,021
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>	230,751	14,273	245,024	143,129	97,038	240,167

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

	July		June	
	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	17,170	11,594	17,522	21,312
Coastwise and Interior	4,355	5,205	4,350	4,277
Total	21,525	16,799	21,872	25,589
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	11,777	5,181	4,500	4,947
Eastern Provinces	12,777	11,757	11,775	10,136
United States of America	45,544	38,077	45,922	41,915
Total	70,098	55,015	62,197	56,998
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	-	-	-	535
U. S. Atlantic Ports	110,651	54,343	89,122	77,400
Eastern Markets	-	-	200	-
Exports Markets	99,818	146,659	87,278	142,457
Total	210,469	201,002	176,600	220,392
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	302,092	272,816	260,669	302,979
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS.	6,962	1,378	10,775	12,584

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting
July, 1959

	July		June	
	1958	1959	1958	1959
Coast	No. 85	70	89	80
Interior	No. 285	257	270	255
Total, British Columbia	No. 370	327	359	335

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

