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

August, 1959
Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 266,597 Mf. in August, 1959 as compared with $457,128 \mathrm{M} f \mathrm{ft}$. in August, 1958 a decrease of 41.7 p.c. from the previous year and a decrease of 13.1 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for $7.5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. of the total, showed a decrease of $90.5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining $92.5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. showed a decrease of $0.3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. Shipments in August, 1959 totalled $250,761 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{ft}$., as compared with $426,249 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. the previous year, a decrease of $41.2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. with Coast mills registering a decrease of $90.5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. and Interior mills a decrease of $2.5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. Total shipments for August decreased by $22.6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. from the July figure of $323,835 \mathrm{Mft}$. Stocks on hand at the end of August, 1959 amounted to $508,153 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{fi}$., as compared with $512,820 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{ft}$. at the end of August the previous year and $485,191 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. at the end of July of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling $263,954 \mathrm{Mft}$., while Interior mills showed $244,199 \mathrm{mf}$.

## Sumnary Figures

Table 1 gives a comparative sumary of production, shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills for July and August, 1958 and 1959. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from $441,061 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft} .\mathrm{in} \mathrm{July}$,1958 to 457, 128 Mft . in August, 1958 but decreased from $306,925 \mathrm{Mft}$. in July to $266,597 \mathrm{Mft}$. in August 1959. Shipments totalled $323,835 \mathrm{Mft}$. in July, 1959 and $250,761 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in Ausust, 1959 as compared with $439,917 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in July and $426,249 \mathrm{Mft}$ 。 in August of 1958. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from $514,644 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft} .\mathrm{in} \mathrm{July}$,1958 to $512,820 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in August, 1958 but increased from $485,191 \mathrm{Mft}$. in July, 1959 to $508,153 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in August 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 $19,789 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in August, 1959 as compared with $243,119 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 238 M ft . In August as compared with $3,451 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 7.5 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in August, 1959 as compared with 45.9 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during July, 1959 and 1958 respectively, were 16.1 and $44.0 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$.

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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 nonreporting 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 $17,699 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in August of 1959 and 79,463 M ft. in July, 1959 as compared with $187,221 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in August, 1958 and $206,719 \mathrm{Mft}$. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped $233,062 \mathrm{Mft}$. and 239,028 M ft . in August, 1959 and 1958 and $244,372 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. and $233,198 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in July, 1959 and 1958. Of all shipments actually reported for August, 48.2 p.c. went to points in Canada, 49.9 p.c. to points in United States, 1.6 p.c. to the United Kingdom and $0.3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for $3.2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. of the total, while $66.5 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{c}$. went by rail, and $30.3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. 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 July and August, 1959 amounted to $245,024 \mathrm{Mft}$. and $263,954 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. as compared with $260,622 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. and $280,269 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in July and August of 1958 . Interior mills stocks decreased from $254,022 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in July to $232,551 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in August, 1958 but increased from $240,167 \mathrm{Mft}$. in July to $244,199 \mathrm{Mft}$. in August, 1959. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately $34.7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. of the total in August, 1959 as compared with 27.7 p.c. in August, 1958 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 91.0 and 86.9 .

Orders on Hand
Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of July and August, 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 August, 1959 amounted to $296,675 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. as compared with $366,670 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in August, 1958. Orders on hand at the end of July, 1959 and 1958 amounted to $272,816 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. and $302,092 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft.}, \mathrm{respectively}$. lumber from other mills amounted to 722 M ft . in August, 1959 and $5,691 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in August, 1958 as compared with $1,378 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in July, 1959 and $6,962 \mathrm{Mft}$. in July, 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 August accounted for $78.6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. 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 July, 1958 and 1959 were 80.1 and 79.3 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, August, 1959

|  | August |  | July |  | 8 Months |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1958 | 1959 | 1958 | 1959 | 1958 | 1959 |
|  | M.ft. | M.ft. | M.ft. | M.ft. | M.ft. | M.ft. |
| PRODUCTION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Douglas Fir | 200,077 | 111,259 | 201,023 | 133,600 | 1,469,440 | 1,335,677 |
| Hemlock .. | 73,549 | 9,676 | 63,100 | 23,052 | 587,989 | 556,077 |
| Balsam Fir | 4,709 | 1,781 | 3,335 | 1,861 | 27,750 | 29,126 |
| Red Cedar | 46,962 | 9,400 | 41,864 | 12,672 | 370,104 | 305,875 |
| Spruce | 101,859 | 107,392 | 101,666 | 108,364 | 642,055 | 754,338 |
| White Pine | 6,307 | 4,737 | 7,902 | 3,990 | 46,243 | 37,092 |
| Ponderosa Pine | 4,319 | 3,192 | 3,224 | 3,752 | 25,901 | 27,689 |
| Lodgepole Pine | 9,116 | 10,288 | 9,520 | 10,422 | 66,386 | 66,996 |
| Tamarack or Larch ..... | - | 8,079 | - | 8,587 | - - | 50,810 |
| All other softwoods ... | 10,084 | 651 | 9,244 | 490 | 63,717 | 10,282 |
| Total softwoods ..... | 456,982 | 266,455 | 440,878 | 306,790 | 3,299,585 | 3,173,962 |
| Red Alder | 32 | 49 | 36 | 47 | 529 | 783 |
| Maple ................. | 78 | 34 | 111 | 45 | 1,115 | 953 |
| Birch ................. | 21 | 20 | 22 | 35 | 256 | 222 |
| Cotton ood | 15 | 28 | 14 | 8 | 258 | 430 |
| All other hardwoods ... | - | 11 | - | - | - - | 28 |
| Total hardwoods | 146 | 142 | 183 | 135 | 2,158 | 2,416 |
| Total production | 457,128 | 266,597 | 441,061 | 306,925 | 3,301,743 | 3,176,378 |
| SHIPMENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ro: Points in Canada | 154,686 | 85,857 | 150,942 | 113,315 | 1,082,649 | 1,052,685 |
| points in U.S.A.... | 169,489 | 88,927 | 166,665 | 118,387 | 1,137,617 | 1,320,974 |
| United Kingdom..... | 14,078 | 2,901 | 21,179 | 9,536 | 247,043 | 147,431 |
| Other Countries | 15,841 | 391 | 28,253 | 6,268 | 235,392 | 192,271 |
| Shipments reported.... | 354,094 | 178,076 | 367,039 | 247,506 | 2,702,701 | 2,713,361 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills | 72,155 | 72,685 | 72,878 | 76,329 | 487,056 | 520,380 |
| Total shipments .... | 426,249 | 250,761 | 439,917 | 323,835 | 3,189,757 | 3,233,741 |
|  | 1958 August |  |  | July |  |  |
|  |  |  | 1959 |  | 1958 | 1959 |
| STOCKS ON HAND | M.ft. |  | M.ft. |  | M.ft | M.ft. |
| Douglas Fir........... | 193,393 |  | 180,407 |  | 94,855 | 169,190 |
| Hemlock | 103,943 |  | 77,963 |  | 84,982 | 74,429 |
| Balsam Fir | 1,269 |  | 669 |  | 1,291 | 1,068 |
| Red Cedar | 59,711 |  | 69,213 |  | 65,193 | 63,418 |
| Spruce ................ | 120,854 |  | 151,320 |  | 36,752 | 141,804 |
| White Pine | 14,988 |  | 13,075 |  | 11,694 |  |
| Ponderosa Pine | 7,868 |  | 5,510 |  | 12,559 | 9,118 |
| Lodgepole Pine .. | 3,815 |  | 5,140 |  | 5,240 | 5,888 |
| Tamarack or Larch .... | 6821 |  | 3,148 |  | 1-7 | 3,114 |
|  | 6,821 |  | 1,677 |  | 1,736 | 1,766 |
| Total softwoods ..... <br> Red Alder | 512,662 |  | 508,122 |  | 514,302 | 485,013 |
| Red Alder <br> Maple | 3 |  | - |  | 11 | - |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Maple } \\ & \text { B土rch } \end{aligned}$ | 3 |  | 2 |  | 85 | 2 |
| Cottonwood | r 6 |  | 1 |  | 18 | - |
| All other hardwoods ... | 148 1 |  | 28 |  | 227 | 176 |
| Total hard oods .... | 158 |  | - |  | 1 | - |
| Total Stocks ........ | 512,820 |  | $\begin{array}{r} 31 \\ 508,153 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 342 \\ 514,644 \end{array}$ | 485,191 |


| Species | COAST MILLS |  |  | INTERIOR MILLS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Reported | Estimated | Total | Reported | Estimated | Total |
|  | M ft.b.m. | Mft.b。m. | M.ft.b.m. | M. ft.biom. | M ft, b,me | M ft.b.m. |
| LUMBER |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Douglas Fir | - 8,069 | 1,557 | 9,626 | 59,719 | 39,892 | 99,611 |
| Hemlock .... | . 1,238 | 321 | 1,559 | 6,469 | 1,641 | 8,110 |
| Balsam Fir |  | 80 | 80 | 755 | 945 | 1,700 |
| Red Cedar . . | . 3,798 | 352 | 4,150 | 4,213 | 1,037 | 5,250 |
| Spruce | .... 4,020 | 134 | 4,154 | 62,707 | 40,505 | 103,212 |
| White Pine | - 76 | - | 76 | 3,105 | 1,556 | 4,661 |
| Ponderosa Pine | 41 | - | 41 | 1,232 | 1,874 | 3,106 |
| Lodgepole Pine | . - | 2 | 2 | 2,821 | 6,273 | 9,094 |
| Tamarack or Larch | . - | - | - | 2,423 | 5,260 | 7,683 |
| All other softwoods | 1 | - | 1 | 650 | - | 650 |
| Total, softwoods | . 17,243 | 2,446 | 19,689 | 144,094 | 98,983 | 243,077 |
| Red Alder | - 41 | 8 | 49 | - | - | - |
| Maple | 26 | 7 | 33 | - | 1 | 1 |
| Birch. | . 17 | - | 17 | - | 3 | 3 |
| Cottonwood | .. - | 1 | 1 | - | 27 | 27 |
| All other hardwoods | . - | - | - | 11 | - | 11 |
| Total, hardwoods | 84 | 16 | 100 | 11 | 31 | 42 |
| Total, softwoods hardwoods | $\cdots$.. 17,327 | 2,462 | 19,789 | 144,105 | 99,014 | 243,119 |



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

|  | By Truck and Local Sales | $\begin{gathered} \text { By } \\ \text { Rail } \end{gathered}$ | Waterborne | Total Shipments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| COAST MILLS |  |  |  |  |
| TO: Points in Canada: |  |  |  |  |
| British Columbia. | 5,976 | 470 | 102 | 6,548 |
| Yukon and Northwest Territories | - | - | - | - |
| Alberta ............... | - | 56 | xxxxxxxx | 56 |
| Saskatchewan | - | - | xxxxxxxx | - |
| Manitoba | - | 147 | xxxxxxxx | 147 |
| Ontario | - | 1,474 | - | 1,474 |
| Quebec | - | 108 | - | 108 |
| New Brunswick | - | 63 | - | 63 |
| Nova Scotia.. | - | - | - | 6 |
| Prince Edward Is land.. | - | - | - | - |
| Newfoundland .............................. | - | - | - | - |
| Total for Canada .... | 5,976 | 2,318 | 102 | 8,396 |
| Points in U.S.A.: |  |  |  |  |
| Pacific Ports .... | 9 | 149 | - | 158 |
| Atlantic Ports | XXXXXXXX | - | 2,349 | 2,349 |
| Other points.. | 225 | 1,761 | xxxxxxxx | 1,986 |
| Total for U.S.A. | 234 | 1,910 | 2,349 | 4,493 |
| United Kingdom .. | xxxxexxx | * | 2,813 | 2,813 |
| Other countries ........ | xxxxxxxx | * - | 391 | 391 |
| Destination or carrier not specified |  |  | , |  |
| Total shipments reported | 6,210 | 4,228 | 5,655 | 16,093 |
| Estimated shipments of |  |  |  |  |
| Total shipments, reported and es INTERIOR MILLS | ated |  | . $\cdot$. - . . . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 17,699 |
| TO: Points in Canada: |  |  |  |  |
| British Columbia. | 42,475 | 4,383 | - | 46,858 |
| Yukon and Northwest Territories | - | - | - | 4,858 |
| Alberta | 4,306 | 5,511 | x $\times$ xxxxx | 9,817 |
| Saskatchewan | 453 | 4,997 | Kxxxxxxx | 5,450 |
| Manitoba | - | 3,856 | xxxxxxx | 3,856 |
| Ontario | - | 10,854 | xxxxx | 10,854 |
| Quebec | - | 626 | - | 10,826 |
| New Brunswick | - | - | - | 626 |
| Nova Scotia | - | - | - | - |
| Prince Edward Island | - | - | - |  |
| Newfoundland ... | - | - | - | - |
| Total for Canada | 47,234 | 30,227 | - | 77,461 |
| Points in U.S.A.: |  |  |  |  |
| Pacific Ports | 409 | 112 | - | 521 |
| Atlantic Ports | xxxxxxxx | 4,551 | - | 4,551 |
| Other points ..... | 99 | 79,263 | xxxxxxxx | 79,362 |
| Total for U.S.A. | 508 | 83,926 | - | 84,434 |
| United Kingdom ..... | xxxxxxxx | * 88 | - | 84, 88 |
| Other countries ......... | mxxxxxxx | * - | - |  |
| Destination or carrier not specified |  |  |  |  |
| Total shipments reported....... | 47,742 | 114,241 | cereere | 161,983 |
| Estimated shipments of |  |  |  |  |
| Non-reporting mills |  |  |  | 71,079 |
| Total shipments, reported and es | mated ...... |  |  | 233,062 |

* Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

Table 4 - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, August, 1959

| Species | COAST MILLS |  |  | INTERIOR MILLS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Reported | Estimated | Total | Reported | Estimated | Total |
| SOLD (but not shipped) | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | ft.b.m. |
| Douglas Fir .......... | 73,423 | 10,391 | 83,814 | 3,232 | 2,258 | 5,490 |
| Hemlock | 33,832 | 4,788 | 38,620 | 470 | 328 | 798 |
| Balsam Fir | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Red Cedar ............ | 38,807 | 5,492 | 44,299 | 132 | 92 | 224 |
| Spruce ............... | 3,297 | 467 | 3,764 | 8,772 | 6,129 | 14,901 |
| White Pine | 1,493 | 211 | 1,704 | 141 | 99 | 240 |
| Ponderosa Pine | - | - | - | 137 | 96 | 233 |
| Lodgepole Pine ....... | - | - | - | 64 | 45 | 109 |
| Tamarack or Larch .... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| All other softwoods .. | 37 | 6 | 43 | 7 | 4 | 11 |
| Total, softwoods ... | 150,889 | 21,355 | 172,244 | 12,955 | 9,051 | 22,006 |
| Red Alder ... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Maple ................. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Birch ... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cottonwood | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| All other hardwoods .. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods ... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total softwoods and hardwoods .... | 150,889 | 21,355 | 172,244 | 12,955 | 9,051 | 22,006 |

## UNSOLD

| Douglas Fir | 29,881 | 4,229 | 34,110 | 33,552 | 23,441 | 56,993 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hemlock . . | 27,311 | 3,865 | 31,176 | 4,338 | 3,031 | 7,369 |
| Balsam Fir | - | - | - | 394 | 275 | 669 |
| Red Cedar | 14,911 | 2,110 | 17,021 | 4,515 | 3,154 | 7,669 |
| Spruce | 6,359 | 900 | 7,259 | 73,822 | 51,574 | 125,396 |
| White Pine | 1,403 | 199 | 1,602 | 5,610 | 3,919 | 9,529 |
| Ponderosa Pine | 443 | 63 | 506 | 2,809 | 1,962 | 4,771 |
| Lodgepole Pine | - | - | - | 2,962 | 2,069 | 5,031 |
| Tamarack or Larch .... | - | - | - | 1,853 | 1,295 | 3,148 |
| All other softwoods . . | 28 | 4 | 32 | 936 | 655 | 1,591 |
| Total, softwoods. | 80,336 | 11,370 | 91,706 | 130,791 | 91,375 | 222,166 |
| Red Alder ............ | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| Maple | 2 | - | 2 | - | - |  |
| Birch | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |  |
| Cottonwood | 1 | - | 1 | 16 | 11 | 27 |
| All other hardwoods | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| Total, hardwoods | 4 | - | 4 | 16 | 11 | 27 |
| hardwoods | 80,340 | 11,370 | 91,710 | 130,807 | 91,386 | 222,193 |
| SOLD AND UNSOLD | 231,229 | 32,725 | 263,954 | 143,762 | 100,437 | 244,199 |

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

Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

|  | August |  | July |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1958 | 1959 | 1958 | 1959 |
|  | Mft 。 | M ft. | M ft. | Mft 。 |
| ORDERS ON HAND |  |  |  |  |

For shipments to points in British Columbia

Local

| 16,686 | 13,222 | 17,170 | 11,594 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2,807 | 5,130 | 4,355 | 5,205 |
| 19,493 | 18,352 | 21,525 | 16,799 |

For shipments by rail to:

Eastern Provinces ..............
United States of America......
Total

| 11,065 | 12,055 | 12,777 | 11,757 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 56,188 | 39,243 | 45,544 | 38,077 |
| 72,201 | 56,484 | 70,098 | 55,015 |

Eor waterborne shipments to:
California .....................
$\begin{array}{llll}360 & 59,509 & 110,651 & 54,34 \overline{3}\end{array}$
U. S. Atlantic Ports ...........

Eastern Markets ...................
Exports Markets ................
Total
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND .................
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS .

| 147,691 | $59,50 \overline{9}$ | 110,651 | 54,343 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 126,925 | 162,330 | 99,818 | 146,659 |
| 274,976 | 221,839 | 210,469 | 201,002 |
| 366,670 | 296,675 | 302,092 | 272,816 |
| 5,691 | 722 | 6,962 | 1,378 |

Table 6 - Number of Active Mills Reporting August, 1959

|  | August |  | July |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1958 | 1959 | 1958 | 1959 |
| Coast . ............................. No. | 79 | 22 | 85 | 70 |
| Interior ........................... No. | 285 | 259 | 285 | 257 |
| Total, British Columbia..... No. | 364 | 281 | 370 | 327 |

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[^0]:    A few returns received after compilations were closed have been omitted.

