



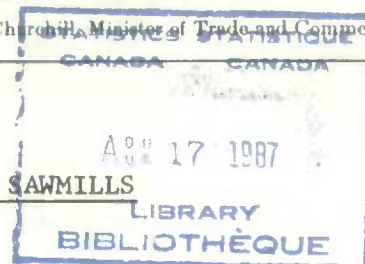
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

September, 1959



Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 354,622 M ft. in September, 1959 as compared with 483,842 M ft. in September, 1958 a decrease of 26.7 p.c. from the previous year but an increase of 33.0 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 38.1 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 41.3 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 61.9 p.c. showed a decrease of 12.9 p.c. Shipments in September, 1959 totalled 321,889 M ft., as compared with 409,352 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 21.4 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 38.6 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 8.6 p.c. Total shipments for September increased by 28.4 p.c. over the August figure of 250,761 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of September, 1959 amounted to 532,264 M ft., as compared with 553,424 M ft. at the end of September the previous year and 508,153 M ft. at the end of August of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 272,859 M ft., while Interior mills showed 259,405 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 August and September, 1958 and 1959. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 457,128 M ft. in August, 1958 to 483,842 M ft. in September, 1958 and from 266,597 M ft. in August to 354,622 M ft. in September, 1959. Shipments totalled 250,761 M ft. in August, 1959 and 321,889 M ft. in September, 1959 as compared with 426,249 M ft. in August and 409,352 M ft. in September of 1958. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 512,820 M ft. in August, 1958 to 553,424 M ft. in September, 1958 and increased from 508,153 M ft. in August, 1959 to 532,264 M ft. in September 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 134,334 M ft. in September, 1959 as compared with 218,059 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 843 M ft. in September as compared with 1,386 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 38.1 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in September, 1959 as compared with 47.9 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during August, 1959 and 1958 respectively, were 7.5 and 45.9 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 106,624 M ft. in September of 1959 and 17,699 M ft. in August, 1959 as compared with 173,739 M ft. in September, 1958 and 187,221 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 215,265 M ft. and 235,613 M ft. in September, 1959 and 1958 and 233,062 M ft. and 239,028 M ft. in August, 1959 and 1958. Of all shipments actually reported for September, 43.7 p.c. went to points in Canada, 49.1 p.c. to points in United States, 4.4 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 2.8 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 15.5 p.c. of the total, while 55.4 p.c. went by rail, and 29.1 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 August and September, 1959 amounted to 263,954 M ft. and 272,859 M ft. as compared with 280,269 M ft. and 337,104 M ft. in August and September of 1958. Interior mills stocks decreased from 232,551 M ft. in August to 216,320 M ft. in September, 1958 but increased from 244,199 M ft. in August to 259,405 M ft. in September, 1959. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 35.1 p.c. of the total in September, 1959 as compared with 27.1 p.c. in September, 1958 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 92.2 and 92.4.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of August and September, 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 September, 1959 amounted to 320,828 M ft. as compared with 340,806 M ft. in September, 1958. Orders on hand at the end of August, 1959 and 1958 amounted to 296,675 M ft. and 366,670 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 5,165 M ft. in September, 1959 and 9,040 M ft. in September, 1958 as compared with 722 M ft. in August, 1959 and 5,691 M ft. in August, 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 September accounted for 80.6 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1957 compared with 80.4 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for August, 1958 and 1959 were 79.8 and 78.6 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, September, 1959

Species	September		August		9 Months	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
	M.ft.	M.ft.	M.ft.	M.ft.	M.ft.	M.ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	204,607	139,271	200,077	111,259	1,674,047	1,474,948
Hemlock	83,965	53,837	73,549	9,676	671,954	609,914
Balsam Fir	4,055	2,998	4,709	1,781	31,805	32,124
Red Cedar	50,451	35,917	46,962	9,400	420,555	341,792
Spruce	107,835	96,483	101,859	107,392	749,890	850,821
White Pine	7,797	5,725	6,307	4,737	54,040	42,817
Ponderosa Pine	4,180	3,817	4,319	3,192	30,081	31,506
Lodgepole Pine	9,204	7,374	9,116	10,288	75,590	74,370
Tamarack or Larch	-	6,935	-	8,079	-	57,745
All other softwoods ...	11,445	1,990	10,084	651	75,162	12,272
Total softwoods	483,539	354,347	456,982	266,455	3,783,124	3,528,309
Red Alder	52	129	32	49	581	912
Maple	161	108	78	34	1,276	1,061
Birch	25	28	21	20	281	250
Cottonwood	65	10	15	28	323	440
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	11	-	28
Total hardwoods	303	275	146	142	2,461	2,691
Total production	483,842	354,622	457,128	266,597	3,785,585	3,531,000
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada ...	155,306	113,591	154,686	85,857	1,237,955	1,166,276
Points in U.S.A. ...	160,971	127,666	169,489	88,927	1,298,588	1,448,640
United Kingdom	14,660	11,468	14,078	2,901	261,703	158,899
Other Countries	8,188	7,098	15,841	391	243,580	199,369
Shipments reported	339,125	259,823	354,094	178,076	3,041,826	2,973,184
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	70,227	62,066	72,155	72,685	557,283	582,446
Total shipments	409,352	321,889	426,249	250,761	3,599,109	3,555,630
STOCKS ON HAND						
	September		August			
	1958	1959	1958	1959		
	M.ft.	M.ft.	M.ft.	M.ft.		
Douglas Fir	203,998	160,811	193,393	180,407		
Hemlock	132,320	106,684	103,943	77,963		
Balsam Fir	246	1,524	1,269	669		
Red Cedar	64,887	66,684	59,711	69,213		
Spruce	116,437	164,644	120,854	151,320		
White Pine	16,221	13,800	14,988	13,075		
Ponderosa Pine	9,688	8,194	7,868	5,510		
Lodgepole Pine	2,295	5,151	3,815	5,140		
Tamarack or Larch	-	3,206	-	3,148		
All other softwoods ...	7,225	1,434	6,821	1,677		
Total softwoods	553,317	532,132	512,662	508,122		
Red Alder	-	-	-	-		
Maple	3	2	3	2		
Birch	6	1	6	1		
Cottonwood	97	129	148	28		
All other hardwoods ...	1	-	1	-		
Total hardwoods	107	132	158	31		
Total Stocks	553,424	532,264	512,820	508,153		

Table 2 - Lumber and Ties Sawn, September, 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	45,500	3,628	49,128	55,407	32,955	88,362
Hemlock	43,439	750	44,189	8,356	1,289	9,645
Balsam Fir	1,492	157	1,649	616	733	1,349
Red Cedar	29,174	864	30,038	5,000	879	5,879
Spruce	5,883	269	6,152	62,340	27,981	90,321
White Pine	1,620	-	1,620	2,894	1,211	4,105
Ponderosa Pine	24	5	29	1,966	1,788	3,754
Lodgepole Pine	-	23	23	1,600	5,403	7,003
Tamarack or Larch ...	-	-	-	2,029	4,853	6,882
All other softwoods..	1,236	5	1,241	749	-	749
Total, softwoods..	128,368	5,701	134,069	140,957	77,092	218,049
Red Alder	106	23	129	-	-	-
Maple	78	30	108	-	-	-
Birch	21	3	24	-	4	4
Cottonwood	-	4	4	-	6	6
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods..	205	60	265	-	10	10
Total, softwoods and hardwoods....	128,573	5,761	134,334	140,957	77,102	218,059
TIES						
Douglas Fir	768	75	843	411	527	938
Hemlock	-	-	-	-	3	3
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	10	10
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	20	14	34
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	32	316	348
Tamarack or Larch ...	-	-	-	42	11	53
All other softwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods..	768	75	843	505	881	1,386
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods....	768	75	843	505	881	1,386
LUMBER AND TIES	129,341	5,836	135,177	141,462	77,983	219,445

Table 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, September, 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	31,119	1,355	2,145	34,619
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	-	741	xxxxxx	741
Saskatchewan	-	301	xxxxxx	301
Manitoba	-	526	xxxxxx	526
Ontario	-	3,318	-	3,318
Quebec	-	876	-	876
New Brunswick	-	141	-	141
Nova Scotia	-	108	-	108
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	304	-	304
Total for Canada	31,119	7,670	2,145	40,934
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports	104	637	-	741
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxx	682	20,577	21,259
Other points	13	21,360	xxxxxx	21,373
Total for U.S.A.	117	22,679	20,577	43,373
United Kingdom	xxxxxx	* 625	10,613	11,238
Other countries	xxxxxx	* 250	6,848	7,098
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	31,236	31,224	40,183	102,643
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				3,981
Total shipments, reported and estimated				106,624
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	40,171	4,889	-	45,060
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	3,514	4,210	xxxxxx	7,724
Saskatchewan	197	3,872	xxxxxx	4,069
Manitoba	62	4,721	xxxxxx	4,783
Ontario	-	10,040	-	10,040
Quebec	-	951	-	951
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	30	-	30
Total for Canada	43,944	28,713	-	72,657
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports	515	-	-	515
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxx	3,590	-	3,590
Other Points	98	80,090	xxxxxx	80,188
Total for U.S.A.	613	83,680	-	84,293
United Kingdom	xxxxxx	* 230	-	230
Other countries	xxxxxx	* -	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	44,557	112,623	-	157,180
Estimated shipments of Non-reporting mills				58,085
Total shipments, reported and estimated				215,265

* Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

Table 4 - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, September, 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	66,312	2,992	69,304	3,475	1,916	5,391
Hemlock	54,774	2,471	57,245	381	210	591
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	135	74	209
Red Cedar	42,475	1,916	44,391	12	7	19
Spruce	3,809	172	3,981	8,697	4,794	13,491
White Pine	2,112	96	2,208	121	67	188
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	144	79	223
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	64	35	99
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other softwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ..	169,482	7,647	177,129	13,029	7,182	20,211
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods & hardwoods ..	169,482	7,647	177,129	13,029	7,182	20,211
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	32,759	1,478	34,237	33,443	18,436	51,879
Hemlock	34,838	1,572	36,410	8,018	4,420	12,438
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	848	467	1,315
Red Cedar	14,525	655	15,180	4,573	2,521	7,094
Spruce	6,973	315	7,288	90,174	49,710	139,884
White Pine	2,007	91	2,098	5,999	3,307	9,306
Ponderosa Pine	400	18	418	4,869	2,684	7,553
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	3,257	1,795	5,052
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	2,067	1,139	3,206
All other softwoods ..	92	4	96	862	476	1,338
Total, softwoods ..	91,594	4,133	95,727	154,110	84,955	239,065
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	2	-	2	-	-	-
Birch	1	-	1	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	83	46	129
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	3	-	3	83	46	129
Total, softwoods & hardwoods ..	91,597	4,133	95,730	154,193	85,001	239,194
SOLD AND UNSOLD	261,079	11,780	272,859	167,222	92,183	259,405

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

	September		August	
	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	16,926	19,802	16,686	13,222
Coastwise and Interior	3,212	4,085	2,807	5,130
Total	20,138	23,887	19,493	18,352
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	6,093	5,865	4,948	5,186
Eastern Provinces	12,364	13,830	11,065	12,055
United States of America	50,869	47,084	56,188	39,243
Total	69,326	66,779	72,201	56,484
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	595	-	360	-
U. S. Atlantic Ports	113,518	43,074	147,691	59,509
Eastern Markets	5,133	3,350	-	-
Exports Markets	132,096	183,738	126,925	162,330
Total	251,342	230,162	274,976	221,839
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	340,806	320,828	366,670	296,675
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS	9,040	5,165	5,691	722

Table 6 - Number of Active Mills Reporting
September, 1959

		September		August	
		1958	1959	1958	1959
Coast	No.	84	77	79	22
Interior	No.	292	255	285	259
Total, British Columbia .	No.	376	332	364	281

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

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