

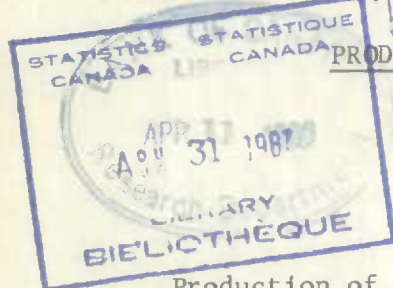


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS  
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

January, 1960

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 404,177 M ft. in January, 1960 as compared with 386,206 M ft. in January 1959 an increase of 4.7 p.c. over the previous year but a decrease of 0.9 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 57.0 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 3.8 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 43.0 p.c. showed an increase of 7.3 p.c. Shipments in January 1960 totalled 347,245 M ft., as compared with 358,823 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 3.2 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 1.4 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 6.0 p.c. Total shipments for January decreased by 12.6 p.c. from the December figure of 397,351 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of January 1960 amounted to 686,816 M ft., as compared with 570,988 M ft. at the end of January the previous year and 605,968 M ft. at the end of December 1959. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 376,356 M ft., while Interior mills showed 310,460 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 December 1958 and 1959 and January 1959 and 1960. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 350,750 M ft. in December 1958 to 386,206 M ft. in January 1959 and from 407,795 M ft. in December, 1959 to 404,177 M ft. in January 1960. Shipments totalled 397,351 M ft. in December 1959 and 347,245 M ft. in January as compared with 337,974 M ft. in December 1958 and 358,823 M ft. in January of 1959. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 536,870 M ft. in December 1958 to 570,988 M ft. in January 1959 and increased from 605,968 M ft. in December 1959 to 686,816 M ft. in January 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 228,644 M ft. in January 1960 as compared with 175,533 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,779 M ft. in January as compared with 766 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 57.0 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in January 1960 as compared with 57.5 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during December, 1959 and 1958 respectively, were 60.0 and 58.9 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 211,776 M ft. in January of 1960 and 244,-878 M ft. in December 1959 as compared with 214,778 M ft. in January 1959 and 202,773 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 135,467 M ft. and 144,045 M ft. in January 1960 and 1959 and 152,473 M ft. and 135,201 M ft. in December 1959 and 1958. Of all shipments actually reported for January, 34.8 p.c. went to points in Canada, 44.3 p.c. to points in United States, 11.7 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 9.2 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 38.9 p.c. of the total, while 35.1 p.c. went by rail, and 26.0 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 December 1959 and January 1960 amounted to 352,852 M ft. and 376,356 M ft. as compared with 319,154 M ft. and 325,076 M ft. in December 1958 and January 1 of 1959. Interior mills stocks increased from 253,116 M ft. in December 1959 to 310,460 M ft. in January 1960 and increased from 217,716 M ft. in December 1958 to 245,912 M ft. in January 1959. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 32.2 p.c. of the total in January 1960 as compared with 27.5 p.c. in January 1959 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 94.3 and 92.8.

### Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of December 1958 and 1959 and January 1959 and 1960 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 January 1960 amounted to 458,220 M ft. as compared with 360,054 M ft. in January 1959. Orders on hand at the end of December 1958 and 1959 amounted to 338,686 M ft. and 470,894 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 6,284 M ft. in January 1960 and 9,329 M ft. in January 1959 as compared with 7,432 M ft. in December 1959 and 9,348 M ft. in December 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 January accounted for 77.5 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 December 1959 and 1958 were 78.3 and 81.2 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, January, 1960.

	January		December	
	1959	1960	1958	1959
<b>PRODUCTION</b>	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir.....	161,814	160,866	155,429	158,512
Hemlock .....	84,247	90,039	81,689	97,564
Balsam Fir .....	3,456	3,765	2,939	3,884
Red Cedar .....	38,695	46,868	38,384	47,654
Spruce .....	80,406	84,978	68,361	79,782
White Pine .....	3,437	3,566	4,202	5,921
Ponderosa Pine .....	1,966	1,533	2,112	2,312
Lodgepole Pine .....	7,469	7,366	6,053	5,725
Tamarack or Larch .....	3,971	4,689	-	5,445
All other softwoods .....	439	38	5,226	761
Total, softwoods .....	385,900	403,708	364,395	407,560
Red Alder .....	192	86	209	53
Maple .....	59	276	92	85
Birch .....	19	19	18	11
Cottonwood .....	36	88	12	86
All other hardwoods .....	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .....	306	469	331	235
Total, production .....	386,206	404,177	364,726	407,795
<b>SHIPMENTS</b>				
TO: Points in Canada .....	118,566	104,042	102,535	109,919
Points in U.S.A. ....	133,294	132,601	126,319	141,819
United Kingdom .....	21,474	34,913	33,055	56,881
Other Countries .....	39,362	27,632	33,879	35,888
Shipments reported .....	312,696	299,188	295,788	344,507
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .	46,127	48,057	42,186	52,844
Total shipments .....	358,823	347,245	337,974	397,351
<b>STOCKS ON HAND</b>				
	January		December	
	1959	1960	1958	1959
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir .....	205,017	244,448	193,666	215,587
Hemlock .....	137,658	155,855	134,323	148,467
Balsam Fir .....	1,105	1,799	778	1,379
Red Cedar .....	64,613	67,290	61,348	66,806
Spruce .....	130,224	173,217	112,299	135,671
White Pine .....	12,385	16,799	13,874	16,938
Ponderosa Pine .....	8,907	12,537	9,625	9,956
Lodgepole Pine .....	5,031	7,173	3,766	4,714
Tamarack or Larch .....	4,924	6,452	-	5,228
All other softwoods .....	1,027	1,209	7,047	1,185
Total, softwoods .....	570,891	686,779	536,726	605,931
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	2	2	3	-
Birch .....	4	-	7	-
Cottonwood .....	91	35	134	37
All other hardwoods .....	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .....	97	37	144	37
Total, stocks .....	570,988	686,816	536,870	605,968

Table 2 - Lumber and Ties Sawn, January, 1960.

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 .....	90,683	2,599	93,282	38,115	29,469	67,584
Hemlock .....	83,975	631	84,606	3,865	1,568	5,433
Balsam Fir .....	1,778	136	1,914	1,156	695	1,851
Red Cedar .....	43,423	798	44,221	1,825	822	2,647
Spruce .....	3,236	223	3,459	48,503	33,016	81,519
White Pine .....	723	-	723	1,548	1,295	2,843
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	4	4	311	1,218	1,529
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	31	31	2,469	4,866	7,335
Tamarack or Larch .....	-	-	-	1,043	3,646	4,689
All other softwoods ...	20	8	28	10	-	10
Total, softwoods ...	223,838	4,430	228,268	98,845	76,595	175,440
Red Alder .....	64	22	86	-	-	-
Maple .....	240	36	276	-	-	-
Birch .....	6	5	11	-	8	8
Cottonwood .....	-	3	3	85	-	85
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	310	66	376	85	8	93
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	224,148	4,496	228,644	98,930	76,603	175,533
<b>TIES</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	1,502	277	1,779	432	148	580
Hemlock .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balsam Fir .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
White Pine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	-	5	5
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	30	140	170
Tamarack or Larch .....	-	-	-	-	11	11
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	1,502	277	1,779	462	304	766
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	1,502	277	1,779	462	304	766
Lumber and Ties .....	225,650	4,773	230,423	99,392	76,907	176,299

Table 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, January, 1960.

	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.....	44,123	1,603	2,104	47,830
Yukon and Northwest Territories ...	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	-	1,448	xxxxxxx	1,448
Saskatchewan .....	-	395	xxxxxxx	395
Manitoba .....	-	779	xxxxxxx	779
Ontario .....	200	4,336	-	4,536
Quebec .....	-	1,255	541	1,796
New Brunswick .....	-	222	-	222
Nova Scotia .....	-	157	-	157
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	936	-	936
Total for Canada .....	44,323	11,131	2,645	58,099
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	113	720	1,343	2,176
Atlantic Ports .....	xxxxxxx	4,947	50,159	55,106
Other points .....	61	29,986	xxxxxxx	30,047
Total for U.S.A. ....	174	35,653	51,502	87,329
United Kingdom .....	xxxxxxx *	123	34,531	34,654
Other countries .....	xxxxxxx *	73	27,559	27,632
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported .....	44,497	46,980	116,237	207,714
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				4,062
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				211,776
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia .....	30,562	2,394	-	32,956
Yukon and Northwest Territories ...	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	1,342	2,015	xxxxxxx	3,357
Saskatchewan .....	171	2,058	xxxxxxx	2,229
Manitoba .....	63	3,607	xxxxxxx	3,670
Ontario .....	406	3,222	-	3,628
Quebec .....	-	103	-	103
New Brunswick .....	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	32,544	13,399	-	45,943
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	8	180	-	188
Atlantic Ports .....	xxxxxxx	-	-	-
Other points .....	860	44,224	xxxxxxx	45,084
Total for U.S.A. ....	868	44,404	-	45,272
United Kingdom .....	xxxxxxx *	175	84	259
Other countries .....	xxxxxxx	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported .....	33,412	57,978	84	91,474
Estimated shipments of Non-reporting mills .....				43,995
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				135,469
* Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				



Table 4 - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, January, 1960.

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 .....	117,023	2,476	119,499	4,146	3,211	7,357
Hemlock .....	92,956	1,966	94,922	20	15	35
Balsam Fir .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar .....	33,975	719	34,694	47	36	83
Spruce .....	4,115	87	4,202	5,553	4,300	9,853
White Pine .....	1,815	38	1,853	85	66	151
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	122	94	216
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	65	50	115
Tamarack or Larch .....	-	-	-	6	5	11
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	249,884	5,286	255,170	10,044	7,777	17,821
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	249,884	5,286	255,170	10,044	7,777	17,821
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir .....	39,141	776	39,917	43,777	33,898	77,675
Hemlock .....	50,039	992	51,031	5,561	4,306	9,867
Balsam Fir .....	139	3	142	934	723	1,657
Red Cedar .....	22,953	456	23,409	5,131	3,973	9,104
Spruce .....	5,015	99	5,114	86,821	67,227	154,048
White Pine .....	1,360	27	1,387	7,557	5,851	13,408
Ponderosa Pine .....	126	2	128	6,872	5,321	12,193
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	3,978	3,080	7,058
Tamarack or Larch .....	-	-	-	3,630	2,811	6,441
All other softwoods ...	55	1	56	650	503	1,153
Total, softwoods ...	118,828	2,356	121,184	164,911	127,693	292,604
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	2	-	2	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	20	15	35
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	2	-	2	20	15	35
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	118,830	2,356	121,186	164,931	127,708	292,639
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>	368,714	7,642	376,356	174,975	135,485	310,460

Table 5. - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of January, 1960 and  
Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	January		December	
	1959	1960	1958	1959
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
For shipments to points in British Columbia				
Local .....	26,340	19,627	15,022	17,516
Coastwise and Interior .....	6,545	2,900	2,608	2,767
Total .....	32,885	22,527	17,630	20,283
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces .....	6,552	8,038	4,302	5,134
Eastern Provinces .....	11,819	8,353	15,005	10,869
United States of America .....	48,621	39,937	46,324	45,755
Total .....	66,992	56,328	65,631	61,758
For waterborne shipments to:				
California .....	-	2,502	-	1,610
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	124,124	135,879	122,356	142,535
Eastern Markets .....	4,850	3,195	600	2,610
Exports Markets .....	131,203	237,789	132,469	242,098
Total .....	260,177	379,365	255,425	388,853
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND .....	360,054	458,220	338,686	470,894
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS	9,329	6,284	9,348	7,432

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

	January, 1960			
	January		December	
	1959	1960	1958	1959
Coast ..... No.	73	75	84	78
Interior ..... No.	242	221	272	213
Total, British Columbia ..... No.	315	296	356	291

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

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