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

October, 1960

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 410,083 M ft. in October, 1960 as compared with 424,958 M ft. in October, 1959 a decrease of 3.6 p.c. from the previous year and a decrease of 10.4 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 55.9 p.c. of the the total, showed a decrease of 8.0 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, while the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 44.1 p.c. showed an increase of 2.9 p.c. Shipments in October, 1960 totalled 416,870 M ft., as compared with 414,029 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 0.7 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 4.1 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 3.2 p.c. Total shipments for October decreased by 5.2 p.c. from the September figure of 439,681 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of October, 1960 amounted to 723,603 M ft., as compared with 564,229 M ft. at the end of October the previous year and 740,301 M ft. at the end of September of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 370,694 M ft., while Interior mills showed 352,909 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 September and October 1959 and 1960. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 350,487 M ft. in September, 1959 to 424,958 M ft. in October, 1959 but decreased from 457,492 M ft. in September to 410,083 M ft. in October, 1960. Shipments totalled 439,681 M ft. in September, 1960 and 416,870 M ft. in October, 1960 as compared with 321,889 M ft. in September, 1959 and 414,029 M ft. in October of 1959. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 532,264 M ft. in September, 1959 to 564,229 M ft. in October, 1959 but decreased from 740,301 M ft. in September, 1960 to 723,603 M ft. in October 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 228,122 M ft. in October, 1960 as compared with 175,876 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,047 M ft. in October as compared with 5,038 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 55.9 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in October, 1960 as compared with 58.6 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during September, 1960 and 1959 respectively were 52.0 and 38.6 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 231,447 M ft. in October of 1960 and 242,922 M ft. in September, 1960 as compared with 222,425 M ft. in October, 1959 and 106,624 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 185,423 M ft. and 191,604 M ft. in October, 1960 and 1959 and 196,759 M ft. and 215,265 M ft. in September, 1960 and 1959. Of all shipments actually reported for October, 1960 32.3 p.c. went to points in Canada, 45.0 p.c. to points in United States, 12.8 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 9.9 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 37.4 p.c. of the total, while 40.6 p.c. went by rail, and 22.0 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 September and October, 1960 amounted to 369,165 M ft. and 370,694 M ft. as compared with 272,859 M ft. and 304,651 M ft. in September and October of 1959. Interior mills stocks increased from 259,405 M ft. in September to 259,578 M ft. in October, 1959 but decreased from 371,136 M ft. in September to 352,909 M ft. in October, 1960. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 41.4 p.c. of the total in October, 1960 as compared with 37.8 p.c. in October, 1959 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 92.1 and 93.6.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of September and October, 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 October, 1960 amounted to 337,273 M ft. as compared with 355,841 M ft. in October, 1959. Orders on hand at the end of September 1960 and 1959 amounted to 297,414 M ft. and 320,828 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 2,803 M ft. in October, 1960 and 8,026 M ft. in October, 1959 as compared with 1,074 M ft. in September 1960 and 5,165 M ft. in September, 1959.

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 October accounted for 79.9 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1958 compared with 81.4 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for September, 1959 and 1960 were 80.6 and 77.7 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

Species	October		September		10 Months	
	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	172,820	180,652	137,595	180,349	1,632,708	1,763,935
Hemlock	100,111	93,486	53,654	106,472	708,935	965,841
Balsam Fir	3,054	3,308	2,973	3,281	34,869	38,910
Red Cedar	54,174	42,412	35,805	50,781	395,319	507,058
Spruce	73,303	66,770	94,770	92,740	909,025	914,553
White Pine	5,609	5,678	5,647	5,652	47,837	53,291
Ponderosa Pine	2,954	2,127	3,746	2,267	33,884	30,853
Lodgepole Pine	5,506	7,419	7,241	8,825	78,567	82,433
Tamarack or Larch	6,728	6,227	6,805	6,706	63,393	61,962
All other softwoods ..	502	1,760	1,976	13	12,678	1,926
Total softwoods	424,761	409,839	350,212	457,086	3,917,215	4,420,762
Red Alder	61	86	129	126	973	760
Maple	92	93	108	248	1,153	1,612
Birch	9	56	28	30	259	271
Cottonwood	31	9	10	2	431	234
All other hardwoods ..	4	-	-	-	64	-
Total hardwoods	197	244	275	406	2,880	2,877
Total production ...	424,958	410,083	350,487	457,492	3,920,095	4,423,639
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada ..	138,204	115,984	113,591	123,427	1,304,480	1,238,489
Points in U.S.A. ..	175,423	161,601	127,666	166,555	1,624,063	1,653,691
United Kingdom	23,298	45,908	11,468	57,066	182,197	424,396
Other Countries ...	22,156	35,575	7,098	27,599	221,525	323,538
Shipments reported ...	359,081	359,068	259,823	374,647	3,332,265	3,640,114
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills ..	54,948	57,802	62,066	65,034	637,394	628,033
Total shipments	414,029	416,870	321,889	439,681	3,969,659	4,268,147
		October		September		
		1959	1960	1959	1960	
		M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	
STOCKS ON HAND						
Douglas Fir		192,149	236,181	160,811	219,020	
Hemlock		124,395	162,260	106,684	165,097	
Balsam Fir		875	1,888	1,524	1,713	
Red Cedar		67,448	87,879	66,684	91,554	
Spruce		140,061	192,204	164,644	215,896	
White Pine		18,670	13,452	13,800	14,353	
Ponderosa Pine		7,782	13,593	8,194	15,265	
Lodgepole Pine		5,595	9,626	5,151	11,881	
Tamarack or Larch		6,143	5,321	3,206	5,006	
All other softwoods ..		1,033	1,021	1,434	336	
Total softwoods		564,151	723,425	532,132	740,121	
Red Alder		-	-	-	-	
Maple		2	-	2	-	
Birch		3	3	1	-	
Cottonwood		73	173	129	178	
All other hardwoods ..		-	2	-	2	
Total hardwoods		78	178	132	180	
Total stocks		564,229	723,603	532,264	740,301	

Table 2 - Lumber and Ties Sawn, October, 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.
Lumber						
Douglas Fir	90,335	3,414	93,749	52,795	30,169	82,964
Hemlock	85,434	1,003	86,437	5,166	1,807	6,973
Balsam Fir	1,748	53	1,801	940	548	1,488
Red Cedar	37,492	862	38,354	2,580	1,478	4,058
Spruce	2,789	199	2,988	39,718	23,945	63,663
White Pine	2,797	12	2,809	1,833	915	2,793
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	1,499	533	2,032
Lodgepole Pine	-	11	11	1,802	4,117	5,919
Tamarack or Larch	-	17	17	2,897	3,036	5,933
All other softwoods ...	1,750	10	1,760	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	222,345	5,581	227,926	109,280	66,548	175,828
Red Alder	52	34	86	-	-	-
Maple	80	13	93	-	-	-
Birch	12	5	17	30	9	39
Cottonwood	-	-	-	7	2	9
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	144	52	196	37	11	48
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	222,489	5,633	228,122	109,317	66,559	175,876
Ties						
Douglas Fir	922	125	1,047	1,520	1,372	2,892
Hemlock	-	-	-	28	43	76
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	19	19
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	119	119
White Pine	-	-	-	-	71	71
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	45	50	95
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	46	1,443	1,489
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	22	255	277
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	922	125	1,047	1,661	3,377	5,038
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	922	125	1,047	1,661	3,377	5,038
LUMBER AND TIES	223,411	5,758	229,169	110,978	69,936	180,914

Table 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, October, 1960

	By Truck and Local Sales	By Rail	Water- borne	Total Shipments
	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.
<u>COAST MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	39,171	979	3,660	43,810
Yukon and Northwest Territories .	-	-	-	-
Alberta	19	1,471	xxx	1,490
Saskatchewan	-	371	xxx	371
Manitoba	-	975	xxx	975
Ontario	-	4,389	-	4,389
Quebec	-	1,946	-	1,946
New Brunswick	-	126	-	126
Nova Scotia	-	215	-	215
Prince Edward Island	-	13	-	13
Newfoundland	-	310	-	310
Total for Canada	39,190	10,795	3,660	53,645
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports	106	1,004	3,117	4,227
Atlantic Ports	-	3,521	47,558	51,079
Other points	880	36,443	-	37,323
Total for U.S.A.	986	40,968	50,675	92,629
United Kingdom	xxx *	693	44,411	45,104
Other countries	xxx *	643	34,932	35,575
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	40,176	53,099	133,678	226,953
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				4,494
Total shipments, reported and estimated				231,447
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	30,821	6,000	-	36,821
Yukon and Northwest Territories .	-	248	-	248
Alberta	3,522	3,138	xxx	6,660
Saskatchewan	597	2,677	xxx	3,274
Manitoba	32	4,404	xxx	4,436
Ontario	-	9,505	-	9,505
Quebec	-	1,363	-	1,363
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	32	-	32
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	34,972	27,367	-	62,339
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports	753	673	-	1,426
Atlantic Ports	xxx	1,626	-	1,626
Other points	2,932	62,988	xxx	65,920
Total for U.S.A.	3,685	65,287	-	68,972
United Kingdom	xxx *	173	* 631	804
Other countries	xxx	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	38,657	92,827	631	132,115
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				53,308
Total shipments, reported and estimated				185,423

* Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

Table 4 - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, October, 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	86,305	2,225	88,530	6,844	4,313	11,157
Hemlock	82,372	2,123	84,495	-	-	-
Balsam Fir	278	7	285	-	-	-
Red Cedar	36,600	943	37,543	-	-	-
Spruce	3,180	82	3,262	7,934	5,000	12,934
White Pine	2,163	56	2,219	710	447	1,157
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	516	325	841
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	1,179	743	1,922
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other softwoods ..	700	18	718	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	211,598	5,454	217,052	17,183	10,828	28,011
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	211,598	5,454	217,052	17,183	10,828	28,011
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	45,781	1,180	46,961	54,922	34,611	89,533
Hemlock	61,132	1,575	62,707	9,237	5,821	15,058
Balsam Fir	103	3	106	918	579	1,497
Red Cedar	37,849	975	38,824	7,062	4,450	11,512
Spruce	1,813	47	1,860	106,828	67,320	174,148
White Pine	2,570	66	2,636	4,564	2,876	7,440
Ponderosa Pine	272	7	279	7,651	4,822	12,473
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	4,726	2,978	7,704
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	3,264	2,057	5,321
All other softwoods ..	260	7	267	22	14	36
Total, softwoods ...	149,780	3,860	153,640	199,194	125,528	324,722
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	2	1	3
Cottonwood	-	-	-	106	67	173
All other hardwoods ..	2	-	2	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	2	-	2	108	68	176
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	149,782	3,860	153,642	199,302	125,596	324,898
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>	361,380	9,314	370,694	216,485	136,424	352,909

Table 5 - Comparative Summary of Distribution of Orders on Hand and
Lumber Purchased by Coast Mills from Other Mills

	October		September	
	1959	1960	1959	1960
	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
<u>For shipments to points in British Columbia</u>				
Local	19,079	12,443	19,802	12,069
Coastwise and Interior	5,696	2,232	4,085	1,428
Total	24,775	14,675	23,887	13,497
<u>For shipments by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces	5,907	3,055	5,865	2,853
Eastern Provinces	14,240	5,167	13,830	6,875
United States of America	45,256	32,836	47,084	36,496
Total	65,403	41,058	66,779	46,224
<u>For Waterborne shipments to:</u>				
California	1,000	1,023	-	841
U.S. Atlantic Ports	19,978	90,412	43,074	46,265
Eastern Markets	3,912	19,830	3,350	-
Export Markets	240,773	170,275	183,738	190,587
Total	265,663	281,540	230,162	237,693
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	355,841	337,273	320,828	297,414
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS	8,026	2,803	5,165	1,074

Table 6 - Number of Active Mills Reporting

		October		September	
		1959	1960	1959	1960
Coast	No.	82	66	77	69
Interior	No.	240	195	255	210
Total, British Columbia	No.	322	261	332	279

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

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