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

November, 1960

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 389,411 M ft. in November, 1960, as compared with 360,364 M ft. in November, 1959, an increase of 8.1 p.c. over the previous year but a decrease of 5.0 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 60.8 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 1.1 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 39.2 p.c. showed an increase of 21.1 p.c. Shipments in November, 1960, totalled 375,528 M ft., as compared with 331,609 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 13.2 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 11.2 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 16.1 p.c. Total shipments for November decreased by 10 p.c. from the October figure of 416,870 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of November, 1960, amounted to 730,407 M ft., as compared with 600,482 M ft. at the end of November the previous year and 723,603 M ft. at the end of October of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 396,822 M ft., while Interior mills showed 333,585 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 October and November 1959 and 1960. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 424,958 M ft. in October, 1959 to 360,364 M ft. in November, 1959 and from 410,083 M ft. in October to 389,411 M ft. in November, 1960. Shipments totalled 416,870 M ft. in October, 1960 and 375,528 M ft. in November, 1960, as compared with 414,029 M ft. in October, 1959 and 331,609 M ft. in November of 1959. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 564,229 M ft. in October, 1959, to 600,482 M ft. in November, 1959 and increased from 723,603 M ft. in October, 1960 to 730,407 M ft. in November 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 235,547 M ft. in November, 1960 as compared with 148,325 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,270 M ft. in November as compared with 4,269 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 60.8 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in November, 1960 as compared with 65.0 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during October, 1960 and 1959 respectively, were 55.9 and 58.6 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 214,747 M ft. in November of 1960 and 231,447 M ft. in October, 1960 as compared with 193,178 M ft. in November, 1959 and 222,425 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 160,781 M ft. and 138,431 M ft. in November, 1960 and 1959 and 185,423 M ft. and 191,604 M ft. in October, 1960 and 1959. Of all shipments actually reported for November, 1960, 31.8 p.c. went to points in Canada, 44.4 p.c. to points in United States, 14.4 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 9.4 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 39.3 p.c. of the total, while 39.1 p.c. went by rail, and 21.6 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 October and November, 1960 amounted to 370,694 M ft. and 396,822 M ft. as compared with 304,651 M ft. and 349,155 M ft. in October and November of 1959. Interior mills stocks decreased from 259,578 M ft. in October to 251,327 M ft. in November, 1959 and decreased from 352,909 M ft. in October to 333,585 M ft. in November, 1960. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 37.4 p.c. of the total in November, 1960 as compared with 40.2 p.c. in November, 1959 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 92.4 and 95.1.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of October and November, 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 November, 1960 amounted to 409,542 M ft. as compared with 385,828 M ft. in November, 1959. Orders on hand at the end of October, 1960 and 1959 amounted to 337,273 M ft. and 355,841 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 2,432 M ft. in November, 1960 and 7,460 M ft. in November, 1959 as compared with 2,803 M ft. in October, 1960 and 8,026 M ft. in October, 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 November accounted for 78.9 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1958 compared with 80.8 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for October, 1959 and 1960 were 81.4 and 79.9 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.

Species	November		October		11 months	
	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	153,101	169,255	172,820	180,652	1,785,809	1,933,190
Hemlock	86,644	101,696	100,111	93,486	795,579	1,067,537
Balsam Fir	2,912	2,999	3,054	3,308	37,781	41,909
Red Cedar	49,845	42,697	54,174	42,412	445,164	549,755
Spruce	51,170	54,383	73,303	66,770	960,195	968,936
White Pine	3,669	3,136	5,609	5,678	51,506	56,427
Ponderosa Pine	3,280	1,388	2,954	2,127	37,164	32,241
Lodgepole Pine	3,991	6,813	5,506	7,419	82,558	89,246
Tamarack or Larch	5,161	5,118	6,728	6,227	68,554	67,080
All other softwoods ..	334	1,578	502	1,760	13,012	3,504
Total softwoods	360,107	389,063	424,761	409,839	4,277,322	4,809,825
Red Alder	53	84	61	86	1,026	844
Maple	177	173	92	93	1,330	1,785
Birch	19	35	9	56	278	306
Cottonwood	5	56	31	9	436	290
All other hardwoods ..	3	-	4	-	67	-
Total hardwoods	257	348	197	244	3,137	3,225
Total production ...	360,364	389,411	424,958	410,083	4,280,459	4,813,050
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada ..	106,499	102,256	138,204	115,984	1,410,979	1,340,745
Points in U.S.A. ..	112,292	143,068	175,423	161,601	1,736,355	1,796,759
United Kingdom	33,371	46,291	23,298	45,908	215,568	470,687
Other Countries ...	36,325	30,386	22,156	35,575	257,850	353,924
Shipments reported ...	288,487	322,001	359,081	359,068	3,620,752	3,962,115
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .	43,122	53,527	54,948	57,802	680,516	681,560
Total shipments	331,609	375,528	414,029	416,870	4,301,268	4,643,675
			November	October		
			1959	1960	1959	1960
			M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
STOCKS ON HAND						
Douglas Fir			217,127	246,752	192,149	236,181
Hemlock			141,552	166,136	124,395	162,260
Balsam Fir			904	1,678	875	1,888
Red Cedar			69,231	92,402	67,448	87,879
Spruce			135,269	170,883	140,061	192,204
White Pine			14,722	20,695	18,670	13,452
Ponderosa Pine			9,920	13,539	7,782	13,593
Lodgepole Pine			4,912	10,936	5,595	9,626
Tamarack or Larch			5,706	6,009	6,143	5,321
All other softwoods ..			1,001	1,330	1,033	1,021
Total softwoods			600,344	730,360	564,151	723,425
Red Alder			-	-	-	-
Maple			2	-	2	-
Birch			3	-	3	3
Cottonwood			133	45	73	173
All other hardwoods ..			-	2	-	2
Total hardwoods			138	47	78	178
Total stocks			600,482	730,407	564,229	723,603

Table 2 - Lumber and Ties Sawn, November, 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>Lumber</u>						
Douglas Fir	87,492	3,808	91,300	47,919	26,569	74,488
Hemlock	96,098	1,106	97,204	2,343	2,105	4,448
Balsam Fir	1,773	50	1,823	699	460	1,159
Red Cedar	38,569	969	39,538	1,623	1,536	3,159
Spruce	3,055	233	3,288	29,188	21,804	50,992
White Pine	451	12	463	1,548	1,063	2,611
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	657	688	1,345
Lodgepole Pine	-	12	12	1,758	3,428	5,186
Tamarack or Larch	48	-	48	1,738	3,144	4,882
All other softwoods ...	1,568	10	1,578	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ..	229,054	6,200	235,254	87,473	60,797	148,270
Red Alder	49	35	84	-	-	-
Maple	160	13	173	-	-	-
Birch	16	7	23	-	12	12
Cottonwood	13	-	13	42	1	43
All other hardwoods, ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	238	55	293	42	13	55
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	229,292	6,255	235,547	87,515	60,810	148,325
<u>Ties</u>						
Douglas Fir	1,140	130	1,270	1,117	1,080	2,197
Hemlock	-	-	-	-	44	44
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	17	17
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	103	103
White Pine	-	-	-	-	62	62
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	43	43
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	292	1,323	1,615
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	-	188	188
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	1,140	130	1,270	1,409	2,860	4,269
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	1,140	130	1,270	1,409	2,860	4,269
<u>LUMBER AND TIES</u>	230,432	6,385	236,817	88,924	63,670	152,594

Table 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, November, 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	36,597	841	3,203	40,641
Yukon and Northwest Territories .	-	-	-	-
Alberta	5	1,281	xxx	1,286
Saskatchewan	-	819	xxx	819
Manitoba	-	838	xxx	838
Ontario	-	4,006	-	4,006
Quebec	-	1,375	-	1,375
New Brunswick	-	44	-	44
Nova Scotia	-	56	-	56
Prince Edward Island	-	14	-	14
Newfoundland	-	301	-	301
Total for Canada	36,602	9,575	3,203	49,380
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports	91	705	2,794	3,590
Atlantic Ports	-	1,503	44,980	46,483
Other points	557	34,460	50	35,067
Total for U.S.A.	648	36,668	47,824	85,140
United Kingdom	xxx *	600	45,150	45,750
Other countries	xxx *	308	30,003	30,311
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	37,250	47,151	126,180	210,581
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				4,166
Total shipments, reported and estimated				214,747
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	25,374	4,874	-	30,248
Yukon and Northwest Territories .	-	-	-	-
Alberta	3,095	3,004	xxx	6,099
Saskatchewan	633	2,407	xxx	3,040
Manitoba	-	3,752	xxx	3,752
Ontario	-	8,875	-	8,875
Quebec	-	862	-	862
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	29,102	23,774	-	52,876
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports	157	131	-	288
Atlantic Ports	xxx	3,302	-	3,302
Other points	3,152	51,186	xxx	54,338
Total for U.S.A.	3,309	54,619	-	57,928
United Kingdom	xxx *	98	443	541
Other countries	xxx *	75		75
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	32,411	78,566	443	111,420
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				49,361
Total shipments, reported and estimated				160,781

* Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port

Table 4 - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, November, 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	98,301	2,724	101,025	6,256	4,479	10,735
Hemlock	89,835	2,489	92,324	-	-	-
Balsam Fir	5	-	5	303	217	520
Red Cedar	45,982	1,274	47,256	50	36	86
Spruce	3,772	105	3,877	5,426	3,885	9,311
White Pine	2,719	75	2,794	714	511	1,225
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	486	348	834
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	1,358	972	2,330
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	122	88	210
All other softwoods ..	1,000	28	1,028	2	1	3
Total, softwoods ...	241,614	6,695	248,309	14,717	10,537	25,254
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	241,614	6,695	248,309	14,717	10,537	25,254
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	47,371	1,313	48,684	50,296	36,012	86,308
Hemlock	59,110	1,638	60,748	7,613	5,451	13,064
Balsam Fir	94	2	96	616	441	1,057
Red Cedar	33,419	926	34,345	6,244	4,471	10,715
Spruce	2,260	63	2,323	90,543	64,829	155,372
White Pine	1,584	44	1,628	8,769	6,279	15,048
Ponderosa Pine	271	7	278	7,242	5,185	12,427
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	5,015	3,591	8,606
Tamarack or Larch	111	3	114	3,313	2,372	5,685
All other softwoods ..	287	8	295	3	1	4
Total, softwoods ...	144,507	4,004	148,511	179,654	128,632	308,286
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	26	19	45
All other hardwoods ..	2	-	2	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	2	-	2	26	19	45
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	144,509	4,004	148,513	179,680	128,651	308,331
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>	386,123	10,699	396,822	194,397	139,188	333,585

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

	November		October	
	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	22,145	15,145	19,079	12,443
Coastwise and Interior	2,382	2,702	5,696	2,232
Total	24,527	17,847	24,775	14,675
<u>For shipments by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces	6,737	3,163	5,907	3,055
Eastern Provinces	11,270	5,948	14,240	5,167
United States of America	41,273	35,163	45,256	32,836
Total	59,280	44,274	65,403	41,058
<u>For Waterborne shipments to:</u>				
California	1,994	2,690	1,000	1,023
U.S. Atlantic Ports	56,238	140,412	19,978	90,412
Eastern Markets	2,585	-	3,912	19,830
Export Markets	241,204	204,319	240,773	170,275
Total	302,021	347,421	265,663	281,540
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	385,828	409,542	355,841	337,273
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS	7,460	2,432	8,026	2,803

Table 6 - Number of Active Mills Reporting

		November		October	
		1959	1960	1959	1960
Coast	No.	81	70	82	66
Interior	No.	232	178	240	195
Total, British Columbia	No.	313	248	322	261

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

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