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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS  
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA
February, 1960

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 453,039 M ft. in February, 1960 as compared with 419,262 M ft. in February 1959 an increase of 8.1 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 11.4 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 53.6 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 9.3 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 46.4 p.c. showed an increase of 6.6 p.c. Shipments in February 1960 totalled 398,174 M ft., as compared with 395,005 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 0.8 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 5.4 p.c. but Interior mills a decrease of 5.2 p.c. Total shipments for February increased by 14.7 p.c. over the January figure of 347,245 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of February 1960 amounted to 724,065 M ft., as compared with 608,286 M ft. at the end of February the previous year and 686,816 M ft. at the end of January of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 377,698 M ft., while Interior mills showed 346,367 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 January, 1959 and 1960 and February, 1959 and 1960. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 386,206 M ft. in January 1959 to 419,262 M ft. in February 1959 and from 406,722 M ft. in January, 1960 to 453,039 M ft. in February, 1960. Shipments totalled 347,245 M ft. in January, 1960 and 398,174 M ft. in February 1960 as compared with 358,823 M ft. in January and 395,005 M ft. in February of 1959. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 570,988 M ft. in January, 1959 to 608,286 M ft. in February, 1959 and increased from 686,816 M ft. in January, 1960 to 724,065 M ft. in February 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 240,977 M ft. in February, 1960 as compared with 208,391 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,765 M ft. in February as compared with 1,906 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 53.6 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in February, 1960 as compared with 52.9 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during January, 1960 and 1959 respectively, were 57.0 and 57.5 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 234,132 M ft. in February of 1960 and 211,776 M ft. in January, 1960 as compared with 222,033 M ft. in February, 1959 and 214,778 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 164,042 M ft. and 172,972 M ft. in February 1960 and 1959 and 135,469 M ft. and 144,045 M ft. in January 1960 and 1959. Of all shipments actually reported for February, 35.6 p.c. went to points in Canada, 43.7 p.c. to points in United States, 12.3 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 8.4 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 41.5 p.c. of the total, while 32.1 p.c. went by rail, and 26.4 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 January and February, 1960 amounted to 367,356 M ft. and 377,698 M ft. as compared with 325,076 M ft. and 332,382 M ft. in January and February of 1959. Interior mills stocks increased from 245,912 M ft. in January to 275,904 M ft. in February 1959 and increased from 310,460 M ft. in January to 346,367 M ft. in February, 1960. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 28.7 p.c. of the total in February, 1960 as compared with 23.0 p.c. in February 1959 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 93.1 and 93.5.

### Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of January and February, 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 February, 1960 amounted to 437,104 M ft. as compared with 400,841 M ft. in February, 1959. Orders on hand at the end of January 1960 and 1959 amounted to 458,220 M ft. and 360,054 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 9,891 M ft. in February, 1960 and 10,556 M ft. in February 1959 as compared with 6,284 M ft. in January, 1960 and 9,329 M ft. in January, 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 February accounted for 76.6 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1957 compared with 81.0 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for January 1959 and 1960 were 80.5 and 77.5 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, February, 1960

Species	February		January		2 Months	
	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<b>PRODUCTION</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	168,409	169,410	161,814	163,225r	330,223	332,635
Hemlock .....	85,515	105,765	84,247	90,039	169,762	195,804
Balsam Fir .....	3,570	5,424	3,456	3,765	7,026	9,185
Red Cedar .....	40,275	47,097	38,695	46,868	78,970	93,965
Spruce .....	99,529	103,334	80,406	84,978	179,935	188,312
White Pine .....	4,368	4,515	3,437	3,566	7,805	8,081
Ponderosa Pine .....	2,269	2,442	1,966	1,538r	4,235	3,980
Lodgepole Pine .....	9,167	9,218	7,469	7,536r	16,636	16,754
Tamarack or Larch .....	4,781	5,631	3,971	4,700r	8,752	10,331
All other softwoods .....	1,134	9	439	38	1,573	47
Total softwoods .....	419,017	452,845	385,900	406,253r	804,917	859,098
Red Alder .....	86	42	192	86	278	128
Maple .....	104	121	59	276	163	397
Birch .....	24	9	19	19	43	28
Cottonwood .....	31	22	36	88	67	110
All other hardwoods .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods .....	245	194	306	469	551	663
Total production .....	419,262	453,039	386,206	406,722r	805,468	859,761
<b>SHIPMENTS</b>						
TO: Points in Canada .....	138,121	120,604	118,566	104,042	256,687	224,646
Points in U.S.A. ....	162,321	147,884	133,294	132,601	295,615	280,485
United Kingdom .....	21,663	41,475	21,474	34,913	43,137	76,388
Other Countries .....	20,028	28,502	39,362	27,632	59,390	56,134
Shipments reported .....	342,133	338,465	312,696	299,188	654,829	637,653
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills ....	52,872	59,709	46,127	48,057	98,999	107,766
Total shipments .....	395,005	398,174	358,823	347,245	753,828	745,419
<b>STOCKS ON HAND</b>						
	February		January			
	1959	1960	1959	1960		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir .....	208,966	242,718	205,017	244,448		
Hemlock .....	140,232	163,212	137,658	155,855		
Balsam Fir .....	1,369	4,745	1,105	1,799		
Red Cedar .....	63,970	69,370	64,613	67,290		
Spruce .....	153,324	204,846	130,224	173,217		
White Pine .....	19,421	14,073	12,385	16,799		
Ponderosa Pine .....	8,766	9,313	8,907	12,537		
Lodgepole Pine .....	6,004	9,083	5,031	7,173		
Tamarack or Larch .....	4,469	5,598	4,924	6,452		
All other softwoods .....	1,616	1,051	1,027	1,209		
Total softwoods .....	608,137	724,009	570,891	686,779		
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-		
Maple .....	3	-	2	2		
Birch .....	5	3	4	-		
Cottonwood .....	141	53	91	35		
All other hardwoods .....	-	-	-	-		
Total hardwoods .....	149	56	97	37		
Total Stocks .....	608,286	724,065	570,988	686,816		

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Table 2 - Lumber and Ties Sawn, February, 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 .....	83,325	3,988	87,313	42,821	36,239	79,060
Hemlock .....	99,348	774	100,122	4,111	1,531	5,642
Balsam Fir .....	2,903	167	3,070	1,542	812	2,354
Red Cedar .....	43,212	935	44,147	2,037	913	2,950
Spruce .....	3,981	279	4,260	59,372	39,682	99,054
White Pine .....	1,814	-	1,814	1,296	1,405	2,701
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	526	1,891	2,417
Lodgepole Pine .....	50	20	70	2,400	6,200	8,605
Tamarack or Larch ...	-	-	-	1,581	4,010	5,591
All other softwoods .	-	9	9	-	-	-
Total, softwoods .	234,633	6,172	240,805	115,686	92,683	208,369
Red Alder .....	14	28	42	-	-	-
Maple .....	97	24	121	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	6	6	-	3	3
Cottonwood .....	-	3	3	13	6	19
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	111	61	172	13	9	22
Total, softwoods and hardwoods .	234,744	6,233	240,977	115,699	92,692	208,391
<u>Ties</u>						
Douglas Fir .....	1,557	208	1,765	588	684	1,272
Hemlock .....	-	-	-	-	1	1
Balsam Fir .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce .....	-	-	-	-	20	20
White Pine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	-	25	25
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	5	543	548
Tamarack or Larch ...	-	-	-	-	40	40
All other softwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods .	1,557	208	1,765	593	1,313	1,906
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods .	1,557	208	1,765	593	1,313	1,906
Lumber and Ties .....	236,301	6,441	242,742	116,292	94,005	210,297

Table 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, February, 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: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	45,139	2,483	3,695	51,317
Yukon and Northwest Territories ..	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	-	1,633	xxxxxxxxxx	1,633
Saskatchewan .....	-	716	xxxxxxxxxx	716
Manitoba .....	-	1,486	xxxxxxxxxx	1,486
Ontario .....	-	4,756	-	4,756
Quebec .....	-	1,060	128	1,188
New Brunswick .....	-	185	210	395
Nova Scotia .....	-	170	-	170
Prince Edward Island .....	-	19	-	19
Newfoundland .....	-	211	-	211
Total for Canada .....	45,139	12,719	4,033	61,891
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....	86	746	6,927	7,759
Atlantic Ports .....	xxxxxxxxxx	389	59,838	60,227
Other points .....	13	29,524	xxxxxxxxxx	29,537
Total for U.S.A. ....	99	30,659	66,765	97,523
United Kingdom .....	xxxxxxxxxx	* 445	41,030	41,475
Other countries .....	xxxxxxxxxx	* -	28,502	28,502
Destination or carrier not specified .....				
Total shipments reported .....	45,238	43,823	140,330	229,391
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				4,741
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				234,132
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	37,013	4,149	-	41,162
Yukon and Northwest Territories ..	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	1,136	2,558	xxxxxxxxxx	3,694
Saskatchewan .....	525	3,054	xxxxxxxxxx	3,579
Manitoba .....	159	3,601	xxxxxxxxxx	3,760
Ontario .....	1,190	5,094	-	6,284
Quebec .....	-	234	-	234
New Brunswick .....	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	40,023	18,690	-	58,713
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....	780	128	-	908
Atlantic Ports .....	xxxxxxxxxx	636	-	636
Other points .....	3,321	45,496	xxxxxxxxxx	48,817
Total for U.S.A. ....	4,101	46,260	-	50,361
United Kingdom .....	xxxxxxxxxx	* -	-	-
Other countries .....	xxxxxxxxxx	* -	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified .....				
Total shipments reported .....	44,124	64,950	-	109,074
Estimated shipments of Non-reporting mills .....				54,968
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				164,042
* Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				



Table 4 - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, February, 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>SOLD (but not shipped)</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	115,475	3,147	118,622	5,558	4,493	10,051
Hemlock .....	99,952	2,724	102,676	271	219	490
Balsam Fir .....	452	12	464	25	20	45
Red Cedar .....	41,338	1,127	42,465	-	-	-
Spruce .....	3,620	99	3,719	6,468	5,228	11,696
White Pine .....	1,308	36	1,344	91	74	165
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	194	157	351
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	532	430	962
Tamarack or Larch ....	-	-	-	7	5	12
All other softwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ..	262,145	7,145	269,290	13,146	10,626	23,772
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	262,145	7,145	269,290	13,146	10,626	23,772
<b>UNSOLD</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	35,369	964	36,333	42,975	34,737	77,712
Hemlock .....	46,621	1,271	47,892	6,721	5,433	12,154
Balsam Fir .....	1,085	30	1,115	1,726	1,395	3,121
Red Cedar .....	16,306	445	16,751	5,615	4,539	10,154
Spruce .....	4,916	134	5,050	101,963	82,418	184,381
White Pine .....	1,059	29	1,088	6,346	5,130	11,476
Ponderosa Pine .....	125	3	128	4,885	3,949	8,834
Lodgepole Pine .....	50	1	51	4,463	3,607	8,070
Tamarack or Larch ....	-	-	-	3,089	2,497	5,586
All other softwoods ..	-	-	-	581	470	1,051
Total, softwoods ..	105,531	2,877	108,408	178,364	144,175	322,539
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	2	1	3
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	29	24	53
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	-	-	31	25	56
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	105,531	2,877	108,408	178,395	144,200	322,595
<b>SOLD AND UNSOLD</b>	367,676	10,022	377,698	191,541	154,826	346,367

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

		February		January	
		1959	1960	1959	1960
		M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>					
For shipments to points in British Columbia					
Local .....		28,350	16,996	26,340	19,627
Coastwise and Interior .....		5,102	3,818	6,545	2,900
Total .....		33,452	20,814	32,885	22,527
For shipments by rail to:					
Prairie Provinces .....		7,495	5,854	6,552	8,038
Eastern Provinces .....		13,873	11,232	11,819	8,353
United States of America ....		50,489	41,652	48,621	39,937
Total .....		71,857	58,738	66,992	56,328
For Waterborne shipments to:					
California .....		335	680	-	2,502
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....		144,614	116,964	124,124	135,879
Eastern Markets .....		6,014	5,920	4,850	3,195
Exports Markets .....		144,569	233,988	131,203	237,789
Total .....		295,532	357,552	260,177	379,365
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND .....		400,841	437,104	360,054	458,220
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS		10,556	9,891	9,329	6,284

Table 6 - Number of Active Mills Reporting

February, 1960

		February		January	
		1959	1960	1959	1960
Coast .....	No.	78	70	73	75
Interior .....		267	204	242	221
Total, British Columbia .....	No.	345	274	315	296

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

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