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

March, 1960

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totaled 495,500 M ft. in March, 1960 as compared with 463,604 M ft. in March 1959 an increase of 6.9 p.c. over the previous year an increase of 9.4 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 54 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 15.0 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 46.0 p.c. showed a decrease of 1.3 p.c. Shipments in March 1960 totalled 469,060 M ft., as compared with 450,306 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 4.2 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 14.1 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 7.6 p.c. Total shipments for March increased by 17.8 p.c. over the February figure of 398,174 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of March 1960 amounted to 789,672 M ft., as compared with 633,657 M ft. at the end of March the previous year and 724,065 M ft. at the end of February of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 385,175 M ft., while Interior mills showed 404,497 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 February, 1959 and 1960 and March 1959 and 1960. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 419,262 M ft. in February 1959 to 463,604 M ft. in March 1959 and from 453,039 M ft. in February, 1960 to 495,500 M ft. in March, 1960. Shipments totalled 398,174 M ft. in February, 1960 and 469,060 M ft. in March 1960 as compared with 395,005 M ft. in February, 1959 and 450,306 M ft. in March of 1959. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 608,286 M ft. in February, 1959 to 633,657 M ft. in March 1959 and increased from 724,065 M ft. in February, 1960 to 789,672 M ft. in March 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 265,596 M ft. in March, 1960 as compared with 226,571 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,776 M ft. in March as compared with 1,557 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 54.0 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in March 1960 as compared with 50.2 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during February 1959 and 1960 respectively, were 52.9 and 53.6 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 277,662 M ft. in March of 1960 and 234,132 M ft. in February 1960 as compared with 243,249 M ft. in March 1959 and 222,033 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 191,398 M ft. and 207,057 M ft. in March 1960 and 1959 and 172,972 M ft. and 164,042 M ft. in February 1959 and 1960. Of all shipments actually reported for March, 33.5 p.c. went to points in Canada, 49.6 p.c. to points in United States, 9.9 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 7.0 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 41.9 p.c. of the total, while 33.9 p.c. went by rail, and 24.2 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 February and March, 1960 amounted to 377,698 M ft. and 385,175 M ft. as compared with 332,382 M ft. and 329,450 M ft. in February and March of 1959. Interior mills stocks increased from 275,904 M ft. in February to 304,309 M ft. in March 1959 and increased from 346,367 M ft. in February to 404,497 M ft. in March, 1960. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 32.9 p.c. of the total in March, 1960, as compared with 21.5 p.c. in March, 1959 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 94.1 and 96.4.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of February and March, 1959 and 1960 for Coast mills only. Similar information is not collected for 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 March, 1960 amounted to 395,155 M ft. as compared with 409,067 M ft. in March 1959. Orders on hand at the end of February 1960 and 1959 amounted to 437,104 M ft. and 400,841 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 9,200 M ft. in March, 1960 and 10,176 M ft. in March 1959 as compared with 9,891 M ft. in February 1960 and 10,556 M ft. in February, 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 March accounted for 76.0 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1957 compared with 81.2 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for February 1959 and 1960 were 76.6 and 81.0 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, March, 1960

Species	March		February		3 Months	
	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	188,334	178,343	168,409	169,410	518,557	510,978
Hemlock	83,848	114,099	85,515	105,765	253,610	309,903
Balsam Fir	7,167	4,002	3,570	5,424	14,193	13,187
Red Cedar	47,738	58,980	40,275	47,097	126,708	152,945
Spruce	111,222	114,298	99,529	103,334	291,157	302,610
White Pine	5,269	4,906	4,368	4,515	13,074	12,987
Ponderosa Pine	2,212	3,976	2,269	2,442	6,447	7,956
Lodgepole Pine	9,651	9,089	9,167	9,218	26,287	25,843
Tamarack or Larch	6,358	7,525	4,781	5,631	15,110	17,856
All other softwoods	1,508	11	1,134	9	3,081	58
Total softwoods	463,307	495,229	419,017	452,845	1,268,224	1,354,327
Red Alder	43	77	86	42	321	205
Maple	188	143	104	121	351	540
Birch	18	35	24	9	61	63
Cottonwood	48	16	31	22	115	126
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	297	271	245	194	848	934
Total production	463,604	495,500	419,262	453,039	1,269,072	1,355,261
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada	155,009	135,478	138,121	120,604	411,696	360,124
Points in U.S.A.	176,175	200,966	162,321	147,884	471,790	481,451
United Kingdom	24,340	40,228	21,663	41,475	67,477	116,616
Other Countries	32,586	28,166	20,028	28,502	91,976	84,300
Shipments reported	388,110	404,838	342,133	338,465	1,042,939	1,042,491
Estimates shipments of non-reporting mills ...	62,196	64,222	52,872	59,709	161,195	171,988
Total shipments	450,306	469,060	395,005	398,174	1,204,134	1,214,479
STOCKS ON HAND						
	March		February			
	1959	1960	1959	1960		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	212,414	247,501	208,966	242,718		
Hemlock	129,784	158,320	140,232	163,212		
Balsam Fir	7,382	2,911	1,369	4,745		
Red Cedar	64,928	83,484	63,970	69,370		
Spruce	181,341	251,866	153,324	204,846		
White Pine	15,453	14,339	19,421	14,073		
Ponderosa Pine	8,906	11,552	8,766	9,313		
Lodgepole Pine	4,000	13,731	6,004	9,083		
Tamarack or Larch	6,978	5,811	4,469	5,598		
All other softwoods	2,471	68	1,616	1,051		
Total softwoods	623,647	789,583	608,137	724,009		
Red Alder	-	-	-	-		
Maple	3	-	3	-		
Birch	3	3	5	3		
Cottonwood	96	84	141	53		
All Other hardwoods	-	2	-	-		
Total hardwoods	102	89	149	56		
Total Stocks	633,657	789,672	608,286	724,065		

Table 2 - Lumber and Ties Sawn, March, 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	92,641	3,794	96,435	42,524	36,652	79,176
Hemlock	106,469	669	107,138	4,296	2,662	6,958
Balsam Fir	2,353	75	2,428	745	829	1,574
Red Cedar	51,469	1,314	52,783	4,769	1,428	6,197
Spruce	4,512	314	4,826	75,994	33,466	109,460
White Pine	1,587	-	1,587	1,417	1,902	3,319
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	1,763	2,193	3,956
Lodgepole Pine	110	23	133	2,686	5,737	8,423
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	1,833	5,659	7,492
All other softwoods ...	-	10	10	1	-	1
Total, softwoods ...	259,141	6,199	265,340	136,028	90,528	226,556
Red Alder	46	31	77	-	-	-
Maple	117	26	143	-	-	-
Birch	26	6	32	-	3	3
Cottonwood	-	4	4	-	12	12
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	189	67	256	-	15	15
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	259,330	6,266	265,596	136,028	90,543	226,571
Ties						
Douglas Fir	1,618	158	1,776	442	514	956
Hemlock	-	-	-	-	3	3
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	12	12
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	7	13	20
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	25	508	533
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	-	33	33
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	1,618	158	1,776	474	1,083	1,557
Red alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods...	1,618	158	1,776	474	1,083	1,557
Lumber and Ties	260,948	6,424	267,372	136,502	91,626	228,128

Table 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, March, 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	48,910	2,189	3,682	54,781
Yukon and Northwest Territories ..	-	-	-	-
Alberta	-	1,810	xxxxxxx	1,810
Saskatchewan	-	673	xxxxxxx	673
Manitoba	-	1,420	xxxxxxx	1,420
Ontario	-	6,001	-	6,001
Quebec	-	1,649	692	2,341
New Brunswick	-	266	-	266
Nova Scotia	-	295	-	295
Prince Edward Island	-	16	-	16
Newfoundland	-	391	-	391
Total for Canada	48,910	14,710	4,374	67,994
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	136	705	1,384	2,225
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxxx	1,669	96,193	97,862
Other points	345	36,601	xxxxxxx	36,946
Total for U.S.A.	481	38,975	97,577	137,033
United Kingdom	xxxxxxx	* 217	39,460	39,677
Other countries	xxxxxxx	* -	28,166	28,166
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	49,391	53,902	169,577	272,870
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				4,792
Total shipments, reported and estimated				277,662
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	38,356	10,098	-	48,454
Yukon and Northwest Territories ..	-	55	-	55
Alberta	1,004	2,839	xxxxxxx	3,843
Saskatchewan	322	3,434	xxxxxxx	3,756
Manitoba	106	3,276	xxxxxxx	3,382
Ontario	1,217	6,392	-	7,609
Quebec	-	385	-	385
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	41,005	26,479	-	67,484
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	-	83	-	83
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxxx	1,589	-	1,589
Other points	7,673	54,588	xxxxxxx	62,261
Total for U.S.A.	7,673	56,260	-	63,933
United Kingdom	xxxxxxx	* 454	97	551
Other countries	xxxxxxx	* -	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	48,678	83,193	97	131,968
Estimated shipments of Non-reporting mills				59,430
Total shipments, reported and estimated				191,398
* Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4 - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, March, 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	106,235	2,615	108,850	5,819	3,906	9,725
Hemlock	94,047	2,316	96,363	-	-	-
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	44,657	1,099	45,756	-	-	-
Spruce	4,188	103	4,291	7,174	4,815	11,989
White Pine	2,888	71	2,959	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	33	1	34	235	158	393
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	1,064	714	1,778
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other softwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods	252,048	6,205	258,253	14,292	9,593	23,885
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	252,048	6,205	258,253	14,292	9,593	23,885
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	40,726	1,003	41,729	52,175	35,022	87,197
Hemlock	51,541	1,269	52,810	5,473	3,674	9,147
Balsam Fir	175	4	179	1,635	1,097	2,732
Red Cedar	24,691	608	25,299	7,437	4,992	12,429
Spruce	5,568	137	5,705	137,551	92,330	229,881
White Pine	968	24	992	6,216	4,172	10,388
Ponderosa Pine	90	2	92	6,601	4,432	11,033
Lodgepole Pine	60	1	61	7,116	4,776	11,892
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	3,477	2,334	5,811
All other softwoods	52	1	53	9	6	15
Total, softwoods	123,871	3,049	126,920	227,690	152,835	380,525
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	2	1	3
Cottonwood	-	-	-	50	34	84
All other hardwoods	2	-	2	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	2	-	2	52	35	87
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	123,873	3,049	126,922	227,742	152,870	380,612
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>						
	375,921	9,254	385,175	242,034	162,463	404,497

Table 5 - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of March, 1960 and

Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	March		February	
	1959	1960	1959	1960
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
<u>For shipments to points in British Columbia</u>				
Local	26,372	18,769	28,350	16,996
Coastwise and Interior	6,950	3,508	5,102	3,818
Total	33,322	22,277	33,452	20,814
<u>For shipments by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces	6,807	7,286	7,495	5,854
Eastern Provinces	14,650	10,726	13,873	11,232
United States of America	51,741	44,061	50,489	41,652
Total	73,198	62,073	71,857	58,738
<u>For Waterborne shipments to:</u>				
California	335	1,874	335	680
U.S. Atlantic Ports	148,054	69,437	144,614	116,964
Eastern Markets	6,487	5,724	6,014	5,920
Exports Markets	147,671	233,770	144,569	233,988
Total	302,547	310,805	295,532	357,552
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	409,067	395,155	400,841	437,104
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS	10,176	9,200	10,556	9,891

Table 6 - Number of Active Mills Reporting

March, 1960

		March		February	
		1959	1960	1959	1960
Coast	No.	78	74	78	70
Interior		272	237	267	204
Total, British Columbia	No.	350	311	345	274

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

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