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

April, 1960

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 373,721 M ft. in April, 1960 as compared with 407,438 M ft. in April, 1959 a decrease of 8.3 p.c. from the previous year and a decrease of 23.9 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 65.3 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 3.0 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 34.7 p.c. showed a decrease of 16.7 p.c. Shipments in April totalled 396,778 M ft., as compared with 464,131 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 14.5 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 4.2 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 30.0 p.c. Total shipments for April decreased by 15.4 p.c. from the March figure of 469,060 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of April amounted to 735,337 M ft., as compared with 578,119 M ft. at the end of April the previous year and 789,672 M ft. at the end of March of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 362,778 M ft., while Interior mills showed 372,559 M ft.

Page 3 gives the final estimates of the production of sawn lumber (excluding sawn ties) for British Columbia and provinces East of the Rockies for 1958 and revised estimates for 1959 and the first three months of 1960. Similar revised monthly estimates of sawn lumber production for all provinces (except Newfoundland), are contained in the April issue of the Monthly report entitled "Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies".

Summary Figures

Table 1 gives a comparative summary of production, shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills for March and April 1959 and 1960. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 459,248 M ft. in March, 1959 to 491,204 M ft. in March, 1960 but decreased from 407,438 M ft. in April, 1959 to 373,721 M ft. in April, 1960. Shipments totalled 469,060 M ft. in March, 1960 and 396,778 M ft. in April, 1960 as compared with 450,306 M ft. in March, 1959 and 464,131 M ft. in April of 1959. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 633,657 M ft. in March, 1959 to 578,119 M ft. in April, 1959 and decreased from 789,672 M ft. in March, 1960 to 735,337 M ft. in April 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 243,089 M ft. in April, 1960 as compared with 129,058 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 971 M ft. in April as compared with 603 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 65.3 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in April, 1960 as compared with 61.8 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during March, 1959 and 1960 respectively were 50.6 and 54.4 p.c.

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 266,878 M ft. in April of 1960 and 277,662 M ft. in March, 1960 as compared with 278,454 M ft. in April, 1959 and 243,249 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 129,900 M ft. and 185,677 M ft. in April, 1960 and 1959 and 191,398 M ft. and 207,057 M ft. in March, 1960 and 1959. Of all shipments actually reported for April, 1960, 29.0 p.c. went to points in Canada, 46.2 p.c. to points in United States, 13.4 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 11.4 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 46.7 p.c. of the total, while 33.9 p.c. went by rail, and 19.4 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 March and April, 1960 amounted to 385,175 M ft. and 362,778 M ft. as compared with 329,450 M ft. and 309,069 M ft. in March and April of 1959. Interior mills stocks decreased from 304,309 M ft. in March to 269,050 M ft. in April, 1959 and decreased from 404,497 M ft. in March to 372,559 M ft. in April, 1960. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 35.6 p.c. of the total in April, 1960 as compared with 20.6 p.c. in April, 1959 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 94.6 and 92.7.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of March and April, 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 April, 1960 amounted to 325,348 M ft. as compared with 379,736 M ft. in April, 1959. Orders on hand at the end of March, 1960 and 1959 amounted to 395,155 M ft. and 409,067 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 6,151 M ft. in April, 1960 and 9,481 M ft. in April, 1959 as compared with 9,200 M ft. in March, 1960 and 10,176 M ft. in March, 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 April accounted for 75.7 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1957 compared with 80.3 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for March, 1959 and 1960 were 81.2 and 76.0 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.

Final Estimates of Canadian Production of Sawn Lumber for 1958
and Revised Estimates for 1959 and first three months, 1960

Month	Year	British Columbia			East of Rockies	Total Canada*
		Coast	Interior	Total		
January	1958	195,712	164,051	359,763	168,491	528,254
	1959	218,531	160,713	379,244	176,396	555,640
	1960	228,644	172,205	400,849	180,661	581,510
February	1958	199,472	178,788	378,260	180,921	559,181
	1959	219,120	192,090	411,210	192,229	603,439
	1960	240,977	204,440	445,417	205,168	650,585
March	1958	217,374	176,290	393,664	214,362	608,026
	1959	230,040	225,405	455,445	212,932	668,377
	1960	265,596	222,275	487,871	226,447	714,318
April	1958	219,067	121,156	340,223	122,903	463,126
	1959	249,305	155,088	404,393	132,865	537,258
May	1958	230,874	171,081	401,955	246,083	648,038
	1959	240,241	174,139	414,380	261,343	675,723
June	1958	221,668	209,063	430,731	291,027	721,758
	1959	248,995	245,384	494,379	369,826	864,205
July	1958	185,042	240,001	425,043	299,668	724,711
	1959	49,133	250,268	299,401	340,806	640,207
August	1958	202,093	241,783	443,876	235,419	679,295
	1959	19,789	238,509	258,298	295,453	553,751
September	1958	223,348	246,193	469,541	202,200	671,741
	1959	134,334	213,924	348,258	246,808	595,066
October	1958	246,088	231,128	477,216	137,575	614,791
	1959	247,729	174,658	422,387	184,323	606,710
November	1958	219,572	158,872	378,444	83,919	462,363
	1959	233,073	124,782	357,855	84,132	441,987
December	1958	205,182	146,067	351,249	112,182	463,431
	1959	242,243	159,030	401,273	119,124	520,397
12 months	1958	2,565,492	2,284,473	4,849,965	2,294,750	7,144,715*
	1959	2,332,533	2,313,990	4,646,523	2,616,237	7,262,760
3 months	1960	735,217	598,920	1,334,137	612,276	1,946,413

* Production in the Yukon and N.W.T. (5,493 M ft. b.m.) and Newfoundland (28,882 M ft. b.m.) not included in the 1958 quantities; 1959 quantities not yet available.

Table 1 - Comparative Summary of Production, Shipments and Stocks of Lumber and Ties of British Columbia Sawmills, April, 1960

	April		March		4 months	
	1959*	1960	1959*	1960*	1959	1960
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M. ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	175,929	149,869	186,609	176,842	690,025	654,801
Hemlock	91,539	93,441	83,734	113,967	344,924	403,002
Balsam Fir	3,349	3,156	7,130	3,972	17,435	16,237
Red Cedar	49,406	51,729	47,660	58,862	175,960	204,450
Spruce	64,956	58,749	109,222	112,223	350,921	355,860
White Pine	6,532	6,248	5,212	4,843	19,473	19,067
Ponderosa Pine	3,882	2,301	2,174	3,901	10,214	10,107
Lodgepole Pine	4,706	4,596	9,480	8,929	30,526	29,977
Tamarack or Larch	4,843	3,431	6,238	7,383	19,669	20,950
All other softwoods ..	1,973	9	1,493	11	5,020	67
Total softwoods	407,115	373,529	458,952	490,933	1,664,167	1,714,518
Red Alder	99	52	43	77	420	257
Maple	149	121	188	143	500	661
Birch	29	7	18	35	90	70
Cottonwood	39	12	47	16	118	136
All other hardwoods ..	8	-	-	-	40	-
Total hardwoods	323	192	296	271	1,168	1,124
Total production ...	407,438	373,721	459,248	491,204	1,665,335	1,715,642
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada ..	131,830	102,595	155,009	135,478	543,526	462,719
Points in U.S.A. ..	203,081	163,090	176,175	200,966	674,871	644,541
United Kingdom	22,685	47,180	24,340	40,228	90,162	163,796
Other Countries ...	34,746	40,350	32,586	28,166	126,722	124,650
Shipments reported ...	392,342	353,215	388,110	404,838	1,435,281	1,395,706
Estimates shipments of non-reporting mills .	71,789	43,563	62,196	64,222	232,984	215,551
Total shipments	464,131	396,778	450,306	469,060	1,668,265	1,611,257
	April		March			
	1959	1960	1959	1960		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
STOCKS ON HAND						
Douglas Fir	186,042	225,002	212,414	247,501		
Hemlock	120,964	139,254	129,784	158,320		
Balsam Fir	720	12,185	7,382	2,911		
Red Cedar	65,681	84,867	64,928	83,484		
Spruce	169,784	228,904	181,341	251,866		
White Pine	16,319	15,491	15,453	14,339		
Ponderosa Pine	9,436	12,784	8,906	11,552		
Lodgepole Pine	3,293	12,058	4,000	13,731		
Tamarack or Larch	3,000	4,659	6,978	5,811		
All other softwoods ..	2,841	88	2,471	68		
Total softwoods	578,080	735,292	633,657	789,583		
Red Alder	-	-	-	-		
Maple	-	-	3	-		
Birch	-	-	3	3		
Cottonwood	39	45	96	84		
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	2		
Total hardwoods	39	45	102	89		
Total Stocks	578,119	735,337	633,759	789,672		

* Revised

Table 2 - Lumber and Ties Sawn, April, 1960

	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	90,789	3,791	94,580	31,514	22,477	53,991
Hemlock	87,182	837	88,019	4,278	1,099	5,377
Balsam Fir	2,012	166	2,178	461	516	977
Red Cedar	46,705	924	47,629	3,657	443	4,100
Spruce	5,650	736	6,386	34,089	18,258	52,347
White Pine	4,069	-	4,069	1,092	1,087	2,179
Ponderosa Pine	-	5	5	1,401	885	2,286
Lodgepole Pine	-	33	33	1,315	3,061	4,376
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	947	2,467	3,414
All other softwoods ...	-	9	9	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ..	236,407	6,501	242,908	78,754	50,293	129,047
Red Alder	23	29	52	-	-	-
Maple	97	24	121	-	-	-
Birch	-	5	5	-	2	2
Cottonwood	-	3	3	5	4	9
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	120	61	181	5	6	11
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	236,527	6,562	243,089	78,759	50,299	129,058
Ties						
Douglas Fir	858	86	944	162	192	354
Hemlock	27	-	27	17	1	18
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	1	1
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	11	5	16
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	2	8	10
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	35	152	187
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	4	13	17
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	885	86	971	231	372	603
Red alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	885	86	971	231	372	603
Lumber and Ties	237,412	6,648	244,060	78,990	50,671	129,661

Table 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, April, 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	44,794	1,885	2,227	48,906
Yukon and Northwest Territories ..	-	-	-	-
Alberta	-	1,547	xxxxxxx	1,547
Saskatchewan	-	1,139	xxxxxxx	1,139
Manitoba	59	1,357	xxxxxxx	1,416
Ontario	29	4,708	-	4,737
Quebec	-	1,616	4,174	5,790
New Brunswick	-	202	276	478
Nova Scotia	-	161	225	386
Prince Edward Island	-	19	-	19
Newfoundland	-	538	-	538
Total for Canada	44,882	13,172	6,902	64,956
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	40	868	1,457	2,365
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxxx	977	69,335	70,312
Other points	354	36,369	xxxxxxx	36,723
Total for U.S.A.	394	38,214	70,792	109,400
United Kingdom	xxxxxxx	* 20	46,959	46,979
Other countries	xxxxxxx	* 112	40,238	40,350
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	45,276	51,518	164,891	261,685
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				5,193
Total shipments, reported and estimated				266,878
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	16,927	4,664	-	21,591
Yukon and Northwest Territories ..	-	-	-	-
Alberta	364	3,816	xxxxxxx	4,180
Saskatchewan	28	3,021	xxxxxxx	3,049
Manitoba	-	3,131	xxxxxxx	3,131
Ontario	876	4,586	-	5,462
Quebec	-	226	-	226
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	18,195	19,444	-	37,639
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	-	95	-	95
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxxx	56	-	56
Other points	5,073	48,466	xxxxxxx	53,539
Total for U.S.A.	5,073	48,617	-	53,690
United Kingdom	xxxxxxx	* 176	25	201
Other countries	xxxxxxx	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	23,268	68,237	25	91,530
Estimated shipments of Non-reporting mills				38,370
Total shipments, reported and estimated				129,900

* Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

Table 4 - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, April, 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	92,029	2,577	94,606	5,294	3,553	8,857
Hemlock	82,482	2,310	84,792	178	120	298
Balsam Fir	3,780	106	3,886	-	-	-
Red Cedar	42,875	1,200	44,075	244	164	408
Spruce	3,991	112	4,103	5,684	3,826	9,510
White Pine	2,224	62	2,286	4	2	6
Ponderosa Pine	30	1	31	469	316	785
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	65	44	109
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods	227,411	6,368	233,779	11,938	8,035	19,973
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	227,411	6,368	233,779	11,938	8,035	19,973
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	40,475	1,134	41,609	47,775	32,155	79,930
Hemlock	43,461	1,217	44,678	5,670	3,816	9,486
Balsam Fir	5,825	163	5,988	1,381	930	2,311
Red Cedar	27,675	775	28,450	7,133	4,801	11,934
Spruce	4,636	130	4,766	125,832	84,693	210,525
White Pine	3,274	92	3,366	5,877	3,956	9,833
Ponderosa Pine	87	2	89	7,100	4,779	11,879
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	7,142	4,807	11,949
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	2,785	1,874	4,659
All other softwoods ...	52	1	53	21	14	35
Total, softwoods	125,485	3,514	128,999	210,716	141,825	352,541
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	27	18	45
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	27	18	45
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	125,485	3,514	128,999	210,743	141,843	352,586
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>						
	352,896	9,882	362,778	222,681	149,878	372,559



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

	April		March	
	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	26,224	16,214	26,372	18,769
Coastwise and Interior	4,884	2,889	6,950	3,508
Total	31,108	19,103	33,322	22,277
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	7,235	6,073	6,807	7,286
Eastern Provinces	16,147	8,533	14,650	10,726
United States of America	54,775	39,779	51,741	44,061
Total	78,157	54,385	73,198	62,073
For Waterborne shipments to:				
California	500	867	335	1,874
U.S. Atlantic Ports	123,658	60,192	148,054	69,437
Eastern Markets	4,678	4,527	6,487	5,724
Exports Markets	141,635	186,274	147,671	233,770
Total	270,471	251,860	302,547	310,805
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	379,736	325,348	409,067	395,155
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS	9,481	6,151	10,176	9,200

Table 6 - Number of Active Mills Reporting

April, 1960

		April		March	
		1959	1960	1959	1960
Coast	No.	80	70	78	74
Interior		195	183	272	237
Total, British Columbia	No.	275	253	350	311

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