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

May, 1960

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 452,819 M ft. in May, 1960 as compared with 417,100 M ft. in May, 1959 an increase of 8.6 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 21.2 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 53.5 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 2.1 p.c. the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 46.5 p.c. showed an increase of 20.1 p.c. Shipments in May, 1960 totalled 451,512 M ft., as compared with 465,036 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 2.9 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 7.5 p.c. while Interior mills showed an increase of 3.6 p.c. Total shipments for May increased by 13.8 p.c. over the April figure of 396,778 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of May amounted to 728,684 M ft., as compared with 532,146 M ft. at the end of May the previous year and 735,337 M ft. at the end of April of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 360,848 M ft., while Interior mills showed 367,836 M ft.

Summary Figures

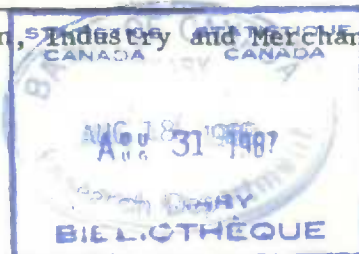
Table 1 gives a comparative summary of production, shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills for April and May 1959 and 1960. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 407,438 M ft. in April, 1959 to 373,721 M ft. in April, 1960 but increased from 417,100 M ft. in May, 1959 to 452,819 M ft. in May, 1960. Shipments totalled 396,778 M ft. in April, 1960 and 451,512 M ft. in May, 1960 as compared with 464,131 M ft. in April, 1959 and 465,036 M ft. in May of 1959. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 578,119 M ft. in April, 1959 to 532,146 M ft. in May, 1959 and decreased from 735,337 M ft. in April, 1960 to 728,684 M ft. in May 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 242,198 M ft. in May, 1960 as compared with 209,629 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 262 M ft. in May as compared with 730 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 53.5 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in May, 1960 as compared with 57.6 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during April, 1959 and 1960 respectively, were 61.3 and 65.3 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 252,923 M ft. in May of 1960 and 266,878 M ft. in April, 1960 as compared with 273,347 M ft. in May, 1959 and 278,454 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 198,589 M ft. and 191,689 M ft. in May, 1960 and 1959 and 129,900 M ft. and 185,677 M ft. in April, 1960 and 1959. Of all shipments actually reported for May, 1960 32.0 p.c. went to points in Canada, 49.0 p.c. to points in United States, 9.6 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 9.4 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 38.7 p.c. of the total while 38.1 p.c. went by rail, and 23.2 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 April and May, 1960 amounted to 362,778 M ft. and 360,848 M ft. as compared with 309,069 M ft. and 285,180 M ft. in April and May of 1959. Interior mills stocks decreased from 269,050 M ft. in April to 246,966 M ft. in May, 1959 and decreased from 372,559 M ft. in April to 367,836 M ft. in May, 1960. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 36.8 p.c. of the total in May, 1960 as compared with 24.4 p.c. in May, 1959 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 93.8 and 91.2

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of April and May, 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 May, 1960 amounted to 304,356 M ft. as compared with 375,643 M ft. in May, 1959. Orders on hand at the end of April, 1960 and 1959 amounted to 325,348 M ft. and 379,736 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 1,283 M ft. in May, 1960 and 7,417 M ft. in May, 1959 as compared with 6,151 M ft. in April, 1960 and 9,481 M ft. in April, 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 May accounted for 77.1 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1958 compared with 79.6 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for April, 1959 and 1960 were 80.3 and 75.7 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, May, 1960

Species	May		April		5 months	
	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	176,944	186,169	175,929	149,869	866,969	842,735*
Hemlock	88,468	93,719	91,539	93,441	433,392	496,721
Balsam Fir	3,448	6,127	3,349	3,156	20,883	22,364
Red Cedar	54,810	54,404	49,406	51,729	230,770	258,854
Spruce	71,664	88,347	64,956	58,749	422,585	444,207
White Pine	3,212	5,387	6,532	6,248	22,685	24,454
Ponderosa Pine	5,422	4,626	3,882	2,301	15,636	14,733
Lodgepole Pine	5,306	7,934	4,706	4,596	35,832	37,911
Tamarack or Larch	5,542	5,829	4,843	3,431	25,211	26,779
All other softwoods ..	1,671	49	1,973	9	6,691	116
Total softwoods	416,487	452,591	407,115	373,529	2,080,654	2,168,874*
Red Alder	153	66	99	52	573	323
Maple	218	112	149	121	718	773
Birch	34	25	29	7	124	95
Cottonwood	204	25	38	12	322	161
All other Hardwoods ..	4	-	8	-	44	-
Total hardwoods	613	228	323	192	1,781	1,352
Total production ...	417,100	452,819	407,438	373,721	2,082,435	2,170,226*
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada ..	137,323	122,448	131,830	102,595	680,849	585,167
Points in U.S.A. ..	219,968	187,629	203,081	163,090	894,839	832,170
United Kingdom	21,892	36,711	22,685	47,180	112,054	200,507
Other Countries ...	25,670	36,193	34,746	40,350	152,392	160,843
Shipments reported ...	404,853	382,981	392,342	353,215	1,840,134	1,778,687
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .	60,183	68,531	71,789	43,563	293,167	284,082
Total shipments	465,036	451,512	464,131	396,778	2,133,301	2,062,769
STOCKS ON HAND						
	May		April			
	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	173,235	229,498	186,042	225,002		
Hemlock	102,424	142,564	120,964	139,254		
Balsam Fir	1,286	3,651	720	12,185		
Red Cedar	69,577	90,755	65,681	84,867		
Spruce	144,961	212,747	169,784	228,904		
White Pine	18,820	17,849	16,319	15,491		
Ponderosa Pine	12,843	15,893	9,436	12,784		
Lodgepole Pine	3,032	10,319	3,293	12,058		
Tamarack or Larch	3,016	5,240	3,000	4,659		
All other softwoods	2,660	93	2,841	88		
Total softwoods	531,854	728,609	578,080	735,292		
Red Alder	-	-	-	-		
Maple	3	-	-	-		
Birch	4	-	-	-		
Cottonwood	285	73	39	45		
All other hardwoods	-	2	-	-		
Total hardwoods	292	75	39	45		
Total Stocks	532,146	728,684	578,119	735,337		

* Revised.

Table 2 - Lumber and Ties Sawn, May, 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	91,761	3,497	95,258	46,764	43,508	90,272
Hemlock	86,770	798	87,568	3,949	2,195	6,144
Balsam Fir	3,046	62	3,108	2,129	887	3,016
Red Cedar	49,106	872	49,978	3,109	1,317	4,426
Spruce	3,876	256	4,132	47,943	36,255	84,198
White Pine	1,904	13	1,917	2,227	1,242	3,469
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	3,713	906	4,619
Lodgepole Pine	-	13	13	2,757	4,884	7,641
Tamarack or Larch	-	22	22	1,705	4,064	5,769
All other softwoods ...	-	10	10	39	-	39
Total, softwoods ..	236,463	5,543	242,006	114,335	95,258	209,593
Red Alder	28	38	66	-	-	-
Maple	99	13	112	-	-	-
Birch	7	7	14	-	11	11
Cottonwood	-	-	-	23	2	25
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	134	58	192	23	13	36
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	236,597	5,601	242,198	114,358	95,271	209,629
Ties						
Douglas Fir	230	32	262	122	255	377
Hemlock	-	-	-	-	7	7
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	3	3
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	17	17
White Pine	-	-	-	-	1	1
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	7	7
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	41	239	280
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	-	38	38
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	230	32	262	163	567	730
Red alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	230	32	262	163	567	730
Lumber and Ties	236,827	5,633	242,460	114,521	95,838	210,359

Table 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, May, 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: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	44,817	1,584	3,826	50,227
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	22	2,039	xxxxxxx	2,061
Saskatchewan	-	523	xxxxxxx	523
Manitoba	-	1,094	xxxxxxx	1,094
Ontario	-	6,150	-	6,150
Quebec	-	1,268	1,607	2,875
New Brunswick	-	315	575	890
Nova Scotia	-	59	-	59
Prince Edward Island	-	58	-	58
Newfoundland	-	612	-	612
Total for Canada	44,839	13,702	6,008	64,549
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports	90	651	751	1,492
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxxx	1,189	68,945	70,134
Other points	580	38,501	xxxxxxx	39,081
Total for U.S.A.	670	40,341	69,696	110,707
United Kingdom	xxxxxxx	* 205	36,506	36,711
Other countries	xxxxxxx	* 110	36,083	36,193
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	45,509	54,358	148,293	248,160
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				4,763
Total shipments, reported and estimated				252,923
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	32,917	6,075	-	38,992
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	2,040	2,708	xxxxxxx	4,748
Saskatchewan	773	3,324	xxxxxxx	4,097
Manitoba	67	3,375	xxxxxxx	3,442
Ontario	258	5,837	-	6,095
Quebec	35	490	-	525
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	36,090	21,809	-	57,899
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports	159	67	-	226
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxxx	1,782	-	1,782
Other points	6,903	68,011	xxxxxxx	74,914
Total for U.S.A.	7,062	69,860	-	76,922
United Kingdom	xxxxxxx	-	-	-
Other countries	xxxxxxx	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	43,152	91,669	-	134,821
Estimated shipments of Non-reporting mills				63,768
Total shipments, reported and estimated				198,589
* Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4 - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, May, 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	89,541	2,130	91,671	5,116	4,281	9,397
Hemlock	80,294	1,910	82,204	-	-	-
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	44,993	1,070	46,063	-	-	-
Spruce	3,386	81	3,467	6,249	5,230	11,479
White Pine	4,522	108	4,630	255	213	468
Ponderosa Pine	30	-	30	456	382	838
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	275	230	505
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	10	8	18
All other softwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	222,766	5,299	228,065	12,361	10,344	22,705
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	222,766	5,299	228,065	12,361	10,344	22,705
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	42,321	1,007	43,328	46,330	38,772	85,102
Hemlock	50,397	1,199	51,596	4,771	3,993	8,764
Balsam Fir	254	6	260	1,846	1,545	3,391
Red Cedar	31,845	757	32,602	6,582	5,508	12,090
Spruce	3,029	72	3,101	105,996	88,704	194,700
White Pine	1,729	41	1,770	5,978	5,003	10,981
Ponderosa Pine	75	2	77	8,138	6,810	14,948
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	5,343	4,471	9,814
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	2,843	2,379	5,222
All other softwoods...	46	1	47	25	21	46
Total, softwoods	129,696	3,085	132,781	187,852	157,206	345,058
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	40	33	73
All other hardwoods ..	2	-	2	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	2	-	2	40	33	73
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	129,698	3,085	132,783	187,892	157,239	345,131
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>						
	352,464	8,384	360,848	200,253	167,583	367,836

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

	May		April	
	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	25,461	16,417	26,224	16,214
Coastwise and Interior	6,012	2,622	4,884	2,889
Total	31,473	19,039	31,108	19,103
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	6,299	5,069	7,235	6,073
Eastern Provinces	14,199	7,173	16,147	8,533
United States of America	55,396	39,798	54,775	39,779
Total	75,894	52,040	78,157	54,385
For Waterborne shipments to:				
California	500	1,617	500	867
U.S. Atlantic Ports	117,099	40,264	123,658	60,192
Eastern Markets	-	-	4,678	4,527
Export Markets	150,677	191,396	141,635	186,274
Total	268,276	233,277	270,471	251,860
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	375,643	304,356	379,736	325,348
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS	7,417	1,283	9,481	6,151

Table 6 - Number of Active Mills Reporting

May, 1960

		May		April	
		1959	1960	1959	1960
Coast	No.	80	67	80	70
Interior		214	179	195	183
Total, British Columbia	No.	294	246	275	253

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

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