

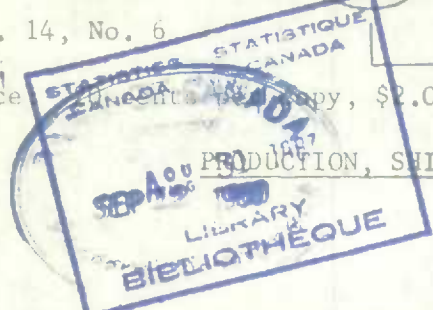


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

June, 1960

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 491,887 M ft. in June, 1960 as compared with 498,140 M ft. in June, 1959 a decrease of 1.3 p.c. from the previous year but an increase of 8.6 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 51.2 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 0.5 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 48.8 p.c. showed a decrease of 3.0 p.c. Shipments in June, 1960 totalled 490,327 M ft., as compared with 525,844 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 6.8 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 10.7 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 4.1 p.c. Total shipments for June increased by 8.6 p.c. over the May figure of 451,512 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of June amounted to 689,652 M ft., as compared with 517,844 M ft. at the end of June the previous year and 728,684 M ft. at the end of May of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 357,361 M ft., while Interior mills showed 332,291 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 May and June 1959 and 1960. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 417,100 M ft. in May, 1959 to 452,819 M ft. in May, 1960 but decreased from 498,140 M ft. in June, 1959 to 491,887 M ft. in June, 1960. Shipments totalled 451,512 M ft. in May, 1960 and 490,327 M ft. in June, 1960 as compared with 465,036 M ft. in May, 1959 and 525,844 M ft. in June of 1959. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 532,146 M ft. in May, 1959 to 517,844 M ft. in June, 1959 and decreased from 728,684 M ft. in May, 1960 to 689,652 M ft. in June 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 251,906 M ft. in June, 1960 as compared with 238,516 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 52 M ft. in June as compared with 1,413 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 51.2 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in June, 1960 as compared with 50.3 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during May, 1959 and 1960 respectively, were 57.6 and 53.5 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 252,065 M ft. in June of 1960 and 252,923 M ft. in May, 1960 as compared with 277,320 M ft. in June, 1959 and 273,347 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 238,262 M ft. and 248,524 M ft. in June, 1960 and 1959 and 198,589 M ft. and 191,689 M ft. in May, 1960 and 1959. Of all shipments actually reported for June, 1960, 35.6 p.c. went to points in Canada, 42.6 p.c. to points in United States, 10.8 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 11.0 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 32.5 p.c. of the total, while 42.2 p.c. went by rail, and 25.3 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 May and June, 1960 amounted to 360,848 M ft. and 357,361 M ft. as compared with 285,180 M ft. and 264,584 M ft. in May and June of 1959 Interior mills stocks increased from 246,966 M ft. in May to 253,260 M ft. in June, 1959 and decreased from 367,836 M ft. in May to 332,291 M ft. in June, 1960. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 42.0 p.c. of the total in June, 1960 as compared with 26.1 p.c. in June, 1959 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 93.6 and 90.1.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of May and June, 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 June, 1960 amounted to 274,641 M ft. as compared with 302,979 M ft. in June, 1959. Orders on hand at the end of May 1960 and 1959 amounted to 304,356 M ft. and 375,643 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 1,951 M ft. in June, 1960 and 12,584 M ft. in June, 1959 as compared with 1,283 M ft. in May, 1960 and 7,417 M ft. in May, 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 June accounted for 80 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1958 compared with 79.0 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for May, 1959 and 1960 were 79.6 and 77.1 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, June, 1960

Species	June		May		6 months	
	1959 M ft.	1960 M ft.	1959 M ft.	1960 M ft.	1959 M ft.	1960 M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	214,449	198,443	176,944	186,169	1,081,418	1,041,178
Hemlock	89,374	101,055	88,468	93,719	522,766	597,776
Balsam Fir	4,382	4,554	3,448	6,127	25,265	26,918
Red Cedar	52,664	58,101	54,810	54,404	283,434	316,955
Spruce	106,544	102,452	71,664	88,347	529,129	546,659
White Pine	5,332	6,048	3,212	5,387	28,017	30,502
Penderosa Pine	4,731	4,326	5,422	4,626	20,367	19,059
Lodgepole Pine	9,633	8,998	5,306	7,934	45,465	46,909
Tamarack or Larch	8,291	7,591	5,542	5,829	33,502	34,370
All other softwoods ..	2,389	14	1,671	49	9,080	130
Total softwoods	497,789	491,582	416,487	452,591	2,578,443	2,660,456
Red Alder	114	91	153	66	687	414
Maple	156	159	218	112	874	932
Birch	43	31	34	25	167	126
Cottonwood	33	24	204	25	355	185
All other Hardwoods ..	5	-	4	-	49	-
Total hardwoods	351	305	613	228	2,132	1,657
Total production ...	498,140	491,887	417,100	452,819	2,580,575	2,662,113
SHIPMENTS						
TO: Points in Canada ..	172,664	148,411	137,323	122,448	853,513	733,578
Points in U.S.A. ..	218,821	177,948	219,968	187,629	1,113,660	1,010,118
United Kingdom	22,940	45,280	21,892	36,711	134,994	245,787
Other Countries ...	33,220	45,898	25,670	36,193	185,612	206,741
Shipments reported ...	447,645	417,537	404,853	382,981	2,287,779	2,196,224
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .	78,199	72,790	60,183	68,531	371,366	356,872
Total shipments	525,844	490,327	465,036	451,512	2,659,145	2,553,096
STOCKS ON HAND						
	June		May			
	1959 M ft.	1960 M ft.	1959 M ft.	1960 M ft.		
Douglas Fir	171,859	215,072	173,235	229,498		
Hemlock	91,609	144,209	102,424	142,564		
Balsam Fir	898	3,047	1,286	3,651		
Red Cedar	64,513	89,313	69,577	90,755		
Spruce	154,740	189,725	144,961	212,747		
White Pine	14,961	17,763	18,820	17,849		
Ponderosa Pine	10,536	14,350	12,843	15,893		
Lodgepole Pine	4,497	10,706	3,032	10,319		
Tamarack or Larch	2,395	5,366	3,016	5,240		
All other softwoods	1,824	12	2,660	93		
Total softwoods	517,832	689,563	531,854	728,609		
Red Alder	-	-	-	-		
Maple	2	-	3	-		
Birch	1	-	4	-		
Cottonwood	9	87	285	73		
All other hardwoods	-	2	-	2		
Total hardwoods	12	89	292	75		
Total Stocks	517,844	689,652	532,146	728,684		

* Revised.

Table 2 - Lumber and Ties Sawn, June, 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	92,856	3,386	96,242	61,727	39,666	101,393
Hemlock	92,733	726	93,459	4,799	2,782	7,581
Balsam Fir	2,116	53	2,169	1,526	854	2,380
Red Cedar	51,171	885	52,056	4,264	1,781	6,045
Spruce	4,935	265	5,200	61,629	35,605	97,234
White Pine	2,453	13	2,466	2,314	1,264	3,578
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	3,369	943	4,312
Lodgepole Pine	-	14	14	3,457	5,009	8,466
Tamarack or Larch	-	23	23	3,368	4,117	7,485
All other softwoods ...	-	11	11	3	-	3
Total, softwoods ..	246,264	5,376	251,640	146,456	92,021	238,477
Red Alder	52	39	91	-	-	-
Maple	146	13	159	-	-	-
Birch	9	7	16	3	12	15
Cottonwood	-	-	-	21	3	24
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	207	59	266	24	15	39
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	246,471	5,435	251,906	146,480	92,036	238,516
Ties						
Douglas Fir	38	14	52	298	458	756
Hemlock	-	-	-	-	15	15
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	5	5
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	18	18
White Pine	-	-	-	-	4	4
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	14	14
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	56	462	518
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	-	83	83
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	38	14	52	354	1,059	1,413
Red alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	38	14	52	354	1,059	1,413
Lumber and Ties	246,509	5,449	251,958	146,834	93,095	239,929

Table 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, June 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	48,762	2,721	3,615	55,098
Yukon and Northwest Territories .	-	12	-	12
Alberta	-	1,803	xxxxxxxxxx	1,803
Saskatchewan	-	584	xxxxxxxxxx	584
Manitoba	-	1,626	xxxxxxxxxx	1,626
Ontario	17	6,322	-	6,339
Quebec	-	1,906	-	1,906
New Brunswick	-	383	376	759
Nova Scotia	-	156	-	156
Prince Edward Island	-	16	-	16
Newfoundland	-	475	-	475
Total for Canada	48,779	16,004	3,991	68,774
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports	149	756	1,485	2,390
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxxxxxx	1,335	41,669	43,004
Other points	526	43,308	xxxxxxxxxx	43,834
Total for U.S.A.	675	45,399	43,154	89,228
United Kingdom	xxxxxxxxxx	* 500	43,214	43,714
Other countries	xxxxxxxxxx	* 772	45,126	45,898
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	49,454	62,675	135,485	247,614
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				4,451
Total shipments, reported and estimated				252,065
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	39,338	8,740	-	48,078
Yukon and Northwest Territories .	-	16	-	16
Alberta	3,104	4,585	xxxxxxxxxx	7,689
Saskatchewan	897	3,033	xxxxxxxxxx	3,930
Manitoba	273	4,789	xxxxxxxxxx	5,062
Ontario	1,902	11,376	-	13,278
Quebec	-	1,542	-	1,542
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	42	-	42
Total for Canada	45,514	34,123	-	79,637
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports	320	111	-	431
Atlantic Ports	xxxxxxxxxx	3,653	-	3,653
Other points	10,240	74,396	xxxxxxxxxx	84,636
Total for U.S.A.	10,560	78,160	-	88,720
United Kingdom	xxxxxxxxxx	*1,494	* 72	1,566
Other countries	xxxxxxxxxx	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	56,074	113,777	72	169,923
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				68,339
Total shipments, reported and estimated				238,262
* Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4 - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, June, 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	82,854	1,832	84,686	6,912	4,382	11,294
Hemlock	73,774	1,631	75,405	-	-	-
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	40,818	902	41,720	-	-	-
Spruce	602	13	615	4,593	2,912	7,505
White Pine	4,738	105	4,843	318	202	520
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	510	323	833
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	760	482	1,242
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other softwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	202,786	4,483	207,269	13,093	8,301	21,394
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	202,786	4,483	207,269	13,093	8,301	21,394
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	48,554	1,073	49,627	42,512	26,953	69,465
Hemlock	58,486	1,293	59,779	5,523	3,502	9,025
Balsam Fir	607	13	620	1,485	942	2,427
Red Cedar	36,212	801	37,013	6,475	4,105	10,580
Spruce	1,161	26	1,187	110,414	70,004	180,418
White Pine	1,594	35	1,629	6,592	4,179	10,771
Ponderosa Pine	229	5	234	8,129	5,154	13,283
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	5,792	3,672	9,464
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	3,284	2,082	5,366
All other softwoods ..	1	-	1	7	4	11
Total, softwoods ...	146,844	3,246	150,090	190,213	120,597	310,810
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	53	34	87
All other hardwoods ..	2	-	2	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	2	-	2	53	34	87
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	146,846	3,246	150,092	190,266	120,631	310,897
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>	349,632	7,729	357,361	203,359	128,932	332,291

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

Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	June		May	
	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	21,312	14,765	25,461	16,417
Coastwise and Interior	4,277	2,444	6,012	2,622
Total	25,589	17,209	31,473	19,039
<u>For shipments by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces	4,947	3,476	6,299	5,069
Eastern Provinces	10,136	6,876	14,199	7,173
United States of America	41,915	33,854	55,396	39,798
Total	56,998	44,206	75,894	52,040
<u>For Waterborne shipments to:</u>				
California	535	1,498	500	1,617
U.S. Atlantic Ports	77,400	27,759	117,099	40,264
Eastern Markets	-	2,955	-	-
Export Markets	142,457	181,014	150,677	191,396
Total	220,392	213,226	268,276	233,277
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	302,979	274,641	375,643	304,356
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS	12,584	1,951	7,417	1,283

Table 6 - Number of Active Mills Reporting

June, 1960

		June		May	
		1959	1960	1959	1960
Coast	No.	80	73	80	67
Interior	No.	255	235	214	179
Total, British Columbia	No.	335	308	294	246

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

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