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

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 457,492 M ft. in September, 1960 as compared with 350,487 M ft. in September, 1959 an increase of 30.5 p.c. over the previous year but a decrease of 8.2 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which accounts for 52 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 76.1 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 48 p.c. showed an increase of 1.9 p.c. Shipments in September, 1960 totalled 439,681 M ft., as compared with 321,889 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 36.6 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 127.8 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 8.6 p.c. Total shipments for September decreased by 7.9 p.c. from the August figure of 477,421 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of September, 1960 amounted to 740,301 M ft., as compared with 532,264 M ft. at the end of September the previous year and 737,182 M ft. at the end of August of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 369,165 M ft., while Interior mills showed 371,136 M ft.

Summary Figures

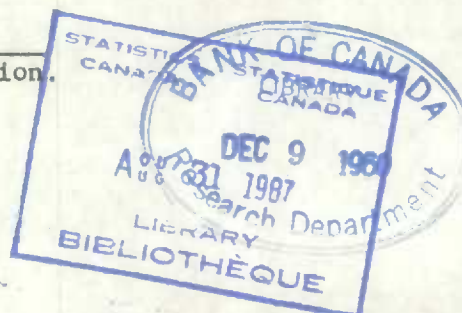
Table 1 gives a comparative summary of production, shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills for August and September 1959 and 1960. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 261,987 M ft. in August, 1959 to 350,487 M ft. in September, 1959 but decreased from 498,508 M ft. in August to 457,492 M ft. in September, 1960. Shipments totalled 477,421 M ft. in August, 1960 and 439,681 M ft. in September, 1960 as compared with 250,761 M ft. in August, 1959 and 321,889 M ft. in September of 1959. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 508,153 M ft. in August, 1959 to 532,264 M ft. in September 1959 and increased from 737,182 M ft. in August, 1960 to 740,301 M ft. in September 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 237,108 M ft. in September, 1960 as compared with 216,062 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 927 M ft. in September as compared with 3,395 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 52 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in September, 1960 as compared with 38.6 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during August, 1960 and 1959 respectively, were 49.0 and 7.5 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 242,922 M ft. in September of 1960 and 232,983 M ft. in August, 1960 as compared with 106,624 M ft. in September, 1959 and 17,699 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 196,759 M ft. and 215,265 M ft. in September, 1960 and 1959 and 244,438 M ft. and 233,062 M ft. in August, 1960 and 1959. Of all shipments actually reported for September, 1960, 32.9 p.c. went to points in Canada, 44.5 p.c. to points in United States, 15.2 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 7.4 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 38 p.c. of the total, while 39.6 p.c. went by rail, 22.4 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 August and September, 1960 amounted to 362,016 M ft. and 369,165 M ft. as compared with 263,954 M ft. and 272,859 M ft. in August and September of 1959. Interior mills stocks increased from 244,199 M ft. in August to 259,405 M ft. in September, 1959 and decreased from 375,166 M ft. in August to 371,136 M ft. in September, 1960. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 42 p.c. of the total in September, 1960 as compared with 35.1 p.c. in September, 1959 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 91 and 92.2.

### Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of August and September, 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 September, 1960 amounted to 297,414 M ft. as compared with 320,828 M ft. in September, 1959. Orders on hand at the end of August, 1960 and 1959 amounted to 336,171 M ft. and 296,675 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 1,074 M ft. in September, 1960 and 5,165 M ft. in September, 1959 as compared with 2,205 M ft. in August, 1960 and 722 M ft. in August, 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 September accounted for 77.7 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1958 compared with 80.6 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for August, 1959 and 1960 were 78.6 and 79.2 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

Species	September		August		9 months	
	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<b>PRODUCTION</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	137,595	180,349	109,370	196,697	1,459,888	1,583,283
Hemlock .....	53,654	106,472	9,522	104,575	608,824	872,355
Balsam Fir .....	2,973	3,281	1,749	2,905	31,815	35,602
Red Cedar .....	35,805	50,781	9,300	56,175	341,145	464,646
Spruce .....	94,770	92,740	105,435	110,327	835,722	847,783
White Pine .....	5,647	5,652	4,649	6,689	42,228	47,613
Ponderosa Pine .....	3,746	2,267	3,133	3,898	30,930	28,726
Lodgepole Pine .....	7,241	8,825	10,116	9,636	73,061	75,014
Tamarack or Larch ....	6,805	6,706	7,933	7,274	56,665	55,735
All other softwoods ..	1,976	13	639	13	12,176	166
Total softwoods ....	350,212	457,086	261,846	498,189	3,492,454	4,010,923
Red Alder .....	129	126	49	92	912	674
Maple .....	108	248	34	190	1,061	1,519
Birch .....	28	30	20	34	250	215
Cottonwood .....	10	2	27	3	400	225
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	11	-	60	-
Total hardwoods ....	275	406	141	319	2,683	2,633
Total production ...	350,487	457,492	261,987	498,508	3,495,137	4,013,556
<b>SHIPMENTS</b>						
TO: Points in Canada ..	113,591	123,427	85,857	140,473	1,166,276	1,122,505
Points in U.S.A. ..	127,666	166,555	88,927	181,483	1,448,640	1,492,090
United Kingdom ....	11,468	57,066	2,901	45,436	158,899	378,488
Other Countries ...	7,098	27,599	391	31,699	199,369	287,963
Shipments reported ...	259,823	374,647	178,076	399,091	2,973,184	3,281,046
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .	62,066	65,034	72,685	78,330	582,446	570,231
Total shipments ....	321,889	439,681	250,761	477,421	3,555,630	3,851,277
			September		August	
			1959	1960	1959	1960
			M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<b>STOCKS ON HAND</b>						
Douglas Fir .....			160,811	219,020	180,407	220,939
Hemlock .....			106,684	165,097	77,963	156,820
Balsam Fir .....			1,524	1,713	669	1,139
Red Cedar .....			66,684	91,554	69,213	90,648
Spruce .....			164,644	215,896	151,320	209,524
White Pine .....			13,800	14,353	13,075	15,024
Ponderosa Pine ....			8,194	15,265	5,510	18,182
Lodgepole Pine .....			5,151	11,881	5,140	17,796
Tamarack or Larch .....			3,206	5,006	3,148	6,715
All other softwoods .....			1,434	336	1,677	308
Total softwoods .....			532,132	740,121	508,122	737,095
Red Alder .....			-	-	-	-
Maple .....			2	-	2	-
Birch .....			1	-	1	3
Cottonwood .....			129	178	28	82
All other hardwoods .....			-	2	-	2
Total hardwoods .....			132	180	31	87
Total stocks .....			532,264	740,301	508,153	737,182

Table 2 - Lumber and Ties Sawn, September, 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 .....	81,799	2,824	84,623	51,386	41,635	93,021
Hemlock .....	98,204	995	99,199	4,790	2,448	7,238
Balsam Fir .....	1,421	48	1,469	1,027	772	1,799
Red Cedar .....	44,892	745	45,637	3,300	1,794	5,094
Spruce .....	4,799	216	5,015	52,415	35,229	87,644
White Pine .....	735	15	750	3,505	1,389	4,894
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	1,341	892	2,233
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	12	12	2,489	5,219	7,708
Tamarack or Larch .....	-	-	-	2,169	4,246	6,415
All other softwoods ...	-	10	10	3	-	3
Total, softwoods ..	231,850	4,865	236,715	122,425	93,624	216,049
Red Alder .....	90	36	126	-	-	-
Maple .....	235	13	248	-	-	-
Birch .....	13	6	19	-	11	11
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	2	2
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	338	55	393	-	13	13
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	232,188	4,920	237,108	122,425	93,637	216,062
<u>Ties</u>						
Douglas Fir .....	772	105	877	828	1,000	1,828
Hemlock .....	-	-	-	-	35	35
Balsam Fir .....	-	-	-	-	13	13
Red Cedar .....	50	-	50	-	-	-
Spruce .....	-	-	-	-	81	81
White Pine .....	-	-	-	-	8	8
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	-	34	34
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	64	1,041	1,105
Tamarack or Larch .....	-	-	-	53	238	291
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	822	105	927	945	2,450	3,395
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	822	105	927	945	2,450	3,395
<u>LUMBER AND TIES</u>	233,010	5,025	238,035	123,370	96,087	219,457



Table 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, September, 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 .....	41,633	1,102	4,017	46,752
Yukon and Northwest Territories .	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	1	1,904	xxx	1,905
Saskatchewan .....	-	418	xxx	418
Manitoba .....	-	939	xxx	939
Ontario .....	-	5,340	-	5,340
Quebec .....	-	1,213	1,202	2,415
New Brunswick .....	-	84	-	84
Nova Scotia .....	-	277	-	277
Prince Edward Island .....	-	10	-	10
Newfoundland .....	-	249	-	249
Total for Canada .....	41,634	11,536	5,219	58,389
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	258	658	2,710	3,626
Atlantic Ports .....	-	3,923	50,122	54,045
Other points .....	1,248	37,350	-	38,598
Total for U.S.A. ....	1,506	41,931	52,832	96,269
United Kingdom .....	xxx	329	56,608	56,937
Other countries .....	xxx	-	27,599	27,599
Destination or carrier not specified .....				
Total shipments reported .....	43,140	53,796	142,258	239,194
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				3,728
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				242,922
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia .....	33,220	6,187	-	39,407
Yukon and Northwest Territories .	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	2,537	3,010	xxx	5,547
Saskatchewan .....	808	3,101	xxx	3,909
Manitoba .....	69	4,304	xxx	4,373
Ontario .....	-	10,523	-	10,523
Quebec .....	-	1,223	-	1,223
New Brunswick .....	-	56	-	56
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	36,634	28,404	-	65,038
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	274	435	-	709
Atlantic Ports .....	xxx	1,930	-	1,930
Other points .....	3,821	63,826	xxx	67,647
Total for U.S.A. ....	4,095	66,191	-	70,286
United Kingdom .....	xxx	*129	-	129
Other countries .....	xxx	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified .....				
Total shipments reported .....	40,729	94,724	-	135,453
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				61,306
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				196,759

\* Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port

Table 4 - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, September, 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 .....	79,105	1,706	80,811	7,369	5,740	13,109
Hemlock .....	82,507	1,780	84,287	-	-	-
Balsam Fir .....	11	-	11	-	-	-
Red Cedar .....	42,524	917	43,441	188	146	334
Spruce .....	3,011	65	3,076	8,750	6,815	15,565
White Pine .....	2,800	60	2,860	777	605	1,382
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	562	438	1,000
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	1,166	908	2,074
Tamarack or Larch ....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other softwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	209,958	4,528	214,486	18,812	14,652	33,464
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	2	-	2	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	2	-	2	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	209,960	4,528	214,488	18,812	14,652	33,464
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir .....	46,008	992	47,000	43,905	34,195	78,100
Hemlock .....	67,579	1,457	69,036	6,619	5,155	11,774
Balsam Fir .....	-	-	-	957	745	1,702
Red Cedar .....	33,432	721	34,153	7,660	5,966	13,626
Spruce .....	2,010	43	2,053	109,735	85,467	195,202
White Pine .....	1,837	40	1,877	4,629	3,605	8,234
Ponderosa Pine .....	295	6	281	7,861	6,123	13,984
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	5,513	4,294	9,807
Tamarack or Larch ....	-	-	-	2,814	2,192	5,006
All other softwoods ..	271	6	277	33	26	59
Total, softwoods ...	151,412	3,265	154,677	189,726	147,768	337,494
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	100	78	178
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	100	78	178
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	151,412	3,265	154,677	189,826	147,846	337,672
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>	361,372	7,793	369,165	208,638	162,498	371,136

Table 5 - Comparative Summary of Distribution of Orders on Hand and  
Lumber Purchased by Coast Mills from Other Mills

	September		August	
	1959	1960	1959	1960
	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
<u>For shipments to points in British Columbia</u>				
Local .....	19,802	12,069	13,222	14,322
Coastwise and Interior .....	4,085	1,428	5,130	1,744
Total .....	23,887	13,497	18,352	16,066
<u>For shipments by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces .....	5,865	2,853	5,186	3,153
Eastern Provinces .....	13,830	6,875	12,055	6,686
United States of America .....	47,084	36,496	39,243	37,965
Total .....	66,779	46,224	56,484	47,804
<u>For Waterborne shipments to:</u>				
California .....	-	841	-	3,018
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	43,074	46,265	59,509	68,098
Eastern Markets .....	3,350	-	-	1,025
Export Markets .....	183,738	190,587	162,330	200,160
Total .....	230,162	237,693	221,839	272,301
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND .....	320,828	297,414	296,675	336,171
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS	5,165	1,074	722	2,205

Table 6 - Number of Active Mills Reporting

		September		August	
		1959	1960	1959	1960
Coast .....	No.	77	69	22	68
Interior .....	No.	255	210	259	215
Total, British Columbia .....	No.	332	279	281	283

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



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