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

January, 1961

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 413,737 M bd. ft. in January, 1961 as compared with 384,261 M bd. ft. in December, 1960. Shipments decreased in January, 1961 to 370,851 M bd. ft. from 391,214 in December, 1960. Stocks on hand showed an increase from 735,798 Mbd. ft. in December, 1960 to 777,954 M bd. ft. in January, 1961.

Table 1 gives a comparative summary of production, shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills, while Table 2 gives particulars of lumber and tie production for Coast mills and Interior mills separately. Details of lumber and tie shipments by method of transport are given in Table 3, while Table 4 shows particulars of stocks of lumber and ties at sawmills. It should be noted that some lumber originally reported as having been shipped to points within British Columbia by some operators may also be reported as having been shipped by other operators, who, in addition to sawing lumber, also purchase or have lumber sawn by contract for them. This, of course, would result in some duplication.

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand for Coast mills only, and also includes lumber purchases and some details of destination and method of transport. Total orders on hand at the end of January amounted to 373,328 M bd. ft. as compared with 419,337 M bd. ft. in December, 1960. Purchases from other mills amounted to 1,794 M bd. ft. in January, 1961, as compared with 2,549 M bd. ft. in December, 1960.

Table 6 gives the number of active mills reporting each month for the Coast and the Interior of British Columbia. The mills reporting for January accounted for 80 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1958 compared with 77.5 p.c. for January of the previous year. It is to be 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.

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

Species	January 1960		January 1961		January 1959		January 1960	
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	
PRODUCTION								
Douglas Fir	161,944		154,276		157,347		159,175	
Hemlock	89,936		104,309		97,474		96,027	
Balsam Fir	3,730		3,337		3,861		3,083	
Red Cedar	46,818		44,427		47,598		35,552	
Spruce	83,432		86,069		78,375		68,496	
White Pine	3,512		4,982		5,852		6,983	
Ponderosa Pine	1,509		1,153		2,268		1,099	
Lodgepole Pine	7,397		8,114		5,624		7,196	
Tamarack or Larch	4,611		5,118		5,342		4,797	
All other softwoods ..	38		1,701		747		1,697	
Total softwoods	402,927		413,486		404,488		384,105	
Red Alder	86		49		53		57	
Maple	276		156		85		77	
Birch	19		43		11		20	
Cottonwood	86		3		84		2	
All other hardwoods ..	-		-		-		-	
Total hardwoods	467		251		233		156	
Total production ...	403,394		413,737		404,721		384,261	
SHIPMENTS								
TO: Points in Canada ..	104,042		105,419		109,919		100,585	
Points in U.S.A. ..	132,601		138,044		141,819		156,126	
United Kingdom	34,913		50,897		56,881		41,368	
Other Countries ...	27,632		25,361		35,888		38,693	
Shipments reported ...	299,188		319,721		344,507		336,772	
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .	48,057		51,130		52,844		54,442	
Total shipments	347,245		370,851		397,351		391,214	
			January 1960	January 1961		December 1959	December 1960	
			M ft.	M ft.		M ft.	M ft.	
STOCKS ON HAND								
Douglas Fir			244,448	251,623		215,587	245,967	
Hemlock			155,855	175,042		148,467	161,320	
Balsam Fir			1,799	2,620		1,379	1,742	
Red Cedar			67,290	95,492		66,806	88,580	
Spruce			173,217	210,395		135,671	189,069	
White Pine			16,799	13,711		16,938	22,481	
Ponderosa Pine			12,537	7,988		9,956	14,463	
Lodgepole Pine			7,173	5,335		4,714	4,237	
Tamarack or Larch			6,452	10,046		5,228	6,536	
All other softwoods			1,209	5,382		1,185	1,174	
Total softwoods			686,779	777,634		605,931	735,569	
Red Alder			-	51		-	38	
Maple			2	164		-	121	
Birch			-	2		-	2	
Cottonwood			35	103		37	68	
All other hardwoods			-	-		-	-	
Total hardwoods			37	320		37	229	
Total stocks			686,816	777,954		605,968	735,798	

Table 2 - Lumber and Ties Sawn, January, 1961

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	70,816	3,257	74,073	44,432	32,822	77,254
Hemlock	98,869	1,005	99,874	2,414	1,991	4,405
Balsam Fir	1,029	52	1,081	1,539	705	2,244
Red Cedar	40,072	838	40,910	1,854	1,663	3,517
Spruce	3,167	205	3,372	54,950	27,673	82,623
White Pine	1,387	11	1,398	2,502	1,037	3,539
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	573	549	1,122
Lodgepole Pine	-	11	11	3,062	4,121	7,183
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	2,430	2,503	4,933
All other softwoods ...	1,691	9	1,700	1	-	1
Total, softwoods ..	217,031	5,388	222,419	113,757	73,064	186,821
Red Alder	16	33	49	-	-	-
Maple	144	12	156	-	-	-
Birch	23	6	29	-	14	14
Cottonwood	-	-	-	1	2	3
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	183	51	234	1	16	17
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	217,214	5,439	222,653	113,758	73,080	186,838
Ties						
Douglas Fir	1,047	115	1,162	871	916	1,787
Hemlock	-	-	-	-	30	30
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	12	12
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	74	74
White Pine	-	-	-	-	45	45
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	31	31
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	10	910	920
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	6	179	185
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	1,047	115	1,162	887	2,197	3,084
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	1,047	115	1,162	887	2,197	3,084
LUMBER AND TIES	218,261	5,554	223,815	114,645	75,277	189,922

Table 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, January, 1961

		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	35,946	967	3,636	40,549
	Yukon and Northwest Territories .	-	-	-	-
	Alberta	10	1,417	xxx	1,427
	Saskatchewan	38	753	xxx	791
	Manitoba	-	663	xxx	663
	Ontario	-	3,807	-	3,807
	Quebec	-	821	-	821
	New Brunswick	-	50	-	50
	Nova Scotia	-	34	-	34
	Prince Edward Island	-	29	-	29
	Newfoundland	-	161	-	161
	Total for Canada	35,994	8,702	3,636	48,332
	<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
	Pacific Ports	204	429	1,401	2,034
	Atlantic Ports	-	1,536	50,913	52,449
	Other points	778	28,737	-	29,515
	Total for U.S.A.	982	30,702	52,314	83,998
	United Kingdom	xxx *	522	49,690	50,212
	Other countries	xxx *	315	25,046	25,361
Destination or carrier not specified					-
	Total shipments reported	36,976	40,241	130,686	207,903
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills					4,079
	Total shipments, reported and estimated				211,982
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>					
TO:	<u>Points in Canada:</u>				
	British Columbia	36,287	3,586	-	39,873
	Yukon and Northwest Territories .	-	-	-	-
	Alberta	1,750	2,590	xxx	4,340
	Saskatchewan	200	2,701	xxx	2,901
	Manitoba	-	3,378	xxx	3,378
	Ontario	-	5,520	-	5,520
	Quebec	-	1,075	-	1,075
	New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
	Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
	Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
	Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
	Total for Canada	38,237	18,850	-	57,087
	<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
	Pacific Ports	-	127	-	127
	Atlantic Ports	xxx	157	-	157
	Other points	35	53,727	xxx	53,762
	Total for U.S.A.	35	54,011	-	54,046
	United Kingdom	xxx *	175	510	685
	Other countries	xxx	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified					-
	Total shipments reported	38,272	73,036	510	111,818
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills					47,051
	Total shipments, reported and estimated				158,869

* Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard port.

Table 4 - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, January 31, 1961

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	93,038	2,368	95,406	6,100	4,005	10,105
Hemlock	95,904	2,440	98,344	5	3	8
Balsam Fir	120	3	123	413	271	684
Red Cedar	43,969	1,119	45,088	-	-	-
Spruce	4,665	119	4,784	6,251	4,105	10,356
White Pine	2,768	70	2,838	597	392	989
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	429	282	711
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	508	334	842
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	337	221	558
All other softwoods ..	767	20	787	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	241,231	6,139	247,370	14,640	9,613	24,253
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	241,231	6,139	247,370	14,640	9,613	24,253
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	44,357	1,129	45,486	60,742	39,884	100,626
Hemlock	59,750	1,520	61,270	9,308	6,112	15,420
Balsam Fir	152	4	156	1,000	657	1,657
Red Cedar	38,139	970	39,109	6,818	4,477	11,295
Spruce	1,947	50	1,997	116,659	76,599	193,258
White Pine	1,192	30	1,222	5,229	3,433	8,662
Ponderosa Pine	298	8	306	4,208	2,763	6,971
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	2,712	1,781	4,493
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	5,728	3,760	9,488
All other softwoods ..	4,242	108	4,350	148	97	245
Total, softwoods ...	150,077	3,819	153,896	212,552	139,563	352,115
Red Alder	50	1	51	-	-	-
Maple	160	4	164	-	-	-
Birch	2	-	2	-	-	-
Cottonwood	27	1	28	45	30	75
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	239	6	245	45	30	75
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	150,316	3,825	154,141	212,597	139,593	352,190
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>						
	391,547	9,964	401,511	227,237	149,206	376,443

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

	1960	January 1961	1959	December 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	19,627	16,711	17,516	15,537
Coastwise and Interior	2,900	2,221	2,767	2,201
Total	22,527	18,932	20,283	17,738
<u>For shipments by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces	8,038	4,025	5,134	3,000
Eastern Provinces	8,353	12,203	10,869	8,659
United States of America	39,937	35,683	45,755	32,609
Total	56,328	51,911	61,758	44,268
<u>For Waterborne shipments to:</u>				
California	2,502	2,074	1,610	927
U.S. Atlantic Ports	135,879	139,303	142,535	163,813
Eastern Markets	3,195	2,991	2,610	900
Export Markets	237,789	158,117	242,098	191,691
Total	379,365	302,485	388,853	357,331
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	458,220	373,328	470,894	419,337
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS	6,284	1,794	7,432	2,549

Table 6 - Number of Active Mills Reporting

		January 1960	1961	December 1959	1960
Coast	No.	75	63	78	64
Interior	No.	221	194	213	186
Total, British Columbia	No.	296	257	291	250

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

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