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

MAY, 1962

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 486,627 M bd. ft. in May, 1962 as compared with 406,182 M bd. ft, in April 1962. Shipments increased in May, 1962 to 533,922 M bd. ft. from 460,113 in April, 1962. Stocks on hand showed a decrease from 773,850 M bd. ft. in April, 1962 to 678,039 M bd. ft. in May 1962.

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.

Table 6 gives the number of mills reporting for the Coast and the Interior of British Columbia. The mills reporting for May accounted for 80.7 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1960 compared with 76.2 p.c. for May 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.

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

Species	May		April		5 months	
	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962
	M ft.b.m.					
Production:						
Douglas Fir	185,843	188,055	164,814	141,291	884,267	843,257
Hemlock	103,639	121,818	96,876	119,770	512,383	595,661
Balsam Fir	5,606	3,046	4,039	4,986	19,738	24,006
Red Cedar	54,672	55,787	54,498	50,401	257,519	261,265
Spruce	81,169	93,998	53,735	67,886	436,934	546,386
White Pine	6,041	5,211	8,764	7,215	33,562	33,178
Ponderosa Pine	2,270	3,708	3,476	2,617	11,062	11,154
Lodgepole Pine	6,911	5,974	5,413	5,108	40,098	41,291
Tamarack or Larch	5,046	6,348	3,908	4,783	26,209	25,700
All other softwoods	2,641	2,134	2,681	1,640	11,591	9,193
Total softwoods	453,838	486,079	398,204	405,697	2,233,363	2,391,091
Red Alder	76	225	110	182	475	691
Maple	150	250	80	248	638	844
Birch	21	53	29	33	147	171
Cottonwood	-	20	167	22	176	151
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	247	548	386	485	1,436	1,857
Total production	454,085	486,627	398,590	406,182	2,234,799	2,392,948
Shipments						
To: Points in Canada	129,777	127,376	113,843	112,385	589,034	595,638
Points in U.S.A.	205,184	240,690	195,596	221,804	902,927	1,075,076
United Kingdom	33,310	29,809	33,173	32,114	195,642	161,168
Other Countries	41,594	51,453	37,917	37,465	171,687	193,640
Shipments reported	409,865	449,328	380,529	403,768	1,859,290	2,025,522
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	58,103	84,594	50,206	56,345	284,738	346,482
Total shipments	467,968	533,922	430,735	460,113	2,144,028	2,372,004

	May		April	
	1961	1962	1961	1962
	M ft.b.m.		M ft.b.m.	
Stocks on hand:				
Douglas Fir	211,174	176,899	230,514	187,461
Hemlock	144,198	152,152	145,496	164,067
Balsam Fir	7,231	4,239	3,188	6,455
Red Cedar	105,025	80,414	104,413	91,316
Spruce	216,728	224,199	235,212	281,075
White Pine	13,903	11,545	15,560	12,028
Ponderosa Pine	7,253	9,415	13,913	7,444
Lodgepole Pine	11,122	7,917	8,209	12,396
Tamarack or Larch	4,194	4,538	7,268	4,126
All other softwoods	7,295	6,212	6,412	7,323
Total softwoods	728,123	677,530	770,185	773,691
Red Alder	38	93	9	74
Maple	42	74	32	41
Birch	-	88	-	37
Cottonwood	365	254	406	7
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	445	509	447	159
Total stocks	728,568	678,039	770,632	773,850

TABLE 2 - Lumber and Ties Sawn, May, 1962

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
	M ft.b.m.					
Lumber						
Douglas Fir	98,343	4,143	102,486	50,765	34,064	84,829
Hemlock	112,746	1,087	113,833	5,735	2,250	7,985
Balsam Fir	437	62	499	1,630	917	2,547
Red Cedar	48,284	769	49,053	5,122	1,612	6,734
Spruce	5,093	1,841	6,934	59,560	27,449	87,009
White Pine	2,517	6	2,523	1,585	1,103	2,688
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	2,945	734	3,679
Lodgepole Pine	-	127	127	2,571	3,042	5,613
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	2,027	4,308	6,335
All other softwoods	2,025	98	2,123	-	11	11
Total, softwoods	269,445	8,133	277,578	131,940	75,490	207,430
Red Alder	144	81	225	-	-	-
Maple	96	154	250	-	-	-
Birch	30	14	44	-	9	9
Cottonwood	-	2	2	3	15	18
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	270	251	521	3	24	27
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	269,715	8,384	278,099	131,943	75,514	207,457
Ties						
Douglas Fir	50	4	54	151	535	686
Hemlock	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	51	4	55
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	20	9	29
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	30	204	234
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	-	13	13
All other softwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods	50	4	54	252	765	1,017
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	50	4	54	252	765	1,017
Lumber and ties	269,765	8,388	278,153	132,195	76,279	208,474

TABLE 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, May, 1962

	By truck and local sales	By rail	Water-borne	Total shipments
		M ft.b.m.		
Coast mills				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	50,246	1,582	3,578	55,406
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	13	-	13
Alberta	8	2,149	...	2,157
Saskatchewan	-	764	...	764
Manitoba	-	1,091	...	1,091
Ontario	-	5,828	-	5,828
Quebec	-	2,449	-	2,449
New Brunswick	-	479	-	479
Nova Scotia	-	105	-	105
Prince Edward Island	-	21	-	21
Newfoundland	-	349	-	349
Total for Canada	50,254	14,830	3,578	68,662
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	517	2,501	3,830	6,848
Atlantic Ports	-	226	89,975	90,201
Other points	775	36,434		37,209
Total for U.S.A.	1,292	39,161	93	134,258
United Kingdom	...	144(1)	29,166	29,310
Other countries	...	500	50,868	51,368
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	51,546	54,635	177,417	283,598
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				6,773
Total shipments, reported and estimated				290,371
Interior mills				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	22,100	3,382	-	25,482
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	5,345	5,135	...	10,480
Saskatchewan	737	3,390	...	4,127
Manitoba	15	5,266	...	5,281
Ontario	-	11,467	-	11,467
Quebec	-	1,868	-	1,868
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	9	-	9
Total for Canada	28,197	30,517	-	58,714
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	364	62	-	426
Atlantic Ports	...	3,066	-	3,066
Other points	2,086	100,854	...	102,940
Total for U.S.A.	2,450	103,982	-	106,432
United Kingdom	...	34(1)	465	499
Other countries	...	-	85	85
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	30,647	134,533	550	165,730
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				77,821
Total shipments, reported and estimated				243,551

(1) Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.
... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

TABLE 4 - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, May 31, 1962

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
	M ft.b.m.					
Sold (but not shipped)						
Douglas Fir	82,005	2,550	84,555	8,534	4,639	13,173
Hemlock	88,990	2,767	91,757	143	74	217
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	462	239	701
Red Cedar	42,050	1,307	43,357	1,460	754	2,214
Spruce	3,149	98	3,247	11,546	6,906	18,452
White Pine	2,821	88	2,909	1,396	721	2,117
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	737	380	1,117
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	1,230	757	1,987
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	5	3	8
All other softwoods ..	3,217	100	3,317	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	222,232	6,910	229,142	25,513	14,473	39,986
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	222,232	6,910	229,142	25,513	14,473	39,986
Unsold						
Douglas Fir	28,959	901	29,860	32,003	17,308	49,311
Hemlock	48,612	1,512	50,124	6,526	3,528	10,054
Balsam Fir	53	2	55	2,211	1,272	3,483
Red Cedar	23,449	729	24,178	7,014	3,651	10,665
Spruce	1,353	42	1,395	126,229	74,876	201,105
White Pine	1,614	50	1,664	3,119	1,736	4,855
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	5,457	2,841	8,298
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	3,756	2,174	5,930
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	2,987	1,543	4,530
All other softwoods ..	2,797	86	2,883	8	4	12
Total, softwoods ...	106,837	3,322	110,159	189,310	108,933	298,243
Red Alder	90	3	93	-	-	-
Maple	72	2	74	-	-	-
Birch	85	3	88	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	168	86	254
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	247	8	255	168	86	254
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	107,084	3,330	110,414	189,478	109,019	298,497
Sold and unsold	329,316	10,240	339,556	214,991	123,492	338,483

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

	May		April	
	1961	1962	1961	1962
	M ft.b.m.			
Orders on hand				
For shipments to points in British Columbia				
Local	20,502	24,606	21,340	19,526
Coastwise and Interior	3,655	3,550	3,438	3,188
Total	24,157	28,156	24,778	22,714
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	7,536	8,184	7,570	8,363
Eastern Provinces	11,160	10,018	14,709	11,815
United States of America	42,909	52,033	47,326	51,629
Total	61,605	70,235	69,605	71,807
For Waterborne shipments to:				
California	2,746	3,124	3,012	4,112
U.S. Atlantic Ports	74,137	47,225	104,178	106,699
Eastern Markets	1,250	1,500	-	3,588
Export Markets	176,075	163,843	176,257	173,863
Total	254,208	215,692	283,447	288,262
Total orders on hand	339,970	314,083	377,830	382,783
Lumber purchased from other mills	1,708	2,286	2,613	2,065

TABLE 6. Number of Mills Reporting

	May, 1961			May, 1962		
	Active	Inactive	Total	Active	Inactive	Total
Coast	75	5	80	68	6	74
Interior	188	107	295	171	161	332
Total	263	112	375	239	167	406

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

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