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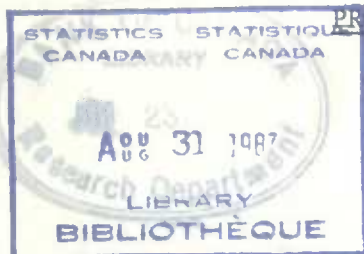
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS  
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

MAY 1964

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 518,101 M bd. ft. in May 1964 as compared with 563,712 M bd. ft. in May 1963. Shipments decreased in May 1964 to 558,987 M bd. ft. from 609,814 in May 1963. Stocks on hand showed an increase from 861,663 M bd. ft. in May 1963 to 896,945 M bd. ft. in May 1964.

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 82 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1961 compared with 78.3 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		Five months ended May	
	1963	1964	1963	1964
M ft.b.m.				
<u>Production:</u>				
Douglas Fir .....	196,645	182,505	906,368	917,631
Hemlock .....	151,731	129,444	728,531	713,395
Balsam Fir .....	3,448	8,115	24,474	41,764
Red Cedar .....	66,375	61,257	285,713	326,674
Spruce .....	117,719	108,789	657,466	710,598
White Pine .....	6,402	7,015	30,293	27,782
Ponderosa Pine .....	4,311	4,306	10,905	13,095
Lodgepole Pine .....	8,646	9,321	58,942	73,951
Tamarack or Larch ....	5,576	3,997	27,941	25,576
All other softwoods ..	2,470	3,060	12,087	15,921
Total softwoods ....	563,323	517,809	2,742,720	2,866,387
Red Alder .....	49	78	685	586
Maple .....	198	114	1,453	626
Birch .....	2	3	165	47
Cottonwood .....	140	97	271	310
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods ....	389	292	2,574	1,569
Total production ...	563,712	518,101	2,745,294	2,867,956
<u>Shipments:</u>				
To: Points in Canada ..	141,504	138,123	652,560	811,444
Points in U.S.A. ..	268,217	251,216	1,090,226	1,132,280
United Kingdom ....	37,938	42,947	188,577	244,391
Other Countries ...	63,562	61,555	283,605	260,763
Shipments reported ...	511,221	493,841	2,214,968	2,448,878
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	98,593	65,146	362,924	341,072
Total shipments ..	609,814	558,987	2,577,892	2,789,950
M ft.b.m.				
<u>Stocks on hand:</u>				
Douglas Fir .....	208,263		232,645	
Hemlock .....	224,454		189,487	
Balsam Fir .....	7,809		17,622	
Red Cedar .....	82,705		89,421	
Spruce .....	287,138		304,300	
White Pine .....	18,698		16,420	
Ponderosa Pine .....	9,369		14,851	
Lodgepole Pine .....	10,165		16,963	
Tamarack or Larch ....	5,077		8,643	
All other softwoods ..	7,047		5,982	
Total softwoods ....	860,725		896,334	
Red Alder .....	37		231	
Maple .....	328		164	
Birch .....	63		64	
Cottonwood .....	510		152	
All other hardwoods ..	-		-	
Total hardwoods ....	938		611	
Total stocks .....	861,663		896,945	

TABLE 2. Lumber and Ties Sawn, May 1964

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
M ft.b.m.						
<u>Lumber:</u>						
Douglas Fir .....	80,450	3,124	83,574	65,969	32,243	98,212
Hemlock .....	117,007	3,888	120,895	8,002	547	8,549
Balsam Fir .....	4,783	276	5,059	2,453	600	3,053
Red Cedar .....	51,427	693	52,120	8,693	444	9,137
Spruce .....	6,156	4,162	10,318	64,252	34,219	98,471
White Pine .....	2,295	60	2,355	4,215	442	4,657
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	3,627	480	4,107
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	6,003	3,228	9,231
Tamarack or Larch ....	-	4	4	1,714	2,216	3,930
All other softwoods ..	2,853	40	2,893	91	12	103
Total, softwoods ...	264,971	12,247	277,218	165,019	74,431	239,450
Red Alder .....	69	9	78	-	-	-
Maple .....	78	36	114	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	2	2	-	1	1
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	80	17	97
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	147	47	194	80	18	98
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	265,118	12,294	277,412	165,099	74,449	239,548
<u>Ties:</u>						
Douglas Fir .....	348	-	348	117	254	371
Hemlock .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balsam Fir .....	-	-	-	-	3	3
Red Cedar .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
White Pine .....	-	-	-	-	3	3
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	163	36	199
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	24	66	90
Tamarack or Larch ....	-	-	-	33	30	63
All other softwoods ..	64	-	64	-	-	-
Total, softwoods ...	412	-	412	337	392	729
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	412	-	412	337	392	729
Lumber and ties .....	265,530	12,294	277,824	165,436	74,841	240,277



TABLE 3. Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, May 1964

	By truck and Local sales	By rail	Water- borne	Total shipments
	M ft.b.m.			
<u>Coast mills</u>				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	47,836	1,445	9,768	59,049
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	-	54	-	54
Alberta .....	2	1,215	...	1,217
Saskatchewan .....	-	930	...	930
Manitoba .....	6	1,345	...	1,351
Ontario .....	-	3,779	-	3,779
Quebec .....	-	1,576	-	1,576
New Brunswick .....	-	269	-	269
Nova Scotia .....	-	28	-	28
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	410	410
Newfoundland .....	-	112	213	325
Total for Canada .....	47,844	10,753	10,391	68,988
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....	614	2,354	5,910	8,878
Atlantic Ports .....	...	1,019	81,647	82,666
Other points .....	420	26,848	...	27,268
Total for U.S.A. ....	1,034	30,221	87,557	118,812
United Kingdom .....	...	...	41,840	41,840
Other countries .....	...	...	61,555	61,555
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported .....	48,878	40,974	201,343	291,195
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				8,006
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				299,201
<u>Interior mills</u>				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	30,708	7,670	276	38,654
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	5,181	4,829	...	10,010
Saskatchewan .....	587	4,449	...	5,036
Manitoba .....	104	5,353	...	5,457
Ontario .....	-	8,674	-	8,674
Quebec .....	-	1,158	-	1,158
New Brunswick .....	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	72	-	72
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	74	-	74
Total for Canada .....	36,580	32,279	276	69,135
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....	352	166	-	518
Atlantic Ports .....	...	6,675	-	6,675
Other points .....	806	124,405	...	125,211
Total for U.S.A. ....	1,158	131,246	-	132,404
United Kingdom .....	...	1,077(1)	30	1,107
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported .....	37,738	164,602	306	202,646
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				57,140
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				259,786

(1) Shipped by rail to Eastern and/or Western Seaboard Ports.

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

TABLE 4. Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, May 31, 1964

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
M ft.b.m.						
Douglas Fir .....	113,750	831	114,581	84,646	33,418	118,064
Hemlock .....	156,572	5,398	161,970	18,476	9,041	27,517
Balsam Fir .....	5,450	-	5,450	7,772	4,400	12,172
Red Cedar .....	62,404	2,638	65,042	17,568	6,811	24,379
Spruce .....	6,355	2,548	8,903	197,453	97,944	295,397
White Pine .....	5,425	-	5,425	8,048	2,947	10,995
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	11,411	3,440	14,851
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	10,684	6,279	16,963
Tamarack or Larch ....	-	-	-	6,641	2,002	8,643
All other softwoods ..	5,400	16	5,416	435	131	566
Total, softwoods ...	355,356	11,431	366,787	363,134	166,413	529,547
Red Alder .....	125	106	231	-	-	-
Maple .....	89	75	164	-	-	-
Birch .....	35	29	64	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	117	35	152
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	249	210	459	117	35	152
Total, softwoods and hardwoods .....	355,605	11,641	367,246	363,251	166,448	529,699

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

	May 31, 1963	May 31, 1964
M ft.b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
For shipments to points in		
British Columbia:		
Local .....	23,758	18,884
Coastwise and interior .....	14,894	13,356
Totals .....	38,652	32,240
For shipments by rail to:		
Prairie Provinces .....	5,786	4,542
Eastern Provinces .....	9,673	9,242
United States of America .....	60,812	45,597
Totals .....	76,271	59,381
For Waterborne shipments to:		
California .....	3,125	3,300
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	93,440	137,086
Eastern Markets .....	-	3,935
Export Markets .....	352,936	397,599
Totals .....	449,501	541,920
Total orders on hand .....	564,424	633,541
Lumber purchased from other mills .....	2,584	1,808

TABLE 6. Number of Mills Reporting

	May 1963			May 1964		
	Active	Inactive	Total	Active	Inactive	Total
Coast .....	67	8	75	66	8	74
Interior .....	179	96	275	167	157	324
Totals .....	246	104	350	233	165	398

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



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