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

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Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 579,356 M bd. ft. in August 1964 as compared with 557,791 M bd. ft. in August 1963. Shipments decreased in August 1964 to 550,003 M bd. ft. from 599,918 in August 1963. Stocks on hand showed an increase from 700,252 M bd. ft. in August 1963 to 799,043 M bd. ft. in August 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 August accounted for 84.7 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1962 compared with 78.5 p.c. for August 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.

Page 2 gives the final estimates of the production of sawn lumber (excluding sawn ties) for British Columbia and provinces East of the Rockies for 1962, revised estimates for 1963 and the first seven months of 1964. Similar revised monthly estimates of sawn lumber production for all provinces (except Newfoundland), are contained in the August issue of the monthly report entitled "Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies".

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Final Estimates of Canadian Production of Sawn Lumber for 1962
and Revised Estimates for 1963 and first seven months, 1964

Month	Year	British Columbia(1)			East of Rockies	Total Canada (2)
		Coast	Interior	Total		
M ft.b.m.						
January	1962	239,881	230,822	470,703	193,303	664,006
	1963	265,302	243,419	508,721	221,667	730,388
	1964	288,576	266,743	555,319	236,055	791,374
February	1962	240,569	247,238	487,807	229,868	717,675
	1963	264,272	298,112	562,384	259,752	822,136
	1964	277,150	298,219	575,369	282,021	857,390
March	1962	270,388	280,691	551,079	260,307	811,386
	1963	285,237	262,174	547,411	290,572	837,983
	1964	282,427	317,142	599,569	310,744	910,313
April	1962	247,357	159,678	407,035	190,712	597,747
	1963	273,617	197,861	471,478	171,839	643,317
	1964	291,427	230,588	522,015	213,403	735,418
May	1962	274,229	215,143	489,372	288,358	777,730
	1963	290,723	250,242	540,965	274,822	815,787
	1964	271,078	225,974	497,052	281,336	778,388
June	1962	262,636	266,883	529,519	332,542	862,061
	1963	271,550	283,170	554,720	329,156	883,876
	1964	255,873	280,611	536,484	343,364	879,848
July	1962	216,085	280,203	496,288	301,056	797,344
	1963	246,986	295,958	542,944	342,977	885,921
	1964	254,354	284,096	538,450	350,300	888,750
August	1962	258,388	323,548	581,936	286,749	868,685
	1963	256,221	299,881	556,102	292,779	848,881
September	1962	238,477	284,194	522,671	244,217	766,888
	1963	264,032	289,423	553,455	228,894	782,349
October	1962	268,968	281,771	550,739	194,013	744,752
	1963	287,746	286,413	574,159	204,785	778,944
November	1962	263,155	219,139	482,294	120,774	603,068
	1963	268,302	220,425	488,727	133,477	622,204
December	1962	239,422	194,993	434,415	147,393	581,808
	1963	253,302	226,723	480,025	145,433	625,458
Totals	1962	3,019,555	2,984,303	6,003,858	2,789,292	8,793,150
	1963	3,227,290	3,153,801	6,381,091	2,896,153	9,277,244
7 months	1964	1,920,885	1,903,373	3,824,258	2,017,223	5,841,481

(1) Revisions cover sawn lumber only. No revisions have been made for production of ties.

(2) Production in the Yukon and N.W.T. (7,275 M ft.b.m.) and Newfoundland (28,955 M ft.b.m.) not included in the 1962 quantities; 1963 quantities not yet available.

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

Species	August		Eight months ended August	
	1963 ^r	1964	1963 ^r	1964(1)
M ft.b.m.				
Production:				
Douglas Fir	183,978	184,080	1,431,020	1,408,166
Hemlock	136,008	129,873	1,107,658	1,093,367
Balsam Fir	5,702	7,326	36,697	62,664
Red Cedar	51,455	64,151	444,892	498,098
Spruce	149,278	158,136	1,038,689	1,102,527
White Pine	6,243	5,950	54,251	44,124
Ponderosa Pine	1,990	3,650	18,587	25,095
Lodgepole Pine	13,001	16,414	94,776	111,405
Tamarack or Larch	7,621	5,969	48,149	42,173
All other softwoods ..	2,311	3,384	17,803	23,845
Total softwoods	557,587	578,933	4,292,522	4,411,464
Red Alder	38	195	831	1,014
Maple	127	169	1,849	931
Birch	11	28	194	78
Cottonwood	28	5	391	515
All other hardwoods ..	-	26	42	26
Total hardwoods	204	423	3,307	2,564
Total production ...	557,791	579,356	4,295,829	4,414,028
Shipments:				
To: Points in Canada ..	148,312	178,438	1,122,833	1,347,026
Points in U.S.A. ..	244,982	214,062	1,848,857	1,849,450
United Kingdom	46,906	43,236	306,982	386,825
Other Countries ...	61,571	40,872	460,908	400,907
Shipments reported ...	501,771	476,608	3,739,580	3,984,208
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	98,147	73,395	660,486	582,109(2)
Total shipments ..	599,918	550,003	4,400,066	4,566,317(2)
		August 31, 1963	August 31, 1964	
		M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	
Stocks on hand:				
Douglas Fir		175,515		204,816
Hemlock		174,486		175,448
Balsam Fir		5,318		17,174
Red Cedar		76,965		90,701
Spruce		216,962		252,700
White Pine		18,737		14,549
Ponderosa Pine		7,317		12,314
Lodgepole Pine		14,986		12,389
Tamarack or Larch		4,637		11,909
All other softwoods		4,503		6,259
Total softwoods		699,426		798,259
Red Alder		90		282
Maple		222		135
Birch		65		68
Cottonwood		449		299
All other hardwoods		-		-
Total hardwoods		826		784
Total stocks		7700,252		799,043

See footnotes page 7.

TABLE 2. Lumber and Ties Sawn, August 1964

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
M ft.b.m.						
Lumber:						
Douglas Fir	75,854	5,448	81,302	69,445	32,430	101,875
Hemlock	116,526	2,618	119,144	9,427	1,214	10,641
Balsam Fir	3,908	456	4,364	2,101	856	2,957
Red Cedar	52,392	1,643	54,035	9,482	634	10,116
Spruce	4,697	760	5,457	112,844	39,835	152,679
White Pine	1,346	3	1,349	3,729	872	4,601
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	3,112	493	3,605
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	11,560	4,443	16,003
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	3,105	2,861	5,966
All other softwoods ..	3,072	5	3,077	81	42	123
Total, softwoods ...	257,795	10,933	268,728	224,886	83,680	308,566
Red Alder	169	22	191	-	4	4
Maple	84	85	169	-	-	-
Birch	7	21	28	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	3	2	5
All other hardwoods ..	-	4	4	-	22	22
Total, hardwoods ...	260	132	392	3	28	31
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	258,055	11,065	269,120	224,889	83,708	308,597
Ties:						
Douglas Fir	384	7	391	182	330	512
Hemlock	-	-	-	70	18	88
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	5	5
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	-	-
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	25	20	45
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	256	155	411
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	-	3	3
All other softwoods ..	-	-	-	160	24	184
Total, softwoods ...	384	7	391	693	555	1,248
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	384	7	391	693	555	1,248
Lumber and ties	258,439	11,072	269,511	225,582	84,263	309,845

TABLE 3. Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, August 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	44,884	958	7,590	53,432
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	-	1,516	...	1,516
Saskatchewan	-	661	...	661
Manitoba	-	1,108	...	1,108
Ontario	-	3,854	-	3,854
Quebec	-	1,729	3,285	5,014
New Brunswick	-	81	935	1,016
Nova Scotia	-	184	200	384
Prince Edward Island	-	3	-	3
Newfoundland	-	221	-	221
Total for Canada	44,884	10,315	12,010	67,209
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	548	1,743	3,182	5,473
Atlantic Ports .....	...	643	52,217	52,860
Other points	361	28,468	...	28,829
Total for U.S.A.	909	30,854	55,399	87,162
United Kingdom .....	...	-	41,385	41,385
Other countries .....	...	-	40,872	40,872
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	45,793	41,169	149,666	236,628
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				6,191
Total shipments, reported and estimated				242,819
<u>Interior mills</u>				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	65,854	10,414	-	76,268
Yukon and Northwest Territories	140	-	-	140
Alberta	5,393	4,261	...	9,654
Saskatchewan	1,468	5,588	...	7,056
Manitoba	340	5,669	...	6,009
Ontario	-	10,426	-	10,426
Quebec	-	1,547	-	1,547
New Brunswick	-	31	-	31
Nova Scotia	-	34	-	34
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	64	-	64
Total for Canada	73,195	38,034	-	111,229
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	450	508	-	958
Atlantic Ports .....	...	8,768	-	8,768
Other points	2,194	114,980	...	117,174
Total for U.S.A.	2,644	124,256	-	126,900
United Kingdom .....	...	1,614(1)	237	1,851
Other countries .....	...	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	75,839	163,904	237	239,980
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				67,204
Total shipments, reported and estimated				307,184

(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, August 31, 1964

Species	Coast mills			Interior mills		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
M ft. b.m.						
Douglas Fir	115,048	1,566	116,614	67,433	20,769	88,202
Hemlock	152,284	4,957	157,241	13,601	4,606	18,207
Balsam Fir	10,959	-	10,959	4,587	1,628	6,215
Red Cedar	63,809	2,388	66,197	18,461	6,043	24,504
Spruce	6,124	3,037	9,161	179,870	63,669	243,539
White Pine	3,407	-	3,407	8,692	2,450	11,142
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	9,606	2,708	12,314
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	9,027	3,362	12,389
Tamarack or Larch	-	-	-	9,290	2,619	11,909
All other softwoods ..	5,011	20	5,031	958	270	1,228
Total, softwoods ...	356,642	11,968	368,610	321,525	108,124	429,649
Red Alder	172	110	282	-	-	-
Maple	74	61	135	-	-	-
Birch	40	28	68	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	233	66	299
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	286	199	485	233	66	299
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	356,928	12,167	369,095	321,758	108,190	429,948

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

	August 31, 1963	August 31, 1964
M ft. b.m.		
<u>Orders on hand</u>		
For shipments to points in		
British Columbia:		
Local	16,902	17,892
Coastwise and interior	8,680	5,364
Totals	25,582	23,256
For shipments by rail to:		
Prairie Provinces	4,469	4,654
Eastern Provinces	8,624	9,294
United States of America	51,306	45,329
Totals	64,399	59,277
For Waterborne shipments to:		
California	1,325	4,016
U.S. Atlantic Ports	115,235	46,979
Eastern Markets	11,821	-
Export Markets	362,915	370,324
Totals	491,296	421,319
Total orders on hand	581,277	503,852
Lumber purchased from other mills	2,056	2,284

TABLE 6. Number of Mills Reporting

	August 1963			August 1964		
	Active	Inactive	Total	Active	Inactive	Total
Coast	66	11	77	64	2	66
Interior	204	83	287	230	31	261
Totals	270	94	364	294	33	327

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

(1) Includes revised production to date.

(2) Includes revisions to date. July should have read 77,792.

^r Revised figures production only

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