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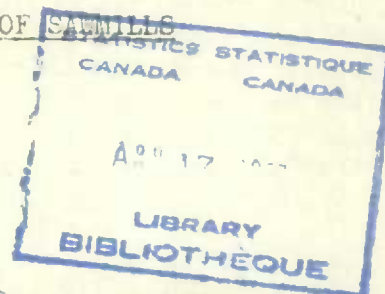
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS

IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 196,005 M ft. in November, as compared with 240,084 M ft. in October, a decrease of 18.4 p.c. Production of Coast mills, which account for 80.6 p.c. of the total, decreased by 11.3 p.c., while the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 19.4 p.c., showed a decrease of 38.6 p.c. Shipments in November totalled 215,728 M ft., as compared with 233,220 M ft. the previous month, a decrease of 7.5 p.c., with Coast mills registering a decrease of 4.1 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 19.9 p.c. Stocks on hand at the end of November amounted to 236,365 M ft., as compared with 247,333 M ft. at the end of October. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 152,557 M ft. while Interior mills showed 83,808 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 September, October and November. Details by species are given for production and stocks, while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 236,876 M ft. in September to 240,084 M ft. in October but decreased to 196,005 M ft. in November. Shipments totalled 222,344 M ft. in September, 233,220 M ft. in October and 215,728 M ft. in November. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 246,342 M ft. in September to 247,333 M ft. in October but decreased to 236,365 M ft. in November.

Production

Table 2 gives particulars of lumber and tie production, by months, 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 145,426 M ft. in November, as compared with 34,990 M ft., reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 12,526 M ft. in November, as compared with 3,063 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 80.6 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in November, as compared with 74.2 p.c. in October.

## 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 reshipped to other provinces or exported by the purchasers and be reported by them also, thereby causing a certain amount of duplication.

Shipments of Coast mills amounted to 175,695 M ft. in November as compared with 183,262 M ft. in October, while the Interior mills shipped 40,033 M ft., and 49,958 M ft. during the corresponding months. Of all shipments actually reported for November 40.5 p.c. went to points in Canada, 15.3 p.c. to points in the United States, 29.6 p.c. to the United Kingdom, and 13.8 p.c. to other countries. Shipments to unspecified destinations accounted for the remainder (0.8 p.c.). Waterborne shipments accounted for 42.0 p.c. of the total, while 39.8 p.c. went by rail, about 17.4 p.c. by truck and 0.8 p.c. by unspecified carriers.

## 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 November amounted to 152,557 M ft., as compared with 160,388 M ft. in October. Interior mills stocks decreased from 86,945 M ft. in October to 83,808 M ft. in November. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 35.0 p.c. of the total in November, as compared with 34.6 in October for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were respectively 80.8 and 81.9.

## Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of September, October and November 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 shipment are shown in this table, which also gives total lumber purchases reported by some mills. Total orders on hand at the end of November amounted to 544,208 M ft., as compared with 571,906 M ft. in October and 531,099 M ft. in September. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 8,720 M ft. in September, 7,725 M ft. in October and 7,297 M ft. in November.

## 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 November accounted for 88.5 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1945, and the percentages for September and October were 85.3 p.c. and 85.4 p.c., 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, Western Lumber Manufacturers' Association of Canada, 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, November, 1947.

|                                                     | November<br>M ft.b.m. | October<br>M ft.b.m. | September<br>M ft.b.m. | 11 Months<br>M ft.b.m. |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>PRODUCTION</b>                                   |                       |                      |                        |                        |
| Douglas Fir .....                                   | 106,685               | 122,614              | 115,048                | 1,221,141              |
| Hemlock .....                                       | 41,936                | 47,784               | 47,574                 | 482,119                |
| Balsam Fir .....                                    | 1,697                 | 2,106                | 2,638                  | 19,733                 |
| Red Cedar .....                                     | 22,419                | 26,097               | 23,207                 | 245,917                |
| Spruce .....                                        | 12,478                | 27,464               | 33,346                 | 258,365                |
| White Pine .....                                    | 2,050                 | 3,063                | 2,561                  | 29,594                 |
| Ponderosa Pine .....                                | 2,289                 | 2,477                | 3,420                  | 36,162                 |
| Lodgepole Pine .....                                | 443                   | 623                  | 722                    | 6,514                  |
| All other softwoods .....                           | 4,744                 | 6,449                | 6,668                  | 63,108                 |
| Total softwoods .....                               | 194,741               | 238,677              | 235,184                | 2,362,653              |
| Red Alder .....                                     | 296                   | 386                  | 437                    | 4,623                  |
| Maple .....                                         | 281                   | 303                  | 357                    | 3,365                  |
| Birch .....                                         | 65                    | 79                   | 79                     | 919                    |
| Cottonwood .....                                    | 622                   | 639                  | 819                    | 7,777                  |
| All other hardwoods .....                           | -                     | -                    | -                      | 3                      |
| Total hardwoods .....                               | 1,264                 | 1,407                | 1,692                  | 16,687                 |
| Total softwoods and hardwoods ..                    | 196,005               | 240,084              | 236,876                | 2,379,340              |
| <b>SHIPMENTS</b>                                    |                       |                      |                        |                        |
| To: Points in Canada .....                          | 79,765                | 89,047               | 86,030                 | 944,687                |
| Points in U.S.A. ....                               | 30,150                | 32,446               | 27,528                 | 226,581                |
| United Kingdom .....                                | 58,289                | 63,884               | 58,826                 | 619,441                |
| Other countries .....                               | 27,197                | 22,043               | 24,155                 | 314,271                |
| Destination not specified ....                      | 1,699                 | 836                  | 949                    | 9,047                  |
| Total shipments reported .....                      | 197,100               | 208,256              | 197,488                | 2,114,027              |
| Estimated shipments of<br>non-reporting mills ..... | 18,628                | 24,964               | 24,856                 | 248,066                |
| Total shipments<br>reported and estimated .....     | 215,728               | 233,220              | 222,344                | 2,362,093              |
|                                                     | 30 November<br>M ft.  | 31 October<br>M ft.  | 30 September<br>M ft.  |                        |
| <b>STOCKS ON HAND</b>                               |                       |                      |                        |                        |
| Douglas Fir .....                                   | 107,655               | 107,307              | 107,212                |                        |
| Hemlock .....                                       | 38,314                | 42,221               | 44,321                 |                        |
| Balsam Fir .....                                    | 1,791                 | 2,689                | 2,002                  |                        |
| Red Cedar .....                                     | 23,529                | 24,970               | 21,247                 |                        |
| Spruce .....                                        | 41,702                | 46,303               | 44,932                 |                        |
| White Pine .....                                    | 6,660                 | 6,890                | 8,258                  |                        |
| Ponderosa Pine .....                                | 7,048                 | 6,172                | 9,706                  |                        |
| Lodgepole Pine .....                                | 1,172                 | 1,213                | 828                    |                        |
| All other softwoods .....                           | 6,734                 | 7,593                | 5,970                  |                        |
| Total softwoods .....                               | 234,605               | 245,358              | 244,476                |                        |
| Red Alder .....                                     | 439                   | 491                  | 411                    |                        |
| Maple .....                                         | 326                   | 372                  | 327                    |                        |
| Birch .....                                         | 105                   | 129                  | 130                    |                        |
| Cottonwood .....                                    | 890                   | 983                  | 998                    |                        |
| All other hardwoods .....                           | -                     | -                    | -                      |                        |
| Total hardwoods .....                               | 1,760                 | 1,975                | 1,866                  |                        |
| Total softwoods and hardwoods ..                    | 236,365               | 247,333              | 246,342                |                        |

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn

November, 1947.

| 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. |
| <b>Lumber</b>                           |             |           |           |                |           |           |
| Douglas Fir .....                       | 83,089      | 1,924     | 85,013    | 6,669          | 5,051     | 11,720    |
| Hemlock .....                           | 34,570      | 533       | 35,103    | 1,533          | 1,673     | 3,206     |
| Balsam Fir .....                        | 923         | 108       | 1,031     | 149            | 503       | 652       |
| Red Cedar .....                         | 19,685      | 560       | 20,245    | 726            | 768       | 1,494     |
| Spruce .....                            | 1,158       | 343       | 1,501     | 6,080          | 4,795     | 10,875    |
| White Pine .....                        | 1,028       | 19        | 1,047     | 607            | 396       | 1,003     |
| Ponderosa Pine .....                    | -           | 2         | 2         | 1,201          | 1,075     | 2,276     |
| Lodgepole Pine .....                    | 5           | 3         | 8         | 84             | 231       | 315       |
| All other softwoods ....                | 421         | 2         | 423       | 2,084          | 1,163     | 3,247     |
| Total, softwoods .....                  | 140,879     | 3,494     | 144,373   | 19,133         | 15,655    | 34,788    |
| Red Alder .....                         | 108         | 138       | 296       | -              | -         | -         |
| Maple .....                             | 162         | 119       | 281       | -              | -         | -         |
| Birch .....                             | 5           | 47        | 52        | -              | 4         | 4         |
| Cottonwood .....                        | 177         | 247       | 424       | 107            | 91        | 198       |
| All other hardwoods ....                | -           | -         | -         | -              | -         | -         |
| Total, hardwoods .....                  | 452         | 601       | 1,053     | 107            | 95        | 202       |
| Total, softwoods and<br>hardwoods ..... | 141,331     | 4,095     | 145,426   | 19,240         | 15,750    | 34,990    |
| <b>Ties</b>                             |             |           |           |                |           |           |
| Douglas Fir .....                       | 7,631       | 538       | 8,169     | 896            | 887       | 1,783     |
| Hemlock .....                           | 3,485       | 83        | 3,568     | 46             | 13        | 59        |
| Balsam Fir .....                        | -           | -         | -         | -              | 14        | 14        |
| Red Cedar .....                         | 128         | 551       | 679       | -              | 1         | 1         |
| Spruce .....                            | -           | 72        | 72        | -              | 30        | 30        |
| White Pine .....                        | -           | -         | -         | -              | -         | -         |
| Ponderosa Pine .....                    | -           | -         | -         | -              | 11        | 11        |
| Lodgepole Pine .....                    | -           | -         | -         | -              | 120       | 120       |
| All other softwoods ....                | -           | 38        | 38        | 657            | 379       | 1,036     |
| Total, softwoods .....                  | 11,244      | 1,282     | 12,526    | 1,599          | 1,455     | 3,054     |
| Red Alder .....                         | -           | -         | -         | -              | -         | -         |
| Maple .....                             | -           | -         | -         | -              | -         | -         |
| Birch .....                             | -           | -         | -         | -              | 9         | 9         |
| Cottonwood .....                        | -           | -         | -         | -              | -         | -         |
| All other hardwoods ....                | -           | -         | -         | -              | -         | -         |
| Total, hardwoods .....                  | -           | -         | -         | -              | 9         | 9         |
| Total, softwoods and<br>hardwoods ..... | 11,244      | 1,282     | 12,526    | 1,599          | 1,464     | 3,063     |
| Lumber and Ties .....                   | 152,575     | 5,377     | 157,952   | 20,839         | 17,214    | 38,053    |



Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties  
November, 1947

|                                                     | By Truck<br>(Local Sales) | By Rail   | Waterborne | Total<br>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 .....                              | 31,893                    | 4,301     | 536        | 36,730             |
| Alberta .....                                       |                           | 3,357     | xxxxxx     | 3,357              |
| Saskatchewan .....                                  |                           | 3,145     | xxxxxx     | 3,145              |
| Manitoba .....                                      |                           | 3,955     | xxxxxx     | 3,955              |
| Ontario .....                                       |                           | 7,179     | -          | 7,179              |
| Quebec .....                                        |                           | 4,691     | -          | 4,691              |
| New Brunswick .....                                 |                           | 662       | -          | 662                |
| Nova Scotia .....                                   |                           | 668       | -          | 668                |
| Prince Edward Island .....                          |                           | -         | -          | -                  |
| Total for Canada .....                              | 31,893                    | 27,958    | 536        | 60,387             |
| <u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>                            |                           |           |            |                    |
| Pacific Ports .....                                 |                           | 631       | -          | 631                |
| Atlantic Ports .....                                |                           | 335       | -          | 335                |
| Other points, by rail .....                         |                           | 22,266    | xxxxxx     | 22,266             |
| Total for U.S.A. ....                               |                           | 23,232    | -          | 23,232             |
| United Kingdom .....                                | x                         | 1,478     | 56,050     | 57,528             |
| Other countries .....                               | x                         | 1,242     | 25,880     | 27,122             |
| Destination or carrier not specified .....          |                           |           |            | 1,699              |
| Total shipments reported .....                      | 31,893                    | 53,910    | 82,136     | 169,968            |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting<br>mills ..... |                           |           |            | 5,727              |
| Total shipments, reported and estimated .....       |                           |           |            | 175,695            |
| <u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>                               |                           |           |            |                    |
| To: <u>Points in Canada:</u>                        |                           |           |            |                    |
| British Columbia .....                              | 2,333                     | 3,073     | -          | 5,406              |
| Alberta .....                                       | 52                        | 3,980     | xxxxxx     | 4,032              |
| Saskatchewan .....                                  |                           | 2,700     | xxxxxx     | 2,700              |
| Manitoba .....                                      |                           | 3,177     | xxxxxx     | 3,177              |
| Ontario .....                                       |                           | 3,553     | -          | 3,553              |
| Quebec .....                                        |                           | 487       | -          | 487                |
| New Brunswick .....                                 |                           | 23        | -          | 23                 |
| Nova Scotia .....                                   |                           | -         | -          | -                  |
| Prince Edward Island .....                          |                           | -         | -          | -                  |
| Total for Canada .....                              | 2,385                     | 16,993    | -          | 19,378             |
| <u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>                            |                           |           |            |                    |
| Pacific Ports .....                                 |                           | 845       | -          | 845                |
| Atlantic Ports .....                                |                           | 94        | -          | 94                 |
| Other points, by rail .....                         |                           | 5,979     | xxxxxx     | 5,979              |
| Total for U.S.A. ....                               |                           | 6,918     | -          | 6,918              |
| United Kingdom .....                                | x                         | 658       | 103        | 761                |
| Other countries .....                               | x                         | -         | 75         | 75                 |
| Destination or carrier not specified .....          |                           |           |            | -                  |
| Total shipments reported .....                      | 2,385                     | 24,569    | 178        | 27,132             |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting<br>mills ..... |                           |           |            | 12,901             |
| Total shipments, reported and estimated .....       |                           |           |            | 40,033             |
| x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.         |                           |           |            |                    |

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills  
November, 1947.

| 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 .....                       | 59,448      | 1,545     | 60,993    | 2,096          | 2,516     | 4,612     |
| Hemlock .....                           | 18,187      | 387       | 18,574    | 295            | 714       | 1,009     |
| Balsam Fir .....                        | 315         | 68        | 383       | 39             | 219       | 258       |
| Red Cedar .....                         | 14,729      | 697       | 15,426    | 308            | 326       | 634       |
| Spruce .....                            | 563         | 261       | 824       | 3,077          | 2,044     | 5,121     |
| White Pine .....                        | 1,408       | 12        | 1,420     | 808            | 168       | 976       |
| Ponderosa Pine .....                    | -           | 1         | 1         | 894            | 460       | 1,354     |
| Lodgepole Pine .....                    | -           | 2         | 2         | 30             | 149       | 179       |
| All other softwoods ....                | 531         | 25        | 556       | 1,222          | 653       | 1,875     |
| Total softwoods .....                   | 95,181      | 2,998     | 98,179    | 8,769          | 7,249     | 16,018    |
| Red Alder .....                         | 193         | 118       | 311       | -              | -         | -         |
| Maple .....                             | 195         | 75        | 270       | -              | -         | -         |
| Birch .....                             | 31          | 29        | 60        | -              | 6         | 6         |
| Cottonwood .....                        | 159         | 155       | 314       | 60             | 38        | 98        |
| All other hardwoods ....                | -           | -         | -         | -              | -         | -         |
| Total, hardwoods .....                  | 578         | 377       | 955       | 60             | 44        | 104       |
| Total, softwoods and<br>hardwoods ..... | 95,759      | 3,375     | 99,134    | 8,829          | 7,293     | 16,122    |
| <u>UNSOLD</u>                           |             |           |           |                |           |           |
| Douglas Fir .....                       | 27,877      | 833       | 28,710    | 2,778          | 10,562    | 13,340    |
| Hemlock .....                           | 14,757      | 208       | 14,965    | 767            | 2,999     | 3,766     |
| Balsam Fir .....                        | 160         | 37        | 197       | 33             | 920       | 953       |
| Red Cedar .....                         | 4,875       | 376       | 5,251     | 850            | 1,368     | 2,218     |
| Spruce .....                            | 1,096       | 140       | 1,236     | 25,939         | 8,582     | 34,521    |
| White Pine .....                        | 2,331       | 6         | 2,337     | 1,223          | 704       | 1,927     |
| Ponderosa Pine .....                    | -           | 1         | 1         | 3,760          | 1,932     | 5,692     |
| Lodgepole Pine .....                    | -           | 1         | 1         | 366            | 624       | 990       |
| All other softwoods ....                | 385         | 14        | 399       | 1,161          | 2,743     | 3,904     |
| Total, softwoods .....                  | 51,481      | 1,616     | 53,097    | 36,877         | 30,434    | 67,311    |
| Red Alder .....                         | 64          | 64        | 128       | -              | -         | -         |
| Maple .....                             | 16          | 40        | 56        | -              | -         | -         |
| Birch .....                             | -           | 16        | 16        | -              | 23        | 23        |
| Cottonwood .....                        | 43          | 83        | 126       | 190            | 162       | 352       |
| All other hardwoods ....                | -           | -         | -         | -              | -         | -         |
| Total hardwoods .....                   | 123         | 203       | 326       | 190            | 185       | 375       |
| Total, softwoods and<br>hardwoods ..... | 51,604      | 1,819     | 53,423    | 37,067         | 30,619    | 67,686    |
| Sold and Unsold .....                   | 147,363     | 5,194     | 152,557   | 45,896         | 37,912    | 83,808    |

Table 5. - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of November, 1947, and Lumber Purchased from Other Mills During Those Months (Coast Mills Only)

|                                                    | Month ending:- |            |              |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|
|                                                    | 30 November    | 31 October | 30 September |
|                                                    | M ft.b.m.      | M ft.b.m.  | M ft.b.m.    |
| <u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>                              |                |            |              |
| <u>For shipment to points in British Columbia:</u> |                |            |              |
| Local .....                                        | 27,135         | 28,434     | 30,080       |
| Coastwise and interior .....                       | 8,943          | 9,266      | 10,608       |
| Total .....                                        | 36,078         | 37,700     | 40,688       |
| <u>For shipment by rail to:</u>                    |                |            |              |
| Prairie Provinces .....                            | 16,520         | 17,597     | 17,541       |
| Eastern Provinces .....                            | 32,926         | 35,059     | 29,573       |
| United States of America .....                     | 38,114         | 33,590     | 29,247       |
| Total .....                                        | 87,560         | 86,246     | 76,361       |
| <u>For waterborne shipment to:</u>                 |                |            |              |
| California .....                                   | -              | -          | -            |
| U.S. Atlantic Ports .....                          | -              | -          | 240          |
| Eastern Canada .....                               | 147            | 2,298      | 20           |
| Export Markets .....                               | 420,423        | 445,662    | 413,790      |
| Total .....                                        | 420,570        | 447,960    | 414,050      |
| TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND .....                         | 544,208        | 571,906    | 531,099      |
|                                                    | November       | October    | September    |
|                                                    | M ft.b.m.      | M ft.b.m.  | M ft.b.m.    |
| <u>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS</u> .....     | 7,297          | 7,725      | 8,720        |

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting, November, 1947.

|                               | November | October | September |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------|-----------|
|                               | No.      | No.     | No.       |
| Coast .....                   | 114      | 110     | 109       |
| Interior .....                | 106      | 108     | 118       |
| Total, British Columbia ..... | 220      | 218     | 227       |

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

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