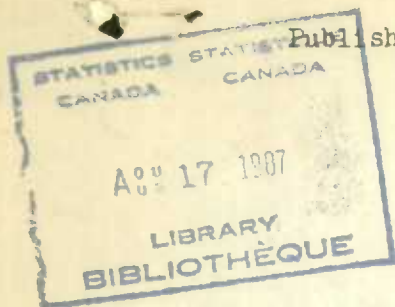


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS

IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

December, 1947

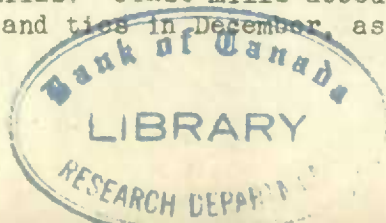
Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 186,095 M ft. in December, as compared with 196,005 M ft. in November, a decrease of 5.1 p.c. Production of Coast mills, which account for 79.0 p.c. of the total, decreased by 6.9 p.c., while the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 21.0 p.c., showed an increase of 2.7 p.c. Shipments in December totalled 207,611 M ft., as compared with 215,728 M ft. the previous month, a decrease of 3.8 p.c., with Coast mills registering a decrease of 5.1 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 1.9 p.c. Stocks on hand at the end of December amounted to 214,403 M ft., as compared with 236,365 M ft. at the end of November. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 150,101 M ft. while Interior mills showed 64,302 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 October, November and December. Details by species are given for production and stocks, while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 240,084 M ft. in October to 196,005 M ft. in November and to 186,095 M ft. in December. Shipments totalled 233,220 M ft. in October, 215,728 M ft. in November and 207,611 M ft. in December. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 247,333 M ft. in October to 236,365 M ft. in November and to 214,403 M ft. in December.

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 137,483 M ft. in December, as compared with 35,825 M ft., reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 9,527 M ft. in December, as compared with 3,260 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 79.0 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in December, as compared with 80.6 p.c. in November.



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 166,819 M ft. in December as compared with 175,695 M ft. in November, while the Interior mills shipped 40,792 M ft., and 40,033 M ft. during the corresponding months. Of all shipments actually reported for December 39.4 p.c. went to points in Canada, 17.8 p.c. to points in the United States, 30.8 p.c. to the United Kingdom, and 11.3 p.c. to other countries. Shipments to unspecified destinations accounted for the remainder (0.7 p.c.). Waterborne shipments accounted for 41.5 p.c. of the total, while 39.7 p.c. went by rail, about 18.1 p.c. by truck and 0.7 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 December amounted to 150,101 M ft., as compared with 152,557 M ft. in November. Interior mills stocks decreased from 83,808 M ft. in November to 64,302 M ft. in December. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 33.3 p.c. of the total in December, as compared with 35 p.c. in November for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were respectively 80.4 and 80.8.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of October, November and December 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 December amounted to 480,600 M ft., as compared with 544,208 M ft. in November and 571,906 M ft. in October. Purchases of Lumber from other mills amounted to 7,725 M ft. in October, 7,297 M ft. in November and 7,900 M ft. in December.

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 December accounted for 87.8 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1945, and the percentages for October and November were 85.4 p.c. and 86.5 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 Manufacturer's 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, December, 1947.

	December M ft.b.m.	November M ft.b.m.	October M ft.b.m.	12 Months M ft.b.m.
<u>PRODUCTION</u>				
Douglas Fir	95,749	106,685	122,614	1,316,890
Hemlock	42,863	41,936	47,784	524,982
Balsam Fir	1,408	1,697	2,106	21,141
Red Cedar	22,281	22,419	26,097	268,198
Spruce	14,169	12,478	27,464	272,534
White Pine	1,977	2,050	3,063	31,571
Ponderosa Pine	1,693	2,289	2,477	37,855
Lodgepole Pine	401	443	623	6,915
All other softwoods	4,335	4,744	6,449	67,443
Total Softwoods	184,876	194,741	238,677	2,547,529
Red Alder	391	296	386	3,014
Maple	320	281	303	3,685
Birch	79	65	79	998
Cottonwood	429	622	639	8,206
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	3
Total hardwoods	1,219	1,264	1,407	17,906
Total softwoods and hardwoods ..	186,095	196,005	240,084	2,565,435
<u>SHIPMENTS</u>				
To: Points in Canada	74,291	79,765	89,047	1,018,978
Points in U.S.A.	33,586	30,150	32,446	260,167
United Kingdom	57,988	58,289	63,884	677,429
Other countries	21,323	27,197	22,043	335,594
Destination not specified	1,239	1,699	836	10,286
Total shipments reported	188,427	197,100	208,256	2,302,454
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	19,184	18,628	24,964	267,250
Total shipments reported and estimated	207,611	215,728	233,220	2,569,704
<u>STOCKS ON HAND</u>				
	31 December M ft.	30 November M ft.	31 October M ft.	
Douglas Fir	100,912	107,655	107,307	
Hemlock	39,222	38,314	42,221	
Balsam Fir	1,597	1,791	2,689	
Red Cedar	22,579	23,529	24,970	
Spruce	29,859	41,702	46,303	
White Pine	5,786	6,660	6,890	
Ponderosa Pine	7,549	7,048	6,172	
Lodgepole Pine	996	1,172	1,213	
All other softwoods	4,497	6,734	7,593	
Total softwoods	212,997	234,605	245,358	
Red Alder	335	439	491	
Maple	320	326	372	
Birch	82	105	129	
Cottonwood	669	890	983	
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	
Total hardwoods	1,406	1,760	1,975	
Total softwoods and hardwoods ..	214,403	236,365	247,333	

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn
December 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>Lumber</u>						
Douglas Fir	74,431	1,664	76,095	7,054	4,674	11,728
Hemlock	36,513	578	37,091	1,123	1,891	3,014
Balsam Fir	583	93	676	139	514	653
Red Cedar	19,699	508	20,207	915	626	1,541
Spruce	1,017	389	1,406	6,620	5,961	12,581
White Pine	566	16	582	1,028	367	1,395
Ponderosa Pine	-	2	2	689	989	1,678
Lodgepole Pine	-	3	3	45	226	271
All other softwoods	353	1	354	1,758	1,064	2,822
Total, softwoods .	133,162	3,254	136,416	19,371	16,312	35,683
Red Alder	232	129	391	-	-	-
Maple	229	91	320	-	-	-
Birch	25	36	61	4	4	8
Cottonwood	93	202	295	39	95	134
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	609	458	1,067	43	99	142
Total, softwoods and hardwoods .	133,771	3,712	137,483	19,414	16,411	35,825
<u>Ties</u>						
Douglas Fir	5,668	492	6,160	891	875	1,766
Hemlock	2,625	62	2,687	48	23	71
Balsam Fir	-	64	64	-	15	15
Red Cedar	116	416	532	-	1	1
Spruce	-	55	55	100	27	127
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	13	13
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	127	127
All other softwoods	-	29	29	800	330	1,130
Total, softwoods .	8,409	1,118	9,527	1,839	1,411	3,250
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	10	10
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	10	10
Total, softwoods and hardwoods .	8,409	1,118	9,527	1,839	1,421	3,260
Lumber and Ties	142,180	4,830	147,010	21,253	17,832	39,085

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

	By Truck (Local Sales) M ft.b.m.	By Rail M ft.b.m.	Waterborne M ft.b.m.	Total Shipments M ft.b.m.
<u>COAST MILLS</u>				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	30,733	3,194	578	34,505
Alberta		1,594	xxxxxx	1,594
Saskatchewan		978	xxxxxx	978
Manitoba		3,833	xxxxxx	3,833
Ontario		10,391	-	10,391
Quebec		2,574	-	2,574
New Brunswick		665	-	665
Nova Scotia		636	-	636
Prince Edward Island		34	-	34
Total for Canada	30,733	23,899	578	55,210
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		830	270	1,100
Atlantic Ports		1,259	-	1,259
Other points, by rail		24,180	xxxxxx	24,180
Total for U.S.A.		26,269	270	26,539
United Kingdom	x	1,070	56,240	57,310
Other countries	x	467	20,834	21,301
Destination or carrier not specified				1,239
Total shipments reported	30,733	51,705	77,922	161,599
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				5,220
Total shipments, reported and estimated				166,819
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
To: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	3,303	2,618	-	5,921
Alberta	86	3,980	xxxxxx	4,066
Saskatchewan		1,657	xxxxxx	1,657
Manitoba		2,525	xxxxxx	2,525
Ontario		4,333	-	4,333
Quebec		557	-	557
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		22	-	22
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Total for Canada	3,389	15,692	-	19,081
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		374	-	374
Atlantic Ports		154	-	154
Other points, by rail		6,519	xxxxxx	6,519
Total for U.S.A.		7,047	-	7,047
United Kingdom	x	287	391	678
Other countries	x	-	22	22
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	3,389	23,026	413	26,828
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				13,964
Total shipments, reported and estimated				40,792

x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills
December, 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	59,674	1,468	61,142	1,513	1,787	3,300
Hemlock	18,111	436	18,547	48	617	665
Balsam Fir	145	107	252	9	170	179
Red Cedar	15,392	629	16,021	67	202	269
Spruce	1,365	302	1,667	3,358	1,929	5,287
White Pine	634	11	645	883	118	1,001
Ponderosa Pine	522	2	524	490	323	813
Lodgepole Pine	-	2	2	-	114	114
All other softwoods ...	541	21	562	374	449	823
Total, softwoods ...	96,384	2,978	99,362	6,742	5,709	12,451
Red Alder	173	88	261	-	-	-
Maple	211	62	273	-	-	-
Birch	19	25	44	4	4	8
Cottonwood	63	137	200	100	31	131
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	466	312	778	104	35	139
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	96,850	3,290	100,140	6,846	5,744	12,590
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	24,137	732	24,869	4,259	7,342	11,601
Hemlock	16,451	217	16,668	809	2,533	3,342
Balsam Fir	333	53	386	81	699	780
Red Cedar	4,049	314	4,363	1,036	830	1,926
Spruce	384	151	535	14,447	7,923	22,370
White Pine	2,357	6	2,363	1,292	485	1,777
Ponderosa Pine	-	1	1	4,886	1,325	6,211
Lodgepole Pine	-	1	1	412	467	879
All other softwoods ...	520	10	530	737	1,845	2,582
Total, softwoods ...	48,231	1,485	49,716	28,019	23,449	51,468
Red Alder	30	44	74	-	-	-
Maple	16	31	47	-	-	-
Birch	-	12	12	-	18	18
Cottonwood	43	69	112	100	126	226
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	89	156	245	100	144	244
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	48,320	1,641	49,961	28,119	23,593	51,712
Sold and Unsold	145,170	4,931	150,101	34,965	29,337	64,302

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

	Month ending:-		
	31 December M ft. b.m.	30 November M ft.b.m.	31 October M ft.b.m.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>			
<u>For shipment to points in British Columbia</u>			
Local	25,337	27,135	28,434
Coastwise and interior	8,604	8,943	9,266
Total	33,941	36,078	37,700
<u>For shipment by rail to:</u>			
Prairie Provinces	17,170	16,520	17,597
Eastern Provinces	37,149	32,926	35,059
United States of America	40,777	38,114	33,590
Total	95,096	87,560	86,246
<u>For waterborne shipment to:</u>			
California	-	-	-
U.S. Atlantic Ports	1,460	-	-
Eastern Canada	-	147	2,296
Export Markets	350,103	420,423	445,662
Total	351,563	420,570	447,960
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	480,600	544,208	571,906
	December M ft. b.m.	November M ft.b.m.	October M ft.b.m.
<u>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS</u>	7,900	7,297	7,725

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

	December	November	October
	No.	No.	No.
Coast	116	114	110
Interior	102	106	108
Total, British Columbia	218	220	218

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

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