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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS

IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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In response to urgent demand for current statistics on lumber supplies, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics began last year the compilation of monthly statistics on production, shipments and stocks of sawmills. However, because operations in British Columbia differ widely from those in the rest of Canada, the survey was at first confined to sawmills east of the Rockies, until special arrangements could be made for the collection of returns from British Columbia sawmills.

Methods of collecting returns were discussed with officers of the British Columbia Bureau of Economics and Statistics and of the four provincial lumber associations. All of these were interested in securing such statistics, and to avoid duplication, it was agreed that the associations would undertake to secure monthly reports from their members and to make these available to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and through it to the Bureau of Economics and Statistics when so authorized by their members. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics itself undertook to secure returns from non-members having an annual output in excess of 500,000 feet board measure, to prepare estimates for the smaller operators, and to compile the data obtained from the various sources and prepare a combined report.

With the co-operation of the British Columbia Lumber Manufacturers' Association, the Western Lumber Manufacturers' Association of Canada, the Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association and the Northern Interior Lumbermen's Association, returns have been collected since the beginning of 1947. The present report gives detailed statistics for the first three months and will be followed in a few weeks by another covering the second quarter, after which regular monthly publication will begin with the July figures.

Summary Figures

Table 1 gives a comparative summary of production, shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills for January, February and March. Details by species are given for production and stocks, while shipments are shown by destinations. Total production rose from 182,663 M ft. in January to 189,312 M ft. in February and 200,501 M ft. in March. Shipments totalled 182,086 M ft. in January, 193,325 M ft. in February and 228,877 M ft. in March. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 239,943 M ft. in January to 230,700 M ft. in February and 209,763 M ft. in March.

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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 143,-870 M ft. in January, 146,363 M ft. in February and 155,813 M ft. in March, as compared with 28,520 M ft., 32,514 M ft. and 32,976 M ft. reported for those months by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 7,878 M ft. in January, 7,782 M ft. in February and 8,629 M ft. in March, as compared with totals of 2,395 M ft., 2,653 M ft. and 3,082 M ft. respectively for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 83 per cent of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in January, 81.4 p.c. in February and 82 p.c. in March.

The figures for production of Coast mills have been checked with those collected by Timber Control to determine their accuracy. For the three-month period Timber Control reports 483,507 M ft. as compared with 470,335 M ft. shown in this report, a difference of only 2.72 p.c. The Bureau's figures are on the conservative side, probably because of the omission of certain mills which began operations since the list of operators was prepared. The Bureau's estimates for non-members and for small mills are all based on 1945 data.

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 to 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 142,181 M ft. in January, 154,874 M ft. in February and 189,447 M ft. in March, while the Interior mills shipped 39,905 M ft., 38,451 M ft. and 39,430 M ft. during the corresponding months. Of all shipments actually reported during this quarter, 39.5 p.c. went to points in Canada, 13.4 p.c. to points in the United States, 27.1 p.c. to the United Kingdom, and 19.7 p.c. to other countries. Shipments to unspecified destinations accounted for the remainder (0.5 p.c.). Waterborne shipments accounted for 41.5 p.c. of the total, while 38.5 p.c. went by rail, about 19.7 p.c. by truck, and 0.3 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 January amounted to 181,447 M ft., decreasing to 176,600 M ft. in February and to 157,-516 M ft. in March. Interior mills' stocks similarly decreased from 58,496 M ft. in January to 54,100 M ft. in February and 52,247 M ft. in March. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 26.3 p.c. of the total in January, 25 p.c. in February and 24.2 p.c. in March for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were respectively 65.3, 67.9 and 66.4.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of each month 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 March amounted

to 524,905 M ft., as compared with 475,056 M ft. in January and 466,724 M ft. in February. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 6,671 M ft. in January, 4,968 M ft. in February and 7,359 M ft. in March.

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 January accounted for 91.6 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1945, and the percentages for February and March were 90.4 p.c. and 89.4 p.c. respectively. It is hoped that the compilation will eventually include all mills in the 500,000 feet and over classification.

Table 1. - Comparative Summary of Production, Shipments and Stocks of Lumber and Ties of British Columbia Sawmills, January, February and March, 1947.

	January	February	2 Months	March	3 Months
	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.
PRODUCTION					
Douglas Fir	97,186	103,761	200,947	106,592	307,539
Hemlock	40,578	34,692	75,270	40,790	116,060
Balsam Fir	983	935	1,918	861	2,779
Red Cedar	20,951	21,083	42,034	24,357	66,391
Spruce	15,204	19,133	34,337	17,420	51,757
White Pine	1,011	2,663	3,674	2,216	5,890
Ponderosa Pine	1,208	1,384	2,592	1,838	4,430
Lodgepole Pine	417	575	992	700	1,692
All other softwoods	3,895	3,989	7,884	4,133	12,017
Total, softwoods	181,433	188,215	369,648	198,907	568,555
Red Alder	331	309	640	505	1,145
Maple	221	152	373	287	660
Birch	57	55	112	70	182
Cottonwood	621	581	1,202	731	1,933
All other hardwoods					
Total, hardwoods	1,230	1,097	2,327	1,593	3,920
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	182,663	189,312	371,975	200,500	572,475
SHIPMENTS					
To: Points in Canada	63,253	68,741	131,994	86,986	218,980
Points in U. S. A.	26,675	27,087	53,762	20,311	74,073
United Kingdom	40,709	41,864	82,573	67,332	149,905
Other countries	35,907	38,694	74,601	34,398	108,999
Destination not specified	548	575	1,123	631	1,754
Total Shipments reported ..	167,092	176,961	344,053	209,658	553,711
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	14,994	16,364	31,358	19,219	50,577
Total shipments, reported and estimated ..	182,086	193,325	375,411	228,877	604,288
	31 January	28 February	31 March		
	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.		
STOCKS ON HAND					
Douglas Fir	115,625	113,266	96,366		
Hemlock	50,885	45,306	43,174		
Balsam Fir	1,482	1,237	1,121		
Red Cedar	22,042	21,952	22,767		
Spruce	29,303	28,332	24,461		
White Pine	9,550	9,210	9,841		
Ponderosa Pine	4,737	4,948	5,720		
Lodgepole Pine	628	655	880		
All other softwoods	4,362	4,573	4,031		
Total softwoods	238,614	229,479	208,361		
Red Alder	345	275	406		
Maple	253	221	301		
Birch	108	92	91		
Cottonwood	643	612	604		
All other hardwoods		21			
Total, hardwoods	1,329	1,221	1,402		
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	259,943	250,700	209,765		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn
January, 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.
LUMBER						
Douglas Fir	79,336	2,904	82,240	5,309	2,113	7,422
Hemlock	36,385	797	37,180	1,505	721	2,226
Balsam Fir	160	43	203	508	214	722
Red Cedar	18,972	881	19,853	455	290	745
Spruce	1,781	474	2,255	9,730	3,069	12,799
White Pine	393	17	410	382	219	601
Ponderosa Pine	-	2	2	603	578	1,181
Lodgepole Pine	-	3	3	187	150	337
All other softwoods ..	614	2	616	1,929	444	2,373
Total, softwoods ..	137,639	5,123	142,762	20,608	7,798	28,406
Red Alder	146	185	331	-	-	-
Maple	113	108	221	-	-	-
Birch	4	41	45	-	4	4
Cottonwood	288	223	511	58	52	110
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	551	557	1,108	58	56	114
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	138,190	5,680	143,870	20,666	7,854	28,520
TIES						
Douglas Fir	5,916	344	6,260	542	722	1,264
Hemlock	1,097	46	1,143	21	8	29
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	48	10	58
Red Cedar	8	344	352	-	1	1
Spruce	-	46	46	84	20	104
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	16	9	25
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	7	70	77
All other softwoods ..	53	24	77	634	195	829
Total, softwoods ..	7,074	804	7,878	1,352	1,035	2,387
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	8	8
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	8	8
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	7,074	804	7,878	1,352	1,043	2,395
Lumber and Ties	145,264	6,484	151,748	22,018	8,897	30,915

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn
February, 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	84,769	3,356	88,125	5,381	2,791	8,172
Hemlock	30,185	970	31,155	1,060	760	1,820
Balsam Fir	335	44	379	196	324	520
Red Cedar	19,363	652	20,015	397	331	728
Spruce	2,398	483	2,881	12,454	3,595	16,049
White Pine	2,167	18	2,185	187	291	478
Ponderosa Pine	-	2	2	788	582	1,370
Lodgepole Pine	-	3	3	165	165	330
All other softwoods .	648	2	650	1,325	1,101	2,926
Total, softwoods ..	<u>139,865</u>	<u>5,530</u>	<u>145,395</u>	<u>22,453</u>	<u>9,940</u>	<u>32,393</u>
Red Alder	143	166	309	-	-	-
Maple	52	100	152	-	-	-
Birch	3	40	43	-	4	4
Cottonwood	237	227	464	67	50	117
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	<u>435</u>	<u>533</u>	<u>968</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>121</u>
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	<u>140,300</u>	<u>6,063</u>	<u>146,363</u>	<u>22,520</u>	<u>9,994</u>	<u>32,514</u>
<u>TIES</u>						
Douglas Fir	5,163	440	5,603	1,026	835	1,861
Hemlock	1,650	47	1,697	-	20	20
Balsam Fir	-	24	24	-	12	12
Red Cedar	-	339	339	-	1	1
Spruce	-	51	51	113	39	152
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	12	12
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	177	65	242
All other softwoods .	44	24	68	210	135	345
Total, softwoods ..	<u>6,857</u>	<u>925</u>	<u>7,782</u>	<u>1,526</u>	<u>1,119</u>	<u>2,645</u>
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	8	8
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	8	8
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	<u>6,857</u>	<u>925</u>	<u>7,782</u>	<u>1,526</u>	<u>1,127</u>	<u>2,653</u>
Lumber and Ties	147,157	6,988	154,145	24,046	11,121	35,167

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn
March, 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	86,330	3,503	89,833	4,850	3,749	8,599
Hemlock	35,772	957	36,729	976	1,304	2,280
Balsam Fir	222	47	269	209	317	526
Red Cedar	21,923	865	22,788	760	432	1,192
Spruce	2,052	516	2,568	10,895	3,824	14,719
White Pine	1,704	19	1,723	135	358	493
Ponderosa Pine	-	2	2	1,039	746	1,785
Lodgepole Pine	-	3	3	166	181	347
All other softwoods .	496	2	498	1,783	1,068	2,351
Total, softwoods .	148,499	5,914	154,413	20,813	11,979	32,792
Red Alder	303	202	505	-	-	-
Maple	168	119	287	-	-	-
Birch	12	45	57	-	4	4
Cottonwood	304	247	551	119	61	180
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	787	613	1,400	119	65	184
Total, softwoods and hardwoods .	149,286	6,527	155,813	20,932	12,044	32,976
<u>TIES</u>						
Douglas Fir	5,706	638	6,344	868	948	1,816
Hemlock	1,690	55	1,745	25	11	36
Balsam Fir	-	53	53	-	13	13
Red Cedar	-	376	376	-	1	1
Spruce	-	50	50	57	26	83
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	40	11	51
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	274	76	350
All other softwoods .	34	27	61	420	303	723
Total, softwoods .	7,430	1,199	8,629	1,684	1,389	3,073
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	9	9
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	9	9
Total, softwoods and hardwoods .	7,430	1,199	8,629	1,684	1,398	3,082
Lumber and Ties	156,716	7,726	164,442	22,616	13,442	36,058

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

	By Truck (Local Sales)	By Rail	Waterborne	Total Shipments
	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.
COAST MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	26,569	3,607	256	30,432
Alberta	2,681	xxxxxx	2,681	
Saskatchewan	3,575	xxxxxx	3,575	
Manitoba	2,867	xxxxxx	2,867	
Ontario	5,674	-	5,674	
Quebec	2,868	-	2,868	
New Brunswick	381	-	381	
Nova Scotia	220	-	220	
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	
Total for Canada	26,569	21,873	256	48,698
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	500	-	500	
Atlantic Ports	310	-	310	
Other points, by rail	12,728	xxxxxx	12,728	
Total for U.S.A.	13,538	-	13,538	
United Kingdom	x 10,103	29,011	39,114	
Other countries	x 2,647	31,547	34,194	
Destination or carrier not specified				548
Total shipments reported	26,569	48,161	60,814	136,092
Estimated shipments of				
non-reporting mills				6,089
Total shipments, reported and estimated				142,181
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	2,751	1,654	-	4,405
Alberta	111	3,255	xxxxxx	3,366
Saskatchewan	1,104	xxxxxx	1,104	
Manitoba	2,021	xxxxxx	2,021	
Ontario	3,427	-	3,427	
Quebec	232	-	232	
New Brunswick	-	-	-	
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	
Total for Canada	2,862	11,693	-	14,555
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	344	-	344	
Atlantic Ports	848	-	848	
Other points, by rail	11,945	xxxxxx	11,945	
Total for U.S.A.	13,137	-	13,137	
United Kingdom	x 1,006	589	1,595	
Other countries	x 968	745	1,713	
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	2,862	26,804	1,334	31,000
Estimated shipments of				
non-reporting mills				8,905
Total shipments, reported and estimated				39,905

x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

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

	COAST MILLS	By Truck (Local Sales)	By Rail	Waterborne	Total Shipments
		M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.
TO: Points in Canada:					
British Columbia	31,628	3,472	964	36,064	
Alberta		2,876	xxxxxx	2,876	
Saskatchewan		2,531	xxxxxx	2,531	
Manitoba		2,953	xxxxxx	2,953	
Ontario		5,989	-	5,989	
Quebec		2,912	-	2,912	
New Brunswick		135	-	135	
Nova Scotia		141	-	141	
Prince Edward Island					-
Total for Canada	31,628	21,009	964	53,601	
Points in U.S.A.:					
Pacific Ports		461	-	461	
Atlantic Ports		389	-	389	
Other points, by rail		13,482	xxxxxx	13,482	
Total for U.S.A.		14,332	-	14,332	
United Kingdom	x	5,521	35,845	41,166	
Other countries	x	2,743	35,445	38,188	
Destination or carrier not specified				575	
Total shipments reported	31,628	43,405	72,254	147,862	
Estimated shipments of					
non-reporting mills				7,012	
Total shipments, reported and estimated				154,874	
INTERIOR MILLS					
TO: Points in Canada:					
British Columbia	3,185	892	28	4,105	
Alberta	54	3,051	xxxxxx	3,105	
Saskatchewan		1,647	xxxxxx	1,647	
Manitoba		2,683	xxxxxx	2,683	
Ontario		3,436	-	3,436	
Quebec		164	-	164	
New Brunswick		-	-	-	
Nova Scotia		-	-	-	
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-	
Total for Canada	3,239	11,873	28	15,140	
Points in U.S.A.:					
Pacific Ports		98	-	98	
Atlantic Ports		1,188	-	1,188	
Other points, by rail		11,469	xxxxxx	11,469	
Total for U.S.A.		12,755	-	12,755	
United Kingdom	x	648	50	698	
Other countries	x	82	424	506	
Destination or carrier not specified				-	
Total shipments reported	3,239	25,358	502	29,099	
Estimated shipments of					
non-reporting mills				9,352	
Total shipments, reported and estimated				38,451	

x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties
March, 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.
COAST MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	39,653	4,752	641	45,046
Alberta		3,404	xxxxxx	3,404
Saskatchewan		2,982	xxxxxx	2,982
Manitoba		4,979	xxxxxx	4,979
Ontario		6,276	-	6,276
Quebec		3,386	-	3,386
New Brunswick		393	-	393
Nova Scotia		40	-	40
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Total for Canada	39,653	26,212	641	66,506
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		743	25	768
Atlantic Ports		40	-	40
Other points, by rail		12,188	xxxxxx	12,188
Total for U.S.A.		12,971	25	12,996
United Kingdom	x 1,487	65,113		66,600
Other countries	x 5,117	28,997		34,114
Destination or carrier not specified				651
Total shipments reported	39,653	45,787	94,776	180,847
Estimated shipments of				
non-reporting mills				8,600
Total shipments, reported and estimated				189,447
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	4,843	911	24	5,778
Alberta		3,186	xxxxxx	3,186
Saskatchewan		3,723	xxxxxx	3,723
Manitoba		3,869	xxxxx	3,869
Ontario		3,781	-	3,781
Quebec		143	-	143
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Total for Canada	4,843	15,613	24	20,480
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		89	--	89
Atlantic Ports		967	-	967
Other points, by rail		6,259	xxxxxx	6,259
Total for U.S.A.		7,315	-	7,315
United Kingdom	x 666	66		732
Other countries	x 207	77		284
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	4,843	23,801	167	28,811
Estimated shipments of				
non-reporting mills				10,619
Total shipments, reported and estimated				39,430

x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties, at Sawmills,
31 January, 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	74,647	2,863	77,510	2,980	1,860	4,840
Hemlock	31,175	743	31,918	247	478	725
Balsam Fir	279	38	317	650	147	797
Red Cedar	14,914	1,079	15,993	537	191	728
Spruce	1,325	458	1,783	5,276	2,027	7,303
White Pine	5,140	15	5,155	1,345	144	1,489
Ponderosa Pine	-	2	2	1,394	385	1,779
Lodgepole Pine	-	3	3	26	144	170
All other softwoods ..	100	23	123	1,937	419	2,356
Total, softwoods ...	127,580	5,224	132,804	14,392	5,795	20,187
Red Alder	124	163	287	-	-	-
Maple	104	95	199	-	-	-
Birch	16	36	52	-	8	8
Cottonwood	206	197	403	53	34	87
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	450	491	941	53	42	95
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	128,030	5,715	133,745	14,445	5,837	20,282
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	23,827	1,021	24,848	4,923	3,504	8,427
Hemlock	16,348	265	16,613	728	901	1,629
Balsam Fir	17	14	31	60	277	337
Red Cedar	3,644	385	4,029	932	360	1,292
Spruce	351	165	514	15,885	3,818	19,705
White Pine	1,211	5	1,216	1,419	271	1,690
Ponderosa Pine	-	1	1	2,230	725	2,955
Lodgepole Pine	-	1	1	182	272	454
All other softwoods ..	260	8	268	825	790	1,615
Total, softwoods ...	45,658	1,863	47,521	27,184	10,918	38,102
Red Alder	-	58	58	-	-	-
Maple	-	34	34	-	-	-
Birch	-	13	13	20	15	35
Cottonwood	6	70	76	13	64	77
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	6	175	181	53	79	112
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	45,664	2,038	47,702	27,217	10,997	38,214
Sold and Unsold	173,694	7,753	181,447	41,362	16,834	58,496

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

Species	COAST MILLS			INTERIOR MILLS		
	Reported M ft.b.m.	Estimated M ft.b.m.	Total M ft.b.m.	Reported M ft.b.m.	Estimated M ft.b.m.	Total M ft.b.m.
<u>SOLD(But not shipped)</u>						
Douglas Fir	72,658	3,262	75,920	1,851	1,792	3,643
Hemlock	29,822	874	30,696	93	385	478
Balsam Fir	337	59	396	233	166	399
Red Cedar	15,101	852	15,953	241	164	405
Spruce	1,743	459	2,202	5,587	1,796	7,383
White Pine	6,061	15	6,076	572	144	716
Ponderosa Pine	39	2	41	1,818	293	2,111
Lodgepole Pine	-	3	3	65	114	177
All other softwoods ..	229	22	251	1,398	611	2,009
Total, softwoods ...	125,990	5,548	131,538	11,856	5,465	17,321
Red Alder	83	143	226	-	-	-
Maple	106	86	192	-	-	-
Birch	8	34	42	-	6	6
Cottonwood	249	195	444	25	25	50
All other hardwoods ..	21	-	21	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	467	458	925	25	31	56
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	126,457	6,006	132,463	11,881	5,496	17,377
<u>UN SOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	23,840	1,087	24,927	4,990	3,786	8,776
Hemlock	12,495	288	12,783	535	814	1,349
Balsam Fir	26	20	46	45	351	396
Red Cedar	4,321	284	4,605	642	347	989
Spruce	208	153	361	14,591	3,795	18,386
White Pine	1,091	6	1,097	1,017	304	1,321
Ponderosa Pine	-	1	1	2,175	620	2,795
Lodgepole Pine	-	1	1	234	240	474
All other softwoods ..	153	8	161	861	1,291	2,152
Total, softwoods ...	42,134	1,848	43,982	25,090	11,548	36,638
Red Alder	1	48	49	-	-	-
Maple	-	29	29	-	-	-
Birch	-	11	11	20	13	33
Cottonwood	1	65	66	-	52	52
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	2	153	155	20	65	85
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	42,136	2,001	44,137	25,110	11,613	36,723
Sold and Unsold	168,593	8,007	176,600	36,991	17,109	54,100

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

Species	COAST MILLS			INTERIOR MILLS		
	Reported M ft.b.m.	Estimated M ft.b.m.	Total M ft.b.m.	Reported M ft.b.m.	Estimated M ft.b.m.	Total M ft.b.m.
<u>SOLD(But not shipped)</u>						
Douglas Fir	60,408	3,006	63,414	1,704	2,288	3,992
Hemlock	28,415	735	29,150	230	640	870
Balsam Fir	233	73	306	275	161	436
Red Cedar	16,459	901	17,360	340	211	551
Spruce	1,132	411	1,543	5,069	1,875	6,944
White Pine	6,457	14	6,471	685	174	859
Ponderosa Pine	-	1	1	1,666	369	2,035
Lodgepole Pine	-	2	2	177	125	302
All other softwoods	33	21	54	825	668	1,493
Total, softwoods	113,137	5,164	118,301	10,971	6,511	17,482
Red Alder	211	147	358	-	-	-
Maple	187	86	273	-	-	-
Birch	10	33	43	-	6	6
Cottonwood	233	179	412	45	30	75
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	641	445	1,086	45	36	81
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	113,778	5,609	119,387	11,016	6,547	17,563
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	19,643	960	20,603	3,839	4,518	8,357
Hemlock	11,398	235	11,633	256	1,265	1,521
Balsam Fir	1	23	24	38	317	355
Red Cedar	3,677	288	3,965	474	417	891
Spruce	238	131	369	11,902	3,703	15,605
White Pine	1,179	4	1,183	983	345	1,328
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	2,956	728	3,684
Lodgepole Pine	-	1	1	328	247	575
All other softwoods	200	7	207	958	1,319	2,277
Total, softwoods	36,336	1,649	37,985	21,734	12,859	34,593
Red Alder	1	47	48	-	-	-
Maple	-	28	28	-	-	-
Birch	-	10	10	20	12	32
Cottonwood	1	57	58	-	59	59
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	2	142	144	20	71	91
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	36,338	1,791	38,129	21,754	12,930	34,584
Sold and Unsold	150,116	7,400	157,516	32,770	19,477	52,247



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

	Month ending:		
	31 January M ft.b.m.	28 February M ft.b.m.	31 March M ft.b.m.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>			
For shipment to points in British Columbia:			
Local	33,330	34,948	35,224
Coastwise and interior	9,090	8,525	11,334
Total	42,420	43,473	46,558
For shipment by rail to:			
Prairie Provinces	27,023	29,172	21,888
Eastern Provinces	25,526	26,650	29,334
United States of America	25,948	23,398	21,277
Total	78,497	79,220	72,499
For waterborne shipment to:			
California	-	-	-
U. S. Atlantic Ports	-	-	385
Eastern Canada	3,330	2,799	-
Export Markets	350,809	341,232	405,463
Total	354,139	344,031	405,848
<u>TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND</u>	475,056	466,724	524,905
<u>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS</u>			
	January M ft.b.m.	February M ft.b.m.	March M ft.b.m.
	6,671	4,968	7,359

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting, January, February and March, 1947.

	January No.	February No.	March No.
Coast	93	92	92
Interior	85	92	90
Total, British Columbia	176	184	182

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