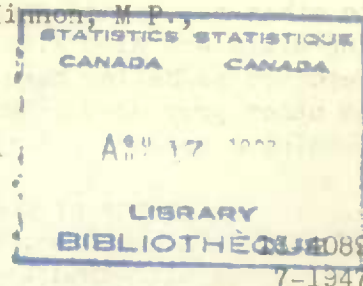


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS

IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

JULY, 1947.

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 225,626 M ft. as compared with 233,042 M ft. in June, a decrease of 3.2 p.c. Production of Coast mills, which account for 67.4 p.c. of the total, decreased by 10.3 p.c., while the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 32.6 p.c., showed a gain of 15.8 p.c. Shipments in July totalled 208,083 M ft., as compared with 233,507 M ft. the previous month, a decrease of 10.9 p.c., with Coast mills registering a decrease of 16.2 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 8.0 p.c. Stocks on hand at the end of July amounted to 227,954 M ft., as compared with 217,258 M ft. at the end of June. Coast mills reported stocks totaling 158,536 M ft. while Interior mills showed 69,418 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 May, June and July. Details by species are given for production and stocks, while shipments are shown by destination. Total production declined from 237,723 M ft. in May to 233,042 M ft. in June and 225,626 M ft. in July. Shipments totalled 229,922 M ft. in May, 233,507 M ft. in June and 208,083 M ft. in July. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 217,727 M ft. in May to 217,258 M ft. in June but rose to 227,954 M ft. in July.

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 143,205 M ft. in July, as compared with 68,951 M ft., reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 8,960 M ft. in July, as compared with 4,510 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 67.4 per cent of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in July, as compared with 72.8 p.c. in June.

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 152,607 M ft. in July as compared with 182,135 M ft. in June, while the Interior mills shipped 55,476 M ft., and 51,372 M ft. during the corresponding months. Of all shipments actually reported for July, 49.5 p.c. went to points in Canada, 6.3 p.c. to points in the United States, 29.5 p.c. to the United Kingdom, and 14.3 p.c. to other countries. Shipments to unspecified destinations accounted for the remainder (0.4 p.c.). Waterborne shipments accounted for 41.1 p.c. of the total, while 37.1 p.c. went by rail, about 21.4 p.c. by truck, and 0.4 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 July amounted to 158,536 M ft., as compared with 160,608 M ft. in June. Interior mills' stocks, however, increased from 56,650 M ft. in June to 69,418 M ft. in July. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 32.7 p.c. of the total in July, as compared with 30.5 p.c. in June for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were respectively 65.5 and 74.3.

Assuming that stocks on hand reported for January were correct and that stocks at the end of a given month should equal stocks at the end of the previous month, plus production during the month, less shipments during the month, the figures given do not entirely agree with those calculated as above. However, the error does not exceed +1.0 p.c. or -7.0 p.c. for any month, and it is hoped to eventually reduce this difference as this survey proceeds. The difference is due in part to the inclusion of lumber purchased for resale in some of the figures reported for shipments and stocks.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of May, June and July 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 July amounted to 564,884 M ft., as compared with 575,251 M ft. in June and 589,366 M ft. in May. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 10,947 M ft. in May, 14,562 M ft. in June and 5,347 M ft. in July.

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 July accounted for 82.9 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1945, and the percentages for May and June were 86.3 p.c. and 85.2 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, July, 1947.

	July	June	May	7 Months
	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.
<u>PRODUCTION</u>				
Douglas Fir	113,436	115,448	121,780	773,657
Hemlock	40,152	48,670	47,633	302,248
Balsam Fir	2,269	2,474	1,430	10,744
Red Cedar	20,839	22,333	26,158	157,693
Spruce	31,679	26,460	21,992	148,150
White Pine	2,689	3,499	2,944	18,663
Ponderosa Pine	4,872	5,118	5,707	24,075
Lodgepole Pine	738	589	545	3,918
All other softwoods	7,093	6,693	7,881	39,141
Total, softwoods	223,767	231,284	236,070	1,478,289
Red Alder	533	471	476	3,072
Maple	371	398	319	2,127
Birch	105	111	100	609
Cottonwood	850	778	758	5,158
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	3
Total, Hardwoods	1,859	1,758	1,653	10,969
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	225,626	233,042	237,723	1,489,258
<u>SHIPMENTS</u>				
To: Points in Canada	90,206	109,945	103,116	606,448
Points in U.S.A.	11,465	9,034	10,530	120,255
United Kingdom	53,857	66,500	58,024	382,883
Other countries	26,036	22,422	35,400	216,769
Destination not specified ...	833	1,040	731	5,111
Total shipments reported	182,397	208,941	207,801	1,331,466
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	25,686	24,566	22,121	152,047
Total shipments, reported and estimated	208,083	233,507	229,922	1,483,513
<u>STOCKS ON HAND</u>				
	31 July M ft.	30 June M ft.	31 May M ft.	
Douglas Fir	102,317	103,979	108,352	
Hemlock	47,292	42,641	41,278	
Balsam Fir	1,370	1,695	1,011	
Red Cedar	20,354	21,856	24,396	
Spruce	31,124	23,846	18,189	
White Pine	7,948	9,340	10,029	
Ponderosa Pine	8,396	6,861	7,154	
Lodgepole Pine	669	574	498	
All other softwoods	6,545	4,799	5,241	
Total softwoods	226,015	215,591	216,148	
Red Alder	471	410	402	
Maple	373	380	321	
Birch	106	101	107	
Cottonwood	988	776	749	
All other hardwoods	1	-	-	
Total, hardwoods	1,939	1,667	1,579	
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	227,954	217,258	217,727	

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn
July, 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	82,262	3,090	85,352	10,223	8,197	18,420
Hemlock	32,513	1,019	33,532	3,265	1,780	5,045
Balsam Fir	959	45	1,004	278	916	1,194
Red Cedar	16,747	696	17,443	2,049	903	2,952
Spruce	2,474	486	2,960	17,486	11,138	28,624
White Pine	1,192	18	1,210	895	584	1,479
Ponderosa Pine	24	2	26	2,767	2,062	4,829
Lodgepole Pine	-	3	3	33	532	565
All other softwoods	188	2	190	2,022	3,460	5,482
Total, softwoods	136,359	5,361	141,720	39,018	29,572	68,590
Red Alder	345	188	533	-	-	-
Maple	250	121	371	-	-	-
Birch	39	45	84	-	8	8
Cottonwood	256	241	497	208	145	353
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	890	595	1,485	208	153	361
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	137,249	5,956	143,205	39,226	29,725	68,951
TIES						
Douglas Fir	6,527	454	6,981	1,572	1,111	2,683
Hemlock	1,359	57	1,416	139	20	159
Balsam Fir	-	51	51	-	20	20
Red Cedar	34	391	425	17	2	19
Spruce	-	52	52	-	43	43
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	17	17
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	170	170
All other softwoods	8	27	35	826	560	1,386
Total, softwoods	7,928	1,032	8,960	2,554	1,943	4,497
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	13	13
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	13	13
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	7,928	1,032	8,960	2,554	1,956	4,510
LUMBER AND TIES ...	145,177	6,988	152,165	41,780	31,681	73,461

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties
July, 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	33,784	4,366	657	38,807
Alberta		2,288	xxxxx	2,288
Saskatchewan		2,270	xxxxx	2,270
Manitoba		2,652	xxxxx	2,652
Ontario		8,140	-	8,140
Quebec		4,529	-	4,529
New Brunswick		369	-	369
Nova Scotia		665	-	665
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Total for Canada	33,784	25,279	657	59,720
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		237	-	237
Atlantic Ports		107	-	107
Other points, by rail		7,879	xxxxx	7,879
Total for U.S.A.		8,223	-	8,223
United Kingdom	x	2,825	48,247	51,072
Other countries	x	450	25,306	25,756
Destination or carrier not specified				833
Total shipments reported	33,784	36,777	74,210	145,604
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				7,003
Total shipments, reported and estimated				152,607
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	5,124	2,899	25	8,048
Alberta	38	5,527	xxxxx	5,565
Saskatchewan		4,232	xxxxx	4,232
Manitoba		5,254	xxxxx	5,254
Ontario		6,309	-	6,309
Quebec		1,078	-	1,078
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Total for Canada	5,162	25,299	25	30,486
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		-	-	-
Atlantic Ports		139	-	139
Other points, by rail		3,103	xxxxx	3,103
Total for U.S.A.		3,242	-	3,242
United Kingdom	x	2,170	615	2,785
Other countries	x	179	101	280
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	5,162	30,890	741	36,793
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				18,683
Total shipments, reported and estimated				55,476
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills
July, 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	63,896	2,487	66,383	3,338	3,034	6,372
Hemlock	18,217	755	18,972	756	587	1,343
Balsam Fir	152	67	219	5	305	310
Red Cedar	12,944	763	13,707	786	295	1,081
Spruce	1,695	378	2,073	4,818	3,645	8,463
White Pine	4,119	13	4,132	1,198	190	1,388
Ponderosa Pine	16	1	17	1,480	678	2,158
Lodgepole Pine	-	2	2	-	229	229
All other softwoods	44	20	64	1,050	1,311	2,361
Total, softwoods	101,083	4,486	105,569	13,431	10,274	23,705
Ted Alder	275	132	407	-	-	-
Maple	247	85	332	-	-	-
Birch	22	31	53	-	7	7
Cottonwood	238	169	407	190	47	237
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	782	417	1,199	190	54	244
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	101,865	4,903	106,768	13,621	10,328	23,949
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	18,596	1,206	19,802	3,999	5,761	9,760
Hemlock	24,889	366	25,255	608	1,114	1,722
Balsam Fir	146	32	178	84	579	663
Red Cedar	3,691	370	4,061	945	560	1,505
Spruce	703	183	886	12,782	6,920	19,702
White Pine	928	6	934	1,132	362	1,494
Ponderosa Pine	-	1	1	4,933	1,287	6,220
Lodgepole Pine	-	1	1	2	435	437
All other softwoods	407	10	417	1,215	2,488	3,703
Total, softwoods.	49,360	2,175	51,535	25,700	19,506	45,206
Red Alder	-	64	64	-	-	-
Maple	-	41	41	-	-	-
Birch	-	15	15	18	13	31
Cottonwood	30	82	112	142	90	232
All other hardwoods	1	-	1	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	31	202	233	160	103	263
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	49,391	2,377	51,768	25,860	19,609	45,469
SOLD AND UNSOLD ..	151,256	7,280	158,536	39,481	29,937	69,418

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

ORDERS ON HAND	Month ending:-		
	31 July	30 June	31 May
	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.
<u>For shipment to points in British Columbia:</u>			
Local	25,848	30,773	30,819
Coastwise and interior	12,375	12,275	13,631
Total	38,223	43,048	44,450
<u>For shipment by rail to:</u>			
Prairie Provinces	19,615	21,373	24,338
Eastern Provinces	31,201	37,102	33,313
United States of America	25,561	21,115	20,762
Total	76,377	79,590	78,413
<u>For waterborne shipment to:</u>			
California	-	-	-
U.S. Atlantic Ports	-	-	-
Eastern Canada	-	50	1,880
Export Markets	450,284	452,563	464,623
Total	450,284	452,613	466,503
<u>TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND</u>	564,884	575,251	589,366
	July	June	May
	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.
<u>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS</u>	5,347	14,562	10,947

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

	July	June	May
	No.	No.	No.
Coast	110	103	106
Interior	120	103	100
Total, British Columbia	230	206	206

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

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