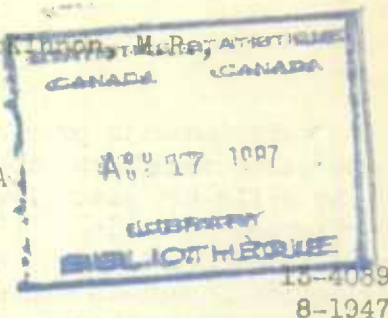


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS

IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 217,117 M ft. in August, as compared with 225,626 M ft. in July, a decrease of 3.8 p.c. Production of Coast mills, which account for 64.3 p.c. of the total, decreased by 8.2 p.c., while the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 35.7 p.c., showed a gain of 5.4 p.c. Shipments in August totalled 207,288 M ft., as compared with 208,083 M ft. the previous month, a decrease of 0.4 p.c., with Coast mills registering an increase of 0.6 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 3.1 p.c. Stocks on hand at the end of August amounted to 228,580 M ft., as compared with 227,954 M ft. at the end of July. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 155,404 M ft. while Interior mills showed 73,176 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 June, July and August. Details by species are given for production and stocks, while shipments are shown by destination. Total production declined from 233,042 M ft. in June to 225,626 M ft. in July and 217,117 M ft. in August. Shipments totalled 233,507 M ft. in June, 208,083 M ft. in July and 207,288 M ft. in August. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 217,258 M ft. in June to 227,954 M ft. in July and to 228,580 M ft. in August.

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 131,224 M ft. in August, as compared with 72,983 M ft., reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 8,468 M ft. in August, as compared with 4,442 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 64.3 per cent of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in August, as compared with 67.4 p.c. in July.

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 153,513 M ft. in August as compared with 152,607 M ft. in July, while the Interior mills shipped 53,775 M ft., and 55,476 M ft. during the corresponding months. Of all shipments actually reported for August, 39.1 p.c. went to points in Canada, 7.6 p.c. to points in the United States, 36.6 p.c. to the United Kingdom, and 16.4 p.c. to other countries. Shipments to unspecified destinations accounted for the remainder (0.3 p.c.). Waterborne shipments accounted for 50.0 p.c. of the total, while 27.0 p.c. went by rail, about 22.7 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 August amounted to 155,404 M ft., as compared with 158,536 M ft. in July. Interior mills' stocks, however, increased from 69,418 M ft. in July to 73,176 M ft. in August. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 38.1 p.c. of the total in August, as compared with 32.7 p.c. in July for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were respectively 69.0 and 65.5.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of June, July and August 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 August amounted to 540,540 M ft., as compared with 564,884 M ft. in July and 575,251 M ft. in June. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 14,562 M ft. in June, 5,347 M ft. in July and 4,297 M ft. in August.

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 August accounted for 81.8 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1945, and the percentages for June and July were 85.2 p.c. and 82.9 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, August, 1947.

	August M ft.b.m.	July M ft.b.m.	June M ft.b.m.	8 Months M ft.b.m.
<u>PRODUCTION</u>				
Douglas Fir	103,137	113,436	115,448	876,794
Hemlock	42,577	40,152	48,670	344,825
Balsam Fir	2,548	2,269	2,474	13,292
Red Cedar	16,501	20,839	22,233	174,194
Spruce	36,927	31,679	26,460	185,077
White Pine	3,257	2,689	3,499	21,920
Ponderosa Pine	3,901	4,872	5,118	27,976
Lodgepole Pine	808	738	589	4,726
All other softwoods	6,106	7,093	6,693	45,247
<u>Total, softwoods</u>	<u>215,762</u>	<u>223,767</u>	<u>231,284</u>	<u>1,694,051</u>
Red Alder	432	533	471	3,504
Maple	297	371	398	2,424
Birch	87	105	111	696
Cottonwood	539	850	778	5,697
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	3
<u>Total, hardwoods</u>	<u>1,355</u>	<u>1,859</u>	<u>1,758</u>	<u>12,324</u>
<u>Total, softwoods and hardwoods</u>	<u>217,117</u>	<u>225,626</u>	<u>233,042</u>	<u>1,706,375</u>
<u>SHIPMENTS</u>				
To: Points in Canada	83,397	90,206	109,945	689,845
Points in U.S.A.	16,202	11,465	9,034	136,457
United Kingdom	55,559	53,857	66,500	438,442
Other countries	24,107	26,036	22,422	240,876
Destination not specified ...	452	833	1,040	5,563
<u>Total shipments reported</u>	<u>179,717</u>	<u>182,397</u>	<u>208,941</u>	<u>1,511,183</u>
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	27,571	25,686	24,566	179,618
<u>Total shipments,</u> <u>reported and estimated</u>	<u>207,288</u>	<u>208,083</u>	<u>233,507</u>	<u>1,690,801</u>
<u>STOCKS ON HAND</u>				
	<u>31 August</u> M ft.	<u>31 July</u> M ft.	<u>30 June</u> M ft.	
Douglas Fir	102,138	102,317	103,979	
Hemlock	43,201	47,292	42,641	
Balsam Fir	1,685	1,870	1,695	
Red Cedar	21,366	20,354	21,856	
Spruce	37,637	31,124	23,846	
White Pine	8,186	7,948	9,340	
Ponderosa Pine	6,528	8,396	6,861	
Lodgepole Pine	942	669	574	
All other softwoods	4,687	6,545	4,799	
<u>Total, softwoods</u>	<u>226,520</u>	<u>226,015</u>	<u>215,591</u>	
Red Alder	540	471	410	
Maple	410	373	380	
Birch	103	106	101	
Cottonwood	1,007	988	776	
All other hardwoods	-	1	-	
<u>Total, hardwoods</u>	<u>2,060</u>	<u>1,939</u>	<u>1,667</u>	
<u>Total, softwoods and hardwoods</u>	<u>228,580</u>	<u>227,954</u>	<u>217,258</u>	

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn
August, 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	70,469	4,595	75,064	10,527	8,530	19,057
Hemlock	34,520	1,170	35,700	3,169	1,855	5,024
Balsam Fir	1,271	47	1,318	260	881	1,141
Red Cedar	12,943	892	13,835	1,367	928	2,295
Spruce	1,357	472	1,829	24,780	10,229	35,009
White Pine	1,942	37	1,979	733	545	1,278
Ponderosa Pine	73	2	75	1,935	1,875	3,810
Lodgepole Pine	-	3	3	154	456	610
All other softwoods..	274	1	275	1,450	3,113	4,563
Total, softwoods..	122,859	7,219	130,078	44,375	28,412	72,787
Red Alder	259	173	432	-	-	-
Maple	191	106	297	-	-	-
Birch	23	42	65	-	9	9
Cottonwood	93	259	352	55	132	187
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods..	566	580	1,146	55	141	196
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	123,425	7,799	131,224	44,430	28,553	72,983
<u>TIES</u>						
Douglas Fir	5,456	726	6,182	1,622	1,212	2,834
Hemlock	1,668	62	1,730	104	19	123
Balsam Fir	9	60	69	-	20	20
Red Cedar	-	369	369	-	2	2
Spruce	-	49	49	3	37	40
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	16	16
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	195	195
All other softwoods..	43	26	69	819	380	1,199
Total, softwoods..	7,176	1,292	8,468	2,548	1,881	4,429
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	13	13
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	13	13
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	7,176	1,292	8,468	2,548	1,894	4,442
LUMBER AND TIES	130,601	9,091	139,692	46,978	30,447	77,425

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties
August, 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: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	32,635	4,700	614	37,949
Alberta		1,534	xxxxx	1,534
Saskatchewan		1,303	xxxxx	1,303
Manitoba		3,265	xxxxx	3,265
Ontario		8,438	-	8,438
Quebec		2,576	-	2,576
New Brunswick		492	-	492
Nova Scotia		651	-	651
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Total for Canada	32,635	22,959	614	56,208
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		332	24	356
Atlantic Ports		41	-	41
Other points, by rail		10,536	xxxxx	10,536
Total for U.S.A.		10,909	24	10,933
United Kingdom	x	3,294	49,209	52,503
Other Countries	x	1,564	22,034	23,598
Destination or carrier not specified				452
Total shipments reported	32,635	38,726	71,881	143,694
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				9,819
Total shipments, reported and estimated				153,513
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	4,668	3,129	28	7,825
Alberta	155	4,398	xxxxx	4,553
Saskatchewan		3,295	xxxxx	3,295
Manitoba		4,979	xxxxx	4,979
Ontario		5,996	-	5,996
Quebec		541	-	541
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Total for Canada	4,823	22,338	28	27,189
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		35	-	35
Atlantic Ports		-	-	-
Other points, by rail		5,234	xxxxx	5,234
Total for U.S.A.		5,269	-	5,269
United Kingdom	x	2,956	100	3,056
Other Countries	x	279	230	509
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	4,823	30,842	358	36,023
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				17,752
Total shipments, reported and estimated				53,775
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills
August, 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	54,299	3,662	57,961	3,222	2,852	6,074
Hemlock	17,209	848	18,057	961	548	1,509
Balsam Fir	313	74	387	3	264	267
Red Cedar	13,573	868	14,441	619	272	891
Spruce	802	359	1,161	6,594	3,005	9,599
White Pine	3,050	25	3,075	1,115	159	1,274
Ponderosa Pine	20	1	21	711	554	1,265
Lodgepole Pine	-	2	2	23	191	214
All other softwoods ..	50	19	69	299	1,022	1,321
Total, softwoods ..	89,316	5,858	95,174	13,547	8,867	22,414
Red Alder	273	119	392	-	-	-
Maple	226	73	299	-	-	-
Birch	16	29	45	-	6	6
Cottonwood	57	178	235	204	39	243
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	572	399	971	204	45	249
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	89,888	6,257	96,145	13,751	8,912	22,663
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	25,953	2,258	28,211	3,586	6,356	9,942
Hemlock	21,154	523	21,677	836	1,222	2,058
Balsam Fir	274	45	319	124	588	712
Red Cedar	3,765	535	4,300	1,127	607	1,734
Spruce	1,253	221	1,474	18,706	6,697	25,403
White Pine	2,300	16	2,316	1,166	355	1,521
Ponderosa Pine	59	1	60	3,948	1,234	5,182
Lodgepole Pine	-	1	1	300	425	725
All other softwoods ..	369	11	380	638	2,279	2,917
Total, softwoods ..	55,127	3,611	58,738	30,431	19,763	50,194
Red Alder	75	73	148	-	-	-
Maple	66	45	111	-	-	-
Birch	2	18	20	18	14	32
Cottonwood	132	110	242	200	87	287
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	275	246	521	218	101	319
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	55,402	3,857	59,259	30,649	19,864	50,513
SOLD AND UNSOLD	145,290	10,114	155,404	44,400	28,776	73,176

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

	Month ending:-		
	31 August	31 July	30 June
	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	26,638	25,848	30,773
Coastwise and interior	12,050	12,375	12,275
Total	38,688	38,223	43,048
<u>For shipment by rail to:</u>			
Prairie Provinces	18,884	19,615	21,373
Eastern Provinces	27,153	31,201	37,102
United States of America	26,953	25,561	21,115
Total	72,990	76,377	79,590
<u>For waterborne shipment to:</u>			
California	550	-	-
U. S. Atlantic Ports	25	-	-
Eastern Canada	2,000	-	50
Export Markets	426,287	450,284	452,563
Total	428,862	450,284	452,613
<u>TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND</u>	540,540	564,884	575,251
	August	July	June
	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.
<u>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS</u>	4,297	5,347	14,562

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

	August	July	June
	No.	No.	No.
Coast	110	110	103
Interior	117	120	103
Total, British Columbia	227	230	206

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



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