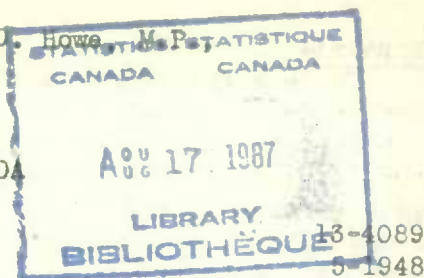


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

MAY, 1948

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 210,821 M ft. in May, 1948, as compared with 237,723 M ft. in May, 1947, a decrease of 11.3 p.c. from the previous year and a decrease of 0.5 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 82.2 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 2.3 p.c. from the same month the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 17.8 p.c., showed a decrease of 37.9 p.c. Shipments in May, 1948 totalled 230,128 M ft., as compared with 229,922 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 0.1 p.c., with Coast mills registering an increase of 6.7 p.c., and Interior mills a decrease of 26.0 p.c. Total shipments for May decreased by 2.9 p.c. from the April figure of 236,932 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of May, 1948, amounted to 254,009 M ft., as compared with 217,727 M ft. the previous year and 265,206 M ft. at the end of April of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 192,386 M ft., while Interior mills showed 61,623 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, 1947 and 1948, and April, 1947 and 1948. Details by species are given for production and stocks, while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 220,392 M ft. in April to 237,723 M ft. in May of 1947 but decreased from 211,946 M ft. in April 1948 to 210,821 M ft. in May. Shipments totalled 236,932 M ft. in April and 230,128 M ft. in May of this year as compared with 207,713 M ft. and 229,922 M ft. during the corresponding months last year. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 224,036 M ft. in April, 1947 to 217,727 M ft. in May, and decreased from 265,206 M ft. in April 1948 to 254,009 M ft. in May.

Production

Table 2 give particulars of lumber and tie production 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 165,558 M ft. in May, as compared with 34,907 M ft., reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 7,709 M ft. in May, as compared with 2,647 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 82.2 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in May, 1948, as compared with 74.6 p.c. the previous year. The percentages for Coast Mills during April, 1948 and 1947, respectively, were 84.6 p.c. and 81.8 p.c.

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 reported by them also, thereby causing a certain amount of duplication.

Shipments of Coast mills amounted to 195,940 M ft., in May, 1948 and 199,529 M ft. in April as compared with 183,696 M ft. and 173,105 M ft. in the corresponding months of the previous year, while the Interior mills shipped 34,188 M ft., and 37,403 M ft. in 1948, and 46,226 M ft. and 34,608 M ft. during the corresponding months of the previous year. Of all shipments actually reported for May, 40.8 p.c. went to points in Canada, 24.3 p.c. to points in United States, 19.1 per cent to the United Kingdom, and 15.1 p.c. to other countries. Shipments to unspecified destinations accounted for the remainder (0.7 p.c.). Waterborne shipments accounted for 37.0 p.c. of the total, while 40.1 p.c. went by rail, about 22.2 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 April and May of this year amounted to 194,648 M ft., and 192,386 M ft., as compared with 172,241 M ft. and 163,801 M ft. in April and May of 1947. Interior mills stocks increased from 51,795 M ft. in April, 1947 to 53,926 M ft. in May, 1947, but decreased from 70,558 M ft. in April, 1948 to 61,623 M ft. in May, 1948. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 32.6 p.c. of the total in May, 1948, as compared with 30.8 p.c. in May, 1947 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were respectively, 77.2 and 71.5.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of April and May, 1947 and 1948, 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 shipments are shown in this table, which also gives total lumber purchases reported by some mills. Total orders on hand at the end of May, 1948, amounted to 480,924 M ft., as compared with 589,366 M ft. in May, 1947. Orders on hand at the end of April, 1948 and 1947, amounted to 487,361 M ft., and 576,265 M ft. respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 10,947 M ft. in May, 1947, 5,983 M ft. in May, 1948, as compared with 9,850 M ft. in April, 1947, and 7,327 M ft. in April, 1948.

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 May accounted for 81.1 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1945, compared with 86.3 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for April 1947 and 1948 were 84.4 and 89.3 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, May, 1948.

	May		April		5 Months	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir.....	113,352	121,780	109,469	115,454	546,412	544,773
Hemlock	43,748	47,633	50,797	49,733	240,061	213,426
Balsam Fir	1,027	1,430	1,054	1,792	6,776	6,001
Red Cedar	21,006	26,158	21,212	21,972	104,963	114,521
Spruce	19,732	21,992	17,602	16,262	114,592	90,011
White Pine	2,518	2,944	2,434	3,641	17,584	12,475
Ponderosa Pine	3,263	5,707	3,073	3,948	13,068	14,085
Lodgepole Pine	396	545	376	354	2,413	2,591
All other softwoods	4,485	7,881	4,746	5,457	25,574	25,355
Total softwoods	209,527	236,070	210,763	218,613	1,071,443	1,023,238
Red Alder	408	476	368	447	2,040	2,068
Maple	231	319	211	379	1,216	1,358
Birch	74	100	69	111	366	393
Cottonwood	579	758	535	839	2,621	3,530
All other hardwoods	2	-	-	3	6	3
Total hardwoods	1,294	1,653	1,183	1,779	6,249	7,352
Total softwoods and hardwoods	210,821	237,723	211,946	220,392	1,077,692	1,030,590
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	78,710	103,116	97,028	84,201	449,454	406,297
Points in U.S.A.	46,893	10,530	53,846	15,153	247,204	99,756
United Kingdom	36,746	58,024	39,926	54,597	192,019	262,526
Other countries	29,158	35,400	23,161	23,912	93,248	168,311
Destination not specified .	1,247	731	1,408	753	6,318	3,238
Total shipments reported	192,754	207,801	215,369	178,616	988,243	940,128
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	37,374	22,121	21,563	29,097	127,188	101,795
Total shipments reported and estimated	230,128	229,922	236,932	207,713	1,115,431	1,041,923
	May		April			
	1948	1947	1948	1947		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
STOCKS ON HAND						
Douglas Fir	125,620	108,352	126,184	107,752		
Hemlock	48,243	41,278	49,772	45,106		
Balsam Fir	1,621	1,011	1,543	2,661		
Red Cedar	23,168	24,396	24,638	20,718		
Spruce	31,193	18,189	36,926	22,493		
White Pine	8,085	10,029	8,389	11,787		
Ponderosa Pine	6,930	7,154	7,581	6,957		
Lodgepole Pine	807	498	817	727		
All other softwoods	7,099	5,241	8,116	4,235		
Total softwoods	252,766	216,148	263,966	222,436		
Red Alder	292	402	295	397		
Maple	206	321	203	362		
Birch	102	107	92	117		
Cottonwood	643	749	650	724		
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-		
Total hardwoods	1,243	1,579	1,240	1,600		
Total softwoods and hardwoods	254,009	217,727	265,206	224,036		

Table 2. - LUMBER AND TIES SAWN
MAY, 1948

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	86,086	11,837	97,923	4,434	4,098	8,532
Hemlock	33,798	5,718	39,516	1,763	169	1,932
Balsam Fir	192	143	335	204	420	624
Red Cedar	17,358	2,191	19,549	837	283	1,120
Spruce	4,387	505	4,892	7,255	7,479	14,734
White Pine	1,610	216	1,826	506	186	692
Ponderosa Pine	-	3	3	2,302	949	3,251
Lodgepole Pine	-	3	3	101	225	326
All other softwoods ..	305	2	307	1,497	2,117	3,614
Total, softwoods ...	143,736	20,618	164,354	18,899	15,926	34,825
Red Alder	230	178	408	-	-	-
Maple	102	129	231	-	-	-
Birch	10	52	62	-	4	4
Cottonwood	189	312	501	7	71	78
All other hardwoods ..	2	-	2	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	533	671	1,204	7	75	82
Total, softwoods ..						
and hardwoods ..	144,269	21,289	165,558	18,906	16,001	34,907
<u>Ties</u>						
Douglas Fir	4,217	716	4,933	1,136	828	1,964
Hemlock	2,008	250	2,258	20	22	42
Balsam Fir	-	56	56	-	12	12
Red Cedar	-	336	336	-	1	1
Spruce	-	58	58	-	48	48
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	9	9
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	67	67
All other softwoods ..	44	24	68	299	197	496
Total, softwoods ..	6,269	1,440	7,709	1,455	1,184	2,639
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	8	8
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	8	8
Total, softwoods						
and hardwoods ..	6,269	1,440	7,709	1,455	1,192	2,647
Lumber and ties	150,538	22,729	173,267	20,361	17,193	37,554

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties
MAY, 1948

	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	38,599	4,408	964	43,971
Alberta		1,861	xxx	1,861
Saskatchewan		2,255	xxx	2,255
Manitoba		2,681	xxx	2,681
Ontario		7,192	-	7,192
Quebec		4,447	-	4,447
New Brunswick		572	-	572
Nova Scotia		124	-	124
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Total for Canada	38,599	23,540	964	63,103
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		606	520	1,126
Atlantic Ports		1,451	7,834	9,285
Other points, by rail		30,220	xxx	30,220
Total for U.S.A.		32,277	8,354	40,631
United Kingdom		x 2,212	34,121	36,333
Other countries		x 1,446	27,712	29,158
Destination or carrier not specified				1,247
Total shipments reported	38,599	59,475	71,151	170,472
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				25,468
Total shipments, reported and estimated				195,940
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	4,214	2,777	-	6,991
Alberta	5	1,907	xxx	1,912
Saskatchewan		1,195	xxx	1,195
Manitoba		1,905	xxx	1,905
Ontario		3,286	-	3,286
Quebec		281	-	281
New Brunswick		37	-	37
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Total for Canada	4,219	11,388	-	15,607
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		-	-	-
Atlantic Ports		142	-	142
Other points, by rail		6,120	xxx	6,120
Total for U.S.A.		6,262	-	6,262
United Kingdom		x 240	173	413
Other countries		x -	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	4,219	17,890	173	22,282
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				11,906
Total shipments, reported and estimated				34,188

x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

May, 1948

	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.
Sold (but not shipped)						
Douglas Fir	67,905	9,399	77,304	1,413	1,844	3,257
Hemlock	23,812	4,469	28,281	320	72	392
Balsam Fir	152	149	301	18	162	180
Red Cedar	14,520	1,893	16,413	385	106	491
Spruce	2,726	421	3,147	2,859	2,818	5,677
White Pine	3,027	162	3,189	1,599	70	1,669
Ponderosa Pine	-	1	1	549	359	908
Lodgepole Pine	-	1	1	-	109	109
All other softwoods ..	297	20	317	406	866	1,272
Total, softwoods ..	112,439	16,515	128,954	7,549	6,406	13,955
Red Alder	95	133	228	-	-	-
Maple	62	97	159	-	-	-
Birch	25	39	64	-	4	4
Cottonwood	85	233	318	75	27	102
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	267	502	769	75	31	106
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	112,706	17,017	129,723	7,624	6,437	14,061
Unsold						
Douglas Fir	28,936	4,540	33,476	5,344	6,239	11,583
Hemlock	16,607	2,158	18,765	562	243	805
Balsam Fir	107	72	179	415	546	961
Red Cedar	4,399	914	5,313	591	360	951
Spruce	1,488	203	1,691	11,145	9,533	20,678
White Pine	1,837	78	1,915	1,076	236	1,312
Ponderosa Pine	-	1	1	4,807	1,213	6,020
Lodgepole Pine	-	1	1	326	370	696
All other softwoods ..	1,049	10	1,059	1,521	2,930	4,451
Total, softwoods ..	54,423	7,977	62,400	25,787	21,670	47,457
Red Alder	-	64	64	-	-	-
Maple	-	47	47	-	-	-
Birch	-	19	19	-	15	15
Cottonwood	20	113	133	-	90	90
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	20	243	263	-	105	105
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	54,443	8,220	62,663	25,787	21,775	47,562
Sold and Unsold	167,149	25,237	192,386	33,411	28,212	61,623

Table 5. - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of May, 1948, and Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	Month ending:-			
	May		April	
	1948 M ft.	1947 M ft.	1948 M ft.	1947 M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
For shipment to points in British Columbia				
Local	29,451	30,819	26,996	35,891
Coastwise and interior	5,937	13,631	5,976	9,932
Total	35,388	44,450	32,972	45,823
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	20,630	24,338	18,289	21,380
Eastern Provinces	37,754	33,313	35,969	27,788
United States of America	40,024	20,762	35,188	18,143
Total	98,408	78,413	89,446	67,311
For waterborne shipment to:				
California	1,488	-	620	25
U.S. Atlantic Ports	7,089	-	5,054	-
Eastern Canada	-	1,880	2,100	-
Export Markets	338,551	464,623	357,169	463,106
Total	347,128	466,503	364,943	463,131
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	480,924	589,366	487,361	576,265
<u>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS</u>				
	5,983	10,947	7,327	9,850

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting, May, 1948

	May		April	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Coast	106	106	112	98
Interior	107	100	110	91
Total, British Columbia	213	206	222	189

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



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