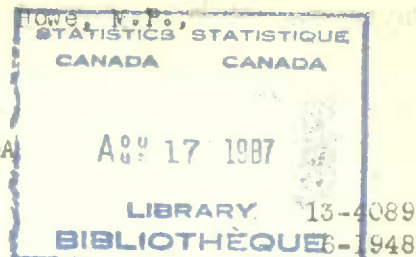


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS  
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

June, 1948

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 214,516 M ft. in June 1948, as compared with 233,042 M ft. in June, 1947, a decrease of 8.0 p.c. from the previous year but an increase of 1.8 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 76.3 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 3.5 p.c. from the same month the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 23.7 p.c. showed a decrease of 19.9 p.c. Shipments in June, 1948 totalled 211,925 M ft., as compared with 233,507 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 9.2 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 7.3 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 16.1 p.c. Total shipments for June decreased by 7.9 p.c. from the May figure of 230,128 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of June, 1948, amounted to 273,975 M ft., as compared with 217,258 M ft. the previous year and 254,009 M ft. at the end of May of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 196,041 M ft., while Interior mills showed 77,934 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, 1947 and 1948, and May, 1947 and 1948. Details by species are given for production and stocks, while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 237,723 M ft. in May to 233,042 M ft. in June of 1947 but increased from 210,821 M ft. in May 1948 to 214,516 M ft. in June. Shipments totalled 230,128 M ft. in May and 211,925 M ft. in June of this year as compared with 229,922 M ft. and 233,507 M ft. during the corresponding months last year. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 217,727 M ft. in May, 1947 to 217,258 M ft. in June, but increased from 254,009 M ft. in May 1948 to 273,975 M ft. in June.

Production

Table 2 gives 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 154,235 M ft. in June, as compared with 47,402 M ft., reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 9,460 M ft. in June, as compared with 3,419 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 76.3 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in June, 1948, as compared with 72.8 p.c. the previous year. The percentages for Coast mills during May, 1948 and 1947, respectively, were 82.2 p.c. and 74.6 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 168,801 M ft., in June, 1948 and 195,940 M ft. in May as compared with 182,135 M ft. and 183,696 M ft. in the corresponding months of the previous year, while the Interior mills shipped 43,124 M ft. and 34,188 M ft. in 1948, and 51,372 M ft. and 46,226 M ft. during the corresponding months of the previous year. Of all shipments actually reported for June, 46.5 p.c. went to points in Canada, 24.3 p.c. to points in United States, 17.9 per cent to the United Kingdom, and 10.3 p.c. to other countries. Shipments to unspecified destinations accounted for the remainder (1.0 p.c.). Waterborne shipments accounted for 34.5 p.c. of the total, while 38.0 p.c. went by rail, about 26.5 p.c. by truck and 1.0 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 May and June of this year amounted to 192,386 M ft., and 196,041 M ft., as compared with 163,801 M ft. and 160,608 M ft. in May and June of 1947. Interior mills stocks increased from 53,926 M ft. in May, 1947 to 56,650 M ft. in June, 1947, and increased from 61,623 M ft. in May 1948 to 77,934 M ft. in June, 1948. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 31.5 p.c. of the total in June, 1948, as compared with 30.5 p.c. in June, 1947 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were respectively, 78.2 and 74.3.

### Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of May and June, 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 June, 1948, amounted to 462,707 M ft., as compared with 575,251 M ft. in June, 1947. Orders on hand at the end of May, 1948 and 1947, amounted to 480,924 M ft. and 589,366 M ft. respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 14,562 M ft. in June, 1947. 4,797 M ft. in June, 1948, as compared with 10,947 M ft. in May, 1947, and 5,983 M ft. in May, 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 June accounted for 78.0 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1945, compared with 85.2 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for May 1947 and 1948 were 86.3 and 81.1 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, June, 1948.

	June		May		6 Months	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<b>PRODUCTION</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	113,315	115,448	113,352	121,780	659,727	660,221
Hemlock .....	42,268	48,670	43,748	47,633	282,329	262,096
Balsam Fir .....	898	2,474	1,027	1,430	7,674	8,475
Red Cedar .....	18,595	22,333	21,006	26,158	123,558	136,854
Spruce .....	24,948	26,460	19,732	21,992	139,540	116,471
White Pine .....	3,812	3,499	2,518	2,944	21,396	15,974
Ponderosa Pine .....	3,805	5,118	3,263	5,707	16,873	19,203
Lodgepole Pine .....	528	589	396	545	2,941	3,180
All other softwoods .....	5,353	6,693	4,485	7,881	30,927	32,048
Total softwoods .....	213,522	231,284	209,527	236,070	1,284,965	1,254,522
Red Alder .....	230	471	408	476	2,270	2,539
Maple .....	184	398	231	319	1,400	1,756
Birch .....	93	111	74	100	459	504
Cottonwood .....	487	778	579	758	3,108	4,308
All other hardwoods .....	-	-	2	-	6	3
Total hardwoods .....	994	1,758	1,294	1,653	7,243	9,110
Total softwoods and hardwoods	214,516	233,042	210,821	237,723	1,292,208	1,263,632
<b>SHIPMENTS</b>						
To: Points in Canada .....	80,629	109,945	78,710	103,116	530,083	516,242
Points in U.S.A. ....	42,031	9,034	46,893	10,530	289,235	108,790
United Kingdom .....	31,018	66,500	36,746	58,024	223,037	329,026
Other countries .....	17,818	22,422	29,158	35,400	111,066	190,733
Destination not specified.	1,700	1,040	1,247	731	8,018	4,278
Total shipments reported ....	173,196	208,941	192,754	207,801	1,161,439	1,149,069
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....	38,729	24,566	37,374	22,121	165,917	126,361
Total shipments reported and estimated .....	211,925	233,507	230,128	229,922	1,327,356	1,275,430
<b>STOCKS ON HAND</b>						
	June		May			
	1948	1947	1948	1947		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir .....	126,811	103,979	125,620	108,352		
Hemlock .....	56,159	42,641	48,243	41,278		
Balsam Fir .....	1,120	1,695	1,621	1,011		
Red Cedar .....	23,484	21,856	23,168	24,396		
Spruce .....	36,332	23,846	31,193	18,189		
White Pine .....	9,761	9,340	8,085	10,029		
Ponderosa Pine .....	10,493	6,861	6,930	7,154		
Lodgepole Pine .....	652	574	807	498		
All other softwoods .....	7,835	4,799	7,099	5,241		
Total softwoods .....	272,647	215,591	252,766	216,148		
Red Alder .....	270	410	292	402		
Maple .....	215	380	206	321		
Birch .....	119	101	102	107		
Cottonwood .....	724	776	643	749		
All other hardwoods .....	-	-	-	-		
Total hardwoods .....	1,328	1,667	1,243	1,579		
Total softwoods and hardwoods	273,975	217,258	254,009	217,727		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn  
June, 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.
<b>Lumber</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	83,309	11,592	94,901	5,137	5,758	10,895
Hemlock .....	31,409	5,443	36,852	1,727	605	2,332
Balsam Fir .....	138	142	280	80	458	538
Red Cedar .....	14,093	2,442	16,535	1,095	552	1,647
Spruce .....	880	476	1,356	11,327	12,102	23,429
White Pine .....	2,888	212	3,100	448	264	712
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	2	2	3,094	698	3,792
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	3	3	101	298	399
All other softwoods ...	300	2	302	1,437	2,141	3,578
Total softwoods .....	133,017	20,314	153,331	24,446	22,876	47,322
Red Alder .....	59	171	230	-	-	-
Maple .....	60	124	184	-	-	-
Birch .....	28	50	78	-	5	5
Cottonwood .....	106	306	412	-	75	75
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .....	253	651	904	-	80	80
Total, softwoods and hardwoods .....	133,270	20,965	154,235	24,446	22,956	47,402
<b>Ties</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	4,926	896	5,822	910	737	1,697
Hemlock .....	2,719	295	3,014	22	48	70
Balsam Fir .....	-	65	65	-	15	15
Red Cedar .....	-	412	412	-	1	1
Spruce .....	-	71	71	37	55	92
White Pine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	-	11	11
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	-	126	126
All other softwoods ...	47	29	76	984	413	1,397
Total, softwoods .....	7,692	1,768	9,460	1,953	1,456	3,409
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	10	10
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .....	-	-	-	-	10	10
Total, softwoods and hardwoods .....	7,692	1,768	9,460	1,953	1,466	3,419
Lumber and ties .....	140,962	22,733	163,695	26,399	24,422	50,821

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties  
June, 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 .....	41,304	5,276	1,233	47,813
Alberta .....		1,044	xxxxx	1,044
Saskatchewan .....		1,023	xxxxx	1,023
Manitoba .....		1,671	xxxxx	1,671
Ontario .....		4,975	-	4,975
Quebec .....		4,550	-	4,550
New Brunswick .....		193	-	193
Nova Scotia .....		351	-	351
Prince Edward Island .....		-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	41,304	19,083	1,233	61,620
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....		439	3,902	4,341
Atlantic Ports .....		32	8,132	8,164
Other points, by rail .....		20,974	xxxxx	20,974
Total for U.S.A. ....		21,445	12,034	33,479
United Kingdom .....		x 1,526	29,308	30,834
Other countries .....		x 711	17,072	17,783
Destination or carrier not specified .....				1,700
Total shipments reported .....	41,304	42,765	59,647	143,716
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				23,385
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				167,101
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	4,607	4,711	-	9,318
Alberta .....	7	2,645	xxxxx	2,652
Saskatchewan .....		932	xxxxx	932
Manitoba .....		2,129	xxxxxxx	2,129
Ontario .....		3,641	-	3,641
Quebec .....		337	-	337
New Brunswick .....		-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....		-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	4,614	14,395	-	19,009
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....		432	-	432
Atlantic Ports .....		241	-	241
Other points, by rail .....		7,879	xxxxx	7,879
Total for U.S.A. ....		8,552	-	8,552
United Kingdom .....		136	48	184
Other countries .....		35	-	35
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported .....	4,614	23,118	48	27,780
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				15,344
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				43,124
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				



Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills  
June, 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.
<b>Sold (but not shipped)</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	68,295	10,243	78,538	2,087	2,184	4,271
Hemlock .....	27,543	4,706	32,249	296	218	514
Balsam Fir .....	136	170	306	-	157	157
Red Cedar .....	13,743	2,342	16,085	222	184	406
Spruce .....	932	449	1,381	2,482	4,056	6,538
White Pine .....	4,334	174	4,508	1,576	89	1,665
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	2	2	1,100	237	1,337
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	2	2	-	141	141
All other softwoods ..	350	25	375	970	852	1,822
Total, softwoods ...	115,333	13,113	133,446	8,733	8,118	16,851
Red Alder .....	66	140	206	-	-	-
Maple .....	66	102	168	-	-	-
Birch .....	32	41	73	-	5	5
Cottonwood .....	128	250	378	75	25	100
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	292	533	825	75	30	105
Total, softwoods and hardwoods .	115,625	18,646	134,271	8,808	8,148	16,956
<b>Unsold</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	28,626	4,712	30,338	5,810	7,854	13,664
Hemlock .....	18,839	2,165	21,004	1,610	782	2,392
Balsam Fir .....	-	78	78	13	566	579
Red Cedar .....	4,332	1,077	5,409	921	663	1,584
Spruce .....	1,091	207	1,298	12,529	14,586	27,115
White Pine .....	2,261	80	2,341	929	313	1,247
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	1	1	8,300	853	9,153
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	1	1	-	508	508
All other softwoods ..	1,023	12	1,035	1,538	3,065	4,603
Total softwoods ...	53,172	8,333	61,505	31,650	29,195	60,845
Red Alder .....	-	64	64	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	47	47	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	19	19	4	18	22
Cottonwood .....	20	115	135	21	90	111
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	20	245	265	25	108	133
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	53,192	8,578	61,770	31,675	29,303	60,978
Sold and unsold .....	168,817	27,224	196,041	40,483	37,451	77,934

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

	Month Ending:-			
	June		May	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
For shipment to points in British Columbia				
Local .....	28,213	30,773	29,451	30,819
Coastwise and interior .....	7,953	12,275	5,937	13,631
Total .....	36,166	43,048	35,388	44,450
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces .....	23,172	21,373	20,630	24,338
Eastern Provinces .....	39,885	37,102	37,754	33,313
United States of America .....	45,371	21,115	40,024	20,762
Total .....	108,428	79,590	98,408	78,413
For waterborne shipment to:				
California .....	1,075	-	1,488	-
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	6,253	-	7,089	-
Eastern Canada .....	-	50	-	1,880
Export Markets .....	310,785	452,563	338,551	464,623
Total .....	318,113	452,613	347,128	466,503
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND .....	462,707	575,251	480,924	589,366
	June		May	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
<u>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS</u> .....	4,797	14,562	5,983	10,947

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

		June		May	
		1948	1947	1948	1947
Coast .....	No.	106	103	106	106
Interior .....	No.	101	103	107	100
Total, British Columbia .....	No.	207	206	213	206

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

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