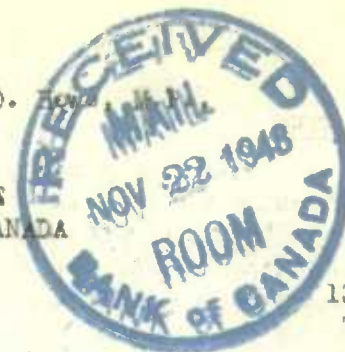


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

July, 1948

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 233,049 M ft. in July 1948, as compared with 225,626 M ft. in July, 1947, an increase of 3.3 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 8.6 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 68.2 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 4.5 p.c. over the same month the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 31.8 p.c. showed an increase of 0.7 p.c. Shipments in July, 1948 totalled 233,129 M ft., as compared with 208,083 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 12.0 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 15.4 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 2.7 p.c. Total shipments for July increased by 10.0 p.c. over the June figure of 211,925 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of July, 1948, amounted to 265,401 M ft., as compared with 227,954 M ft. the previous year and 273,975 M ft. at the end of June of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 191,633 M ft., while Interior mills showed 73,768 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 July, 1947 and 1948, and June, 1947 and 1948. Details by species are given for production and stocks, while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 233,042 M ft. in June to 225,626 M ft. in July of 1947 but increased from 214,516 M ft. in June 1948 to 233,049 M ft. in July. Shipments totalled 211,925 M ft. in June and 233,129 M ft. in July of this year as compared with 233,507 M ft. and 208,083 M ft. during the corresponding months last year. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 217,258 M ft. in June 1947 to 227,954 M ft. in July, and from 273,975 M ft. in June 1948 to 265,401 M ft. in July.

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 151,976 M ft. in July, as compared with 69,511 M ft., reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 7,071 M ft. in July, as compared with 4,491 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 68.2 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in July, 1948, as compared with 67.4 p.c. the previous year. The percentages for Coast mills during June, 1948 and 1947, respectively, were 76.3 p.c. and 72.8 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 176,153 M ft., in July, 1948 and 168,801 M ft. in June as compared with 152,607 M ft. and 182,135 M ft. in the corresponding months of the previous year, while the Interior mills shipped 56,976 M ft. and 43,124 M ft. in 1948, and 55,476 M ft. and 51,372 M ft. during the corresponding months of the previous year. Of all shipments actually reported for July, 49.5 p.c. went to points in Canada, 25.7 p.c. to points in United States, 13.9 per cent to the United Kingdom, and 10.2 p.c. to other countries. Shipments to unspecified destinations accounted for the remainder (0.7 p.c.). Waterborne shipments accounted for 27.2 p.c. of the total, while 49.2 p.c. went by rail, about 22.9 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 June and July of this year amounted to 196,041 M ft., and 191,633 M ft., as compared with 160,608 M ft., and 158,536 M ft. in June and July of 1947. Interior mills stocks increased from 56,650 M ft. in June 1947 to 69,418 M ft. in July, 1947, but decreased from 77,934 M ft. in June 1948 to 73,768 M ft. in July, 1948. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 34.4 p.c. of the total in July, 1948, as compared with 32.6 p.c. in July, 1947 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were respectively, 78.4 and 65.5.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of June and July, 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 July, 1948, amounted to 414,171 M ft., as compared with 564,884 ft. in July 1947. Orders on hand at the end of June, 1948 and 1947, amounted to 462,707 M ft. and 575,251 M ft. respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 5,347 M ft. in July, 1947. 5,862 M ft. in July, 1948, as compared with 14,562 M ft. in June, 1947, and 4,797 M ft. in June, 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 July accounted for 74.7 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1946, compared with 82.9 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for June 1947 and 1948 were 85.2 and 78.0 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, 1948.

	July		June		7 months	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
PRODUCTION	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	114,286	113,436	113,315	115,448	774,013	773,657
Hemlock	46,349	40,152	42,268	48,670	328,678	302,248
Balsam Fir	2,028	2,269	898	2,474	9,702	10,744
Red Cedar	19,806	20,839	18,595	22,333	143,364	157,693
Spruce	33,129	31,679	24,948	26,460	172,669	148,150
White Pine	2,641	2,689	3,813	3,499	24,037	18,663
Ponderosa Pine	4,231	4,872	3,805	5,118	21,104	24,075
Lodgepole Pine	809	738	528	589	3,750	3,918
All other softwoods	8,397	7,095	5,353	6,693	39,324	39,141
Total softwoods	231,676	223,767	213,522	231,284	1,516,641	1,478,289
Red Alder	375	533	230	471	2,645	3,072
Maple	229	371	184	398	1,629	2,127
Birch	86	105	93	111	545	609
Cottonwood	683	850	487	778	3,791	5,158
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	6	3
Total hardwoods	1,373	1,859	994	1,758	8,616	10,969
Total softwoods and hardwoods	233,049	225,626	214,516	233,042	1,525,257	1,489,258
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	93,577	90,206	80,629	109,945	623,660	606,448
Points in U.S.A.	48,665	11,465	42,031	9,034	337,900	120,255
United Kingdom	26,270	53,857	31,018	66,500	249,307	382,883
Other countries	19,252	26,036	17,818	22,422	130,318	216,769
Destination not specified	1,347	833	1,700	1,040	9,365	5,111
Total shipments reported ...	189,111	182,397	173,196	208,941	1,350,550	1,331,466
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	44,018	25,686	38,729	24,566	209,955	152,047
Total shipments reported and estimated	233,129	208,083	211,925	233,507	1,560,485	1,483,513
STOCKS ON HAND	July		June			
	1948	1947	1948	1947		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	127,687	102,317	126,811	103,979		
Hemlock	53,078	47,292	56,159	42,641		
Balsam Fir	1,612	1,370	1,120	1,695		
Red Cedar	24,282	20,354	23,484	21,856		
Spruce	33,815	31,124	36,332	23,846		
White Pine	8,509	7,948	9,761	9,340		
Ponderosa Pine	7,706	8,396	10,493	6,861		
Lodgepole Pine	741	669	652	574		
All other softwoods	6,720	6,545	7,835	4,799		
Total softwoods	264,150	226,015	272,647	215,591		
Red Alder	317	471	270	410		
Maple	216	373	215	380		
Birch	99	106	119	101		
Cottonwood	619	988	724	776		
All other hardwoods	-	1	-	-		
Total hardwoods	1,251	1,939	1,328	1,667		
Total softwoods and hardwoods	265,401	227,954	273,975	217,258		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn
July, 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.
LUMBER						
Douglas Fir	79,256	10,088	89,344	9,105	9,467	18,572
Hemlock	34,919	5,106	40,025	1,628	2,378	4,006
Balsam Fir	767	128	895	180	882	1,062
Red Cedar	14,826	2,214	17,040	957	1,500	2,457
Spruce	1,696	462	2,158	15,137	15,709	30,846
White Pine	725	192	917	1,105	619	1,724
Ponderosa Pine	5	2	7	2,564	1,638	4,202
Lodgepole Pine	-	3	3	102	448	550
All other softwoods .	383	2	385	2,000	3,934	5,934
Total, softwoods ...	132,577	18,197	150,774	32,778	36,575	69,353
Red Alder	185	190	375	-	-	-
Maple	100	129	229	-	-	-
Birch	14	51	65	-	8	8
Cottonwood	250	283	533	-	150	150
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	549	653	1,202	-	158	158
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	133,126	18,850	151,976	32,778	36,733	69,511
TIES						
Douglas Fir	3,853	571	4,424	810	1,136	1,946
Hemlock	1,965	231	2,196	45	77	122
Balsam Fir	-	51	51	-	20	20
Red Cedar	-	308	308	-	1	1
Spruce	-	54	54	-	71	71
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	7	15	22
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	133	123	256
All other softwoods .	16	22	38	1,282	758	2,040
Total, softwoods ...	5,834	1,237	7,071	2,277	2,201	4,478
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	13	13
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	13	13
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	5,834	1,237	7,071	2,277	2,214	4,491
LUMBER AND TIES ...	138,960	20,087	159,047	35,055	38,947	74,002

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

	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.
<u>COAST MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	35,202	5,247	802	41,251
Alberta		3,150	xxxxxx	3,150
Saskatchewan		2,433	xxxxxx	2,433
Manitoba		5,513	xxxxxx	5,513
Ontario		8,671	-	8,671
Quebec		5,827	-	5,827
New Brunswick		431	-	431
Nova Scotia		315	-	315
Prince Edward Island		33	-	33
Total for Canada	35,202	31,620	802	67,624
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		1,417	1,098	2,515
Atlantic Ports		1,910	5,895	7,805
Other points, by rail		29,414	xxxxxx	29,414
Total for U.S.A.		32,741	6,993	39,734
United Kingdom	x	1,479	24,665	26,144
Other countries	x	385	18,850	19,235
Destination or carrier not specified				1,347
Total shipments reported	35,202	66,225	51,310	154,084
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				22,069
Total shipments, reported and estimated				176,153
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	8,078	3,703	-	11,781
Alberta	78	3,191	xxxxxx	3,269
Saskatchewan		1,265	xxxxxx	1,265
Manitoba		3,694	xxxxxx	3,694
Ontario		5,762	-	5,762
Quebec		182	-	182
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Total for Canada	8,156	17,797	-	25,953
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		-	-	-
Atlantic Ports		450	-	424
Other points, by rail		8,481	xxxxxx	8,507
Total for U.S.A.		8,931	-	8,931
United Kingdom	x	90	36	126
Other countries	x	17	-	17
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	8,156	26,835	36	35,027
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				21,949
Total shipments, reported and estimated				56,976
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills
July, 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.
SOLD (but not shipped)						
Douglas Fir	67,900	8,431	76,331	1,357	2,278	3,635
Hemlock	24,349	4,221	28,570	110	527	637
Balsam Fir	156	141	297	204	194	398
Red Cedar	13,258	1,995	15,253	409	322	731
Spruce	1,479	409	1,888	2,237	3,390	5,627
White Pine	2,460	152	2,612	1,832	133	1,965
Ponderosa Pine	-	2	2	1,054	355	1,409
Lodgepole Pine	-	2	2	133	123	256
All other softwoods ..	50	18	68	195	1,008	1,203
Total, softwoods ...	109,652	15,371	125,023	7,531	8,330	15,861
Red Alder	88	150	238	-	-	-
Maple	61	102	163	-	-	-
Birch	14	40	54	-	5	5
Cottonwood	83	224	307	-	32	32
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	246	516	762	-	37	37
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	109,898	15,887	125,785	7,531	8,367	15,898
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	29,519	4,414	33,933	5,498	8,290	13,788
Hemlock	19,187	2,210	21,397	555	1,919	2,474
Balsam Fir	93	74	167	43	707	750
Red Cedar	5,589	1,044	6,633	491	1,174	1,665
Spruce	1,201	214	1,415	12,544	12,341	24,885
White Pine	1,865	80	1,945	1,502	485	1,987
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	5,003	1,292	6,295
Lodgepole Pine	-	1	1	36	446	482
All other softwoods ..	54	10	64	1,716	3,669	5,385
Total, softwoods	57,508	8,047	65,555	27,388	30,323	57,711
Red Alder	-	79	79	-	-	-
Maple	-	53	53	-	-	-
Birch	-	21	21	3	16	19
Cottonwood	23	117	140	22	118	140
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	23	270	293	25	134	159
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	57,531	8,317	65,848	27,413	30,457	57,870
SOLD AND UNSOLD	167,429	24,204	191,633	34,944	38,824	73,768

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

	Month Ending:-			
	July		June	
	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	27,041	25,848	28,213	30,773
Coastwise and interior	4,991	12,375	7,953	12,275
Total	32,032	38,223	36,166	43,048
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	20,476	19,615	23,172	21,373
Eastern Provinces	35,540	31,201	39,885	37,102
United States of America	39,044	25,561	45,371	21,115
Total	95,060	76,377	108,428	79,590
For waterborne shipment to:				
California	970	-	1,075	-
U.S. Atlantic Ports	6,637	-	6,253	-
Eastern Canada	-	-	-	50
Export Markets	279,472	450,284	310,785	452,563
Total	287,079	450,284	318,113	452,613
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	414,171	564,884	462,707	575,251
	1948	1947	1948	1947
<u>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS</u>	5,862	5,347	4,797	14,562

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

		July		June	
		1948	1947	1948	1947
Coast	No.	105	110	106	103
Interior	No.	100	120	101	103
Total, British Columbia	No.	205	230	207	206

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

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