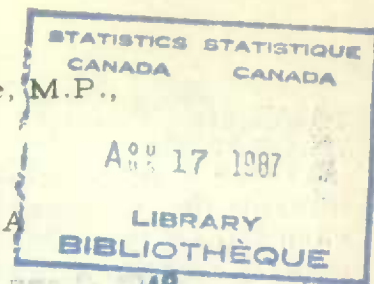


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

AUGUST, 1948

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 231,113 M ft. in August 1948, as compared with 217,117 M ft. in August, 1947, an increase of 6.4 p.c. over the previous year but a decrease of 0.8 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 70.8 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 17.1 p.c. over the same month the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 29.2 p.c. showed a decrease of 12.7 p.c. Shipments in August, 1948 totalled 235,557 M ft., as compared with 207,288 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 13.6 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 16.5 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 5.6 p.c. Total shipments for August increased by 1.0 p.c. over the July figure of 233,129 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of August, 1948, amounted to 263,829 M ft. as compared with 228,580 M ft. the previous year and 265,401 M ft. at the end of July of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 179,203 M ft., while Interior mills showed 84,626 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 August, 1947 and 1948, and July, 1947 and 1948. Details by species are given for production and stocks, while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 225,626 M ft. in July to 217,117 M ft. in August of 1947 and from 233,049 M ft. in July 1948 to 231,113 M ft. in August. Shipments totalled 233,129 M ft. in July and 235,557 M ft. in August of this year as compared with 208,083 M ft. and 207,288 M ft. during the corresponding months last year. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 227,954 M ft. in July 1947 to 228,580 M ft. in August but decreased from 265,491 M ft. in July 1948 to 263,829 M ft. in August.

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 157,123 M ft. in August, as compared with 63,538 M ft., reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 6,403 M ft. in August, as compared with 4,049 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 70.8 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in August, 1948, as compared with 64.3 p.c. the previous year. The percentages for Coast mills during July, 1948 and 1947, respectively, were 68.2 p.c. and 67.4 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 178,779 M ft., in August, 1948 and 176,153 M ft. in July as compared with 153,513 M ft. and 152,607 M ft. in the corresponding months of the previous year, while the Interior mills shipped 56,778 M ft. and 56,976 M ft. in 1948, and 53,775 M ft. and 55,476 M ft. during the corresponding months of the previous year. Of all shipments actually reported for August, 46.2 p.c. went to points in Canada, 28.0 p.c. to points in United States, 14.1 per cent to the United Kingdom, and 10.8 p.c. to other countries. Shipments to unspecified destinations accounted for the remainder (0.9 p.c.). Waterborne shipments accounted for 28.4 p.c. of the total, while 47.0 p.c. went by rail, about 23.7 p.c. by truck and 0.9 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 and August of this year amounted to 191,633 M ft. and 179,203 M ft., as compared with 158,536 M ft. and 155,404 M ft. in July and August of 1947. Interior mills stocks increased from 69,418 M ft. in July 1947 to 73,176 M ft. in August, 1947, and from 73,768 M ft. in July 1948 to 84,626 M ft. in August 1948. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 38.0 p.c. of the total in August, 1948, as compared with 38.1 p.c. in August, 1947 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were respectively, 70.0 and 69.0.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of July and August, 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 August, 1948, amounted to 408,337 M ft., as compared with 540,540 M ft. in August 1947. Orders on hand at the end of July, 1948 and 1947, amounted to 414,171 M ft. and 564,884 M ft. respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 4,297 M ft. in August, 1947, 8,131 M ft. in August, 1948, as compared with 5,347 M ft. in July, 1947, and 5,862 M ft. in July, 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 August accounted for 81.1 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1945, compared with 81.8 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for July 1947 and 1948 were 82.9 and 74.7 respectively. It is hoped that the compilation will eventually include all mills in the 500,000 feet and over classification.

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Table 1.-Comparative Summary of Production, Shipments and Stocks of Lumber and
Ties of British Columbia Sawmills, August, 1948.

	August		July		8 Months	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
PRODUCTION						
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas	109,253	103,137	114,286	113,436	883,266	876,794
Hemlock	45,029	42,577	46,349	40,152	373,707	344,825
Balsam Fir	2,179	2,548	2,028	2,269	11,881	13,292
Red Cedar	27,775	16,501	19,806	20,839	171,139	174,194
Spruce	30,138	36,927	33,129	31,679	202,807	185,077
White Pine	3,419	3,257	2,641	2,689	27,456	21,920
Ponderosa Pine	4,244	3,901	4,231	4,872	25,348	27,976
Lodgepole Pine	928	808	809	738	4,678	4,726
All other softwoods	6,678	6,106	8,397	7,093	46,002	45,247
Total softwoods	229,643	215,762	231,676	223,767	1,746,284	1,694,051
Red Alder	418	432	375	533	3,063	3,504
Maple	247	297	229	371	1,876	2,424
Birch	73	87	86	105	618	696
Cottonwood	732	539	683	850	4,523	5,697
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	6	3
Total hardwoods	1,470	1,355	1,373	1,859	10,086	12,324
Total softwoods and hardwoods	231,113	217,117	233,049	225,626	1,756,370	1,706,375
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	94,618	83,397	93,577	90,206	718,278	689,845
Points in U.S.A.	57,184	16,202	48,665	11,465	395,084	136,457
United Kingdom	28,904	55,559	26,270	53,857	278,211	438,442
Other countries	22,057	24,107	19,252	26,036	152,375	240,876
Destination not specified...	1,822	452	1,347	833	11,187	5,563
Total shipments reported	204,585	179,717	189,111	182,397	1,555,135	1,511,183
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	30,972	27,571	44,018	25,686	240,907	179,618
Total shipments reported and estimated	235,557	207,288	233,129	208,083	1,796,042	1,690,801
STOCKS ON HAND						
	1948	1947	1948	1947		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	118,651	102,188	127,687	102,317		
Hemlock	50,704	43,301	53,078	47,292		
Balsam Fir	2,288	1,685	1,612	1,370		
Red Cedar	27,542	21,366	24,282	20,354		
Spruce	40,353	37,637	33,815	31,124		
White Pine	7,733	8,186	8,509	7,948		
Ponderosa Pine	8,180	6,528	7,706	8,396		
Lodgepole Pine	665	942	741	669		
All other softwoods	6,459	4,687	6,720	6,545		
Total softwoods	262,575	226,520	264,150	226,015		
Red Alder	270	540	317	471		
Maple	223	410	216	373		
Birch	90	103	99	106		
Cottonwood	671	1,007	619	988		
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	1		
Total hardwoods	1,254	2,060	1,251	1,939		
Total softwoods and hardwoods	263,829	228,580	265,401	227,954		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn
August, 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	81,641	4,531	86,172	8,553	8,704	17,257
Hemlock.....	39,057	1,198	40,255	1,511	1,130	2,641
Balsam Fir.....	433	109	542	871	704	1,575
Red Cedar	24,137	1,128	25,265	1,122	1,107	2,229
Spruce	914	456	1,370	13,818	14,807	28,625
White Pine.....	1,959	35	1,994	882	543	1,425
Ponderosa Pine	5	2	7	2,809	1,385	4,194
Lodgepole Pine	-	3	3	280	342	622
All other softwoods ...	344	2	346	1,184	3,497	4,681
Total, softwoods	148,490	7,464	155,954	31,030	32,219	63,249
Red Alder	246	172	418	-	-	-
Maple	131	116	247	-	-	-
Birch	8	45	53	-	8	8
Cottonwood	216	235	451	165	116	281
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	601	568	1,169	165	124	289
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	149,091	8,032	157,123	31,195	32,343	63,538
TIES						
Douglas Fir	3,579	492	4,071	442	1,311	1,753
Hemlock.....	1,835	78	1,913	52	168	220
Balsam Fir.....	-	44	44	-	18	18
Red Cedar	-	279	279	-	2	2
Spruce	-	47	47	41	55	96
White Pine.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	29	14	43
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	140	163	303
All other softwoods ...	29	20	49	1,045	557	1,602
Total, softwoods	5,443	960	6,403	1,749	2,288	4,037
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	12	12
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	12	12
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	5,443	960	6,403	1,749	2,300	4,049
LUMBER AND TIES...	154,534	8,992	163,526	32,944	34,643	67,587

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

	By Truck (Local Sales) M ft.b.m.	By Rail M ft.b.m.	Water- borne M ft.b.m.	Total Shipments M ft.b.m.
COAST MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	41,095	4,953	869	46,917
Alberta		1,947	xxxxxx	1,947
Saskatchewan		2,080	xxxxxx	2,080
Manitoba		5,189	xxxxxx	5,189
Ontario		8,399	-	8,399
Quebec		4,140	-	4,140
New Brunswick		579	-	579
Nova Scotia		399	-	399
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Total for Canada	41,095	27,686	869	69,650
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		903	1,607	2,510
Atlantic Ports		1,451	5,763	7,214
Other points, by rail		37,147	xxxxxx	37,147
Total for U.S.A.		39,501	7,370	46,871
United Kingdom	x	670	28,100	28,770
Other countries	x	233	21,768	22,001
Destination or carrier not specified				1,822
Total shipments reported	41,095	68,090	58,107	169,114
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				9,665
Total shipments, reported and estimated				178,779
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	7,341	4,371	-	11,712
Alberta	56	3,705	xxxxxx	3,761
Saskatchewan		1,485	xxxxxx	1,485
Manitoba		3,018	xxxxxx	3,018
Ontario		4,737	-	4,737
Quebec		227	-	227
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		28	-	28
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Total for Canada	7,397	17,571	-	24,968
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		30	-	30
Atlantic Ports		201	-	201
Other points, by rail		10,082	xxxxxx	10,082
Total for U.S.A.		10,313	-	10,313
United Kingdom	x	109	25	134
Other countries	x	56	-	56
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	7,397	28,049	25	35,471
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				21,307
Total shipments, reported and estimated				56,778
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4.-Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills
August, 1948.

Species	COAST MILLS			INTERIOR MILLS		
	Reported M ft.b.m.	Estimated M ft.b.m.	Total M ft.b.m.	Reported M ft.b.m.	Estimated M ft.b.m.	Total M ft.b.m.
SOLD (but not shipped)						
Douglas Fir	60,604	3,413	64,017	3,355	3,760	7,115
Hemlock.....	24,095	867	24,962	92	487	579
Balsam Fir.....	251	104	355	-	271	271
Red Cedar	15,875	956	16,831	1,578	417	1,995
Spruce	1,036	342	1,378	2,069	5,580	7,649
White Pine.....	2,860	23	2,883	1,444	204	1,648
Ponderosa Pine	-	1	1	3,121	526	3,647
Lodgepole Pine	-	2	2	-	189	189
All other softwoods...	7	15	22	610	1,522	2,132
Total, softwoods	104,728	5,723	110,451	12,269	12,956	25,225
Red Alder.....	81	117	198	-	-	-
Maple	80	79	159	-	-	-
Birch	15	30	45	-	8	8
Cottonwood.....	85	160	245	100	43	143
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	261	386	647	100	51	151
Total, softwoods and hardwoods.....	104,989	6,109	111,098	12,369	13,007	25,376
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	31,244	2,092	33,336	5,404	8,779	14,183
Hemlock	23,405	532	23,937	89	1,137	1,226
Balsam Fir.....	147	64	211	819	632	1,451
Red Cedar.....	6,237	586	6,823	919	974	1,893
Spruce.....	1,105	209	1,314	16,983	13,029	30,012
White Pine	2,120	14	2,134	593	475	1,068
Ponderosa Pine.....	-	1	1	3,303	1,228	4,531
Lodgepole Pine	-	1	1	31	442	473
All other softwoods...	52	9	61	689	3,555	4,244
Total, softwoods ...	64,310	3,508	67,818	28,830	30,251	59,081
Red Alder	-	72	72	-	-	-
Maple	16	48	64	-	-	-
Birch	-	19	19	-	18	18
Cottonwood.....	34	98	132	50	101	151
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods....	50	237	287	50	119	169
Total, softwoods and hardwoods.....	64,360	3,745	68,105	28,880	30,370	59,250
SOLD AND UNSOLD	169,349	9,854	179,203	41,249	43,377	84,626

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

	Month ending:-			
	August		July	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
<u>For shipment to points in British Columbia</u>				
Local	26,182	26,638	27,041	25,848
Coastwise and interior.....	7,853	12,050	4,991	12,375
Total	34,035	38,688	32,032	38,223
<u>For shipment by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces.....	21,925	18,884	20,476	19,615
Eastern Provinces	35,498	27,153	35,540	31,201
United States of America.....	42,058	26,953	39,044	25,561
Total	99,481	72,990	95,060	76,377
<u>For waterborne shipment to:</u>				
California.....	2,890	550	970	-
U.S. Atlantic Ports.....	9,545	25	6,637	-
Eastern Canada	-	2,000	-	-
Export Markets	262,386	426,287	279,472	450,284
Total	274,821	428,862	287,079	450,284
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND.....	408,337	540,540	414,171	564,884
<u>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS</u>				
	August		July	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
	8,131	4,297	5,862	5,347

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

		August		July	
		1948	1947	1948	1947
Coast	No.	109	110	105	110
Interior	No.	93	117	100	120
Total, British Columbia	No.	202	227	205	230

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

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