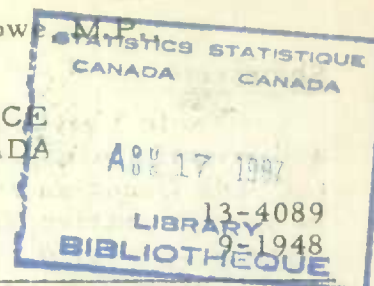




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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 236,872 M ft. in September 1948 as compared with 236,876 M ft. in September 1947, and 231,113 M ft. in August, 1948, an increase of 2.5 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 71.5 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 1.6 p.c. over the same month the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 28.5 p.c. showed a decrease of 3.9 p.c. Shipments in September, 1948 totalled 226,562 M ft., as compared with 222,344 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 1.9 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 2.7 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 0.6 p.c. Total shipments for September decreased by 3.8 p.c. from the August figure of 235,557 M Ft. Stocks on hand at the end of September, 1948, amounted to 272,671 M ft. as compared with 246,342 M ft. the previous year and 275,671 M ft. at the end of August of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 184,314 M ft., while Interior mills showed 91,357 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 September, 1947 and 1948, and August, 1947 and 1948. Details by species are given for production and stocks, while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 217,117 M ft. in August to 236,876 M ft. in September of 1947 and from 231,113 M ft. in August 1948 to 236,872 M ft. in September. Shipments totalled 235,557 M ft. in August and 226,562 M ft. in September of this year as compared with 207,288 M ft. and 222,344 M ft. during the corresponding months last year. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 228,580 M ft. in August 1947 to 246,342 M ft. in September and from 263,829 M ft. in August 1948 to 275,671 M ft. in September.

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 162,202 M ft. in September, as compared with 64,357 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 17,078 M ft. in September, as compared with 3,235 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 71.5 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in September, 1948, as compared with 70.3 p.c. the previous year. The percentages for Coast mills during August, 1948 and 1947, respectively, were 70.8 p.c. and 64.3 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 173,247 M ft., in September of 1948 and 178,779 M ft. in August as compared with 168,707 M ft. and 153,513 M ft. in the corresponding months of the previous year, while the Interior mills shipped 53,315 M ft. and 56,778 M ft. in 1948, and 53,637 M ft. and 53,775 M ft. during the corresponding months of the previous year. Of all shipments actually reported for September, 49.0 p.c. went to points in Canada, 25.8 p.c. to points in United States, 15.9 per cent to the United Kingdom, and 8.6 p.c. to other countries. Shipments to unspecified destinations accounted for the remainder (0.7 p.c.). Waterborne shipments accounted for 28.8 p.c. of the total, while 48.2 p.c. went by rail, about 22.3 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 August and September of this year amounted to 179,203 M ft. and 184,314 M ft. as compared with 155,404 M ft. and 159,090 M ft. in August and September of 1947. Interior mills stocks increased from 73,176 M ft. in August 1947 to 87,252 M ft. in September, 1947, and from 84,626 M ft. in August 1948 to 91,357 M ft. in September 1948. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 32.6 p.c. of the total in September, 1948, as compared with 37.4 p.c. in September, 1947 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were respectively, 76.5 and 80.9

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of August and September, 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 September, 1948, amounted to 345,259 M ft., as compared with 531,099 M ft. in September 1947. Orders on hand at the end of August 1948 and 1947, amounted to 408,337 M ft. and 540,540 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 8,720 M ft. in September, 1947, 7,812 M ft. in September, 1948, as compared with 4,297 M ft. in August, 1947 and 8,131 M ft. in August, 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 September accounted for 76.3 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1945, compared with 85.3 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for August 1947 and 1948 were 81.8 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, September, 1948.

	September		August		9 Months	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
PRODUCTION						
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas	119,798	115,048	109,253	103,137	1,003,064	991,842
Hemlock	45,140	47,574	45,029	42,577	418,847	392,399
Balsam Fir	1,799	2,638	2,179	2,548	13,680	15,930
Red Cedar	24,526	23,207	27,775	16,501	195,665	197,401
Spruce	29,580	33,346	30,138	36,927	232,387	218,423
White Pine	2,879	2,561	3,419	3,257	30,335	24,481
Ponderosa Pine	4,649	3,420	4,244	3,901	29,997	31,396
Lodgepole Pine	761	722	928	808	5,439	5,448
All other softwoods	6,428	6,668	6,678	6,106	52,430	51,915
Total softwoods	235,560	235,184	229,643	215,762	1,981,844	1,929,235
Red Alder	464	437	418	432	3,527	3,941
Maple	234	357	247	297	2,110	2,781
Birch	76	79	73	87	694	775
Cottonwood	538	819	732	539	5,061	6,516
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	6	3
Total hardwoods	1,312	1,692	1,470	1,355	11,398	14,016
Total softwoods & hardwoods	236,872	236,876	231,113	217,117	1,993,242	1,943,251
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	90,362	86,030	94,618	83,397	808,640	775,875
Points in U.S.A.	47,571	27,528	57,184	16,202	442,655	163,985
United Kingdom	29,221	58,826	28,904	55,559	307,432	497,268
Other countries	15,819	24,155	22,057	24,107	168,194	265,031
Destination not specified	1,287	949	1,822	452	12,474	6,512
Total shipments reported.	184,260	197,488	204,585	179,717	1,739,395	1,708,671
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	42,302	24,856	30,972	27,571	283,209	204,474
Total shipments reported and estimated ..	226,562	222,344	235,557	207,288	2,022,604	1,913,145
STOCKS ON HAND						
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	127,765	107,212	118,651		102,188	
Hemlock	48,932	44,321	50,704		43,301	
Balsam Fir	2,022	2,002	2,288		1,685	
Red Cedar	26,977	21,247	27,542		21,366	
Spruce	43,468	44,932	40,353		37,637	
White Pine	7,150	8,258	7,733		8,186	
Ponderosa Pine	7,966	9,706	8,180		6,528	
Lodgepole Pine	899	828	665		942	
All other softwoods	9,221	5,970	6,459		4,687	
Total softwoods	274,400	244,476	262,575		226,520	
Red Alder	299	411	270		540	
Maple	198	327	223		410	
Birch	79	130	90		103	
Cottonwood	695	998	671		1,007	
All other hardwoods	-	-	-		-	
Total hardwoods	1,271	1,866	1,254		2,060	
Total softwoods & hardwoods	275,671	246,342	263,829		228,580	

Table 2 - Lumber and Ties Sawn
September, 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	86,441	9,419	95,860	9,882	8,118	18,000
Hemlock	30,804	7,967	38,771	2,677	772	3,449
Balsam Fir	352	185	537	411	771	1,182
Red Cedar	20,084	1,780	21,864	1,579	745	2,324
Spruce	1,523	461	1,984	12,693	14,806	27,499
White Pine	1,518	154	1,672	849	358	1,207
Ponderosa Pine	-	2	2	2,788	1,838	4,626
Lodgepole Pine	-	3	3	99	471	570
All other softwoods ..	458	2	460	1,263	3,984	5,247
Total, softwoods ..	141,180	19,973	161,153	32,241	31,863	64,104
Red Alder	297	167	464	-	-	-
Maple	124	110	234	-	-	-
Birch	13	43	56	2	8	10
Cottonwood	78	217	295	119	124	243
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	512	537	1,049	121	132	253
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	141,692	20,510	162,202	32,362	31,995	64,357
TIES						
Douglas Fir	3,233	639	3,872	693	1,373	2,066
Hemlock	2,403	283	2,686	52	182	234
Balsam Fir	-	67	67	-	13	13
Red Cedar	-	337	337	-	1	1
Spruce	-	52	52	-	45	45
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	8	13	21
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	188	188
All other softwoods ..	42	22	64	292	365	657
Total, softwoods ..	5,678	1,400	7,078	1,045	2,180	3,225
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	10	10
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	10	10
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	5,678	1,400	7,078	1,045	2,190	3,235
LUMBER AND TIES ..	147,370	21,910	169,280	33,407	34,185	67,592

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

	By Truck (Local Sales)	By Rail	Water- borne	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	34,826	6,589	585	42,000
Alberta		2,419	xxxxxxx	2,419
Saskatchewan		2,977	xxxxxxx	2,977
Manitoba		4,521	xxxxxxx	4,521
Ontario		9,425	-	9,425
Quebec		4,422	-	4,422
New Brunswick		602	-	602
Nova Scotia		224	-	224
Prince Edward Island		82	-	82
Total for Canada	34,826	31,261	585	66,672
Points in U.S.A.				
Pacific Ports		563	833	1,396
Atlantic Ports		4,439	8,494	12,933
Other points, by rail		23,840	xxxxxxx	23,840
Total for U.S.A.		28,842	9,327	38,169
United Kingdom	x	1,273	27,671	28,944
Other countries	x	300	15,492	15,792
Destination or carrier not specified				1,287
Total shipments reported	34,826	61,676	53,075	150,864
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				22,383
Total shipments, reported and estimated				173,247
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	6,069	2,759	-	8,828
Alberta	125	4,158	xxxxxxx	4,283
Saskatchewan		2,030	xxxxxxx	2,030
Manitoba		3,963	xxxxxxx	3,963
Ontario		4,270	-	4,270
Quebec		296	-	296
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		20	-	20
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Total for Canada	6,194	17,496	-	23,690
Points in U.S.A.				
Pacific Ports		97	-	97
Atlantic Ports		233	-	233
Other points, by rail		9,072	xxxxxxx	9,072
Total for U.S.A.		9,402	-	9,402
United Kingdom	x	249	28	277
Other countries	x	27	-	27
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	6,194	27,174	28	33,396
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				19,919
Total shipments, reported and estimated				53,315

x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills
September, 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>SOLD (but not shipped)</u>						
Douglas Fir	62,371	7,382	69,753	2,392	3,017	5,409
Hemlock	25,716	6,055	31,771	65	303	368
Balsam Fir	130	185	315	227	249	476
Red Cedar	16,089	1,555	17,644	517	237	754
Spruce	695	376	1,071	3,467	4,720	8,187
White Pine	2,840	113	2,953	1,666	114	1,780
Ponderosa Pine	-	2	2	1,487	589	2,076
Lodgepole Pine	-	2	2	-	210	210
All other softwoods .	116	17	133	648	1,383	2,031
Total, softwoods .	107,957	15,687	123,644	10,469	10,822	21,291
Red Alder	116	123	239	-	-	-
Maple	57	81	138	-	-	-
Birch	2	31	33	-	6	6
Cottonwood	30	159	189	150	39	189
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	205	394	599	150	45	195
Total, softwoods & hardwoods .	108,162	16,081	124,243	10,619	10,867	21,486
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	32,550	3,569	36,119	6,673	9,811	16,484
Hemlock	10,773	2,927	13,700	2,108	985	3,093
Balsam Fir	114	89	203	219	809	1,028
Red Cedar	6,104	752	6,856	952	771	1,723
Spruce	471	182	653	18,207	15,350	33,557
White Pine	518	55	573	1,474	370	1,844
Ponderosa Pine ...	-	1	1	3,972	1,915	5,887
Lodgepole Pine	-	1	1	3	683	686
All other softwoods .	1,704	8	1,712	848	4,497	5,345
Total, softwoods .	52,234	7,584	59,818	34,456	35,191	69,647
Red Alder	-	60	60	-	-	-
Maple	21	39	60	-	-	-
Birch	1	15	16	5	19	24
Cottonwood	40	77	117	72	128	200
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	62	191	253	77	147	224
Total, softwoods & hardwoods .	52,296	7,775	60,071	34,533	35,338	69,871
SOLD AND UNSOLD	160,458	23,856	184,314	45,152	46,205	91,357

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

	Month ending:-			
	September		August	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
<u>For shipments to points in British Columbia</u>				
Local	21,322	30,080	26,182	26,638
Coastwise and interior	5,428	10,608	7,853	12,050
Total	26,750	40,688	34,035	38,688
<u>For shipment by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces	21,602	17,541	21,925	18,884
Eastern Provinces	32,633	29,573	35,498	27,153
United States of America	28,052	29,247	42,058	26,953
Total	82,287	76,361	99,481	72,990
<u>For waterborne shipment to:</u>				
California	460	-	2,890	550
U.S. Atlantic Ports	7,116	240	9,545	25
Eastern Canada	100	20	-	2,000
Export Markets	228,546	413,790	262,386	426,287
Total	236,222	414,050	274,821	428,862
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	345,259	531,099	408,337	540,540
<u>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS</u>				
	7,812	8,720	8,131	4,297

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

		September		August	
		1948	1947	1948	1947
Coast	No.	101	109	109	110
Interior	No.	95	118	93	117
Total, British Columbia	No.	196	227	202	227

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

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