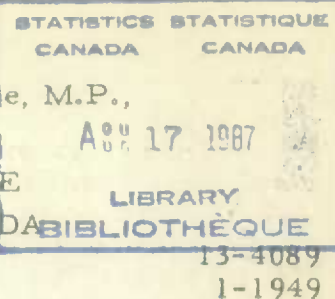


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA
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Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 194,133 M ft. in January 1949 as compared with 216,201 M ft. in January 1948, a decrease of 10.2 p.c. from the previous year but an increase of 11.6 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 78.9 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 10.6 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 21.1 p.c. showed a decrease of 8.8 p.c. Shipments in January 1949 totalled 187,413 M ft., as compared with 204,461 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 8.3 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 2.2 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 42.0 p.c. Total shipments for January increased by 11.2 p.c. over the December figure of 168,528 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of January 1949, amounted to 338,454 M ft., as compared with 248,406 M ft. at the end of January the previous year and 304,725 M ft. at the end of December. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 217,065 M ft., while Interior mills showed 121,389 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 January 1948 and 1949, and December, 1947 and 1948. Details by species are given for production and stocks, while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 186,095 M ft. in December, 1947 to 216,201 M ft. in January, 1948 and from 173,969 M ft. in December, 1948 to 194,133 M ft. in January, 1949. Shipments totalled 168,528 M ft. in December, 1948 and 187,413 M ft. in January, 1949 as compared with 207,611 in December, 1947 and 204,461 M ft. in January, 1948. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 214,403 M ft. in December, 1947 to 248,406 M ft. in January, 1948 and from 304,725 M ft. in December, 1948 to 338,454 M ft. in January, 1949.

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 149,029 M ft. in January, 1949, as compared with 38,214 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 4,186 M ft. in January as compared with 2,704 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 78.9 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in January, 1949, as compared with 79.2 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during December, 1948 and 1947, respectively were 79.4 and 79.0 p.c.

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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 re-shipped 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 159,015 M ft. in January of 1949 and 135,173 M ft. in December, 1948 as compared with 155,524 M ft. in January, 1948, and 166,819 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 28,398 M ft. and 33,355 M ft. in January, 1949 and 1948, and 48,937 M ft. and 40,792 M ft. in January, 1948 and December, 1947. Of all shipments actually reported for January, 34.8 p.c. went to points in Canada, 32.1 p.c. to points in United States, 15.2 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 17.1 p.c. to other countries. Shipments to unspecified destinations accounted for the remainder (0.8 p.c.). Waterborne shipments accounted for 42.9 p.c. of the total, while 39.0 p.c. went by rail, about 17.3 p.c. by truck and 0.8 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 December, 1948 and January, 1949 amounted to 215,284 M ft. and 217,065 M ft. as compared with 150,101 M ft. and 168,209 M ft. in December, 1947 and January of 1948. Interior mills stocks increased from 64,302 M ft. in December, 1947 to 80,197 M ft. in January, 1948 and increased from 89,441 M ft. in December, 1948 to 121,389 M ft. in January, 1949. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 44.6 p.c. of the total in January, 1949, as compared with 32.9 p.c. in January 1948 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively 86.9 and 80.0.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of December, 1947 and 1948 and January, 1948 and 1949, 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 January 1949, amounted to 347,522 M ft., as compared with 533,163 M ft. in January, 1948. Orders on hand at the end of December, 1948 and 1947, amounted to 283,910 M ft. and 480,600 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 4,335 M ft. in January, 1948, 3,511 M ft. in January, 1949 as compared with 7,900 M ft. in December, 1947 and 7,917 M ft. in December, 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 January accounted for 79.9 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1947 compared with 87.7 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for December 1947 and 1948 were 87.8 and 81.9, 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, January, 1949

| | January | | December | |
|--|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| | 1949 | 1948 | 1948 | 1947 |
| <u>PRODUCTION</u> | | | | |
| | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. |
| Douglas Fir | 109,055 | 105,330 | 94,447 | 95,749 |
| Hemlock | 34,757 | 49,420 | 32,751 | 42,863 |
| Balsam Fir | 1,395 | 1,204 | 1,370 | 1,408 |
| Red Cedar | 13,345 | 20,134 | 19,298 | 22,281 |
| Spruce | 27,181 | 23,195 | 16,462 | 14,169 |
| White Pine | 1,866 | 7,528 | 2,201 | 1,977 |
| Ponderosa Pine | 1,519 | 1,955 | 1,789 | 1,693 |
| Lodgepole Pine | 724 | 517 | 411 | 401 |
| All other softwoods | 3,065 | 5,541 | 4,285 | 4,335 |
| Total softwoods | 192,907 | 214,824 | 173,014 | 184,876 |
| Red Alder | 519 | 525 | 313 | 391 |
| Maple | 310 | 294 | 241 | 320 |
| Birch | 83 | 76 | 46 | 79 |
| Cottonwood | 314 | 482 | 355 | 429 |
| All other hardwoods | - | - | - | - |
| Total hardwoods | 1,226 | 1,377 | 955 | 1,219 |
| Total softwoods and hardwoods | 194,133 | 216,201 | 173,969 | 186,095 |
| <u>SHIPMENTS</u> | | | | |
| To: Points in Canada | 56,142 | 78,227 | 68,131 | 74,291 |
| Points in U.S.A. | 51,859 | 42,470 | 30,276 | 33,586 |
| United Kingdom | 24,531 | 49,069 | 21,520 | 57,988 |
| Other countries | 27,582 | 10,577 | 21,728 | 21,323 |
| Destination not specified | 1,357 | 1,052 | 962 | 1,239 |
| Total shipments reported | 161,471 | 181,395 | 142,617 | 188,427 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills | 25,942 | 23,066 | 25,911 | 19,184 |
| Total shipments reported and estimated | 187,413 | 204,461 | 168,528 | 207,611 |
| | January | | December | |
| | 1949 | 1948 | 1948 | 1947 |
| <u>STOCKS ON HAND</u> | | | | |
| | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. |
| Douglas Fir | 164,990 | 109,158 | 148,149 | 100,912 |
| Hemlock | 54,120 | 48,720 | 56,556 | 39,222 |
| Balsam Fir | 1,872 | 1,601 | 2,481 | 1,597 |
| Red Cedar | 26,125 | 21,539 | 28,187 | 22,579 |
| Spruce | 61,970 | 42,546 | 41,000 | 29,859 |
| White Pine | 7,827 | 7,596 | 7,381 | 5,786 |
| Ponderosa Pine | 9,020 | 7,563 | 8,126 | 7,549 |
| Lodgepole Pine | 1,473 | 1,133 | 664 | 996 |
| All other softwoods | 9,398 | 7,127 | 10,821 | 4,497 |
| Total softwoods | 336,795 | 246,983 | 303,365 | 212,997 |
| Red Alder | 545 | 377 | 334 | 335 |
| Maple | 380 | 282 | 231 | 320 |
| Birch | 163 | 88 | 85 | 82 |
| Cottonwood | 571 | 676 | 710 | 669 |
| All other hardwoods | - | - | - | - |
| Total hardwoods | 1,659 | 1,423 | 1,360 | 1,406 |
| Total softwoods and hardwoods | 338,454 | 248,406 | 304,725 | 214,403 |

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn
January, 1949

| 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 | 85,039 | 7,901 | 92,940 | 4,585 | 6,726 | 11,311 |
| Hemlock | 30,113 | 1,885 | 31,998 | 860 | 665 | 1,525 |
| Balsam Fir | 1,008 | 95 | 1,103 | 47 | 229 | 276 |
| Red Cedar | 11,375 | 1,446 | 12,821 | 61 | 401 | 462 |
| Spruce | 6,673 | 676 | 7,349 | 7,232 | 12,337 | 19,569 |
| White Pine | 1,133 | 86 | 1,219 | 391 | 255 | 646 |
| Ponderosa Pine | - | 7 | 7 | 337 | 1,150 | 1,487 |
| Lodgepole Pine | - | 14 | 14 | 260 | 327 | 587 |
| All other softwoods .. | 387 | 36 | 423 | 1,044 | 1,239 | 2,283 |
| Total, softwoods .. | 135,728 | 12,146 | 147,874 | 14,817 | 23,329 | 38,146 |
| Red Alder | 223 | 296 | 519 | - | - | - |
| Maple | 101 | 209 | 310 | - | - | - |
| Birch | 5 | 57 | 62 | - | 21 | 21 |
| Cottonwood | 114 | 150 | 264 | - | 47 | 47 |
| All other hardwoods .. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods .. | 443 | 712 | 1,155 | - | 68 | 68 |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods .. | 136,171 | 12,858 | 149,029 | 14,817 | 23,397 | 38,214 |
| TIES | | | | | | |
| Douglas Fir | 2,388 | 487 | 2,875 | 346 | 1,583 | 1,929 |
| Hemlock | 1,129 | 74 | 1,203 | - | 31 | 31 |
| Balsam Fir | - | 4 | 4 | - | 12 | 12 |
| Red Cedar | 56 | 6 | 62 | - | - | - |
| Spruce | - | 24 | 24 | 35 | 204 | 239 |
| White Pine | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Ponderosa Pine | - | - | - | - | 25 | 25 |
| Lodgepole Pine | - | - | - | - | 123 | 123 |
| All other softwoods .. | 18 | - | 18 | 202 | 139 | 341 |
| Total softwoods .. | 3,591 | 595 | 4,186 | 583 | 2,118 | 2,701 |
| Red Alder | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Maple | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Birch | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cottonwood | - | - | - | - | 3 | 3 |
| All other hardwoods .. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods... | - | - | - | - | 3 | 3 |
| Total softwoods and hardwoods .. | 3,591 | 595 | 4,186 | 583 | 2,121 | 2,704 |
| LUMBER AND TIES .. | 139,762 | 13,453 | 153,215 | 15,400 | 25,518 | 40,918 |

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties
January, 1949

| | 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. |
|---|--|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <u>COAST MILLS</u> | | | | |
| TO: Points in Canada: | | | | |
| British Columbia | 23,947 | 3,473 | 809 | 28,229 |
| Alberta | | 1,852 | xxxxxx | 1,852 |
| Saskatchewan | | 1,046 | xxxxxx | 1,046 |
| Manitoba | | 2,463 | xxxxxx | 2,463 |
| Ontario | | 7,403 | - | 7,403 |
| Quebec | | 2,241 | - | 2,241 |
| New Brunswick | | 832 | - | 832 |
| Nova Scotia | | 119 | - | 119 |
| Prince Edward Island | | 26 | - | 26 |
| Total for Canada | 23,947 | 19,455 | 809 | 44,211 |
| Points in U.S.A.: | | | | |
| Pacific Ports | | 403 | 3,059 | 3,462 |
| Atlantic Ports | | 172 | 13,523 | 13,695 |
| Other points, by rail | | 30,450 | xxxxxx | 30,450 |
| Total for U.S.A. | | 31,025 | 16,582 | 47,607 |
| United Kingdom | x | 75 | 24,386 | 24,461 |
| Other countries | x | 2 | 27,482 | 27,484 |
| Destination or carrier not specified | | | | 1,357 |
| Total shipments reported | 23,947 | 50,557 | 69,259 | 145,120 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills | | | | 13,895 |
| Total shipments, reported and estimated | | | | 159,015 |
| <u>INTERIOR MILLS</u> | | | | |
| TO: Points in Canada: | | | | |
| British Columbia | 3,978 | 836 | - | 4,814 |
| Alberta | 13 | 2,200 | xxxxxx | 2,213 |
| Saskatchewan | | 747 | xxxxxx | 747 |
| Manitoba | | 971 | xxxxxx | 971 |
| Ontario | | 2,922 | - | 2,922 |
| Quebec | | 264 | - | 264 |
| New Brunswick | | - | - | - |
| Nova Scotia | | - | - | - |
| Prince Edward Island | | - | - | - |
| Total for Canada | 3,991 | 7,940 | - | 11,931 |
| Points in U.S.A.: | | | | |
| Pacific Ports | | - | - | - |
| Atlantic Ports | | 284 | - | 284 |
| Other points, by rail | | 3,968 | xxxxxx | 3,968 |
| Total for U.S.A. | | 4,252 | - | 4,252 |
| United Kingdom | x | 44 | 26 | 70 |
| Other countries | x | 98 | - | 98 |
| Destination or carrier not specified | | | | - |
| Total shipments reported | 3,991 | 12,334 | 26 | 16,351 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills | | | | 12,047 |
| Total shipments, reported and estimated | | | | 28,398 |

x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills
January, 1949

| 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 | 70,286 | 6,580 | 76,866 | 2,007 | 3,226 | 5,233 |
| Hemlock | 22,404 | 1,537 | 23,941 | 57 | 271 | 328 |
| Balsam Fir | 648 | 78 | 726 | 6 | 94 | 100 |
| Red Cedar | 11,111 | 1,139 | 12,250 | 330 | 155 | 485 |
| Spruce | 2,621 | 549 | 3,170 | 2,051 | 4,868 | 6,919 |
| White Pine | 2,191 | 68 | 2,259 | 919 | 100 | 1,019 |
| Ponderosa Pine | - | 5 | 5 | 289 | 456 | 745 |
| Lodgepole Pine | - | 11 | 11 | 4 | 175 | 179 |
| All other softwoods ... | 93 | 28 | 121 | 229 | 534 | 763 |
| Total, softwoods ... | 109,354 | 9,995 | 119,349 | 5,892 | 9,879 | 15,771 |
| Red Alder | 123 | 232 | 355 | - | - | - |
| Maple | 62 | 164 | 226 | - | - | - |
| Birch | 15 | 45 | 60 | - | 8 | 8 |
| Cottonwood | 91 | 117 | 208 | 87 | 20 | 107 |
| All other hardwoods ... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods ... | 291 | 558 | 849 | 87 | 28 | 115 |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods ... | 109,645 | 10,553 | 120,198 | 5,979 | 9,907 | 15,886 |
| UNSOLD | | | | | | |
| Douglas Fir | 48,675 | 5,303 | 53,978 | 7,490 | 21,423 | 28,913 |
| Hemlock | 24,894 | 1,239 | 26,133 | 1,920 | 1,798 | 3,718 |
| Balsam Fir | 208 | 63 | 271 | 152 | 623 | 775 |
| Red Cedar | 9,043 | 918 | 9,961 | 2,399 | 1,030 | 3,429 |
| Spruce | 1,611 | 442 | 2,053 | 17,494 | 32,334 | 49,828 |
| White Pine | 1,547 | 55 | 1,602 | 2,284 | 663 | 2,947 |
| Ponderosa Pine | - | 4 | 4 | 5,235 | 3,031 | 8,266 |
| Lodgepole Pine | - | 9 | 9 | 113 | 1,161 | 1,274 |
| All other softwoods ... | 2,355 | 22 | 2,377 | 2,587 | 3,550 | 6,137 |
| Total softwoods | 88,333 | 8,055 | 96,388 | 39,674 | 65,613 | 105,287 |
| Red Alder | 3 | 187 | 190 | - | - | - |
| Maple | 22 | 132 | 154 | - | - | - |
| Birch | 1 | 36 | 37 | 4 | 54 | 58 |
| Cottonwood | 3 | 95 | 98 | 29 | 129 | 158 |
| All other hardwoods ... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods ... | 29 | 450 | 479 | 33 | 183 | 216 |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods ... | 88,362 | 8,505 | 96,867 | 39,707 | 65,796 | 105,503 |
| SOLD AND UNSOLD ... | 198,007 | 19,058 | 217,065 | 45,686 | 75,703 | 121,389 |

Table 5. - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of January, 1949 and
Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

| | | Month ending - | | | |
|--|--|----------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | January | | December | |
| | | 1949 | 1948 | 1948 | 1947 |
| | | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. |
| ORDERS ON HAND | | | | | |
| For shipment to points in British Columbia | | | | | |
| Local | | 19,704 | 29,172 | 17,838 | 25,337 |
| Coastwise and interior | | 5,929 | 8,465 | 4,113 | 8,604 |
| Total | | 25,633 | 37,637 | 21,951 | 33,941 |
| For shipment by rail to: | | | | | |
| Prairie Provinces | | 15,872 | 19,656 | 11,768 | 17,170 |
| Eastern Provinces | | 25,969 | 40,287 | 26,821 | 37,149 |
| United States of America | | 41,858 | 45,949 | 31,530 | 40,777 |
| Total | | 83,699 | 105,892 | 70,119 | 95,096 |
| For waterborne shipment to: | | | | | |
| California | | 2,212 | 300 | 932 | - |
| U. S. Atlantic Ports | | 14,398 | 6,382 | 11,771 | 1,460 |
| Eastern Canada | | 1,382 | 330 | 3,613 | - |
| Export Markets | | 220,198 | 382,622 | 175,524 | 350,103 |
| Total | | 238,190 | 389,634 | 191,840 | 351,563 |
| TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND | | 347,522 | 533,163 | 283,910 | 480,600 |
| | | January | | December | |
| | | 1949 | 1948 | 1948 | 1947 |
| LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER | | | | | |
| MILLS | | 3,511 | 4,335 | 7,917 | 7,900 |

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting, January, 1949

| | | January | | December | |
|-------------------------------|-----|---------|------|----------|------|
| | | 1949 | 1948 | 1948 | 1947 |
| Coast | No. | 120 | 111 | 108 | 116 |
| Interior | No. | 109 | 120 | 96 | 102 |
| Total, British Columbia | No. | 229 | 231 | 204 | 218 |

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