

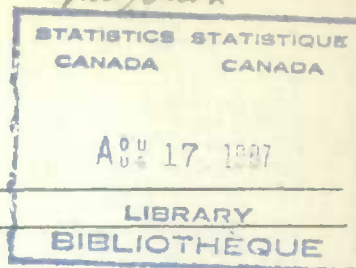
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 249,034 M ft. in October 1949 as compared with 227,967 M ft. in October 1948, an increase of 8.5 p.c. over the previous year but a decrease of 4.3 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 77.2 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 12.1 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 22.8 p.c. showed a decrease of 3.9 p.c. Shipments in October 1949 totalled 244,220 M ft., as compared with 218,537 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 10.5 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 17.9 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 18.6 p.c. Total shipments for October increased by 1.2 p.c. over the September figure of 241,285 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of October 1949 amounted to 336,681 M ft., as compared with 287,046 M ft. at the end of October the previous year and 358,848 M ft. at the end of September of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 216,238 M ft., while Interior mills showed 120,443 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 and October 1948 and 1949. Details by species are given for production and stocks, while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 260,483 M ft. in September 1948 to 227,967 M ft. in October 1948 and from 260,272 M ft. in September to 249,034 M ft. in October 1949. Shipments totalled 241,285 M ft. in September 1949 and 244,220 M ft. in October 1949 as compared with 238,834 M ft. in September and 218,537 M ft. in October of 1948. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 277,616 M ft. in September 1948 to 287,046 M ft. in October but decreased from 358,848 M ft. in September 1949 to 336,681 M ft. in October of this year.

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 188,079 M ft. in October 1949 as compared with 53,051 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 4,228 M ft. in October as compared with 3,676 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 77.2 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in October 1949 as compared with 74.1 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during September 1949 and 1948 respectively, were 72.9 and 71.5 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 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 199,971 M ft. in October of 1949 and 188,-967 M ft. in September 1949 as compared with 164,177 M ft. in October 1948 and 177,-724 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 44,249 M ft. and 54,-360 M ft. in October 1949 and 1948 and 52,318 M ft. and 61,110 M ft. in September 1949 and 1948. Of all shipments actually reported for October, 36.2 p.c. went to points in Canada, 41.9 p.c. to points in United States, 7.2 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 14.7 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 43.0 p.c. of the total, while 36.2 p.c. went by rail, and 20.8 p.c. by truck.

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 September and October 1949 amounted to 226,256 M ft. and 216,238 M ft. as compared with 193,158 M ft. and 197,939 M ft. in September and October of 1948. Interior mills stocks increased from 84,458 M ft. in September to 89,107 M ft. in October 1948, but decreased from 132,592 M ft. in September to 120,443 M ft. in October 1949. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 39.5 p.c. of the total in October 1949, as compared with 34.7 p.c. in October 1948 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 83.8 and 82.2.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of September and October 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 October 1949 amounted to 212,316 M ft. as compared with 307,257 M ft. in October 1948. Orders on hand at the end of September 1949 and 1948, amounted to 208,149 M ft. and 345,249 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 9,179 M ft. in October 1949 and 10,948 M ft. in October 1948 as compared with 7,400 M ft. in September 1949 and 7,812 M ft. in September 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 October accounted for 80.8 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1947 compared with 74.8 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for September 1948 and 1949 were 69.4 and 78.5, 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, 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, October, 1949

	October		September		10 Months	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	136,399	117,370	140,161	131,665	1,264,630	1,218,336
Hemlock	42,945	43,214	46,304	49,540	420,841	503,335
Balsam Fir	2,617	1,136	1,364	1,979	13,323	16,190
Red Cedar	26,430	24,246	21,988	27,047	222,738	239,959
Spruce.....	27,767	26,671	35,695	32,652	312,457	283,161
White Pine	4,131	3,138	4,007	3,179	29,706	36,634
Ponderosa Pine	3,475	3,395	4,105	5,131	38,572	36,502
Lodgepole Pine	680	628	612	820	7,421	6,470
All other softwoods	3,398	7,087	4,947	7,023	44,563	63,721
Total softwoods	247,842	226,885	259,183	259,036	2,354,251	2,404,308
Red Alder	442	475	449	512	5,120	4,369
Maple	383	199	353	258	3,185	2,528
Birch.....	78	63	97	83	897	819
Cottonwood	289	345	190	594	2,765	5,931
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	86	7
Total hardwoods	1,192	1,082	1,089	1,447	12,053	13,654
Total softwoods and hardwoods	249,034	227,967	260,272	260,483	2,366,304	2,417,962
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	78,311	88,959	90,247	90,362	880,590	897,599
Points in U.S.A.	90,655	44,289	70,311	47,571	536,885	486,944
United Kingdom	15,364	26,588	38,265	29,221	302,550	334,020
Other countries	31,823	19,034	11,021	15,819	215,532	187,228
Destination not specified	-	1,849	-	1,287	8,002	14,323
Total shipments reported	216,153	180,719	209,844	184,260	1,943,559	1,920,114
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	28,067	37,818	31,441	54,574	332,909	425,205
Total shipments reported and estimated .	244,220	218,537	241,285	238,834	2,276,468	2,345,319
	October		September			
	1949	1948	1949	1948		
STOCKS ON HAND						
Douglas Fir	152,390	143,501	170,876	140,403		
Hemlock	56,072	54,912	54,823	52,202		
Balsam Fir	3,403	496	1,993	932		
Red Cedar	29,220	32,155	30,946	31,949		
Spruce	63,924	34,823	67,654	30,839		
White Pine	8,057	8,613	8,670	8,774		
Ponderosa Pine.....	10,364	6,143	10,564	7,371		
Lodgepole Pine	1,503	1	1,119	4		
All other softwoods	10,328	5,905	10,983	4,476		
Total softwoods	335,261	286,549	357,628	276,950		
Red Alder	385	193	335	156		
Maple	389	148	384	105		
Birch	129	42	164	11		
Cottonwood	517	114	337	394		
All other hardwoods.....	-	-	-	-		
Total hardwoods	1,420	497	1,220	666		
Total softwoods and hardwoods	336,681	287,046	358,848	277,616		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn

October, 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	104,557	8,658	113,215	8,660	8,448	17,108
Hemlock	38,033	1,894	39,927	1,170	856	2,026
Balsam Fir	1,658	104	1,762	499	339	838
Red Cedar	22,266	2,146	24,412	1,100	912	2,012
Spruce	2,532	2,143	4,675	9,215	13,643	22,858
White Pine	2,680	73	2,753	754	623	1,377
Ponderosa Pine	-	80	80	1,435	1,938	3,373
Lodgepole Pine	-	19	19	150	373	523
All other softwoods..	201	28	229	684	2,072	2,756
Total, softwoods....	171,927	15,145	187,072	23,667	29,204	52,871
Red Alder	287	155	442	-	-	-
Maple	226	156	382	-	1	1
Birch	10	52	62	-	16	16
Cottonwood	60	61	121	-	163	163
All other hardwoods.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	583	424	1,007	-	180	180
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	172,510	15,569	188,079	23,667	29,384	53,051
TIES						
Douglas Fir	2,687	535	3,222	1,306	1,548	2,854
Hemlock	895	78	973	14	5	19
Balsam Fir	-	3	3	-	14	14
Red Cedar	-	6	6	-	-	-
Spruce	-	24	24	76	134	210
White Pine	-	-	-	-	1	1
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	22	22
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	138	138
All other softwoods..	-	-	-	36	377	413
Total, softwoods ...	3,582	646	4,228	1,432	2,239	3,671
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	5	5
All other hardwoods.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	5	5
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	3,582	646	4,228	1,432	2,244	3,676
LUMBER AND TIES.	176,092	16,215	192,307	25,099	31,628	56,727

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

	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.
COAST MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	39,167	2,558	1,307	43,032
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	58	58
Alberta		2,065	xxxxxx	2,065
Saskatchewan		2,369	xxxxxx	2,369
Manitoba		3,386	xxxxxx	3,386
Ontario		9,344	-	9,344
Quebec		2,503	-	2,503
New Brunswick		201	-	201
Nova Scotia		146	-	146
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	39,167	22,572	1,365	63,104
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		527	733	1,260
Atlantic Ports		1,553	44,522	46,075
Other points, by rail		32,556	xxxxxx	32,556
Total for U.S.A.		34,636	45,255	79,891
United Kingdom	x	265	15,036	15,301
Other countries	x	621	31,202	31,823
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported....	39,167	58,094	92,858	199,119
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				9,852
Total shipments, reported and estimated				199,971
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	5,464	835	-	6,299
Yukon and Northwest Territories	74	-	-	74
Alberta	387	3,235	xxxxxx	3,622
Saskatchewan		761	xxxxxx	761
Manitoba		1,399	xxxxxx	1,399
Ontario		2,986	-	2,986
Quebec		66	-	66
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	5,925	9,282	-	15,207
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		30	-	30
Atlantic Ports		265	-	265
Other points, by rail		10,469	xxxxxx	10,469
Total for U.S.A.		10,469	-	10,764
United Kingdom	x	25	38	63
Other countries	x	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported....	5,925	20,071	38	26,034
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				18,215
Total shipments, reported and estimated				44,249
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

October, 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	70,056	6,254	76,310	2,756	3,430	6,186
Hemlock	30,104	1,342	31,446	123	295	418
Balsam Fir	256	73	329	-	121	121
Red Cedar	12,263	1,464	13,727	147	313	460
Spruce	3,005	1,474	4,479	2,542	4,727	7,269
White Pine	3,525	50	3,575	218	214	432
Ponderosa Pine	25	54	79	2,714	672	3,386
Lodgepole Pine	-	13	13	-	175	175
All other softwoods...	184	19	203	111	841	952
Total, softwoods ...	119,418	10,743	130,161	8,611	10,788	19,399
Red Alder	187	105	292	-	-	-
Maple	119	106	225	-	1	1
Birch	32	35	67	-	5	5
Cottonwood	36	42	78	-	57	57
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	374	288	662	-	63	63
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	119,792	11,031	130,823	8,611	10,851	19,462
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	39,909	4,083	43,992	8,108	17,794	25,902
Hemlock	20,120	876	20,996	1,679	1,533	3,212
Balsam Fir	416	48	464	1,861	628	2,489
Red Cedar	9,832	956	10,788	2,622	1,623	4,245
Spruce	2,774	962	3,736	23,915	24,525	48,440
White Pine	965	32	997	1,942	1,111	3,053
Ponderosa Pine	40	36	76	3,334	3,489	6,823
Lodgepole Pine	-	8	8	397	910	1,307
All other softwoods ..	4,031	13	4,044	769	4,360	5,129
Total, softwoods ...	78,087	7,014	85,101	44,627	55,973	100,600
Red Alder	24	69	93	-	-	-
Maple	92	69	161	-	2	2
Birch	2	23	25	4	28	32
Cottonwood	8	27	35	48	299	347
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	126	188	314	52	329	381
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	78,213	7,202	85,415	44,679	56,302	100,981
SOLD AND UNSOLD ..	198,005	18,233	216,238	53,290	67,153	120,443

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

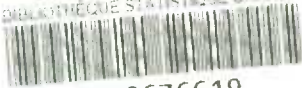
	Month ending -			
	October		September	
	1949 M ft.	1948 M ft.	1949 M ft.	1948 M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
For shipment to points in British Columbia				
Local	12,909	19,516	14,542	21,322
Coastwise and interior	2,518	5,892	2,291	5,428
Total	15,427	25,408	16,833	26,750
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	9,105	17,451	8,304	21,602
Eastern Provinces	15,582	28,320	15,609	32,633
United States of America	34,323	21,484	34,090	28,052
Total	59,010	67,255	58,003	82,287
For waterborne shipment to:				
California	1,508	791	264	460
U.S. Atlantic Ports	79,935	1,757	57,928	7,116
Eastern Canada	-	-	-	100
Export Markets	56,436	212,046	75,121	228,546
Total	137,879	214,594	133,313	236,222
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	212,316	307,257	208,149	345,259
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER				
MILLS	9,179	10,948	7,400	7,812

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

		October		September	
		1949	1948	1949	1948
Coast	No.	122	108	122	101
Interior	No.	95	93	111	95
Total, British Columbia	No.	217	201	233	196

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

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