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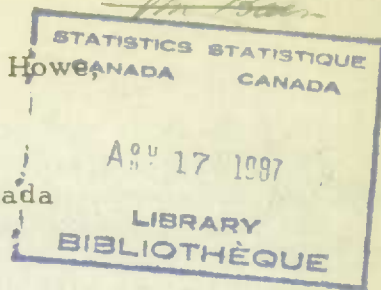
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS  
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

MAY, 1949

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 250,811 M ft. in May 1949, as compared with 210,821 M ft. in May 1948, an increase of 16.0 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 17.5 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 75.0 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 7.9 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 25.0 p.c. showed an increase of 40.2 p.c. Shipments in May 1949 totalled 244,791 M ft., as compared with 230,128 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 6.0 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 1.6 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 28.4 p.c. Total shipments for May increased by 9.9 p.c. over the April figure of 220,703 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of May 1949 amounted to 374,435 M ft., as compared with 254,009 M ft. at the end of May, the previous year and 341,411 M ft. at the end of April of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 250,213 M ft., while Interior mills showed 124,222 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 April and May 1948 and 1949. Details by species are given for production and stocks, while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 211,946 M ft. in April 1948 to 210,821 M ft. in May 1948 but increased from 206,958 M ft. in April to 250,811 M ft. in May 1949. Shipments totalled 220,703 M ft. in April 1949 and 244,791 M ft. in May 1949 as compared with 236,932 M ft. in April and 230,128 M ft. in May of 1948. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 265,206 M ft. in April 1948 to 254,009 M ft. in May but increased from 341,411 M ft. in April 1949 to 374,435 M ft. in May 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 178,003 M ft. in May 1949 as compared with 58,045 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 10,026 M ft. in May as compared with 4,737 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 75.0 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in May 1949 as compared with 82.2 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during April 1949 and 1948 respectively, were 80.5 and 84.6 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 197,045 M ft. in May of 1949 and 183,334 M ft. in April 1949 as compared with 195,940 M ft. in May 1948 and 199,529 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 47,746 M ft. and 34,188 M ft. in May 1949, and 1948 and 37,369 M ft. and 37,403 M ft. in April 1949 and 1948. Of all shipments actually reported for May, 52.5 p.c. went to points in Canada, 20.4 p.c. to points in United States, 17.6 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 8.7 p.c. to other countries. Shipments to unspecified destinations accounted for the remainder (0.8 p.c.). Waterborne shipments accounted for 33.4 p.c. of the total, while 40.1 p.c. went by rail, about 25.7 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 April and May 1949 amounted to 245,234 M ft. and 250,213 M ft. as compared with 194,648 M ft. and 192,386 M ft. in April and May of 1948. Interior mills stocks decreased from 70,558 M ft. in April to 61,623 M ft. in May 1948, but increased from 96,177 M ft. in April to 124,222 M ft. in May 1949. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 36.4 p.c. of the total in May 1949, as compared with 32.6 p.c. in May 1948 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 76.4 and 77.2.

## Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of April and May 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 May 1949, amounted to 229,897 M ft. as compared with 480,924 M ft. in May 1948. Orders on hand at the end of April 1949 and 1948, amounted to 287,449 M ft. and 487,361 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 7,112 M ft. in May 1949 and 5,983 M ft. in May 1948 as compared with 11,042 M ft. in April 1949 and 7,327 M ft. in April 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 May accounted for 74.6 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1947 compared with 81.1 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for April 1948 and 1949 were 89.3 and 83.8, 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, May, 1949

	May		April		5 Months	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir .....	135,143	113,352	112,559	109,469	580,012	546,412
Hemlock .....	43,936	43,748	38,840	50,797	198,638	240,061
Balsam Fir .....	1,218	1,027	966	1,054	5,289	6,776
Red Cedar .....	24,542	21,006	22,492	21,212	100,942	104,963
Spruce .....	29,780	19,732	20,587	17,602	132,165	114,592
White Pine .....	3,851	2,518	2,953	2,434	14,441	17,584
Ponderosa Pine .....	5,143	3,263	3,735	3,073	14,552	13,068
Lodgepole Pine .....	700	396	669	376	3,733	2,413
All other softwoods .....	5,250	4,485	3,042	4,746	17,676	25,574
Total softwoods .....	249,563	209,527	205,843	210,763	1,067,448	1,071,443
Red Alder .....	584	408	638	368	2,743	2,040
Maple .....	260	231	208	211	1,390	1,216
Birch .....	133	74	67	69	443	366
Cottonwood .....	243	579	166	535	1,227	2,621
All other hardwoods .....	28	2	36	-	86	6
Total hardwoods .....	1,248	1,294	1,115	1,183	5,889	6,249
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	250,811	210,821	206,958	211,946	1,073,337	1,077,692
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada .....	101,368	78,710	87,286	97,028	392,230	449,454
Points in U.S.A. ....	39,295	46,893	51,502	53,846	244,574	247,204
United Kingdom .....	33,967	36,746	32,162	39,926	145,626	192,019
Other countries .....	16,838	29,158	20,605	23,161	95,853	93,248
Destination not specified	1,534	1,247	1,671	1,408	6,317	6,318
Total shipments reported	193,002	192,754	193,226	215,369	884,600	988,243
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....	51,789	37,374	27,477	21,563	162,244	127,188
Total shipments reported and estimated ..	244,791	230,128	220,703	236,932	1,046,844	1,115,431
	May		April			
	1949	1948	1949	1948		
STOCKS ON HAND						
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir .....	176,389	125,620	166,788	126,184		
Hemlock .....	66,004	48,243	65,074	49,772		
Balsam Fir .....	2,024	1,621	1,320	1,543		
Red Cedar .....	34,967	23,168	32,597	24,638		
Spruce .....	58,398	31,193	45,402	36,926		
White Pine .....	8,390	8,085	7,842	8,389		
Ponderosa Pine .....	13,390	6,930	9,009	7,581		
Lodgepole Pine .....	1,442	807	1,592	817		
All other softwoods .....	11,849	7,099	10,521	8,116		
Total softwoods .....	372,853	252,766	340,145	263,966		
Red Alder .....	536	292	461	295		
Maple .....	387	206	314	203		
Birch .....	145	102	103	92		
Cottonwood .....	514	643	388	650		
All other hardwoods .....	-	-	-	-		
Total hardwoods .....	1,582	1,243	1,266	1,240		
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	374,435	254,009	341,411	265,206		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn

May, 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.
<b>LUMBER</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	93,376	11,761	105,137	10,497	9,033	19,530
Hemlock .....	26,360	11,960	38,320	1,411	1,460	2,871
Balsam Fir .....	663	103	766	121	296	417
Red Cedar .....	19,199	3,718	22,917	651	791	1,442
Spruce .....	5,038	1,677	6,715	<b>10,673</b>	12,014	22,687
White Pine .....	2,529	72	2,601	574	674	1,248
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	3,007	2,102	5,109
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	19	19	<b>90</b>	375	465
All other softwoods.	453	40	493	1,603	2,466	4,069
Total, softwoods ..	147,618	29,350	176,968	28,627	29,211	57,838
Red Alder .....	384	200	584	-	-	-
Maple .....	94	166	260	-	-	-
Birch .....	42	48	90	23	20	43
Cottonwood .....	30	49	79	46	112	158
All other hardwoods	22	-	22	6	-	6
Total, hardwoods .	572	463	1,035	75	132	207
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	148,190	29,813	178,003	28,702	29,343	58,045
<b>TIES</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	5,772	1,262	7,034	1,548	1,894	3,442
Hemlock .....	2,418	315	2,733	6	6	12
Balsam Fir .....	-	11	11	-	24	24
Red Cedar .....	164	15	179	4	-	4
Spruce .....	-	57	57	64	257	321
White Pine .....	-	-	-	-	2	2
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	-	34	34
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	-	216	216
All other softwoods.	12	-	12	320	356	676
Total, softwoods ..	8,366	1,660	10,026	1,942	2,789	4,731
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	6	6
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	6	6
Total, softwoods and hardwoods .	<b>8,366</b>	1,660	10,026	1,942	2,795	4,737
<b>LUMBER AND TIES</b>	<b>156,556</b>	<b>31,473</b>	<b>188,029</b>	<b>30,644</b>	<b>32,138</b>	<b>62,782</b>

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties  
May, 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.
<u>COAST MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	41,990	3,529	1,031	46,550
Alberta .....		4,322	xxxxxx	4,322
Saskatchewan .....		4,540	xxxxxx	4,540
Manitoba .....		6,234	xxxxxx	6,234
Ontario .....		11,166	-	11,166
Quebec .....		3,577	-	3,577
New Brunswick .....		424	-	424
Nova Scotia .....		203	-	203
Prince Edward Island .....		25	-	25
Total for Canada .....	41,990	34,020	1,031	77,041
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....		501	1,377	1,878
Atlantic Ports .....		514	13,725	14,239
Other points, by rail .....		19,065	xxxxxx	19,065
Total for U.S.A. ....		20,080	15,102	35,182
United Kingdom .....	x	1,083	32,516	33,599
Other countries.....	x	1,425	15,389	16,814
Destination or carrier not specified .....				1,534
Total shipments reported ....	41,990	56,608	64,038	164,170
Estimated shipments of				
non-reporting mills .....				32,875
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				197,045
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia.....	7,427	2,729	-	10,156
Alberta .....	300	5,130	xxxxxx	5,430
Saskatchewan .....		1,694	xxxxxx	1,694
Manitoba .....		1,932	xxxxxx	1,932
Ontario .....		4,654	-	4,654
Quebec .....		461	-	461
New Brunswick .....		-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....		-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	7,727	16,600	-	24,327
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....		37	-	37
Atlantic Ports .....		148	34	182
Other points, by rail .....		3,894	xxxxxx	3,894
Total for U.S.A. ....		4,079	34	4,113
United Kingdom .....	x	28	340	368
Other countries .....	x	22	2	24
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported ....	7,727	20,729	376	28,832
Estimated shipments of				
non-reporting mills .....				18,914
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				47,746

x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.



Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

May, 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 .....	81,487	11,026	92,513	5,515	5,112	10,627
Hemlock .....	27,672	10,393	38,065	-	686	686
Balsam Fir .....	237	96	333	-	150	150
Red Cedar .....	15,745	3,160	18,905	199	370	569
Spruce .....	2,752	1,468	4,220	3,672	5,740	9,412
White Pine .....	4,137	62	4,199	685	316	1,001
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	4,139	999	5,138
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	16	16	-	277	277
All other softwoods.	259	34	293	56	1,320	1,376
Total, softwoods ..	132,289	26,255	158,544	14,266	14,970	29,236
Red Alder .....	100	169	269	-	-	-
Maple .....	87	141	228	-	-	-
Birch .....	38	41	79	-	9	9
Cottonwood .....	42	41	83	70	56	126
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	267	392	659	70	65	135
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	132,556	26,647	159,203	14,336	15,035	29,371
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir .....	40,012	6,303	46,315	10,425	16,509	26,934
Hemlock .....	17,627	5,941	23,568	1,470	2,215	3,685
Balsam Fir .....	550	55	605	453	483	936
Red Cedar .....	11,060	1,807	12,867	1,431	1,195	2,626
Spruce .....	2,430	839	3,269	22,958	18,539	41,497
White Pine .....	930	35	965	1,204	1,021	2,225
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	5,025	3,227	8,252
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	9	9	247	893	1,140
All other softwoods.	2,904	20	2,924	2,992	4,264	7,256
Total, softwoods ..	75,513	15,009	90,522	46,205	48,346	94,551
Red Alder .....	170	97	267	-	-	-
Maple .....	79	80	159	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	23	23	4	30	34
Cottonwood .....	15	24	39	88	178	266
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	264	224	488	92	208	300
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	75,777	15,233	91,010	46,297	48,554	94,851
SOLD AND UNSOLD	208,333	41,880	250,213	60,633	63,589	124,222

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

	Month ending -			
	May		April	
	1949 M ft.	1948 M ft.	1949 M ft.	1948 M ft.
<b>ORDERS ON HAND</b>				
<b>For shipment to points in British Columbia</b>				
Local .....	17,895	29,451	19,885	26,996
Coastwise and interior .....	5,607	5,937	6,233	5,976
Total .....	23,502	35,388	26,118	32,972
<b>For Shipment by rail to:</b>				
Prairie Provinces .....	21,418	20,630	21,679	18,289
Eastern Provinces .....	27,835	37,754	29,421	35,969
United States of America .....	20,287	40,024	28,946	35,188
Total .....	69,540	98,408	80,046	89,446
<b>For waterborne shipment to:</b>				
California .....	-	1,488	769	620
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	8,218	7,089	13,445	5,054
Eastern Canada .....	423	-	2,808	2,100
Export Markets .....	128,214	338,551	164,263	357,169
Total .....	136,855	347,128	181,285	364,943
<b>TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND</b> .....	<b>229,897</b>	<b>480,924</b>	<b>287,449</b>	<b>487,361</b>
<b>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS</b>				
	May 1949	1948	April 1949	1948
	7,112	5,983	11,042	7,327

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

		May		April	
		1949	1948	1949	1948
Coast .....	No.	130	106	130	112
Interior .....	No.	111	107	94	110
Total, British Columbia .....	No.	241	213	224	222

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

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