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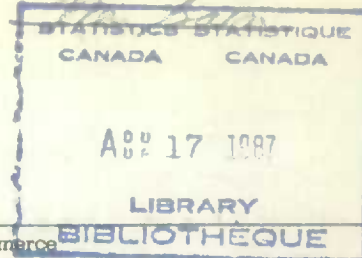
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA
JUNE, 1949

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 275,901 M ft. in June 1949, as compared with 214,516 M ft. in June 1948, an increase of 22.3 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 9.1 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 69.3 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 14.3 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 30.7 p.c. showed an increase of 40.1 p.c. Shipments in June 1949 totalled 280,184 M ft., as compared with 211,925 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 24.4 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 23.5 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 27.7 p.c. Total shipments for June increased by 12.6 p.c. over the May figure of 244,791 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of June 1949 amounted to 353,093 M ft., as compared with 273,975 M ft. at the end of June the previous year and 374,435 M ft. at the end of May of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 232,069 M ft., while Interior mills showed 121,024 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 May and June 1948 and 1949. Details by species are given for production and stocks, while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 210,821 M ft. in May 1948 to 214,516 M ft. in June 1948 and from 250,811 M ft. in May to 275,901 M ft. in June 1949. Shipments totalled 244,791 M ft. in May 1949 and 280,184 M ft. in June 1949 as compared with 230,128 M ft. in May and 211,925 M ft. in June of 1948. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 254,009 M ft. in May 1948 to 273,975 M ft. in June but decreased from 374,435 M ft. in May 1949 to 353,093 M ft. in June 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 182,019 M ft. in June 1949 as compared with 79,356 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 9,061 M ft. in June as compared with 5,465 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 69.3 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in June 1949 as compared with 76.3 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during May 1949 and 1948 respectively, were 75.0 and 82.2 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 220,566 M ft. in June of 1949 and 197,045 M ft. in May 1949 as compared with 168,801 M ft. in June 1948 and 195,940 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 59,618 M ft. and 43,124 M ft. in June 1949, and 1948 and 47,746 M ft. and 34,188 M ft. in May 1949 and 1948. Of all shipments actually reported for June, 51.1 p.c. went to points in Canada, 18.5 p.c. to points in United States, 20.1 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 9.6 p.c. to other countries. Shipments to unspecified destinations accounted for the remainder (0.7 p.c.). Waterborne shipments accounted for 34.5 p.c. of the total, while 41.0 p.c. went by rail, about 23.8 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 May and June 1949 amounted to 250,213 M ft. and 232,069 M ft. as compared with 192,386 M ft. and 196,041 M ft. in May and June of 1948. Interior mills stocks increased from 61,623 M ft. in May to 77,943 M ft. in June 1948, but decreased from 124,222 M ft. in May to 121,024 M ft. in June 1949. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 38.8 p.c. of the total in June 1949, as compared with 31.5 p.c. in June 1948 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 82.9 and 78.2.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of May and June 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 June 1949, amounted to 210,181 M ft. as compared with 462,707 M ft. in June 1948. Orders on hand at the end of May 1949 and 1948, amounted to 229,897 M ft. and 480,924 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 10,279 M ft. in June 1949 and 4,797 M ft. in June 1948 as compared with 7,112 M ft. in May 1949 and 5,983 M ft. in May 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 June accounted for 77.0 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1947 compared with 78.0 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for May 1948 and 1949 were 81.1 and 74.6, 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, June, 1949

	June		May		6 Months	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	140,083	113,315	135,143	113,352	720,095	659,727
Hemlock	48,686	42,268	43,936	43,748	247,324	282,329
Balsam Fir	987	898	1,218	1,027	6,276	7,674
Red Cedar	28,715	18,595	24,542	21,006	129,657	123,558
Spruce	40,278	24,948	29,780	19,732	172,443	139,540
White Pine	2,740	3,812	3,851	2,518	17,181	21,396
Ponderosa Pine	5,778	3,805	5,143	3,263	20,330	16,873
Lodgepole Pine	881	528	700	396	4,614	2,941
All other softwoods	6,385	5,353	5,250	4,485	24,061	30,927
Total softwoods	274,533	213,522	249,563	209,527	1,341,981	1,284,965
Red Alder	448	230	584	408	3,191	2,270
Maple	438	184	260	231	1,828	1,400
Birch	101	93	133	74	544	459
Cottonwood	381	487	243	579	1,608	3,108
All other hardwoods	-	-	28	2	86	6
Total hardwoods	1,368	994	1,248	1,294	7,257	7,243
Total softwoods and hardwoods	275,901	214,516	250,811	210,821	1,349,238	1,292,208
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	121,118	80,629	101,368	78,710	513,348	530,083
Points in U.S.A.	44,055	42,031	39,295	46,893	288,629	289,235
United Kingdom	47,574	31,018	33,967	36,746	193,200	223,037
Other countries	22,806	17,818	16,838	29,158	118,659	111,066
Destination not specified	1,685	1,700	1,534	1,247	8,002	8,018
Total shipments reported	237,238	173,196	193,002	192,754	1,121,838	1,161,439
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	42,946	38,729	51,789	37,374	205,190	165,917
Total shipments reported and estimated ..	280,184	211,925	244,791	230,128	1,327,028	1,327,356
	June		May			
	1949	1948	1949	1948		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
STOCKS ON HAND						
Douglas Fir	165,008	126,811	176,389	125,620		
Hemlock	58,441	56,159	66,004	48,243		
Balsam Fir	1,108	1,120	2,024	1,621		
Red Cedar	36,411	23,484	34,967	23,168		
Spruce	57,645	36,332	58,398	31,193		
White Pine	7,549	9,761	8,390	8,085		
Ponderosa Pine	11,194	10,493	13,390	6,930		
Lodgepole Pine	1,213	652	1,442	807		
All other softwoods	12,853	7,835	11,849	7,099		
Total softwoods	351,422	272,647	372,853	252,766		
Red Alder	555	270	536	292		
Maple	463	215	387	206		
Birch	127	119	145	102		
Cottonwood	526	724	514	643		
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-		
Total hardwoods	1,671	1,328	1,582	1,243		
Total softwoods and hardwoods .	353,093	273,975	374,435	254,009		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn

June, 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	97,688	7,642	105,330	11,906	13,412	25,318
Hemlock	40,084	2,227	42,311	1,370	1,745	3,115
Balsam Fir	349	82	431	128	396	524
Red Cedar	24,369	2,383	26,752	680	1,136	1,816
Spruce	2,671	1,597	4,268	15,825	19,778	35,603
White Pine	1,282	73	1,355	561	822	1,383
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	2,744	3,001	5,745
Lodgepole Pine	-	19	19	67	544	611
All other softwoods ...	363	31	394	1,793	3,246	5,039
Total, softwoods	166,806	14,054	180,860	35,074	44,080	79,154
Red Alder	190	258	448	-	-	-
Maple	217	219	436	-	2	2
Birch	23	50	73	6	22	28
Cottonwood	153	49	202	52	120	172
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	583	576	1,159	58	144	202
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	167,389	14,630	182,019	35,132	44,224	79,356
TIES						
Douglas Fir	4,659	960	5,619	1,685	2,131	3,816
Hemlock	3,086	149	3,235	19	6	25
Balsam Fir	-	7	7	-	25	25
Red Cedar	133	14	147	-	-	-
Spruce	-	53	53	-	354	354
White Pine	-	-	-	-	2	2
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	33	33
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	251	251
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	463	489	952
Total, softwoods	7,878	1,183	9,061	2,167	3,291	5,458
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	7	7
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	7	7
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	7,878	1,183	9,061	2,167	3,298	5,465
LUMBER AND TIES...	175,267	15,813	191,080	37,299	47,522	84,821

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, June, 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.....	48,052	3,434	1,259	52,745
Yukon and Northwest Territories		151	xxxxxx	151
Alberta		4,688	xxxxxx	4,688
Saskatchewan		6,890	xxxxxx	6,890
Manitoba		7,931	xxxxxx	7,931
Ontario		13,547	-	13,547
Quebec		4,794	-	4,794
New Brunswick		568	-	568
Nova Scotia		363	-	363
Prince Edward Island		20	-	20
Newfoundland		116	-	116
Total for Canada	48,052	42,502	1,259	91,813
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		440	441	881
Atlantic Ports		442	11,011	11,453
Other points, by rail		27,103	xxxxxx	27,103
Total for U.S.A.		27,985	11,452	39,437
United Kingdom	x	767	46,247	47,014
Other countries	x	321	22,419	22,740
Destination or carrier not specified				1,685
Total shipments reported	48,052	71,575	81,377	202,689
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				17,877
Total shipments, reported and estimated				220,566
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	8,136	2,655	-	10,791
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	338	6,143	xxxxxx	6,481
Saskatchewan		2,079	xxxxxx	2,079
Manitoba		3,871	xxxxxx	3,871
Ontario		5,494	-	5,494
Quebec		480	-	480
New Brunswick		49	-	49
Nova Scotia		60	-	60
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	8,474	20,831	-	29,305
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		51	-	51
Atlantic Ports		68	-	68
Other points, by rail		4,499	xxxxxx	4,499
Total for U.S.A.		4,618	-	4,618
United Kingdom	x	66	494	560
Other countries	x	66	-	66
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	8,474	25,581	494	34,549
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				25,069
Total shipments, reported and estimated				59,618
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

June, 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.....	73,599	6,395	79,994	3,125	3,792	6,917
Hemlock.....	32,660	1,766	34,426	-	427	427
Balsam Fir.....	72	66	138	-	103	103
Red Cedar.....	18,446	1,782	20,228	292	277	569
Spruce.....	1,567	1,227	2,794	2,993	4,911	7,904
White Pine.....	2,959	54	3,013	978	201	1,179
Ponderosa Pine.....	37	-	37	1,576	740	2,316
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	14	14	-	194	194
All other softwoods ..	660	23	683	75	911	986
Total, softwoods	130,000	11,327	141,327	9,039	11,556	20,595
Red Alder.....	105	192	297	-	-	-
Maple.....	100	163	263	-	1	1
Birch.....	4	37	41	-	5	5
Cottonwood.....	70	36	106	60	31	91
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods....	279	428	707	60	37	97
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	130,279	11,755	142,034	9,099	11,593	20,692
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir.....	45,177	4,053	49,230	10,482	18,385	28,867
Hemlock.....	18,880	1,120	20,000	1,517	2,071	3,588
Balsam Fir.....	270	42	312	57	498	555
Red Cedar.....	11,855	1,129	12,984	1,286	1,344	2,630
Spruce.....	2,111	778	2,889	20,245	23,813	44,058
White Pine.....	747	34	781	1,602	974	2,576
Ponderosa Pine.....	-	-	-	5,252	3,589	8,841
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	9	9	56	940	996
All other softwoods ..	3,224	15	3,239	3,526	4,419	7,945
Total, softwoods	82,264	7,180	89,444	44,023	56,033	100,056
Red Alder.....	137	121	258	-	-	-
Maple.....	94	103	197	-	2	2
Birch.....	27	24	51	4	26	30
Cottonwood.....	62	23	85	93	151	244
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	320	271	591	97	179	276
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	82,584	7,451	90,035	44,120	56,212	100,332
SOLD AND UNSOLD .	212,863	19,206	232,069	53,219	67,805	121,024

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

	Month ending -			
	June		May	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
For shipment to points in British Columbia				
Local	20,833	28,213	17,895	29,451
Coastwise and interior	4,391	7,953	5,607	5,937
Total	25,224	36,166	23,502	35,388
For Shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	17,801	23,172	21,418	20,630
Eastern Provinces	21,551	39,885	27,835	37,754
United States of America	26,938	45,371	20,287	40,024
Total	66,290	108,428	69,540	98,408
For waterborne shipment to:				
California	1,250	1,075	-	1,488
U.S. Atlantic Ports	6,976	6,253	8,218	7,089
Eastern Canada	50	-	423	-
Export Markets	110,391	310,785	128,214	338,551
Total	118,667	318,113	136,855	347,128
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	210,181	462,707	229,897	480,924
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER				
MILLS	10,279	4,797	7,112	5,983

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

	June		May	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Coast No.	131	106	130	106
Interior No.	115	101	111	107
Total, British Columbia No.	246	207	241	213

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

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