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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA
JULY, 1949
Production of saw lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled $227,966 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in July 1949, as compared with $233,049 \mathrm{M} \mathbf{f t}$. in July 1948 , a decrease of 2.2 p.c. from the previous year and a decrease of 17.4 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 66.2 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 5.2 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 33.8 p.c. showed an increase of 4.1 p.c. Shipments in July 1949 totalled $198,236 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$., as compared with $233,129 \mathrm{Mft}$. the previous year, a decrease of 15.0 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 18.8 pec. and Interior mills a decrease of 3.3 pic. Total shipments for July decreased by 29.3 p.c. from the June figures of $280,184 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. Stocks on hand at the end of July 1949 amounted to $372,429 \mathrm{~N}_{1} \mathrm{ft}$., as compared with $265,401 \mathrm{~N}_{1} \mathrm{ft}$. at the end of July the previous year and $353,093 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. at the end of June of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling $239,156 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$., while Interior mills showed $133,273 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$.

Summary Figures
Table 1 gives a comparative summary of production, shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills for June and July 1948 and 1949. Details by species are given for production and stocks, while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from $214,516 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in June 1948 to $233,049 \mathrm{M}$ ft. in July 1948 but decreased from $275,901 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in June to 227,966 M ft. in July 1949. Shipments totalled $280,184 \mathrm{M} 1 \mathrm{ft}$. in June 1949 and $198,236 \mathrm{M}$ ft . in July 1949 as compared with $211,925 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in June and 233.129 M ft . in July of 1948. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from $273,975 \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{ft}$. in June 1948 to $265,401 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in July but increased from $350,093 \mathrm{Mft}$. in June 1949 to 372,429 Mft . in July 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 sewn lumber in Coast mills amounted to 145,431 M ft . in July 1949 as compared with $73,184 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. reported by Interior mills. Saw tie production of Coast mills was $5,383 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in July as compared with $3,968 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for $66.2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. of the total production of saw lumber and ties in July 1949 as compared with 68.2 pec. the previous year. The percentage of Coast mills during June 1949 and 1948 respectively, were 69.3 and 76.3 p.c.

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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－report－ ing mills are also given．It is to be noted，however，that some lumber originally re－ ported 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 $143,124 \mathrm{~N}_{1} \mathrm{ft}$ ．in July of 1949 and 220,566 Mft ．in June 1949 as compared with $176,153 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$.in July 1948 and $168,801 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ ，in the previous month，while the［nterior mills shipped $55,112 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ ，and $56,976 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ ． in July 1949 ，and 1948 and $59,618 \mathrm{Mft}$ ．and $43,124 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ ．in June 1949 and 1948．Of all shipments actually reported for July， $56.1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$ ．went to points in Canada， 20.2 p ． c．to points in United States， 14.7 p．c．to the United Kingdom，and 9.0 p．c．to other countries．Waterborne shipments accounted for $28.9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$ ．of the total，while $46.2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$ ． went by rail，and 24.9 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 June and July 1949 amounted to $232,069 \mathrm{Mft}$ ．and $239,156 \mathrm{Mft}$ ．as compared with 196,041 M ft ，and $191,633 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ ．in June and July of 1948 ．Interior mills stocks decreased from $77,934 \mathrm{Mft}$ ．in June to $73,768 \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{ft}$ ．in July 1948 ，but increased from 121,024 M ft 。in June to $133,273 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ 。in July 1949．Unsold stocks accounted for approxima－ tely 37.0 p．c．of the total in July 1949 ，as compared with 34.4 p．c．in July 1948 for Coast mills，while for the Interior mills the percentages were，respectively， 71.4 and 78.4

## Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of June and July 1948 and 1949，for Coast mills only．Similar information is not col－ lected 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 July 1949 ，amounted to $234,847 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ ．as compared with $414,171 \mathrm{Mft}$ ．in July 1948．Orders on hand at the end of June 1949 and 1948. amounted to $210,181 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ ，and $462,707 \mathrm{M} 1 \mathrm{ft}$ ．，respectively．Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to $10,436 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ 。in July 1949 and $5,862 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ ．in July 1948， as compared with $10,279 \mathrm{M}$ ft．in June 1949 and $4,797 \mathrm{Mft}$ ．in June 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 July accounted for 74.9 p．c．of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1947 compared with 74.7 p．c．for the previous year．The percentages for June 1948 and 1949 were 78.0 and 77.0 ，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 Manu－ facturers＇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, July, 1949

|  | July |  | June |  | 7 Months |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1949 | 1948 | 1949 | 1948 | 1949 | 1948 |
| PRODUCTION | Mft. | M ft. | M ft. | MIf. | M ft. | Mft . |
| Douglas Fir | 122,455 | 114,286 | 140,083 | 113,315 | 842,550 | 774,013 |
| Hemlock | 34,137 | 46,349 | 48,686 | 42,268 | 281,461 | 328,678 |
| Balsam Fir | 898 | 2. 028 | 987 | 898 | 7,174 | 9,702 |
| Red Cedar | 18,215 | 19,806 | 28,715 | 18,595 | 147,872 | 143,364 |
| Spruce | 36,796 | 33,129 | 40,278 | 24,948 | 209,239 | 172,669 |
| White Pine | 2.231 | 2,641 | 2,740 | 3,812 | 19,412 | 24,037 |
| Ponderosa Pine | 5,044 | 4,231 | 5,778 | 3,805 | 25,374 | 21,104 |
| Lodgepole Pine | 827 | 809 | 881 | 528 | 5,441 | 3.750 |
| All other softwoods | 6,070 | 8,397 | 6,385 | 5,353 | 30,131 | 39.324 |
| Total softwoods | 226,673 | 231.676 | 274,533 | 213,522 | 1,568,654 | 1,516,641 |
| Red Alder | 600 | 375 | 448 | 230 | 3,791 | 2.645 |
| Maple | 293 | 229 | 438 | 184 | 2,121 | 1,629 |
| Birch | 81 | 86 | 101 | 93 | 625 | 545 |
| Cottonwood | 319 | 683 | 381 | 487 | 1.927 | 3.791 |
| All other hardwoods ...... | - | - | - | - | 86 | 6 |
| Total hardwoods ......... | 1.293 | 1,373 | 1.368 | 994 | -8,550 | 8,616 |
| Total softwoods and hardwoods | 227,966 | 233.049 | 275,901 | 214,516 | 1,577,204 | 1,525,257 |
| SHIPMENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| To: Points in Canada .... | 92,901 | 93,577 | 121,118 | 80,629 | 606,249 | 623,660 |
| Points in U.S.A...... | 33.354 | 48,665 | 44.055 | 42,031 | 321.983 | 337.900 |
| United Kingdom | 24,377 | 26,270 | 47.574 | 31,018 | 217,577 | 249,307 |
| Other countries | 14,871 | 19,252 | 22,806 | 17,818 | 133.530 | 130,318 |
| Destination not specified | d | 1,347 | 1,685 | 1,700 | 8,002 | 9,365 |
| Total shipments reported | 165,503 | 189,111 | 237,238 | 173,196 | 1,287,341 | 1,350,550 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills...... | 32,733 | 44,018 | 42,946 | 38,729 | 237,923 | 209,935 |
| Total shipments |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| reported and estimated. | 198,236 | 233,129 | 280,184 | 211,925 | 1,525,264 | 1,560,485 |
|  |  | July |  |  | Jun |  |
| STOCKS ON HAND |  |  | 1948 |  |  |  |
| Douglas Fir .................. | 179.4 |  | 127,687 |  | 65,008 | 126,811 |
| Hemlock.................... | 56,8 |  | 53.078 |  | 58,441 | 56,159 |
| Balsam Fir |  |  | 1,612 |  | 1,108 | 1,120 |
| Red Cedar | 31,7 |  | 24,282 |  | 36,411 | 23,484 |
| Spruce ....................... | 63.3 |  | 33,815 |  | 57,645 | 36.332 |
| White Pine ................... |  |  | 8,509 |  | 7,549 | 9,761 |
| Ponderosa Pine ........... | 13,5 |  | 7.706 |  | 11,194 | 10,493 |
| Lodgepole Pine ............. | 1.4 |  | 741 |  | 1.213 | 652 |
| All other softwoods ....... |  |  | 6.720 |  | 12,853 | 7,835 |
| Total softwoods .......... | 370. |  | 264,150 |  | 51,422 | $\overline{27} 2,647$ |
| Red Alder |  | 62 | 317 |  | 555 | 270 |
| Maple |  | 04 | 216 |  | 463 | 215 |
| Birch |  | 62 | 99 |  | 127 | 119 |
| Cottonwood |  | 29 | 619 |  | 526 | 724 |
| All other hardwoods ...... |  |  | - |  | - | - |
| Total hardwoods ......... | T,9 |  | 1,251 |  | 1.671 | 1,328 |
| Total softwoods and hardwoods | 372,4 |  | 265,401 |  | 53,093 | 273.975 |

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn
July, 1949

| Species | COAST MILLS |  |  | INTERIOR MILLS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Reported Estimated |  | Total | Reporte | stimated | Total |
| LUMBER | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. |
| Douglas Fir ......... | 83,142 | 8,599 | 91.741 | 14,106 | 10,046 | 24,152 |
| Hemlock.............. | 28,123 | 2,113 | 30,236 | 1,400 | 1,160 | 2,560 |
| Balsam Fir .......... | 239 | 70 | 309 | 139 | 428 | 567 |
| Red Cedar ............ | 13,787 | 2,520 | 16,307 | 779 | 987 | 1,766 |
| Spruce ................ | 2,722 | 1,640 | 4,362 | 13.075 | 19,148 | 32,223 |
| White Pine .......... | 848 | 85 | 933 | 535 | 762 | 1,297 |
| Ponderosa Pine .... | - | - | - | 2,764 | 2,256 | 5,020 |
| Lodgepole Pine .... | - | 20 | 20 | 120 | 488 | 608 |
| All other softwoods. | 465 | 31 | 496 | 1.880 | 2,850 | 4,730 |
| Total, softwoods .. | 129,326 | 15,078 | 144.404 | 34,798 | 38,125 | 72,923 |
| Red Alder............ | 357 | 243 | 600 | -- | - | - |
| Maple .................. | 85 | 207 | 292 | - | 1 | 1 |
| Birch ................. | 12 | 46 | 58 | - | 23 | 23 |
| Cottonwood ........... | 28 | 49 | 77 | - | 237 | 237 |
| All other hardwoods | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods.. | 482 | 545 | 1,027 | - | 261 | 261 |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods .. | 129,808 | 15,623 | 145,431 | 34.798 | 38,386 | 73,184 |

## TIES

| Douglas Fir ......... | 3,234 | 665 | 3,899 | 1,146 | 1,517 | 2,663 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hemlock .............. | 1,204 | 97 | 1,301 | 36 | 4 | 40 |
| Balsam Fir ........... | - | 4 | 4 | - | 18 | 18 |
| Red Cedar ........... | 133 | 9 | 142 | - | - | - |
| Spruce ................. | - | 31 | 31 | - | 180 | 180 |
| White Pine .......... | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Ponderosa Pine ..... | - | - | - | - | 24 | 24 |
| Lodgepole Pine ..... | - | - | - | 63 | 136 | 199 |
| All other softwoods. | 6 | - | 6 | 389 | 449 | 838 |
| Total, softwoods.. | 4.577 | 806 | 5,383 | 1.634 | 2,329 | 3.963 |
| Red Alder ............. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Maple ................. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Birch................... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cottonwood ............ | - | - | - | - | 5 | 5 |
| All other hardwoods | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods.. | - | - | - | - | 5 | 5 |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods ... | 4,577 | 806 | 5,383 | 1,634 | 2.334 | 3,968 |
| LUMBER AND TIES | 134,385 | 16,429 | 150,814 | 36,432 | 40,720 | 77,152 |

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

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { By Truck } \\ & \text { (Local Sales) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { By } \\ \text { Rail } \end{gathered}$ | Waterborne | Total Shipments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| COAST MILLS M $\mathrm{ft} .6 . \mathrm{m}$. | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. |
| TO: Points in Canada: |  |  |  |
| Yukon and Northwest Territories ........ | - | xxxxxx | - |
| Alberta | 3.499 | xxxxxx | 3,499 |
| Saskatchewan | 4,963 | xxxxxx | 4.963 |
| Manitoba | 7.135 | xxxxxx | 7.135 |
| Ontario | 8,671 | - | 8.671 |
| Quebec | 3,199 | - | 3.199 |
| New Brunswick | 322 | - | 322 |
| Nova Scotia | 478 | - | 478 |
| Prince Edward Island ....................... | - | - | - |
| Newfoundland ......... | - | - | -- - |
| Total for Canada ............ 31,896 | 30,950 | 1.424 | 64,270 |
| Points in U.S.A.: |  |  |  |
| Pacific Ports ................................. | 384 | 1.789 | 2.173 |
| Atlantic Ports ................................ | 146 | 7,502 | 7.648 |
| Other points, by rail .......................... | 19,419 | xxxxxx | 19.419 |
| Total for U.S.A. | 19.949 | 9,291 | 29,240 |
| United Kingdom ................................ $\times$ x | 1,639 | 22.606 | 24,245 |
| Other countries ............................... $x$ | 382 | 14.404 | 14.786 |
| Destination or carrier not specified ............................................... - |  |  |  |
| Total shipments reported $\ldots .$. <br> Estimated shipments of <br> 1.896 | 52,920 | 47,725 | 132,541 |
| non-reporting mills ....... |  |  | 10,583 |
| $\frac{\text { Total shipments }}{\text { INTERIOR MILLS }}$ M |  |  | 143,124 |
| TO: Points in Canada: |  |  |  |
| British Columbia .............. 8.833 | 2.268 | - | 11,101 |
| Yukon and Northwest Territories........ | - | xxxxxx | 11, |
| Alberta........................... 346 | 4.986 | xxxxxx | 5.332 |
| Saskatchewan | 3,432 | xxxxxx | 3.432 |
| Manitoba ......................................... | 3,462 | xxxxxx | 3,462 |
| Ontario .......................................... | 4.744 | - | 4,744 |
| Quebec | 560 | - | 560 |
| New Brunswick | - | - | - |
| Nova Scotia...................................... | - | - | - |
| Prince Edward Island ....................... | - | - | - |
| Newfoundland ................................. | - | - | - |
| Total for Canada ............ 9,179 | 19.452 | - | 28.631 |
| Points in U.S.A.: |  |  |  |
| Pacific Ports .................................. | 41 | - | 41 |
| Atlantic Ports | - | - | - |
| Other points, by rail | 4,073 | xxxxxx | 4,073 |
| Total for U.S.A............................. | 4,114 | - | 4,114 |
| United Kingdom ............................... $x$ | 50 | 82 | 132 |
| Other countries ................................. $x$ |  | 85 | 85 |
| Destination or carrier not specified |  |  | - |
| Total shipments reported .... 9,179 | 23,616 | 167 | 32,962 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills |  |  | 22,150 |
| Total shipments, reported and estimated |  | ...... | 55,112 |

* Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

Table 4. - St.ocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills
July, 1949

| Species | COAST MILLS |  |  | INTERIOR MILLS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Reported | Estimated | Total | Reporte | Estimated | Total |
| SOLD(but not shipped) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Douglas Fir ........6.0. | 81,848 | 9.260 | 91,108 | 6.639 | 5,709 | 12,348 |
| Hemlock ................ | 32,885 | 2,209 | 35.094 | 108 | 575 | 683 |
| Balsam Fir ............. | 69 | 74 | 143 | 22 | 220 | 242 |
| Red Cedar .............. | 14.112 | 2,528 | 16,640 | 160 | 487 | 647 |
| Spruce .................... | 1,882 | 1,670 | 3,552 | 4.920 | 9.542 | 14,462 |
| White Pine .............. | 2,920 | 85 | 3,005 | 1,060 | 377 | 1,437 |
| Ponderosa Pine ........ | - | - | - | 5,032 | 1,125 | 6,157 |
| Lodgepole Pine ....... | - | 20 | 20 |  | 308 | 308 |
| All other softwoods .. | 245 | 31 | 276 | 45 | 1,629 | 1.674 |
| Total, softwoods .... | 133,961 | 15,877 | 149.838 | 17.986 | 19,972 | 37,958 |
| Red Alder ................ | 182 | 243 | 425 | - | - | - |
| Maple ................... | 90 | 207 | 297 | - | 1 | 1 |
| Birch .........o.e.u........ | 23 | 46 | 69 | - | 11 | 11 |
| Cottonwood .............. | 69 | 49 | 118 | - | 119 | 119 |
| All other hardwoods.. | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| Total, hardwoods ... | 364 | 545 | 909 | - | 131 | 131 |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods ... | 134.325 | 16,422 | 150.747 | 17.986 | 20.103 | 38,089 |
| UNSOLD |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Douglas Fir ............ | 44.625 | 5,431 | 50,056 | 11,721 | 14.265 | 25.986 |
| Hemlock ................. | 17,162 | 1,296 | 18,458 | 1.202 | 1.436 | 2,638 |
| Balsam Fir ............. | 327 | 43 | 370 | 436 | 550 | 986 |
| Red Cedar ............. | 9,785 | 1.483 | 11,268 | 1,927 | 1,218 | 3,145 |
| Spruce ................... | 2,474 | 980 | 3.454 | 17.999 | 23,845 | 41,844 |
| White Pine .............. | 943 | 50 | 993 | 1,312 | 941 | 2,253 |
| Ponderosa Pine ....... | - | - | - | 4.563 | 2,813 | 7.376 |
| Lodgepole Pine ....... | - | 11 | 11 | 302 | 770 | 1,072 |
| All other softwoods .. | 3.239 | 18 | 3.257 | 5,438 | 4.071 | 9,509 |
| Total, softwoods .... | 78.555 | 9,312 | 87.867 | 44,900 | 49.909 | 94,809 |
| Red Alder .............. | 95 | 142 | 237 | - | - | - |
| Maple .................... | 83 | 121 | 204 | - | 2 | 2 |
| Birch ................... | 23 | 27 | 50 | 4 | 28 | 32 |
| Cottonwood .............. | 22 | 29 | 51 | 43 | 298 | 341 |
| All other hardwoods.. | - | - | - |  |  | , |
| Total, hardwoods ... | 223 | 319 | 542 | 47 | 328 | 375 |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods | 78,778 | 9,631 | 88,409 | 44,947 | 50,237 | 95.184 |
| SOLD AND UNSOLD. | 213.103 | 26,053 | 239,156 | 62,933 | 70,340 | 133.273 |

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


## ORDERS ON HAND

For shipment to points in British Columbia


For shipment by rail to:


For waterborne shipment to:

| California | - | 970 | 1,250 | 1,075 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| U.S. Atlantic Ports | 14.723 | 6.637 | 6.976 | 6,253 |
| Eastern Canada | 600 | - | 50 | - |
| Export Markets | 133.965 | 279,472 | 110,391 | 310,785 |
| Total | 149,288 | 287,079 | 118,667 | 318,113 |
| TOTAL OR DERS ON HAND .. | 234,847 | 414,171 | 210,181 | 462,707 |

## LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER

MILLS
10,436
5,862
10,279
4,797

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

|  | July |  | June |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1949 | 1948 | 1949 | 1948 |
| Coast ................................... No. | 125 | 105 | 131 | 106 |
| Interior ............................... No. No. | 125 | 100 | 115 | 101 |
| Total, British Columbia ............. No. | 250 | 205 | 246 | 207 |

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

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