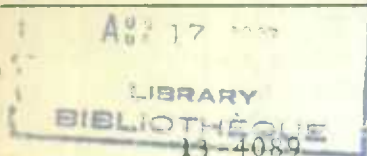




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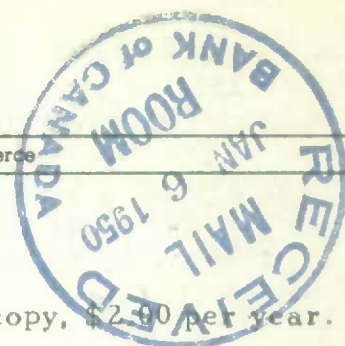
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS  
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

August, 1949

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 279,794 M ft. in August 1949 as compared with 254,109 M ft. in August 1948, an increase of 9.2 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 18.5 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 70.8 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 9.2 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 29.2 p.c. showed an increase of 9.1 p.c. Shipments in August 1949 totalled 265,699 M ft., as compared with 248,478 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 6.5 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 12.3 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 12.9 p.c. Total shipments for August increased by 25.4 p.c. over the July figure of 198,236 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of August 1949 amounted to 373,901 M ft., as compared with 255,967 M ft. at the end of August the previous year and 372,429 M ft. at the end of July of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 228,358 M ft., while Interior mills showed 145,543 M ft.

Revised estimates for 1948 of production, shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties, by months, are given on page 4. These revised estimates are used in all comparisons made in this report. The first estimates for 1948 were based on annual returns received for the calendar year 1946, but the annual returns compiled for 1947 disclosed that many new sawmills began operations in British Columbia in 1947 and that several mills which had previously reported a production of less than 500,000 feet board measure increased their output to several times the previous year's figures. As monthly reports were not collected last year from the new mills, nor from the mills whose output rose above the 500,000 feet level from 1946 to 1947, the first estimates for 1948 were obviously too low. The monthly figures for 1948 have now been revised on the basis of the 1947 annual returns. Similar revised monthly estimates of sawn lumber production for the other provinces and for Canada as a whole are contained in the September issue of the monthly report entitled "Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies".

Summary Figures

Table 1 gives a comparative summary of production, shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills for July and August 1948 and 1949. Details by species are given for production and stocks, while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 256,131 M ft. in July 1948 to 254,109 M ft. in August 1948 but increased from 227,966 M ft. in July to 279,794 M ft. in August 1949. Shipments totalled 198,236 M ft. in July 1949 and 265,699 M ft. in August 1949 as compared with 246,012 M ft.

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in July and 248,478 M ft. in August of 1948. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 250,336 M ft. in July 1948 to 255,967 M ft. in August and increased from 372,429 M ft. in July 1949 to 373,901 M ft. in August 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 190,419 M ft. in August 1949 as compared with 77,840 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 7,754 M ft. in August as compared with 3,781 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 70.8 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in August 1949 as compared with 70.8 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during July 1949 and 1948 respectively, were 66.2 and 68.2 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 209,031 M ft. in August of 1949 and 143,124 M ft. in July 1949 as compared with 183,399 M ft. in August 1948 and 180,705 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 56,668 M ft. and 65,079 M ft. in August 1949 and 1948 and 55,112 M ft. and 65,307 M ft. in July 1949 and 1948. Of all shipments actually reported for August, 45.9 p.c. went to points in Canada, 23.5 p.c. to points in United States, 13.6 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 17.0 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 36.7 p.c. of the total, while 40.5 p.c. went by rail, and 22.8 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 July and August 1949 amounted to 239,156 M ft. and 228,358 M ft. as compared with 188,195 M ft. and 134,697 M ft. in July and August of 1948. Interior mills stocks increased from 62,141 M ft. in July to 71,270 M ft. in August 1948, and increased from 133,273 M ft. in July to 145,543 M ft. in August 1949. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 36.3 p.c. of the total in August 1949, as compared with 38.0 p.c. in August 1948 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 80.3 and 70.0.

### Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of July and August 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 August 1949, amounted to 222,764 M ft. as compared with 408,337 M ft. in August 1948. Orders on hand at the end of July 1949 and 1948, amounted to 234,847 M ft. and 414,171 M ft., respectively.



Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 10,517 M ft. in August 1949 and 8,131 M ft. in August 1948 as compared with 10,436 M ft. in July 1949 and 5,862 M ft. in July 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 August accounted for 76.2 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1947 compared with 73.8 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for July 1948 and 1949 were 67.9 and 74.9, 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.

Revised Estimates of Production, Shipments and Stocks of Lumber and Ties of  
British Columbia Sawmills, by months, 1948

Month	Production			Shipments			Stocks on Hand		
	Coast	Interior	Total	Coast	Interior	Total	Coast	Interior	Total
	Mft.	Mft.	Mft.	Mft.	Mft.	Mft.	Mft.	Mft.	Mft.
January .....	188,070	49,174	237,244	159,543	56,092	215,635	178,628	57,384	236,012
February .....	184,624	46,529	231,153	170,657	54,817	225,474	192,595	49,096	241,691
March .....	194,493	56,277	250,770	181,582	60,427	242,009	205,506	44,946	250,452
April .....	197,073	35,789	232,862	204,685	42,872	247,557	197,894	37,863	235,757
May .....	190,521	41,192	231,713	201,004	39,187	240,191	187,411	39,868	227,279
June .....	179,768	55,762	235,530	173,163	49,429	222,592	194,016	46,201	240,217
July .....	174,884	81,247	256,131	180,705	65,307	246,012	188,195	62,141	250,336
August .....	179,901	74,208	254,109	183,399	65,079	248,478	184,697	71,270	255,967
September .....	186,185	74,298	260,483	177,724	61,110	238,834	193,158	84,458	277,616
October .....	168,958	59,009	227,967	164,177	54,360	218,537	197,939	89,107	287,046
November .....	190,024	54,539	244,563	163,641	46,013	209,654	224,322	97,633	321,955
December .....	152,064	39,360	191,424	138,666	38,232	176,898	237,720	98,761	336,481
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	2,186,565	667,384	2,853,949	2,098,946	632,925	2,731,871	-	-	-

Table 1. - Comparative Summary of Production, Shipments and Stocks of Lumber and  
Ties of British Columbia Sawmills, August, 1949

	August		July		8 Months	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir .....	145,520	120,032	122,455	125,533	988,070	969,301
Hemlock .....	50,131	49,499	34,137	50,937	331,592	410,581
Balsam Fir .....	2,168	2,399	898	2,232	9,342	13,075
Red Cedar .....	26,448	30,640	18,215	21,838	174,320	188,666
Spruce .....	39,756	33,264	36,796	36,569	248,995	223,838
White Pine .....	2,156	3,776	2,231	2,916	21,568	30,317
Ponderosa Pine .....	5,618	4,682	5,044	4,670	30,992	27,976
Lodgepole Pine .....	688	993	827	866	6,129	5,022
All other softwoods .....	6,087	7,202	6,070	9,056	36,218	49,611
Total softwoods .....	278,572	252,487	226,673	254,617	1,847,226	1,918,387
Red Alder .....	438	462	600	414	4,229	3,382
Maple .....	328	273	293	253	2,449	2,071
Birch .....	97	79	81	94	722	673
Cottonwood .....	359	808	319	753	2,286	4,992
All other hardwoods .....	-	-	-	-	86	7
Total hardwoods .....	1,222	1,622	1,293	1,514	9,772	11,125
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	279,794	254,109	227,966	256,131	1,856,998	1,929,512
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada .....	105,783	94,618	92,901	93,577	712,032	718,278
Points in U.S.A. ....	53,936	57,184	33,354	48,665	375,919	395,084
United Kingdom .....	31,344	28,904	24,377	26,270	248,921	278,211
Other countries .....	39,158	22,057	14,871	19,252	172,688	152,375
Destination not specified	-	1,822	-	1,347	8,002	11,187
Total shipments reported.	230,221	204,585	165,503	189,111	1,517,565	1,555,135
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....	35,478	55,520	32,733	68,313	273,401	428,081
Total shipments reported and estimated ..	265,699	260,105	198,236	257,424	1,790,963	1,983,216
	August		July			
	1949	1948	1949	1948		
STOCKS ON HAND						
Douglas Fir .....	169,114	131,017	179,498	140,994		
Hemlock .....	61,586	55,988	56,873	58,609		
Balsam Fir .....	2,610	2,527	1,741	1,780		
Red Cedar .....	31,917	30,412	31,700	26,812		
Spruce .....	73,947	44,559	63,312	37,339		
White Pine .....	5,976	8,539	7,688	9,396		
Ponderosa Pine .....	14,028	9,032	13,533	8,509		
Lodgepole Pine .....	1,237	735	1,411	818		
All other softwoods .....	11,761	7,132	14,716	7,420		
Total softwoods .....	372,176	289,941	370,472	291,677		
Red Alder .....	450	298	662	350		
Maple .....	476	246	504	239		
Birch .....	182	99	162	109		
Cottonwood .....	615	740	629	684		
All other hardwoods .....	2	-	-	-		
Total hardwoods .....	1,725	1,383	1,957	1,382		
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	373,901	291,324	372,429	293,059		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn

August, 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 .....	102,232	9,247	111,479	12,680	12,891	25,571
Hemlock .....	43,465	2,101	45,566	458	2,682	3,140
Balsam Fir .....	729	108	837	768	541	1,309
Red Cedar .....	21,340	2,413	23,753	462	1,868	2,330
Spruce .....	4,294	2,216	6,510	13,316	19,574	32,890
White Pine .....	505	88	593	160	1,402	1,562
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	83	83	2,272	3,240	5,512
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	19	19	43	483	526
All other softwoods..	616	39	655	1,463	3,244	4,707
Total, softwoods ...	173,181	16,314	189,495	31,622	45,925	77,547
Red Alder .....	209	229	438	-	-	-
Maple .....	119	207	326	-	2	2
Birch .....	16	52	68	-	29	29
Cottonwood .....	44	48	92	-	262	262
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	388	536	924	-	293	293
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	173,569	16,850	190,419	31,622	46,218	77,840
<b>TIES</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	4,816	1,121	5,937	1,102	1,431	2,533
Hemlock .....	1,193	208	1,401	10	14	24
Balsam Fir .....	-	6	6	-	16	16
Red Cedar .....	354	11	365	-	-	-
Spruce .....	-	45	45	134	177	311
White Pine .....	-	-	-	-	1	1
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	-	-	-	23	23
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	-	-	-	143	143
All other softwoods..	-	-	-	428	297	725
Total, softwoods ...	6,363	1,391	7,754	1,674	2,102	3,776
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	5	5
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	5	5
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	6,363	1,391	7,754	1,674	2,107	3,781
LUMBER AND TIES	179,932	18,241	198,173	33,296	48,325	81,621



Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, August, 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.
<b>COAST MILLS</b>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	44,106	3,375	2,505	49,986
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....		-	xxxxxxx	-
Alberta .....		2,636	xxxxxxx	2,636
Saskatchewan .....		4,370	xxxxxxx	4,370
Manitoba .....		6,311	xxxxxxx	6,311
Ontario .....		10,708	-	10,708
Quebec .....		2,720	75	2,795
New Brunswick .....		742	-	742
Nova Scotia .....		437	-	437
Prince Edward Island .....		-	-	-
Newfoundland .....		-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	44,106	31,299	2,580	77,985
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....		491	108	599
Atlantic Ports .....		213	16,379	16,592
Other points, by rail .....		32,590	xxxxxxx	32,590
Total for U.S.A. ....		33,294	16,487	49,781
United Kingdom .....	x	269	30,960	31,229
Other countries .....	x	4,801	34,357	39,158
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported .....	44,106	69,663	84,384	198,153
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				10,878
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				209,031
<b>INTERIOR MILLS</b>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	7,755	1,822	-	9,577
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	142	-	xxxxxxx	142
Alberta .....	447	6,312	xxxxxxx	6,759
Saskatchewan .....		2,585	xxxxxxx	2,585
Manitoba .....		3,899	xxxxxxx	3,899
Ontario .....		4,605	-	4,605
Quebec .....		231	-	231
New Brunswick .....		-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....		-	-	-
Newfoundland .....		-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	8,344	19,454	-	27,798
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....		-	-	-
Atlantic Ports .....		133	-	133
Other points, by rail .....		4,022	xxxxxxx	4,022
Total for U.S.A. ....		4,155	-	4,155
United Kingdom .....	x	25	90	115
Other countries .....	x	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported .....	8,344	23,634	90	32,068
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				24,600
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				56,668
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

August, 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>SOLD (but not shipped)</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	74,802	7,605	82,407	4,950	5,040	9,990
Hemlock .....	35,094	1,694	36,788	50	949	999
Balsam Fir .....	344	84	428	-	196	196
Red Cedar .....	15,583	1,778	17,361	112	657	769
Spruce .....	2,973	1,658	4,631	4,249	6,950	11,199
White Pine .....	2,209	65	2,274	97	494	591
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	61	61	1,875	1,148	3,023
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	14	14	-	220	220
All other softwoods ..	661	28	689	383	1,246	1,629
Total, softwoods ....	131,666	12,987	144,653	11,716	16,900	28,616
Red Alder .....	127	168	295	-	-	-
Maple .....	130	152	282	-	1	1
Birch .....	26	38	64	-	10	10
Cottonwood .....	21	35	56	-	94	94
All other hardwoods ..	2	-	2	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	306	393	699	-	105	105
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	131,972	13,380	145,352	11,716	17,005	28,721
<b>UNSOLD</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	40,725	4,335	45,060	11,158	20,499	31,657
Hemlock .....	18,680	965	19,645	295	3,859	4,154
Balsam Fir .....	567	48	615	574	797	1,371
Red Cedar .....	8,619	1,014	9,633	1,481	2,673	4,154
Spruce .....	2,046	945	2,991	26,857	28,269	55,126
White Pine .....	982	37	1,019	84	2,008	2,092
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	35	35	6,239	4,670	10,909
Lodgepole Pine .....	5	8	13	94	896	990
All other softwoods ..	3,553	16	3,569	805	5,069	5,874
Total, softwoods ....	75,177	7,403	82,580	47,587	68,740	116,327
Red Alder .....	59	96	155	-	-	-
Maple .....	103	87	190	-	3	3
Birch .....	25	22	47	20	41	61
Cottonwood .....	15	19	34	48	383	431
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	202	224	426	68	427	495
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	75,379	7,627	83,006	47,655	69,167	116,822
<b>SOLD AND UNSOLD .</b>	<b>207,351</b>	<b>21,007</b>	<b>228,358</b>	<b>59,371</b>	<b>86,172</b>	<b>145,543</b>



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

	Month ending -			
	August		July	
	1949 M ft.	1948 M ft.	1949 M ft.	1948 M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
For shipments to points in British Columbia				
Local .....	16,811	26,182	18,266	27,041
Coastwise and interior .....	2,911	7,853	4,891	4,991
Total .....	19,722	34,035	23,157	32,032
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces .....	11,097	21,925	14,813	20,476
Eastern Provinces .....	16,976	35,498	18,006	35,540
United States of America .....	32,628	42,058	29,583	39,044
Total .....	60,701	99,481	62,402	95,060
For waterborne shipment to:				
California .....	600	2,890	-	970
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	39,112	9,545	14,723	6,637
Eastern Canada .....	900	-	600	-
Export Markets .....	101,729	262,386	133,965	279,472
Total .....	142,341	274,821	149,288	287,079
TOTAL ORDERS ON HANDS...	222,764	408,337	234,847	414,171
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER				
MILLS .....	10,517	8,131	10,436	5,862

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

		August		July	
		1949	1948	1949	1948
Coast .....	No.	121	109	125	105
Interior .....	No.	106	93	125	100
Total, British Columbia .....	No.	227	202	250	205

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

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