

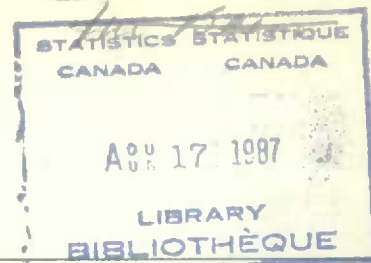
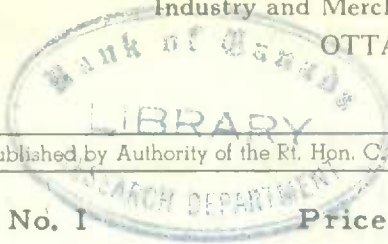
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 153,730 M ft. in January 1950 as compared with 194,133 M ft. in January 1949, a decrease of 20.8 p.c. from the previous year and a decrease of 29.3 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 83.8 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 16.0 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 16.2 p.c. showed a decrease of 39.0 p.c. Shipments in January 1950 totalled 152,769 M ft., as compared with 187,413 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 18.5 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 17.0 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 27.0 p.c. Total shipments for January decreased by 21.8 p.c. from the December figure of 195,325 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of January 1950 amounted to 347,173 M ft., as compared with 338,454 M ft. at the end of January the previous year and 362,874 M ft. at the end of December 1949. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 229,919 M ft., while Interior mills showed 117,254 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 January 1949 and 1950 and December 1948 and 1949. Details by species are given for production and stocks, while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 191,424 M ft. in December 1948 to 194,133 M ft. in January 1949 but decreased from 217,368 M ft. in December 1949 to 153,730 M ft. in January 1950. Shipments totalled 195,325 M ft. in December 1949 and 152,769 M ft. in January 1950 as compared with 176,898 M ft. in December 1948 and 187,413 M ft. in January of 1949. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 336,481 M ft. in December 1948 to 338,454 M ft. in January 1949 but decreased from 362,874 M ft. in December 1949 to 347,173 M ft. in January 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 128,101 M ft. in January 1950 as compared with 24,478 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 673 M ft. in January as compared with 478 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 83.8 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in January 1950 as compared with 78.9 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during December 1949 and 1948 respectively, were 82.0 and 79.4 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 132,037 M ft. in January of 1950 and 166,082 M ft. in December 1949 as compared with 159,015 M ft. in January 1949 and 138,666 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 20,732 M ft. and 28,398 M ft. in January 1950 and 1949 and 29,243 M ft. and 38,232 M ft. in December 1949 and 1948. Of all shipments actually reported for January, 26.30 p.c. went to points in Canada, 56.08 p.c. to points in United States, 0.05 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 17.57 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 53.92 p.c. of the total while 33.89 p.c. went by rail, and 12.19 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 December 1949 and January 1950 amounted to 245,116 M ft. and 229,919 M ft. as compared with 237,720 M ft. and 217,065 M ft. in December 1948 and January of 1949. Interior mills stocks increased from 98,761 M ft. in December 1948 to 121,389 M ft. in January 1949 but decreased from 117,758 M ft. in December 1949 to 117,254 M ft. in January 1950. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 36.4 p.c. of the total in January 1950, as compared with 44.6 p.c. in January 1949 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 79.9 and 86.9

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of December 1948 and 1949 and January 1949 and 1950, 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 January 1950, amounted to 324,216 M ft. as compared with 347,522 M ft. in January 1949. Orders on hand at the end of December 1949 and 1948, amounted to 298,739 M ft. and 283,910 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 3,511 M ft. in January 1949 and 4,677 M ft. in January 1950 as compared with 7,917 M ft. in December 1948 and 8,630 M ft. in December 1949.

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 January accounted for 88.4 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1947 compared with 79.9 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for December 1948 and 1949 were 74.5 and 84.1 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, January 1950

	January		December	
	1950	1949	1949	1948
PRODUCTION				
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	78,636	109,055	112,367	103,910
Hemlock	35,236	34,757	45,830	35,986
Balsam Fir	591	1,395	1,535	1,510
Red Cedar	16,594	13,345	27,382	21,284
Spruce	18,004	27,181	22,083	18,163
White Pine	1,834	1,866	2,531	2,430
Ponderosa Pine	887	1,519	1,787	1,975
Lodgepole Pine	285	724	423	450
All other softwoods	1,116	3,065	2,499	4,662
Total softwoods	153,183	192,907	216,437	190,370
Red Alder	321	519	312	346
Maple	147	310	325	266
Birch	26	83	75	50
Cottonwood	53	314	219	392
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	547	1,226	931	1,054
Total softwoods and hardwoods	153,730	194,133	217,368	191,424
SHIPMENTS				
To: Points in Canada	36,998	56,142	60,878	68,131
Points in U.S.A.	78,908	51,859	94,305	30,276
United Kingdom	68	24,531	66	21,520
Other countries	24,729	27,582	20,053	21,728
Destination not specified	-	1,357	-	962
Total shipments reported	140,703	161,471	175,302	142,617
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	12,066	25,942	20,023	34,281
Total shipments reported and estimated	152,769	187,413	195,325	176,898
STOCKS ON HAND				
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	165,875	164,990	170,772	175,900
Hemlock	57,921	54,120	65,177	65,987
Balsam Fir	2,425	1,872	2,998	1,815
Red Cedar	27,658	26,125	31,477	35,123
Spruce	64,824	61,970	61,837	31,846
White Pine	8,109	7,827	7,113	9,309
Ponderosa Pine	10,024	9,020	10,700	8,594
Lodgepole Pine	1,072	1,473	1,102	28
All other softwoods	8,472	9,398	10,200	7,123
Total softwoods	346,380	336,795	361,376	335,725
Red Alder	247	545	373	195
Maple	208	380	438	142
Birch	90	163	153	23
Cottonwood	248	571	534	396
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	793	1,659	1,498	756
Total softwoods and hardwoods	347,173	338,454	362,874	336,481

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn

January, 1950

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	70,356	2,096	72,452	2,154	3,428	5,582
Hemlock	33,842	549	34,391	214	434	648
Balsam Fir	341	55	396	44	149	193
Red Cedar	15,674	497	16,171	158	239	397
Spruce	2,358	320	2,678	7,465	7,758	15,223
White Pine	1,440	25	1,465	148	221	369
Ponderosa Pine	14	-	14	211	657	868
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	62	207	269
All other softwoods....	14	10	24	176	717	893
Total, softwoods ..	124,039	3,552	127,591	10,632	13,810	24,442
Red Alder	243	78	321	-	-	-
Maple	76	70	146	-	1	1
Birch	2	16	18	-	8	8
Cottonwood	13	12	25	-	27	27
All other hardwoods...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	334	176	510	-	36	36
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	124,373	3,728	128,101	10,632	13,846	24,478
TIES						
Douglas Fir	410	36	446	1	155	156
Hemlock	193	3	196	-	1	1
Balsam Fir	-	1	1	-	1	1
Red Cedar	25	1	26	-	-	-
Spruce	-	4	4	82	17	99
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	5	5
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	16	16
All other softwoods ...	-	-	-	157	42	199
Total, softwoods ..	628	45	673	240	237	477
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	1	1
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	628	45	673	240	238	478
LUMBER AND TIES	125,001	3,773	128,774	10,872	14,084	24,956

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, January, 1950.

	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.....	13,478	1,178	1,783	16,439
Yukon and Northwest Territories		17	43	60
Alberta		1,738	xxxxxx	1,738
Saskatchewan.....		1,159	xxxxxx	1,159
Manitoba.....		2,570	xxxxxx	2,570
Ontario		4,911	-	4,911
Quebec		2,348	-	2,348
New Brunswick		111	-	111
Nova Scotia		65	-	65
Prince Edward Island		25	-	25
Newfoundland		94	-	94
Total for Canada	13,478	14,216	1,826	29,520
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		338	102	440
Atlantic Ports		47	49,148	49,195
Other points, by rail		24,174	xxxxxx	24,174
Total for U.S.A.		24,559	49,250	73,809
United Kingdom..... x		-	68	68
Other countries	x	-	24,726	24,726
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	13,478	38,775	75,870	128,123
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				3,914
Total shipments, reported and estimated				132,037
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia.....	3,661	621	-	4,282
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	6	1,063	xxxxxx	1,069
Saskatchewan.....		115	xxxxxx	115
Manitoba.....		449	xxxxxx	449
Ontario.....		1,543	-	1,543
Quebec		20	-	20
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	3,667	3,811	-	7,478
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		-	-	-
Atlantic Ports		152	-	152
Other points, by rail		4,947	xxxxxx	4,947
Total for U.S.A.		5,099	-	5,099
United Kingdom..... x		-	-	-
Other countries	x	-	3	3
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported.....	3,667	8,910	3	12,580
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				8,152
Total shipments, reported and estimated				20,732
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

January, 1950

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	95,127	2,419	87,546	2,429	3,386	5,815
Hemlock	34,338	626	34,964	-	411	411
Balsam Fir	368	64	432	-	142	142
Red Cedar	14,543	565	15,108	60	226	286
Spruce	3,832	368	4,200	5,034	7,348	12,382
White Pine	3,314	28	3,342	1,120	209	1,329
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	1,349	626	1,975
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	211	211
All other softwoods...	131	12	143	253	716	969
Total, softwoods..	141,653	4,082	145,735	10,245	13,275	23,520
Red Alder	101	89	190	-	-	-
Maple	55	80	135	-	1	1
Birch	20	18	38	-	8	8
Cottonwood	28	13	41	30	26	56
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods.	204	200	404	30	35	65
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	141,857	4,282	146,139	10,275	13,310	23,585
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir.....	44,491	1,387	45,878	13,188	13,448	26,636
Hemlock	20,363	359	20,722	191	1,633	1,824
Balsam Fir	285	36	321	967	563	1,530
Red Cedar	9,504	324	9,828	1,539	897	2,436
Spruce	2,062	211	2,273	16,787	29,182	45,969
White Pine	634	16	650	1,959	829	2,788
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	5,564	2,485	8,049
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	24	837	861
All other softwoods ..	3,957	7	3,964	547	2,849	3,396
Total, softwoods..	81,296	2,340	83,636	40,766	52,723	93,489
Red Alder	6	51	57	-	-	-
Maple	22	46	68	-	4	4
Birch	1	10	11	3	30	33
Cottonwood	-	8	8	38	105	143
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods.	29	115	144	41	139	180
Total, softwoods and hardwoods...	81,325	2,455	83,780	40,807	52,862	93,669
SOLD AND UNSOLD	223,182	6,737	229,919	51,082	66,172	117,254

Table 5. - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of January, 1950 and Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	Month ending -			
	January		December	
	1950	1949	1949	1948
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
<u>For shipments to points in British Columbia</u>				
Local	9,646	19,704	10,058	17,838
Coastwise and interior	3,056	5,929	2,546	4,113
Total	12,702	25,633	12,604	21,951
<u>For shipments by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces	15,796	15,872	13,698	11,768
Eastern Provinces	20,628	25,969	18,161	26,821
United States of America	46,926	41,858	40,075	31,530
Total	83,350	83,699	71,934	70,119
<u>For waterborne shipment to:</u>				
California	413	2,212	-	932
U.S. Atlantic Ports	153,008	14,398	154,174	11,771
Eastern Canada	5,442	1,382	-	3,613
Export Markets	69,301	220,198	60,027	175,524
Total	228,164	238,190	214,201	191,840
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	324,216	347,522	298,739	283,910
<u>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS</u>				
.....	4,677	3,511	8,630	7,917

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting, January, 1950

		January		December	
		1950	1949	1949	1948
Coast	No.	70	120	111	108
Interior	No.	66	109	81	96
Total, British Columbia	No.	136	229	192	204

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

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