

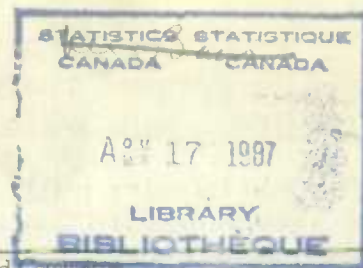
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS  
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 319,823 M ft. in November 1950 as compared with 264,344 M ft. in November 1949 an increase of 21.0 p.c. over the previous year but a decrease of 5.3 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 79.4 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 24.4 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 20.6 p.c. showed an increase of 9.3 p.c. Shipments in November 1950 totalled 266,755 M ft., as compared with 231,862 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 15.0 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 14.6 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 17.2 p.c. Total shipments for November decreased by 13.2 p.c. from the October figure of 307,271 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of November 1950 amounted to 363,334 M ft., as compared with 355,320 M ft. at the end of November the previous year and 358,257 M ft. at the end of October of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 266,081 M ft., while Interior mills showed 97,253 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 October and November 1949 and 1950. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 249,034 M ft. in October 1949 to 264,344 M ft. in November 1949 but decreased from 337,828 M ft. in October to 319,823 M ft. in November 1950. Shipments totalled 307,271 M ft. in October 1950 and 266,755 M ft. in November 1950 as compared with 244,220 M ft. in October and 231,862 M ft. in November of 1949. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 336,681 M ft. in October 1949 to 355,320 M ft. in November and increased from 358,257 M ft. in October 1950 to 363,334 M ft. in November 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 251,494 M ft. in November 1950 as compared with 62,498 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 2,544 M ft. in November as compared with 3,287 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 79.4 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in November 1950 as compared with 77.2 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during October 1950 and 1949 respectively were 71.3 and 77.2 p.c.

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## 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 220,063 M ft. in November of 1950 and 228,149 M ft. in October 1950 as compared with 192,008 M ft. in November 1949 and 199,971 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 46,692 M ft. and 39,854 M ft. in November 1950 and 1949 and 79,122 M ft. and 44,249 M ft. in October 1950 and 1949. Of all shipments actually reported for November, 32.3 p.c. went to points in Canada, 39.5 p.c. to points in United States, 16.1 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 12.1 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 46.5 p.c. of the total, while 37.7 p.c. went by rail, and 15.8 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 October and November 1950 amounted to 243,237 M ft. and 266,081 M ft. as compared with 216,238 M ft. and 232,375 M ft. in October and November of 1949. Interior mills stocks increased from 120,443 M ft. in October to 122,945 M ft. in November 1949 but decreased from 115,020 M ft. in October to 97,253 M ft. in November 1950. Un-sold stocks accounted for approximately 33.3 p.c. of the total in November 1950 as compared with 36.9 p.c. in November 1949 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 86.3 and 78.8

## Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of October and November 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 November 1950 amounted to 636,045 M ft. as compared with 292,952 M ft. in November 1949. Orders on hand at the end of October 1950 and 1949 amounted to 657,145 M ft. and 212,316 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 8,262 M ft. in November 1950 and 11,139 M ft. in November 1949 as compared with 9,264 M ft. in October 1950 and 9,179 M ft. in October 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 November accounted for 82.8 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1948 compared with 80.5 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for October 1949 and 1950 were 80.8 and 81.0 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, 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, November, 1950.

	November		October		11 Months	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<b>PRODUCTION</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	170,815	145,408	170,292	136,399	1,600,405	1,410,038
Hemlock .....	70,135	49,900	64,706	42,945	605,763	470,741
Balsam Fir .....	3,050	2,297	2,345	2,617	30,513	15,620
Red Cedar .....	29,455	26,950	32,429	26,430	281,511	249,688
Spruce .....	31,870	25,527	49,957	27,767	410,913	337,984
White Pine .....	3,020	2,342	3,906	4,131	39,319	32,048
Ponderosa Pine .....	2,935	5,852	4,324	3,475	40,099	44,424
Lodgepole Pine .....	1,213	588	1,512	680	12,662	8,009
All other softwoods .....	6,414	4,153	7,444	3,398	61,813	48,716
Total softwoods.....	318,907	263,017	336,915	247,842	3,082,998	2,617,268
Red Alder .....	366	523	437	442	4,372	5,643
Maple .....	272	380	263	383	3,378	3,565
Birch.....	66	98	65	78	872	995
Cottonwood .....	212	326	148	289	2,089	3,091
All other hardwoods .....	-	-	-	-	157	86
Total hardwoods .....	916	1,327	913	1,192	10,868	13,380
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	319,823	264,344	337,828	249,034	3,093,866	2,630,648
<b>SHIPMENTS</b>						
To: Points in Canada .....	75,952	76,793	91,615	78,311	871,695	957,383
Points in U.S.A. ....	92,785	100,624	133,656	90,655	1,313,619	637,509
United Kingdom.....	37,807	3,711	20,530	15,364	171,343	306,261
Other countries .....	28,419	23,512	19,689	31,823	221,400	239,044
Destination not specified	-	-	-	-	-	8,002
Total shipments reported	234,963	204,640	265,490	216,153	2,578,057	2,148,199
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....	31,792	27,222	41,781	28,067	379,129	360,131
Total shipments reported and estimated.	266,755	231,862	307,271	244,220	2,957,186	2,508,330
	November		October			
	1950	1949	1950	1949		
<b>STOCKS ON HAND</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	185,814	172,545	174,611	152,390		
Hemlock .....	73,769	59,531	60,812	56,072		
Balsam Fir .....	2,999	2,565	2,404	3,403		
Red Cedar .....	29,261	33,259	28,937	29,220		
Spruce .....	43,814	55,424	61,823	63,924		
White Pine .....	8,654	5,775	8,199	8,057		
Ponderosa Pine .....	7,250	12,329	9,341	10,364		
Lodgepole Pine .....	1,394	1,207	1,509	1,503		
All other softwoods .....	9,206	11,278	9,566	10,328		
Total softwoods.....	362,161	353,913	357,202	335,261		
Red Alder .....	410	403	432	385		
Maple .....	404	397	389	389		
Birch .....	86	149	92	129		
Cottonwood .....	273	458	142	517		
All other hardwoods .....	-	-	-	-		
Total hardwoods .....	1,173	1,407	1,055	1,420		
Total softwoods and hardwoods .....	363,334	355,320	358,257	336,681		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn

November, 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.
<b>LUMBER</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	137,891	9,407	147,298	9,278	10,247	19,525
Hemlock .....	63,549	2,711	66,260	1,995	1,164	3,159
Balsam Fir .....	2,638	47	2,685	73	274	347
Red Cedar .....	25,713	2,282	27,995	774	679	1,453
Spruce .....	3,369	1,227	4,596	10,812	16,286	27,098
White Pine .....	1,462	85	1,547	824	644	1,468
Ponderosa Pine ...	-	36	36	855	2,035	2,890
Lodgepole Pine ...	-	2	2	304	764	1,068
All other softwoods	269	2	271	1,585	3,793	5,378
Total, softwoods.	234,891	15,799	250,690	26,500	35,886	62,386
Red Alder .....	144	217	361	-	5	5
Maple .....	142	114	256	-	16	16
Birch .....	7	40	47	-	19	19
Cottonwood .....	106	34	140	1	71	72
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	399	405	804	1	111	112
Total, softwoods & hardwoods .....	235,290	16,204	251,494	26,501	35,997	62,498
<b>TIES</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	1,441	377	1,818	838	1,336	2,174
Hemlock .....	609	99	708	-	8	8
Balsam Fir .....	-	3	3	-	15	15
Red Cedar .....	-	-	-	-	7	7
Spruce .....	-	15	15	-	161	161
White Pine .....	-	-	-	-	5	5
Ponderosa Pine ...	-	-	-	-	9	9
Lodgepole Pine ...	-	-	-	1	142	143
All other softwoods	-	-	-	153	612	765
Total, softwoods.	2,050	494	2,544	992	2,295	3,287
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods & hardwoods .....	2,050	494	2,544	992	2,295	3,287
LUMBER AND TIES	237,340	16,698	254,038	27,493	38,292	65,785



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

	By Truck (Local Sales) M ft.b.m.	By Rail M ft.b.m.	Water- borne M ft.b.m.	Total Shipments M ft.b.m.
<u>COAST MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia .....	31,362	2,442	628	34,432
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	-	2,371	xxxxxx	2,371
Saskatchewan .....	-	1,415	xxxxxx	1,415
Manitoba .....	-	3,223	xxxxxx	3,223
Ontario .....	-	11,535	-	11,535
Quebec .....	-	3,317	-	3,317
New Brunswick .....	-	270	-	270
Nova Scotia .....	-	1,222	-	1,222
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	31	-	31
Total for Canada .....	31,362	25,826	628	57,816
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	-	1,469	808	2,277
Atlantic Ports .....	-	1,012	42,559	43,571
Other points, by rail .....	-	39,524	xxxxxx	39,524
Total for U.S.A. ....	-	42,005	43,367	85,372
United Kingdom .....x	-	669	36,824	37,493
Other countries .....x	-	198	28,221	28,419
Destination or carrier not specified .....	-	-	-	-
Total shipments reported .....	31,362	68,698	109,040	209,100
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....	-	-	-	10,963
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....	-	-	-	220,063
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada</u>				
British Columbia .....	5,443	846	-	6,289
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	272	3,786	xxxxxx	4,058
Saskatchewan .....	-	1,347	xxxxxx	1,347
Manitoba .....	-	1,612	xxxxxx	1,612
Ontario .....	-	4,399	-	4,399
Quebec .....	-	360	-	360
New Brunswick .....	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	71	-	71
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	5,715	12,421	-	18,136
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	-	26	-	26
Atlantic Ports .....	-	97	-	97
Other points, by rail .....	-	7,290	xxxxxx	7,290
Total for U.S.A. ....	-	7,413	-	7,413
United Kingdom .....x	-	12	302	314
Other countries .....x	-	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified .....	-	-	-	-
Total shipments reported .....	5,715	19,846	302	25,863
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....	-	-	-	20,829
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....	-	-	-	46,692
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.	-	-	-	-

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

November, 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.
<b>SOLD (but not shipped)</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	99,079	6,832	105,911	2,225	2,343	4,568
Hemlock .....	43,865	1,962	45,827	240	237	477
Balsam Fir .....	844	35	879	10	58	68
Red Cedar .....	16,153	1,593	17,746	90	139	229
Spruce .....	2,778	867	3,645	828	3,327	4,155
White Pine .....	2,494	59	2,553	1,117	131	1,248
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	25	25	936	413	1,349
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	2	2	7	183	190
All other softwoods..	52	2	54	108	892	1,000
Total, softwoods .....	165,265	11,377	176,642	5,561	7,723	13,284
Red Alder .....	175	152	327	-	1	1
Maple .....	218	80	298	-	3	3
Birch .....	14	28	42	-	4	4
Cottonwood .....	64	23	87	-	14	14
All other hardwoods.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods.....	471	283	754	-	22	22
Total, softwoods and hardwoods .....	165,736	11,660	177,396	5,561	7,745	13,306
<b>UNSOLD</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	44,712	3,416	48,128	12,426	14,781	27,207
Hemlock .....	23,436	981	24,417	1,552	1,496	3,048
Balsam Fir .....	1,646	17	1,663	20	369	389
Red Cedar .....	8,707	797	9,504	906	876	1,782
Spruce .....	2,297	434	2,731	12,296	20,987	33,283
White Pine .....	885	29	914	3,111	828	3,939
Ponderosa Pine .....	-	12	12	3,256	2,608	5,864
Lodgepole Pine .....	-	1	1	45	1,156	1,201
All other softwoods..	1,072	1	1,073	1,458	5,621	7,079
Total, softwoods .....	82,755	5,688	88,443	35,070	48,722	83,792
Red Alder .....	1	75	76	-	6	6
Maple .....	43	40	83	-	20	20
Birch .....	2	14	16	-	24	24
Cottonwood .....	55	12	67	13	92	105
All other hardwoods.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods....	101	141	242	13	142	155
Total, softwoods and hardwoods .....	82,856	5,829	88,685	35,083	48,864	83,947
<b>SOLD AND UNSOLD.</b>	<b>248,592</b>	<b>17,489</b>	<b>266,081</b>	<b>40,644</b>	<b>56,609</b>	<b>97,253</b>



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

	Month ending -			
	November		October	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
For shipment to points in British Columbia				
Local .....	14,536	13,485	13,416	12,909
Coastwise and interior .....	2,203	2,578	2,740	2,518
Total.....	16,739	16,063	16,156	15,427
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces .....	10,494	8,745	10,228	9,105
Eastern Provinces .....	32,237	15,799	28,799	15,582
United States of America .....	39,466	38,390	40,628	34,323
Total .....	82,197	62,934	79,655	59,010
For waterborne shipment to:				
California .....	1,456	675	650	1,508
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	36,091	152,584	65,583	79,935
Eastern Canada .....	525	1,613	210	-
Export Markets .....	499,037	59,083	494,891	56,436
Total.....	537,109	213,955	561,334	137,879
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND ...	636,045	292,952	657,145	212,316
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER				
MILLS.....	8,262	11,139	9,264	9,179

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

		November		October	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Coast .....	No.	122	122	125	122
Interior .....	No.	123	81	141	95
Total, British Columbia .....	No.	245	203	266	217

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



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