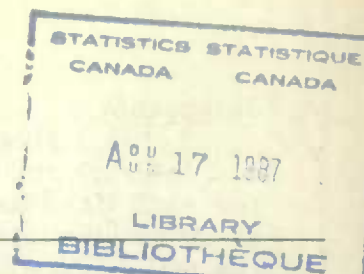


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA
DECEMBER, 1950.

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 270,307 M ft. in December 1950 as compared with 217,368 M ft. in December 1949 an increase of 24.4 p.c. over the previous year but a decrease of 15.5 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 74.1 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 23.5 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 25.9 p.c. showed an increase of 79.5 p.c. Shipments in December 1950 totalled 250,613 M ft., as compared with 195,325 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 28.3 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 17.3 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 91.0 p.c. Total shipments for December decreased by 6.1 p.c. from the November figure of 266,755 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of December 1950 amounted to 410,493 M ft., as compared with 362,874 M ft. at the end of December the previous year and 363,334 M ft. at the end of November of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 274,344 M ft., while Interior mills showed 136,149 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 November and December 1949 and 1950. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 264,344 M ft. in November 1949 to 217,368 M ft. in December 1949 and from 319,823 M ft. in November to 270,307 M ft. in December 1950. Shipments totalled 266,755 M ft. in November 1950 and 250,613 M ft. in December 1950 as compared with 231,862 M ft. in November and 195,325 M ft. in December of 1949. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 355,320 M ft. in November 1949 to 362,874 M ft. in December and increased from 363,334 M ft. in November 1950 to 410,493 M ft. in December 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 197,237 M ft. in December 1950 as compared with 66,932 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 2,984 M ft. in December as compared with 3,154 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 74.1 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in December 1950 as compared with 82.0 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during November 1950 and 1949 respectively, were 79.4 and 77.2 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 194,762 M ft. in December of 1950 and 220,063 M ft. in November 1950 as compared with 166,082 M ft. in December 1949 and 192,008 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 55,851 M ft. and 29,243 M ft. in December 1950 and 1949 and 46,692 M ft. and 39,854 M ft. in November 1950 and 1949. Of all shipments actually reported for December, 30.3 p.c. went to points in Canada, 28.6 p.c. to points in United States, 25.7 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 15.4 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 49.6 p.c. of the total, while 35.3 p.c. went by rail, and 15.1 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 November and December 1950 amounted to 266,081 M ft. and 274,344 M ft. as compared with 232,375 M ft. and 245,116 M ft. in November and December of 1949. Interior mills stocks decreased from 122,945 M ft. in November to 117,758 M ft. in December 1949 but increased from 97,253 M ft. in November to 136,149 M ft. in December 1950. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 28.8 p.c. of the total in December 1950 as compared with 37.1 p.c. in December 1949 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 82.9 and 83.2.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of November and December 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 December 1950 amounted to 588,951 M ft. as compared with 298,739 M ft. in December 1949. Orders on hand at the end of November 1950 and 1949 amounted to 636,045 M ft. and 292,952 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 7,362 M ft. in December 1950 and 8,630 M ft. in December 1949 as compared with 8,262 M ft. in November 1950 and 11,139 M ft. in November 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 December accounted for 83.2 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1948 compared with 84.1 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for November 1949 and 1950 were 80.5 and 82.8 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, December, 1950.

	December		November		12 Months	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	137,696	112,367	170,815	145,408	1,738,101	1,522,405
Hemlock	56,323	45,830	70,135	49,900	662,086	516,571
Balsam Fir	1,677	1,535	3,050	2,297	32,190	17,155
Red Cedar	22,617	27,382	29,455	26,950	304,128	277,070
Spruce.....	39,640	22,083	31,870	25,527	450,553	360,067
White Pine	2,706	2,531	3,020	2,342	42,025	34,579
Ponderosa Pine	1,858	1,787	2,935	5,852	41,957	46,211
Lodgepole Pine	1,438	423	1,213	588	14,100	8,432
All other softwoods	5,623	2,499	6,414	4,153	67,436	51,215
Total softwoods	269,578	216,437	318,907	263,017	3,352,576	2,833,705
Red Alder	319	312	366	523	4,691	5,955
Maple	189	325	272	380	3,567	3,890
Birch	39	75	66	98	911	1,070
Cottonwood	182	219	212	326	2,271	3,310
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	157	86
Total hardwoods	729	931	916	1,327	11,597	14,311
Total softwoods and hardwoods	270,307	217,368	319,823	264,344	3,364,173	2,848,016
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	66,917	60,878	75,952	76,793	938,612	1,018,261
Points in U.S.A.	63,144	94,305	92,785	100,624	1,376,763	731,814
United Kingdom	56,585	66	37,807	3,711	227,928	306,327
Other countries	33,849	20,053	28,419	23,512	255,249	259,097
Destination not specified	-	-	-	-	-	8,002
Total shipments reported..	220,495	175,302	234,963	204,640	2,798,552	2,323,501
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	30,118	20,023	31,792	27,222	409,247	380,154
Total shipments reported and estimated...	250,613	195,325	266,755	231,862	3,207,799	2,703,655
	December		November			
	1950	1949	1950	1949		
STOCKS ON HAND						
Douglas Fir	197,055	170,772	185,814	172,545		
Hemlock	78,614	65,177	73,769	59,531		
Balsam Fir	2,016	2,998	2,999	2,565		
Red Cedar	33,152	31,477	29,261	33,259		
Spruce.....	67,340	61,837	43,814	55,424		
White Pine	8,501	7,113	8,654	5,775		
Ponderosa Pine	9,216	10,700	7,250	12,329		
Lodgepole Pine	1,931	1,102	1,394	1,207		
All other softwoods	11,677	10,200	9,206	11,278		
Total softwoods	409,502	361,376	362,161	353,913		
Red Alder	368	373	410	403		
Maple	309	438	404	397		
Birch	82	153	86	149		
Cottonwood	232	534	273	458		
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-		
Total hardwoods	991	1,498	1,173	1,407		
Total softwoods and hardwoods	410,493	362,874	363,334	355,320		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn

December, 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	108,958	5,847	114,805	10,732	7,724	18,456
Hemlock	51,454	1,824	53,278	1,822	613	2,435
Balsam Fir	922	38	960	426	273	699
Red Cedar	19,342	1,424	20,766	1,504	339	1,843
Spruce	4,284	731	5,015	17,014	17,414	34,428
White Pine	1,573	57	1,630	467	604	1,071
Ponderosa Pine	-	28	28	625	1,196	1,821
Lodgepole Pine	-	2	2	500	827	1,327
All other softwoods	70	2	72	1,142	3,662	4,804
Total, softwoods ..	186,603	9,953	196,556	34,232	32,652	66,884
Red Alder	162	157	319	-	-	-
Maple	105	84	189	-	-	-
Birch	2	29	31	-	8	8
Cottonwood	121	21	142	1	39	40
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	390	291	681	1	47	48
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	186,993	10,244	197,237	34,233	32,699	66,932
TIES						
Douglas Fir	1,985	370	2,355	937	1,143	2,080
Hemlock	500	108	608	-	2	2
Balsam Fir	-	3	3	-	15	15
Red Cedar	-	1	1	-	7	7
Spruce	-	17	17	-	180	180
White Pine	-	-	-	-	5	5
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	9	9
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	109	109
All other softwoods	-	-	-	163	584	747
Total, softwoods ..	2,485	499	2,984	1,100	2,054	3,154
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	2,485	499	2,984	1,100	2,054	3,154
LUMBER AND TIES	189,478	10,743	200,221	35,333	34,753	70,086

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, December, 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: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	24,133	2,063	357	26,553
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	-	1,683	xxxxxxx	1,683
Saskatchewan	-	802	xxxxxxx	802
Manitoba	-	3,357	xxxxxxx	3,357
Ontario	-	7,922	-	7,922
Quebec	-	3,042	-	3,042
New Brunswick	-	250	-	250
Nova Scotia	-	1,593	-	1,593
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	50	-	50
Total for Canada	24,133	20,762	357	45,252
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	-	767	2,238	3,005
Atlantic Ports	-	375	17,718	18,093
Other points, by rail	-	31,687	xxxxxxx	31,687
Total for U.S.A.	-	32,829	19,956	52,785
United Kingdom x	-	585	54,662	55,247
Other countries x	-	76	33,719	33,795
Destination or carrier not specified	-	-	-	-
Total shipments reported	24,133	54,252	108,694	187,079
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	-	-	-	7,683
Total shipments, reported and estimated	-	-	-	194,762
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	8,794	1,668	-	10,462
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	286	3,009	xxxxxxx	3,295
Saskatchewan	-	1,094	xxxxxxx	1,094
Manitoba	-	1,914	xxxxxxx	1,914
Ontario	-	4,323	-	4,323
Quebec	-	493	-	493
New Brunswick	-	21	-	21
Nova Scotia	-	63	-	63
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	9,080	12,585	-	21,665
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	-	16	-	16
Atlantic Ports	-	119	-	119
Other points, by rail	-	10,224	xxxxxxx	10,224
Total for U.S.A.	-	10,359	-	10,359
United Kingdom x	-	651	687	1,338
Other countries x	-	54	-	54
Destination or carrier not specified	-	-	-	-
Total shipments reported	9,080	23,649	687	33,416
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	-	-	-	22,435
Total shipments, reported and estimated	-	-	-	55,851

x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

December, 1950

	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	104,424	6,068	110,492	4,445	2,939	7,384
Hemlock	52,342	1,886	54,228	445	204	649
Balsam Fir	765	40	805	32	95	127
Red Cedar	21,472	1,391	22,863	197	115	312
Spruce	3,145	730	3,875	3,980	5,831	9,811
White Pine	2,341	56	2,397	649	202	851
Ponderosa Pine	-	27	27	1,734	399	2,133
Lodgepole Pine	-	2	2	-	310	310
All other softwoods ..	39	1	40	228	1,407	1,635
Total, softwoods	184,528	10,201	194,729	11,710	11,502	23,212
Red Alder	113	153	266	-	-	-
Maple	131	82	213	-	-	-
Birch	27	28	55	-	3	3
Cottonwood	110	21	131	-	13	13
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	381	284	665	-	16	16
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	184,909	10,485	195,394	11,710	11,518	23,228
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	44,972	2,451	47,423	17,470	14,286	31,756
Hemlock	18,981	762	19,743	3,003	991	3,994
Balsam Fir	316	16	332	288	464	752
Red Cedar	6,924	562	7,486	1,934	557	2,491
Spruce	1,854	295	2,149	23,158	28,347	51,505
White Pine	682	22	704	3,568	981	4,549
Ponderosa Pine	-	11	11	5,104	1,941	7,045
Lodgepole Pine	-	1	1	110	1,508	1,618
All other softwoods ..	882	1	883	2,277	6,842	9,119
Total, softwoods	74,611	4,121	78,732	56,912	55,917	112,829
Red Alder	40	62	102	-	-	-
Maple	63	33	96	-	-	-
Birch	-	11	11	-	13	13
Cottonwood	-	9	9	16	63	79
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	103	115	218	16	76	92
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	74,714	4,236	78,950	56,928	55,993	112,921
SOLD AND UNSOLD ..	259,623	14,721	274,344	68,638	67,511	136,149

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

	Month ending -			
	December		November	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
<u>For shipment to points in British Columbia</u>				
Local	14,395	10,058	14,536	13,485
Coastwise and interior	3,289	2,546	2,203	2,578
Total	17,684	12,604	16,739	16,063
<u>For shipment by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces	11,576	13,698	10,494	8,745
Eastern Provinces.....	37,820	18,161	32,237	15,799
United States of America.....	44,228	40,075	39,466	38,390
Total	93,624	71,934	82,197	62,934
<u>For waterborne shipment to:</u>				
California.....	100	-	1,456	675
U.S. Atlantic Ports	29,889	154,174	36,091	152,584
Eastern Canada	2,350	-	525	1,613
Export Markets	445,304	60,027	499,037	59,083
Total	477,643	214,201	537,109	213,955
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND.....	588,951	298,739	636,045	292,952
<u>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER</u>				
MILLS	7,362	8,630	8,262	11,139

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

		December		November	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Coast	No.	128	111	122	122
Interior	No.	150	81	123	81
Total, British Columbia	No.	278	192	245	203

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

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