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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMISES TATISTIQUE

IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia total 202,202 [EM ft. in February 1950, as compared with 187,945 M ft. in February 1949, an increase of 7.1 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 24.0 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 79.7 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 8.9 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 20.3 p.c. showed a decrease of 0.3 p.c. Shipments in February 1950 totalled 202,091 M ft., as compared with 157,798 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 21.9 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 22.2 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 20.5 p.c. Total shipments for February increased by 24.4 p.c. over the January figure of 152,769 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of February 1950 amounted to 349,673 M ft., as compared with 387,040 M ft. at the end of February the previous year and 347,173 M ft. at the end of January of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 234,925 M ft., while Interior mills showed 114,748 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 and February 1949 and 1950. Details by species are given for production and stocks, while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 194,133 M ft. in January 1949 to 187,945 M ft. in February 1949 but increased from 153,730 M ft. in January to 202,202 M ft. in February 1950. Shipments totalled 152,769 M ft. in January 1950 and 202,091 M ft. in February 1950 as compared with 187,413 M ft. in January and 157,798 M ft. in February of 1949. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 338,454 M ft. in January 1949 to 387,040 M ft. in February and increased from 347,173 M ft. in January 1950 to 349,673 M ft. in February 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 160,962 M ft. in February 1950 as compared with 39,500 M ft. reported by Interior mills, Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 166 M ft. in February as compared with 1,574 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 79.7 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in February 1950 as compared with 78.1 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during January 1950 and 1949, respectively, were 83.8 and 78.9 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 165,705 M. ft. in February of 1950 and 132,037 M ft. in January 1950 as compared with 128,872 M ft. in February 1949 and 159,015 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 36,386 M ft. and 28,926 M ft. in February 1950 and 1949 and 20,732 M ft. and 28,398 M ft. in January 1950 and 1949. Of all shipments actually reported for February 31.2 p.c. went to points in Canada, 57.5 p.c. to points in United States, 0.5 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 10.8 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 43.0 p.c. of the total, while 39.7 p.c. went by rail, and 17.3 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 January and February 1950 amounted to 229,919 M ft. and 234,925 M ft. as compared with 217,065 M ft. and 250,936 M ft. in January and February of 1949. Interior mills stocks increased from 121,389 M ft. in January to 136,104 M ft. in February 1949, but decreased from 117,254 M ft. in January to 114,748 M ft. in February 1950. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 36.8 p.c. of the total in February 1950, as compared with 38.9 p.c. in February 1949 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 77.9 and 88.6.

#### Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of January and February 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 February 1950, amounted to 354,228 M ft. as compared with 357,845 M ft. in February 1949. Orders on hand at the end of January 1950 and 1949, amounted to 324,216 M ft. and 347,522 M ft. respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 4,499 M ft. in February 1950 and 3,410 M ft. in February 1949 as compared with 4,677 M ft. in January 1950 and 3,511 M ft. in January 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 February accounted for 85.8 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1947 compared with 77.7 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for January 1949 and 1950 were 79.9 and 88.4, 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, February, 1950.

THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO			January		2 Months	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
PRODUCTION	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	Mft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	102,105	99,869	78,636	109,055	180,741	208,92
Hemlock	41,047	38,546	35,236	34,757	76,283	
Balsam Fir	631	530	591	1,395	1,222	1,92
Red Cedar	23,460	17,777	16,594	13,345	40,054	
Spruce	27,836	22,822	18,004	27,181	45,840	50,00
White Pine	1,827	2,009	1,834	1,866	3,661	3,87
Ponderosa Pine	1,475	1,810	887	1,519	2,362	3,32
odgepole Pine	499	854	285	724	784	1,57
All other softwoods	2,452	2,498	1,116	3,065	3,568	5,56.
		186,715				379,62
Total softwoods	201,332	527	153,183	519	354,515	
ed Alder			321		715	1,04
Maple	246	268	147	310	393	57
Birch	48	82	26	83	74	16
Cottonwood	182	353	53	314	235	66
All other hardwoods	0.70	1 220		1 22/	1 417	2.45
Total hardwoods Total softwoods and	870	1,230	547	1,226	1,417	2,45
hardwoods	202,202	187,945	153,730	194, 133	355,932	382,07
SHIPMENTS						
o: Points in Canada	56,055	54,453	36,998	56,142	93,053	110,59
Points in U.S.A	103,085	42,280	78,908	51,859		94,13
United Kingdom	810	21,481	68	24,531	878	46,01
Other countries	19,353	11,213	24,729	27,582		38,79
Destination not specified	-	832	-	1,357	-	2,18
Total shipments reported Stimated shipments of	179,303	130,259	140,703	161,471	320,006	291,73
non-reporting mills	22,788	27,539	12,066	25,942	34,854	53,48
reported and estimated	202,091	157,798	152,769	187,413	354,860	345,21
	February Janua				ry	
	1950	1949		1950		1949
STOCKS ON HAND	MIT.	N	I ft.	M	ft.	M ft.
Oouglas Fir	159,459	18	5,779	165	,875	164,99
Hemlock	60,301		4,890		921	54,12
Balsam Fir	1,927		1,243		,425	1,87
Red Cedar	33,120	3	1,892		658 -	26,12
pruce	65,857		1,204		824	61,97
hite Pine	7,785		8,278		109	7,82
Onderosa Pine	10,536		9,743		,024	9,02
odgepole Pine	1,223		4,079		,072	1,47
ll other softwoods	8,402		7,953		472	9,39
Total softwoods	348,610		5,061		380	336,79
ed Alder	442		677		247	54
Maple	259		441		208	38
ottonwood	275 5		686		90 248	16. 57
all other hardwoods	5		- 000		_	_
Total hardwoods	1,063		1,979		793	1,65
Total softwoods & hardwoods	349,673	3.8	7,040	347	,173	338,45

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn

# February, 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	88,236	3,378	91,614	4,349	5,225	9,574	
Hemlock	39,119	786	39,905	340	743	1,083	
Balsam Fir	307	78	385	22	221	243	
Red Cedar	22,015	868	22,883	189	388	577	
Spruce	3,210	498	3,708	11,121	12,874	23,995	
White Pine	1,261	36	1,297	247	282	529	
Ponderosa Pine	1,201	30	1,671	683	782	1,465	
				109	338		
Lodgepole Pine		11	- 220			447	
All other softwoods	319		- 330	334	1,225	1,559	
Total, softwoods		5,655	160, 122	17,394	22,078	39,472	
Red Alder	229	165	394	-	•	-	
Maple	131	115	246	-	-	-	
Birch	14	29	43	des	5	5	
Cottonwood	130	27	157	-	23	23	
All other hardwoods.	-	D 800		-	-	-	
Total, hardwoods	504	336	840	_	28	28	
Total, softwoods							
and hardwoods	154 971	5,991	160,962	17 204	22 106	30 500	
and nardwoods	134,771	3,771	100,782	17,394	22,106	39,500	
TIES							
Douglas Fir	82	26	108	409	400	809	
Hemlock	54	3	57	-	2	2	
Balsam Fir	- •	1 12 10			2	3	
Red Cedar	0.0	_	_		popular to	3 10 14 3	
Spruce		1	1	83	49	132	
White Pine	-	1	_			1 1	
Ponderosa Pine					10	10	
Lodgepole Pine	_		_		52	52	
All other softwoods				412	151	563	
Total, softwoods	136	30	166	904	668		
Red Alder	130	30	100	707	000	1,572	
Maple	-	_		- 3			
Birch		_	0.00				
Cottonwood	_				2	2	
All other hardwoods.	_			_		2	
Total, hardwoods.	-	-	-	ate	2	2	
PERM							
Total, softwoods	126	2.0	3//	004	(70	1 C m	
and hardwoods	136	30	166	904	670	1,574	
LUMBER AND TIES	155,107	6,021	161,128	18,298	22,776	41,074	

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

	By Truck (Local Sales)	By Rail	Water- borne	Total Shipments
COACTAULIC		M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.
COAST MILLS TO:Points in Canada:	A74 4 V 1 M 1 1 1 1 1		242	
British Columbia	25 793	1,591	570	27,954
Yukon and Northwest Territoric		1,5/4	197	197
Alberta		1,589	xxxxxx	1,589
Saskatchewan		2,237	XXXXXX	2,237
Manitoba		2,888	XXXXXX	2.888
Ontario		6,215	-	6,215
Ouebec		2.252	_	2,252
New Brunswick		529	-	529
Nova Scotia		53		53
Prince Edward Island		-	pain	
Newfoundland		103	-	103
		17,457	767	44,017
Total for Canada	. 45, 193	17,457	101	44,017
Points in U.S.A.:		430	1,913	2,343
Pacific Ports			56,317	60,647
Atlantic Ports		4,330		29,844
Other points, by rail		29,844	XXXXXX	
Total for U.S.A.		34,604	58,230	92,834
United Kingdom		7 2 4 0	512	512
Other countries		2,348	17,005	19,353
Destination or carrier not specified			**********	-
Total shipments reported	25,793	54,409	76,514	156,716
Estimated shipments of				0.000
				8.989
Total shipments, reported and	estimated			165,705
INTERIOR MILLS				
O:Points in Canada;				
British Columbia	5 138	1,018	~	6,156
Yukon and Northwest Territoric	es	-	-	-
Alberta	166	1,865	XXXXXX	2,031
Saskatchewan	0 + 6 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0	660	XXXXXX	660
Manitoba		1,074	xxxxxx	1,074
Ontario		2,044	-	2,044
Quebec		73	-	73
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		***	-	-
Prince Edward Island		nder .	1000	-
27 6 13 1		_	-	
Newfoundland				
Total for Canada		6,734	-	12,038
		6,734	-	12,038
Total for Canada Points in U.S.A.:	5,304	6,734	150	12,038
Total for Canada  Points in U.S.A.:  Pacific Ports	5,304	6,734	150 75	
Total for Canada  Points in U.S.A.:  Pacific Ports  Atlantic Ports	5,304	603		150
Total for Canada  Points in U.S.A.:  Pacific Ports  Atlantic Ports  Other points, by rail	5,304	603 9,423	75 xxxxxx	150 678 9,423
Total for Canada  Points in U.S.A.:  Pacific Ports  Atlantic Ports  Other points, by rail  Total for U.S.A.	5,304	603	75 xxxxxx 225	150 678 9,423 10,251
Total for Canada  Points in U.S.A.:  Pacific Ports  Atlantic Ports  Other points, by rail  Total for U.S.A.  United Kingdom	5,304	603 9,423	75 xxxxxx	150 678 9,423
Total for Canada  Points in U.S.A.:  Pacific Ports  Atlantic Ports  Other points, by rail  Total for U.S.A.  United Kingdom Other countries	5,304	603 9,423 10,026	75 xxxxxx 225	150 678 9,423 10,251
Total for Canada  Points in U.S.A.:  Pacific Ports  Atlantic Ports  Other points, by rail  Total for U.S.A.  United Kingdom  Other countries  Destination or carrier not specifie	5,304	603 9,423 10,026	75 xxxxxx 225 298	150 678 9,423 10,251 298
Total for Canada  Points in U.S.A.:  Pacific Ports  Atlantic Ports  Other points, by rail  Total for U.S.A.  United Kingdom  Other countries  Destination or carrier not specifie  Total shipments reported	5,304 x d x	603 9,423 10,026	75 xxxxxx 225 298 -	150 678 9,423 10,251 298 - - 22,587
Total for Canada  Points in U.S.A.:  Pacific Ports  Atlantic Ports  Other points, by rail  Total for U.S.A.  United Kingdom  Other countries  Destination or carrier not specifie	5,304 x x d 5,304 ing mills	603 9,423 10,026	75 xxxxxx 225 298 - - 523	150 678 9,423 10,251 298

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

## February, 1950

1000000	C	DAST MILI	LS	INTERIOR MILLS			
Species	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.n	
SOLD(but not shipped)							
Douglas Fir	-	3,135	87,563	3,253	3,477	6,730	
Hemlock		727	35,053	39	460	499	
Balsam Fir	44	72	116		138	138	
Red Cedar		799	17,638	100	240	340	
Spruce	3,456	459	3,915	4,819	7,987	12,806	
White Pine		33	3,214	1,101	175	1,276	
Ponderosa Pine	_	-	-	1,824	489	2,313	
Lodgepole Pine	-	-		14	241	255	
All other softwoods	161	11	172	129	851	980	
Total, softwoods		5,236	147,671	11,279	14,058	25,337	
		152	348	,,			
Red Alder		106	195	_		_	
Maple Birch	21	27	48		3	3	
Cottonwood	100	24	124	30	16	46	
All other hardwoods .		24	124	-	10	-	
		309	715	30	19	49	
Total, hardwoods .	406	309	(15	30	19	47	
Total softwoods							
Total, softwoods	142 041	5,545	148,386	11,309	14,077	25,386	
and nardwoods	142,041	3,373	140,360	11,307	17,011	25,500	
UNSOLD							
	43 4/ 0	1 020	44 207	8,631	12,238	20,869	
Douglas Fir		1,829 4 <b>24</b>	44,297 22,026	1,101	1,622	2,723	
Hemlock	•	424	377	809	487	1,296	
Balsam Fir		466	13,155	1,143	844	1,987	
Red Cedar		268	1,563	19,458	28,115	47,573	
Spruce	853	19	872	1,807	616	2,423	
White Pine Ponderosa Pine		17	012	6,500	1,723	8,223	
Lodgepole Pine		_	_	120	848	968	
All other softwoods		6	4,055	201	2,994	3,195	
			86,345	39,770	49,487	89,257	
Total, softwoods		3,054		37,110	77,701	07,231	
Red Alder		88	94	_	-	_	
Maple		62	64	- 4	11	15	
Birch		15	16	4	11	15	
Cottonwood		15	15	36	54	90	
All other hardwoods.	5	-	5	-	- /	105	
Total, hardwoods	14	180	194	40	65	105	
Total, softwoods							
and hardwoods	83.305	3,234	86,539	39,810	49,552	89,362	
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	226,146	8,779	234,925	51,119	63,629	114,748	

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

	Month ending -				
	February			uary	
TOTAL TOTAL CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE P	950	1949	1950	1949	
ORDERS ON HAND	ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	
For shipment to point's in British Columbia					
	1,940 2,947	21,664 6,995	9,646 3,056	19,704 5,929	
Total 17	7,887	28,659	12,702	25,633	
For shipment by rail to:					
	),780 },781 ),074	17,923 27,909 42,645	15,796 20,628 46,926	15,872 25,969 41,858	
Total 93	,635	88,477	83,350	83,699	
For waterborne shipment to:					
California U.S. Atlantic Ports	5,784	830 24,985 597 214,297	413 153,008 5, <b>442</b> 69,301	2,212 14,398 <b>1,382</b> 220,198	
Total242	,706	240,709	228,164	238,190	
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND354	,228	357,845	324,216	347,522	
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS 4	,499	3,410	4,677	3,511	

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

		February		January	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Coast	No.	94	120	70	120
nterior	No.	74	110	66	109
Total, British Columbia	No.	168	230	136	229

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

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