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IN BRITISH COLUMBIA
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 M. ft. in February 1950, as compared with $187,945 \mathrm{M}$ 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 $157,798 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. the previous year, an increase of $21.9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. 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 $152,769 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. Stocks on hand at the end of February 1950 amounted to $349,673 \mathrm{M}$ ft., as compared with $387,040 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. at the end of February the previous year and $347,173 \mathrm{Mft}$. at the end of January of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling $234,925 \mathrm{M}$ ft., while Interior mills showed $114,748 \mathrm{Mft}$.

## 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 $157,798 \mathrm{M}$ ft. in February of 1949 . Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from $338,454 \mathrm{M}$ ft. in January 1949 to $387,040 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in February and increased from $347,173 \mathrm{Mft}$. in January 1950 to $349,673 \mathrm{Mft}$. 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 $160,962 \mathrm{M}$ ft. in February 1950 as compared with $39,500 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. reported by Interior mills, Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 166 M ft. in February as compared with $1,574 \mathrm{M}$ 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.

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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 purchasersand reported by them also, thereby causing a certain amount of duplication.

Shipments of Coast mills amounted to $165,705 \mathrm{~N}$ ft. in February of 1950 and $132,037 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in January 1950 as compared with $128,872 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in February 1949 and $159,015 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped $36,386 \mathrm{M}$ ft . and $28,926 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in February 1950 and 1949 and $20,732 \mathrm{~N}: \mathrm{ft}$. and $28,398 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. 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 $229,919 \mathrm{Mft}$. and $234,925 \mathrm{Mft}$. as compared with $217,065 \mathrm{Mft}$. and $250,936 \mathrm{Mft}$. in January and February of 1949 . Interior mills stocks increased from $121,389 \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{ft}$. in January to $136,104 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in February 1949 , but decreased from $117,254 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in January to $114,748 \mathrm{Mft}$. 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 $354,228 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. as compared with $357,845 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in February 1949. Orders on hand at the end of January 1950 and 1949 , amounted to $324,216 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. and $347,522 \mathrm{M}$ ft. respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to $4,499 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in February 1950 and 3.410 M ft . in February 1949 as compared with $4,677 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in January 1950 and $3,511 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. 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 Nanufacturers' 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.

|  | February |  | January |  | 2 Months |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1950 | 1949 | 1950 | 1949 | 1950 | 1949 |
| PRODUCTION | Mft. | Mft. | M ft. | M ft. | Mft. | M 1 t. |
| Douglas Fir | 102,105 | 99,869 | 78,636 | 109.055 | 180,74 | 208,924 |
| Hemlock | 41,047 | 38,546 | 35,236 | 34,757 | 76,283 | 73,303 |
| Balsam Fir | 631 | 530 | 591 | 1,395 | 1,222 | 1,925 |
| RedCedar | 23,460 | 17,777 | 16,594 | 13,345 | 40,054 | 31,122 |
| Spruce | 27,836 | 22,822 | 18,004 | 27,181 | 45,840 | 50,003 |
| White Pine | 1,827 | 2,009 | 1,834 | 1,866 | 3,661 | 3,875 |
| Ponderosa Pine | 1,475 | 1,810 | 887 | 1,519 | 2,362 | 3,329 |
| Lodgepole Pine | 499 | 854 | 285 | 724 | 784 | 1,578 |
| All other softwoods | 2,452 | 2,498 | 1,116 | 3,065 | 3.568 | 5,563 |
| Total softwoods | 201,332 | 186,715 | 153,183 | 192,907 | 354,515 | 379,622 |
| Red Alder | 394 | 527 | 321 | 519 | 715 | 1,046 |
| Maple | 246 | 268 | 147 | 310 | 393 | 578 |
| Birch | 48 | 82 | 26 | 83 | 74 | 165 |
| Cottonwood | 182 | 353 | 53 | 314 | 235 | 667 |
| All other hardwoods ....... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total hardwoods .. | 870 | 1,230 | 547 | 1,226 | 417 | ,456 |
| Total softwoods and hardwoods | 202,202 | 187,945 | 153,730 | 194,133 | 355,932 | 382,078 |
| SHIPMENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| To: Points in Canada | 56,055 | 54,453 | 36,998 | 56,142 | 93,053 | 110,595 |
| Points in U.S.A. | 103,085 | 42,280 | 78,908 | 51,859 | 181,993 | 94,139 |
| United Kingdom ........ | 810 | 21,481 | 68 | 24,531 | 878 | 46,012 |
| Other countries | 19.353 | 11,213 | 24,729 | 27,582 | 44,082 | 38,795 |
| Destination not specified | - | 832 | - | 1,357 | - | 2,189 |
| Total shipments reported | 179,303 | 130,259 | 140,703 | 161,471 | 320,006 | 291,730 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills ....... | 22,788 | 27,539 | 12,066 | 25,942 | 34,854 | 53,481 |
| Total shipments |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| reported and estimated... | 202,091 | 157.798 | 152,769 | 187.413 | 354,860 | 345,211 |
|  | February |  |  | January |  |  |
|  | $1950$ | MIt. |  |  | 50 | 1949 |
| STOCKS ON HAND | M 11. |  |  | Mft. |  | M $\mathrm{El}^{\text {d }}$ |
| Douglas Fir .................. | 159.459 | 185,779 |  | 165,875 |  | 164,990 |
| Hemlock ...................... | 60,301 |  | 4,890 | 57,921 |  | 54,120 |
| BalsamFir | 1,927 |  | 1,243 | 2,425 |  | 1,872 |
| Red Cedar | 33,120 |  | 1,892 | 27,658 |  | 26,125 |
| Spruce | 65,857 |  | 1,204 | 64,824 |  | 61,970 |
| White Pine .................... | 7,785 |  | 8,278 | 8,109 |  | 7,827 |
| Ponderosa Pine | 10,536 |  | 9,743 | 10,024 |  | 9,020 |
| Lodgepole Pine | 1,223 |  | 4,079 | 1,072 |  | 1,473 |
| All other softwoods | 8,402 |  | 7,953 | 8,472 |  | 9,398 |
| Tntal softwoods | 348,610 |  | 5,061 | 546,380 |  | 336.795 |
| Red Alder <br> Maple |  |  | 677 | 247 - 545 |  |  |
| Maple <br> Birch | $\begin{array}{r} 259 \\ 82 \end{array}$ |  | 441 175 | 208 保 380 |  |  |
| Cottonwood | 275 |  | 686 | 248 |  | 571 |
| All other hardwoods | 5 |  |  |  | - |  |
| Total hardwoods .......... | 1,063 |  | 1,979 |  | 793 | 1,659 |
| Total softwoods \& hardwoods | 349,673 |  | 7,040 | 347. | 173 | 338,454 |

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn
February, 1950

| Species | COAST MILIS |  |  | INTERIOR MILLS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Reported | Estimated | Total | Reported | Estimated | Total |
| LUMBER Mit.b.m. Mit.b.m. M ft.b.m. Mit.b.m. M fr.b.m. Mit.b.m |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| RedCedar ........... | 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 ....... |  | - |  | 683 | 782 | 1,465 |
| Lodgepole Pine ....... | - | - | - | 109 | 338 | 447 |
| All other softwoods... | 319 | 11 | 330 | 334 | 1,225 | 1,559 |
| Total, softwoods .. | 154,467 | 5,655 | 160,122 | 17,394 | 22,078 | 39.472 |
| Red Alder ............. | 229 | 165 | 394 | - | - | - |
| Niaple .................. | 131 | 115 | 246 | - | - | - |
| Birch .................. | 14 | 29 | 43 | - | 5 | 5 |
| Cottonwood ............ | 130 | 27 | 157 | - | 23 | 23 |
| All other hardwoods. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods | 504 | 336 | 840 | - | 28 | 28 |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods.. | 154,971 | 5,991 | 160,962 | 17,394 | 22,106 | 39,500 |
| TIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Douglas Fir ........... | 82 | 26 | 108 | 409 | 400 | 809 |
| Hemlock .............. | 54 | 3 | 57 | - | 2 | 2 |
| Balsam Fir ............. | - | - | - | - | 3 | , |
| Red Cedar ............ | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Spruce ................ | - | 1 | 1 | 83 | 49 | 132 |
| White Pine ............ | - - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Ponderosa Pine ...... | - | - | - | - | 10 | 10 |
| Lodgepole Pine ....... | - | - | - | - | 52 | 52 |
| All other softwoods ... | - | - | - | 412 | 151 | 563 |
| Total, softwoods .. | 136 | 30 | 166 | 904 | 668 | 1,572 |
| Red Alder ............. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Maple | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Birch .................. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cottonwood ........... | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| All other hardwoods . | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods. | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Tota 1, softwoods 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


Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills
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 | ft.b.m |
| SOLD(but not shipped) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Douglas Fir ........... | 84,428 | 3,135 | 87,563 | 3,253 | 3,477 | 6,730 |
| Hemlock ............. | 34,326 | 727 | 35,053 | 39 | 460 | 499 |
| Balsam Fir | 44 | 72 | 116 | - | 138 | 138 |
| Red Cedar | 16,839 | 799 | 17,638 | 100 | 240 | 340 |
| Spruce | 3,456 | 459 | 3,915 | 4,819 | 7,987 | 12,806 |
| White Pine ............ | 3,181 | 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 | 142.435 | 5,236 | 147,671 | 11,279 | 14,058 | 25,337 |
| Red Alder............... | 196 | 152 | 348 | - | - | - |
| Maple .................. | 89 | 106 | 195 | - | - | - |
| Birch... | 21 | 27 | 48 | - | - 3 | 3 |
| Cottonwood | 100 | 24 | 124 | 30 | 16 | 46 |
| All other hardwoods | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods | 406 | 309 | 715 | 30 | 19 | 49 |
| Total, softwoods <br> and hardwoods $\ldots$ 142,841 5,545 148,386 11,309 14,077 25,386 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

UNSOLD

| Douglas Fir ............ | 42,468 | 1,829 | 44,297 | 8,631 | 12,238 | 20,869 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hemlock .. | 21,602 | 424 | 22,026 | 1,101 | 1,622 | 2,723 |
| Balsam Fir | 335 | 42 | 377 | 809 | 487 | 1,296 |
| Red Cedar | 12,689 | 466 | 13,155 | 1,143 | 844 | 1,987 |
| Spruce | 1,295 | 268 | 1,563 | 19.458 | 28,115 | 47,573 |
| White Pine | 853 | 19 | 872 | 1,807 | 616 | 2,423 |
| Ponderosa Pine | - | - | - | 6,500 | 1,723 | 8,223 |
| Lodgepole Pine ....... | - | - | - | 120 | 848 | 968 |
| All other softwoods .. | 4,049 | 6 | 4,055 | 201 | 2,994 | 3,195 |
| Total, softwoods.. | 83,291 | 3,054 | 86,345 | 39,770 | 49,487 | 89,257 |
| Red Alder | 6 | 88 | 94 | - | - | - |
| Naple | 2 | 62 | 64 | - | - | - |
| Birch | 1 | 15 | 16 | 4 | 11 | 15 |
| Cottonwood ........... | - | 15 | 15 | 36 | 54 | 90 |
| All other hardwoods. | 5 | - | 5 | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods.. | 14 | 180 | 194 | 40 | 65 | 105 |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods | 83,305 | 3,234 | 86,539 | 39.810 | 49,552 | 89,362 |
| SOLD AND UNSOLD | 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)

|  | Nonth ending . . . . . |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1950 | 19.49 | 1950 | 1949 |
| OR DERS ON HAND | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. |
| For shipment to point's in British Columbia |  |  |  |  |
| Local ... | . 14,940 | 21,664 | 9.646 | 19,704 |
| Coastwise and interior | . 2,947 | 6,995 | 3,056 | 5,929 |
| Total | . 17,887 | 28,659 | 12,702 | 25,633 |
| For shipment by rail to: |  |  |  |  |
| Prairie Provinces | . 19,780 | 17,923 | 15,796 | 15,872 |
| Eastern Provinces | . 24,781 | 27,909 | 20,628 | 25,969 |
| United States of America. | . 49,074 | 42,645 | 46,926 | 41,858 |
| Total ....................... | . 93,635 | 88,477 | 83,350 | 83,699 |
| For waterborne shipment to: |  |  |  |  |
| California | 431 | 830 | 413 | 2,212 |
| U.S. Atlantic Ports | ..134,153 | 24,985 | 153,008 | $14,398$ |
| Eastern Canada .. | $\begin{aligned} & . \quad 5,784 \end{aligned}$ | 597 | 5,442 | 1,382 |
| Export Markets . | . 102,338 | 214,297 | 69,301 | 220,198 |
| Total | .242,706 | 240,709 | 228,164 | 238,190 |
| TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND | . 354,228 | 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 |
| Interior | 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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