

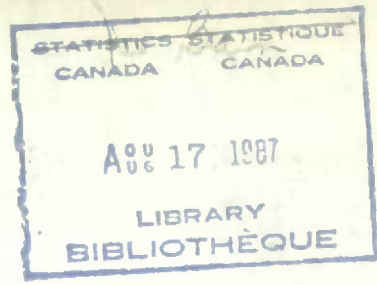
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA
APRIL, 1950

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 228,005 M ft. in April 1950 as compared with 206,958 M ft. in April 1949 an increase of 9.2 p.c. over the previous year but a decrease of 13.3 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 80.3 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 9.1 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 19.7 p.c. showed an increase of 9.9 p.c. Shipments in April 1950 totalled 239,888 M ft., as compared with 220,703 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 8.0 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 10.4 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 5.9 p.c. Total shipments for April decreased by 7.6 p.c. from the March figure of 259,658 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of April 1950 amounted to 334,021 M ft., as compared with 341,411 M ft. at the end of April the previous year and 348,518 M ft. at the end of March of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 234,346 M ft., while Interior mills showed 99,675 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 March and April 1949 and 1950. Details by species are given for production and stocks, while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 233,490 M ft. in March 1949 to 206,958 M ft. in April 1949 and from 261,977 M ft. in March to 228,005 M ft. in April 1950. Shipments totalled 259,658 M ft. in March 1950 and 239,888 M ft. in April 1950 as compared with 236,139 M ft. in March and 220,703 M ft. in April of 1949. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 358,029 M ft. in March 1949 to 341,411 M ft. in April and decreased from 348,518 M ft. in March to 334,021 M ft. in April 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 181,129 M ft. in April 1950 as compared with 42,435 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 2,054 M ft. in April as compared with 2,387 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 80.3 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in April 1950 as compared with 80.5 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during March 1950 and 1949 respectively, were 80.7 and 76.5 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 204,715 M ft. in April of 1950 and 211,108 M ft. in March 1950 as compared with 183,334 M ft. in April 1949 and 191,577 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 35,173 M ft. and 37,369 M ft. in April 1950 and 1949 and 48,550 M ft. and 44,562 M ft. in March 1950 and 1949. Of all shipments actually reported for April, 34.7 p.c. went to points in Canada, 54.2 p.c. to points in United States, 5.1 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 6.0 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 44.4 p.c. of the total, while 36.3 p.c. went by rail and 19.3 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 March and April 1950 amounted to 249,158 M ft. and 234,346 M ft. as compared with 244,727 M ft. and 245,234 M ft. in March and April of 1949. Interior mills stocks decreased from 113,302 M ft. in March to 96,177 M ft. in April 1949, but increased from 99,360 M ft. in March to 99,675 M ft. in April 1950. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 30.1 p.c. of the total in April 1950, as compared with 33.8 p.c. in April 1949 for Coast mills, while for Interior mills the percentages were, respectively 66.4 and 90.0

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of March and April 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 April 1950, amounted to 367,290 M ft. as compared with 287,449 M ft. in April 1949. Orders on hand at the end of March 1950 and 1949, amounted to 347,862 M ft. and 332,735 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 8,000 M ft. in April 1950 and 11,042 M ft. in April 1949 as compared with 8,739 M ft. in March 1950 and 4,573 M ft. in March 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 April accounted for 83.7 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1947 compared with 83.8 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for March 1949 and 1950 were 82.8 and 85.1, 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, April, 1950.

	April		March		4 Months	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	123,927	112,559	135,854	123,386	440,522	444,869
Hemlock	42,789	38,840	49,919	42,559	168,991	154,702
Balsam Fir	6,463	966	7,668	1,180	15,353	4,071
Red Cedar	23,191	22,492	27,003	22,786	90,248	76,400
Spruce	23,243	20,587	31,411	31,795	100,494	102,385
White Pine	2,148	2,953	2,969	3,762	8,778	10,590
Ponderosa Pine	1,897	3,735	2,053	2,345	6,312	9,409
Lodgepole Pine	604	669	690	786	2,078	3,033
All other softwoods	2,669	3,042	3,268	3,821	9,505	12,426
Total softwoods	226,931	205,843	260,835	232,420	842,281	817,885
Red Alder	408	638	465	475	1,588	2,159
Maple	372	208	400	344	1,165	1,130
Birch	125	67	96	78	295	310
Cottonwood	169	166	181	151	585	984
All other hardwoods	-	36	-	22	-	58
Total hardwoods	1,074	1,115	1,142	1,070	3,633	4,641
Total softwoods and hardwoods	228,005	206,958	261,977	233,490	845,914	822,526
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	75,598	87,286	87,149	92,981	255,800	290,862
Points in U.S.A.	118,018	51,502	118,113	59,638	418,124	205,279
United Kingdom	11,081	32,162	10,124	33,485	22,083	111,659
Other countries	12,990	20,605	17,380	19,615	74,452	79,015
Destination not specified	-	1,671	-	923	-	4,783
Total shipments reported	217,687	193,226	232,766	206,642	770,459	691,598
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	22,201	27,477	26,892	29,497	83,947	110,455
Total shipments reported and estimated ...	239,888	220,703	259,658	236,139	854,406	802,053
STOCKS ON HAND						
	April		March			
	1950	1949	1950	1949		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	163,655	166,788	165,378		166,713	
Hemlock	51,746	65,074	56,555		66,666	
Balsam Fir	11,291	1,320	12,004		1,972	
Red Cedar	25,677	32,597	31,455		33,072	
Spruce	56,214	45,402	56,373		59,887	
White Pine	6,587	7,842	6,056		8,203	
Ponderosa Pine	8,174	9,009	10,792		9,009	
Lodgepole Pine	1,168	1,592	972		1,163	
All other softwoods	8,407	10,521	7,801		10,054	
Total softwoods	332,919	340,145	347,386		356,739	
Red Alder	393	461	451		431	
Maple	318	314	317		340	
Birch	127	103	129		119	
Cottonwood	259	388	230		400	
All other hardwoods	5	-	5		-	
Total hardwoods	1,102	1,266	1,132		1,290	
Total softwoods & hardwoods	334,021	341,411	348,518		358,029	

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn

April, 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	102,332	4,572	106,904	6,255	7,380	13,635
Hemlock	39,970	1,161	41,131	639	754	1,393
Balsam Fir	5,659	78	5,737	424	284	708
Red Cedar	20,481	750	21,231	1,554	387	1,941
Spruce	3,136	246	3,382	5,056	14,547	19,603
White Pine	1,307	53	1,360	328	459	787
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	828	1,035	1,863
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	140	362	502
All other softwoods	388	15	403	308	1,605	1,913
Total, softwoods	173,273	6,875	180,148	15,532	26,813	42,345
Red Alder	272	136	408	-	-	-
Maple	243	128	371	-	1	1
Birch	76	26	102	-	23	23
Cottonwood	82	18	100	9	57	66
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	673	308	981	9	81	90
Total softwoods and hardwoods	173,946	7,183	181,129	15,541	26,894	42,435
TIES						
Douglas Fir	852	855	1,707	513	1,168	1,681
Hemlock	152	93	245	-	20	20
Balsam Fir	-	9	9	-	9	9
Red Cedar	-	19	19	-	-	-
Spruce	-	74	74	85	99	184
White Pine	-	-	-	-	1	1
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	18	16	34
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	102	102
All other softwoods	-	-	-	-	353	353
Total, softwoods..	1,004	1,050	2,054	616	1,768	2,384
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	3	3
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	3	3
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	1,004	1,050	2,054	616	1,771	2,387
LUMBER AND TIES	174,950	8,233	183,183	16,157	28,665	44,822

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, April, 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.
COAST MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	36,983	2,726	924	40,633
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	-	2,867	xxxxxx	2,867
Saskatchewan	-	3,166	xxxxxx	3,166
Manitoba	-	3,327	xxxxxx	3,327
Ontario	-	6,942	-	6,942
Quebec	-	2,932	1,495	4,427
New Brunswick	-	332	2,190	2,522
Nova Scotia	-	231	-	231
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	36,983	22,523	4,609	64,115
Points to U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	-	894	1,941	2,835
Atlantic Ports	-	720	66,469	67,189
Other points, by rail	-	39,489	xxxxxx	39,489
Total for U.S.A.	-	41,103	68,410	109,513
United Kingdom	x	50	10,693	10,743
Other countries	x	420	12,500	12,920
Destination or carrier not specified	-	-	-	-
Total shipments reported	36,983	64,096	96,212	197,291
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	-	-	-	7,424
Total shipments, reported and estimated	-	-	-	204,715
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	4,893	698	-	5,591
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	29	2,200	xxxxxx	2,229
Saskatchewan	-	1,876	xxxxxx	1,876
Manitoba	-	1,221	xxxxxx	1,221
Ontario	-	491	-	491
Quebec	-	30	-	30
New Brunswick	-	22	-	22
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	23	-	23
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	4,922	6,561	-	11,483
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	-	-	-	-
Atlantic Ports	-	85	50	135
Other points, by rail	-	8,370	xxxxxx	8,370
Total for U.S.A.	-	8,455	50	8,505
United Kingdom	x	-	338	338
Other countries	x	-	70	70
Destination or carrier not specified	-	-	-	-
Total Shipments reported	4,922	15,016	458	20,396
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	-	-	-	14,777
Total shipments, reported and estimated	-	-	-	35,173

x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

April, 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	91,304	4,854	96,158	3,278	6,387	9,665
Hemlock	35,728	1,122	36,850	15	578	593
Balsam Fir	5,889	78	5,967	-	219	219
Red Cedar	14,604	688	15,292	189	289	478
Spruce	5,367	286	5,653	5,031	10,944	15,975
White Pine	3,010	48	3,058	920	344	1,264
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	2,520	785	3,305
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	348	348
All other softwoods .	224	13	237	120	1,462	1,582
Total, softwoods ..	156,126	7,089	163,215	12,073	21,356	33,429
Red Alder	205	122	327	-	-	-
Maple	103	115	218	-	1	1
Birch	32	23	55	-	17	17
Cottonwood	58	16	74	-	45	45
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	398	276	674	-	63	63
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	156,524	7,365	163,889	12,073	21,419	33,492
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	36,629	2,088	38,717	6,493	12,622	19,115
Hemlock	12,586	482	13,068	92	1,143	1,235
Balsam Fir	3,714	33	3,747	925	433	1,358
Red Cedar	8,070	296	8,366	970	571	1,541
Spruce	2,022	123	2,145	10,815	21,626	32,441
White Pine	683	20	703	883	679	1,562
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	3,317	1,552	4,869
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	135	685	820
All other softwoods .	3,493	6	3,499	198	2,891	3,089
Total, softwoods ..	67,197	3,048	70,245	23,828	42,202	66,030
Red Alder	14	52	66	-	-	-
Maple	49	49	98	-	1	1
Birch	11	10	21	-	34	34
Cottonwood	15	7	22	29	89	118
All other hardwoods	5	-	5	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	94	118	212	29	124	153
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	67,291	3,166	70,457	23,857	42,326	66,183
SOLD AND UNSOLD .	223,815	10,531	234,346	35,930	63,745	99,675

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

		Month ending-			
		April		March	
		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		17,439	19,885	17,755	20,993
Coastwise and interior		2,794	6,233	2,904	7,649
Total		20,233	26,118	20,659	28,642
<u>For shipment by rail to:</u>					
Prairie Provinces		19,129	21,679	18,898	20,208
Eastern Provinces		23,722	29,421	23,211	29,466
United States of America		49,757	28,946	48,928	33,448
Total		92,608	80,046	91,037	83,122
<u>For waterborne shipment to:</u>					
California		1,750	769	4,370	386
U.S. Atlantic Ports		131,478	13,445	127,088	22,243
Eastern Canada		5,092	2,808	6,675	1,540
Export Markets		116,129	164,263	98,033	196,802
Total		254,449	181,285	236,166	220,971
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND		367,290	287,449	347,862	332,735
<u>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER</u>					
MILLS		8,000	11,042	8,739	4,573

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

		April		March	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Coast	No.	123	130	111	143
Interior	No.	69	94	91	158
Total, British Columbia	No.	192	224	202	301

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

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