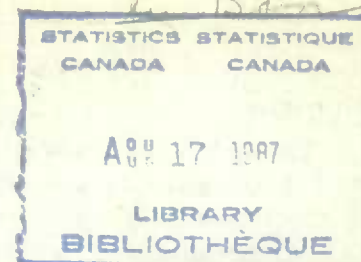


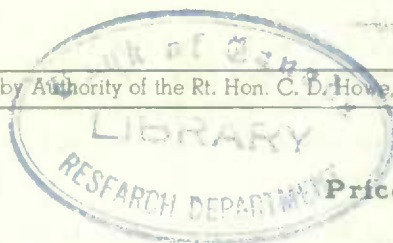


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

AUGUST, 1950

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 349,727 M ft. in August 1950 as compared with 279,794 M ft. in August 1949, an increase of 25.0 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 16.4 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 69.0 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 21.7 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 31.0 p.c. showed an increase of 33.0 p.c. Shipments in August 1950 totalled 316,049 M ft., as compared with 265,699 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 19.0 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 12.3 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 43.6 p.c. Total shipments for August increased by 16.8 p.c. over the July figure of 270,705 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of August 1950 amounted to 346,609 M ft., as compared with 373,901 M ft. at the end of August the previous year and 317,073 M ft. at the end of July of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 228,293 M ft., while Interior mills showed 118,316 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 July and August 1949 and 1950. Details by species are given for production and stocks, while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 227,966 M ft. in July 1949 to 279,794 M ft. in August 1949 and from 300,378 M ft. in July to 349,727 M ft. in August 1950. Shipments totalled 270,705 M ft. in July 1950 and 316,049 M ft. in August 1950 as compared with 198,236 M ft. in July and 265,699 M ft. in August of 1949. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 372,429 M ft. in July 1949 to 373,901 M ft. in August and increased from 317,073 M ft. in July 1950 to 346,609 M ft. in August 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 239,535 M ft. in August 1950 as compared with 105,743 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,604 M ft. in August as compared with 2,845 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 69.0 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in August 1950 as compared with 70.8 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during July 1950 and 1949 respectively, were 65.8 and 66.2 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 234,702 M ft. in August of 1950 and 188,503 M ft. in July 1950 as compared with 209,031 M ft. in August 1949 and 143,124 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 81,347 M ft. and 56,668 M ft. in August 1950, and 1949 and 82,202 M ft. and 55,112 M ft. in July 1950 and 1949. Of all shipments actually reported for August, 31.1 p.c. went to points in Canada, 52.5 p.c. to points in United States, 7.0 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 9.4 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 45.2 p.c. of the total, while 38.0 p.c. went by rail, and 16.8 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 July and August 1950 amounted to 224,615 M ft. and 228,293 M ft. as compared with 239,156 M ft. and 228,358 M ft. in July and August of 1949. Interior mills stocks increased from 133,273 M ft. in July to 145,543 M ft. in August 1949 and increased from 92,458 M ft. in July to 118,316 M ft. in August 1950. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 31.8 p.c. of the total in August 1950, as compared with 36.3 p.c. in August 1949 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 73.8 and 80.3.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of July and August 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 August 1950, amounted to 471,612 M ft. as compared with 222,764 M ft. in August 1949. Orders on hand at the end of July 1950 and 1949, amounted to 420,006 M ft. and 234,847 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 10,010 M ft. in August 1950 and 10,517 M ft. in August 1949 as compared with 9,452 M ft. in July 1950 and 10,436 M ft. in July 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 August accounted for 76.3 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1948 compared with 76.2 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for July 1949 and 1950 were 74.9 and 77.2, 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, August, 1950.

	August		July		8 Months	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	171,112	145,520	151,399	122,455	1,084,750	988,070
Hemlock	71,607	50,131	54,615	34,137	410,975	331,592
Balsam Fir	2,339	2,168	1,621	898	21,756	9,342
Red Cedar.....	26,782	26,448	20,590	18,215	192,342	174,320
Spruce.....	55,850	39,756	49,108	36,796	275,826	248,995
White Pine	5,447	2,156	6,580	2,231	28,902	21,568
Ponderosa Pine	3,943	5,618	5,842	5,044	29,083	30,992
Lodgepole Pine	1,934	688	1,653	827	8,287	6,129
All other softwoods	9,650	6,087	7,920	6,070	39,557	36,218
Total softwoods	348,664	278,572	299,328	226,673	2,091,478	1,847,226
Red Alder	480	438	337	600	3,163	4,229
Maple.....	354	328	316	293	2,538	2,449
Birch.....	83	97	61	81	646	722
Cottonwood.....	146	359	326	319	1,555	2,286
All other softwoods	-	-	10	-	157	86
Total hardwoods	1,063	1,222	1,050	1,293	8,059	9,772
Total softwoods and hardwoods	349,727	279,794	300,378	227,966	2,099,537	1,856,998
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada.....	83,806	105,783	83,052	92,901	612,444	712,032
Points in U.S.A.	141,561	53,936	105,167	33,354	943,132	375,919
United Kingdom	18,731	31,344	21,044	24,377	100,394	248,921
Other countries	25,342	39,158	13,673	14,871	152,815	172,688
Destination not specified	-	-	-	-	-	8,002
Total shipments reported	269,440	230,221	222,936	165,503	1,808,785	1,517,562
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills....	46,609	35,478	47,769	32,733	257,760	273,401
Total shipments reported and estimated	316,049	265,699	270,705	198,236	2,066,545	1,790,963
	August		July			
	1950	1949	1950	1949		
STOCKS ON HAND						
Douglas Fir	164,634	169,114	156,062	179,498		
Hemlock.....	59,604	61,586	58,005	56,873		
Balsam Fir.....	1,460	2,610	1,802	1,741		
Red Cedar	25,566	31,917	24,381	31,700		
Spruce	57,791	73,947	43,201	63,312		
White Pine.....	12,392	5,976	12,138	7,688		
Ponderosa Pine	12,070	14,028	10,266	13,533		
Lodgepole Pine	1,994	1,237	1,279	1,411		
All other softwoods	9,909	11,761	8,835	14,716		
Total softwoods	345,420	372,176	315,969	370,472		
Red Alder	429	450	371	662		
Maple.....	427	476	316	504		
Birch	114	182	105	162		
Cottonwood	217	615	312	629		
All other hardwoods	2	2	-	-		
Total hardwoods	1,189	1,725	1,104	1,957		
Total softwoods and hardwoods	346,609	373,901	317,073	372,429		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn

August, 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.
<u>LUMBER</u>						
Douglas Fir	123,049	13,758	136,807	18,023	13,383	31,406
Hemlock	63,931	3,546	67,477	2,250	1,590	3,840
Balsam Fir	1,149	58	1,207	407	476	883
Red Cedar	20,881	3,092	23,973	2,080	718	2,798
Spruce	4,564	1,401	5,965	17,795	31,788	49,583
White Pine	2,567	131	2,698	1,886	856	2,742
Ponderosa Pine ..	-	35	35	1,666	2,233	3,899
Lodgepole Pine ...	-	2	2	313	1,499	1,812
All other softwoods	466	3	469	3,234	5,385	8,619
Total, softwoods	216,607	22,026	238,633	47,654	57,928	105,582
Red Alder	272	199	471	-	9	9
Maple	209	119	328	-	26	26
Birch	4	49	53	-	30	30
Cottonwood	24	26	50	38	58	96
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	509	393	902	38	123	161
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	217,116	22,419	239,535	47,692	58,051	105,743
<u>TIES</u>						
Douglas Fir	917	397	1,314	551	1,034	1,585
Hemlock	198	73	271	12	7	19
Balsam Fir	-	2	2	234	13	247
Red Cedar	-	5	5	-	6	6
Spruce	-	10	10	84	208	292
White Pine	-	2	2	-	5	5
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	9	9
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	120	120
All other softwoods	-	-	-	58	504	562
Total, softwoods .	1,115	489	1,604	939	1,906	2,845
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	1,115	489	1,604	939	1,906	2,845
LUMBER AND TIES	218,231	22,908	241,139	48,631	59,957	108,588

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, August, 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.
<u>COAST MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	33,540	2,785	583	36,908
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta		2,492	xxxxxxx	2,492
Saskatchewan		2,827	xxxxxxx	2,827
Manitoba		3,420	xxxxxxx	3,420
Ontario		8,089	-	8,089
Quebec		1,807	-	1,807
New Brunswick		98	-	98
Nova Scotia		459	-	459
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		100	-	100
Total for Canada	33,540	22,077	583	56,200
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		901	1,299	2,200
Atlantic Ports		1,324	75,797	77,121
Other points, by rail		43,131	xxxxxxx	43,131
Total for U.S.A.		45,356	77,096	122,452
United Kingdom	x	143	18,073	18,216
Other countries	x	260	25,082	25,342
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	33,540	67,836	120,834	222,210
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				12,492
Total shipments, reported and estimated				234,702
<u>INFERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	11,375	2,311	-	13,686
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	234	234
Alberta	527	4,391	xxxxxxx	4,918
Saskatchewan		3,640	xxxxxxx	3,640
Manitoba		2,691	xxxxxxx	2,691
Ontario		1,713	-	1,713
Quebec		724	-	724
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	11,902	15,470	234	27,606
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		628	-	628
Atlantic Ports		-	114	114
Other points, by rail		18,367	xxxxxxx	18,367
Total for U.S.A.		18,995	114	19,109
United Kingdom	x	-	515	515
Other countries	x	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	11,902	34,465	863	47,230
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				34,117
Total Shipments, reported and estimated				81,347

x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Ports,

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

August, 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.
<u>SOLD (but not shipped)</u>						
Douglas Fir	83,743	9,137	92,880	4,307	4,116	8,423
Hemlock	33,611	2,336	35,947	-	456	456
Balsam Fir	130	39	169	70	140	210
Red Cedar	13,898	1,999	15,897	270	207	477
Spruce	3,693	911	4,604	4,781	9,134	13,915
White Pine	5,241	86	5,327	1,134	246	1,380
Ponderosa Pine	-	22	22	2,593	640	3,233
Lodgepole Pine	-	1	1	63	462	525
All other softwoods ...	39	2	41	635	1,680	2,315
Total, softwoods	140,355	14,533	154,888	13,853	17,081	30,934
Red Alder	196	129	325	-	3	3
Maple	233	77	310	-	7	7
Birch	33	32	65	-	9	9
Cottonwood	53	16	69	30	16	46
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	515	254	769	30	35	65
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	140,870	14,787	155,657	13,883	17,116	30,999
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	34,462	4,264	38,726	13,012	11,593	24,605
Hemlock	19,746	1,090	20,836	1,081	1,284	2,365
Balsam Fir	321	18	339	349	393	742
Red Cedar	6,127	933	7,060	1,550	582	2,132
Spruce	1,880	425	2,305	11,239	25,728	36,967
White Pine	1,325	40	1,365	3,628	692	4,320
Ponderosa Pine	-	10	10	7,002	1,803	8,805
Lodgepole Pine	-	1	1	165	1,302	1,467
All other softwoods ..	1,760	1	1,761	1,056	4,736	5,792
Total, softwoods	65,621	6,782	72,403	39,082	48,113	87,195
Red Alder	34	60	94	-	7	7
Maple	53	36	89	-	21	21
Birch	1	15	16	-	24	24
Cottonwood	25	7	32	23	47	70
All other hardwoods .	2	-	2	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	115	118	233	23	99	122
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	65,736	6,900	72,636	39,105	48,212	87,317
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD.</u>	206,606	21,687	228,293	52,988	65,328	118,316

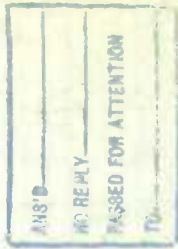
Table 5. - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of August, 1950 and
Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast mills Only)

	Month ending -			
	August		July	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
<u>For shipment to points in British Columbia</u>				
Local	13,383	16,811	14,120	18,266
Coastwise and interior	4,088	2,911	3,797	4,891
Total	17,471	19,722	17,917	23,157
<u>For shipment by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces	11,004	11,097	14,476	14,813
Eastern Provinces	21,968	16,976	22,946	18,006
United States of America	57,401	32,628	50,722	29,583
Total	90,373	60,701	88,144	62,402
<u>For waterborne shipment to:</u>				
California	3,790	600	3,287	-
U.S. Atlantic Ports	162,680	39,112	151,273	14,723
Eastern Canada	4,579	900	4,307	600
Export Markets	192,719	101,729	155,078	133,965
Total	363,768	142,341	313,945	149,288
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	471,612	222,764	420,006	234,847
<u>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER</u>				
MILLS	10,010	10,517	9,452	10,436

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

		August		July	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Coast	No.	118	121	132	125
Interior	No.	142	106	141	125
Total, British Columbia	No.	260	227	273	250

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



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