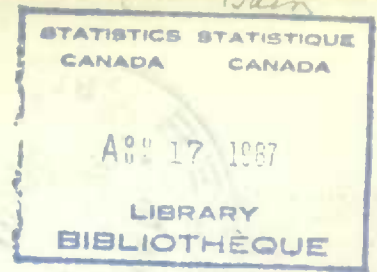
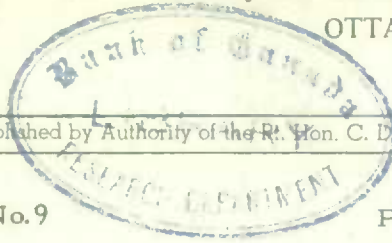


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

September, 1950

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 336,678 M ft. in September 1950 as compared with 260,272 M ft. in September 1949, an increase of 29.3 p.c. over the previous year but a decrease of 3.7 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 70.5 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 25.1 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 29.5 p.c. showed an increase of 40.7 p.c. Shipments in September 1950 totalled 316,615 M ft., as compared with 241,285 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 31.2 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 20.0 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 72.0 p.c. Total shipments for September increased by 0.2 p.c. over the August figure of 316,049 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of September 1950 amounted to 356,857 M ft., as compared with 358,848 M ft. at the end of September the previous year and 346,609 M ft. at the end of August of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 232,926 M ft., while Interior mills showed 123,931 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 August and September 1949 and 1950. Details by species are given for production and stocks, while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 279,794 M ft. in August 1949 to 260,272 M ft. in September 1949 and from 349,727 M ft. in August to 336,678 M ft. in September 1950. Shipments totalled 316,049 M ft. in August 1950 and 316,615 M ft. in September 1950 as compared with 265,699 M ft. in August and 241,285 M ft. in September of 1949. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 373,901 M ft. in August 1949 to 358,848 M ft. in September but increased from 346,609 M ft. in August 1950 to 356,857 M ft. in September 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 235,520 M ft. in September 1950 as compared with 95,611 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,776 M ft. in September as compared with 3,771 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 70.5 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in September 1950 as compared with 72.9 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during August 1950 and 1949 respectively, were 69.0 and 70.8 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 226,654 M ft. in September of 1950 and 234,702 M ft. in August 1950 as compared with 188,967 M ft. in September 1949 and 209,031 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 89,961 M ft. and 52,318 M ft. in September 1950 and 1949 and 81,347 M ft. and 56,668 M ft. in August 1950 and 1949. Of all shipments actually reported for September, 34.1 p.c. went to points in Canada, 53.6 p.c. to points in United States, 4.7 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 7.6 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 39.0 p.c. of the total, while 43.4 p.c. went by rail and 17.6 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 August and September 1950 amounted to 228,293 M ft. and 232,926 M ft. as compared with 228,358 M ft. and 226,256 M ft. in August and September 1949. Interior mills stocks decreased from 145,543 M ft. in August to 132,592 M ft. in September 1949, but increased from 118,316 M ft. in August to 123,931 M ft. in September 1950. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 32.6 p.c. of the total in September 1950, as compared with 40.6 p.c. in September 1949 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 78.8 and 77.8.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of August and September 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 September 1950, amounted to 530,261 M ft. as compared with 208,149 M ft. in September 1949. Orders on hand at the end of August 1950 and 1949, amounted to 471,612 M ft. and 222,764 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 9,934 M ft. in September 1950 and 7,400 M ft. in September 1949 as compared with 10,010 M ft. in August 1950 and 10,517 M ft. in August 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 September accounted for 79.1 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1948 compared with 78.5 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for August 1949 and 1950 were 76.2 and 76.3, 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, September, 1950.

| | September | | August | | 9 Months | |
|--|-------------------|---------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 1950 | 1949 | 1950 | 1949 | 1950 | 1949 |
| PRODUCTION | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. |
| Douglas Fir | 174,548 | 140,161 | 171,112 | 145,520 | 1,259,298 | 1,128,231 |
| Hemlock | 59,947 | 46,304 | 71,607 | 50,131 | 470,922 | 377,896 |
| Balsam Fir | 3,362 | 1,364 | 2,339 | 2,168 | 25,118 | 10,706 |
| Red Cedar | 27,285 | 21,988 | 26,782 | 26,448 | 219,627 | 196,308 |
| Spruce | 53,260 | 35,695 | 55,850 | 39,756 | 329,086 | 284,690 |
| White Pine | 3,491 | 4,007 | 5,447 | 2,156 | 32,393 | 25,575 |
| Ponderosa Pine | 3,757 | 4,105 | 3,943 | 5,618 | 32,840 | 35,097 |
| Lodgepole Pine | 1,650 | 612 | 1,934 | 688 | 9,937 | 6,741 |
| All other softwoods .. | 8,398 | 4,947 | 9,650 | 6,087 | 47,955 | 41,165 |
| Total softwoods | 335,698 | 259,183 | 348,664 | 278,572 | 2,427,176 | 2,106,409 |
| Red Alder | 406 | 449 | 480 | 438 | 3,569 | 4,678 |
| Maple | 305 | 353 | 354 | 328 | 2,843 | 2,802 |
| Birch | 95 | 97 | 83 | 97 | 741 | 819 |
| Cottonwood | 174 | 190 | 146 | 359 | 1,729 | 2,476 |
| All other hardwoods .. | - | - | - | - | 157 | 86 |
| Total hardwoods .. | 980 | 1,089 | 1,063 | 1,222 | 9,039 | 10,861 |
| Total softwoods and hardwoods | 336,678 | 260,272 | 349,727 | 279,794 | 2,436,215 | 2,117,270 |
| SHIPMENTS | | | | | | |
| To: Points in Canada .. | 91,684 | 90,247 | 83,806 | 105,783 | 704,128 | 802,279 |
| Points in U.S.A.... | 144,046 | 70,311 | 141,561 | 53,936 | 1,087,178 | 446,230 |
| United Kingdom .. | 12,612 | 38,265 | 18,731 | 31,344 | 113,006 | 287,186 |
| Other countries ... | 20,477 | 11,021 | 23,342 | 39,158 | 173,292 | 183,709 |
| Destination not specified | - | - | - | - | - | 8,002 |
| Total shipments reported | 268,819 | 209,844 | 269,440 | 230,221 | 2,077,604 | 1,727,406 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .. | 47,796 | 31,441 | 46,609 | 35,478 | 305,556 | 304,842 |
| Total shipments reported and estimated | 316,615 | 241,285 | 316,049 | 265,699 | 2,383,160 | 2,032,248 |
| STOCKS ON HAND | | | | | | |
| | September 1950 | 1949 | September 1950 | August 1949 | | |
| Douglas Fir | 169,795 | 170,876 | 164,634 | 169,114 | | |
| Hemlock | 59,097 | 54,823 | 59,604 | 61,586 | | |
| Balsam Fir | 2,266 | 1,993 | 1,460 | 2,610 | | |
| Red Cedar | 25,296 | 30,946 | 25,566 | 31,917 | | |
| Spruce | 65,407 | 67,654 | 57,791 | 73,947 | | |
| White Pine..... | 11,336 | 8,670 | 12,392 | 5,976 | | |
| Ponderosa Pine | 9,932 | 10,564 | 12,070 | 14,028 | | |
| Lodgepole Pine | 1,799 | 1,119 | 1,994 | 1,237 | | |
| All other softwoods ... | 10,876 | 10,983 | 9,909 | 11,761 | | |
| Total softwoods | 355,804 | 357,628 | 345,420 | 372,176 | | |
| Red Alder | 414 | 335 | 429 | 450 | | |
| Maple | 329 | 384 | 427 | 476 | | |
| Birch | 85 | 164 | 114 | 182 | | |
| Cottonwood | 223 | 337 | 217 | 615 | | |
| All other hardwoods .. | 2 | - | 2 | 2 | | |
| Total hardwoods | 1,053 | 1,220 | 1,189 | 1,725 | | |
| Total softwoods and hardwoods | 356,857 | 358,848 | 346,609 | 373,901 | | |

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn

September, 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 | 131,948 | 10,089 | 142,037 | 17,196 | 11,928 | 29,124 |
| Hemlock | 53,775 | 2,703 | 56,478 | 1,790 | 1,174 | 2,964 |
| Balsam Fir | 2,492 | 52 | 2,544 | 362 | 422 | 784 |
| Red Cedar | 22,305 | 2,599 | 24,904 | 1,751 | 622 | 2,373 |
| Spruce | 5,200 | 1,050 | 6,250 | 19,946 | 26,878 | 46,824 |
| White Pine | 1,583 | 90 | 1,673 | 1,014 | 798 | 1,812 |
| Ponderosa Pine .. | - | 35 | 35 | 1,764 | 1,946 | 3,710 |
| Lodgepole Pine .. | - | 2 | 2 | 245 | 1,259 | 1,504 |
| All other softwoods | 689 | 3 | 692 | 1,725 | 4,716 | 6,441 |
| Total, softwoods | 217,992 | 16,623 | 234,615 | 45,793 | 49,743 | 95,536 |
| Red Alder | 206 | 200 | 406 | - | - | - |
| Maple | 195 | 110 | 305 | - | - | - |
| Birch | 43 | 39 | 82 | - | 13 | 13 |
| Cottonwood | 86 | 26 | 112 | 10 | 52 | 62 |
| All other hardwoods | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods | 530 | 375 | 905 | 10 | 65 | 75 |
| Total, softwoods & hardwoods | 218,522 | 16,998 | 235,520 | 45,803 | 49,808 | 95,611 |
| TIES | | | | | | |
| Douglas Fir | 782 | 481 | 1,263 | 791 | 1,333 | 2,124 |
| Hemlock | 383 | 118 | 501 | - | 4 | 4 |
| Balsam Fir | - | 2 | 2 | - | 32 | 32 |
| Red Cedar | - | - | - | - | 8 | 8 |
| Spruce | - | 10 | 10 | - | 176 | 176 |
| White Pine | - | - | - | - | 6 | 6 |
| Ponderosa Pine ... | - | - | - | - | 12 | 12 |
| Lodgepole Pine ... | - | - | - | - | 144 | 144 |
| All other softwoods | - | - | - | 37 | 1,228 | 1,265 |
| Total, softwoods | 1,165 | 611 | 1,776 | 828 | 2,943 | 3,771 |
| Red Alder | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Maple | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Birch | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cottonwood | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| All other hardwoods | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods | 1,165 | 611 | 1,776 | 828 | 2,943 | 3,771 |
| LUMBER AND TIES | 219,687 | 17,609 | 237,296 | 46,631 | 52,751 | 99,382 |

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

| | By Truck (Local Sales) | By Rail | Water- borne | Total Shipments |
|--|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| COAST MILLS | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. |
| TO: Points in Canada: | | | | |
| British Columbia | 34,033 | 2,962 | 672 | 37,667 |
| Yukon and Northwest Territories | | 28 | 29 | 57 |
| Alberta | | 2,193 | xxxxxxxx | 2,193 |
| Saskatchewan | | 2,449 | xxxxxxxx | 2,449 |
| Manitoba | | 2,797 | xxxxxxxx | 2,797 |
| Ontario | | 8,862 | - | 8,862 |
| Quebec | | 3,196 | 3,213 | 6,409 |
| New Brunswick | | 364 | 1,126 | 1,490 |
| Nova Scotia | | 315 | - | 315 |
| Prince Edward Island | | 49 | - | 49 |
| Newfoundland | | 30 | - | 30 |
| Total for Canada | 34,033 | 23,245 | 5,040 | 62,318 |
| Points in U.S.A.: | | | | |
| Pacific Ports | | 1,031 | 91 | 1,122 |
| Atlantic Ports | | 407 | 66,899 | 67,306 |
| Other points, by rail | | 51,145 | xxxxxxxx | 51,145 |
| Total for U.S.A. | | 52,583 | 66,690 | 119,573 |
| United Kingdom | x | 147 | 12,174 | 12,321 |
| Other countries | x | 91 | 20,386 | 20,477 |
| Destination or carrier not specified | | | | - |
| Total shipments reported .. | 34,033 | 76,066 | 104,590 | 214,689 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills | | | | 11,965 |
| Total shipments, reported and estimated | | | | 226,654 |
| INTERIOR MILLS | | | | |
| TO: Points in Canada: | | | | |
| British Columbia | 12,810 | 1,081 | - | 13,891 |
| Yukon and Northwest Territories | - | - | - | - |
| Alberta | 533 | 5,134 | xxxxxxxx | 5,667 |
| Saskatchewan | | 3,978 | xxxxxxxx | 3,978 |
| Manitoba | | 3,057 | xxxxxxxx | 3,057 |
| Ontario | | 2,546 | - | 2,546 |
| Quebec | | 227 | - | 227 |
| New Brunswick | | - | - | - |
| Nova Scotia | | - | - | - |
| Prince Edward Island | | - | - | - |
| Newfoundland | | - | - | - |
| Total for Canada | 13,343 | 16,023 | - | 29,366 |
| Points in U.S.A.: | | | | |
| Pacific Ports | | 17 | - | 17 |
| Atlantic Ports | | 107 | - | 107 |
| Other points, by rail | | 24,349 | xxxxxxxx | 24,349 |
| Total for U.S.A. | | 24,473 | - | 24,473 |
| United Kingdom | x | 50 | 241 | 291 |
| Other countries | x | - | - | - |
| Destination or carrier not specified | | | | - |
| Total shipments reported | 13,343 | 40,546 | 241 | 54,130 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills | | | | 35,831 |
| Total Shipments, reported and estimated | | | | 89,961 |
| x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Ports. | | | | |

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

September, 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 | 88,675 | 6,989 | 95,664 | 2,811 | 3,509 | 6,320 |
| Hemlock | 32,814 | 1,865 | 34,679 | 460 | 312 | 772 |
| Balsam Fir | 862 | 36 | 898 | 54 | 120 | 174 |
| Red Cedar | 13,222 | 1,718 | 14,940 | 187 | 167 | 354 |
| Spruce | 3,827 | 702 | 4,529 | 4,583 | 7,159 | 11,742 |
| White Pine | 5,325 | 59 | 5,384 | 1,030 | 213 | 1,243 |
| Ponderosa Pine | 4 | 23 | 27 | 2,784 | 518 | 3,302 |
| Lodgepole Pine | - | 1 | 1 | 15 | 371 | 386 |
| All other softwoods | 93 | 2 | 95 | 385 | 1,572 | 1,957 |
| Total, softwoods | 144,822 | 11,395 | 156,217 | 12,309 | 13,941 | 26,250 |
| Red Alder | 190 | 132 | 322 | - | - | - |
| Maple | 152 | 73 | 225 | - | - | - |
| Birch | 30 | 26 | 56 | - | 3 | 3 |
| Cottonwood | 74 | 17 | 91 | 30 | 14 | 44 |
| All other hardwoods | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods | 446 | 248 | 694 | 30 | 17 | 47 |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods ... | 145,268 | 11,643 | 156,911 | 12,339 | 13,958 | 26,297 |
| UNSOLD | | | | | | |
| Douglas Fir | 38,043 | 3,386 | 41,429 | 13,354 | 13,028 | 26,382 |
| Hemlock | 20,422 | 904 | 21,326 | 1,163 | 1,157 | 2,320 |
| Balsam Fir | 477 | 17 | 494 | 254 | 446 | 700 |
| Red Cedar | 7,058 | 832 | 7,890 | 1,493 | 619 | 2,112 |
| Spruce | 1,944 | 340 | 2,284 | 20,274 | 26,578 | 46,852 |
| White Pine | 743 | 29 | 772 | 3,147 | 790 | 3,937 |
| Ponderosa Pine | - | 11 | 11 | 4,669 | 1,923 | 6,592 |
| Lodgepole Pine | - | - | - | 34 | 1,378 | 1,412 |
| All other softwoods | 1,583 | 1 | 1,584 | 1,400 | 5,840 | 7,240 |
| Total, softwoods | 70,270 | 5,520 | 75,790 | 45,788 | 51,759 | 97,547 |
| Red Alder | 28 | 64 | 92 | - | - | - |
| Maple | 69 | 35 | 104 | - | - | - |
| Birch | 1 | 12 | 13 | - | 13 | 13 |
| Cottonwood | 5 | 9 | 14 | 23 | 51 | 74 |
| All other hardwoods | 2 | - | 2 | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods | 105 | 120 | 225 | 23 | 64 | 87 |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods ... | 70,375 | 5,640 | 76,015 | 45,811 | 51,823 | 97,634 |
| SOLD AND UNSOLD | 215,643 | 17,283 | 232,926 | 58,150 | 65,781 | 123,931 |

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

| | | Month ending - | | | |
|---|--|----------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | September | | August | |
| | | 1950 | 1949 | 1950 | 1949 |
| <u>ORDERS ON HAND</u> | | | | | |
| <u>For shipment to points in British Columbia</u> | | | | | |
| Local | | 13,971 | 14,542 | 13,383 | 16,811 |
| Coastwise and interior | | 3,523 | 2,291 | 4,088 | 2,911 |
| Total | | 17,494 | 16,833 | 17,471 | 19,722 |
| <u>For shipment by rail to:</u> | | | | | |
| Prairie Provinces | | 10,977 | 8,304 | 11,004 | 11,097 |
| Eastern Provinces | | 22,239 | 15,609 | 21,968 | 16,976 |
| United States of America | | 48,446 | 34,090 | 57,401 | 32,628 |
| Total | | 81,662 | 58,003 | 90,373 | 60,701 |
| <u>For waterborne shipment to:</u> | | | | | |
| California | | 691 | 264 | 3,790 | 600 |
| U.S. Atlantic Ports | | 130,605 | 57,928 | 162,680 | 39,112 |
| Eastern Canada | | 250 | - | 4,579 | 900 |
| Export Markets | | 299,559 | 75,121 | 192,719 | 101,729 |
| Total | | 431,105 | 133,313 | 363,768 | 142,341 |
| TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND | | 530,261 | 208,149 | 471,612 | 222,764 |
| <u>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER</u> | | | | | |
| MILLS | | 9,934 | 7,400 | 10,010 | 10,517 |

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

| | | September | | August | |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----------|------|--------|------|
| | | 1950 | 1949 | 1950 | 1949 |
| Coast..... | No. | 128 | 122 | 118 | 121 |
| Interior | No. | 146 | 111 | 142 | 106 |
| Total, British Columbia | No. | 274 | 233 | 260 | 227 |

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

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