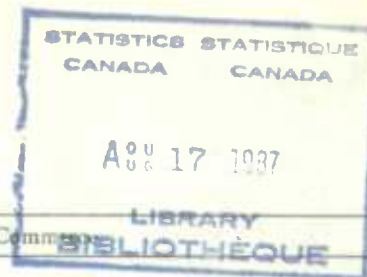




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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 310,053 M ft. in October, 1951 as compared with 353,268 M ft. in October, 1950 a decrease of 12.2 p.c. from the previous year but an increase of 16.9 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 68.4 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 12.0 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 31.6 p.c. showed a decrease of 18.6 p.c. Shipments in October, 1951 totalled 294,940 M ft., as compared with 307,271 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 4.0 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 10.8 p.c. but Interior mills an increase of 15.6 p.c. Total shipments for October increased by 18.7 p.c. over the September figure of 248,539 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of October, 1951 amounted to 396,722 M ft., as compared with 358,257 M ft. at the end of October the previous year and 393,150 M ft. at the end of September of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 240,728 M ft., while Interior mills showed 155,994 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 September and October 1950 and 1951. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 352,300 M ft. in September, 1950 to 353,268 M ft. in October, 1950 and from 265,282 M ft. in September to 310,053 M ft. in October, 1951. Shipments totalled 248,539 M ft. in September, 1951 and 294,940 M ft. in October, 1951 as compared with 316,615 M ft. in September and 307,271 M ft. in October of 1950. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 356,857 M ft. in September, 1950 to 358,257 M ft. in October and increased from 393,150 M ft. in September, 1951 to 396,722 M ft. in October 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 207,246 M ft. in October, 1951 as compared with 95,340 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 4,776 M ft. in October as compared with 2,691 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 68.4 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in October, 1951 as compared with 68.2 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during September, 1951 and 1950 respectively, were 64.3 and 67.4 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 purchasers and reported by them also, thereby causing a certain amount of duplication.

Shipments of Coast mills amounted to 203,451 M ft. in October of 1951 and 162,892 M ft. in September, 1951 as compared with 228,149 M ft. in October, 1950 and 226,654 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 91,489 M ft. and 79,122 M ft. in October, 1951 and 1950 and 85,647 M ft. and 89,961 M ft. in September, 1951 and 1950. Of all shipments actually reported for October, 33.3 p.c. went to points in Canada, 29.7 p.c. to points in United States, 26.9 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 10.1 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 36.9 p.c. of the total, while 45.5 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 September and October, 1951 amounted to 230,965 M ft. and 240,728 M ft. as compared with 232,926 M ft. and 243,237 M ft. in September and October of 1950. Interior mills stocks decreased from 123,931 M ft. in September to 115,020 M ft. in October, 1950 and decreased from 162,185 M ft. in September to 155,994 M ft. in October, 1951. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 35.0 p.c. of the total in October, 1951 as compared with 35.6 p.c. in October, 1950 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 84.6 and 77.5.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of September and October, 1950 and 1951 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 October, 1951 amounted to 726,156 M ft. as compared with 657,145 M ft. in October, 1950. Orders on hand at the end of September, 1951 and 1950 amounted to 783,350 M ft. and 530,261 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 5,223 M ft. in October, 1951 and 9,264 M ft. in October, 1950 as compared with 3,148 M ft. in September, 1951 and 9,934 M ft. in September, 1950.

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 October accounted for 83.2 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1949 compared with 77.5 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for September, 1950 and 1951 were 75.6 and 78.2 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, October, 1951.

	October		September		10 Months	
	1951	1950*	1951	1950*	1951	1950*
PRODUCTION*						
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	154,673	174,782	132,575	179,307	1,458,662	1,463,726
Hemlock	57,287	65,303	40,959	60,431	588,512	539,161
Balsam Fir	2,280	2,447	1,240	3,490	13,181	28,484
Red Cedar	32,374	32,812	26,483	27,673	268,165	254,747
Spruce	45,885	57,443	46,859	60,911	446,103	432,980
White Pine	4,242	4,222	3,899	3,787	42,509	38,674
Ponderosa Pine	3,138	5,024	3,962	4,363	36,709	43,158
Lodgepole Pine	1,809	1,745	1,685	1,896	16,308	13,149
All other softwoods	7,521	8,565	6,713	9,450	62,878	63,053
Total softwoods	309,209	352,343	264,375	351,308	2,933,027	2,877,132
Red Alder	275	437	313	406	3,442	4,007
Maple	251	263	337	305	2,838	3,110
Birch	115	67	121	97	934	829
Cottonwood	203	158	136	184	1,584	1,991
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	4	159
Total hardwoods	844	925	907	992	8,802	10,096
Total Production	310,053	353,268	265,282	352,300	2,941,829	2,887,228
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	85,590	91,615	80,233	91,684	860,568	795,743
Points in U.S.A.	76,192	133,656	65,844	144,046	753,617	1,220,834
United Kingdom	68,984	20,530	41,971	12,612	600,831	133,536
Other countries	25,923	19,689	21,356	20,477	238,482	192,981
Shipments reported	256,689	265,490	209,404	268,819	2,453,498	2,343,094
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	38,251	41,781	39,135	47,796	378,788	347,337
Total shipments	294,940	307,271	248,539	316,615	2,832,286	2,690,431
STOCKS ON HAND						
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	166,392	174,611	170,239	169,795		
Hemlock	70,520	60,812	63,713	59,097		
Balsam Fir	3,449	2,404	2,936	2,266		
Red Cedar	40,665	28,937	36,522	25,296		
Spruce	76,535	61,823	81,330	65,407		
White Pine	10,913	8,199	9,786	11,336		
Ponderosa Pine	10,694	9,341	12,612	9,932		
Lodgepole Pine	2,604	1,509	2,458	1,799		
All other softwoods	12,968	9,566	11,234	10,876		
Total softwoods	394,740	357,202	390,830	355,804		
Red Alder	913	432	1,158	414		
Maple	522	389	648	329		
Birch	295	92	298	85		
Cottonwood	246	142	210	223		
All other hardwoods	6	-	6	2		
Total hardwoods	1,982	1,055	2,320	1,053		
Total Stocks	396,722	358,257	393,150	356,857		

* Revised.

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn

October, 1951

Species	COAST MILLS			INTERIOR MILLS		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
	Mft.b.m.	Mft.b.m.	Mft.b.m.	Mft.b.m.	Mft.b.m.	Mft.b.m.
<u>LUMBER</u>						
Douglas Fir	107,370	7,480	114,850	22,577	11,351	33,928
Hemlock	51,932	1,300	53,232	1,664	1,197	2,861
Balsam Fir	1,707	72	1,779	154	343	497
Red Cedar	28,683	1,920	30,603	810	960	1,770
Spruce	3,910	455	4,365	25,675	15,769	41,444
White Pine	1,650	15	1,665	1,263	1,293	2,556
Ponderosa Pine	8	3	11	2,166	949	3,115
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	336	1,354	1,690
All other softwoods ..	8	8	16	2,293	5,082	7,375
Total, softwoods	195,268	11,253	206,521	56,938	38,298	95,236
Red Alder	71	197	268	-	7	7
Maple	80	156	236	-	-	-
Birch	12	16	28	1	86	87
Cottonwood	51	142	193	1	9	10
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	214	511	725	2	102	104
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	195,482	11,764	207,246	56,940	38,400	95,340
<u>TIES</u>						
Douglas Fir	3,055	585	3,640	1,243	1,012	2,255
Hemlock	1,034	87	1,121	35	38	73
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	4	4
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	1	1
Spruce	-	-	-	-	76	76
White Pine	-	-	-	16	5	21
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	12	12
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	6	113	119
All other softwoods	-	-	-	-	130	130
Total, softwoods	4,089	672	4,761	1,300	1,391	2,691
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	15	15	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	15	15	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	4,089	687	4,776	1,300	1,391	2,691
LUMBER & TIES	199,571	12,451	212,022	58,240	39,791	98,031

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, October, 1951

	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	31,919	2,965	839	35,723
Yukon and Northwest Territories		29	-	29
Alberta		1,886	xxxxxx	1,886
Saskatchewan		1,060	xxxxxx	1,060
Manitoba		2,743	xxxxxx	2,743
Ontario		7,303	-	7,303
Quebec		3,893	-	3,893
New Brunswick		336	-	336
Nova Scotia		368	-	368
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		125	-	125
Total for Canada	31,919	20,708	839	53,466
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		1,930	1,004	2,934
Atlantic Ports		1,242	400	1,642
Other points, by rail		44,705	xxxxxx	44,705
Total for U.S.A.		47,877	1,404	49,281
United Kingdom	x	959	65,790	66,749
Other countries	x	433	25,408	25,841
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported ..	31,919	69,977	93,441	195,337
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				8,114
Total shipments, reported and estimated				203,451
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	12,773	2,916	-	15,689
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	516	4,212	xxxxxx	4,728
Saskatchewan		3,213	xxxxxx	3,213
Manitoba		3,691	xxxxxx	3,691
Ontario		3,747	-	3,747
Quebec		982	-	982
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		74	-	74
Total for Canada	13,289	18,835	-	32,124
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		55	-	55
Atlantic Ports		115	-	115
Other points, by rail		26,741	xxxxxx	26,741
Total for U.S.A.		26,911	-	26,911
United Kingdom	x	990	1,245	2,235
Other countries	x	42	40	82
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported ..	13,289	46,778	1,285	61,352
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				30,137
Total shipments, reported and estimated				91,489
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

October, 1951

Species	COAST MILLS			INTERIOR MILLS		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
	Mft.b.m.	Mft.b.m.	Mft.b.m.	Mft.b.m.	Mft. b.m.	Mft.b.m.
<u>SOLD (but not shipped)</u>						
Douglas Fir.....	74,639	5,956	80,595	5,860	3,022	8,882
Hemlock	47,731	1,024	48,755	375	302	677
Balsam Fir.....	404	53	457	-	85	85
Red Cedar	16,478	1,418	17,896	183	235	418
Spruce.....	4,465	336	4,801	4,445	3,873	8,318
White Pine	2,998	11	3,009	1,291	317	1,608
Ponderosa Pine....	3	2	5	1,622	235	1,857
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	359	359
All other softwoods	23	6	29	460	1,273	1,733
Total, softwoods	146,741	8,806	155,547	14,236	9,701	23,937
Red Alder	254	146	400	-	2	2
Maple	210	126	336	-	-	-
Birch	83	12	95	-	21	21
Cottonwood.....	60	104	164	-	2	2
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	607	388	995	-	25	25
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	147,348	9,194	156,542	14,236	9,726	23,962
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir.....	35,981	3,202	39,183	21,081	16,651	37,732
Hemlock	18,087	551	18,638	786	1,664	2,450
Balsam Fir	2,067	29	2,096	344	467	811
Red Cedar	19,241	762	20,003	1,054	1,294	2,348
Spruce.....	1,697	181	1,878	40,197	21,341	61,538
White Pine	701	6	707	3,841	1,748	5,589
Ponderosa Pine....	82	1	83	7,455	1,294	8,749
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	269	1,976	2,245
All other softwoods	783	3	786	3,400	7,020	10,420
Total, softwoods	78,639	4,735	83,374	78,427	53,455	131,882
Red Alder	424	78	502	-	9	9
Maple.....	118	68	186	-	-	-
Birch	55	6	61	2	116	118
Cottonwood.....	-	57	57	11	12	23
All other hardwoods	6	-	6	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	603	209	812	13	137	150
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	79,242	4,944	84,186	78,440	53,592	132,032
SOLD & UNSOLD	226,590	14,138	240,728	92,676	63,318	155,994

Table 5. - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of October, 1951
and Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only).

		Month ending -			
		October		September	
		1951	1950	1951	1950
		M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
ORDERS ON HAND					
For shipment to points in British Columbia					
Local		13,597	13,416	14,252	13,971
Coastwise and interior		4,356	2,740	3,938	3,523
Total		17,953	16,156	18,190	17,494
For shipment by rail to:					
Prairie Provinces		8,728	10,228	10,171	10,977
Eastern Provinces		33,544	28,799	26,348	22,239
United States of America		32,049	40,628	30,642	48,446
Total		74,321	79,655	67,161	81,662
For waterborne shipment to:					
California		125	650	-	691
U.S. Atlantic Ports		963	65,583	1,036	130,605
Eastern Canada		20	210	-	250
Export Markets		632,774	494,891	696,963	299,559
Total		633,882	561,334	697,999	431,105
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND		726,156	657,145	783,350	530,261
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS					
.....		5,223	9,264	3,148	9,934

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting,
October, 1951

		October		September	
		1951	1950	1951	1950
Coast	No.	115	125	115	128
Interior	No.	184	141	175	146
Total, British Columbia	No.	299	266	290	274

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

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