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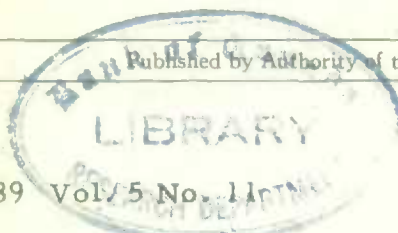
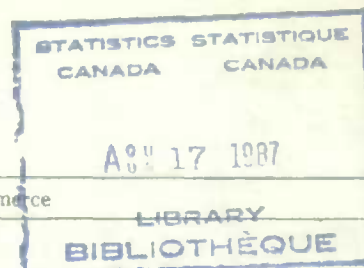
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

November, 1951

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 294,455 M ft. in November, 1951 as compared with 330,035 M ft. in November, 1950 a decrease of 10.8 p.c. from the previous year and a decrease of 5.0 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 70.3 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 18.5 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, but the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 29.7 p.c. showed an increase of 14.9 p.c. Shipments in November, 1951 totalled 269,997 M ft., as compared with 266,755 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 1.2 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 12.0 p.c. but Interior mills an increase of 63.7 p.c. Total shipments for November decreased by 8.5 p.c. from the October figure of 294,940 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of November, 1951 amounted to 412,897 M ft., as compared with 363,334 M ft. at the end of November the previous year and 396,722 M ft. at the end of October of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 251,227 M ft., while Interior mills showed 161,670 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 October and November, 1950 and 1951. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 353,268 M ft. in October, 1950 to 330,035 M ft. in November, 1950 and from 310,053 M ft. in October to 294,455 M ft. in November, 1951. Shipments totalled 294,940 M ft. in October, 1951 and 269,997 M ft. in November, 1951 as compared with 307,271 M ft. in October and 266,755 M ft. in November of 1950. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 358,257 M ft. in October, 1950 to 363,334 M ft. in November and increased from 396,722 M ft. in October, 1951 to 412,897 M ft. in November 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 203,561 M ft. in November, 1951 as compared with 84,532 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 3,549 M ft. in November as compared with 2,813 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 70.3 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in November, 1951 as compared with 79.4 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during October, 1951 and 1950 respectively, were 68.4 and 68.2 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 193,554 M ft. in November of 1951 and 203,451 M ft. in October, 1951 as compared with 220,063 M ft. in November, 1950 and 228,149 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 76,443 M ft. and 46,692 M ft. in November, 1951 and 1950 and 91,489 M ft. and 79,122 M ft. in October, 1951 and 1950. Of all shipments actually reported for November, 31.9 p.c. went to points in Canada, 28.0 p.c. to points in United States, 29.2 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 10.9 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 40.1 p.c. of the total, while 43.3 p.c. went by rail, and 16.6 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 October and November, 1951 amounted to 240,728 M ft. and 251,227 M ft. as compared with 243,237 M ft. and 266,081 M ft. in October and November of 1950. Interior mills stocks decreased from 115,020 M ft. in October to 97,253 M ft. in November, 1950 but increased from 155,994 M ft. in October to 161,670 M ft. in November, 1951. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 34.4 p.c. of the total in November 1951 as compared with 33.3 p.c. in November, 1950 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 85.5 and 86.3.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of October and November, 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 November, 1951 amounted to 697,187 M ft. as compared with 636,045 M ft. in November, 1950. Orders on hand at the end of October, 1951 and 1950 amounted to 726,156 M ft. and 657,145 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 4,123 M ft. in November, 1951 and 8,262 M ft. in November, 1950 as compared with 5,223 M ft. in October, 1951 and 9,264 M ft. in October, 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 November accounted for 83.4 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1949 compared with 80.2 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for October, 1950 and 1951 were 77.5 and 83.2 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, November, 1951

	November		October		11 Months	
	1951	1950*	1951	1950*	1951	1950*
PRODUCTION*	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	147,917	✓174,005	154,673	✓174,782	1,606,579	1,637,731
Hemlock	58,573	✓70,651	57,287	✓65,303	647,085	609,812
Balsam Fir	2,865	3,107	2,280	2,447	16,046	31,591
Red Cedar	29,977	✓29,692	32,374	✓32,812	298,142	284,439
Spruce	38,213	✓36,298	45,885	✓57,443	484,316	469,278
White Pine	3,643	3,260	4,242	4,222	46,152	41,934
Ponderosa Pine	3,505	3,407	3,138	5,024	40,214	46,565
Lodgepole Pine	1,797	1,388	1,809	1,745	18,105	14,537
All other softwoods	7,283	7,293	7,521	8,565	70,161	70,346
Total softwoods	293,773	329,101	309,209	352,343	3,226,800	3,206,233
Red Alder	240	367	275	437	3,682	4,374
Maple	205	275	251	263	3,043	3,385
Birch	94	69	115	67	1,028	898
Cottonwood	143	223	203	158	1,727	2,214
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	4	159
Total hardwoods	682	934	844	925	9,484	11,030
Total Production	294,455	330,035	310,053	353,268	3,236,284	3,217,263
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	74,983	75,952	85,590	91,615	935,551	871,695
Points in U.S.A.	65,802	92,785	76,192	133,656	819,419	1,313,619
United Kingdom	68,603	37,807	68,984	20,530	669,434	171,343
Other countries	25,661	28,419	25,923	19,689	264,143	221,400
Shipments reported	235,049	234,963	256,689	265,490	2,688,547	2,578,057
Estimated shipments of non reporting mills	34,948	31,792	38,251	41,781	413,736	379,129
Total shipments	269,997	266,755	294,940	307,271	3,102,283	2,957,186
STOCKS ON HAND						
	1951	1950	1951	1950*		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	✓179,129	185,814	✓166,392		174,611	
Hemlock	✓71,641	73,769	✓70,520		60,812	
Balsam Fir	4,134	2,999	3,449		2,404	
Red Cedar	✓40,678	29,261	✓40,665		28,937	
Spruce	✓72,395	43,814	✓76,535		61,823	
White Pine	11,675	8,654	10,913		8,199	
Ponderosa Pine	13,384	7,250	10,694		9,341	
Lodgepole Pine	2,703	1,394	2,604		1,509	
All other softwoods	15,321	9,206	12,968		9,566	
Total softwoods	411,060	362,161	394,740		357,202	
Red Alder	692	410	913		432	
Maple	564	404	522		389	
Birch	301	86	295		92	
Cottonwood	280	273	246		142	
All other hardwoods	-	-	6		-	
Total hardwoods	1,837	1,173	1,982		1,055	
Total Stocks	412,897	363,334	396,722		358,257	

* Revised.

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn

November, 1951

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	104,629	6,193	110,822	21,635	10,650	32,285
Hemlock	53,966	950	54,916	1,729	997	2,726
Balsam Fir	2,319	79	2,398	167	292	459
Red Cedar	26,463	1,582	28,045	977	955	1,932
Spruce	4,642	386	5,028	18,335	14,617	32,952
White Pine	1,721	6	1,727	687	1,224	1,911
Ponderosa Pine	29	3	32	1,831	1,606	3,437
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	414	1,210	1,624
All other softwoods..	2	1	3	1,838	5,276	7,114
Total, softwoods ..	193,771	9,200	202,971	47,613	36,827	84,440
Red Alder	50	185	235	-	5	5
Maple	68	137	205	-	-	-
Birch	6	16	22	-	72	72
Cottonwood	12	116	128	-	15	15
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	136	454	590	-	92	92
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	193,907	9,654	203,561	47,613	36,919	84,532
TIES						
Douglas Fir	2,117	550	2,667	884	1,259	2,143
Hemlock	819	63	882	-	49	49
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	4	4	8
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	160	73	233
White Pine	-	-	-	-	5	5
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	23	13	36
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	6	167	173
All other softwoods	-	-	-	49	117	166
Total, softwoods	2,936	613	3,549	1,126	1,687	2,813
Red Alder.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	2,936	613	3,549	1,126	1,687	2,813
LUMBER & TIES	196,843	10,267	207,110	48,739	38,606	87,345

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, November, 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	27,757	2,212	884	30,853
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta		1,686	xxxxxx	1,686
Saskatchewan		690	xxxxxx	690
Manitoba		2,647	xxxxxx	2,647
Ontario		7,499	-	7,499
Quebec		4,172	-	4,172
New Brunswick.....		415	-	415
Nova Scotia		352	-	352
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		51	-	51
Total for Canada	27,757	19,724	884	48,365
Points in U.S.A:				
Pacific Ports		2,027	881	2,908
Atlantic Ports		1,327	-	1,327
Other points, by rail		40,542	xxxxxx	40,542
Total for U.S.A.		43,896	881	44,777
United Kingdomx		929	66,254	67,183
Other countriesx		183	25,333	25,516
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	27,757	64,732	93,352	185,841
Estimated shipments of non reporting mills				7,713
Total shipments, reported and estimated				193,554
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	10,651	2,419	-	13,070
Yukon and Northwest Territories		71	-	71
Alberta	581	3,063	xxxxxx	3,644
Saskatchewan		1,459	xxxxxx	1,459
Manitoba		3,474	xxxxxx	3,474
Ontario		4,004	-	4,004
Quebec		896	-	896
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	11,232	15,386	-	26,618
Points in U.S.A:				
Pacific Ports		4	-	4
Atlantic Ports		153	-	153
Other points, by rail		20,868	xxxxxxx	20,868
Total for U.S.A.		21,025	-	21,025
United Kingdomx		490	930	1,420
Other countriesx		120	25	145
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	11,232	37,021	955	49,208
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				27,235
Total shipments, reported and estimated				76,443
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

November, 1951

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	84,078	5,368	89,446	5,986	3,189	9,175
Hemlock	49,703	806	50,509	-	280	280
Balsam Fir	647	63	710	-	79	79
Red Cedar	15,245	1,259	16,504	120	256	376
Spruce	3,306	307	3,613	4,189	3,933	8,122
White Pine	3,053	5	3,058	329	329	658
Ponderosa Pine	-	3	3	2,327	434	2,761
Lodgepole Pine ...	-	-	-	-	369	369
All other softwoods	25	1	26	100	1,443	1,543
Total, softwoods .	156,057	7,812	163,869	13,051	10,312	23,363
Red Alder	165	147	312	-	1	1
Maple	282	109	391	-	-	-
Birch	104	13	117	-	20	20
Cottonwood	98	92	190	-	4	4
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	649	361	1,010	-	25	25
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	156,706	8,173	164,879	13,051	10,337	23,388
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	36,501	2,811	39,312	22,342	18,854	41,196
Hemlock	18,516	422	18,938	258	1,656	1,914
Balsam Fir	2,838	33	2,871	5	469	474
Red Cedar	20,696	660	21,356	930	1,512	2,442
Spruce	1,480	161	1,641	35,762	23,257	59,019
White Pine	795	3	798	5,215	1,946	7,161
Ponderosa Pine	-	1	1	8,056	2,563	10,619
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	154	2,180	2,334
All other softwoods	783	-	783	4,432	8,537	12,969
Total, softwoods	81,609	4,091	85,700	77,154	60,974	138,128
Red Alder	294	77	371	-	8	8
Maple	116	57	173	-	-	-
Birch	44	7	51	-	113	113
Cottonwood	5	48	53	9	24	33
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	459	189	648	9	145	154
Total, softwoods & hardwoods ..	82,068	4,280	86,348	77,163	61,119	138,282
SOLD & UNSOLD	238,774	12,453	251,227	90,214	71,456	161,670

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

	Month ending -			
	November		October	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
ORDERS ON HAND				
For shipment to points in British Columbia				
Local	12,932	14,536	13,597	13,416
Coastwise and interior	4,432	2,203	4,356	2,740
Total	17,364	16,739	17,953	16,156
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	7,389	10,494	8,728	10,228
Eastern Provinces	34,105	32,237	33,544	28,799
United States of America	30,934	39,466	32,049	40,628
Total	72,428	82,197	74,321	79,655
For waterborne shipment to:				
California	-	1,456	125	650
U.S. Atlantic Ports	1,169	36,091	963	65,583
Eastern Canada	-	525	20	210
Export Markets	606,226	499,037	632,774	494,891
Total	607,395	537,109	633,882	561,334
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	697,187	636,045	726,156	657,145
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
.....	4,123	8,262	5,223	9,264

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

		November		October	
		1951	1950	1951	1950
Coast	No.	109	122	115	125
Interior	No.	166	123	184	141
Total, British Columbia	No.	275	245	299	266

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