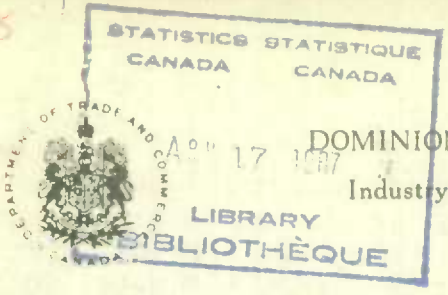


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 272,401 M ft. in February 1951 as compared with 202,202 M ft. in February 1950 an increase of 34.7 p.c. over the previous year but a decrease of 4.7 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 74.7 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 26.2 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 25.3 p.c. showed an increase of 68.1 p.c. Shipments in February 1951 totalled 266,579 M ft. as compared with 202,091 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 31.9 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 23.0 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 72.5 p.c. Total shipments for February decreased by 1.1 p.c. from the January figure of 269,541 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of February 1951 amounted to 417,490 M ft., as compared with 349,673 M ft. at the end of February the previous year and 415,857 M ft. at the end of January of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 276,447 M ft., while Interior mills showed 141,043 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 January and February 1950 and 1951. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 153,730 M ft. in January 1950 to 202,202 M ft. in February 1950 but decreased from 285,910 M ft. in January to 272,401 M ft. in February 1951. Shipments totalled 269,541 M ft. in January 1951 and 266,579 M ft. in February 1951 as compared with 152,769 M ft. in January and 202,091 M ft. in February of 1950. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 347,173 M ft. in January 1950 to 349,673 M ft. in February and increased from 415,857 M ft. in January 1951 to 417,490 M ft. in February 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 200,691 M ft. in February 1951 as compared with 66,550 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 2,683 M ft. in February as compared with 2,477 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 74.7 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in February 1951 as compared with 79.7 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during January 1951 and 1950, respectively, were 76.1 and 83.8 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 trucks, 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 203,826 M ft. in February of 1951 and 210,664 M ft. in January 1951 as compared with 165,705 M ft. in February 1950 and 132,037 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 62,753 M ft. and 36,386 M ft. in February 1951 and 1950 and 58,877 M ft. and 20,732 M ft. in January 1951 and 1950. Of all shipments actually reported for February 34.0 p.c. went to points in Canada, 30.2 p.c. to points in United States, 24.6 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 11.2 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 40.7 p.c. of the total, while 42.9 p.c. went by rail, and 16.4 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 January and February 1951 amounted to 275,995 M ft. and 276,447 M ft. as compared with 229,919 M ft. and 234,925 M ft. in January and February of 1950. Interior mills stocks decreased from 117,254 M ft. in January to 114,748 M ft. in February 1950 but increased from 139,862 M ft. in January to 141,043 M ft. in February 1951. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 27.5 p.c. of the total in February 1951 as compared with 36.8 p.c. in February 1950 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 82.1 and 77.9.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of January and February 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 February 1951 amounted to 558,397 M ft. as compared with 354,228 M ft. in February 1950. Orders on hand at the end of January 1951 and 1950 amounted to 555,544 M ft. and 324,216 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 5,836 M ft. in February 1951 and 4,499 M ft. in February 1950 as compared with 6,539 M ft. in January 1951 and 4,677 M ft. in January 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 February accounted for 84.4 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1948 compared with 85.8 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for January 1950 and 1951 were 88.4 and 84.2 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, February, 1951.

	February		January		2 Months	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir.....	131,261	102,105	138,613	78,636	269,874	180,741
Hemlock	60,084	41,047	67,140	35,236	127,224	76,283
Balsam Fir	1,528	631	1,418	591	2,946	1,222
Red Cedar	25,330	23,460	23,004	16,594	48,334	40,054
Spruce	44,380	27,836	41,027	18,004	85,407	45,840
White Pine	2,756	1,827	5,992	1,834	8,748	3,661
Ponderosa Pine	1,805	1,475	1,921	887	3,726	2,362
Lodgepole Pine	1,204	499	1,279	285	2,483	784
All other softwoods	3,218	2,452	4,930	1,116	8,148	3,568
Total softwoods	271,566	201,332	285,324	153,183	556,890	354,515
Red Alder	403	394	211	321	614	715
Maple	239	246	242	147	481	393
Birch	65	48	44	26	109	74
Cottonwood	128	182	89	53	217	235
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	835	870	586	547	1,421	1,417
Total softwoods and hardwoods	272,401	202,202	285,910	153,730	558,311	355,932
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	80,234	56,055	77,182	36,998	157,416	93,053
Points in U.S.A.	71,352	103,085	95,355	78,908	166,707	181,993
United Kingdom	57,967	810	46,201	68	104,168	878
Other countries	26,497	19,353	19,582	24,729	46,079	44,082
Destination not specified	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total shipments reported ..	236,050	179,303	238,320	140,703	474,370	320,006
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	30,529	22,788	31,221	12,066	61,750	34,854
Total shipments reported and estimated ...	266,579	202,091	269,541	152,769	536,120	354,860
	February		January			
	1951	1950	1951	1950		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
STOCKS ON HAND						
Douglas Fir	194,032	159,459	193,142	165,875		
Hemlock	81,070	60,301	82,976	57,921		
Balsam Fir	1,171	1,927	1,542	2,425		
Red Cedar	31,749	33,120	30,917	27,658		
Spruce	79,915	65,857	72,638	64,824		
White Pine	10,317	7,785	12,626	8,109		
Ponderosa Pine	9,606	10,536	9,245	10,024		
Lodgepole Pine	1,665	1,223	1,839	1,072		
All other softwoods	5,778	8,402	10,206	8,472		
Total softwoods	415,303	348,610	415,131	346,380		
Red Alder	489	442	286	247		
Maple	304	259	210	208		
Birch	98	82	58	90		
Cottonwood	175	275	172	248		
All other hardwoods	1,121	5	-	-		
Total hardwoods	2,187	1,063	726	793		
Total softwoods & hard- woods	417,490	349,673	415,857	347,173		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn

February, 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	105,453	5,426	110,879	9,804	7,149	16,953
Hemlock	55,584	1,786	57,370	1,100	728	1,828
Balsam Fir	591	36	627	618	268	886
Red Cedar	22,565	1,540	24,105	733	487	1,220
Spruce	3,809	757	4,566	20,929	18,731	39,660
White Pine	1,877	46	1,923	365	464	829
Ponderosa Pine	80	29	109	757	932	1,589
Lodgepole Pine	-	2	2	419	696	1,115
All other softwoods ..	360	2	362	1,002	1,281	2,283
Total, softwoods ..	190,319	9,624	199,943	35,727	30,736	66,463
Red Alder	255	143	398	-	5	5
Maple	140	84	224	-	15	15
Birch	10	28	38	-	27	27
Cottonwood	63	25	88	-	40	40
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	468	280	748	-	87	87
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	190,787	9,904	200,691	35,727	30,823	66,550
TIES						
Douglas Fir	1,555	240	1,795	795	839	1,634
Hemlock	808	61	869	13	4	17
Balsam Fir	-	3	3	-	12	12
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	5	5
Spruce	-	16	16	-	138	138
White Pine	-	-	-	-	4	4
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	7	7
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	5	82	87
All other softwoods ..	-	-	-	328	245	573
Total, softwoods ..	2,363	320	2,683	1,141	1,336	2,477
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	2,363	320	2,683	1,141	1,336	2,477
LUMBER AND TIES	193,150	10,224	203,374	36,868	32,159	69,027

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

	By Truck (Local Sales) M ft.b.m.	By Rail M ft.b.m.	Water- borne M ft.b.m.	Total Shipments M ft.b.m.
COAST MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	28,869	2,208	1,081	32,158
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	97	97
Alberta		2,676	xxxxxx	2,676
Saskatchewan		1,422	xxxxxx	1,422
Manitoba		4,210	xxxxxx	4,210
Ontario		9,520	-	9,520
Quebec		3,875	-	3,875
New Brunswick		173	-	173
Nova Scotia		852	-	852
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		103	-	103
Total for Canada	28,869	25,039	1,178	55,086
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		708	1,621	2,329
Atlantic Ports		345	9,891	10,236
Other points, by rail		44,225	xxxxxx	44,225
Total for U.S.A.x		45,278	11,512	56,790
United Kingdomx		944	56,647	57,591
Other countriesx		48	26,449	26,497
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported .	28,869	71,309	95,786	195,964
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				7,862
Total shipments, reported and estimated				203,826
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	9,618	1,931	-	11,549
Yukon and Northwest Territories		47	-	47
Alberta	204	3,061	xxxxxx	3,265
Saskatchewan		1,989	xxxxxx	1,989
Manitoba		3,066	xxxxxx	3,066
Ontario		4,464	-	4,464
Quebec		768	-	768
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	9,822	15,326	-	25,148
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		-	-	-
Atlantic Ports		57	97	154
Other points, by rail ..		14,408	xxxxxx	14,408
Total for U.S.A.x		14,465	97	14,562
United Kingdomx		134	242	376
Other countriesx		-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported .	9,822	29,925	339	40,086
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				22,667
Total shipments, reported and estimated				62,753

x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

February, 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	107,904	5,587	113,491	4,776	2,922	7,698
Hemlock	55,775	1,821	57,596	-	268	268
Balsam Fir	153	38	191	12	102	114
Red Cedar	19,404	1,519	20,923	249	180	429
Spruce	2,986	762	3,748	4,582	6,902	11,484
White Pine	3,778	45	3,823	959	171	1,130
Ponderosa Pine	-	29	29	2,281	343	2,624
Lodgepole Pine	-	2	2	11	285	296
All other softwoods ..	39	2	41	616	558	1,174
Total, softwoods	190,039	9,805	199,844	13,486	11,731	25,217
Red Alder	221	141	362	-	2	2
Maple	151	83	234	-	6	6
Birch	2	28	30	-	10	10
Cottonwood	41	24	65	-	14	14
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	415	276	691	-	32	32
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	190,454	10,081	200,535	13,486	11,763	25,249
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	41,521	2,114	43,635	15,808	13,400	29,208
Hemlock	19,821	689	20,510	1,468	1,228	2,696
Balsam Fir	336	15	351	45	470	515
Red Cedar	6,916	575	7,491	2,081	825	2,906
Spruce	1,936	288	2,224	30,806	31,653	62,459
White Pine	570	17	587	3,992	785	4,777
Ponderosa Pine	38	11	49	5,329	1,575	6,904
Lodgepole Pine	-	1	1	61	1,305	1,366
All other softwoods ..	885	1	886	1,117	2,560	3,677
Total, softwoods	72,023	3,711	75,734	60,707	53,801	114,508
Red Alder	63	54	117	-	8	8
Maple	7	32	39	-	25	25
Birch	3	10	13	-	45	45
Cottonwood	-	9	9	19	68	87
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	1,121	-	1,121
Total, hardwoods ...	73	105	178	1,140	146	1,286
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	72,096	3,816	75,912	61,847	53,947	115,794
SOLD AND UNSOLD .	262,550	13,897	276,447	75,333	65,710	141,043

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

	Month ending -			
	February		January	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
<u>For shipment to points in British Columbia</u>				
Local	14,398	14,940	14,794	9,646
Coastwise and interior	6,486	2,947	3,536	3,056
Total	20,884	17,887	18,330	12,702
<u>For shipment by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces	17,231	19,780	14,777	15,796
Eastern Provinces	39,045	24,781	40,528	20,628
United States of America	47,868	49,074	47,903	46,926
Total	104,144	93,635	103,208	83,350
<u>For waterborne shipment to:</u>				
California	550	431	1,080	413
U.S. Atlantic Ports	14,032	134,153	18,611	153,008
Eastern Canada	2,460	5,784	3,910	5,442
Export Markets	416,327	102,338	410,405	69,301
Total	433,369	242,706	434,006	228,164
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	558,397	354,228	555,544	324,216
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS	5,836	4,499	6,539	4,677

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

	February		January	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Coast	No. 124	94	111	70
Interior	No. 135	74	134	66
Total, British Columbia	No. 259	168	245	136

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

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