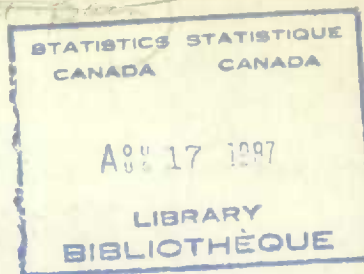




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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

March, 1951

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 272,429 M ft. in March 1951 as compared with 261,977 M ft. in March 1950 an increase of 4.0 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of .01 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 74.7 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 3.9 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 25.3 p.c. showed an increase of 36.1 p.c. Shipments in March 1951 totalled 286,604 M ft., as compared with 259,658 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 10.4 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 6.2 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 28.7 p.c. Total shipments for March increased by 7.5 p.c. over the February figure of 266,579 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of March 1951 amounted to 402,705 M ft., as compared with 348,518 M ft. at the end of March the previous year and 417,490 M ft. at the end of February of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 258,962 M ft., while Interior mills showed 143,743 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 February and March 1950 and 1951. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 202,202 M ft. in February 1950 to 261,977 M ft. in March 1950 and from 272,401 M ft. in February 1951 to 272,429 M ft. in March 1951. Shipments totalled 266,579 M ft. in February 1951 and 286,604 M ft. in March 1951 as compared with 202,091 M ft. in February and 259,658 M ft. in March of 1950. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 349,673 M ft. in February 1950 to 348,518 M ft. in March and decreased from 417,490 M ft. in February 1951 to 402,705 M ft. in March 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 200,260 M ft. in March 1951 as compared with 66,961 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 3,200 M ft. in March as compared with 2,008 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 74.7 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in March 1951 as compared with 80.7 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during February 1951 and 1950 respectively, were 74.7 and 79.7 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 224,125 M ft. in March of 1951 and 203,826 M ft. in February 1951 as compared with 211,108 M ft. in March 1950 and 165,705 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 62,479 M ft. and 48,550 M ft. in March 1951 and 1950 and 62,753 M ft. and 36,386 M ft. in February 1951 and 1950. Of all shipments actually reported for March, 30.1 p.c. went to points in Canada, 30.4 p.c. to points in United States, 26.8 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 12.7 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 44.7 p.c. of the total, while 41.7 p.c. went by rail, and 13.6 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 February and March 1951 amounted to 276,447 M ft. and 258,962 M ft. as compared with 234,925 M ft. and 249,158 M ft. in February and March of 1950. Interior mills stocks decreased from 114,748 M ft. in February to 99,360 M ft. in March 1950 but increased from 141,043 M ft. in February to 143,743 M ft. in March 1951. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 27.1 p.c. of the total in March 1951 as compared with 37.0 p.c. in March 1950 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 73.7 and 69.8.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of February and March 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 March 1951 amounted to 485,803 M ft. as compared with 347,862 M ft. in March 1950. Orders on hand at the end of February 1951 and 1950 amounted to 558,397 M ft. and 354,228 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 6,332 M ft. in March 1951 and 8,739 M ft. in March 1950 as compared with 5,836 M ft. in February 1951 and 4,499 M ft. in February 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 March accounted for 83.2 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1948 compared with 85.1 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for February 1950 and 1951 were 85.8 and 84.4 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, March, 1951.

	March		February		3 Months	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
PRODUCTION	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	130,704	135,854	131,261	102,105	400,578	316,595
Hemlock	62,668	49,919	60,084	41,047	189,892	126,202
Balsam Fir	531	7,668	1,528	631	3,477	8,890
Red Cedar	24,309	27,003	25,330	23,460	x 75,577	67,057
Spruce	44,468	31,411	44,380	27,836	129,875	77,251
White Pine	2,346	2,969	2,756	1,827	11,094	6,630
Ponderosa Pine	2,099	2,053	1,805	1,475	5,825	4,415
Lodgepole Pine	1,233	690	1,204	499	3,716	1,474
All other softwoods	3,355	3,268	3,218	2,452	11,503	6,836
Total softwoods	271,713	260,835	271,566	201,332	x831,537	615,350
Red Alder	322	465	403	394	936	1,180
Maple	208	400	239	246	689	793
Birch	67	96	65	48	176	170
Cottonwood	119	181	128	182	336	416
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	716	1,142	835	870	2,137	2,559
Total softwoods and hardwoods	272,429	261,977	272,401	202,202	x833,674	617,909
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada ...	76,515	87,149	80,234	56,055	233,931	180,202
Points in U.S.A.	77,228	118,113	71,352	103,085	243,935	300,106
United Kingdom	68,172	10,124	57,967	810	172,340	11,002
Other countries	32,417	17,380	26,497	19,353	78,496	61,462
Total shipments reported	254,332	232,766	236,050	179,303	728,702	552,772
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills ...	32,272	26,892	30,529	22,788	94,022	61,746
Total shipments reported and estimated	286,604	259,658	266,579	202,091	822,724	614,518
	March		February			
	1951	1950	1951	1950		
STOCKS ON HAND	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	178,233	165,378	194,032	159,459		
Hemlock	80,816	56,555	81,070	60,301		
Balsam Fir	787	12,004	1,171	1,927		
Red Cedar	32,013	31,455	31,749	33,120		
Spruce	76,608	56,373	79,915	65,857		
White Pine	14,251	6,056	10,317	7,785		
Ponderosa Pine	8,339	10,792	9,606	10,536		
Lodgepole Pine	2,048	972	1,665	1,223		
All other softwoods ...	8,438	7,801	5,778	8,402		
Total softwoods	401,533	347,386	415,303	348,610		
Red Alder	534	451	489	442		
Maple	289	317	304	259		
Birch	182	129	98	82		
Cottonwood	167	230	175	275		
All other hardwoods ..	-	5	1,121	5		
Total hardwoods	1,172	1,132	2,187	1,063		
Total softwoods & hardwoods	402,705	348,518	417,490	349,673		

x Revised.

Table 2.- Lumber and Ties Sawn

March, 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.
LUMBER						
Douglas Fir	103,263	6,086	109,349	9,391	7,569	16,960
Hemlock	58,836	1,740	60,576	1,068	825	1,893
Balsam Fir	149	60	209	106	203	309
Red Cedar	21,779	1,575	23,354	542	407	949
Spruce	3,790	741	4,531	19,835	19,898	39,733
White Pine	1,483	48	1,531	333	479	812
Ponderosa Pine ...	-	28	28	1,110	947	2,057
Lodgepole Pine	-	2	2	373	772	1,145
All other softwoods	74	2	76	412	2,579	2,991
Total, softwoods .	189,374	10,282	199,656	33,170	33,679	66,849
Red Alder	176	141	317	-	5	5
Maple	109	83	192	-	16	16
Birch	5	27	32	7	28	35
Cottonwood	37	26	63	12	44	56
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	327	277	604	19	93	112
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	189,701	10,559	200,260	33,189	33,772	66,961
TIES						
Douglas Fir	2,671	310	2,981	763	651	1,414
Hemlock	125	71	196	-	3	3
Balsam Fir	-	4	4	-	9	9
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	6	6
Spruce	-	19	19	83	102	185
White Pine	-	-	-	-	3	3
Ponderosa Pine ...	-	-	-	-	14	14
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	17	69	86
All other softwoods	-	-	-	24	264	288
Total, softwoods ..	2,796	404	3,200	887	1,121	2,008
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	2,796	404	3,200	887	1,121	2,008
LUMBER AND TIES	192,497	10,963	203,460	34,076	34,893	68,969

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, March, 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	27,366	2,754	1,281	31,401
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	2,817	xxxxx	xxxxx	2,817
Saskatchewan	1,439	xxxxx	xxxxx	1,439
Manitoba	3,291	xxxxx	xxxxx	3,291
Ontario	10,107	-	-	10,107
Quebec	3,885	-	-	3,885
New Brunswick	294	-	-	294
Nova Scotia	886	-	-	886
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	91	-	-	91
Total for Canada	27,366	25,564	1,281	54,211
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	1,132	2,940	4,072	4,072
Atlantic Ports	397	9,440	9,837	9,837
Other points, by rail	48,558	xxxxx	48,558	48,558
Total for U.S.A.	50,087	12,380	62,467	62,467
United Kingdomx	413	66,356	66,769	66,769
Other countriesx	60	32,344	32,404	32,404
Destination or carrier not specified	-	-	-	-
Total shipments reported .	27,366	76,124	112,361	215,851
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	-	-	-	8,274
Total shipments, reported and estimated	-	-	-	224,125
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	7,229	2,191	-	9,420
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	92	2,873	xxxxx	2,965
Saskatchewan	2,131	xxxxx	xxxxx	2,131
Manitoba	2,487	-	-	2,487
Ontario	4,421	-	-	4,421
Quebec	880	-	-	880
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	7,321	14,983	-	22,304
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	-	-	-	-
Atlantic Ports	88	-	-	88
Other points, by rail	14,673	xxxxx	14,673	14,673
Total for U.S.A.	14,761	-	14,761	14,761
United Kingdomx	135	1,268	1,403	1,403
Other countriesx	-	13	13	13
Destination or carrier not specified	-	-	-	-
Total shipments reported	7,321	29,879	1,281	38,481
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	-	-	-	23,998
Total shipments, reported and estimated	-	-	-	62,479

x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

Table 4.- Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

March, 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.
<u>SOLD (but not shipped)</u>						
Douglas Fir	95,654	5,938	101,592	6,849	4,499	11,348
Hemlock	56,978	1,681	58,659	300	453	753
Balsam Fir	100	59	159	-	116	116
Red Cedar	19,568	1,462	21,030	273	226	499
Spruce	2,932	706	3,638	7,201	10,947	18,148
White Pine	2,881	45	2,926	1,014	264	1,278
Ponderosa Pine	-	26	26	2,510	526	3,036
Lodgepole Pine	-	2	2	53	460	513
All other softwoods .	37	1	38	452	1,556	2,008
Total, softwoods ...	178,150	9,920	188,070	18,652	19,047	37,699
Red Alder	326	131	457	-	3	3
Maple	124	77	201	-	9	9
Birch	76	25	101	-	15	15
Cottonwood	33	24	57	-	24	24
All other hardwoods.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	559	257	816	-	51	51
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	178,709	10,177	188,886	18,652	19,098	37,750
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	36,602	2,202	38,804	13,856	12,633	26,489
Hemlock	18,485	624	19,109	1,023	1,272	2,295
Balsam Fir	73	22	95	91	326	417
Red Cedar	7,593	542	8,135	1,714	635	2,349
Spruce	1,974	262	2,236	21,850	30,736	52,586
White Pine	683	17	700	8,606	741	9,347
Ponderosa Pine	-	10	10	3,790	1,477	5,267
Lodgepole Pine	-	1	1	239	1,293	1,532
All other softwoods .	826	1	827	1,197	4,368	5,565
Total, softwoods ...	66,236	3,681	69,917	52,366	53,481	105,847
Red Alder	19	48	67	-	7	7
Maple	26	28	54	-	25	25
Birch	14	9	23	-	43	43
Cottonwood	5	10	15	3	68	71
All other hardwoods.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	64	95	159	3	143	146
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	66,300	3,776	70,076	52,369	53,624	105,993
SOLD AND UNSOLD	245,009	13,953	258,962	71,021	72,722	143,743

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

	Month ending -			
	March		February	
	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	16,518	17,755	14,398	14,940
Coastwise and interior	4,037	2,904	6,486	2,947
Total	20,555	20,659	20,884	17,887
<u>For shipment by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces	15,686	18,898	17,231	19,780
Eastern Provinces	37,583	23,211	39,045	24,781
United States of America	54,216	48,928	47,868	49,074
Total	107,485	91,037	104,144	93,635
<u>For waterborne shipment to:</u>				
California	-	4,370	550	431
U.S. Atlantic Ports	5,365	127,088	14,032	134,153
Eastern Canada	3,910	6,675	2,460	5,784
Export Markets	348,488	98,033	416,327	102,338
Total	357,763	236,166	433,369	242,706
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	485,803	347,862	558,397	354,228
<u>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS</u>				
.....	6,332	8,739	5,836	4,499

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

		March		February	
		1951	1950	1951	1950
Coast	No.	113	111	124	94
Interior	No.	132	91	135	74
Total, British Columbia	No.	245	202	259	168

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

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