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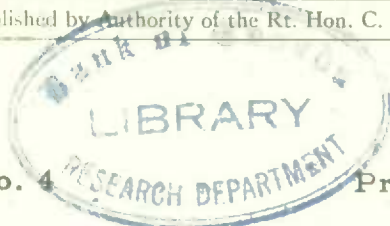
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

APRIL, 1951

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 277,114 M ft. in April 1951 as compared with 228,005 M ft. in April 1950 an increase of 21.5 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 1.7 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 80.8 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 22.2 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 19.2 p.c. showed an increase of 18.7 p.c. Shipments in April 1951 totalled 289,456 M ft., as compared with 239,888 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 20.7 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 13.8 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 60.3 p.c. Total shipments for April increased by 1.0 p.c. over the March figure of 286,604 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of April 1951 amounted to 374,027 M ft., as compared with 334,021 M ft. at the end of April the previous year and 402,705 M ft. at the end of March of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 249,849 M ft., while Interior mills showed 124,178 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 March and April 1950 and 1951. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments, are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 261,977 M ft. in March 1950 to 228,005 M ft. in April 1950 but increased from 272,429 M ft. in March to 277,114 M ft. in April 1951. Shipments totalled 286,604 M ft. in March 1951 and 289,456 M ft. in April 1951 as compared with 259,658 M ft. in March and 239,888 M ft. in April of 1950. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 348,518 M ft. in March 1950 to 334,021 M ft. in April and decreased from 402,705 M ft. in March to 374,027 M ft. in April 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 220,316 M ft. in April 1951 as compared with 50,990 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 3,616 M ft. in April as compared with 2,192 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 80.8 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in April 1951 as compared with 80.3 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during March 1951 and 1950 respectively, were 74.7 and 80.7 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 233,066 M ft. in April of 1951 and 224,125 M ft. in March 1951 as compared with 204,715 M ft. in April 1950 and 211,108 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 56,390 M ft. and 35,173 M ft. in April 1951 and 1950 and 62,479 M ft. and 48,550 M ft. in March 1951 and 1950. Of all shipments actually reported for April, 34.2 p.c. went to points in Canada, 31.3 p.c. to points in United States, 24.4 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 10.1 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 36.7 p.c. of the total, while 47.1 p.c. went by rail, and 16.2 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 March and April 1951 amounted to 258,962 M ft. and 249,849 M ft. as compared with 249,158 M ft. and 234,346 M ft. in March and April of 1950. Interior mills stocks increased from 99,360 M ft. in March to 99,675 M ft. in April 1950 but decreased from 143,743 M ft. in March to 124,178 M ft. in April 1951. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 29.2 p.c. of the total in April 1951 as compared with 30.1 p.c. in April 1950 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 73.6 and 66.4.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of March and April 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 April 1951 amounted to 439,774 M ft. as compared with 367,290 M ft. in April 1950. Orders on hand at the end of March 1951 and 1950 amounted to 485,803 M ft. and 347,862 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 10,851 M ft. in April 1951 and 8,000 M ft. in April 1950 as compared with 6,332 M ft. in March 1951 and 8,739 M ft. in March 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 April accounted for 85.9 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1948 compared with 83.7 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for March 1950 and 1951 were 85.1 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, April, 1951

	April		March		4 Months	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	139,544	123,927	130,704	135,854	540,122	440,522
Hemlock	65,677	42,789	62,668	49,919	255,569	168,991
Balsam Fir	2,393	6,463	531	7,668	5,870	15,353
Red Cedar	27,598	23,191	24,309	27,003	103,175	90,248
Spruce	29,067	23,243	44,468	31,411	158,942	100,494
White Pine	3,584	2,148	2,346	2,969	14,678	8,778
Ponderosa Pine	2,351	1,897	2,099	2,053	8,176	6,312
Lodgepole Pine	1,077	604	1,233	690	4,793	2,078
All other softwoods	4,867	2,669	3,355	3,268	16,370	9,505
Total softwoods	276,158	226,931	271,713	260,835	1,107,695	842,281
Red Alder	461	408	322	465	1,397	1,588
Maple	275	372	208	400	964	1,165
Birch	61	125	67	96	237	295
Cottonwood	159	169	119	181	495	585
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	956	1,074	716	1,142	3,093	3,633
Total softwoods and hardwoods	277,114	228,005	272,429	261,977	1,110,788	845,914
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	88,545	75,598	76,515	87,149	322,476	255,800
Points in U.S.A.	81,160	118,018	77,228	118,113	325,095	418,124
United Kingdom	63,099	11,081	68,172	10,124	235,439	22,083
Other countries	26,197	12,990	32,417	17,380	104,693	74,452
Total shipments reported.	259,001	217,687	254,332	232,766	987,703	770,459
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	30,455	22,201	32,272	26,892	124,477	83,947
Total shipments reported and estimated .	289,456	239,888	286,604	259,658	1,112,180	854,406
	April		March			
	1951	1950	1951	1950		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
STOCKS ON HAND						
Douglas Fir	171,740	163,655	178,233		165,378	
Hemlock	69,906	51,746	80,816		56,555	
Balsam Fir	2,627	11,291	787		12,004	
Red Cedar	32,106	25,677	32,013		31,455	
Spruce	64,292	56,214	76,608		56,373	
White Pine	11,107	6,587	14,251		6,056	
Ponderosa Pine	9,037	8,174	8,339		10,792	
Lodgepole Pine	1,735	1,168	2,048		972	
All other softwoods	10,142	8,407	8,438		7,801	
Total softwoods	372,692	332,919	401,533		347,386	
Red Alder	723	393	534		451	
Maple	322	318	289		317	
Birch	113	127	182		129	
Cottonwood	177	259	167		230	
All other hardwoods	-	5	-		5	
Total hardwoods	1,335	1,102	1,172		1,132	
Total softwoods and hardwoods	374,027	334,021	402,705		348,518	

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn

April, 1951

	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	111,260	7,611	118,871	10,576	5,582	16,158
Hemlock	60,709	2,347	63,056	1,586	577	2,163
Balsam Fir	1,932	45	1,977	179	223	402
Red Cedar	24,003	2,097	26,100	1,197	296	1,493
Spruce	4,758	941	5,699	10,573	12,667	23,240
White Pine	2,658	78	2,736	461	382	843
Ponderosa Pine	5	31	36	1,387	922	2,309
Lodgepole Pine	-	2	2	352	615	967
All other softwoods .	938	2	940	838	2,520	3,358
Total, softwoods ..	206,263	13,154	219,417	27,149	23,784	50,933
Red Alder	298	163	461	-	-	-
Maple	171	104	275	-	-	-
Birch	13	34	47	-	14	14
Cottonwood	87	29	116	6	37	43
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	569	330	899	6	51	57
Total, softwoods and hardwoods .	206,832	13,484	220,316	27,155	23,835	50,990
TIES						
Douglas Fir	2,705	430	3,135	721	659	1,380
Hemlock	349	107	456	-	2	2
Balsam Fir	-	4	4	-	10	10
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	5	5
Spruce	-	21	21	-	107	107
White Pine	-	-	-	2	3	5
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	6	6
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	13	95	108
All other softwoods .	-	-	-	258	311	569
Total, softwoods ..	3,054	562	3,616	994	1,198	2,192
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	3,054	562	3,616	994	1,198	2,192
LUMBER AND TIES	209,886	14,046	223,932	28,149	25,033	53,182

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, April, 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.
<u>COAST MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	35,681	3,069	1,059	39,809
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta		3,850	xxxxxx	3,850
Saskatchewan		1,685	xxxxxx	1,685
Manitoba		5,458	xxxxxx	5,458
Ontario		10,714	-	10,714
Quebec		4,523	507	5,030
New Brunswick		243	-	243
Nova Scotia		1,274	-	1,274
Prince Edward Island		31	-	31
Newfoundland		102	-	102
Total for Canada	35,681	30,949	1,566	68,196
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		885	2,601	3,486
Atlantic Ports		910	2,270	3,180
Other points, by rail		59,095	xxxxxx	59,095
Total for U.S.A.		60,890	4,871	65,761
United Kingdom	x	527	61,976	62,503
Other countries	x	-	26,197	26,197
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	35,681	92,366	94,610	222,657
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				10,409
Total shipments, reported and estimated				233,066
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	6,157	1,469	-	7,626
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	237	3,391	xxxxxx	3,628
Saskatchewan		2,327	xxxxxx	2,327
Manitoba		3,051	xxxxxx	3,051
Ontario		3,170	-	3,170
Quebec		547	-	547
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	6,394	13,955	-	20,349
Points in U.S.A.				
Pacific Ports		-	-	-
Atlantic Ports		64	-	64
Other points, by rail		15,335	xxxxxx	15,335
Total for U.S.A.		15,399	-	15,399
United Kingdom	x	211	385	596
Other countries	x	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	6,394	29,565	385	36,344
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				20,046
Total shipments, reported and estimated				56,390
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills
April, 1951

	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	93,291	6,347	99,638	6,266	3,854	10,120
Hemlock	45,550	1,937	47,487	405	358	763
Balsam Fir	1,664	39	1,703	80	144	224
Red Cedar	17,799	1,655	19,454	451	186	637
Spruce	3,311	759	4,070	6,039	7,888	13,927
White Pine	3,196	62	3,258	1,268	238	1,506
Ponderosa Pine	-	24	24	2,351	573	2,924
Lodgepole Pine	-	2	2	25	438	463
All other softwoods ..	240	2	242	497	1,747	2,244
Total, softwoods ...	165,051	10,827	175,878	17,382	15,426	32,808
Red Alder	392	128	520	-	-	-
Maple	181	82	263	-	-	-
Birch	27	27	54	-	9	9
Cottonwood	36	23	59	-	23	23
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	636	260	896	-	32	32
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	165,687	11,087	176,774	17,382	15,458	32,840
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	35,927	2,623	38,550	12,713	10,719	23,432
Hemlock	18,860	801	19,661	1,000	995	1,995
Balsam Fir	232	16	248	52	400	452
Red Cedar	8,940	684	9,624	1,874	517	2,391
Spruce	1,927	314	2,241	22,115	21,939	44,054
White Pine	1,277	25	1,302	4,380	661	5,041
Ponderosa Pine	-	10	10	4,485	1,594	6,079
Lodgepole Pine	-	1	1	50	1,219	1,269
All other softwoods ..	1,124	1	1,125	1,670	4,861	6,531
Total, softwoods ...	68,287	4,475	72,762	48,339	42,905	91,244
Red Alder	150	53	203	-	-	-
Maple	25	34	59	-	-	-
Birch	15	11	26	-	24	24
Cottonwood	15	10	25	6	64	70
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	205	108	313	6	88	94
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	68,492	4,583	73,075	48,345	42,993	91,338
SOLD AND UNSOLD .	234,179	15,670	249,849	65,727	58,451	124,178

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

		Month ending -			
		April		March	
		1951	1950	1951	1950
		M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
ORDERS ON HAND					
<u>For shipment to points in British Columbia</u>					
Local		15,519	17,439	16,518	17,755
Coastwise and interior		3,712	2,794	4,037	2,904
Total		19,231	20,233	20,555	20,659
<u>For shipment by rail to:</u>					
Prairie Provinces		16,856	19,129	15,686	18,898
Eastern Provinces		38,678	23,722	37,583	23,211
United States of America		42,608	49,757	54,216	48,928
Total		98,142	92,608	107,485	91,037
<u>For waterborne shipment to:</u>					
California		2,869	1,750	-	4,370
U.S. Atlantic Ports		5,046	131,478	5,365	127,088
Eastern Canada		3,351	5,092	3,910	6,675
Export Markets		311,135	116,129	348,488	98,033
Total		322,401	254,449	357,763	236,166
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND		439,774	367,290	485,803	347,862
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS					
.....		10,851	8,000	6,332	8,739

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

		Month ending -			
		April		March	
		1951	1950	1951	1950
Coast	No.	122	123	113	111
Interior	No.	121	69	132	91
Total, British Columbia	No.	243	192	245	202

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