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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
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Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 320,271 M ft. in May 1951 as compared with 291,004 M ft. in May 1950 an increase of 10.1 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 15.6 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 75.4 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 6.6 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 24.6 p.c. showed an increase of 22.3 p.c. Shipments in May 1951 totalled 291,762 M ft., as compared with 294,922 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 1.1 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 3.5 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 8.7 p.c. Total shipments for May increased by 0.8 over the April figure of 289,456 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of May 1951 amounted to 407,056 M ft., as compared with 327,946 M ft. at the end of May the previous year and 374,027 M ft. at the end of April of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 269,145 M ft., while Interior mills showed 137,911 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 April and May 1950 and 1951. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 228,005 M ft. in April 1950 to 291,004 M ft. in May 1950 and from 277,114 M ft. in April to 320,271 M ft. in May 1951. Shipments totalled 289,456 M ft. in April 1951 and 291,762 M ft. in May 1951 as compared with 239,888 M ft. in April and 294,922 M ft. in May of 1950. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 334,021 M ft. in April 1950 to 327,946 M ft. in May but increased from 374,027 M ft. in April 1951 to 407,056 M ft. in May 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 238,351 M ft. in May 1951 as compared with 74,913 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 3,024 M ft. in May as compared with 3,983 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 75.4 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in May 1951 as compared with 77.8 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during April 1951 and 1950 respectively, were 80.8 and 80.3 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 228,270 M ft. in May of 1951 and 233,066 M ft. in April 1951 as compared with 236,537 M ft. in May 1950 and 204,715 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 63,492 M ft. and 58,385 M ft. in May 1951 and 1950 and 56,390 M ft. and 35,173 M ft. in April 1951 and 1950. Of all shipments actually reported for May, 36.9 p.c. went to points in Canada, 28.4 p.c. to points in United States, 28.7 to the United Kingdom and 6.0 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 36.7 p.c. of the total, while 44.4 p.c. went by rail, and 18.9 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 April and May 1951 amounted to 249,849 M ft. and 269,145 M ft. as compared with 234,346 M ft. and 230,131 M ft. in April and May of 1950. Interior mills stocks decreased from 99,675 M ft. in April to 97,815 M ft. in May 1950 but increased from 124,178 M ft. in April to 137,911 M ft. in May 1951. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 31.3 p.c. of the total in May 1951 as compared with 34.1 p.c. in May 1950 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 78.0 and 67.5.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of April and May 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 May 1951 amounted to 399,007 M ft. as compared with 381,727 M ft. in May 1950. Orders on hand at the end of April 1951 and 1950 amounted to 439,774 M ft. and 367,290 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 7,947 M ft. in May 1951 and 8,202 M ft. in May 1950 as compared with 10,851 M ft. in April 1951 and 8,000 M ft. in April 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 May accounted for 82.2 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1949 compared with 82.1 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for April 1950 and 1951 were 83.7 and 85.9 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, May, 1951.

	May		April		5 Months	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
PRODUCTION	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	✓ 166,611	158,307	139,544	123,927	706,733	598,829
Hemlock	✓ 67,161	55,772	65,677	42,789	322,730	224,763
Balsam Fir	1,142	1,099	2,393	6,463	7,012	16,452
Red Cedar	✓ 33,299	26,974	27,598	23,191	136,474	117,222
Spruce	✓ 32,975	30,360	29,067	23,243	191,917	130,854
White Pine	5,852	4,279	3,584	2,148	20,530	13,057
Ponderosa Pine	4,485	6,390	2,351	1,897	12,661	12,702
Lodgepole Pine	1,576	1,043	1,077	604	6,369	3,121
All other softwoods ...	6,365	5,565	4,867	2,669	22,735	15,070
Total softwoods	319,466	289,789	276,158	226,931	1,427,161	1,132,070
Red Alder	285	474	461	408	1,682	2,062
Maple	243	378	275	372	1,207	1,543
Birch	85	147	61	125	322	442
Cottonwood	192	171	159	169	687	756
All other hardwoods ..	-	45	-	-	-	45
Total hardwoods	805	1,215	956	1,074	3,898	4,848
Total softwoods and hardwoods	320,271	291,004	277,114	228,005	1,431,059	1,136,918
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	94,478	89,295	88,545	75,598	416,954	345,095
Points in U.S.A.	72,770	132,024	81,160	118,018	397,865	550,148
United Kingdom	73,375	19,794	63,099	11,081	308,814	41,877
Other countries	15,343	18,469	26,197	12,990	120,036	92,921
Total shipments reported	255,966	259,582	259,001	217,687	1,243,669	1,030,041
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	35,796	35,340	30,455	22,201	160,273	119,287
Total shipments reported and estimated	291,762	294,922	289,456	239,888	1,403,942	1,149,328
	May		April			
	1951	1950	1951	1950		
STOCKS ON HAND	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	193,062	162,579	171,740	163,655		
Hemlock	72,791	57,340	69,906	51,746		
Balsam Fir	1,338	928	2,627	11,291		
Red Cedar	39,399	27,888	32,106	25,677		
Spruce	61,181	46,226	64,292	56,214		
White Pine	14,338	6,907	11,107	6,587		
Ponderosa Pine	10,089	12,126	9,037	8,174		
Lodgepole Pine	2,571	1,538	1,735	1,168		
All other softwoods ..	10,736	11,388	10,142	8,407		
Total softwoods	405,505	326,920	372,692	332,919		
Red Alder	764	425	723	393		
Maple	454	307	322	318		
Birch	161	127	113	127		
Cottonwood	172	167	177	259		
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	5		
Total hardwoods	1,551	1,026	1,335	1,102		
Total softwoods & hardwoods	407,056	327,946	374,027	334,021		

Table 2. -Lumber and Ties Sawn

May, 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	124,464	10,148	134,612	15,380	11,635	27,015
Hemlock	62,652	2,025	64,677	867	775	1,642
Balsam Fir	552	109	661	175	295	470
Red Cedar	28,015	3,130	31,145	1,390	698	2,088
Spruce	4,542	732	5,274	11,510	16,032	27,542
White Pine	826	35	861	3,825	1,154	4,979
Ponderosa Pine	1	-	1	2,737	1,669	4,406
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	158	1,188	1,346
All other softwoods	393	35	428	1,420	3,902	5,322
Total, softwoods	221,445	16,214	237,659	37,462	37,348	74,810
Red Alder	177	103	280	-	5	5
Maple	158	75	233	-	-	-
Birch	10	9	19	-	66	66
Cottonwood	139	21	160	21	11	32
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	484	208	692	21	82	103
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	221,929	16,422	238,351	37,483	37,430	74,913
TIES						
Douglas Fir	1,941	306	2,247	779	1,958	2,737
Hemlock	734	33	767	-	75	75
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	11	11
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	66	66
Spruce	-	-	-	-	159	159
White Pine	-	-	-	60	12	12
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	18	78
Lodgepole Pine ..	-	-	-	-	230	230
All other softwoods	-	-	-	340	275	615
Total, softwoods	2,675	339	3,014	1,179	2,804	3,983
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	10	10	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	10	10	-	-	-
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	2,675	349	3,024	1,179	2,804	3,983
LUMBER & TIES	224,604	16,771	241,375	38,662	40,234	78,896

Table 3.- Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, May, 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	38,984	2,797	1,086	42,867
Yukon and Northwest Territories		4	-	4
Alberta		3,617	xxxxxxx	3,617
Saskatchewan		2,645	xxxxxxx	2,645
Manitoba		3,857	xxxxxxx	3,857
Ontario		10,998	-	10,998
Quebec		4,140	353	4,493
New Brunswick		756	-	756
Nova Scotia		1,045	-	1,045
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		150	-	150
Total for Canada	38,984	30,009	1,439	70,432
Points in U. S. A.:				
Pacific Ports		1,203	3,718	4,921
Atlantic Ports		725	514	1,239
Other points, by rail		53,129	xxxxxxx	53,129
Total for U. S. A.		55,057	4,232	59,289
United Kingdom	x	177	72,448	72,625
Other countries	x	191	15,152	15,343
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	38,984	85,434	93,271	217,689
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				10,581
Total shipments, reported and estimated				228,270
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	9,119	2,059	-	11,178
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	265	3,492	xxxxxxx	3,757
Saskatchewan		2,188	xxxxxxx	2,188
Manitoba		3,340	xxxxxxx	3,340
Ontario		2,949	-	2,949
Quebec		595	-	595
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		39	-	39
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	9,384	14,662	-	24,046
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		16	-	16
Atlantic Ports		89	-	89
Other points, by rail		13,376	xxxxxxx	13,376
Total for U.S.A.		13,481	-	13,481
United Kingdom	x	145	605	750
Other countries	x	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	9,384	28,288	605	38,277
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				25,215
Total shipments, reported and estimated				63,492
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4.- Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

May, 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	96,381	8,006	104,387	7,743	5,235	12,978
Hemlock	49,385	1,576	50,961	38	327	365
Balsam Fir	341	83	424	-	118	118
Red Cedar	19,621	2,397	22,018	101	294	395
Spruce	2,794	561	3,355	3,466	6,235	9,701
White Pine	2,579	27	2,606	431	449	880
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	2,345	650	2,995
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	546	546
All other softwoods	317	27	344	765	1,608	2,373
Total, softwoods	171,418	12,677	184,095	14,889	15,462	30,351
Red Alder	249	79	328	-	2	2
Maple	236	65	301	-	-	-
Birch	24	7	31	-	26	26
Cottonwood	91	16	107	-	4	4
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	600	167	767	-	32	32
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	172,018	12,844	184,862	14,889	15,494	30,383
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	40,115	3,650	43,765	13,406	18,526	31,932
Hemlock	19,213	719	19,932	375	1,158	1,533
Balsam Fir	32	38	70	309	417	726
Red Cedar	13,082	1,093	14,175	1,770	1,041	2,811
Spruce	3,055	256	3,311	22,747	22,067	44,814
White Pine	1,371	12	1,383	7,880	1,589	9,469
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	4,795	2,299	7,094
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	93	1,932	2,025
All other softwoods	1,012	12	1,024	1,301	5,694	6,995
Total, softwoods	77,880	5,780	83,660	52,676	54,723	107,399
Red Alder	391	36	427	-	7	7
Maple	123	30	153	-	-	-
Birch	11	3	14	-	90	90
Cottonwood	22	7	29	17	15	32
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	547	76	623	17	112	129
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	78,427	5,856	84,283	52,693	54,835	107,528
SOLD & UNSOLD	250,445	18,700	269,145	67,582	70,329	137,911

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

	Month ending -			
	May		April	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
For shipment to points in British Columbia				
Local	18,353	18,989	15,519	17,439
Coastwise and interior	3,730	2,703	3,712	2,794
Total	22,083	21,692	19,231	20,233
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	14,862	15,201	16,856	19,129
Eastern Provinces	34,962	22,085	38,678	23,722
United States of America	35,071	46,610	42,608	49,757
Total	84,895	83,896	98,142	92,608
For waterborne shipment to:				
California	310	50	2,869	1,750
U.S. Atlantic Ports	4,421	134,541	5,046	131,478
Eastern Canada	2,540	6,516	3,351	5,092
Export Markets	284,758	135,032	311,135	116,129
Total	292,029	276,139	322,401	254,449
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	399,007	381,727	439,774	367,290
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
.....	7,947	8,202	10,851	8,000

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

		May		April	
		1951	1950	1951	1950
Coast	No.	121	115	122	123
Interior	No.	127	115	121	69
Total, British Columbia	No.	248	230	243	192

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

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