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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIAJULY, 1951

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 299,049 M ft. in July 1951 as compared with 316,577 M ft. in July 1950 a decrease of 5.5 p.c. from the previous year and a decrease of 12.0 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 61.1 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 7.5 p.c. from the same month of the previous year. The Interior mills, which produced the remaining 38.9 p.c. showed an increase of 13.1 p.c. Shipments in July 1951 totalled 292,742 M ft., as compared with 270,705 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 8.1 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 6.0 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 13.1 p.c. Total shipments for July decreased by 3.8 p.c. from the June figure of 304,224 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of July 1951 amounted to 422,388 M ft., as compared with 317,073 M ft. at the end of July the previous year and 410,699 M ft. at the end of June of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 240,202 M ft., while Interior mills showed 182,186 M ft.

Page 4 gives the final estimates of the production of sawn lumber (excluding sawn ties) for British Columbia and east of the Rockies by months for 1949 and revised estimates for 1950. The estimates for 1950 have been revised on the basis of the corrected 1949 figures. Similar revised monthly estimates of sawn lumber production for all provinces (except Newfoundland), are contained in the June issue of the Monthly report entitled "Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies".

Summary Figures

Table 1 gives a comparative summary of production, shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills for June and July 1950 and 1951. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 325,708 M ft. in June 1950 to 316,577 M ft. in July 1950 and from 339,809 M ft. in June to 299,049 M ft. in July 1951. Shipments totalled 304,224 M ft. in June 1951 and 292,742 M ft. in July 1951 as compared with 330,463 M ft. in June and 270,705 M ft. in July of 1950. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 322,069 M ft. in June 1950 to 317,073 M ft. in July but increased from 410,699 M ft. in June 1951 to 422,388 M ft. in July 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

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ties, by species. Production of sawn lumber in Coast mills amounted to 180,242 M ft. in July 1951 as compared with 112,363 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 2,572 M ft. in July as compared with 3,872 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 61.1 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in July 1951 as compared with 62.4 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during June 1951 and 1950 respectively, were 68.0 and 70.4 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 199,738 M ft. in July of 1951 and 224,440 M ft. in June 1951 as compared with 188,503 M ft. in July 1950 and 248,739 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 93,004 M ft. and 82,202 M ft. in July 1951 and 1950 and 79,784 M ft. and 81,724 M ft. in June 1951 and 1950. Of all shipments actually reported for July, 37.1 p.c. went to points in Canada, 27.0 p.c. to points in United States, 24.5 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 11.4 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 37.8 p.c. of the total, while 43.6 p.c. went by rail, and 18.6 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 June and July 1951 amounted to 269,481 M ft. and 240,202 M ft. as compared with 212,249 M ft. and 224,615 M ft. in June and July of 1950. Interior mills stocks decreased from 109,820 M ft. in June to 92,458 M ft. in July 1950 but increased from 141,218 M ft. in June to 182,186 M ft. in July 1951. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 34.8 p.c. of the total in July 1951 as compared with 34.2 p.c. in July 1950 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 83.3 and 77.0.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of June and July 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 July 1951 amounted to 821,705 M ft. as compared with 420,006 M ft. in July 1950. Orders on hand at the end of June 1951 and 1950 amounted to 587,265 M ft. and 355,581 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 4,325 M ft. in July 1951 and 9,452 M ft. in July 1950 as compared with 7,225 M ft. in June 1951 and 9,667 M ft. in June 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 July accounted for 76.0 p.c.

of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1949 compared with 70.7 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for June 1950 and 1951 were 77.3 and 77.4 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.

Final estimates of Canadian production of sawn lumber by months,
for 1949, and revised estimates for 1950.

Month	1949					1950				
	British Columbia			East of Rockies	Total Canadax	British Columbia			East of Rockies	Total Canadax
	Coast	Interior	Total			Coast	Interior	Total		
January	156,764	44,458	201,222	171,808	373,030	128,101	28,477	156,578	139,348	295,926
February	150,244	45,155	195,399	205,912	401,311	160,962	45,954	206,916	204,611	411,527
March	181,373	59,665	241,038	235,104	476,142	209,751	56,330	266,081	232,805	498,886
April	166,206	43,961	210,167	139,321	349,488	181,129	49,369	230,498	123,246	353,744
May	187,242	67,529	254,771	336,409	591,180	224,276	72,299	296,575	254,642	551,217
June	191,466	92,323	283,789	479,449	763,238	226,560	93,947	320,507	461,599	782,106
July	152,979	85,142	238,121	420,911	659,032	196,291	115,338	311,629	462,222	773,851
August	200,302	90,558	290,860	352,732	643,592	239,535	123,021	362,556	410,838	773,394
September	192,187	78,658	270,845	256,323	527,168	235,520	111,233	346,753	296,233	642,986
October	197,841	61,719	259,560	157,416	416,976	238,607	109,935	348,542	206,909	555,451
November	210,342	66,655	276,997	67,300	344,297	251,494	72,710	324,204	94,517	418,721
December	185,242	43,172	228,414	103,292	331,706	197,237	77,868	275,105	123,491	398,596
Total	2,172,188	778,995	2,951,183	2,925,977	5,877,160	2,489,463	956,481	3,445,944	3,010,461	6,456,405

x Production in the Yukon and N.W.T. (4,223 M ft.b.m.) and Newfoundland (34,060 M ft.b.m.) not included in the 1949 total; 1950 quantities not yet available.

Table 1.-Comparative Summary of Production, Shipments and Stocks of Lumber and Ties of British Columbia Sawmills, July, 1951.

	July		June		7 Months	
	1951	1950x	1951	1950x	1951	1950x
PRODUCTION_x	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	146,789	156,776	174,571	✓167,579	1,028,093	933,393
Hemlock	55,577	55,059	58,983	✓60,294	437,290	341,192
Balsam Fir	1,229	1,786	686	1,495	8,927	20,064
Red Cedar	19,998	20,920	29,292	✓28,107	185,764	167,023
Spruce	54,574	56,290	51,864	✓45,604	298,355	250,674
White Pine	4,060	6,915	5,961	4,101	30,551	24,770
Ponderosa Pine	5,403	6,779	5,733	7,664	23,797	29,191
Lodgepole Pine	2,358	1,896	2,234	1,819	10,961	7,278
All other softwoods	8,378	9,072	9,084	7,935	40,197	33,980
Total softwoods	298,366	315,493	338,408	324,598	2,063,935	1,807,565
Red Alder	277	337	531	284	2,490	2,683
Maple	211	316	426	325	1,844	2,184
Birch	77	63	163	63	562	577
Cottonwood	118	356	281	336	1,086	1,487
All other hardwoods	-	12	-	102	-	159
Total hardwoods	683	1,084	1,401	1,110	5,982	7,090
Total Production	299,049	316,577	339,809	325,708	2,069,917	1,814,655
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	91,745	83,052	97,343	100,491	606,042	528,638
Points in U.S.A.	66,832	105,167	76,403	146,256	541,100	801,571
United Kingdom	60,591	21,044	65,302	18,742	434,707	81,663
Other countries	28,120	13,673	21,220	20,879	169,376	127,473
Shipments reported	247,288	222,936	260,268	286,368	1,751,225	1,539,345
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	45,454	47,769	43,956	44,095	249,683	211,151
Total shipments	292,742	270,705	304,224	330,463	2,000,908	1,750,496
	July		June			
	1951	1950	1951	1950		
STOCKS ON HAND	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	✓181,992	156,062	187,601	151,317		
Hemlock	✓68,870	58,005	75,722	55,438		
Balsam Fir	2,044	1,802	750	1,768		
Red Cedar	✓38,101	24,381	41,415	25,670		
Spruce	✓87,911	43,201	68,455	52,330		
White Pine	11,454	12,138	9,402	7,289		
Ponderosa Pine	12,626	10,266	11,055	16,185		
Lodgepole Pine	3,189	1,279	2,422	1,709		
All other softwoods	14,159	8,835	11,488	9,411		
Total softwoods	420,346	315,969	408,310	321,117		
Red Alder	992	371	1,061	319		
Maple	627	316	699	350		
Birch	206	105	289	95		
Cottonwood	217	312	340	188		
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-		
Total hardwoods	2,042	1,104	2,389	952		
Total Stocks	422,388	317,073	410,699	322,069		

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Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn

July, 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.....	99,009	5,350	104,359	20,919	16,926	37,845
Hemlock	51,203	1,081	52,284	1,145	1,042	2,187
Balsam Fir	565	56	621	97	501	598
Red Cedar.....	16,555	1,131	17,686	1,159	1,093	2,252
Spruce.....	2,737	435	3,172	22,354	28,903	51,257
White Pine	1,422	12	1,434	773	1,846	2,619
Ponderosa Pine...	-	-	-	2,980	2,406	5,386
Lodgepole Pine ...	-	-	-	474	1,665	2,139
All other softwoods	64	8	72	2,295	5,724	8,019
Total, softwoods.	171,555	8,073	179,628	52,196	60,106	112,302
Red Alder.....	90	179	269	-	8	8
Maple.....	2	201	203	-	-	-
Birch	1	33	34	-	43	43
Cottonwood.....	-	108	108	-	10	10
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	93	521	614	-	61	61
Total, softwoods and hardwoods..	171,648*	8,594	180,242	52,196	60,167	112,363
TIES						
Douglas Fir.....	1,201	317	1,518	1,327	1,740	3,067
Hemlock	1,018	28	1,046	-	60	60
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	10	10
Red Cedar.....	-	-	-	-	60	60
Spruce.....	-	-	-	-	145	145
White Pine	-	-	-	-	7	7
Ponderosa Pine...	-	-	-	-	17	17
Lodgepole Pine ...	-	-	-	-	219	219
All other softwoods	-	-	-	2	285	287
Total, softwoods.	2,219	345	2,564	1,329	2,543	3,872
Red Alder.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple.....	-	8	8	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	8	8	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods...	2,219	353	2,572	1,329	2,543	3,872
LUMBER & TIES	173,867	8,947	182,814	53,525	62,710	116,235

Table 3.- Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, July, 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	33,362	1,636	1,075	36,073
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta		1,930	xxxxxxx	1,930
Saskatchewan		1,943	xxxxxxx	1,943
Manitoba		2,867	xxxxxxx	2,867
Ontario		9,716	-	9,716
Quebec		3,180	2,255	5,435
New Brunswick		243	54	297
Nova Scotia		567	-	567
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		25	-	25
Total for Canada	33,362	22,107	3,384	58,853
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		767	1,618	2,385
Atlantic Ports		1,075	3,287	4,362
Other points, by rail		40,234	xxxxxxx	40,234
Total for U. S. A.		42,076	4,905	46,981
United Kingdom	x	1,642	57,567	59,209
Other countries	x	1,548	26,449	27,997
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	33,362	67,373	92,305	193,040
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				6,698
Total shipments, reported and estimated				199,738
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	11,928	2,354	-	14,282
Yukon and Northwest Territories		72	-	72
Alberta	750	4,388	xxxxxxx	5,138
Saskatchewan		4,547	xxxxxxx	4,547
Manitoba		3,158	xxxxxxx	3,158
Ontario		4,860	-	4,860
Quebec		734	-	734
New Brunswick		101	-	101
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	12,678	20,214	-	32,892
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		5	-	5
Atlantic Ports		88	-	88
Other points, by rail		19,758	xxxxxxx	19,758
Total for U. S. A.		19,851	-	19,851
United Kingdom	x	284	1,098	1,382
Other countries	x	45	78	123
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	12,678	40,394	1,176	54,248
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				38,756
Total shipments, reported and estimated				93,004

x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

July, 1951.

Species	COAST MILLS			INTERIOR MILLS		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
	Mft. b.m.	M ft. b.m.	M ft. b.m.	Mft. b.m.	M ft. b.m.	Mft. b.m.
<u>SOLD (but not shipped)</u>						
Douglas Fir	79,151	4,858	84,009	5,950	4,878	10,828
Hemlock	47,145	951	48,096	150	288	438
Balsam Fir	189	48	237	2	134	136
Red Cedar	16,486	969	17,455	150	301	451
Spruce	1,780	373	2,153	4,504	7,591	12,095
White Pine	3,592	10	3,602	223	484	707
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	2,557	633	3,190
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	96	492	588
All other softwoods	61	7	68	356	1,571	1,927
Total, softwoods..	148,404	7,216	155,620	13,988	16,372	30,360
Red Alder	357	153	510	-	2	2
Maple	210	179	389	-	-	-
Birch	30	28	58	-	11	11
Cottonwood	40	93	133	-	3	3
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods.	637	453	1,090	-	16	16
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	149,041	7,669	156,710	13,988	16,388	30,376
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	40,884	2,588	43,472	19,304	24,379	43,683
Hemlock	17,207	506	17,713	1,184	1,439	2,623
Balsam Fir	900	26	926	77	668	745
Red Cedar	16,047	517	16,564	2,125	1,506	3,631
Spruce	1,933	199	2,132	33,592	37,939	71,531
White Pine	900	5	905	3,820	2,420	6,240
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	6,271	3,165	9,436
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	141	2,460	2,601
All other softwoods	929	3	932	3,384	7,848	11,232
Total, softwoods..	78,800	3,844	82,644	69,898	81,824	151,722
Red Alder	388	82	470	-	10	10
Maple	142	96	238	-	-	-
Birch	66	15	81	-	56	56
Cottonwood	10	49	59	9	13	22
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	606	242	848	9	79	88
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	79,406	4,086	83,492	69,907	81,903	151,810
SOLD AND UNSOLD	228,447	11,755	240,202	83,895	98,291	182,186

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

		Month ending -			
		July		June	
		1951	1950	1951	1950
		M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
ORDERS ON HAND					
For shipment to points in British Columbia					
Local		15,590	14,120	15,186	15,858
Coastwise and interior		4,337	3,797	4,803	2,248
Total		19,927	17,917	19,989	18,106
For shipment by rail to:					
Prairie Provinces		12,413	14,476	12,725	12,488
Eastern Provinces		27,203	22,946	28,813	23,044
United States of America		35,133	50,722	36,903	51,464
Total		74,749	88,144	78,441	86,996
For waterborne shipment to:					
California		98	3,287	676	2,796
U. S. Atlantic Ports		1,138	151,273	1,933	114,948
Eastern Canada		-	4,307	485	5,292
Export Markets		725,793	155,078	485,741	127,443
Total		727,029	313,945	488,835	250,479
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND		821,705	420,006	587,265	355,581
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS					
		4,325	9,452	7,225	9,667

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

		July		June	
		1951	1950	1951	1950
Coast	No.	121	132	124	128
Interior	No.	163	141	160	154
Total, British Columbia	No.	284	273	284	282

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

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