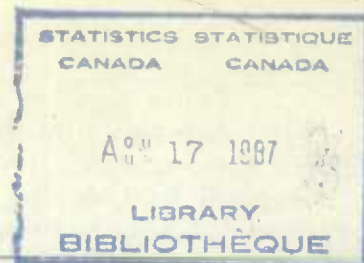




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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

August, 1951

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 296,577 M ft. in August 1951 as compared with 367,005 M ft. in August 1950 a decrease of 19.2 p.c. from the previous year and a decrease of 0.8 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 62.3 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 23.3 p.c. from the same month of the previous year. The Interior mills, which produced the remaining 37.7 p.c. showed a decrease of 11.2 p.c. Shipments in August 1951 totalled 287,899 M ft., as compared with 316,049 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 8.9 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 16.3 p.c. but Interior mills an increase of 12.4 p.c. Total shipments for August decreased by 1.7 p.c. from the July figure of 292,742 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of August 1951 amounted to 386,377 M ft., as compared with 346,609 M ft. at the end of August the previous year and 422,388 M ft. at the end of July of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 233,717 M ft., while Interior mills showed 152,660 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 July and August 1950 and 1951. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 316,577 M ft. in July 1950 to 367,005 M ft. in August 1950 but decreased from 299,049 M ft. in July to 296,577 M ft. in August 1951. Shipments totalled 292,742 M ft. in July 1951 and 287,899 M ft. in August 1951 as compared with 270,705 M ft. in July and 316,049 M ft. in August of 1950. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 317,073 M ft. in July 1950 to 346,609 M ft. in August but decreased from 422,388 M ft. in July 1951 to 386,377 M ft. in August 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 183,009 M ft. in August 1951 as compared with 108,622 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,841 M ft. in August as compared with 3,105 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 62.3 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in August 1951 as compared with 65.7 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during July 1951 and 1950 respectively, were 61.1 and 62.4 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 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 196,417 M ft. in August of 1951 and 199,738 M ft. in July, 1951 as compared with 234,702 M ft. in August, 1950 and 188,503 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 91,482 M ft. and 81,347 M ft. in August, 1951 and 1950 and 93,004 M ft. and 82,202 M ft. in July, 1951 and 1950. Of all shipments actually reported for August, 37.6 p.c. went to points in Canada, 29.8 p.c. to points in United States, 23.4 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 9.2 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 33.8 p.c. of the total, while 45.7 p.c. went by rail, and 20.5 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 July and August, 1951 amounted to 240,202 M ft. and 233,717 M ft. as compared with 224,615 M ft. and 228,293 M ft. in July and August of 1950. Interior mills stocks increased from 92,458 M ft. in July to 118,316 M ft. in August, 1950 but decreased from 182,186 M ft. in July to 152,660 M ft. in August, 1951. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 32.8 p.c. of the total in August, 1951 as compared with 31.8 p.c. in August, 1950 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills, the percentages were, respectively, 82.4 and 73.8.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of July and August, 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 August, 1951 amounted to 837,023 M ft. as compared with 471,612 M ft. in August, 1950. Orders on hand at the end of July, 1951 and 1950 amounted to 821,705 M ft. and 420,006 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 2,437 M ft. in August, 1951 and 10,010 M ft. in August, 1950 as compared with 4,325 M ft. in July, 1951 and 9,452 M ft. in July, 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 August accounted for 77.2 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1949 compared with 72.7 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for July, 1950 and 1951 were 70.7 and 76.0 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, August, 1951.

	August		July		8 Months	
	1951	1950x	1951	1950x	1951	1950x
PRODUCTION _x	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir.....	143,321	176,244	146,789	156,776	1,171,414	1,109,637
Hemlock.....	52,976	72,235	55,577	55,059	490,266	413,427
Balsam Fir.....	734	2,483	1,229	1,786	9,661	22,547
Red Cedar.....	23,544	27,239	19,998	20,920	209,308	194,262
Spruce.....	55,004	63,952	54,574	56,290	353,359	314,626
White Pine.....	3,817	5,895	4,060	6,915	34,368	30,665
Ponderosa Pine.....	5,812	4,580	5,403	6,779	29,609	33,771
Lodgepole Pine.....	1,853	2,230	2,358	1,896	12,814	9,508
All other softwoods.....	8,447	11,058	8,378	9,072	48,644	45,038
Total softwoods.....	295,508	365,916	298,366	315,493	2,359,443	2,173,481
Red Alder.....	364	481	277	337	2,854	3,164
Maple.....	406	358	211	316	2,250	2,542
Birch.....	136	88	77	63	698	665
Cottonwood.....	159	162	118	356	1,245	1,649
All other hardwoods.....	4	-	-	12	4	159
Total hardwoods.....	1,069	1,089	683	1,084	7,051	8,179
Total Production.....	296,577	367,005	299,049	316,577	2,366,494	2,181,660
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada....	88,703	83,806	91,745	83,052	694,745	612,444
Points in U.S.A.	70,481	141,561	66,832	105,167	611,581	943,132
United Kingdom.....	55,169	18,731	60,591	21,044	489,876	100,394
Other countries.....	21,827	25,342	28,120	13,673	191,203	152,815
Shipments reported.....	236,180	269,440	247,288	222,936	1,987,405	1,808,785
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills....	51,719	46,609	45,454	47,769	301,402	257,760
Total shipments.....	287,899	316,049	292,742	270,705	2,288,807	2,066,545
	August		July			
	1951	1950	1951	1950		
STOCKS ON HAND	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir.....	176,910	164,634	181,992	156,062		
Hemlock.....	61,104	59,604	68,870	58,005		
Balsam Fir.....	800	1,460	2,044	1,802		
Red Cedar.....	34,892	25,566	38,101	24,381		
Spruce.....	73,610	57,791	87,911	43,201		
White Pine.....	9,787	12,392	11,454	12,138		
Ponderosa Pine.....	12,402	12,070	12,626	10,266		
Lodgepole Pine.....	2,302	1,994	3,189	1,279		
All other softwoods.....	12,389	9,909	14,159	8,835		
Total softwoods.....	384,196	345,420	420,346	315,969		
Red Alder.....	1,103	429	992	371		
Maple.....	597	427	627	361		
Birch.....	285	114	206	105		
Cottonwood.....	190	217	217	316		
All other hardwoods.....	6	2	-	-		
Total hardwoods.....	2,181	1,189	2,042	1,104		
Total Stocks.....	386,377	346,609	422,388	317,073		

x Revised

Table 2.- Lumber and Ties Sawn

August, 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	98,583	6,467	105,050	19,661	14,591	34,252
Hemlock	48,028	1,212	49,240	1,970	1,291	3,261
Balsam Fir	73	61	134	179	410	589
Red Cedar	20,460	1,261	21,721	833	990	1,823
Spruce	4,163	438	4,601	22,112	28,213	50,325
White Pine	1,300	5	1,305	1,146	1,361	2,507
Ponderosa Pine ...	2	-	2	4,089	1,707	5,796
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	257	1,466	1,723
All other softwoods	3	1	4	2,849	5,386	8,235
Total, softwoods	172,612	9,445	182,057	53,096	55,415	108,511
Red Alder	166	191	357	-	7	7
Maple	183	217	400	-	-	-
Birch	6	36	42	-	94	94
Cottonwood	30	119	149	-	10	10
All other hardwoods	4	-	4	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	389	563	952	-	111	111
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	173,001	10,008	183,009	53,096	55,526	108,622
TIES						
Douglas Fir	1,263	153	1,416	1,157	1,446	2,603
Hemlock	405	14	419	-	56	56
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	11	11
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	78	78
White Pine	-	-	-	-	5	5
Ponderosa Pine ...	-	-	-	-	14	14
Lodgepole Pine ...	-	-	-	3	127	130
All other softwoods	-	-	-	63	145	208
Total, softwoods	1,668	167	1,835	1,223	1,882	3,105
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	6	6	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	6	6	-	-	-
Total softwoods and hardwoods	1,668	173	1,841	1,223	1,882	3,105
LUMBER & TIES	174,669	10,181	184,850	54,319	57,408	111,727

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, August, 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: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	33,469	3,125	1,458	38,052
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta		2,664	xxxxxx	2,664
Saskatchewan		1,740	xxxxxx	1,740
Manitoba		2,642	xxxxxx	2,642
Ontario		6,293	-	6,293
Quebec		2,249	-	2,249
New Brunswick		255	-	255
Nova Scotia		380	-	380
Prince Edward Island		25	-	25
Newfoundland		165	-	165
Total for Canada	33,469	19,538	1,458	54,465
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		713	20	733
Atlantic Ports		978	1,841	2,819
Other points, by rail		47,141	xxxxxx	47,141
Total for U.S.A.		48,832	1,861	50,693
United Kingdomx		232	53,691	53,923
Other countriesx		27	21,789	21,816
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported.	33,469	68,629	78,799	180,897
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				15,520
Total shipments, reported and estimated				196,417
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia.....	14,143	1,952	-	16,095
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta.....	851	4,938	xxxxxx	5,789
Saskatchewan.....		4,121	xxxxxx	4,121
Manitoba.....		3,051	xxxxxx	3,051
Ontario.....		4,415	-	4,415
Quebec		744	-	744
New Brunswick		23	-	23
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island.....		-	-	-
Newfoundland.....		-	-	-
Total for Canada	14,994	19,244	-	34,238
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		-	-	-
Atlantic Ports		307	-	307
Other points, by rail		19,481	xxxxxx	19,481
Total for U.S.A.		19,788	-	19,788
United Kingdom.....x		305	941	1,246
Other countriesx		11	-	11
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported.....	14,994	39,348	941	55,283
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				36,199
Total shipments, reported and estimated				91,482
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

August, 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	84,703	5,622	90,325	5,952	3,852	9,804
Hemlock	42,118	1,042	43,160	555	324	879
Balsam Fir.....	127	52	179	-	101	101
Red Cedar	14,367	1,072	15,439	133	238	371
Spruce	3,019	372	3,391	2,592	6,795	9,387
White Pine	3,314	4	3,318	219	328	547
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	2,828	413	3,241
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	383	383
All other softwoods	18	1	19	768	1,328	2,096
Total, softwoods	147,666	8,165	155,831	13,047	13,762	26,809
Red Alder	402	162	564	-	2	2
Maple	184	189	373	-	-	-
Birch	85	31	116	-	23	23
Cottonwood	17	101	118	-	2	2
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	688	483	1,171	-	27	27
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	148,354	8,648	157,002	13,047	13,789	26,836
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	38,432	2,747	41,179	17,542	18,060	35,602
Hemlock	14,464	509	14,973	575	1,517	2,092
Balsam Fir	15	25	40	6	474	480
Red Cedar	16,105	523	16,628	1,339	1,115	2,454
Spruce	1,620	182	1,802	27,170	31,860	59,030
White Pine	859	2	861	3,523	1,538	5,061
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	7,222	1,939	9,161
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	125	1,794	1,919
All other softwoods	382	1	383	3,662	6,229	9,891
Total, softwoods	71,877	3,989	75,866	61,164	64,526	125,690
Red Alder	450	79	529	-	8	8
Maple	132	92	224	-	-	-
Birch	25	15	40	-	106	106
Cottonwood	-	50	50	9	11	20
All other hardwoods	6	-	6	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	613	236	849	9	125	134
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	72,490	4,225	76,715	61,173	64,651	125,824
SOLD & UNSOLD	220,844	12,873	233,717	74,220	78,440	152,660

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

		Month ending -			
		August		July	
		1951	1950	1951	1950
		M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
ORDERS ON HAND					
For shipment to points in British Columbia					
Local		15,003	13,383	15,590	14,120
Coastwise and interior		4,707	4,088	4,337	3,797
Total		19,710	17,471	19,927	17,917
For shipment by rail to:					
Prairie Provinces		11,112	11,004	12,413	14,476
Eastern Provinces		24,950	21,968	27,203	22,946
United States of America		32,494	57,401	35,133	50,722
Total		68,556	90,373	74,749	88,144
For waterborne shipment to:					
California		1,000	3,790	98	3,287
U.S. Atlantic Ports		2,168	162,680	1,138	151,273
Eastern Canada		-	4,579	-	4,307
Export Markets		745,589	192,719	725,793	155,078
Total		748,757	363,768	727,029	313,945
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND		837,023	471,612	821,705	420,006
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS					
.....		2,437	10,010	4,325	9,452

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

		August		July	
		1951	1950	1951	1950
Coast	No.	108	118	121	132
Interior	No.	170	142	163	141
Total, British Columbia	No.	278	260	284	273

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

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