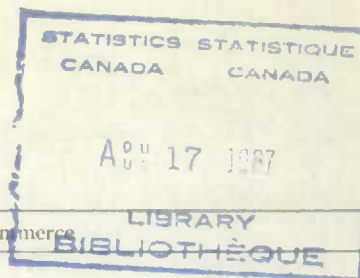




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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 265,282 M ft. in September, 1951 as compared with 352,300 M ft. in September, 1950 a decrease of 24.7 p.c. from the previous year and a decrease of 10.6 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 64.3 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 28.1 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 35.7 p.c. showed a decrease of 17.7 p.c. Shipments in September, 1951 totalled 248,539 M ft., as compared with 316,615 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 21.5 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 28.1 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 4.8 p.c. Total shipments for September decreased by 13.7 p.c. from the August figure of 287,899 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of September, 1951 amounted to 393,150 M ft., as compared with 356,857 M ft. at the end of September the previous year and 386,377 M ft. at the end of August of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 230,965 M ft., while Interior mills showed 162,185 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 August and September, 1950 and 1951. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 367,005 M ft. in August, 1950 to 352,300 M ft. in September, 1950 and from 296,577 M ft. in August to 265,282 M ft. in September, 1951. Shipments totalled 287,899 M ft. in August 1951 and 248,539 M ft. in September, 1951 as compared with 316,049 M ft. in August and 316,615 M ft. in September of 1950. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 346,609 M ft. in August, 1950 to 356,857 M ft. in September and increased from 386,377 M ft. in August, 1951 to 393,150 M ft. in September 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 167,221 M ft. in September, 1951 as compared with 92,066 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 3,464 M ft. in September as compared with 2,531 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 64.3 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in September, 1951 as compared with 67.4 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during August, 1951 and 1950 respectively, were 62.3 and 65.7 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 162,892 M ft. in September of 1951 and 196,417 M ft. in August, 1951 as compared with 226,654 M ft. in September, 1950 and 234,702 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 85,647 M ft. and 89,961 M ft. in September, 1951 and 1950 and 91,482 M ft. and 81,347 M ft. in August, 1951 and 1950. Of all shipments actually reported for September, 38.3 p.c. went to points in Canada, 31.5 p.c. to points in United States, 20.0 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 10.2 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 31.7 p.c. of the total, while 47.9 p.c. went by rail, and 20.4 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 August and September, 1951 amounted to 233,717 M ft. and 230,965 M ft. as compared with 228,293 M ft. and 232,926 M ft. in August and September of 1950. Interior mills stocks increased from 118,316 M ft. in August to 123,931 M ft. in September, 1950 and increased from 152,660 M ft. in August to 162,185 M ft. in September, 1951. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 31.8 p.c. of the total in September, 1951 as compared with 32.6 p.c. in September, 1950 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 81.0 and 78.8.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of August and September, 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 September, 1951 amounted to 783,350 M ft. as compared with 530,261 M ft. in September, 1950. Orders on hand at the end of August, 1951 and 1950 amounted to 837,023 M ft. and 471,612 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 3,148 M ft. in September, 1951 and 9,934 M ft. in September, 1950 as compared with 2,437 M ft. in August, 1951 and 10,010 M ft. in August, 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 September accounted for 78.2 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1949 compared with 75.6 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for August, 1950 and 1951 were 72.7 and 77.2 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, September, 1951.

	September		August		9 Months	
	1951	1950*	1951	1950*	1951	1950*
PRODUCTION*	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	132,575	✓ 179,307	143,321	✓ 176,244	1,303,989	1,288,944
Hemlock	40,959	✓ 60,431	52,976	✓ 72,235	531,225	473,858
Balsam Fir	1,240	3,490	734	2,483	10,901	26,037
Red Cedar	26,483	✓ 27,673	23,544	✓ 27,239	235,791	221,935
Spruce	46,859	✓ 60,911	55,004	✓ 63,952	400,218	375,537
White Pine	3,899	3,787	3,817	5,895	38,267	34,452
Ponderosa Pine	3,962	4,363	5,812	4,580	33,571	38,134
Lodgepole Pine	1,685	1,896	1,853	2,230	14,499	11,404
All other softwoods	6,713	9,450	8,447	11,058	55,357	54,488
Total softwoods	264,375	351,308	295,508	365,916	2,623,818	2,524,789
Red Alder	313	406	364	481	3,167	3,570
Maple	337	305	406	358	2,587	2,847
Birch	121	97	136	88	819	762
Cottonwood	136	184	159	162	1,381	1,833
All other hardwoods	-	-	4	-	4	159
Total hardwoods	907	✓ 992	1,069	✓ 1,089	7,958	9,171
Total Production	265,282	352,300	296,577	367,005	2,631,776	2,533,960
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada ..	80,233	91,684	88,703	83,806	774,978	704,128
Points in U.S.A.	65,844	144,046	70,481	141,561	677,425	1,087,178
United Kingdom	41,971	12,612	55,169	18,731	531,847	113,006
Other countries	21,356	20,477	21,827	25,342	212,559	173,292
Shipments reported	209,404	268,819	236,180	269,440	2,196,809	2,077,604
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills ..	39,135	47,796	51,719	46,609	340,537	305,556
Total shipments	248,539	316,615	287,899	316,049	2,537,346	2,383,160
STOCKS ON HAND						
	September	1950	September	August	1951	1950
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	✓ 170,239	169,795	✓ 176,910	164,634		
Hemlock	✓ 63,713	59,097	✓ 61,104	59,604		
Balsam Fir	2,936	2,266	800	1,460		
Red Cedar	✓ 36,522	25,296	✓ 34,892	25,566		
Spruce	✓ 81,330	65,407	✓ 73,610	57,791		
White Pine	9,786	11,336	9,787	12,392		
Ponderosa Pine	12,612	9,932	12,402	12,070		
Lodgepole Pine	2,458	1,799	2,302	1,994		
All other softwoods	11,234	10,876	12,389	9,909		
Total softwoods	390,830	355,804	384,196	345,420		
Red Alder	1,158	414	1,103	429		
Maple	648	329	597	427		
Birch	298	85	285	114		
Cottonwood	210	223	190	217		
All other hardwoods ..	6	2	6	2		
Total hardwoods	2,320	1,053	2,181	1,189		
Total Stocks	393,150	356,857	386,377	346,609		

* Revised

Table 2.-Lumber and Ties Sawn

September, 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	90,244	5,786	96,030	18,888	12,932	31,820
Hemlock	36,899	998	37,897	1,354	949	2,303
Balsam Fir	516	55	571	308	355	663
Red Cedar	23,396	1,695	25,091	849	543	1,392
Spruce	4,399	396	4,795	18,478	23,438	41,916
White Pine	1,823	5	1,828	1,060	1,007	2,067
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	2,656	1,295	3,951
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	328	1,235	1,563
All other softwoods	211	-	211	2,052	4,241	6,293
Total, softwoods	157,488	8,935	166,423	45,973	45,995	91,968
Red Alder	133	173	306	-	7	7
Maple	130	196	326	-	-	-
Birch	5	33	38	-	83	83
Cottonwood	20	108	128	-	8	8
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	288	510	798	-	98	98
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	157,776	9,445	167,221	45,973	46,093	92,066
TIES						
Douglas Fir	2,410	323	2,733	973	1,019	1,992
Hemlock	669	51	720	-	39	39
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	6	6
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	83	65	148
White Pine	-	-	-	-	4	4
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	11	11
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	17	105	122
All other softwoods	-	-	-	44	165	209
Total, softwoods	3,079	374	3,453	1,117	1,414	2,531
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	11	11	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	11	11	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	3,079	385	3,464	1,117	1,414	2,531
LUMBER & TIES	160,855	9,830	170,685	47,090	47,507	94,597

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, September, 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	28,661	3,309	1,250	33,220
Yukon and Northwest Territories		20	-	20
Alberta		2,152	xxxxx	2,152
Saskatchewan		1,388	xxxxx	1,388
Manitoba		2,382	xxxxx	2,382
Ontario		6,380	-	6,380
Quebec		3,162	-	3,162
New Brunswick		334	-	334
Nova Scotia		455	-	455
Prince Edward Island		86	-	86
Newfoundland		68	-	68
Total for Canada	28,661	19,736	1,250	49,647
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		3,489	1,340	4,829
Atlantic Ports		1,692	1,663	3,355
Other points, by rail		37,525	xxxxx	37,525
Total for U.S.A.		42,706	3,003	45,709
United Kingdomx		264	39,730	39,994
Other countriesx		285	20,977	21,262
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	28,661	62,991	64,960	156,612
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				6,280
Total shipments, reported and estimated				162,892
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	13,547	1,736	-	15,283
Yukon and Northwest Territories		46	-	46
Alberta	483	3,595	xxxxx	4,078
Saskatchewan		4,079	xxxxx	4,079
Manitoba		3,654	xxxxx	3,654
Ontario		2,706	-	2,706
Quebec		740	-	740
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	14,030	16,556	-	30,586
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		534	-	534
Atlantic Ports		192	-	192
Other points, by rail		19,409	xxxxx	19,409
Total for U.S.A.		20,135	-	20,135
United Kingdomx		667	1,310	1,977
Other countriesx		-	94	94
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	14,030	37,358	1,404	52,792
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				32,855
Total shipments, reported and estimated				85,647
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4.-Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

September, 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	77,091	5,630	82,721	7,473	4,539	12,012
Hemlock	45,496	967	46,463	196	321	517
Balsam Fir	318	51	369	-	117	117
Red Cedar	18,074	1,562	19,636	103	177	280
Spruce	3,606	365	3,971	3,551	7,646	11,197
White Pine	3,073	4	3,077	314	329	643
Ponderosa Pine ...	-	-	-	3,045	425	3,470
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	13	436	449
All other softwoods	218	-	218	626	1,434	2,060
Total, softwoods	147,876	8,579	156,455	15,321	15,424	30,745
Red Alder	249	159	408	-	2	2
Maple	215	191	406	-	-	-
Birch	-	30	30	-	27	27
Cottonwood	40	100	140	-	3	3
All other hardwoods	6	-	6	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	510	480	990	-	32	32
Total, softwoods & hardwoods ..	148,386	9,059	157,445	15,321	15,456	30,777
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	35,403	2,629	38,032	18,094	19,380	37,474
Hemlock	14,653	451	15,104	257	1,372	1,629
Balsam Fir	1,897	24	1,921	28	501	529
Red Cedar	12,871	729	13,600	2,252	754	3,006
Spruce	1,906	170	2,076	31,437	32,649	64,086
White Pine	485	3	488	4,173	1,405	5,578
Ponderosa Pine	320	-	320	7,008	1,814	8,822
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	148	1,861	2,009
All other softwoods	826	-	826	2,009	6,121	8,130
Total, softwoods	68,361	4,006	72,367	65,406	65,857	131,263
Red Alder	664	74	738	-	10	10
Maple	153	89	242	-	-	-
Birch	112	14	126	-	115	115
Cottonwood	-	47	47	9	11	20
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	929	224	1,153	9	136	145
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	69,290	4,230	73,520	65,415	65,993	131,408
SOLD & UNSOLD	217,676	13,289	230,965	80,736	81,449	162,185

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

		Month ending -			
		September		August	
		1951	1950	1951	1950
		M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
ORDERS ON HAND					
For shipment to points in British Columbia					
Local		14,252	13,971	15,003	13,383
Coastwise and interior		3,938	3,523	4,707	4,088
Total		18,190	17,494	19,710	17,471
For shipment by rail to:					
Prairie Provinces		10,171	10,977	11,112	11,004
Eastern Provinces		26,348	22,239	24,950	21,968
United States of America		30,642	48,446	32,494	57,401
Total		67,161	81,662	68,556	90,373
For waterborne shipment to:					
California		-	691	1,000	3,790
U. S. Atlantic Ports		1,036	130,605	2,168	162,680
Eastern Canada		-	250	-	4,579
Export Markets		696,963	299,559	745,589	192,719
Total		697,999	431,105	748,757	363,768
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND		783,350	530,261	837,023	471,612
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS					
		3,148	9,934	2,437	10,010

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

		September		August	
		1951	1950	1951	1950
Coast	No.	115	128	108	118
Interior	No.	175	146	170	142
Total, British Columbia	No.	290	274	278	260

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

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