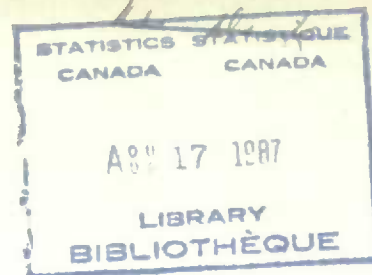




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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

January, 1952

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 248,374 M ft. in January, 1952 as compared with 285,910 M ft. in January, 1951 a decrease of 13.1 p.c. from the previous year but an increase of 12.8 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 73.9 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 15.6 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 26.1 p.c. showed a decrease of 5.4 p.c. Shipments in January, 1952 totalled 234,921 M ft., as compared with 269,541 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 12.8 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 16.1 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 1.3 p.c. Total shipments for January increased by 4.1 p.c. over the December figure of 225,596 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of January, 1952 amounted to 436,278 M ft., as compared with 415,857 M ft. at the end of January the previous year and 435,954 M ft. at the end of December, 1951. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 258,450 M ft., while Interior mills showed 177,828 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 January, 1951 and 1952 and December, 1950 and 1951. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 281,243 M ft. in December, 1950 to 285,910 M ft. in January, 1951 and from 220,192 M ft. in December, 1951 to 248,374 M ft. in January, 1952. Shipments totalled 225,596 M ft. in December, 1951 and 234,921 M ft. in January, 1952 as compared with 250,613 M ft. in December, 1950 and 269,541 M ft. in January of 1951. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 410,493 M ft. in December, 1950 to 415,857 M ft. in January, 1951 and increased from 435,954 M ft. in December, 1951 to 436,278 M ft. in January 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 181,533 M ft. in January, 1952 as compared with 60,967 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 2,077 M ft. in January as compared with 3,797 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 73.9 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in January, 1952 as compared with 76.1 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during December, 1951 and 1950 respectively, were 71.3 and 71.2 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 re-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 176,830 M ft. in January of 1952 and 166,929 M ft. in December, 1951 as compared with 210,664 M ft. in January, 1951 and 194,762 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 58,091 M ft. and 58,877 M ft. in January, 1952 and 1951 and 58,667 M ft. and 55,851 M ft. in December, 1951 and 1950. Of all shipments actually reported for January, 29.4 p.c. went to points in Canada, 30.8 p.c. to points in United States, 31.4 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 8.4 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 40.4 p.c. of the total, while 44.7 went by rail, and 14.9 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 December, 1951 and January, 1952 amounted to 256,655 M ft. and 258,450 M ft. as compared with 274,344 M ft. and 275,995 M ft. in December, 1950 and January of 1951. Interior mills stocks increased from 136,149 M ft. in December, 1950 to 139,862 M ft. in January, 1951 but decreased from 179,299 M ft. in December, 1951 to 177,828 M ft. in January, 1952. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 30.5 p.c. of the total in January, 1952 as compared with 26.9 p.c. in January, 1951 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 83.1 and 82.6.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of December 1950 and 1951 and January, 1951 and 1952, 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 January, 1952 amounted to 577,265 M ft. as compared with 555,544 M ft. in January, 1951. Orders on hand at the end of December, 1951 and 1950 amounted to 599,889 M ft. and 588,951 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 6,539 M ft. in January, 1951 and 2,348 M ft. in January, 1952 as compared with 7,362 M ft. in December, 1950 and 3,427 M ft. in December, 1951.

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 January accounted for 86.4 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1949 compared with 84.2 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for December, 1950 and 1951 were 79.9 and 84.4, 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.

Table 1 - Comparative Summary of Production, Shipments and Stocks of Lumber and Ties of British Columbia Sawmills, January, 1952.

	January		December	
	1952	1951	1951	1950*
PRODUCTION*				
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	✓ 119,363	138,613	111,157	140,712
Hemlock	✓ 51,840	67,140	44,704	56,721
Balsam Fir	526	1,418	612	1,791
Red Cedar	✓ 27,633	23,004	22,519	22,918
Spruce	✓ 35,671	41,027	29,736	45,264
White Pine	5,018	5,992	3,558	2,881
Ponderosa Pine	1,462	1,921	1,553	2,156
Lodgepole Pine	1,554	1,279	1,358	1,655
All other softwoods	4,531	4,930	4,352	6,408
Total softwoods	247,598	285,324	219,549	280,506
Red Alder	363	211	242	319
Maple	269	242	208	189
Birch	46	44	82	40
Cottonwood	98	89	111	189
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	776	586	643	737
Total Production	248,374	285,910	220,192	281,243
SHIPMENTS				
To: Points in Canada	61,724	77,182	55,372	66,917
Points in U.S.A.	64,617	95,355	50,871	63,144
United Kingdom	65,948	46,201	60,196	56,585
Other countries	17,493	19,582	26,287	33,849
Shipments reported	209,782	238,320	192,726	220,495
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	25,139	31,221	32,870	30,118
Total shipments	234,921	269,541	225,596	250,613
STOCKS ON HAND				
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	✓ 186,344	193,142	193,948	197,055
Hemlock	✓ 76,230	82,976	72,448	78,614
Balsam Fir	4,286	1,542	1,494	2,016
Red Cedar	✓ 43,872	30,917	43,825	33,152
Spruce	✓ 82,573	72,638	79,089	67,340
White Pine	15,123	12,626	13,423	8,501
Ponderosa Pine	12,024	9,245	12,972	9,216
Lodgepole Pine	3,519	1,839	3,105	1,931
All other softwoods	11,096	10,206	13,880	11,677
Total softwoods	435,067	415,131	434,184	409,502
Red Alder	462	286	620	368
Maple	453	210	644	309
Birch	130	58	305	82
Cottonwood	166	172	201	232
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	1,211	726	1,770	991
Total Stocks	436,278	415,857	435,954	410,493

*Revised.

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn

January, 1952

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.....	94,219	3,091	97,310	9,983	8,177	18,160
Hemlock	49,327	678	50,005	344	705	1,049
Balsam Fir.....	5	44	49	220	252	472
Red Cedar	25,871	904	26,775	205	583	788
Spruce	4,488	165	4,653	20,083	10,774	30,857
White Pine	1,772	4	1,776	2,377	858	3,235
Ponderosa Pine ..	20	2	22	375	1,045	1,420
Lodgepole Pine ..	-	-	-	343	983	1,326
All other softwoods	208	-	208	831	2,795	3,626
Total, softwoods	175,910	4,888	180,798	34,761	26,172	60,933
Red Alder	233	125	358	-	5	5
Maple	131	131	262	-	-	-
Birch.....	3	20	23	-	23	23
Cottonwood	32	60	92	-	6	6
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	399	336	735	-	34	34
Total, softwoods & hardwoods .	176,309	5,224	181,533	34,761	26,206	60,967
TIES						
Douglas Fir	1,226	173	1,399	874	1,620	2,494
Hemlock	651	20	671	49	66	115
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	5	5
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	70	70
Spruce	-	-	-	-	161	161
White Pine	-	-	-	-	7	7
Ponderosa Pine ...	-	-	-	3	17	20
Lodgepole Pine ...	-	-	-	-	228	228
All other softwoods	-	-	-	665	32	697
Total, softwoods	1,877	193	2,070	1,591	2,206	3,797
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	7	7	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	7	7	-	-	-
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	1,877	200	2,077	1,591	2,206	3,797
LUMBER AND TIES	178,186	5,424	183,610	36,352	28,412	64,764

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, January 1952

	By Truck (Local Sales)	By Rail	Water- borne	Total Shipments
COAST MILLS	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	21,021	2,626	961	24,608
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta		2,173	xxxxxxx	2,173
Saskatchewan		1,139	xxxxxxx	1,139
Manitoba		1,954	xxxxxxx	1,954
Ontario		6,553	-	6,553
Quebec		2,803	-	2,803
New Brunswick		539	-	539
Nova Scotia		517	-	517
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		75	-	75
Total for Canada	21,021	18,379	961	40,361
Points in U.S.A:				
Pacific Ports		672	1,275	1,947
Atlantic Ports		1,208	-	1,208
Other points, by rail		46,278	xxxxxxx	46,278
Total for U.S.A.		48,158	1,275	49,433
United Kingdomx		959	63,610	64,569
Other countriesx		60	17,325	17,385
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported ..	21,021	67,556	83,171	171,748
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				5,082
Total shipments, reported and estimated				176,830
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	10,123	1,597	-	11,720
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	208	2,188	xxxxxxx	2,396
Saskatchewan		1,848	xxxxxxx	1,848
Manitoba		1,372	xxxxxxx	1,372
Ontario		3,217	-	3,217
Quebec		792	-	792
New Brunswick		18	-	18
Nova Scotia.....		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island.....		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	10,331	11,032	-	21,363
Points in U.S.A:				
Pacific Ports		-	-	-
Atlantic Ports		252	-	252
Other points, by rail		14,932	xxxxxxx	14,932
Total for U.S.A.		15,184	-	15,184
United Kingdomx		-	1,379	1,379
Other countriesx		-	108	108
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported ...	10,331	26,216	1,487	38,034
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				20,057
Total shipments, reported and estimated				58,091
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

January, 1952

Species	COAST MILLS			INTERIOR MILLS		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
SOLD (but not shipped)	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.
Douglas fir	90,174	3,194	93,368	6,691	4,552	11,243
Hemlock	55,292	683	55,975	163	358	521
Balsam Fir	-	43	43	300	119	419
Red Cedar	21,475	885	22,360	194	303	497
Spruce	4,020	161	4,181	5,364	5,082	10,446
White Pine	2,687	4	2,691	1,373	402	1,775
Ponderosa Pine ...	22	2	24	2,532	493	3,025
Lodgepole Pine ...	-	-	-	22	563	585
All other softwoods	250	-	250	253	1,314	1,567
Total, softwoods	173,920	4,972	178,892	16,892	13,186	30,078
Red Alder	173	122	295	-	2	2
Maple	204	135	339	-	-	-
Birch	37	20	57	-	11	11
Cottonwood	32	59	91	-	3	3
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	446	336	782	-	16	16
Total, softwoods & hardwoods..	174,366	5,308	179,674	16,892	13,202	30,094
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	38,411	1,400	39,811	19,574	22,348	41,922
Hemlock.....	17,132	299	17,431	544	1,759	2,303
Balsam Fir	60	19	79	3,159	586	3,745
Red Cedar	17,437	388	17,825	1,700	1,490	3,190
Spruce	2,109	71	2,180	40,822	24,944	65,766
White Pine	699	2	701	7,983	1,973	9,956
Ponderosa Pine ...	-	1	1	6,552	2,422	8,974
Lodgepole Pine ...	-	-	-	172	2,762	2,934
All other softwoods	431	-	431	2,399	6,449	8,848
Total, softwoods	76,279	2,180	78,459	82,905	64,733	147,638
Red Alder	100	54	154	-	11	11
Maple	55	59	114	-	-	-
Birch	-	9	9	-	53	53
Cottonwood	15	25	40	18	14	32
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	170	147	317	18	78	96
Total, softwoods & hardwoods..	76,449	2,327	78,776	82,923	64,811	147,734
SOLD & UNSOLD .	250,815	7,635	258,450	99,815	78,013	177,828

Table 5. - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of January, 1952 and
Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only).

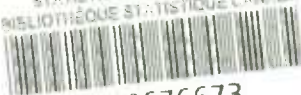
	January		December	
	1952	1951	1951	1950
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
ORDERS ON HAND				
For shipment to points in British Columbia				
Local	15,089	14,794	14,607	14,395
Coastwise and interior	6,304	3,536	4,057	3,289
Total	21,393	18,330	18,664	17,684
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	10,017	14,777	8,337	11,576
Eastern Provinces	31,278	40,528	32,993	37,820
United States of America	45,465	47,903	38,253	44,228
Total	86,760	103,208	79,583	93,624
For waterborne shipment to:				
California	1,071	1,080	796	100
U.S. Atlantic Ports	1,550	18,611	1,721	29,889
Eastern Canada	-	3,910	-	2,350
Export Markets	466,491	410,405	499,125	445,304
Total	469,112	434,006	501,642	477,643
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	577,265	555,544	599,889	588,951
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
	2,348	6,539	3,427	7,362

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting,
January, 1952

	January		December	
	1952	1951	1951	1950
Coast	No. 87	111	108	128
Interior	No. 140	134	160	150
Total, British Columbia	No. 227	245	268	278

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

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