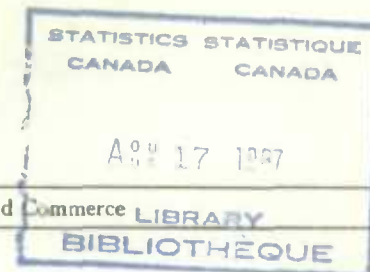


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS  
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

December, 1952

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 262,027 M ft. in December, 1952 as compared with 220,192 M ft. in December 1951 an increase of 19.0 p.c. over the previous year but a decrease of 6.9 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 70.1 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 13.9 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 29.9 p.c. showed an increase of 33.1 p.c. Shipments in December, 1952 totalled 259,619 M ft., as compared with 225,596 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 14.9 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 6.8 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 38.7 p.c. Total shipments for December decreased by 3.2 p.c. from the November figure of 268,241 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of December, 1952 amounted to 415,799 M ft., as compared with 435,954 M ft. at the end of December the previous year and 400,086 M ft. at the end of November of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 244,192 M ft., while Interior mills showed 171,607 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 November and December 1951 and 1952. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 294,455 M ft. in November, 1951 to 220,192 M ft. in December, 1951 and from 281,456 M ft. in November to 262,027 M ft. in December, 1952. Shipments totalled 268,241 M ft. in November, 1952 and 259,619 M ft. in December 1952 as compared with 269,997 M ft. in November and 225,596 M ft. in December of 1951. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 412,897 M ft. in November 1951 to 435,954 M ft. in December and increased from 400,086 M ft. in November, 1952 to 415,799 M ft. in December 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 178,659 M ft. in December, 1952 as compared with 75,551 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 5,103 M ft. in December as compared with 2,714 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 70.1 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in December, 1952 as compared with 71.3 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during November 1952 and 1951 respectively, were 69.2 and 70.3 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 178,250 M ft. in December of 1952 and 185,857 M ft. in November, 1952 as compared with 166,929 M ft. in December, 1951 and 193,554 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 81,369 M ft. and 58,667 M ft. in December, 1952 and 1951 and 82,384 M ft. and 76,443 M ft. in November, 1952 and 1951. Of all shipments actually reported for December, 34.6 p.c. went to points in Canada, 40.7 p.c. to points in United States, 16.1 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 8.6 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 41.5 p.c. of the total, while 41.2 p.c. went by rail, and 17.3 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 November and December, 1952 amounted to 245,908 M ft. and 244,192 M ft. as compared with 251,227 M ft. and 256,655 M ft. in November and December of 1951. Interior mills stocks increased from 161,670 M ft. in November to 179,299 M ft. in December, 1951 and increased from 154,178 M ft. in November to 171,607 M ft. in December, 1952. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 31.1 p.c. of the total in December, 1952 as compared with 30.1 p.c. in December, 1951 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 79.3 and 86.3.

### Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of November and December, 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 December, 1952 amounted to 318,928 M ft. as compared with 599,889 M ft. in December, 1951. Orders on hand at the end of November, 1952 and 1951 amounted to 317,248 M ft. and 697,187 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 3,607 M ft. in December, 1952 and 3,427 M ft. in December, 1951 as compared with 5,245 M ft. in November, 1952 and 4,123 M ft. in November, 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 December accounted for 84.3 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1950 compared with 84.4 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for November, 1951 and 1952 were 83.4 and 82.4 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, December, 1952.

	December		November		12 Months	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<b>PRODUCTION</b>						
Douglas .....	124,578	111,157	142,182	147,917	1,605,896	1,717,736
Hemlock .....	53,978	44,704	52,068	58,573	637,935	691,789
Balsam Fir .....	695	612	936	2,865	9,853	16,658
Red Cedar .....	27,330	22,519	29,662	29,977	316,733	320,661
Spruce .....	42,382	29,736	40,821	38,213	554,844	514,052
White Pine .....	3,719	3,558	4,804	3,643	59,625	49,710
Ponderosa Pine .....	1,552	1,553	2,669	3,505	41,813	41,767
Lodgepole Pine .....	2,136	1,358	2,225	1,797	27,632	19,463
All other softwoods .....	5,332	4,352	5,708	7,283	75,146	74,513
Total softwoods .....	261,702	219,549	281,075	293,773	3,329,477	3,446,349
Red Alder .....	136	242	140	240	2,852	3,924
Maple .....	115	208	96	205	2,329	3,251
Birch .....	25	82	46	94	673	1,110
Cottonwood .....	49	111	99	143	1,479	1,838
All other hardwoods .....	-	-	-	-	3	4
Total hardwoods .....	325	643	381	682	7,336	10,127
Total Production .....	262,027	220,192	281,456	294,455	3,336,813	3,456,476
<b>SHIPMENTS</b>						
To: Points in Canada ..	78,157	55,372	80,778	74,983	1,012,044	990,923
Points in U.S.A. ...	92,051	50,871	98,888	65,802	993,828	870,290
United Kingdom ....	36,525	60,196	29,718	68,603	693,072	729,630
Other Countries ....	19,473	26,287	22,244	25,661	151,288	290,430
Shipments reported .....	226,206	192,726	231,628	235,049	2,850,232	2,881,273
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills ....	33,413	32,870	36,613	34,948	452,648	446,606
Total shipments .....	259,619	225,596	268,241	269,997	3,302,880	3,327,879
	December		November			
	1952	1951	1952	1951		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
<b>STOCKS ON HAND</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	189,744	193,948	187,330	179,129		
Hemlock .....	72,258	72,448	68,888	71,641		
Balsam Fir .....	925	1,494	975	4,134		
Red Cedar .....	38,781	43,825	38,808	40,678		
Spruce .....	82,917	79,089	71,461	72,395		
White Pine .....	9,098	13,423	9,553	11,675		
Ponderosa Pine .....	9,302	12,972	10,005	13,384		
Lodgepole Pine .....	3,267	3,105	3,018	2,703		
All other softwoods .....	8,840	13,880	9,358	15,321		
Total softwoods .....	415,132	434,184	399,396	411,060		
Red Alder .....	165	620	235	692		
Maple .....	252	644	212	564		
Birch .....	64	305	76	301		
Cottonwood .....	150	201	167	280		
All other hardwoods .....	36	-	-	-		
Total hardwoods .....	667	1,770	690	1,837		
Total Stocks .....	415,799	435,954	400,086	412,897		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn  
December, 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 .....	89,445	4,768	94,213	13,870	10,326	24,196
Hemlock .....	50,608	1,251	51,859	1,422	376	1,798
Balsam Fir .....	44	82	126	253	288	541
Red Cedar .....	24,919	1,097	26,016	902	272	1,174
Spruce .....	4,406	188	4,594	23,045	14,684	37,729
White Pine .....	1,425	38	1,463	1,295	856	2,151
Ponderosa Pine ...	-	16	16	546	981	1,527
Lodgepole Pine ....	-	-	-	869	1,067	1,936
All other softwoods	110	10	120	2,026	2,435	4,461
Total, softwoods	170,957	7,450	178,407	44,228	31,285	75,513
Red Alder .....	85	40	125	-	1	1
Maple .....	72	30	102	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	13	13	-	6	6
Cottonwood .....	-	12	12	4	27	31
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	157	95	252	4	34	38
Total, softwoods & hardwoods ....	171,114	7,545	178,659	44,232	31,319	75,551
TIES						
Douglas Fir .....	4,183	297	4,480	781	908	1,689
Hemlock .....	273	48	321	-	-	-
Balsam Fir .....	-	28	28	-	-	-
Red Cedar .....	-	140	140	-	-	-
Spruce .....	-	-	-	17	42	59
White Pine .....	-	99	99	-	6	6
Ponderosa Pine ...	-	-	-	-	9	9
Lodgepole Pine ....	-	-	-	20	180	200
All other softwoods	-	-	-	414	337	751
Total, softwoods	4,456	612	5,068	1,232	1,482	2,714
Red Alder .....	-	10	10	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	13	13	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	6	6	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	6	6	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	35	35	-	-	-
Total, softwoods & hardwoods ....	4,456	647	5,103	1,232	1,482	2,714
LUMBER AND TIES .....	175,570	8,192	183,762	45,464	32,801	78,265

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

	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.
<u>COAST MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	22,705	2,512	784	26,001
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....		2,781	xxxxxxx	2,781
Saskatchewan .....		1,718	xxxxxxx	1,718
Manitoba .....		2,204	xxxxxxx	2,204
Ontario .....		7,412	-	7,412
Quebec .....		1,743	-	1,743
New Brunswick .....		140	202	342
Nova Scotia .....		153	-	153
Prince Edward Island .....		-	-	-
Newfoundland .....		-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	22,705	18,663	986	42,354
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....		232	1,406	1,638
Atlantic Ports .....		607	37,235	37,842
Other points, by rail .....		34,702	xxxxxxx	34,702
Total for U.S.A. ....		35,541	38,641	74,182
United Kingdom .....x		1,131	34,782	35,913
Other countries .....x		194	19,279	19,473
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported ...	22,705	55,529	93,688	171,922
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				6,328
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				178,250
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	16,245	2,825	-	19,070
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	213	4,411	xxxxxxx	4,624
Saskatchewan .....		3,354	xxxxxxx	3,354
Manitoba .....		2,993	xxxxxxx	2,993
Ontario .....		4,588	-	4,588
Quebec .....		1,137	-	1,137
New Brunswick .....		37	-	37
Nova Scotia .....		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....		-	-	-
Newfoundland .....		-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	16,458	19,345	-	35,803
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....		1,003	-	1,003
Atlantic Ports .....		257	-	257
Other points, by rail .....		16,609	xxxxxxx	16,609
Total for U.S.A. ....		17,869	-	17,869
United Kingdom .....x		375	237	612
Other countries .....x		-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported ...	16,458	37,589	237	54,284
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				27,085
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				81,369
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills,  
December, 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.
<b>SOLD (but not shipped)</b>						
Douglas Fir.....	88,784	4,636	93,420	7,561	5,092	12,653
Hemlock.....	48,355	1,189	49,544	409	170	579
Balsam Fir.....	-	101	101	2	131	133
Red Cedar.....	16,387	1,132	17,519	163	123	286
Spruce.....	4,492	172	4,664	7,218	6,675	13,893
White Pine.....	2,152	125	2,277	2,107	391	2,498
Ponderosa Pine.....	-	15	15	2,347	449	2,796
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	-	-	15	565	580
All other softwoods.	247	9	256	784	1,256	2,040
Total, softwoods.	160,417	7,379	167,796	20,606	14,852	35,458
Red Alder.....	60	46	106	-	-	-
Maple.....	175	39	214	-	-	-
Birch.....	23	17	40	-	3	3
Cottonwood.....	30	17	47	-	12	12
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	288	119	407	-	15	15
Total, softwoods & hardwoods ....	160,705	7,498	168,203	20,606	14,867	35,473
<b>UNSOLD</b>						
Douglas Fir.....	34,654	2,095	36,749	27,382	19,540	46,922
Hemlock.....	17,163	537	17,700	3,781	654	4,435
Balsam Fir.....	60	45	105	85	501	586
Red Cedar.....	18,598	512	19,110	1,393	473	1,866
Spruce.....	1,350	78	1,428	37,317	25,615	62,932
White Pine.....	619	57	676	2,147	1,500	3,647
Ponderosa Pine.....	-	7	7	4,762	1,722	6,484
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	-	-	518	2,169	2,687
All other softwoods.	50	3	53	1,670	4,821	6,491
Total, softwoods.	72,494	3,334	75,828	79,055	56,995	136,050
Red Alder.....	36	21	57	-	2	2
Maple.....	20	18	38	-	-	-
Birch.....	-	8	8	3	10	13
Cottonwood.....	15	7	22	22	47	69
All other hardwoods	36	-	36	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	107	54	161	25	59	84
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	72,601	3,388	75,989	79,080	57,054	136,134
<b>SOLD AND UNSOLD</b>	233,306	10,886	244,192	99,686	71,921	171,607

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

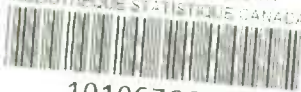
	December		November	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
<u>For shipment to points in British Columbia</u>				
Local .....	6,130	14,607	7,691	12,932
Coastwise and interior .....	4,127	4,057	4,555	4,432
Total .....	10,257	18,664	12,246	17,364
<u>For shipment by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces .....	10,636	8,337	7,592	7,389
Eastern Provinces .....	17,696	32,993	16,748	34,105
United States of America .....	41,931	38,253	38,165	30,934
Total .....	70,263	79,583	62,505	72,428
<u>For waterborne shipment to:</u>				
California .....	5,000	796	1,081	-
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	44,934	1,721	47,603	1,169
Eastern Canada .....	284	-	110	-
Export Markets .....	188,190	499,125	193,703	606,226
Total .....	238,408	501,642	242,497	607,395
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND .....	318,928	599,889	317,248	697,187
<u>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS</u> .....				
	3,607	3,427	5,245	4,123

Table 6 - Number of Active Mills Reporting  
December, 1952

		December		November	
		1952	1951	1952	1951
Coast .....	No.	101	108	99	109
Interior .....	No.	197	160	211	166
Total, British Columbia .....	No.	298	268	310	275

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