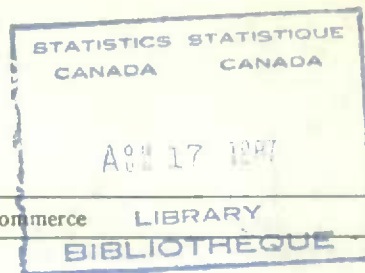




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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

February, 1952.

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 261,934 M ft. in February, 1952 as compared with 272,401 M ft. in February 1951 a decrease of 3.8 p.c. from the previous year but an increase of 5.5 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 70.7 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 8.9 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, but the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 29.3 p.c. showed an increase of 11.0 p.c. Shipments in February, 1952 totalled 256,565 M ft., as compared with 266,579 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 3.8 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 13.9 p.c. but Interior mills an increase of 29.3 p.c. Total shipments for February increased by 9.2 p.c. over the January figure of 234,921 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of February 1952 amounted to 445,489 M ft., as compared with 417,490 M ft. at the end of February the previous year and 436,278 M ft. at the end of January of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 268,698 M ft., while Interior mills showed 176,791 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 and February, 1951 and 1952. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 285,910 M ft. in January, 1951 to 272,401 M ft. in February, 1951 but increased from 248,374 M ft. in January to 261,934 M ft. in February, 1952. Shipments totalled 234,921 M ft. in January, 1952 and 256,565 M ft. in February, 1952 as compared with 269,541 M ft. in January and 266,579 M ft. in February of 1951. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 415,857 M ft. in January, 1951 to 417,490 M ft. in February and increased from 436,278 M ft. in January, 1952 to 445,489 M ft. in February 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 183,529 M ft. in February, 1952 as compared with 72,778 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,775 M ft. in February as compared with 3,852 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 70.7 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in February, 1952 as compared with 74.7 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during January, 1952 and 1951 respectively, were 73.9 and 76.1 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 175,432 M ft. in February of 1952 and 176,830 M ft. in January, 1952 as compared with 203,826 M ft. in February, 1951 and 210,664 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 81,133 M ft. and 62,753 M ft. in February, 1952 and 1951 and 58,091 M ft. and 58,877 M ft. in January, 1952 and 1951. Of all shipments actually reported for February, 36.6 p.c. went to points in Canada, 31.2 p.c. to points in United States, 27.3 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 4.9 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 31.8 p.c. of the total, while 48.2 p.c. went by rail and 20.0 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 January and February, 1952 amounted to 258,450 M ft. and 268,698 M ft. as compared with 275,995 M ft. and 276,447 M ft. in January and February of 1951. Interior mills stocks increased from 139,862 M ft. in January to 141,043 M ft. in February, 1951 but decreased from 177,828 M ft. in January to 176,791 M ft. in February, 1952. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 27.0 p.c. of the total in February, 1952 as compared with 27.5 p.c. in February, 1951 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 82.3 and 82.1.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of January and February, 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 February, 1952 amounted to 532,999 M ft. as compared with 558,397 M ft. in February, 1951. Orders on hand at the end of January, 1952 and 1951 amounted to 577,265 M ft. and 555,544 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 3,142 M ft. in February, 1952 and 5,836 M ft. in February, 1951 as compared with 2,348 M ft. in January, 1952 and 6,539 M ft. in January, 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 February accounted for 84.7 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1949 compared with 84.4 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for January, 1951 and 1952 were 84.2 and 86.4 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, February, 1952.

	February		January		2 Months	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
PRODUCTION						
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir.....	✓118,401	131,261	✓119,363	138,613	237,764	269,874
Hemlock.....	✓60,101	60,084	✓51,840	67,140	111,941	127,224
Balsam Fir.....	758	1,528	526	1,418	1,284	2,946
Red Cedar.....	✓27,341	25,330	✓27,633	23,004	54,974	48,334
Spruce.....	✓41,467	44,380	✓35,671	41,027	77,138	85,407
White Pine.....	3,944	2,756	5,018	5,992	8,962	8,748
Ponderosa Pine.....	1,756	1,805	1,462	1,921	3,218	3,726
Lodgepole Pine.....	2,410	1,204	1,554	1,279	3,964	2,483
All other softwoods.....	4,922	3,218	4,531	4,930	9,453	8,148
Total softwoods.....	261,100	271,566	247,598	285,324	508,698	556,890
Red Alder.....	326	403	363	211	689	614
Maple.....	249	239	269	242	518	481
Birch.....	73	65	46	44	119	109
Cottonwood.....	186	128	98	89	284	217
All other hardwoods.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods.....	834	835	776	586	1,610	1,421
Total Production.....	261,934	272,401	248,374	285,910	510,308	558,311
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada.....	82,128	80,234	61,724	77,182	143,852	157,416
Points in U.S.A.	69,961	71,352	64,617	95,355	134,578	166,707
United Kingdom.....	61,201	57,967	65,948	46,201	127,149	104,168
Other countries.....	10,926	26,497	17,493	19,582	28,419	46,079
Shipments reported.....	224,216	236,050	209,782	238,320	433,998	474,370
Estimated shipments of reporting mills.....	32,349	30,529	25,139	31,221	57,488	61,750
Total shipments.....	256,565	266,579	234,921	269,541	491,486	536,120
STOCKS ON HAND						
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir.....	✓188,161	194,032	✓186,344	193,142		
Hemlock.....	✓83,064	81,070	✓76,230	82,976		
Balsam Fir.....	4,162	1,171	4,286	1,542		
Red Cedar.....	✓43,188	31,749	✓43,872	30,917		
Spruce.....	✓82,887	79,915	✓82,573	72,638		
White Pine.....	16,726	10,317	15,123	12,626		
Ponderosa Pine.....	10,824	9,606	12,024	9,245		
Lodgepole Pine.....	2,999	1,665	3,519	1,839		
All other softwoods.....	12,100	5,778	11,096	10,206		
Total softwoods.....	444,111	415,303	435,067	415,131		
Red Alder.....	483	489	462	286		
Maple.....	507	304	453	210		
Birch.....	148	98	130	58		
Cottonwood.....	240	175	166	172		
All other hardwoods.....	-	1,121	-	-		
Total hardwoods.....	1,378	2,187	1,211	726		
Total Stocks.....	445,489	417,490	436,278	415,857		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn

February, 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	87,945	4,754	92,699	12,296	9,543	21,839
Hemlock	57,072	892	57,964	765	734	1,499
Balsam Fir	12	53	65	391	297	688
Red Cedar	24,644	1,483	26,127	471	672	1,143
Spruce	4,360	206	4,566	24,557	12,167	36,724
White Pine	933	7	940	1,967	1,030	2,997
Ponderosa Pine	40	2	42	541	1,133	1,674
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	935	1,051	1,986
All other softwoods .	340	-	340	1,046	3,140	4,186
Total, softwoods .	175,346	7,397	182,743	42,969	29,767	72,736
Red Alder	160	160	320	-	6	6
Maple	64	179	243	-	-	-
Birch	16	29	45	-	28	28
Cottonwood	85	93	178	-	8	8
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	325	461	786	-	42	42
Total, softwoods & hardwoods .	175,671	7,858	183,529	42,969	29,809	72,778
TIES						
Douglas Fir	1,018	180	1,198	1,065	1,600	2,665
Hemlock	549	22	571	-	67	67
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	5	5
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	71	71
Spruce	-	-	-	17	160	177
White Pine	-	-	-	-	7	7
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	23	17	40
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	263	161	424
All other softwoods .	-	-	-	367	29	396
Total, softwoods .	1,567	202	1,769	1,735	2,117	3,852
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	6	6	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	6	6	-	-	-
Total, softwoods & hardwoods .	1,567	208	1,775	1,735	2,117	3,852
LUMBER AND TIES	177,238	8,066	185,304	44,704	31,926	76,630

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

	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.
<u>COAST MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	29,599	2,690	1,349	33,638
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta		2,098	xxxxxx	2,098
Saskatchewan.....		1,164	xxxxxx	1,164
Manitoba		2,537	xxxxxx	2,537
Ontario		6,180	-	6,180
Québec		3,911	-	3,911
New Brunswick		794	-	794
Nova Scotia		478	-	478
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	29,599	19,852	1,349	50,800
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		627	1,953	2,580
Atlantic Ports		1,352	-	1,352
Other points, by rail		44,832	xxxxxx	44,832
Total for U.S.A.		46,811	1,953	48,764
United Kingdom	x	2,172	56,801	58,973
Other countries	x	1,208	9,679	10,887
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	29,599	70,043	69,782	169,424
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				6,008
Total shipments, reported and estimated				175,432
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	14,965	2,067	-	17,032
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	362	3,577	xxxxxx	3,939
Saskatchewan		2,386	xxxxxx	2,386
Manitoba		3,073	xxxxxx	3,073
Ontario		3,685	-	3,685
Quebec		1,041	-	1,041
New Brunswick		111	-	111
Nova Scotia		61	-	61
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	15,327	16,001	-	31,328
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		-	-	-
Atlantic Ports		31	-	31
Other points, by rail		21,166	xxxxxx	21,166
Total for U.S.A.		21,197	-	21,197
United Kingdom	x	718	1,510	2,228
Other countries	x	-	39	39
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	15,327	37,916	1,549	54,792
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				26,341
Total shipments, reported and estimated				81,133
k Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

February, 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.
Sold (but not shipped)						
Douglas Fir	96,064	5,220	101,284	7,869	4,554	12,423
Hemlock	61,849	967	62,816	96	327	423
Balsam Fir	-	56	56	302	123	425
Red Cedar	22,366	1,569	23,935	335	304	639
Spruce	4,589	218	4,807	5,525	5,038	10,563
White Pine	1,833	7	1,840	351	424	775
Ponderosa Pine	-	2	2	3,017	470	3,487
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	9	495	504
All other softwoods	319	-	319	765	1,295	2,060
Total, softwoods	187,020	8,039	195,059	18,269	13,030	31,299
Red Alder	184	169	353	-	2	2
Maple	190	196	386	-	-	-
Birch	42	31	73	-	11	11
Cottonwood	47	98	145	-	4	4
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	463	494	957	-	17	17
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	187,483	8,533	196,016	18,269	13,047	31,316
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	32,783	1,936	34,719	18,581	21,154	39,735
Hemlock	17,141	359	17,500	805	1,520	2,325
Balsam Fir	18	21	39	3,069	573	3,642
Red Cedar	15,311	582	15,893	1,311	1,410	2,721
Spruce	2,419	81	2,500	41,615	23,402	65,017
White Pine	960	2	962	11,180	1,969	13,149
Ponderosa Pine	31	-	31	5,121	2,183	7,304
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	194	2,301	2,495
All other softwoods	748	-	748	2,956	6,017	8,973
Total, softwoods	69,411	2,981	72,392	84,832	60,529	145,361
Red Alder	53	63	116	-	12	12
Maple	49	72	121	-	-	-
Birch	-	11	11	-	53	53
Cottonwood	5	37	42	34	15	49
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	107	183	290	34	80	114
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	69,518	3,164	72,682	84,866	60,609	145,475
SOLD AND UNSOLD	257,001	11,697	268,698	103,135	73,656	176,791

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

	February		January	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
ORDERS ON HAND				
For shipment to points in British Columbia				
Local	16,094	14,398	15,089	14,794
Coastwise and interior	6,018	6,486	6,304	3,536
Total	22,112	20,884	21,393	18,330
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	10,021	17,231	10,017	14,777
Eastern Provinces	30,737	39,045	31,278	40,528
United States of America	46,692	47,868	45,465	47,903
Total	87,450	104,144	86,760	103,208
For waterborne shipment to:				
California	925	550	1,071	1,080
U.S. Atlantic Ports	617	14,032	1,550	18,611
Eastern Canada	-	2,460	-	3,910
Export Markets	421,895	416,327	466,491	410,405
Total	423,437	433,369	469,112	434,006
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	532,999	558,397	577,265	555,544
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
	3,142	5,836	2,348	6,539

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

		February		January	
		1952	1951	1952	1951
Coast	No.	97	124	87	111
Interior	No.	156	135	140	134
Total, British Columbia	No.	253	259	227	245

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

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