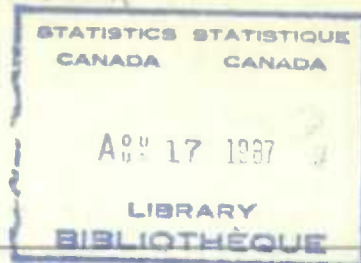




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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 266,744 M ft. in April, 1952 as compared with 277,114 M ft. in April, 1951 a decrease of 3.7 p.c. from the previous year and a decrease of 6.2 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 79.2 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 5.6 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, but the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 20.8 p.c. showed an increase of 4.1 p.c. Shipments in April, 1952 totalled 296,037 M ft., as compared with 289,456 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 2.3 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 2.1 p.c. but Interior mills an increase of 20.5 p.c. Total shipments for April decreased by 0.6 p.c. from the March figure of 297,929 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of April, 1952 amounted to 400,712 M ft., as compared with 374,027 M ft. at the end of April the previous year and 457,272 M ft. at the end of March of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 247,620 M ft., while Interior mills showed 153,092 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 March and April 1951 and 1952. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 272,429 M ft. in March, 1951 to 277,114 M ft. in April, 1951 but decreased from 284,488 M ft. in March to 266,744 M ft. in April, 1952. Shipments totalled 297,929 M ft. in March, 1952 and 296,037 M ft. in April, 1952 as compared with 286,604 M ft. in March and 289,456 M ft. in April of 1951. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 402,705 M ft. in March 1951 to 374,027 M ft. in April and decreased from 457,272 M ft. in March to 400,712 M ft. in April 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 208,031 M ft. in April, 1952 as compared with 53,351 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 3,331 M ft. in April as compared with 2,031 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 79.2 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in April, 1952 as compared with 80.8 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during March, 1952 and 1951 respectively, were 70.5 and 74.7 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 228,064 M ft. in April of 1952 and 211,365 M ft. in March, 1952 as compared with 233,066 M ft. in April, 1951 and 224,125 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 67,973 M ft. and 56,390 M ft. in April, 1952 and 1951 and 86,564 M ft. and 62,479 M ft. in March, 1952 and 1951. Of all shipments actually reported for April, 27.8 p.c. went to points in Canada, 34.8 p.c. to points in United States, 33.3 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 4.1 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 41.5 p.c. of the total, while 44.1 p.c. went by rail, and 14.4 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 March and April, 1952 amounted to 269,563 M ft. and 247,620 M ft. as compared with 258,962 M ft. and 249,849 M ft. in March and April of 1951. Interior mills stocks decreased from 143,743 M ft. in March to 124,178 M ft. in April, 1951 and decreased from 187,709 M ft. in March to 153,092 M ft. in April, 1952. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 31.7 p.c. of the total in April, 1952 as compared with 29.2 p.c. in April, 1951 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 82.8 and 73.6.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of March and April, 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 April, 1952 amounted to 397,887 M ft. as compared with 439,774 M ft. in April, 1951. Orders on hand at the end of March, 1952 and 1951 amounted to 464,051 M ft. and 485,803 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 4,939 M ft. in April, 1952 and 10,851 M ft. in April, 1951 as compared with 4,250 M ft. in March, 1952 and 6,332 M ft. in March, 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 April accounted for 86.5 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1949 compared with 85.9 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for March, 1951 and 1952 were 83.2 and 84.5 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, April, 1952.

	April		March		4 Months	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
PRODUCTION						
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	✓132,894	139,544	✓130,780	130,704	501,438	540,122
Hemlock	✓62,329	65,677	✓61,472	62,668	235,742	255,569
Balsam Fir	645	2,393	769	531	2,698	5,870
Red Cedar	✓31,005	27,598	✓29,002	24,309	114,981	103,175
Spruce	✓25,508	29,067	✓43,983	44,468	146,629	158,942
White Pine	5,374	3,584	6,380	2,346	20,716	14,678
Ponderosa Pine	2,581	2,351	2,889	2,099	8,688	8,176
Lodgepole Pine	980	1,077	2,603	1,233	7,547	4,793
All other softwoods	4,488	4,867	5,637	3,355	19,578	16,370
Total softwoods	265,804	276,158	283,515	271,713	1,058,017	1,107,695
Red Alder	326	461	309	322	1,324	1,397
Maple	326	275	315	208	1,159	964
Birch	95	61	125	67	339	237
Cottonwood	193	159	224	119	701	495
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	940	956	973	716	3,523	3,093
Total Production	✓266,744	277,114	✓284,488	272,429	1,061,540	1,110,788
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	73,902	88,545	85,406	76,515	303,160	322,476
Points in U.S.A.	92,457	81,160	81,893	77,228	308,928	325,095
United Kingdom	88,686	63,099	84,579	68,172	300,414	235,439
Other countries	11,016	26,197	11,080	32,417	50,515	104,693
Shipments reported	266,061	259,001	262,958	254,332	963,017	987,703
Estimated shipments of reporting mills	29,976	30,455	34,971	32,272	122,435	124,477
Total shipments	296,037	289,456	297,929	286,604	1,085,452	1,112,180
STOCKS ON HAND						
	April		March			
	1952	1951	1952	1951		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	✓170,458	171,740	✓187,868	178,233		
Hemlock	✓69,851	69,906	✓86,935	80,816		
Balsam Fir	1,434	2,627	1,302	787		
Red Cedar	✓43,434	32,106	✓42,480	32,013		
Spruce	✓72,599	64,292	✓87,989	76,608		
White Pine	18,178	11,107	20,195	14,251		
Ponderosa Pine	8,956	9,037	12,091	8,339		
Lodgepole Pine	2,505	1,735	3,869	2,048		
All other softwoods	11,792	10,142	12,847	8,438		
Total softwoods	399,207	372,692	455,576	401,533		
Red Alder	417	723	552	534		
Maple	543	322	584	289		
Birch	265	113	277	182		
Cottonwood	280	177	283	167		
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-		
Total hardwoods	✓1,505	1,335	1,696	1,172		
Total Stocks	400,712	374,027	457,272	402,705		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn

April, 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	101,241	8,748	109,989	12,437	6,437	18,874
Hemlock	57,887	1,469	59,356	1,544	561	2,105
Balsam Fir	240	83	323	124	195	319
Red Cedar	27,561	2,281	29,842	826	337	1,163
Spruce	5,182	271	5,453	11,594	8,247	19,841
White Pine	1,827	7	1,834	2,887	649	3,536
Ponderosa Pine	-	3	3	2,040	529	2,569
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	91	767	858
All other softwoods..	390	1	391	959	3,037	3,996
Total, softwoods...	194,328	12,863	207,191	32,502	20,759	53,261
Red Alder	119	203	322	-	4	4
Maple	76	240	316	-	-	-
Birch	10	38	48	-	47	47
Cottonwood	10	144	154	30	9	39
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	215	625	840	30	60	90
Total, softwoods & hardwoods...	194,543	13,488	208,031	32,532	20,819	53,351
TIES						
Douglas Fir	2,068	414	2,482	650	899	1,549
Hemlock	788	51	839	-	29	29
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	3	3
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	155	59	214
White Pine	-	-	-	-	4	4
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	9	9
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	122	122
All other softwoods ..	-	-	-	-	101	101
Total, softwoods ...	2,856	465	3,321	805	1,226	2,031
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	10	10	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods...	-	10	10	-	-	-
Total, softwoods & hardwoods...	2,856	475	3,331	805	1,226	2,031
LUMBER AND TIES	197,399	13,963	211,362	33,337	22,045	55,382

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

	By Truck (Local Sales)	By Rail	Water- borne	Total Shipments
	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	Mft. b.m.	M ft. b.m.
<u>COAST MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	30,621	2,882	1,499	35,002
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta		2,584	xxxxxxx	2,584
Saskatchewan		1,904	xxxxxxx	1,904
Manitoba		2,271	xxxxxxx	2,271
Ontario.....		6,807	-	6,807
Quebec.....		2,313	-	2,313
New Brunswick.....		522	-	522
Nova Scotia.....		146	-	146
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada.....	30,621	19,429	1,499	51,549
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		646	679	1,325
Atlantic Ports		1,967	10,206	12,173
Other points, by rail.....		55,465	xxxxxxx	55,465
Total, for U.S.A.		58,078	10,885	68,963
United Kingdom	x	489	86,159	86,648
Other countries	x	46	10,970	11,016
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	30,621	78,042	109,513	218,176
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				9,888
Total shipments, reported and estimated				228,064
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	7,317	1,988	-	9,305
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	320	3,359	xxxxxxx	3,679
Saskatchewan		2,618	xxxxxxx	2,618
Manitoba		3,235	xxxxxxx	3,235
Ontario.....		3,088	-	3,088
Quebec.....		374	-	374
New Brunswick.....		25	-	25
Nova Scotia		29	-	29
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada.....	7,637	14,716	-	22,353
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		388	-	388
Atlantic Ports		-	-	-
Other points, by rail		23,106	xxxxxxx	23,106
Total for U.S.A.		23,494	-	23,494
United Kingdom	x	1,042	996	2,038
Other countries	x	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	7,637	39,252	996	47,885
Estimated shipments of non- reporting mills				20,088
Total shipments, reported and estimated				67,973
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills
April, 1952.

Species	COAST MILLS			INTERIOR MILLS		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
	Mft. b.m.	M ft. b.m.	M ft. b.m.	Mft. b.m.	M ft. b.m.	M ft. b.m.
SOLD (but not shipped)						
Douglas Fir.....	85,127	7,335	91,246	6,608	3,487	10,095
Hemlock.....	48,131	1,217	49,348	414	280	694
Balsam Fir.....	-	66	66	-	94	94
Red Cedar	17,914	1,826	19,740	110	160	270
Spruce	4,294	217	4,511	5,446	3,948	9,394
White Pine.....	2,887	6	2,893	326	310	636
Ponderosa Pine ...	20	3	23	2,367	256	2,623
Lodgepole Pine....	-	-	-	-	423	423
All other softwoods	479	1	480	546	1,492	2,038
Total, softwoods	157,636	10,671	168,307	15,817	10,450	26,267
Red Alder.....	124	162	286	-	2	2
Maple.....	207	200	407	-	-	-
Birch.....	73	30	103	-	23	23
Cottonwood	11	116	127	30	4	34
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	415	508	923	30	29	59
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	158,051	11,179	169,230	15,847	10,479	26,326
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	33,262	3,398	36,660	15,666	16,791	32,457
Hemlock.....	16,159	564	16,723	1,735	1,351	3,086
Balsam Fir.....	21	31	52	769	453	1,222
Red Cedar	20,146	846	20,992	1,661	771	2,432
Spruce	1,845	100	1,945	37,737	19,012	56,749
White Pine.....	979	3	982	12,172	1,495	13,667
Ponderosa Pine ...	12	1	13	5,066	1,231	6,297
Lodgepole Pine ...	-	-	-	47	2,035	2,082
All other softwoods	672	-	672	1,419	7,183	8,602
Total, softwoods.	73,096	4,943	78,039	76,272	50,322	126,594
Red Alder.....	45	75	120	-	9	9
Maple	43	93	136	-	-	-
Birch.....	17	14	31	-	108	108
Cottonwood	11	53	64	35	20	55
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	116	235	351	35	137	172
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	73,212	5,178	78,390	76,307	50,459	126,766
SOLD AND UNSOLD	231,263	16,357	247,620	92,154	60,938	153,092

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

	April		March	
	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.....	13,629	15,519	14,742	16,518
Coastwise and interior.....	5,286	3,712	6,058	4,037
Total	18,915	19,231	20,800	20,555
<u>For shipment by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces	10,592	16,856	11,986	15,686
Eastern Provinces	25,486	38,678	26,344	37,583
United States of America	45,079	42,608	50,053	54,216
Total.....	81,157	98,142	88,383	107,485
<u>For waterborne shipment to:</u>				
California	1,797	2,869	550	-
U.S. Atlantic Ports	9,921	5,046	2,910	5,365
Eastern Canada.....	-	3,351	-	3,910
Export Markets	286,097	311,135	351,408	348,488
Total.....	297,815	322,401	354,868	357,763
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	397,887	439,774	464,051	485,803
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS	4,939	10,851	4,250	6,332

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

		April		March	
		1952	1951	1952	1951
Coast	No.	97	122	101	113
Interior	No.	129	121	170	132
Total, British Columbia.....	No.	226	243	271	245

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

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