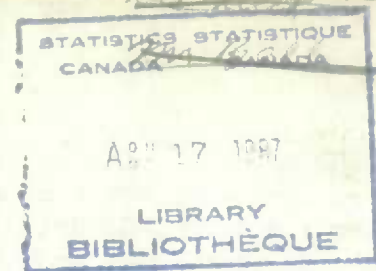




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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

May, 1952.

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 319,564 M ft. in May, 1952 as compared with 320,271 M ft. in May, 1951 a decrease of 0.2 p.c. from the previous year but an increase of 19.8 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 73.0 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 3.4 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, but the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 27.0 p.c. showed an increase of 9.6 p.c. Shipments in May, 1952 totalled 327,787 M ft., as compared with 291,762 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 12.3 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 7.2 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 30.8 p.c. Total shipments for May increased by 10.7 p.c. over the April figure of 296,037 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of May, 1952 amounted to 385,779 M ft., as compared with 407,056 M ft. at the end of May the previous year and 400,712 M ft. at the end of April of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 238,725 M ft., while Interior mills showed 147,054 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 April and May, 1951 and 1952. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 277,114 M ft. in April, 1951 to 320,271 M ft. in May, 1951 and from 266,744 M ft. in April to 319,564 M ft. in May, 1952. Shipments totalled 296,037 M ft. in April, 1952 and 327,787 M ft. in May, 1952 as compared with 289,456 M ft. in April and 291,762 M ft. in May of 1951. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 374,027 M ft. in April, 1951 to 407,056 M ft. in May but decreased from 400,712 M ft. in April, 1952 to 385,779 M ft. in May 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 227,160 M ft. in May, 1952 as compared with 81,996 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 5,968 M ft. in May as compared with 4,440 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 73.0 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in May, 1952 as compared with 75.4 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during April, 1952 and 1951 respectively, were 79.2 and 80.8 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 244,764 M ft. in May of 1952 and 228,064 M ft. in April, 1952 as compared with 228,270 M ft. in May, 1951 and 233,066 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 83,023 M ft. and 63,492 M ft. in May, 1952 and 1951 and 67,973 M ft. and 56,390 M ft. in April, 1952 and 1951. Of all shipments actually reported for May, 32.6 p.c. went to points in Canada, 30.2 p.c. to points in United States, 34.9 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 2.3 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 41.1 p.c. of the total, while 42.0 p.c. went by rail, and 16.9 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 April and May, 1952 amounted to 247,620 M ft. and 238,725 M ft. as compared with 249,849 M ft. and 269,145 M ft. in April and May of 1951. Interior mills stocks increased from 124,178 M ft. in April to 137,911 M ft. in May, 1951 but decreased from 153,092 M ft. in April to 147,054 M ft. in May, 1952. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 36.6 p.c. of the total in May, 1952 as compared with 31.3 p.c. in May, 1951 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentage were, respectively, 77.6 and 78.0.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of April and May, 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 May, 1952 amounted to 317,476 M ft. as compared with 399,007 M ft. in May, 1951. Orders on hand at the end of April, 1952 and 1951 amounted to 397,887 M ft. and 439,774 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 7,920 M ft. in May, 1952 and 7,947 M ft. in May, 1951 as compared with 4,939 M ft. in April, 1952 and 10,851 M ft. in April, 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 May accounted for 85.7 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1,950 compared with 82.2 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for April, 1951 and 1952 were 85.9 and 86.5 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, May, 1952.

	May		April		5 Months	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
PRODUCTION						
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir.....	✓ 157,459	166,611	132,894	139,544	658,897	706,733
Hemlock	✓ 73,906	67,161	62,329	65,677	309,648	322,730
Balsam Fir	754	1,142	645	2,393	3,452	7,012
Red Cedar.....	✓ 31,053	33,299	31,005	27,598	146,034	136,474
Spruce	✓ 36,942	32,975	25,508	29,067	183,571	191,917
White Pine	6,994	5,852	5,374	3,584	27,710	20,530
Ponderosa Pine	4,397	4,485	2,581	2,351	13,085	12,661
Lodgepole Pine	1,840	1,576	980	1,077	9,387	6,369
All other softwoods	5,339	6,365	4,488	4,867	24,917	22,735
Total softwoods	318,684	319,466	265,804	276,158	1,376,701	1,427,161
Red Alder	348	285	326	461	1,672	1,682
Maple	313	243	326	275	1,472	1,207
Birch	76	85	95	61	415	322
Cottonwood	143	192	193	159	844	687
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	880	805	940	956	4,403	3,898
Total Production	319,564	320,271	266,744	277,114	1,381,104	1,431,059
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada ..	95,248	94,478	73,902	88,545	398,408	416,954
Points in U.S.A.	88,327	72,770	92,457	81,160	397,255	397,865
United Kingdom	102,010	73,375	88,686	63,099	402,424	308,814
Other countries	6,434	15,343	11,016	26,197	56,949	120,036
Shipments reported	292,019	255,966	266,061	259,001	1,255,036	1,243,669
Estimated shipments of reporting mills	35,768	35,796	29,976	30,455	158,203	160,273
Total shipments	327,787	291,762	296,037	289,456	1,413,239	1,403,942
STOCKS ON HAND						
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir.....	✓ 163,834	193,062	170,458	171,740		
Hemlock	✓ 72,928	72,791	69,851	69,906		
Balsam Fir	1,050	1,338	1,434	2,627		
Red Cedar	✓ 40,739	39,399	43,434	32,106		
Spruce	✓ 66,764	61,181	72,599	64,292		
White Pine	17,206	14,338	18,178	11,107		
Ponderosa Pine	10,613	10,089	8,956	9,037		
Lodgepole Pine	2,792	2,571	2,505	1,735		
All other softwoods.....	8,754	10,736	11,792	10,142		
Total softwoods	384,680	405,505	399,207	372,692		
Red Alder	392	764	417	723		
Maple	333	454	543	322		
Birch	133	161	265	113		
Cottonwood	241	172	280	177		
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-		
Total hardwoods	1,099	1,551	1,505	1,335		
Total Stocks	385,779	407,056	400,712	374,027		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn
May, 1952.

Species	COAST MILLS			INTERIOR MILLS		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
	Mft. b.m.	Mft. b.m.	Mft.b.m.	Mft. b.m.	Mft. b.m.	Mft.b.m.
Lumber						
Douglas Fir	110,874	7,768	118,642	22,080	9,437	31,517
Hemlock.....	68,433	2,092	70,525	1,938	422	2,360
Balsam Fir.....	58	148	206	121	307	428
Red Cedar	25,751	2,888	28,639	1,898	343	2,241
Spruce	5,738	378	6,116	19,149	11,583	30,732
White Pine.....	2,102	27	2,129	3,948	768	4,716
Ponderosa Pine.....	1	42	43	3,566	769	4,335
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	-	-	114	1,121	1,235
All other softwoods	162	13	175	1,538	2,849	4,387
Total, softwoods.....	213,119	13,356	226,475	54,352	27,599	81,951
Red Alder.....	181	119	300	-	7	7
Maple	208	50	258	-	-	-
Birch.....	19	22	41	-	8	8
Cottonwood	43	43	86	2	28	30
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods.....	451	234	685	2	43	45
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	213,570	13,590	227,160	54,354	27,642	81,996
Ties						
Douglas Fir	2,921	1,449	4,370	1,713	1,217	2,930
Hemlock.....	737	274	1,011	10	-	10
Balsam Fir	-	120	120	-	-	-
Red Cedar	-	173	173	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	94	94
White Pine.....	-	144	144	-	5	5
Ponderosa Pine.....	-	-	-	4	15	19
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	299	306	605
All other softwoods	-	-	-	166	611	777
Total, softwoods.....	3,658	2,160	5,818	2,192	2,248	4,440
Red Alder.....	-	41	41	-	-	-
Maple	-	55	55	-	-	-
Birch	-	27	27	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	27	27	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods.....	-	150	150	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	3,658	2,310	5,968	2,192	2,248	4,440
Lumber & Ties	217,228	15,900	233,128	56,546	29,890	86,436

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

	By Truck (Local Sales)	By Rail	Water- borne	Total Shipments
<u>COAST MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	37,759	3,602	762	42,123
Yukon and Northwest Territories		3	-	3
Alberta		3,066	xxxxxxx	3,066
Saskatchewan		1,758	xxxxxxx	1,758
Manitoba		2,697	xxxxxxx	2,697
Ontario		9,008	-	9,008
Quebec		3,379	-	3,379
New Brunswick		734	-	734
Nova Scotia		288	-	288
Prince Edward Island		21	-	21
Newfoundland		50	-	50
Total for Canada	37,759	24,606	762	63,127
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		729	1,571	2,300
Atlantic Ports		792	11,034	11,826
Other points, by rail		49,798	xxxxxxx	49,798
Total for U.S.A.		51,319	12,605	63,924
United Kingdomx		902	98,745	99,647
Other countriesx		163	6,271	6,434
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported .	37,759	76,990	118,383	233,132
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				11,632
Total shipments, reported and estimated				244,764
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	11,257	2,749	-	14,006
Yukon and Northwest Territories		131	-	131
Alberta	299	5,349	xxxxxxx	5,648
Saskatchewan		4,088	xxxxxxx	4,088
Manitoba		3,505	xxxxxxx	3,505
Ontario		4,512	-	4,512
Quebec		144	-	144
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		25	-	25
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		62	-	62
Total for Canada	11,556	20,565	-	32,121
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		-	-	-
Atlantic Ports		182	-	182
Other points, by rail		24,221	xxxxxxx	24,221
Total for U.S.A.		24,403	-	24,403
United Kingdomx		629	1,734	2,363
Other countriesx		-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported...	11,556	45,597	1,734	58,887
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				24,136
Total shipments, reported and estimated				83,023
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

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

Species	COAST MILLS			INTERIOR MILLS		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
	Mft. b.m.	Mft. b.m.	Mft. b.m.	Mft. b.m.	Mft. b.m.	Mft. b.m.
<u>Sold (but not shipped)</u>						
Douglas Fir	74,953	5,399	80,352	8,630	4,052	12,682
Hemlock	41,088	1,386	42,474	439	160	599
Balsam Fir	-	157	157	258	117	375
Red Cedar	17,530	1,793	19,323	301	130	431
Spruce	4,504	221	4,725	8,378	4,440	12,818
White Pine	3,116	100	3,216	529	294	823
Ponderosa Pine	20	25	45	2,494	298	2,792
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	39	543	582
All other softwoods	404	8	412	415	1,316	1,731
Total, softwoods	141,615	9,089	150,704	21,483	11,350	32,833
Red Alder	195	94	289	-	3	3
Maple	192	62	254	-	-	-
Birch	38	29	67	-	3	3
Cottonwood	39	40	79	18	10	28
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	464	225	689	18	16	34
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	142,079	9,314	151,393	21,501	11,366	32,867
<u>Unsold</u>						
Douglas Fir	33,079	3,453	36,532	20,193	14,075	34,268
Hemlock	26,829	886	27,715	1,582	558	2,140
Balsam Fir	-	100	100	12	406	418
Red Cedar	17,368	1,147	18,515	2,017	453	2,470
Spruce	2,119	142	2,261	31,534	15,426	46,960
White Pine	1,189	64	1,253	10,893	1,021	11,914
Ponderosa Pine	12	16	28	6,712	1,036	7,748
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	325	1,885	2,210
All other softwoods	665	4	669	1,372	4,570	5,942
Total, softwoods	81,261	5,812	87,073	74,640	39,430	114,070
Red Alder	31	60	91	-	9	9
Maple	40	39	79	-	-	-
Birch	31	18	49	3	11	14
Cottonwood	13	27	40	57	37	94
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	115	144	259	60	57	117
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	81,376	5,956	87,332	74,700	39,487	114,187
<u>Sold and Unsold</u>	223,455	15,270	238,725	96,201	50,853	147,054

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

	May		April	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
For shipment to points in British Columbia				
Local	14,370	18,353	13,629	15,519
Coastwise and interior	3,074	3,730	5,286	3,712
Total	17,444	22,083	18,915	19,231
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	8,411	14,862	10,592	16,856
Eastern Provinces	20,295	34,962	25,486	38,678
United States of America	38,674	35,071	45,079	42,608
Total	67,380	84,895	81,157	98,142
For waterborne shipment to:				
California	2,330	310	1,797	2,869
U.S. Atlantic Ports	23,511	4,421	9,921	5,046
Eastern Canada	85	2,540	-	3,351
Export Markets	206,726	284,758	286,097	311,135
Total	232,652	292,029	297,815	322,401
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	317,476	399,007	397,887	439,774
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
	7,920	7,947	4,939	10,851

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

	May		April	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
CoastNo.	103	121	97	122
InteriorNo.	182	127	129	121
Total, British ColumbiaNo.	285	248	226	243

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

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