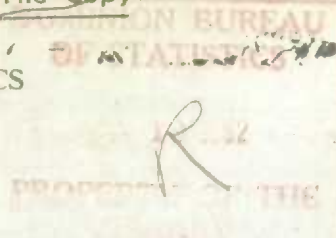


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIAJune, 1952

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 226,157 M ft. in June, 1952 as compared with 339,809 M ft. in June, 1951, a decrease of 33.4 p.c. from the previous year and a decrease of 29.2 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 49.1 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 52.0 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, but the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 50.9 p.c. showed an increase of 5.9 p.c. Shipments in June, 1952 totalled 259,640 M ft., as compared with 304,224 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 14.7 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 33.0 p.c. but Interior mills an increase of 37.0 p.c. Total shipments for June decreased by 20.8 p.c. from the May figure of 327,787 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of June, 1952 amounted to 356,935 M ft., as compared with 410,699 M ft. at the end of June the previous year and 385,779 M ft. at the end of May of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 203,499 M ft., while Interior mills showed 153,436 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 May and June, 1951 and 1952. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 320,271 M ft. in May, 1951 to 339,809 M ft. in June, 1951 but decreased from 319,564 M ft. in May to 226,157 M ft. in June, 1952. Shipments totalled 327,787 M ft. in May, 1952 and 259,640 M ft. in June, 1952, as compared with 291,762 M ft. in May and 304,224 M ft. in June of 1951. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 407,056 M ft. in May, 1951 to 410,699 M ft. in June, 1951 but decreased from 385,779 M ft. in May, 1952 to 356,935 M ft. in June 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 108,576 M ft. in June, 1952 as compared with 111,263 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 2,484 M ft. in June as compared with 3,834 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 49.1 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in June, 1952, as compared with 68.0 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during May, 1952 and 1951 respectively, were 73.0 and 75.4 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 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 150,340 M ft. in June of 1952 and 244,764 M ft. in May, 1952 as compared with 224,440 M ft. in June, 1951 and 228,270 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 109,300 M ft. and 79,784 M ft. in June, 1952, and 1951 and 83,023 M ft. and 63,492 M ft. in May, 1952 and 1951. Of all shipments actually reported for June, 40.2 p.c. went to points in Canada, 32.3 p.c. to points in United States, 26.4 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 1.1 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 33.6 p.c. of the total, while 45.8 p.c. went by rail, and 20.6 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 May and June, 1952 amounted to 238,725 M ft. and 203,499 M ft. as compared with 269,145 M ft. and 269,481 M ft. in May and June of 1951. Interior mills stocks increased from 137,911 M ft. in May to 141,218 M ft. in June, 1951 and increased from 147,054 M ft. in May to 153,436 M ft. in June, 1952. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 36.7 p.c. of the total in June, 1952, as compared with 33.3 p.c. in June, 1951 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 86.0 and 78.8.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of May and June, 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 June, 1952 amounted to 242,032 M ft. as compared with 587,265 M ft. in June, 1951. Orders on hand at the end of May, 1952 and 1951 amounted to 317,476 M ft. and 399,007 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 4,913 M ft. in June, 1952 and 7,225 M ft. in June, 1951 as compared with 7,920 M ft. in May, 1952 and 7,947 M ft. in May, 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 June accounted for 76.5 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1950 compared with 77.4 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for May, 1951 and 1952 were 82.2 and 85.7, 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 the 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, June 1952.

	June		May		6 Months	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
PRODUCTION	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	106,456	174,571	157,459	166,611	765,353	881,304
Hemlock	34,554	58,983	73,906	67,161	344,202	381,713
Balsam Fir	1,017	686	754	1,142	4,469	7,698
Red Cedar	14,410	29,292	31,053	33,299	160,444	165,766
Spruce	48,347	51,864	36,942	32,975	231,918	243,781
White Pine	6,084	5,961	6,994	5,852	33,794	26,491
Ponderosa Pine	5,758	5,733	4,397	4,485	18,843	18,394
Lodgepole Pine	2,291	2,234	1,840	1,576	11,678	8,603
All other softwoods ...	6,749	9,084	5,339	6,365	31,666	31,819
Total softwoods	225,666	338,408	318,684	319,466	1,602,367	1,765,569
Red Alder	183	531	348	285	1,855	2,213
Maple	143	426	313	243	1,615	1,633
Birch	39	163	76	85	454	485
Cottonwood	124	281	143	192	968	968
All other hardwoods ..	2	-	-	-	2	-
Total hardwoods	491	1,401	880	805	4,894	5,299
Total Production	226,157	339,809	319,564	320,271	1,607,261	1,770,868
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada..	87,715	97,343	95,248	94,478	486,123	514,297
Points in U.S.A....	70,509	76,403	88,327	72,770	467,764	474,268
United Kingdom...	57,660	65,302	102,010	73,375	460,084	374,116
Other countries ...	2,555	21,220	6,434	15,343	59,504	141,256
Shipments reported ...	218,439	260,268	292,019	255,966	1,473,475	1,503,937
Estimated shipments of reporting mills ...	41,201	43,956	35,768	35,796	199,404	204,229
Total shipments	259,640	304,224	327,787	291,762	1,672,879	1,708,166
	June		May			
	1952	1951	1952	1951		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
STOCKS ON HAND						
Douglas Fir	149,271	187,601	163,834	193,062		
Hemlock	63,157	75,722	72,928	72,791		
Balsam Fir	1,282	750	1,050	1,338		
Red Cedar	32,150	41,415	40,739	39,399		
Spruce	69,419	68,455	66,764	61,181		
White Pine	16,125	9,402	17,206	14,338		
Ponderosa Pine	11,888	11,055	10,613	10,089		
Lodgepole Pine	2,632	2,422	2,792	2,571		
All other softwoods ...	10,070	11,488	8,754	10,736		
Total softwoods	355,994	408,310	384,680	405,505		
Red Alder	303	1,061	392	764		
Maple	260	699	333	454		
Birch	132	289	133	161		
Cottonwood	240	340	241	172		
All other hardwoods ..	6	-	-	-		
Total hardwoods	941	2,389	1,099	1,551		
Total Stocks	356,935	410,699	385,779	407,056		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn
June, 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>LUMBER</u>						
Douglas Fir	58,312	3,940	62,252	25,302	14,594	39,896
Hemlock	29,531	1,103	30,634	2,277	772	3,049
Balsam Fir	17	55	72	244	642	886
Red Cedar	10,498	1,203	11,701	1,937	698	2,635
Spruce	2,958	177	3,135	27,097	18,038	45,135
White Pine	325	14	339	4,513	1,164	5,677
Ponderosa Pine	-	10	10	3,795	1,940	5,735
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	419	1,605	2,024
All other softwoods.	94	6	100	1,611	4,531	6,142
Total, softwoods..	101,735	6,508	108,243	67,195	43,984	111,179
Red Alder	87	69	156	-	7	7
Maple	91	25	116	-	-	-
Birch	5	15	20	1	5	6
Cottonwood	1	38	39	-	71	71
All other hardwoods	2	-	2	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	186	147	333	1	83	84
Total, softwoods & hardwoods..	101,921	6,655	108,576	67,196	44,067	111,263
<u>TIES</u>						
Douglas Fir	916	427	1,343	2,018	947	2,965
Hemlock	780	91	871	-	-	-
Balsam Fir	-	59	59	-	-	-
Red Cedar	-	74	74	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	5	72	77
White Pine	-	63	63	-	5	5
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	13	13
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	267	267
All other softwoods	-	-	-	116	391	507
Total, softwoods..	1,696	714	2,410	2,139	1,695	3,834
Red Alder	-	20	20	-	-	-
Maple	-	27	27	-	-	-
Birch	-	13	13	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	14	14	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods.	-	74	74	-	-	-
Total, softwoods & hardwoods..	1,696	788	2,484	2,139	1,695	3,834
LUMBER & TIES	103,617	7,443	111,060	69,335	45,762	115,097

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, June, 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	28,793	2,126	958	31,877
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta		1,776	xxxxxx	1,776
Saskatchewan		1,614	xxxxxx	1,614
Manitoba		2,453	xxxxxx	2,453
Ontario		5,188	-	5,188
Quebec		2,093	-	2,093
New Brunswick		381	-	381
Nova Scotia		125	-	125
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		93	-	93
Total for Canada	28,793	15,849	958	45,600
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		438	1,897	2,335
Atlantic Ports		275	12,338	12,613
Other points, by rail		26,913	xxxxxx	26,913
Total for U.S.A.		27,626	14,235	41,861
United Kingdom x		1,210	52,511	53,721
Other countries x		27	2,528	2,555
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	28,793	44,712	70,232	143,737
Estimated shipments of				
non-reporting mills				6,603
Total shipments, reported and estimated				150,340
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	15,674	2,470	-	18,144
Yukon and Northwest Territories		89	-	89
Alberta	508	6,878	xxxxxx	7,386
Saskatchewan		5,542	xxxxxx	5,542
Manitoba		5,466	xxxxxx	5,466
Ontario		4,159	-	4,159
Quebec		1,194	-	1,194
New Brunswick		52	-	52
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		83	-	83
Total for Canada	16,182	25,933	-	42,115
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		83	-	83
Atlantic Ports		293	-	293
Other points, by rail		28,272	xxxxxx	28,272
Total for U.S.A.		28,648	-	28,648
United Kingdom x		860	3,079	3,939
Other countries x		-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	16,182	55,441	3,079	74,702
Estimated shipments of				
non-reporting mills				34,598
Total shipments, reported and estimated				109,300
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills
June, 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.....	65,446	5,070	70,516	4,883	2,897	7,780
Hemlock.....	37,678	1,386	39,064	107	144	251
Balsam Fir.....	-	132	132	89	120	209
Red Cedar.....	11,550	1,482	13,032	312	130	442
Spruce.....	2,506	206	2,712	4,026	3,376	7,402
White Pine.....	2,197	89	2,286	772	218	990
Ponderosa Pine.....	118	12	130	1,993	364	2,357
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	-	-	20	349	369
All other softwoods	490	7	497	723	918	1,641
Total, softwoods..	119,985	8,384	128,369	12,925	8,516	21,441
Red Alder.....	108	103	211	-	1	1
Maple.....	136	61	197	-	-	-
Birch.....	45	33	78	-	1	1
Cottonwood.....	20	60	80	-	13	13
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	309	257	566	-	15	15
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	120,294	8,641	128,935	12,925	8,531	21,456
<u>Unsold</u>						
Douglas Fir.....	29,787	2,932	32,719	20,435	17,821	38,256
Hemlock.....	20,322	802	21,124	1,833	885	2,718
Balsam Fir.....	5	77	82	123	736	859
Red Cedar.....	15,579	857	16,436	1,440	800	2,240
Spruce.....	2,613	119	2,732	35,806	20,767	56,573
White Pine.....	537	52	589	10,920	1,340	12,260
Ponderosa Pine.....	-	7	7	7,155	2,239	9,394
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	-	-	116	2,147	2,263
All other softwoods	640	3	643	1,644	5,645	7,289
Total, softwoods	69,483	4,849	74,332	79,472	52,380	131,852
Red Alder.....	23	60	83	-	8	8
Maple.....	28	35	63	-	-	-
Birch.....	20	19	39	8	6	14
Cottonwood.....	7	34	41	25	81	106
All other hardwoods	6	-	6	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	84	148	232	33	95	128
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	69,567	4,997	74,564	79,505	52,475	131,980
Sold & Unsold	189,861	13,638	203,499	92,430	61,006	153,436

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

	June		May	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
ORDERS ON HAND				
For shipment to points in British Columbia				
Local	9,119	15,186	14,370	18,353
Coastwise and interior	3,174	4,803	3,074	3,730
Total	12,293	19,989	17,444	22,083
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	7,350	12,725	8,411	14,862
Eastern Provinces	17,441	28,813	20,295	34,962
United States of America	35,020	36,903	38,674	35,071
Total	59,811	78,441	67,380	84,895
For waterborne shipment to:				
California	-	676	2,330	310
U.S. Atlantic Ports	21,599	1,933	23,511	4,421
Eastern Canada	-	485	85	2,540
Export Markets	148,329	485,741	206,726	284,758
Total	169,928	488,835	232,652	292,029
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	242,032	587,265	317,476	399,007
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
	4,913	7,225	7,920	7,947

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

	June		May	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
CoastNo.	106	124	103	121
InteriorNo.	228	160	182	127
Total, British ColumbiaNo.	334	284	285	248

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

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