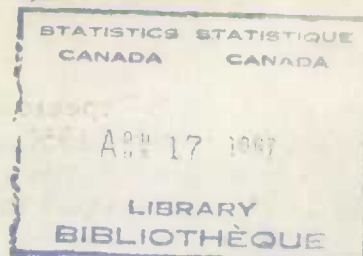




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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

July, 1952

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 143,111 M ft. in July, 1952 as compared with 299,049 M ft. in July, 1951 a decrease of 52.1 p.c. from the previous year and a decrease of 36.7 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 6.3 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 95.0 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, but the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 93.7 p.c. showed an increase of 15.3 p.c. Shipments in July, 1952 totalled 129,727 M ft., as compared with 292,742 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 55.7 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 96.3 p.c. but the Interior mills an increase of 31.5 p.c. Total shipments for July decreased by 50.0 p.c. from the June figure of 259,640 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of July, 1952 amounted to 375,415 M ft., as compared with 422,388 M ft. at the end of July the previous year and 356,935 M ft. at the end of June of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 216,314 M ft., while Interior mills showed 159,101 M ft.

Page 4 gives the final estimates of the production of sawn lumber (excluding sawn ties) for British Columbia and east of the Rockies, by months for 1950 and preliminary estimates for 1951. Similar revised monthly estimates of sawn lumber production for all provinces (except Newfoundland), are contained in the July issue of the Monthly report entitled "Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies".

Summary Figures

Table 1 gives a comparative summary of production, shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills for June and July 1951 and 1952. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 339,809 M ft. in June, 1951 to 299,049 M ft. in July, 1951 and from 226,157 M ft. in June to 143,111 M ft. in July, 1952. Shipments totalled 259,640 M ft. in June, 1952 and 129,727 M ft. in July, 1952 as compared with 304,224 M ft. in June and 292,742 M ft. in July of 1951. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 410,699 M ft. in June, 1951 to 422,388 M ft. in July and increased from 356,935 M ft. in June, 1952 to 375,415 M ft. in July 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 8,704 M ft. in July, 1952 as compared with 129,247 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 382 M ft. in July as compared with 4,778 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 6.3 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in July, 1952 as compared with 61.1 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during June, 1952 and 1951 respectively, were 49.1 and 68.0 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 7,415 M ft. in July of 1952 and 150,340 M ft. in June, 1952 as compared with 199,738 M ft. in July, 1951 and 224,440 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 122,312 M ft. and 93,004 M ft. in July, 1952 and 1951 and 109,300 M ft. and 79,784 M ft. in June, 1952 and 1951. Of all shipments actually reported for July, 65.9 p.c. went to points in Canada, 31.3 p.c. to points in United States, 2.7 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 0.1 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 2.3 p.c. of the total, while 68.4 p.c. went by rail, and 29.3 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 June and July, 1952 amounted to 203,499 M ft. and 216,314 M ft. as compared with 269,481 M ft. and 240,202 M ft. in June and July of 1951. Interior mills stocks increased from 141,218 M ft. in June to 182,186 M ft. in July, 1951 and increased from 153,436 M ft. in June to 159,101 M ft. in July, 1952. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 41.1 p.c. of the total in July, 1952 as compared with 34.8 p.c. in July, 1951 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 74.5 and 83.3.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of June and July, 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 July, 1952 amounted to 256,347 M ft. as compared with 821,705 M ft. in July, 1951. Orders on hand at the end of June, 1952 and 1951 amounted to 242,032 M ft. and 587,265 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 723 M ft. in July, 1952 and 4,325 M ft. in July, 1951 as compared with 4,913 M ft. in June, 1952 and 7,225 M ft. in June, 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 July accounted for 63.7 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1950 compared with 76.0 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for June, 1951 and 1952 were 77.4 and 76.5 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.

Final estimates of Canadian production of sawn lumber by months,
for 1950, and preliminary estimates for 1951.

Month	1950					1951				
	British Columbia			East of Rockies	Total Canada ^x	British Columbia			East of Rockies	Total Canada ^x
	Coast	Interior	Total			Coast	Interior	Total		
January	129,254	29,682	158,936	137,886	296,822	214,993	65,774	280,767	180,542	461,309
February	162,409	47,899	210,308	203,937	414,245	200,691	66,550	267,241	242,582	509,823
March	211,638	58,717	270,355	231,873	502,228	200,260	66,961	267,221	271,658	538,879
April	182,753	51,468	234,221	124,788	359,009	220,316	50,990	271,306	148,472	419,778
May	226,282	75,367	301,649	256,063	557,712	238,351	74,913	313,264	323,656	636,920
June	228,593	97,931	326,524	461,624	788,148	226,958	105,517	332,475	480,835	813,310
July	198,050	120,235	318,285	462,161	780,446	180,242	112,363	292,605	454,706	747,311
August	241,679	128,241	369,920	405,679	775,599	183,009	108,622	291,631	404,643	696,274
September	237,635	115,948	353,583	293,522	647,105	167,221	92,066	259,287	294,988	554,275
October	240,749	114,602	355,351	204,603	559,954	207,246	95,341	302,587	176,670	479,257
November	253,735	75,796	329,531	93,423	422,954	203,561	84,532	288,093	72,261	360,354
December	198,954	81,170	280,124	120,887	401,011	157,943	56,648	214,591	103,157	317,748
Total	2,511,731	997,056	3,508,787	2,996,446	6,505,233	2,400,791	980,277	3,381,068	3,154,170	6,535,238

x Production in the Yukon and N. W. T. (3,383 M ft.b.m.) and Newfoundland (45,282 M ft.b.m.) not included in the 1950 total; 1951 quantities not yet available.

Table 1 - Comparative Summary of Production, Shipments and Stocks of Lumber and Ties of British Columbia Sawmills, July 1952.

	July		June		7 Months	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	54,224	146,789	106,456	174,571	819,577	1,028,093
Hemlock	4,654	55,577	34,554	58,983	348,856	437,290
Balsam Fir	730	1,229	1,017	686	5,199	8,927
Red Cedar	3,418	19,998	14,410	29,292	163,862	185,764
Spruce	57,680	54,574	48,347	51,864	289,598	298,355
White Pine	3,320	4,060	6,084	5,961	37,114	30,551
Ponderosa Pine	7,322	5,403	5,758	5,733	26,165	23,797
Lodgepole Pine	2,897	2,358	2,291	2,234	14,575	10,961
All other softwoods	8,708	8,378	6,749	9,084	40,374	40,197
Total softwoods ..	142,953	298,366	225,666	338,408	1,745,320	2,063,935
Red Alder	47	277	183	531	1,902	2,490
Maple	44	211	143	426	1,659	1,844
Birch.....	17	77	39	163	471	562
Cottonwood	50	118	124	281	1,018	1,086
All other hardwoods	-	-	2	-	2	-
Total hardwoods	158	683	491	1,401	5,052	5,982
Total Production	143,111	299,049	226,157	339,809	1,750,372	2,069,917
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	59,348	91,745	87,715	97,343	545,471	606,042
Points in U.S.A.	28,193	66,832	70,509	76,403	495,957	541,100
United Kingdom	2,442	60,591	57,660	65,302	462,526	434,707
Other countries	66	28,120	2,555	21,220	59,570	169,376
Shipments reported	90,049	247,288	218,439	260,268	1,563,524	1,751,225
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	39,678	45,454	41,201	43,956	239,082	249,683
Total shipments.....	129,727	292,742	259,640	304,224	1,802,606	2,000,908
	July		June			
	1952	1951	1952	1951		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
STOCKS ON HAND						
Douglas Fir	155,387	181,992	149,271	187,601		
Hemlock	65,569	68,870	63,157	75,722		
Balsam Fir	1,208	2,044	1,282	750		
Red Cedar	34,687	38,101	32,150	41,415		
Spruce	75,275	87,911	69,419	68,455		
White Pine	16,294	11,454	16,125	9,402		
Ponderosa Pine	12,649	12,626	11,888	11,055		
Lodgepole Pine	2,396	3,189	2,632	2,422		
All other softwoods	10,718	14,159	10,070	11,488		
Total softwoods..	374,183	420,346	355,994	408,310		
Red Alder	450	992	303	1,061		
Maple	353	627	260	699		
Birch	156	206	132	289		
Cottonwood	273	217	240	340		
All other hardwoods	-	-	6	-		
Total hardwoods..	1,232	2,042	941	2,389		
Total Stocks	375,415	422,388	356,935	410,699		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn

June, 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	5,566	552	6,118	28,167	16,365	44,532
Hemlock	1,584	131	1,715	1,888	1,035	2,923
Balsam Fir.....	4	9	13	224	482	706
Red Cedar	352	172	524	2,207	676	2,883
Spruce	28	23	51	37,056	20,291	57,347
White Pine	18	1	19	2,042	1,242	3,284
Ponderosa Pine ..	60	1	61	4,977	2,118	7,095
Lodgepole Pine...	-	-	-	919	1,654	2,573
All other softwoods	126	1	127	3,063	4,772	7,835
Total, softwoods	7,738	890	8,628	80,543	48,635	129,178
Red Alder	23	9	32	-	11	11
Maple	36	3	39	-	-	-
Birch	-	1	1	1	13	14
Cottonwood.....	-	4	4	3	41	44
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	59	17	76	4	65	69
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	7,797	907	8,704	80,547	48,700	129,247
TIES						
Douglas Fir.....	95	75	170	2,121	1,283	3,404
Hemlock.....	-	16	16	-	-	-
Balsam Fir.....	-	11	11	-	-	-
Red Cedar	-	11	11	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	184	98	282
White Pine	-	11	11	-	6	6
Ponderosa Pine ..	150	-	150	-	16	16
Lodgepole Pine ..	-	-	-	-	324	324
All other softwoods	-	-	-	215	531	746
Total, softwoods	245	124	369	2,520	2,258	4,778
Red Alder	-	4	4	-	-	-
Maple	-	5	5	-	-	-
Birch	-	2	2	-	-	-
Cottonwood.....	-	2	2	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	13	13	-	-	-
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	245	137	382	2,520	2,258	4,778
LUMBER AND TIES	8,042	1,044	9,086	83,067	50,958	134,025

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, July, 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.
COAST MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	3,066	331	-	3,397
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	-	155	xxxxxxx	155
Saskatchewan	-	-	xxxxxxx	-
Manitoba	-	66	xxxxxxx	66
Ontario	-	116	-	116
Quebec	-	136	-	136
New Brunswick	-	28	-	28
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	3,066	832	-	3,898
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	-	84	-	84
Atlantic Ports	-	11	-	11
Other points, by rail	-	912	xxxxxxx	912
Total, for U. S.A.	-	1,007	-	1,007
United Kingdom	x	-	1,449	1,449
Other countries	x	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	3,066	1,839	1,449	6,354
Estimated shipments of				
non-reporting mills	-	-	-	1,061
Total shipments, reported and estimated	-	-	-	7,415
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	22,709	2,792	-	25,501
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	26	61	87
Alberta	616	6,742	xxxxxxx	7,358
Saskatchewan	-	7,644	xxxxxxx	7,644
Manitoba	-	6,349	xxxxxxx	6,349
Ontario	-	8,048	-	8,048
Quebec	-	431	-	431
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	32	-	32
Total for Canada ..	23,325	32,064	61	55,450
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports	-	-	-	-
Atlantic Ports	-	324	-	324
Other points, by rail	-	26,862	xxxxxxx	26,862
Total for U.S.A.	-	27,186	-	27,186
United Kingdom	x	468	525	993
Other countries	x	-	66	66
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	23,325	59,718	652	83,695
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	-	-	-	38,617
Total shipments, reported and estimated	-	-	-	122,312
xShipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

July, 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.....	61,499	8,792	70,291	7,787	5,338	13,125
Hemlock	33,718	2,062	35,780	345	313	658
Balsam Fir.....	-	280	280	106	146	252
Red Cedar	11,776	2,566	14,342	372	204	576
Spruce	2,639	322	2,961	9,895	6,166	16,061
White Pine	2,239	168	2,407	1,844	378	2,222
Ponderosa Pine ...	-	14	14	3,395	645	4,040
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	598	598
All other softwoods	591	15	606	1,379	1,604	2,983
Total, softwoods	112,462	14,219	126,681	25,123	15,392	40,515
Red Alder	96	182	278	-	3	3
Maple	142	112	254	-	-	-
Birch	56	42	98	-	4	4
Cottonwood.....	20	85	105	-	13	13
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	314	421	735	-	20	20
Total, softwoods & hardwoods....	112,776	14,640	127,416	25,123	15,412	40,535
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	32,775	6,134	38,909	17,450	15,612	33,062
Hemlock	25,500	1,438	26,938	1,277	916	2,193
Balsam Fir.....	-	196	196	54	426	480
Red Cedar	15,841	1,790	17,631	1,540	598	2,138
Spruce	3,081	225	3,306	34,910	18,037	52,947
White Pine	759	117	876	9,685	1,104	10,789
Ponderosa Pine ...	15	10	25	6,682	1,888	8,570
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	48	1,750	1,798
All other softwoods	640	10	650	1,788	4,691	6,479
Total, softwoods	78,611	9,920	88,531	73,434	45,022	118,456
Red Alder	32	127	159	-	10	10
Maple	20	79	99	-	-	-
Birch	9	29	38	4	12	16
Cottonwood.....	12	59	71	48	36	84
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	73	294	367	52	58	110
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	78,684	10,214	88,898	73,486	45,080	118,566
SOLD AND UNSOLD	191,460	24,854	216,314	98,609	60,492	159,101

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

	July		June	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
ORDERS ON HAND				
<u>For shipment to points in British Columbia</u>				
Local	10,607	15,590	9,119	15,186
Coastwise and interior	4,088	4,337	3,174	4,803
Total	14,695	19,927	12,293	19,989
<u>For shipment by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces	8,006	12,413	7,350	12,725
Eastern Provinces	19,571	27,203	17,441	28,813
United States of America.....	38,085	35,133	35,020	36,903
Total	65,662	74,749	59,811	78,441
<u>For waterborne shipment to:</u>				
California	1,625	98	-	676
U.S. Atlantic Ports	21,923	1,138	21,599	1,933
Eastern Canada	300	-	-	485
Export Markets	152,142	725,793	148,329	485,741
Total	175,990	727,029	169,928	488,835
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	256,347	821,705	242,032	587,265
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
	723	4,325	4,913	7,225

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

	July		June	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Coast	No. 33	121	106	124
Interior	No. 231	163	228	160
Total, British Columbia	No. 264	284	334	284

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

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