

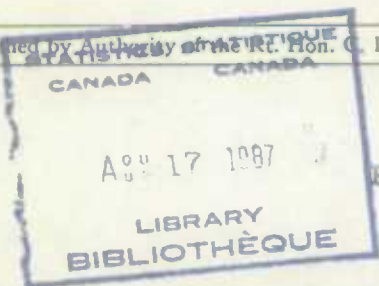


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS  
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

August, 1952

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 343,670 M ft. in August, 1952 as compared with 296,577 M ft. in August, 1951 an increase of 15.9 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 140.1 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 61.1 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 13.6 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 38.9 p.c. showed an increase of 19.7 p.c. Shipments in August, 1952 totalled 316,811 M ft., as compared with 287,899 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 10.0 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 1.6 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 28.1 p.c. Total shipments for August increased by 144.2 p.c. over the July figure of 129,727 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of August, 1952 amounted to 388,170 M ft., as compared with 386,377 M ft. at the end of August the previous year and 375,415 M ft. at the end of July of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 216,988 M ft., while Interior mills showed 171,182 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 July and August, 1951 and 1952. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 299,049 M ft. in July, 1951 to 296,577 M ft. in August, 1951 but increased from 143,111 M ft. in July to 343,670 M ft. in August, 1952. Shipments totalled 129,727 M ft. in July, 1952 and 316,811 M ft. in August, 1952 as compared with 292,742 M ft. in July and 287,899 M ft. in August of 1951. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 422,388 M ft. in July, 1951 to 386,377 M ft. in August but increased from 375,415 M ft. in July, 1952 to 388,170 M ft. in August 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 207,158 M ft. in August, 1952 as compared with 127,445 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 2,781 M ft. in August as compared with 6,286 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 61.1 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in August, 1952 as compared with 62.3 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during July, 1952 and 1951 respectively, were 6.3 and 61.1 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 199,591 M ft. in August of 1952 and 7,415 M ft. in July, 1952 as compared with 196,417 M ft. in August, 1951 and 199,738 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 117,220 M ft. and 91,482 M ft. in August, 1952 and 1951 and 122,312 M ft. and 93,004 M ft. in July, 1952 and 1951. Of all shipments actually reported for August, 38.9 p.c. went to points in Canada, 31.1 p.c. to points in United States, 27.3 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 2.7 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 39.1 p.c. of the total, while 40.9 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 July and August, 1952 amounted to 216,314 M ft. and 216,988 M ft. as compared with 240,202 M ft. and 233,717 M ft. in July and August of 1951. Interior mills stocks decreased from 182,186 M ft. in July to 152,660 M ft. in August, 1951 but increased from 159,101 M ft. in July to 171,182 M ft. in August, 1952. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 29.4 p.c. of the total in August, 1952 as compared with 32.8 p.c. in August, 1951 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively 81.9 and 82.4.

### Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of July and August, 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 August, 1952 amounted to 260,386 M ft. as compared with 837,023 M ft. in August, 1951. Orders on hand at the end of July, 1952 and 1951 amounted to 256,347 M ft. and 821,705 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 4,689 M ft. in August, 1952 and 2,437 M ft. in August, 1951 as compared with 723 M ft. in July, 1952 and 4,325 M ft. in July, 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 August accounted for 80.2 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1950 compared with 77.2 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for July, 1951 and 1952 were 76.0 and 63.7 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 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, August, 1952.

	August		July		8 Months	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir .....	163,148	143,321	54,224	146,789	982,725	1,171,414
Hemlock .....	67,384	52,976	4,654	55,577	416,240	490,266
Balsam Fir .....	944	734	730	1,229	6,143	9,661
Red Cedar .....	28,892	23,544	3,418	19,998	192,754	209,308
Spruce .....	63,061	55,004	57,680	54,574	352,659	353,359
White Pine .....	3,696	3,817	3,320	4,060	40,810	34,368
Ponderosa Pine .....	4,932	5,812	7,322	5,403	31,097	29,609
Lodgepole Pine .....	2,855	1,853	2,897	2,358	17,430	12,814
All other softwoods	8,100	8,447	8,708	8,378	48,474	48,644
Total softwoods ..	343,012	295,508	142,953	298,366	2,088,332	2,359,443
Red Alder .....	290	364	47	277	2,192	2,854
Maple .....	213	406	44	211	1,872	2,250
Birch .....	43	136	17	77	514	698
Cottonwood .....	112	159	50	118	1,130	1,245
All other hardwoods	-	4	-	-	2	4
Total hardwoods ..	658	1,069	158	683	5,710	7,051
Total Production	343,670	296,577	143,111	299,049	2,094,042	2,366,494
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	104,464	88,703	59,348	91,745	649,935	694,745
Points in U. S. A.	83,382	70,481	28,193	66,832	579,339	611,581
United Kingdom	73,192	55,169	2,442	60,591	535,718	489,876
Other countries	7,210	21,827	66	28,120	66,780	191,203
Shipments reported	268,248	236,180	90,049	247,288	1,831,772	1,987,405
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	48,563	51,719	39,678	45,454	287,645	301,402
Total shipments ....	316,811	287,899	129,727	292,742	2,119,417	2,288,807
	August		July			
	1952	1951	1952	1951		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
STOCKS ON HAND						
Douglas Fir .....	162,831	176,910	155,387	181,992		
Hemlock .....	70,965	61,104	65,569	68,870		
Balsam Fir .....	885	800	1,208	2,044		
Red Cedar .....	34,900	34,892	34,687	38,101		
Spruce .....	79,075	73,610	75,275	87,911		
White Pine .....	13,636	9,787	16,294	11,454		
Ponderosa Pine .....	12,961	12,402	12,649	12,626		
Lodgepole Pine .....	2,643	2,302	2,396	3,189		
All other softwoods	9,594	12,389	10,718	14,159		
Total softwoods ..	387,490	384,196	374,183	420,346		
Red Alder .....	241	1,103	450	992		
Maple .....	220	597	353	627		
Birch .....	52	285	156	206		
Cottonwood .....	167	190	273	217		
All other hardwoods	-	6	-	-		
Total hardwoods ..	680	2,181	1,232	2,042		
Total Stocks .....	388,170	386,377	375,415	422,388		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn  
August, 1952

Species	COAST MILLS			INTERIOR MILLS		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
<b>LUMBER</b>	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.
Douglas Fir .....	105,610	6,239	111,849	28,899	16,456	45,355
Hemlock .....	60,996	1,499	62,495	2,365	1,200	3,565
Balsam Fir .....	101	76	177	273	460	733
Red Cedar .....	24,298	2,483	26,781	1,406	626	2,032
Spruce .....	4,343	231	4,574	33,332	24,851	58,183
White Pine .....	416	18	434	1,956	1,232	3,188
Ponderosa Pine .	-	18	18	3,327	1,545	4,872
Lodgepole Pine .	-	-	-	808	1,587	2,395
All other softwoods	271	12	283	2,556	4,498	7,054
Total, softwoods	196,035	10,576	206,611	74,922	52,455	127,377
Red Alder .....	170	98	268	-	10	10
Maple .....	158	39	197	-	-	-
Birch .....	2	18	20	2	13	15
Cottonwood .....	5	57	62	2	41	43
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	335	212	547	4	64	68
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	196,370	10,788	207,158	74,926	52,519	127,445
<b>TIES</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	930	311	1,241	1,816	2,887	4,703
Hemlock .....	1,252	72	1,324	-	-	-
Balsam Fir .....	-	34	34	-	-	-
Red Cedar .....	-	79	79	-	-	-
Spruce .....	-	-	-	180	124	304
White Pine .....	-	60	60	-	14	14
Ponderosa Pine ..	-	-	-	20	22	42
Lodgepole Pine ..	-	-	-	38	422	460
All other softwoods	-	-	-	99	664	763
Total, softwoods	2,182	556	2,738	2,153	4,133	6,286
Red Alder .....	-	12	12	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	16	16	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	8	8	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	7	7	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	43	43	-	-	-
Total, softwoods & hardwoods ..	2,182	599	2,781	2,153	4,133	6,286
<b>LUMBER AND TIES .....</b>	198,552	11,387	209,939	77,079	56,652	133,781

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, August, 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.
<b>COAST MILLS</b>				
<b>TO: Points in Canada:</b>				
British Columbia .....	32,208	2,319	744	35,271
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....		-	-	-
Alberta .....		2,646	xxxxxx	2,646
Saskatchewan .....		1,500	xxxxxx	1,500
Manitoba .....		1,984	xxxxxx	1,984
Ontario .....		6,571	-	6,571
Quebec .....		2,738	-	2,738
New Brunswick .....		96	-	96
Nova Scotia .....		109	-	109
Prince Edward Island .....		-	-	-
Newfoundland .....		43	-	43
Total for Canada .....	32,208	18,006	744	50,958
<b>Points in U.S.A:</b>				
Pacific Ports .....		657	500	1,157
Atlantic Ports .....		1,737	24,409	26,146
Other points, by rail .....		33,419	xxxxxx	33,419
Total for U.S.A. ....		35,813	24,909	60,722
United Kingdom .....x		951	71,581	72,532
Other countries .....x		43	7,167	7,210
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported .....	32,208	54,813	104,401	191,422
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				8,169
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				199,591
<b>INTERIOR MILLS</b>				
<b>TO: Points in Canada:</b>				
British Columbia .....	20,679	2,146	-	22,825
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....		-	-	-
Alberta .....	763	8,512	xxxxxx	9,275
Saskatchewan .....		7,829	xxxxxx	7,829
Manitoba .....		5,201	xxxxxx	5,201
Ontario .....		7,761	-	7,761
Quebec .....		572	-	572
New Brunswick .....		-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....		24	-	24
Prince Edward Island .....		-	-	-
Newfoundland .....		19	-	19
Total for Canada .....	21,442	32,064	-	53,506
<b>Points in U.S.A:</b>				
Pacific Ports .....		-	-	-
Atlantic Ports .....		1,168	-	1,168
Other points, by rail .....		21,492	xxxxxx	21,492
Total for U. S. A. ....		22,660	-	22,660
United Kingdom .....x		298	362	660
Other countries .....x		-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported .....	21,442	55,022	362	76,826
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				40,394
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				117,220
<b>X Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.</b>				



Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills,  
August, 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 .....	74,751	4,782	79,533	5,901	4,490	10,391
Hemlock .....	46,204	1,147	47,351	162	279	441
Balsam Fir .....	58	80	138	-	107	107
Red Cedar .....	18,187	1,870	20,057	131	145	276
Spruce .....	3,633	169	3,802	5,117	5,798	10,915
White Pine .....	1,505	57	1,562	2,256	289	2,545
Ponderosa Pine .	-	13	13	3,886	364	4,250
Lodgepole Pine .	-	-	-	4	466	470
All other softwoods	333	9	342	435	1,198	1,633
Total, softwoods	144,671	8,127	152,798	17,892	13,136	31,028
Red Alder .....	106	80	186	-	2	2
Maple .....	161	40	201	-	-	-
Birch .....	3	19	22	-	3	3
Cottonwood .....	13	47	60	-	10	10
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	283	186	469	-	15	15
Total, softwoods & hardwoods ..	144,954	8,313	153,267	17,892	13,151	31,043
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir .....	26,222	1,988	28,210	24,427	20,270	44,697
Hemlock .....	20,201	477	20,678	1,237	1,258	2,495
Balsam Fir .....	6	33	39	119	482	601
Red Cedar .....	11,560	778	12,338	1,573	656	2,229
Spruce .....	1,777	70	1,847	36,339	26,172	62,511
White Pine .....	213	24	237	7,986	1,306	9,292
Ponderosa Pine ...	8	5	13	7,043	1,642	8,685
Lodgepole Pine ...	-	-	-	68	2,105	2,173
All other softwoods	260	4	264	1,946	5,409	7,355
Total, softwoods	60,247	3,379	63,626	80,738	59,300	140,038
Red Alder .....	10	33	43	-	10	10
Maple .....	2	17	19	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	8	8	5	14	19
Cottonwood .....	6	19	25	29	43	72
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	18	77	95	34	67	101
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	60,265	3,456	63,721	80,772	59,367	140,139
SOLD & UNSOLD	205,219	11,769	216,988	98,664	72,518	171,182

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

	August		July	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<b>ORDERSON HAND</b>				
<u>For shipment to points in British Columbia</u>				
Local .....	11,554	15,003	10,607	15,590
Coastwise and interior .....	4,497	4,707	4,088	4,337
Total .....	16,051	19,710	14,695	19,927
<u>For shipment by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces .....	9,045	11,112	8,006	12,413
Eastern Provinces .....	19,527	24,950	19,571	27,203
United States of America .....	41,871	32,494	38,085	35,133
Total .....	70,443	68,556	65,662	74,749
<u>For waterborne shipment to:</u>				
California .....	500	1,000	1,625	98
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	37,548	2,168	21,923	1,138
Eastern Canada .....	1,075	-	300	-
Export Markets .....	134,769	745,589	152,142	725,793
Total .....	173,892	748,757	175,990	727,029
<b>TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND .....</b>	<b>260,386</b>	<b>837,023</b>	<b>256,347</b>	<b>821,705</b>
<b>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS .....</b>				
	4,689	2,437	723	4,325

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

	August		July	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Coast .....	No. 92	108	33	121
Interior .....	No. 230	170	231	163
Total, British Columbia .....	No. 322	278	264	284

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

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