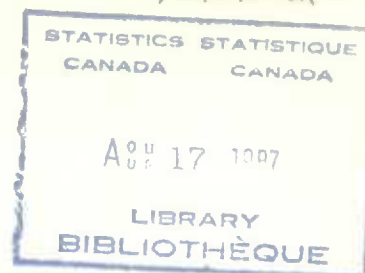


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

September, 1952

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 342,712 M ft. in September, 1952 as compared with 265,282 M ft. in September, 1951 an increase of 29.2 p.c. over the previous year but a decrease of 0.3 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 63.5 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 27.6 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 36.5 p.c. showed an increase of 32.1 p.c. Shipments in September, 1952 totalled 322,897 M ft., as compared with 248,539 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 30.0 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 28.1 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 33.5 p.c. Total shipments for September increased by 1.9 p.c. over the August figure of 316,811 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of September, 1952 amounted to 394,921 M ft., as compared with 393,150 M ft. at the end of September the previous year and 388,170 M ft. at the end of August of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 229,283 M ft., while Interior mills showed 165,638 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 August and September, 1951 and 1952. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 296,577 M ft. in August, 1951 to 265,282 M ft. in September, 1951 and from 343,670 M ft. in August to 342,712 M ft. in September, 1952. Shipments totalled 316,811 M ft. in August, 1952 and 322,897 M ft. in September, 1952 as compared with 287,899 M ft. in August and 248,539 M ft. in September of 1951. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 386,377 M ft. in August, 1951 to 393,150 M ft. in September and increased from 388,170 M ft. in August, 1952 to 394,921 M ft. in September 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 214,563 M ft. in September, 1952 as compared with 119,653 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 3,203 M ft. in September as compared with 5,293 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 63.5 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in September, 1952 as compared with 64.3 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during August, 1952 and 1951 respectively, were 61.1 and 62.3 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 208,588 M ft. in September of 1952 and 199,591 M ft. in August, 1952 as compared with 162,892 M ft. in September, 1951 and 196,417 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 114,309 M ft. and 85,647 M ft. in September, 1952 and 1951 and 117,220 M ft. and 91,482 M ft. in August 1952 and 1951. Of all shipments actually reported for September, 37.0 p.c. went to points in Canada, 36.6 p.c. to points in United States, 18.0 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 8.4 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 38.2 p.c. of the total, while 42.6 p.c. went by rail, and 19.2 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 August and September, 1952 amounted to 216,988 M ft. and 229,283 M ft. as compared with 233,717 M ft. and 230,965 M ft. in August and September of 1951. Interior mills stocks increased from 152,660 M ft. in August to 162,185 M ft. in September, 1951 but decreased from 171,182 M ft. in August to 165,638 M ft. in September, 1952. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 28.1 p.c. of the total in September, 1952 as compared with 31.8 p.c. in September, 1951 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 78.4 and 81.0.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of August and September, 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 September, 1952 amounted to 255,641 M ft. as compared with 783,350 M ft. in September, 1951. Orders on hand at the end of August, 1952 and 1951 amounted to 260,386 M ft. and 837,023 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 4,948 M ft. in September, 1952 and 3,148 M ft. in September, 1951 as compared with 4,689 M ft. in August, 1952 and 2,437 M ft. in August, 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 September accounted for 81.0 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1950 compared with 78.2 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for August, 1951 and 1952 were 77.2 and 80.2 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, September, 1952.

	September		August		9 months	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	171,597	132,575	163,148	143,321	1,154,322	1,303,989
Hemlock	60,903	40,959	67,384	52,976	477,143	531,225
Balsam Fir	1,019	1,240	944	734	7,162	10,901
Red Cedar	30,367	26,483	28,892	23,544	223,121	235,791
Spruce	59,951	46,859	63,061	55,004	412,610	400,218
White Pine	4,891	3,899	3,696	3,817	45,701	38,267
Ponderosa Pine	3,303	3,962	4,932	5,812	34,400	33,571
Lodgepole Pine	2,836	1,685	2,855	1,853	20,266	14,499
All other softwoods .	7,352	6,713	8,100	8,447	55,826	55,357
Total softwoods	342,219	264,375	343,012	295,508	2,430,551	2,623,818
Red Alder	225	313	290	364	2,417	3,167
Maple	136	337	213	406	2,008	2,587
Birch	39	121	43	136	553	819
Cottonwood	92	136	112	159	1,222	1,381
All other hardwoods	1	-	-	4	3	4
Total hardwoods....	493	907	658	1,069	6,203	7,958
Total Production...	342,712	265,282	343,670	296,577	2,436,754	2,631,776
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	101,880	80,233	104,464	88,703	751,815	774,978
Points in U.S.A.	100,924	65,844	83,382	70,481	680,263	677,425
United Kingdom	49,571	41,971	73,192	55,169	585,289	531,847
Other countries	23,053	21,356	7,210	21,827	89,833	212,559
Shipments reported	275,428	209,404	268,248	236,180	2,107,200	2,196,809
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	47,469	39,135	48,563	51,719	335,114	340,537
Total shipments	322,897	248,539	316,811	287,899	2,442,314	2,537,346
	September		August			
	1952	1951	1952	1951		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
STOCKS ON HAND						
Douglas Fir	177,137	170,239	162,831	176,910		
Hemlock	70,395	63,713	70,965	61,104		
Balsam Fir	1,154	2,936	885	800		
Red Cedar	35,291	36,522	34,900	34,892		
Spruce	78,517	81,330	79,075	73,610		
White Pine	8,700	9,786	13,636	9,787		
Ponderosa Pine	11,288	12,612	12,961	12,402		
Lodgepole Pine	3,593	2,458	2,643	2,302		
All other softwoods .	8,423	11,234	9,594	12,389		
Total softwoods .	394,498	390,830	387,490	384,196		
Red Alder	165	1,158	241	1,103		
Maple	85	648	220	597		
Birch	37	298	52	285		
Cottonwood	136	210	167	190		
All other hardwoods	-	6	-	6		
Total hardwoods ...	423	2,320	680	2,181		
Total Stocks	394,921	393,150	388,170	386,377		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn
September, 1952

Species	COAST MILLS			INTERIOR MILLS		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
LUMBER	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.....	114,804	7,520	122,324	27,401	15,698	43,099
Hemlock.....	55,164	1,563	56,727	2,282	1,291	3,573
Balsam Fir.....	127	96	223	325	439	764
Red Cedar.....	26,120	2,490	28,610	514	1,153	1,667
Spruce.....	4,079	275	4,354	33,437	22,057	55,494
White Pine.....	1,556	27	1,583	1,765	1,466	3,231
Ponderosa Pine.....	2	19	21	1,880	1,300	3,180
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	-	-	776	1,688	2,464
All other softwoods	314	13	327	2,002	4,120	6,122
Total, softwoods	202,166	12,003	214,169	70,382	49,212	119,594
Red Alder.....	91	113	204	-	10	10
Maple.....	75	46	121	-	-	-
Birch.....	2	21	23	-	9	9
Cottonwood.....	-	45	45	-	40	40
All other hardwoods	1	-	1	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	169	225	394	-	59	59
Total, softwoods & hardwoods.....	202,335	12,228	214,563	70,382	49,271	119,653
TIES						
Douglas Fir.....	2,107	266	2,373	1,688	2,113	3,801
Hemlock.....	559	44	603	-	-	-
Balsam Fir.....	-	32	32	-	-	-
Red Cedar.....	-	90	90	-	-	-
Spruce.....	-	-	-	-	103	103
White Pine.....	-	65	65	-	12	12
Ponderosa Pine.....	-	-	-	84	18	102
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	-	-	17	355	372
All other softwoods	-	-	-	376	527	903
Total, softwoods	2,666	497	3,163	2,165	3,128	5,293
Red Alder.....	-	11	11	-	-	-
Maple.....	-	15	15	-	-	-
Birch.....	-	7	7	-	-	-
Cottonwood.....	-	7	7	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	40	40	-	-	-
Total, softwoods & hardwoods....	2,666	537	3,203	2,165	3,128	5,293
LUMBER AND TIES.....	205,001	12,765	217,766	72,547	52,399	124,946

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

	By Truck (Local Sales) M ft.b.m.	By Rail M ft.b.m.	Water- borne M ft.b.m.	Total Shipments M ft.b.m.
COAST MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	33,738	2,819	1,105	37,662
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	31	31
Alberta		2,058	xxxxxx	2,058
Saskatchewan		1,617	xxxxxx	1,617
Manitoba		3,184	xxxxxx	3,184
Ontario		7,697	-	7,697
Quebec		2,177	-	2,177
New Brunswick		84	-	84
Nova Scotia		190	-	190
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		18	-	18
Total for Canada	33,738	19,844	1,136	54,718
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		433	1,408	1,841
Atlantic Ports		815	32,706	33,521
Other points, by rail		39,296	xxxxxx	39,296
Total for U.S.A.		40,544	34,114	74,658
United Kingdomx		2,091	45,454	47,545
Other countriesx		259	22,794	23,053
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	33,738	62,738	103,498	199,974
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				8,614
Total shipments, reported and estimated				208,588
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	18,176	3,111	-	21,287
Yukon and Northwest Territories	47	-	-	47
Alberta	1,054	7,106	xxxxxx	8,160
Saskatchewan		5,819	xxxxxx	5,819
Manitoba		5,335	xxxxxx	5,335
Ontario		5,629	-	5,629
Quebec		769	-	769
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		116	-	116
Total for Canada	19,277	27,885	-	47,162
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		5	-	5
Atlantic Ports		172	-	172
Other points, by rail		26,089	xxxxxx	26,089
Total for U.S.A.		26,266	-	26,266
United Kingdomx		334	1,692	2,026
Other countriesx		-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	19,277	54,485	1,692	75,454
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				38,855
Total shipments, reported and estimated				114,309
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills
September 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.....	80,868	5,892	86,760	10,095	5,098	15,193
Hemlock	47,846	1,216	49,062	615	370	985
Balsam Fir	114	97	211	-	126	126
Red Cedar	19,902	1,953	21,855	216	330	546
Spruce	3,688	208	3,896	4,724	6,343	11,067
White Pine	2,382	70	2,452	1,241	423	1,664
Ponderosa Pine .	-	14	14	3,496	377	3,873
Lodgepole Pine..	-	-	-	12	585	597
All other softwoods	316	10	326	368	1,329	1,697
Total, softwoods	<u>155,116</u>	<u>9,460</u>	<u>164,576</u>	<u>20,767</u>	<u>14,981</u>	<u>35,748</u>
Red Alder	18	94	112	-	3	3
Maple	12	46	58	-	-	-
Birch	2	21	23	-	3	3
Cottonwood	-	40	40	-	11	11
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	<u>32</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>233</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>
Total softwoods & hardwoods	<u>155,148</u>	<u>9,661</u>	<u>164,809</u>	<u>20,767</u>	<u>14,998</u>	<u>35,765</u>
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	30,702	2,305	33,007	23,664	18,513	42,177
Hemlock	17,478	476	17,954	1,052	1,342	2,394
Balsam Fir	54	38	92	269	456	725
Red Cedar	10,119	764	10,883	809	1,198	2,007
Spruce	1,113	81	1,194	39,327	23,033	62,360
White Pine	839	27	866	2,182	1,536	3,718
Ponderosa Pine .	86	6	92	5,939	1,370	7,309
Lodgepole Pine..	-	-	-	873	2,123	2,996
All other softwoods	302	3	305	1,263	4,832	6,095
Total, softwoods	<u>60,693</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>64,393</u>	<u>75,378</u>	<u>54,403</u>	<u>129,781</u>
Red Alder	2	37	39	-	11	11
Maple	-	18	18	-	9	9
Birch	-	8	8	3	-	3
Cottonwood	-	16	16	27	42	69
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	<u>2</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>92</u>
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	<u>60,695</u>	<u>3,779</u>	<u>64,474</u>	<u>75,408</u>	<u>54,465</u>	<u>129,873</u>
SOLD & UNSOLD	<u>215,843</u>	<u>13,440</u>	<u>229,283</u>	<u>96,175</u>	<u>69,463</u>	<u>165,638</u>

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

	September		August	
	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	9,939	14,252	11,554	15,003
Coastwise and interior	3,769	3,938	4,497	4,707
Total	13,708	18,190	16,051	19,710
<u>For shipment by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces	8,031	10,171	9,045	11,112
Eastern Provinces	18,829	26,348	19,527	24,950
United States of America	45,472	30,642	41,871	32,494
Total	72,332	67,161	70,443	68,556
<u>For waterborne shipment to:</u>				
California	925	-	500	1,000
U.S. Atlantic Ports	59,088	1,036	37,548	2,168
Eastern Canada	2,181	-	1,075	-
Export Markets	107,407	696,963	134,769	745,589
Total	169,601	697,999	173,892	748,757
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	255,641	783,350	260,386	837,023
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
	4,948	3,148	4,689	2,437

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

	September		August	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Coast	No. 104	115	92	108
Interior	No. 229	175	230	170
Total, British Columbia	No. 333	290	322	278

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

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