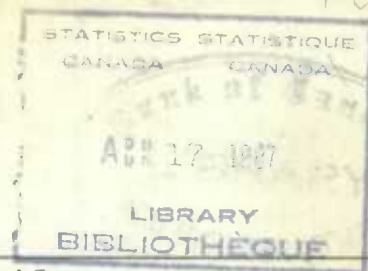




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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

February, 1953.

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 313,732 M ft. in February, 1953 as compared with 261,934 M ft. in February, 1952 an increase of 19.8 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 14.4 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 65.1 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 10.3 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 34.9 p.c. showed an increase of 42.8 p.c. Shipments in February, 1953 totalled 295,284 M ft., as compared with 256,565 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 15.1 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 11.8 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 22.2 p.c. Total shipments for February increased by 15.0 p.c. over the January figure of 256,713 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of February, 1953 amounted to 448,835 M ft., as compared with 445,489 M ft. at the end of February the previous year and 426,493 M ft. at the end of January of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 270,543 M ft., while Interior mills showed 178,292 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 January and February, 1952 and 1953. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 248,374 M ft. in January, 1952 to 261,934 M ft. in February, 1952 and from 274,359 M ft. in January to 313,732 M ft. in February, 1953. Shipments totalled 256,713 M ft. in January, 1953 and 295,284 M ft. in February, 1953 as compared with 234,921 M ft. in January and 256,565 M ft. in February of 1952. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 436,278 M ft. in January, 1952 to 445,489 M ft. in February and increased from 426,493 M ft. in January, 1953 to 448,835 M ft. in February 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 202,356 M ft. in February, 1953 as compared with 106,288 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,986 M ft. in February as compared with 3,102 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 65.1 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in February, 1953 as compared with 70.7 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during January, 1953 and 1952 respectively, were 72.7 and 73.9 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 196,150 M ft. in February of 1953 and 184,152 M ft. in January, 1953 as compared with 175,432 M ft. in February, 1952 and 176,830 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 99,134 M ft. and 81,133 M ft. in February, 1953 and 1952 and 72,561 M ft. and 58,091 M ft. in January, 1953 and 1952. Of all shipments actually reported for February, 37.2 p.c. went to points in Canada, 38.2 p.c. to points in United States, 16.2 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 8.4 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 39.3 p.c. of the total, while 39.4 p.c. went by rail, and 21.3 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 January and February, 1953 amounted to 263,296 M ft. and 270,543 M ft. as compared with 258,450 M ft. and 268,698 M ft. in January and February of 1952. Interior mills stocks decreased from 177,828 M ft. in January to 176,791 M ft. in February, 1952 but increased from 163,197 M ft. in January to 178,292 M ft. in February, 1953. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 32.5 p.c. of the total in February, 1953 as compared with 27.0 p.c. in February, 1952 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 82.6 and 82.3.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of January and February, 1952 and 1953 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 February, 1953 amounted to 350,049 M ft. as compared with 532,999 M ft. in February, 1952. Orders on hand at the end of January, 1953 and 1952 amounted to 343,610 M ft. and 577,265 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 4,634 M ft. in February, 1953 and 3,142 M ft. in February, 1952 as compared with 3,931 M ft. in January, 1953 and 2,348 M ft. in January, 1952.

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 February accounted for 84.5 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1950 compared with 84.7 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for January, 1952 and 1953 were 86.4 and 84.9 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, February, 1953.

	February		January		2 Months	
	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952
PRODUCTION						
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	139,115	118,401	127,953	119,363	267,068	237,764
Hemlock	62,521	60,101	62,887	51,840	125,408	111,941
Balsam Fir	859	758	636	526	1,495	1,284
Red Cedar	32,243	27,341	29,706	27,633	61,949	54,974
Spruce	60,657	41,467	39,549	35,671	100,206	77,138
White Pine	4,555	3,944	4,160	5,018	8,715	8,962
Ponderosa Pine	2,129	1,756	1,598	1,462	3,727	3,218
Lodgepole Pine	3,876	2,410	2,536	1,554	6,412	3,964
All other softwoods	6,739	4,922	4,868	4,531	11,607	9,453
Total softwoods	312,694	261,100	273,893	247,598	586,587	508,698
Red Alder	498	326	243	363	741	689
Maple	446	249	145	269	591	518
Birch	31	73	31	46	62	119
Cottonwood	63	186	47	98	110	284
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	1,038	834	466	776	1,504	1,610
Total Production	313,732	261,934	274,359	248,374	588,091	510,308
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	95,986	82,128	77,503	61,724	173,489	143,852
Points in U.S.A.	98,689	69,961	90,987	64,617	189,676	134,578
United Kingdom	41,701	61,201	43,775	65,948	85,476	127,149
Other countries	21,634	10,926	13,501	17,493	35,135	28,419
Shipments reported	258,010	224,216	225,766	209,782	483,776	433,998
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	37,274	32,349	30,947	25,139	68,221	57,488
Total shipments	295,284	256,565	256,713	234,921	551,997	491,486
STOCKS ON HAND						
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
Douglas Fir	199,946	188,161	192,022	186,344		
Hemlock	82,085	83,064	82,605	76,230		
Balsam Fir	1,124	4,162	940	4,286		
Red Cedar	44,490	43,188	42,554	43,872		
Spruce	87,944	82,887	79,270	82,573		
White Pine	8,843	16,726	8,132	15,123		
Ponderosa Pine	9,851	10,824	8,095	12,024		
Lodgepole Pine	3,422	2,999	3,379	3,519		
All other softwoods	10,434	12,100	8,699	11,096		
Total softwoods	448,139	444,111	425,696	435,067		
Red Alder	209	483	381	462		
Maple	269	507	231	453		
Birch	70	148	70	130		
Cottonwood	148	240	115	166		
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-		
Total hardwoods	696	1,378	797	1,211		
Total Stocks	448,835	445,489	426,493	436,278		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn

February, 1953.

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	100,683	4,670	105,353	18,302	11,789	30,091
Hemlock	58,876	1,301	60,177	1,333	680	2,013
Balsam Fir	74	66	140	293	418	711
Red Cedar	29,458	1,391	30,849	1,027	313	1,340
Spruce	2,335	185	2,520	38,639	19,451	58,090
White Pine	1,824	19	1,843	1,745	922	2,667
Ponderosa Pine	-	16	16	1,156	946	2,102
Lodgepole Pine	108	-	108	2,043	1,506	3,549
All other softwoods .	354	13	367	2,559	3,121	5,680
Total, softwoods .	193,712	7,661	201,373	67,097	39,146	106,243
Red Alder	414	79	493	-	2	2
Maple	403	40	443	-	-	-
Birch	6	14	20	-	9	9
Cottonwood	1	26	27	-	34	34
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	824	159	983	-	45	45
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	194,536	7,820	202,356	67,097	39,191	106,288
TIES						
Douglas Fir	1,435	110	1,545	1,212	914	2,126
Hemlock	313	18	331	-	-	-
Balsam Fir	-	8	8	-	-	-
Red Cedar	-	54	54	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	47	47
White Pine	-	38	38	-	7	7
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	11	11
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	13	206	219
All other softwoods .	-	-	-	392	300	692
Total, softwoods .	1,748	228	1,976	1,617	1,485	3,102
Red Alder	-	3	3	-	-	-
Maple	-	3	3	-	-	-
Birch	-	2	2	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	2	2	-	-	-
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	-	10	10	-	-	-
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	1,748	238	1,986	1,617	1,485	3,102
LUMBER AND TIES	196,284	8,058	204,342	68,714	40,676	109,390

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, February, 1953.

	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.
<u>COAST MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	29,708	2,790	1,086	33,584
Yukon and Northwest Territories		30	-	30
Alberta		3,018	xxxxxx	3,018
Saskatchewan		1,698	xxxxxx	1,698
Manitoba		2,795	xxxxxx	2,795
Ontario		6,837	-	6,837
Quebec		1,631	-	1,631
New Brunswick		164	193	357
Nova Scotia		113	-	113
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		101	-	101
Total for Canada	29,708	19,177	1,279	50,164
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		379	7,014	7,393
Atlantic Ports		597	30,303	30,900
Other points, by rail		38,336	xxxxxx	38,336
Total for U.S.A.		39,312	37,317	76,629
United Kingdomx		490	40,810	41,300
Other countriesx		81	21,553	21,634
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported ..	29,708	59,060	100,959	189,727
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				6,423
Total shipments, reported and estimated				196,150
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	25,127	2,437	-	27,564
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	321	5,565	xxxxxx	5,886
Saskatchewan		3,636	xxxxxx	3,636
Manitoba		3,066	xxxxxx	3,066
Ontario		4,508	-	4,508
Quebec		1,106	-	1,106
New Brunswick		24	-	24
Nova Scotia		32	-	32
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	25,448	20,374	-	45,822
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		-	-	-
Atlantic Ports		-	-	-
Other points, by rail		22,060	xxxxxx	22,060
Total for U.S.A.		22,060	-	22,060
United Kingdomx		46	355	401
Other countriesx		-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported ...	25,448	42,480	355	68,283
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				30,851
Total shipments, reported and estimated				99,134
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

February, 1953

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	98,649	4,273	102,922	7,243	3,598	10,841
Hemlock	48,849	1,179	50,028	150	193	343
Balsam Fir	-	66	66	1	118	119
Red Cedar	21,152	1,292	22,444	100	89	189
Spruce	3,644	165	3,809	7,831	5,523	13,354
White Pine	2,935	51	2,986	1,360	263	1,623
Ponderosa Pine	-	14	14	2,399	271	2,670
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	180	485	665
All other softwoods	276	13	289	200	969	1,169
Total, softwoods	175,505	7,053	182,558	19,464	11,509	30,973
Red Alder	-	73	73	-	1	1
Maple	-	38	38	-	-	-
Birch	-	14	14	-	3	3
Cottonwood	-	26	26	-	9	9
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	151	151	-	13	13
Total, softwoods & hardwoods ..	175,505	7,204	182,709	19,464	11,522	30,986
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	35,940	2,054	37,994	31,084	17,105	48,189
Hemlock	27,249	567	27,816	2,982	916	3,898
Balsam Fir	5	32	37	339	563	902
Red Cedar	19,129	621	19,750	1,686	421	2,107
Spruce	1,110	79	1,189	43,337	26,255	69,592
White Pine	575	25	600	2,383	1,251	3,634
Ponderosa Pine	-	7	7	5,872	1,288	7,160
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	451	2,306	2,757
All other softwoods	5	5	10	4,358	4,608	8,966
Total, softwoods	84,013	3,390	87,403	92,492	54,713	147,205
Red Alder	97	35	132	-	3	3
Maple	212	19	231	-	-	-
Birch	28	7	35	6	12	18
Cottonwood	21	12	33	34	46	80
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	358	73	431	40	61	101
Total, softwoods & hardwoods	84,371	3,463	87,834	92,532	54,774	147,306
SOLD AND UNSOLD	259,876	10,667	270,543	111,996	66,296	178,292

Table 5 - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of February, 1953 and

Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	February		January	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
ORDERS ON HAND				
For shipment to points in British Columbia				
Local	9,776	16,094	9,545	15,089
Coastwise and interior	5,943	6,018	4,870	6,304
Total	15,719	22,112	14,415	21,393
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	14,018	10,021	12,909	10,017
Eastern Provinces	21,475	30,737	20,823	31,278
United States of America	43,460	46,692	43,001	45,465
Total	78,953	87,450	76,733	86,760
For waterborne shipment to:				
California	600	925	825	1,071
U.S. Atlantic Ports	65,165	617	52,951	1,550
Eastern Canada	530	-	1,057	-
Export Markets	189,082	421,895	197,629	466,491
Total	255,377	423,437	252,462	469,112
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	350,049	532,999	343,610	577,265
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
	4,634	3,142	3,931	2,348

Table 6 - Number of Active Mills Reporting
February, 1953

	February		January	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Coast No.	96	97	98	87
Interior No.	216	156	181	140
Total, British Columbia No.	312	253	279	227

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

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