

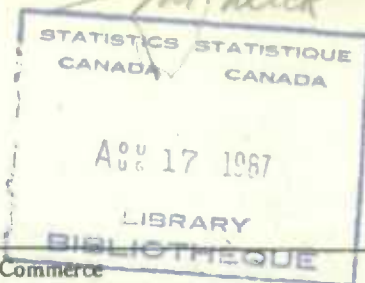
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

MARCH, 1953

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 325,540 M ft. in March, 1953 as compared with 284,488 M ft. in March, 1952 an increase of 14.4 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 3.8 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 68.2 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 10.8 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 31.8 p.c. showed an increase of 23.2 p.c. Shipments in March, 1953 totalled 329,407 M ft., as compared with 297,929 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 10.6 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 6.9 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 19.5 p.c. Total shipments for March increased by 11.6 p.c. over the February figure of 295,284 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of March, 1953 amounted to 439,531 M ft., as compared with 457,272 M ft. at the end of March the previous year and 448,835 M ft. at the end of February of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 270,745 M ft., while Interior mills showed 168,786 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 February and March, 1952 and 1953. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 261,934 M ft. in February, 1952 to 284,488 M ft. in March, 1952 and from 313,732 M ft. in February, 1953 to 325,540 M ft. in March, 1953. Shipments totalled 295,284 M ft. in February, 1953 and 329,407 M ft. in March, 1953 as compared with 256,565 M ft. in February and 297,929 M ft. in March of 1952. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 445,489 M ft. in February, 1952 to 457,272 M ft. in March but decreased from 448,835 M ft. in February, 1953 to 439,531 M ft. in March 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 219,560 M ft. in March, 1953 as compared with 100,445 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 2,578 M ft. in March as compared with 2,957 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 68.2 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in March, 1953 as compared with 70.5 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during February, 1953 and 1952 respectively, were 65.1 and 70.7 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 225,948 M ft. in March of 1953 and 196,150 M ft. in February, 1953 as compared with 211,365 M ft. in March, 1952 and 175,432 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 103,459 M ft. and 86,564 M ft. in March, 1953 and 1952 and 99,134 M ft. and 81,133 M ft. in February, 1953 and 1952. Of all shipments actually reported for March, 35.7 p.c. went to points in Canada, 41.5 p.c. to points in United States, 15.1 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 7.7 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 41.6 p.c. of the total, while 38.7 p.c. went by rail, and 19.7 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 February and March, 1953 amounted to 270,543 M ft. and 270,745 M ft. as compared with 268,698 M ft. and 269,563 M ft. in February and March of 1952. Interior mills stocks increased from 176,791 M ft. in February to 187,709 M ft. in March, 1952 but decreased from 178,292 M ft. in February to 168,786 M ft. in March, 1953. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 26.8 p.c. of the total in March, 1953 as compared with 30.9 p.c. in March, 1952 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 85.2 and 84.4.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of February and March, 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 March, 1953 amounted to 333,311 M ft. as compared with 464,051 M ft. in March, 1952. Orders on hand at the end of February, 1953 and 1952 amounted to 350,049 M ft. and 532,999 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 6,475 M ft. in March, 1953 and 4,250 M ft. in March, 1952 as compared with 4,634 M ft. in February, 1953 and 3,142 M ft. in February, 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 March accounted for 85.6 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1950 compared with 84.5 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for February, 1952 and 1953 were 84.7 and 84.5 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 Lumberman'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, March, 1953.

	March		February		3 Months	
	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	150,726	130,780	139,115	118,401	417,794	368,544
Hemlock	66,045	61,472	62,521	60,101	191,453	173,413
Balsam Fir	1,715	769	859	758	3,210	2,053
Red Cedar	38,471	29,002	32,243	27,341	100,420	83,976
Spruce	51,995	43,983	60,657	41,467	152,201	121,121
White Pine	3,645	6,380	4,555	3,944	12,360	15,342
Ponderosa Pine	2,774	2,889	2,129	1,756	6,501	6,107
Longepole Pine	3,224	2,603	3,876	2,410	9,636	6,567
All other softwoods ..	6,387	5,637	6,739	4,922	17,994	15,090
Total softwoods ..	324,982	283,515	312,694	261,100	911,569	792,213
Red Alder	282	309	498	326	1,023	998
Maple	168	315	446	249	759	833
Birch	50	125	31	73	112	244
Cottonwood	58	224	63	186	168	508
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods ..	558	973	1,038	834	2,062	2,583
Total Production ..	325,540	284,488	313,732	261,934	913,631	794,796
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada ..	103,742	85,406	95,986	82,128	277,231	229,258
Points in U.S.A. ..	120,543	81,893	98,689	69,961	310,219	216,471
United Kingdom ..	43,808	84,579	41,701	61,201	129,284	211,728
Other countries ..	22,701	11,080	21,634	10,926	57,836	39,499
Shipments reported ..	290,794	262,958	258,010	224,216	774,570	696,956
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills ..	38,613	34,971	37,274	32,349	106,834	92,459
Total shipments	329,407	297,929	295,284	256,565	881,404	789,415
STOCKS ON HAND						
	March		February			
	1953	1952	1953	1952		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	194,738	187,868	199,946	188,161		
Hemlock	84,738	86,935	82,085	83,064		
Balsam Fir	1,957	1,302	1,124	4,162		
Red Cedar	46,548	42,480	44,490	43,188		
Spruce	80,060	87,989	87,944	82,887		
White Pine	8,481	20,195	8,843	16,726		
Ponderosa Pine	9,552	12,091	9,851	10,824		
Lodgepole Pine	3,227	3,869	3,422	2,999		
All other softwoods ..	9,477	12,847	10,434	12,100		
Total softwoods ..	438,778	455,576	448,139	444,111		
Red Alder	234	552	209	483		
Maple	317	584	269	507		
Birch	92	277	70	148		
Cottonwood	110	283	148	240		
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-		
Total hardwoods ..	753	1,696	696	1,378		
Total Stocks	439,531	457,272	448,835	445,489		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, March, 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	110,108	5,292	115,400	18,632	12,259	30,891
Hemlock	61,567	1,475	63,042	2,206	662	2,868
Balsam Fir	909	76	985	347	379	726
Red Cedar	34,827	1,593	36,420	1,652	330	1,982
Spruce	1,685	201	1,886	34,040	16,009	50,049
White Pine	992	38	1,030	1,637	924	2,561
Ponderosa Pine	-	18	18	1,584	1,162	2,746
Lodgepole Pine	40	-	40	1,703	1,285	2,988
All other softwoods	214	22	236	2,179	3,400	5,579
Total, softwoods ..	210,342	8,715	219,057	63,980	36,410	100,390
Red Alder	221	59	280	-	2	2
Maple	125	43	168	-	-	-
Birch	14	18	32	8	10	18
Cottonwood	6	17	23	-	35	35
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	366	137	503	8	47	55
Total, softwoods and hardwoods .	210,708	8,852	219,560	63,988	36,457	100,445
Ties						
Douglas Fir	2,199	124	2,323	1,178	934	2,112
Hemlock	113	22	135	-	-	-
Balsam Fir	-	4	4	-	-	-
Red Cedar	-	69	69	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	18	42	60
White Pine	-	47	47	-	7	7
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	10	10
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	196	196
All other softwoods	-	-	-	311	261	572
Total, softwoods ..	2,312	266	2,578	1,507	1,450	2,957
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods .	2,312	266	2,578	1,507	1,450	2,957
Lumber and Ties	213,020	9,118	222,138	65,495	37,907	103,402

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

	By Turck (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: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	33,160	3,546	374	37,080
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta		2,622	xxxxxxx	2,622
Saskatchewan		2,405	xxxxxxx	2,405
Manitoba		2,847	xxxxxxx	2,847
Ontario		8,634	-	8,634
Quebec		1,905	399	2,304
New Brunswick		317	-	317
Nova Scotia		199	-	199
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		213	-	213
Total for Canada	33,160	22,688	773	56,621
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		820	1,749	2,569
Atlantic Ports		715	52,291	53,006
Other points, by rail		40,529	xxxxxxx	40,529
Total for U.S.A.		42,064	54,040	96,104
United Kingdom	x	250	42,690	42,940
Other countries	x	52	22,649	22,701
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	33,160	65,054	120,152	218,366
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				7,582
Total shipments, reported and estimated				225,948
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	23,954	2,944	-	26,898
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	185	5,478	xxxxxxx	5,663
Saskatchewan		4,886	xxxxxxx	4,886
Manitoba		2,944	xxxxxxx	2,944
Ontario		5,962	-	5,962
Quebec		718	-	718
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		22	-	22
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		28	-	28
Total for Canada	24,139	22,982	-	47,121
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		-	-	-
Atlantic Ports		-	-	-
Other points, by rail		24,439	xxxxxxx	24,439
Total for U.S.A.		24,439	-	24,439
United Kingdom	x	109	759	868
Other countries	x	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported ..	24,139	47,530	759	72,428
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				31,031
Total shipments, reported and estimated				103,459
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills,
March, 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.
<u>Sold (but not shipped)</u>						
Douglas Fir	99,764	4,835	104,599	5,380	3,197	8,577
Hemlock	60,572	1,336	61,908	140	160	300
Balsam Fir	748	71	819	36	92	128
Red Cedar	23,831	1,484	25,315	120	80	200
Spruce	2,581	179	2,760	6,855	3,889	10,744
White Pine	2,369	76	2,445	1,514	226	1,740
Ponderosa Pine	-	16	16	1,405	284	1,689
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	218	359	577
All other softwoods ..	286	21	307	200	886	1,086
Total, softwoods ...	190,151	8,018	198,169	15,868	9,173	25,041
Red Alder	-	52	52	-	-	-
Maple	-	38	38	-	-	-
Birch	-	16	16	-	2	2
Cottonwood	-	16	16	-	9	9
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	122	122	-	11	11
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	190,151	8,140	198,291	15,868	9,184	25,052
<u>Unsold</u>						
Douglas Fir	32,460	1,766	34,226	28,997	18,339	47,336
Hemlock	17,209	488	17,697	3,913	920	4,833
Balsam Fir	142	26	168	315	527	842
Red Cedar	17,769	542	18,311	2,263	459	2,722
Spruce	855	66	921	43,323	22,312	65,635
White Pine	504	28	532	2,470	1,294	3,764
Ponderosa Pine	-	6	6	6,212	1,629	7,841
Lodgepole Pine	24	-	24	567	2,059	2,626
All other softwoods ..	21	7	28	2,967	5,089	8,056
Total, softwoods ...	68,984	2,929	71,913	91,027	52,628	143,655
Red Alder	160	19	179	-	3	3
Maple	265	14	279	-	-	-
Birch	46	6	52	8	14	22
Cottonwood	25	6	31	6	48	54
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	496	45	541	14	65	79
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	69,480	2,974	72,454	91,041	52,693	143,734
Sold and Unsold	259,631	11,114	270,745	106,909	61,877	168,786

Table 5. - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of March, 1953 and
Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	March		February	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
<u>For shipment to points in British Columbia</u>				
Local	11,856	14,742	9,776	16,094
Coastwise and interior	6,028	6,058	5,943	6,018
Total	17,884	20,800	15,719	22,112
<u>For shipment by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces	15,821	11,986	14,018	10,021
Eastern Provinces	21,440	26,344	21,475	30,737
United States of America	42,709	50,053	43,460	46,692
Total	79,970	88,383	78,953	87,450
<u>For waterborne shipment to:</u>				
California	982	550	600	925
U.S. Atlantic Ports	71,406	2,910	65,165	617
Eastern Canada	2,476	-	530	-
Export Markets	160,593	351,408	189,082	421,895
Total	235,457	354,868	255,377	423,437
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	333,311	464,051	350,049	532,999
<u>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS</u>				
	6,475	4,250	4,634	3,142

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting
March, 1953.

		March		February	
		1953	1952	1953	1952
Coast	No.	102	101	96	97
Interior	No.	220	170	216	156
Total, British Columbia ..	No.	322	271	312	253

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

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