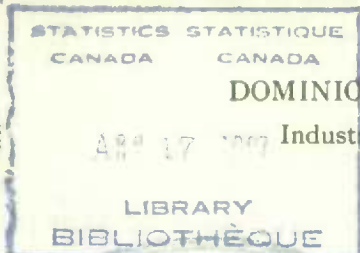


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 285,296 M ft. in April, 1953 as compared with 289,228 M ft. in April, 1952 a decrease of 1.4 p.c. from the previous year and a decrease of 20.6 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 74.5 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 4.2 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, but the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 25.5 p.c. showed an increase of 7.8 p.c. Shipments in April, 1953 totalled 302,738 M ft., as compared with 296,037 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 2.3 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 1.4 p.c. but Interior mills an increase of 14.5 p.c. Total shipments for April decreased by 8.1 p.c. from the March figure of 329,407 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of April, 1953 amounted to 424,926 M ft., as compared with 400,712 M ft. at the end of April the previous year and 439,531 M ft. at the end of March of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 260,427 M ft., while Interior mills showed 164,499 M ft.

Page 4 gives the final estimates of the production of sawn lumber (excluding sawn ties) for British Columbia and provinces East of the Rockies for 1951, and revised estimates for 1952 and the first three months of 1953. Similar revised monthly estimates of sawn lumber production for all provinces (except Newfoundland), are contained in the April 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 March and April, 1952 and 1953. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 312,569 M ft. in March, 1952 to 289,228 M ft. in April, 1952 and from 359,359 M ft. in March to 285,296 M ft. in April, 1953. Shipments totalled 329,407 M ft. in March 1953 and 302,738 M ft. in April, 1953 as compared with 297,929 M ft. in March and 296,037 M ft. in April of 1952. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 457,272 M ft. in March, 1952 to 400,712 M ft. in April and decreased from 439,531 M ft. in March to 424,926 M ft. in April 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 210,202 M ft. in April, 1953 as compared with 71,371 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 2,226 M ft. in April as compared with 1,497 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 74.5 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in April, 1953 as compared with 76.6 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during March, 1953 and 1952 respectively, were 64.8 and 67.3 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 224,882 M ft. in April of 1953 and 225,948 M ft. in March, 1953 as compared with 228,064 M ft. in April, 1952 and 211,365 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 77,856 M ft. and 67,973 M ft. in April, 1953 and 1952 and 103,459 M ft. and 86,564 M ft. in March, 1953 and 1952. Of all shipments actually reported for April, 32.9 p.c. went to points in Canada, 41.7 p.c. to points in United States, 15.4 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 10.0 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 43.4 p.c. of the total, while 40.2 p.c. went by rail, and 16.4 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 March and April, 1953 amounted to 270,745 M ft. and 260,427 M ft. as compared with 269,563 M ft. and 247,620 M ft. in March and April of 1952. Interior mills stocks decreased from 187,709 M ft. in March to 153,092 M ft. in April, 1952 and decreased from 168,786 M ft. in March to 164,499 M ft. in April, 1953. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 27.1 p.c. of the total in April, 1953 as compared with 31.7 p.c. in April, 1952 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 85.2 and 82.8.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of March and April, 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 April, 1953 amounted to 320,506 M ft. as compared with 397,887 M ft. in April, 1952. Orders on hand at the end of March, 1953 and 1952 amounted to 333,311 M ft. and 464,051 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 5,596 M ft. in April, 1953 and 4,939 M ft. in April, 1952 as compared with 6,475 M ft. in March, 1953 and 4,250 M ft. in March, 1952.

Active Mills Reporting

Table 6 gives the number of active mills reporting each month for Coast and Interior of British Columbia. The mills reporting for April accounted for 88.2 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1950 compared with 79.8 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for March, 1952 and 1953 were 76.9 and 77.5 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 for 1951,
and Revised Estimates for 1952, and First Three Months, 1953.

Month	Year	British Columbia			East of Rockies	Total Canada ^x
		Coast	Interior	Total		
January	1951	225,626	80,809	306,435	194,481	500,916
	1952	190,511	74,903	265,414	187,981	453,395
	1953	207,468	89,476	296,944	227,277	524,221
February	1951	210,617	81,762	292,379	261,204	553,583
	1952	192,606	89,414	282,020	251,762	533,782
	1953	212,364	130,583	342,947	287,910	630,857
March	1951	210,164	82,267	292,431	285,483	577,914
	1952	206,843	98,535	305,378	280,718	586,096
	1953	230,419	123,405	353,824	321,656	675,480
April	1951	231,212	62,645	293,857	149,179	443,036
	1952	218,320	65,546	283,866	131,952	415,818
May	1951	250,139	92,037	342,176	319,370	661,546
	1952	238,395	100,739	339,134	286,277	625,411
June	1951	238,183	129,636	367,819	475,207	843,026
	1952	113,946	136,696	250,642	423,397	674,039
July	1951	189,156	138,047	327,203	448,777	775,980
	1952	9,134	158,790	167,924	419,651	587,575
August	1951	192,060	133,451	325,511	396,040	721,551
	1952	217,403	156,576	373,979	385,804	759,783
September	1951	175,491	113,110	288,601	286,398	574,999
	1952	225,175	147,003	372,178	301,922	674,100
October	1951	217,496	117,134	334,630	173,525	508,155
	1952	232,872	148,791	381,663	208,695	590,358
November	1951	213,629	103,854	317,483	74,708	392,191
	1952	194,098	100,096	294,194	109,941	404,135
December	1951	165,755	69,597	235,352	110,838	346,190
	1952	187,495	92,820	280,315	148,619	428,934
12 months	1951 ^x	2,519,528	1,204,349	3,723,877	3,175,210	6,899,087
	1952	2,226,798	1,369,909	3,596,707	3,136,719	6,733,426
3 months	1953	650,251	343,464	993,715	836,843	1,830,558

^x Production in the Yukon and N.W.T. (7,629 M ft. b.m.) and Newfoundland (41,981 M ft. b.m.) not included in the 1951 quantities; 1952 quantities not yet available.

Table 1 - Comparative Summary of Production, Shipments and Stocks of Lumber
and Ties of British Columbia Sawmills, April, 1953.

	April		March		4 Months	
	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	141,933	142,648	163,494	141,108	595,159	540,061
Hemlock	56,691	65,746	69,819	64,868	258,674	248,478
Balsam Fir	571	734	1,930	931	4,289	3,219
Red Cedar	36,023	32,747	40,725	30,652	142,236	121,430
Spruce	32,679	30,313	63,528	53,052	218,133	176,407
White Pine	6,291	6,273	4,281	7,475	20,471	24,269
Ponderosa Pine	3,251	3,168	3,403	3,532	11,223	10,629
Lodgepole Pine	1,516	1,176	3,909	3,147	13,195	9,044
All other softwoods	5,958	5,420	7,674	6,765	27,523	23,450
Total softwoods	284,913	288,225	358,763	311,530	1,290,903	1,156,987
Red Alder	159	343	297	326	1,233	1,394
Maple	148	342	176	330	945	1,215
Birch	29	108	56	145	152	387
Cottonwood	47	210	67	238	240	749
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	383	1,003	596	1,039	2,570	3,745
Total Production	285,296	289,228	359,359	312,569	1,293,473	1,160,732
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	90,169	73,902	103,742	85,406	367,400	303,160
Points in U.S.A.	114,205	92,457	120,543	81,893	424,424	308,928
United Kingdom	42,093	88,686	43,808	84,579	171,377	300,414
Other countries	27,665	11,016	22,701	11,080	85,501	50,515
Shipments reported	274,132	266,061	290,794	262,958	1,048,702	963,017
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	28,606	29,976	38,613	34,971	135,440	122,435
Total shipments	302,738	296,037	329,407	297,929	1,184,142	1,085,452
	April		March			
	1953	1952	1953	1952		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
STOCKS ON HAND						
Douglas Fir	192,799	170,458	194,738	187,868		
Hemlock	69,999	69,851	84,738	86,935		
Balsam Fir	1,232	1,434	1,957	1,302		
Red Cedar	46,297	43,434	46,548	42,480		
Spruce	79,101	72,599	80,060	87,989		
White Pine	10,061	18,178	8,481	20,195		
Ponderosa Pine	10,002	8,956	9,552	12,091		
Lodgepole Pine	3,285	2,505	3,227	3,869		
All other softwoods	11,445	11,792	9,477	12,847		
Total softwoods	424,221	399,207	438,778	455,576		
Red Alder	281	417	234	552		
Maple	230	543	317	584		
Birch	101	265	92	277		
Cottonwood	93	280	110	283		
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-		
Total hardwoods	705	1,505	753	1,696		
Total Stocks	424,926	400,712	439,531	457,272		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn
April, 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	107,397	5,820	113,217	17,412	8,255	25,667
Hemlock	52,829	1,293	54,122	1,981	425	2,406
Balsam Fir	10	76	86	225	243	468
Red Cedar	32,633	1,491	34,124	1,625	211	1,836
Spruce	2,594	151	2,745	20,476	9,430	29,906
White Pine	4,274	17	4,291	1,297	654	1,951
Ponderosa Pine	50	18	68	2,403	775	3,178
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	583	813	1,396
All other softwoods ..	1,169	20	1,189	1,812	2,728	4,540
Total, softwoods	200,956	8,886	209,842	47,814	23,534	71,348
Red Alder	65	93	158	-	1	1
Maple	104	44	148	-	-	-
Birch	4	17	21	1	7	8
Cottonwood	-	33	33	-	14	14
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	173	187	360	1	22	23
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	201,129	9,073	210,202	47,815	23,556	71,371
Ties						
Douglas Fir	1,746	192	1,938	587	524	1,111
Hemlock	134	29	163	-	-	-
Balsam Fir	-	17	17	-	-	-
Red Cedar	-	63	63	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	28	28
White Pine	-	45	45	-	4	4
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	5	5
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	19	101	120
All other softwoods ..	-	-	-	89	140	229
Total, softwoods	1,880	346	2,226	695	802	1,497
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	1,880	346	2,226	695	802	1,497
Lumber and Ties	203,009	9,419	212,428	48,510	24,358	72,868

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, April, 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: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	33,115	3,286	602	37,003
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta		2,555	xxxxxx	2,555
Saskatchewan		2,350	xxxxxx	2,350
Manitoba		2,750	xxxxxx	2,750
Ontario		9,567	-	9,567
Quebec		2,517	403	2,920
New Brunswick		253	186	439
Nova Scotia		55	-	55
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		18	-	18
Total for Canada	33,115	23,351	1,191	57,657
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		416	3,535	3,951
Atlantic Ports		795	45,133	45,928
Other points, by rail		40,513	xxxxxx	40,513
Total for U.S.A.		41,724	48,668	90,392
United Kingdom	x	107	41,586	41,693
Other countries	x	219	27,446	27,665
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	33,115	65,401	118,891	217,407
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				7,475
Total shipments, reported and estimated				224,882
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	11,397	2,304	-	13,701
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	475	5,171	xxxxxx	5,646
Saskatchewan		4,824	xxxxxx	4,824
Manitoba		3,380	xxxxxx	3,380
Ontario		4,610	-	4,610
Quebec		301	-	301
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		24	-	24
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		26	-	26
Total for Canada	11,872	20,640	-	32,512
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		72	-	72
Atlantic Ports		-	-	-
Other points, by rail		23,741	xxxxxx	23,741
Total for U.S.A.		23,813	-	23,813
United Kingdom	x	226	174	400
Other countries	x	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	11,872	44,679	174	56,725
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				21,131
Total shipments, reported and estimated				77,856
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills
April, 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	101,989	5,387	107,376	5,421	2,942	8,363
Hemlock	48,822	1,185	50,007	-	142	142
Balsam Fir	16	83	99	1	81	82
Red Cedar	23,295	1,393	24,688	39	71	110
Spruce	2,579	135	2,714	6,309	3,169	9,478
White Pine	3,881	56	3,937	1,343	220	1,563
Ponderosa	-	16	16	1,641	261	1,902
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	233	306	539
All other softwoods ..	925	18	943	1,263	961	2,224
Total, softwoods	181,507	8,273	189,780	16,250	8,153	24,403
Red Alder	-	84	84	-	1	1
Maple	5	40	45	-	-	-
Birch	-	15	15	-	2	2
Cottonwood	-	29	29	-	4	4
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	5	168	173	-	7	7
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	181,512	8,441	189,953	16,250	8,160	24,410
Unsold						
Douglas Fir	31,678	1,999	33,677	26,505	16,878	43,383
Hemlock	15,263	440	15,703	3,330	817	4,147
Balsam Fir	35	31	66	518	467	985
Red Cedar	18,489	517	19,006	2,087	406	2,493
Spruce	719	50	769	47,957	18,183	66,140
White Pine	731	21	752	2,544	1,265	3,809
Ponderosa Pine	-	6	6	6,578	1,500	8,078
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	989	1,757	2,746
All other softwoods ..	8	6	14	2,750	5,514	8,264
Total, softwoods	66,923	3,070	69,993	93,258	46,787	140,045
Red Alder	163	31	194	-	2	2
Maple	170	15	185	-	-	-
Birch	63	6	69	2	13	15
Cottonwood	23	10	33	-	27	27
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	419	62	481	2	42	44
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	67,342	3,132	70,474	93,260	46,829	140,089
Sold and Unsold	248,854	11,573	260,427	109,510	54,989	164,499

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

	April		March	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
ORDERS ON HAND				
For shipment to points in British Columbia				
Local	10,085	13,629	11,856	14,742
Coastwise and interior	6,047	5,286	6,028	6,058
Total	16,132	18,915	17,884	20,800
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	14,556	10,592	15,821	11,986
Eastern Provinces	21,751	25,486	21,440	26,344
United States of America	39,590	45,079	42,709	50,053
Total	75,897	81,157	79,970	88,383
For waterborne shipment to:				
California	1,712	1,797	982	550
U.S. Atlantic Ports	61,147	9,921	71,406	2,910
Eastern Canada	4,870	-	2,476	-
Exports Markets	160,748	286,097	160,593	351,408
Total	228,477	297,815	235,457	354,868
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	320,506	397,887	333,311	464,051
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
	5,596	4,939	6,475	4,250

**Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting
April, 1953**

		April		March	
		1953	1952	1953	1952
Coast	No.	101	97	102	101
Interior	No.	181	129	220	170
Total, British Columbia ..	No.	282	226	322	271

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

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