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

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\text { June, } 1953 .
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Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled $335,793 \mathrm{Mft}$ ． in June， 1953 as compared with $256,960 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ ，in June， 1952 an increase of 30.7 p．c． over the previous year and an increase of $9.9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$ ．over the previous month．Produc－ tion of Coast mills，which account for $62.8 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{c}$ ．of the total，showed an increase of $89.8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$ ．over the same month of the previous year，and the Interior mills，which produced the remaining $37.2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$ ．showed an increase of 8.6 p．c．Shipments in June， 1953 totalled $329,450 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ ，as compared with $259,640 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}^{2}$ ，the previous year，an increase of $26.9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$ ．with Coast mills registering an increase of $44.6 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{c}$ ，and In－ terior mills an increase of 2.6 p．c．Total shipments for June increased by 3.3 p．c over the May figure of $318,802 \mathrm{Mft}$ ．Stocks on hand at the end of June， 1953 amount－ ed to $416,451 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ ，as compared with $356,935 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ ，at the end of June the previous year and $416,302 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ ．at the end of May of this year．Coast mills reported stocks totalling $236,761 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}_{\text {。，}}$ ，while Interior mills showed $179,690 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ ．

## Summary Figures

Table I gives a comparative summary of production，shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills for May and June， 1952 and 1953．Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination．Total production decreased from $349,542 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ ，in May， 1952 to $256,960 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ 。in June， 1952 but increased from $305,621 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ in May to $335,793 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ 。in June，1953．Shipments totalled 318，802 M ft．in May， 1953 and $329,450 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ ．in June， 1953 as compared with $327,787 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ ，in May and $259,640 \mathrm{M}$ ft ．in June of 1952．Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from $385,779 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ ，in May， 1952 to $356,935 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ 。in June， 1952 but increased from $416,302 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ 。in May， 1953 to $416,451 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ ．in June 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 207，559 M ft．in June， 1953 as compared with $123,281 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ ，reported by Interior mills． Sawn tie production of Coast mills was $3,210 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$ ．in June as compared with 1,743 M ft．for Interior mills．Coast mills accounted for 62.8 p．c．of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in June， 1953 as compared with 45.3 p．c．the previous year． The percentages of Coast mills during May， 1953 and 1952 respectively，were 70.0 and $69.9 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{c}$ ．
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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 $217,341 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in June of 1953 and 230,076 M ft. in May, 1953 as compared with $150,340 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in June, 1952 , and $244,764 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped $112,109 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. and $109,300 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in June, 1953 and 1952 and $88,726 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$, and $83,023 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft} .\mathrm{in} \mathrm{May}$,1953 and 1952. Of all shipments actually reported for June, 41.4 p.c. went to points in Canada, 38.2 p.c. to points in United States, 10.3 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 10.1 p.c, to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 38.3 p.c. of the total, while 39.8 p.c. went by rail, and 21.9 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 May and June, 1953 amounted to $238,298 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. and $236,761 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. as compared with 238,725 M ft. and $203,499 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in May and June of 1952. Interior mills stocks increased from $147,054 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in May to $153,436 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$, in June, 1952 and increased from 178,004 M ft . in May to $179,690 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in June, 1953. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 28.0 p.c. of the total in June, 1953 as compared with 36.7 p.c. in June, 1952 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 84,4 and 86.0 .

Orders on Hand
Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of May and June, 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 June, 1953 amounted to $261,593 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. as compared with $242,032 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in June, 1952. Orders on hand at the end of May, 1953 and 1952 amounted to $269,054 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$, and $317,476 \mathrm{M}$ ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to $6,514 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in June, 1953 and $4,913 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in June, 1952 as compared with $5,408 \mathrm{Mft}$, in May, 1953 and $7,920 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{ft}$. in May, 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 June accounted for 81,0 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1951 compared with $65.8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. for the previous year. The percentages for May, 1952 and 1953 were 78.3 and 84.6 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 Manufactures' Association, Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association and Northerm 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, June, 1953.

|  | June |  | May |  | 6 Months |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 |
| PRODUCTION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Douglas Fir | 164,103 | 118,655 | 154,482 | 170,531 | 913,744 | 829,247 |
| Hemlock ..................... | 57,957 | 36,766 | 59,428 | 77,934 | 376,059 | 363,178 |
| Balsam Fir | 938 | 1,224 | 1,106 | 862 | 6,333 | 5,305 |
| Red Cedar .................... | 35,707 | 15,591 | 35,105 | 32,981 | 213,048 | 170,002 |
| Spruce ......................... | 53,889 | 58,819 | 37,349 | 44,269 | 309,371 | 279,495 |
| White Pine ................... | 6,329 | 7,399 | 4,104 | 8,177 | 30,904 | 39,845 |
| Ponderosa Pine | 5,123 | 7,069 | 4,768 | 5,390 | 21,114 | 23,088 |
| Lodgepole Pine | 3,061 | 2,754 | 1,794 | 2,122 | 18,050 | 13,920 |
| All other softwoods ........ | 8,273 | 8,156 | 7,148 | 6,351 | 42,944 | 37,957 |
| Total softwoods | 335,380 | 256,433 | 305,284 | 348,617 | 1,931,567 | 1,762,037 |
| Red Alder ................... | 146 | 193 | 143 | 365 | 1,522 | 1,952 |
| Maple ........................ | 156 | 149 | 124 | 326 | 1,225 | 1,690 |
| Birch | 49 | 41 | 33 | 80 | 234 | 508 |
| Cottonwood | 62 | 142 | 37 | 154 | 339 | 1,045 |
| All other hardwoods ...... | - | 2 | - | - |  | 2 |
| Total hardwoods ........ | 413 | 527 | 337 | 925 | 3,320 | 5,197 |
| Total Production | 335,793 | 256,960 | 305,621 | 349,542 | 1,934,887 | 1,767,234 |
| SHIPMENTS <br> To: Points in Canada |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Points in U.S.A. | 108,059 | 70,509 | 115,301 | 88.327 | 647,784 | 467,764 |
| United Kingdom ..... | 29,107 | 57,660 | 35,760 | 102,010 | 236,244 | 460,084 |
| Other countries . .... | 28,809 | 2,555 | 30,602 | 6,434 | 144,912 | 59,504 |
| Shipments reported ........ | 283,210 | 218,439 | 283,565 | 292,019 | 1,615,477 | 1,473,475 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills ..... Total shipments ........... | 46,240 | 41,201 | 35,237 | 35,768 | $216,917$ | $199,404$ |
|  | 329,450 | 259,640 | 318,802 | 327,787 | 1,832,394 | 1,672,879 |
|  | June |  |  | May |  |  |
|  | 1953 |  | 952 | 195 |  | 1952 |
| STOCKS ON HAND | M ft. |  |  | M f |  | M ft. |
| Douglas Fir | 181,395 |  | 9,271 | 181,5 |  | 163,834 |
| Hemlock | 69,667 |  | 3,157 | 67,3 |  | 72,928 |
| Balsam Fir. | 2,799 |  | 1,282 | 2,0 |  | 1,050 |
| Red Cedar | 45,064 |  | 32,150 | 44,5 |  | 40,739 |
| Spruce | 80,416 |  | 6,419 | 82,8 |  | 66,764 |
| White Pine | 11,941 |  | 6,125 | 10,8 |  | 17,206 |
| Ponderosa Pine | 9,373 |  | 1,888 | 11,0 |  | 10,613 |
| Lodgepole Pine .............. | 3,600 |  | 2,632 | 3,4 |  | 2,792 |
| All other softwoods ........ | 11,176 |  | 0,070 | 11,6 |  | 8,754 |
| Total softwoods ......... | 415,431 |  | 5,994 | 415,3 |  | 384,680 |
| Red Alder ................... | 356 |  | 303 |  | I | 392 |
| Maple ........................ | 437 |  | 260 |  | 3 | 333 |
| Birch | 126 |  | 132 |  | 54 | 133 |
| Cottonwood .................. | 101 |  | 240 |  | 86 | 241 |
| All other hardwoods ....... | - |  | 6 |  | - | - |
| Total hardwoods ........ | 1,020 |  | 941 |  | 4 | 1,099 |
| Total Stocks ............. | 416,451 |  | 6,935 | 416,3 |  | 385,779 |

Table 2 - Lumber and Ties Sawn, June, 1953.

| Species | COAST MILLS |  |  | INTERIOR MILLS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Keported | Estimated | Total | Reported | Estiamted | Total |
| Lumber | Mft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | Mft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | M ft.b.m. | Mft.b.m. |
| Douglas Fir ....... | 106,670 | 5,710 | 112,380 | 28,024 | 19,570 | 47,594 |
| Hemlock | 52,369 | 1,262 | 53,631 | 3,227 | 905 | 4,132 |
| Balsam Fir | 30 | 87 | 117 | 217 | 604 | 821 |
| Red Cedar ......... | 32,135 | 1,669 | 33,804 | 1,521 | 382 | 1,903 |
| Spruce............... | 3,563 | 283 | 3,846 | 26,802 | 23,186 | 49,988 |
| White Pine | 2,678 | 58 | 2,736 | 2,424 | 1,157 | 3,581 |
| Ponderosa Pine.. | - | 34 | 34 | 3,525 | 1,561 | 5,086 |
| Lodgepole Pine .. | - | 1 | 1 | 1,304 | 1,638 | 2,942 |
| All other softwoods | 667 | 28 | 695 | 2,714 | 4,422 | 7,136 |
| Total, softwoods | 198,112 | 9,132 | 207,244 | 69,758 | 53,425 | 123,183 |
| Red Alder ...0.0.0.0. | - 41 | 80 | 121 | 6, | 25 | -25 |
| Maple ............... | 50 | 75 | 125 | - | 31 | 31 |
| Birch ............... | 16 | 16 | 32 | 1 | 16 | 17 |
| Cottonwood | 12 | 25 | 37 | 9 | 16 | 25 |
| All other hardwoods | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods | 119 | 196 | 315 | 10 | 88 | 98 |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods. | 198,231 | 9,328 | 207,559 | 69,768 | 53,513 | 123,281 |

Ties

| Douglas Fir ...... | 2,857 | 160 | 3,017 | 471 | 641 | 1,112 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hemlock ........... | 165 | 28 | 193 | - | 1 | 1 |
| Balsam Fir ....... | - | - | , | - | - | - |
| Red Cedar ......... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Spruce no.o........ | - | - | - | 51 | 4 | 55 |
| White Pine ........ | - | - | - | - | 12 | 12 |
| Ponderosa Pine . | - | - | - | - | 3 | 3 |
| Lodgepole Pine .. | - | - | - | - | 118 | 118 |
| All other softwoods | - | - | - | 287 | 155 | 442 |
| Total, softwoods | 3,022 | 188 | 3,210 | 809 | 934 | 1,743 |
| Red Alder ......... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Maple ............... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Birch .............. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cottonwood ........ | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| All other hardwoods |  | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods | - - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods. | 3,022 | 188 | 3,210 | 809 | 934 | 1,743 |
| Lumber and Ties | 201,253 | 9,516 | 210,769 | 70,577 | 54,447 | 125,024 |

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


Table 4 - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills,
June, 1953.

| Species | COAST MILLS |  |  | INTERIOR MILLS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Reported Estimated |  | Total | Reported Estimated |  | Total |
|  | M ft, b. | t.b.m. | M ft.b.m | M ft.b.m. | ft.b.m. | ft.b.m |
| Sold (but not shipped) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Douglas Fir ........... | 87,153 | 4,750 | 91,903 | 5,895 | 4,541 | 10,436 |
| Hemlock ............... | 47,421 | 1,044 | 48,465 | 520 | 204 | 724 |
| Balsam Fir .......... |  | 70 | 70 | 24 | 136 | 160 |
| Red Cedar ............. | 21,447 | 1,350 | 22,797 | 230 | 86 | 316 |
| Spruce ................. | 2,782 | 229 | 3,011 | 4,614 | 5,210 | 9,824 |
| White Pine ............ | 3,450 | 47 | 3,497 | 1,687 | 263 | 1,950 |
| Ponderosa Pine ...... | - | 27 | 27 | 2,118 | 351 | 2,469 |
| Lodgepole Pine ...... | - | 1 | 1 | 330 | 394 | 724 |
| All other softwoods . | 592 | 23 | 615 | 438 | 1,027 | 1,465 |
| Total, softwoods... | 162,845 | 7,541 | 170,386 | 15,856 | 12,212 | 28,068 |
| Red Alder ............. | - | 65 | 65 | - | 6 | 6 |
| Maple .................. | - | 61 | 61 | - | 7 | 7 |
| Birch .................... | - | 13 | 13 | - | 4 | 4 |
| Cottonwood ............ | - | 20 | 20 | - | 3 | 3 |
| All other hardwoods | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods .. | - | 159 | 159 | - | 20 | 20 |
| Total, softwoods and |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Unsold

| Douglas Fir | 26,821 | 1,411 | 28,232 | 26,317 | 24,507 | 50,824 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hemlock ,............. | 15,469 | 310 | 15,779 | 3,600 | 1,099 | 4,699 |
| Balsam Fir | - | 21 | 21 | 1,816 | 732 | 2,548 |
| Red Cedar | 18,590 | 401 | 18,991 | 2,497 | 463 | 2,960 |
| Spruce | 1,140 | 68 | 1,208 | 38,253 | 28,120 | 66,373 |
| White Pine | 1,043 | 14 | 1,057 | 4,019 | 1,418 | 5,437 |
| Ponderosa Pine. | - | 8 | 8 | 4,973 | 1,896 | 6,869 |
| Lodgepole Pine....... | - | - | - | 746 | 2,129 | 2,875 |
| All other softwoods . | 208 | 7 | 215 | 3,331 | 5,550 | 8,881 |
| Total, softwoods | 63,271 | 2,240 | 65,511 | 85,552 | 65,914 | 151,466 |
| Red Alder | 236 | 19 | 255 | - | 30 | 30 |
| Maple ................... | 313 | 18 | 331 | - | 38 | 38 |
| Birch ................... | 86 | 4 | 90 | - | 19 | 19 |
| Cottonwood | 23 | 6 | 29 | 29 | 20 | 49 |
| All other hardwoods | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods .. | 658 | 47 | 705 | 29 | 107 | 136 |

Total, softwoods and hardwoods........ $\begin{array}{llllll} & 63,929 & 2,287 & 66,216 & 85,581 & 66,021 \\ 151,602\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { Sald and Unsold } \ldots . . . . & 226,774 & 9,987 & 236,761 & 101,437 & 78,253 & 179,690\end{array}$

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

|  | $1953$ | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ORDERS ON HAND | M ft. | M ft . | M ft. | Mft. |
| For shipment to points in British$\qquad$ Columbia |  |  |  |  |
| Local | 9,175 | 9,119 | 11,343 | 14,370 |
| Coastwise and interior ....... | 4,841 | 3,174 | 5,500 | 3,074 |
| Total ............................. | 14,016 | 12,293 | 16,843 | 17,444 |
| For shipment by rail to: |  |  |  |  |
| Prairie Provinces ............. | 9,203 | 7,350 | 12,003 | 8,411 |
| Eastern Provinces .............. | 18,942 | 17,441 | 18,070 | 20,295 |
| United States of America .... | 32,292 | 35,020 | 28,842 | 38,674 |
| Total .............................. | 60,437 | 59,811 | 58,915 | 67,380 |
| For waterborne shipment to: |  |  |  |  |
| Californis........................... | 872 | - | 1,047 | 2,330 |
| U.S. Atlantic Ports ............. | 41,639 | 21,599 | 44,514 | 23,511 |
| Eastern Canada .................. | 1,430 | 148.329 | 4,783 | 85 |
| Exports Markets ................. | 143,199 | 148,329 | 142,952 | 206,726 |
| Total | 187,140 | 169,928 | 193,296 | 232,652 |
| TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND ..... | 261,593 | 242,032 | 269,054 | 317,476 |
| LUMBER PRUCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS $\qquad$ | 6,514 | 4,913 | 5,408 | 7,920 |

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


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