

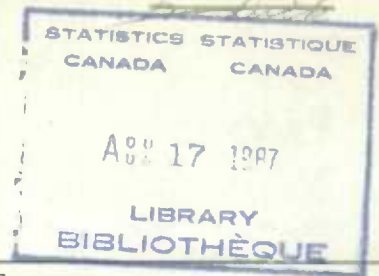
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

August, 1953

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 346,363 M ft. in August, 1953 as compared with 383,046 M ft. in August, 1952 a decrease of 9.6 p.c. from the previous year but an increase of 6.7 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 59.1 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 7.1 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 40.9 p.c. showed a decrease of 13.0 p.c. Shipments in August, 1953 totalled 313,644 M ft., as compared with 316,811 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 1.0 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 2.7 p.c. but Interior mills an increase of 2.0 p.c. Total shipments for August increased by 0.8 p.c. over the July figure of 311,107 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of August, 1953 amounted to 447,078 M ft. as compared with 388,170 M ft. at the end of August the previous year and 431,895 M ft. at the end of July of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 264,505 M ft., while Interior mills showed 182,573 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 July and August, 1952 and 1953. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 173,084 M ft. in July, 1952 to 383,046 M ft. in August, 1952 and from 324,582 M ft. in July to 346,363 M ft. in August, 1953. Shipments totalled 311,107 M ft. in July, 1953 and 313,644 M ft. in August, 1953 as compared with 129,727 M ft. in July and 316,811 M ft. in August of 1952. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 375,415 M ft. in July, 1952 to 388,170 M ft. in August and increased from 431,895 M ft. in July, 1953 to 447,078 M ft. in August 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 198,920 M ft. in August, 1953 as compared with 138,651 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 5,737 M ft. in August as compared with 3,055 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 59.1 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in August, 1953 as compared with 57.5 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during July, 1953 and 1952 respectively, were 58.1 and 5.5 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 194,133 M ft. in August of 1953 and 180,579 M ft. in July as compared with 199,591 M ft. in August, 1952 and 7,415 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 119,511 M ft. and 117,220 M ft. in August, 1953 and 1952 and 130,528 M ft. and 122,312 M ft. in July, 1953 and 1952. Of all shipments actually reported for August, 40.4 p.c. went to points in Canada, 38.8 p.c. to points in United States, 12.7 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 8.1 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 37.9 p.c. of the total, while 40.3 p.c. went by rail, and 21.8 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 July and August, 1953 amounted to 244,298 M ft. and 264,505 M ft. as compared with 216,314 M ft. and 216,988 M ft. in July and August of 1952. Interior mills stocks increased from 134,025 M ft. in July to 171,182 M ft. in August, 1952 but decreased from 187,597 M ft. in July to 182,573 M ft. in August, 1953. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 31.2 p.c. of the total in August, 1953 as compared with 29.4 p.c. in August, 1952 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 87.9 and 81.9.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of July and August, 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 given total lumber purchases reported by some mills. Total orders on hand at the end of August, 1953 amounted to 251,363 M ft. as compared with 260,386 M ft. in August, 1952. Orders on hand at the end of July, 1953 and 1952 amounted to 255,704 M ft. and 256,347 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 4,744 M ft. in August, 1953 and 4,689 M ft. in August, 1952 as compared with 5,414 M ft. in July, 1953 and 723 M ft. in July, 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 August accounted for 78.5 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1951 compared with 72.0 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for July, 1952 and 1953 were 52.6 and 80.7 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, August, 1953.

	August		July		8 Months	
	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	158,007	179,046	148,576	64,705	1,220,327	1,072,998
Hemlock	59,774	71,290	59,628	5,407	495,461	439,875
Balsam Fir	1,887	1,121	1,341	892	9,561	7,318
Red Cedar	36,188	30,680	34,200	4,103	283,436	204,785
Spruce	65,291	76,586	57,961	70,791	432,623	426,872
White Pine	7,265	4,446	5,939	4,072	44,008	48,363
Ponderosa Pine	5,096	6,047	4,600	8,947	30,810	38,082
Lodgepole Pine	3,442	3,402	3,006	3,485	24,598	20,807
All other softwoods ..	8,900	9,727	9,077	10,504	60,921	58,188
Total softwoods ..	345,850	382,345	324,328	172,906	2,601,745	2,317,288
Red Alder	258	305	89	52	1,869	2,309
Maple	166	223	98	46	1,489	1,959
Birch	46	47	32	20	312	575
Cottonwood	43	126	35	60	417	1,231
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	2
Total hardwoods ..	513	701	254	178	4,087	6,076
Total Production ..	346,363	383,046	324,582	173,084	2,605,832	2,323,364
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	106,522	104,464	108,032	59,348	801,091	649,935
Points in U.S.A.	102,302	83,382	96,019	28,193	846,105	579,339
United Kingdom.	33,345	73,192	29,223	2,442	298,812	535,718
Other countries.	21,233	7,210	25,787	66	191,932	66,780
Shipments reported ..	263,402	268,248	259,061	90,049	2,137,940	1,831,772
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	50,242	48,563	52,046	39,678	319,205	287,645
Total shipments ...	313,644	316,811	311,107	129,727	2,457,145	2,119,417
STOCKS ON HAND	August		July			
	1953	1952	1953	1952		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	199,357	162,831	188,375	155,387		
Hemlock	74,918	70,965	73,579	65,569		
Balsam Fir	1,192	885	1,569	1,208		
Red Cedar	52,457	34,900	47,692	34,687		
Spruce	83,770	79,075	81,239	75,275		
White Pine	13,940	13,636	13,350	16,294		
Ponderosa Pine	7,405	12,961	10,337	12,649		
Lodgepole Pine	3,143	2,643	3,092	2,396		
All other softwoods ..	9,850	9,594	12,318	10,718		
Total softwoods ..	446,032	387,490	431,551	374,183		
Red Alder	375	241	118	450		
Maple	408	220	116	353		
Birch	188	52	46	156		
Cottonwood	75	167	64	273		
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	-		
Total hardwoods ..	1,046	680	344	1,232		
Total Stocks	447,078	388,170	431,895	375,415		

Table 2 - Lumber and Ties Sawn
August, 1953.

Species	COAST MILLS			INTERIOR MILLS		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
	Mft. b. m.	Mft. b. m.	Mft. b. m.	Mft. b. m.	Mft. b. m.	Mft. b. m.
Lumber						
Douglas Fir	97,816	4,958	102,774	27,180	20,297	47,477
Hemlock	53,747	1,293	55,040	3,424	1,048	4,472
Balsam Fir	831	85	916	342	629	971
Red Cedar	32,716	1,284	34,000	1,423	765	2,188
Spruce	2,774	217	2,991	31,193	31,099	62,292
White Pine	2,723	47	2,770	2,770	1,703	4,473
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	3,429	1,641	5,070
Lodgepole Pine	-	1	1	1,143	2,005	3,148
All other softwoods .	-	25	25	3,218	5,232	8,450
Total, softwoods	190,607	7,910	198,517	74,122	64,419	138,541
Red Alder	153	77	230	-	28	28
Maple	59	73	132	-	34	34
Birch	-	15	15	3	28	31
Cottonwood	2	24	26	1	16	17
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	214	189	403	4	106	110
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	190,821	8,099	198,920	74,126	64,525	138,651
Ties						
Douglas Fir	5,211	267	5,478	1,109	1,169	2,278
Hemlock	209	50	259	-	3	3
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	8	8
White Pine	-	-	-	-	22	22
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	19	7	26
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	60	233	293
All other softwoods	-	-	-	169	256	425
Total, softwoods	5,420	317	5,737	1,357	1,698	3,055
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	5,420	317	5,737	1,357	1,698	3,055
Lumber and Ties ..	196,241	8,416	204,657	75,483	66,223	141,706

Table 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, August, 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.
COAST MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	34,332	1,816	1,263	37,411
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta		1,661	xxxxxxx	1,661
Saskatchewan		1,776	xxxxxxx	1,776
Manitoba		1,878	xxxxxxx	1,878
Ontario		8,483	-	8,483
Quebec		2,260	60	2,320
New Brunswick		222	-	222
Nova Scotia		347	-	347
Prince Edward Island		29	-	29
Newfoundland		229	-	229
Total for Canada	34,332	18,701	1,323	54,356
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		508	500	1,008
Atlantic Ports		739	44,564	45,303
Other points, by rail		32,809	xxxxxxx	32,809
Total for U.S.A.		34,056	45,064	79,120
United Kingdomx		1,060	32,025	33,085
Other countriesx		136	21,097	21,233
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported ..	34,332	53,953	99,509	187,794
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				6,339
Total shipments, reported and estimated				194,133
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	21,185	1,900	-	23,085
Yukon and Northwest Territories		256	-	256
Alberta	1,840	7,260	xxxxxxx	9,100
Saskatchewan		7,584	xxxxxxx	7,584
Manitoba		3,444	xxxxxxx	3,444
Ontario		7,742	-	7,742
Quebec		955	-	955
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	23,025	29,141	-	52,166
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		55	-	55
Atlantic Ports		1,304	-	1,304
Other points, by rail		21,823	xxxxxxx	21,823
Total for U.S.A.		23,182	-	23,182
United Kingdomx		-	260	260
Other countriesx		-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported ..	23,025	52,323	260	75,608
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				43,903
Total shipments, reported and estimated				119,511
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4 - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

August, 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	96,073	4,643	100,716	5,131	3,343	8,474
Hemlock	47,459	1,193	48,652	10	164	174
Balsam Fir	2	76	78	1	98	99
Red Cedar	24,863	1,141	26,004	194	119	313
Spruce	2,148	193	2,341	3,044	4,845	7,889
White Pine	3,230	42	3,272	1,845	269	2,114
Ponderosa Pine	36	-	36	1,406	257	1,663
Lodgepole Pine	-	1	1	12	349	361
All other softwoods	572	21	593	113	853	966
Total, softwoods	174,383	7,310	181,693	11,756	10,297	22,053
Red Alder	-	68	68	-	4	4
Maple	-	65	65	-	6	6
Birch	-	13	13	-	4	4
Cottonwood	-	22	22	-	3	3
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	168	168	-	17	17
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	174,383	7,478	181,861	11,756	10,314	22,070
<u>Unsold</u>						
Douglas Fir	33,127	2,110	35,237	30,616	24,314	54,930
Hemlock	21,208	542	21,750	3,151	1,191	4,342
Balsam Fir	1	34	35	268	712	980
Red Cedar	21,603	518	22,121	3,153	866	4,019
Spruce	866	88	954	37,353	35,233	72,586
White Pine	1,641	19	1,660	4,940	1,954	6,894
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	3,839	1,867	5,706
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	246	2,535	2,781
All other softwoods	159	11	170	1,905	6,216	8,121
Total, softwoods	78,605	3,322	81,927	85,471	74,888	160,359
Red Alder	240	31	271	-	32	32
Maple	270	29	299	-	38	38
Birch	110	6	116	23	32	55
Cottonwood	21	10	31	1	18	19
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	641	76	717	24	120	144
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	79,246	3,398	82,644	85,495	75,008	160,503
Sold and Unsold	253,629	10,876	264,505	97,251	85,322	182,573

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

	August		July	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
For shipment to points in British Columbia				
Local.....	10,217	11,554	8,624	10,607
Coastwise and Interior	2,957	4,497	4,257	4,088
Total	13,174	16,051	12,881	14,695
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	7,128	9,045	7,261	8,006
Eastern Provinces	15,713	19,527	18,297	19,571
United States of America	33,510	41,871	28,945	38,085
Total	56,351	70,443	54,503	65,662
For waterborne shipment to:				
California	305	500	705	1,625
U.S. Atlantic Ports	36,372	37,548	42,329	21,923
Eastern Canada	1,745	1,075	1,460	300
Exports Markets	143,416	134,769	143,826	152,142
Total	181,838	173,892	188,320	175,990
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	251,363	260,386	255,704	256,347
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
	4,744	4,689	5,414	723

Table 6 - Number of Active Mills Reporting
August, 1953

	August		July	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Coast	No. 115	92	103	33
Interior	No. 225	230	237	231
Total , British Columbia	No. 340	322	340	264

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