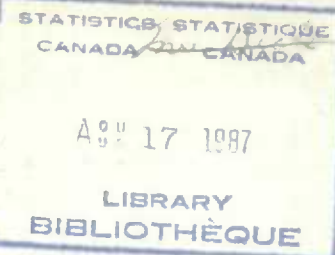




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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA
September, 1953.

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 346,790 M ft. in September, 1953 as compared with 380,674 M ft. in September, 1952 a decrease of 8.9 p.c. from the previous year but an increase of 0.1 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 64.1 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 2.6 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 35.9 p.c. showed a decrease of 18.3 p.c. Shipments in September, 1953 totalled 324,716 M ft., as compared with 322,897 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 0.6 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 3.7 p.c. but Interior mills a decrease of 5.2 p.c. Total shipments for September increased by 3.5 p.c. over the August figure of 313,644 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of September, 1953 amounted to 473,968 M ft., as compared with 394,921 M ft. at the end of September the previous year and 447,078 M ft. at the end of August of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 269,863 M ft., while Interior mills showed 204,105 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 August and September 1952 and 1953. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 383,046 M ft. in August, 1952 to 380,674 M ft. in September, 1952 but increased from 346,363 M ft. in August to 346,790 M ft. in September, 1953. Shipments totalled 313,644 M ft. in August, 1953 and 324,716 M ft. in September, 1953 as compared with 316,811 M ft. in August and 322,897 M ft. in September of 1952. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 388,170 M ft. in August, 1952 to 394,921 M ft. in September and increased from 447,078 M ft. in August, 1953 to 473,968 M ft. in September 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 218,470 M ft. in September, 1953 as compared with 122,071 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 3,891 M ft. in September as compared with 2,358 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 64.1 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in September, 1953 as compared with 60.0 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during August, 1953 and 1952 respectively, were 59.1 and 57.5 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 216,300 M ft. in September of 1953 and 194,133 M ft. in August, 1953 as compared with 208,588 M ft. in September, 1952 and 199,591 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 108,416 M ft. and 114,309 M ft. in September, 1953 and 1952 and 119,511 M ft. and 117,220 M ft. in August, 1953 and 1952. Of all shipments actually reported for September, 35.7 p.c. went to points in Canada, 42.6 p.c. to points in United States, 12.5 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 9.2 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 41.3 p.c. of the total, while 39.5 p.c. went by rail, and 19.2 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 August and September, 1953 amounted to 264,505 M ft. and 269,863 M ft. as compared with 216,988 M ft. and 229,283 M ft. in August and September of 1952. Interior mills stocks decreased from 171,182 M ft. in August to 165,638 M ft. in September, 1952 but increased from 182,573 M ft. in August to 204,105 M ft. in September, 1953. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 29.0 p.c. of the total in September, 1953 as compared with 28.1 p.c. in September, 1952 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 87.5 and 78.4.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of August and September, 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 September, 1953 amounted to 240,209 M ft. as compared with 255,641 M ft. in September, 1952. Orders on hand at the end of August, 1953 and 1952 amounted to 251,363 M ft. and 260,386 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 4,733 M ft. in September, 1953 and 4,948 M ft. in September, 1952 as compared with 4,744 M ft. in August, 1953 and 4,689 M ft. in August, 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 September accounted for 80.4 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1951 compared with 72.9 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for August, 1952 and 1953 were 72.0 and 78.5 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.

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

	September		August		9 Months	
	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	162,345	187,498	158,007	179,046	1,382,672	1,260,496
Hemlock	68,149	64,526	59,774	71,290	563,610	504,401
Balsam Fir	1,530	1,205	1,887	1,121	11,091	8,523
Red Cedar	33,074	32,163	36,188	30,680	316,510	236,948
Spruce	59,527	72,851	65,291	76,586	508,150x	499,723
White Pine	5,416	5,708	7,265	4,446	49,424	54,071
Ponderosa Pine	3,752	4,031	5,096	6,047	34,562	42,113
Lodgepole Pine	3,105	3,399	3,442	3,402	27,703	24,206
All other softwoods . .	9,702	8,766	8,900	9,727	70,623	66,954
Total Softwoods . . .	346,600	380,147	345,850	382,345	2,964,345x	2,697,435
Red Alder	66	237	258	305	1,935	2,546
Maple	71	142	166	223	1,560	2,101
Birch	29	42	46	47	341	617
Cottonwood	24	105	43	126	441	1,336
All other hardwoods . .	-	1	-	-	-	3
Total hardwoods . . .	190	527	513	701	4,277	6,603
Total Production . . .	346,790	380,674	346,363	383,046	2,968,622x	2,704,038
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada . .	99,344	101,880	106,522	104,464	900,435	751,815
Points in U.S.A. . . .	118,542	100,924	102,302	83,382	964,647	680,263
United Kingdom	34,889	49,571	33,345	73,192	333,701	585,289
Other countries	25,815	23,053	21,233	7,210	217,747	89,833
Shipments reported . .	278,590	275,428	263,402	268,248	2,416,530	2,197,200
Estimated shipments . .						
of non-reporting mills .	46,126	47,469	50,242	48,563	365,331	335,114
Total Shipments	324,716	322,897	313,644	316,811	2,781,861	2,442,314
	September		August			
	1953	1952	1953	1952		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
STOCKS ON HAND						
Douglas Fir	209,226	177,137	199,357	162,831		
Hemlock	81,895	70,395	74,918	70,965		
Balsam Fir	1,574	1,154	1,192	885		
Red Cedar	46,088	35,291	52,457	34,900		
Spruce	95,615	78,517	83,770	79,075		
White Pine	12,498	8,700	13,940	13,636		
Ponderosa Pine	9,308	11,288	7,405	12,961		
Lodgepole Pine	3,766	3,593	3,143	2,643		
All other softwoods . .	13,777	8,423	9,850	9,594		
Total softwoods . . .	473,747	394,498	446,032	387,490		
Red Alder	75	165	375	241		
Maple	63	85	408	220		
Birch	49	37	188	52		
Cottonwood	34	136	75	167		
All other hardwoods . .	-	-	-	-		
Total hardwoods . . .	221	423	1,046	680		
Total Stocks	473,968	394,921	447,078	388,170		

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Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn
September, 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>Lumber</u>						
Douglas Fir...	110,020	5,276	115,296	23,784	17,784	41,568
Hemlock	63,429	1,131	64,560	2,427	936	3,363
Balsam Fir...	582	68	650	384	496	880
Red Cedar....	30,374	930	31,304	1,387	383	1,770
Spruce	4,029	200	4,229	26,326	28,965	55,291
White Pine ...	1,219	59	1,278	2,599	1,523	4,122
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	2,374	1,374	3,748
Lodgepole Pine	-	1	1	1,208	1,722	2,930
All other softwoods	969	28	997	3,070	5,294	8,364
Total, softwoods	210,622	7,693	218,315	63,559	58,477	122,036
Red Alder	5	59	64	-	2	2
Maple	19	51	70	-	1	1
Birch	1	8	9	-	20	20
Cottonwood	2	10	12	-	12	12
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	27	128	155	-	35	35
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	210,649	7,821	218,470	63,559	58,512	122,071
<u>Ties</u>						
Douglas Fir...	3,474	193	3,667	883	931	1,814
Hemlock	190	34	224	-	2	2
Balsam Fir...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	7	7
White Pine ...	-	-	-	-	16	16
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	4	4
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	174	174
All other softwoods	-	-	-	144	197	341
Total, softwoods	3,664	227	3,891	1,027	1,331	2,358
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	3,664	227	3,891	1,027	1,331	2,358
Lumber and Ties	214,313	8,048	222,361	64,586	59,843	124,429

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, September, 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	35,439	1,953	1,117	38,509
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	-	2,222	xxxxxxx	2,222
Saskatchewan	-	1,775	xxxxxxx	1,775
Manitoba	-	1,932	xxxxxxx	1,932
Ontario	-	7,268	952	8,220
Quebec	-	1,985	1,406	3,391
New Brunswick	-	167	-	167
Nova Scotia	-	102	-	102
Prince Edward Island	-	2	-	2
Newfoundland	-	182	-	182
Total for Canada	35,439	17,588	3,475	56,502
Points in U. S. A.:				
Pacific Ports	-	412	1,784	2,196
Atlantic Ports	-	611	50,855	51,466
Other points, by rail	-	39,790	xxxxxxx	39,790
Total for U. S. A.	-	40,813	52,639	93,452
United Kingdom	x	1,385	32,809	34,194
Other countries	x	310	25,405	25,715
Destination or carrier not specified	-	-	-	-
Total shipments reported	35,439	60,096	114,328	209,863
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	-	-	-	6,437
Total shipments, reported and estimated	-	-	-	216,300
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	16,613	3,709	-	20,322
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	1,343	6,566	xxxxxxx	7,909
Saskatchewan	-	6,189	xxxxxxx	6,189
Manitoba	-	2,664	xxxxxxx	2,664
Ontario	-	5,536	-	5,536
Quebec	-	222	-	222
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	17,956	24,886	-	42,842
Points in U. S. A.:				
Pacific Ports	-	218	-	218
Atlantic Ports	-	724	-	724
Other points, by rail	-	24,148	xxxxxxx	24,148
Total for U. S. A.	-	25,090	-	25,090
United Kingdom	x	-	695	695
Other countries	x	-	100	100
Destination or carrier not specified	-	-	-	-
Total shipments reported	17,956	49,976	795	68,727
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	-	-	-	39,689
Total shipments, reported and estimated	-	-	-	108,416
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4, - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills
September, 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...	97,014	4,709	101,723	5,778	3,823	9,601
Hemlock	58,128	1,003	59,131	63	192	255
Balsam Fir...	50	59	109	12	101	113
Red Cedar ...	21,350	801	22,151	130	78	208
Spruce	3,779	172	3,951	2,233	5,918	8,151
White Pine ...	2,959	51	3,101	1,942	314	2,256
Ponderosa Pine	35	-	35	2,620	281	2,901
Lodgepole Pine	-	1	1	244	387	631
All other softwoods	1,235	24	1,259	170	1,122	1,292
Total, softwoods	184,550	6,820	191,370	13,192	12,216	25,408
Red Alder	-	51	51	-	-	-
Maple	-	44	44	-	-	-
Birch	-	7	7	-	4	4
Cottonwood ...	-	8	8	-	3	3
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	110	110	-	7	7
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	184,550	6,930	191,480	13,192	12,223	25,415
<u>Unsold</u>						
Douglas Fir...	33,985	1,928	35,913	34,977	27,012	61,989
Hemlock	19,350	411	19,761	1,394	1,354	2,748
Balsam Fir...	-	24	24	612	716	1,328
Red Cedar ...	19,756	328	20,084	3,093	552	3,645
Spruce	1,190	71	1,261	40,437	41,815	82,252
White Pine ...	1,149	21	1,170	3,841	2,221	6,062
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	4,383	1,989	6,372
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	398	2,736	3,134
All other softwoods	113	9	122	3,177	7,927	11,104
Total softwoods	75,543	2,792	78,335	92,312	86,322	178,634
Red Alder	-	21	21	-	3	3
Maple	-	18	18	-	1	1
Birch	-	3	3	6	29	35
Cottonwood ...	3	3	6	-	17	17
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	3	45	48	6	50	56
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	75,546	2,837	78,383	92,318	86,372	178,690
<u>Sold and Unsold</u>	260,096	9,767	269,863	105,510	98,595	204,105

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

	September		August	
	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	10,321	9,939	10,217	11,554
Coastwise and Interior	2,715	3,769	2,957	4,497
Total	13,036	13,708	13,174	16,051
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	5,875	8,031	7,128	9,045
Eastern Provinces	10,385	18,829	15,713	19,527
United States of America	30,324	45,472	33,510	41,871
Total	46,584	72,332	56,351	70,443
For waterborne shipment to:				
California	610	925	305	500
U.S. Atlantic Ports	33,933	59,088	36,372	37,548
Eastern Canada	-	2,181	1,745	1,075
Exports Markets	146,046	107,407	143,416	134,769
Total	180,589	169,601	181,838	173,892
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	240,209	255,641	251,363	260,386
LUMBER PRUCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS	4,733	4,948	4,744	4,689

Table 6 - Number of Active Mills Reporting
September, 1953

		September		August	
		1953	1952	1953	1952
Coast	No.	105	104	115	92
Interior	No.	210	229	225	230
Total, British Columbia	No.	315	333	340	322

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

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