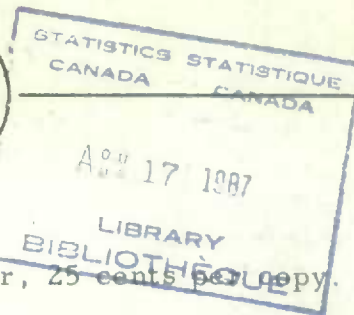


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 222,487 M ft. in January, 1954 as compared with 300,783 M ft. in January, 1953 a decrease of 26.0 p. c. from the previous year and a decrease of 18.2 p. c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 78.5 p. c. of the total, showed a decrease of 16.5 p. c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 21.5 p. c. showed a decrease of 47.7 p. c. Shipments in January, 1954 totalled 191,059 M ft., as compared with 256,713 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 25.6 with Coast mills registering a decrease of 24.5 p. c. and Interior mills a decrease of 28.3 p. c. Total shipments for January decreased by 21.6 p. c. from the December figure of 243,823 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of January, 1954 amounted to 539,130 M ft., as compared with 426,493 M ft. at the end of January the previous year and 501,617 M ft. at the end of December, 1953. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 319,986 M ft., while Interior mills showed 219,144 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 January, 1953 and 1954 and December, 1952 and 1953. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 288,132 M ft. in December, 1952 to 300,783 M ft. in January, 1953 but decreased from 271,861 M ft. in December, 1953 to 222,487 M ft. in January, 1954. Shipments totalled 243,823 M ft. in December, 1953 and 191,059 M ft. in January, 1954 as compared with 259,619 M ft. in December, 1952 and 256,713 M ft. in January of 1953. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 415,799 M ft. in December, 1952 to 426,493 M ft. in January, 1953 and increased from 501,617 M ft. in December, 1953 to 539,130 M ft. in January 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 171,918 M ft. in January, 1954 as compared with 46,500 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 2,671 M ft. in January as compared with 1,398 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 78.5 p. c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in January, 1954 as compared with 69.5 p. c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during December, 1953 and 1952 respectively, were 78.6 and 66.8 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 139,010 M ft. in January of 1954 and 192,964 M ft. in December, 1953 as compared with 184,152 M ft. in January, 1953, and 178,250 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 52,049 M ft. and 72,561 M ft. in January, 1954 and 1953 and 50,859 M ft. and 81,369 M ft. in December, 1953 and 1952. Of all shipments actually reported for January, 31.3 p.c. went to points in Canada, 40.4 p.c. to points in United States, 18.9 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 9.4 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 47.6 p.c. of the total, while 36.3 p.c. went by rail, and 16.1 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 December, 1953 and January, 1954 amounted to 295,347 M ft. and 319,986 M ft. as compared with 244,192 M ft. and 263,296 M ft. in December, 1952 and January of 1953. Interior mills stocks decreased from 171,607 M ft. in December, 1952 to 163,197 M ft. in January, 1953 but increased from 206,270 M ft. in December, 1953 to 219,144 M ft. in January, 1954. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 27.3 p.c. of the total in January, 1954 as compared with 26.1 p.c. in January, 1953 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 88.6 and 81.0.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of December, 1952 and 1953 and January, 1953 and 1954 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 January, 1954 amounted to 344,908 M ft. as compared with 343,610 M ft. in January, 1953. Orders on hand at the end of December, 1953 and 1952 amounted to 325,508 M ft. and 318,928 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 3,524 M ft. in January, 1954 and 3,931 M ft. in January, 1953 as compared with 3,101 M ft. in December, 1953 and 3,607 M ft. in December, 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 January accounted for 86.9 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1951 compared with 77.4 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for December, 1952 and 1953 were 76.7 and 86.7 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, January, 1954.

	January		December	
	1954	1953	1953	1952
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION				
Douglas Fir	103,552	138,529	142,911	134,768
Hemlock	56,405	66,207	61,102	56,954
Balsam Fir	503	759	463	825
Red Cedar	25,924	31,413	30,444	28,885
Spruce	28,357	47,866	25,590	51,233
White Pine	2,700	4,643	3,981	4,283
Ponderosa Pine	891	1,959	1,519	1,902
Lodgepole Pine	1,505	3,077	1,281	2,578
All other softwoods	2,525	5,836	4,363	6,357
Total Softwoods	222,362	300,289	271,654	287,785
Red Alder	42	255	104	142
Maple	57	153	71	121
Birch	12	33	16	27
Cottonwood	14	53	16	57
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	125	494	207	347
Total Production	222,487	300,783	271,861	288,132
SHIPMENTS				
To: Points in Canada	52,671	77,503	63,969	78,157
Points in U.S.A.	68,067	90,987	78,706	92,051
United Kingdom	31,812	43,775	52,111	36,525
Other countries	15,929	13,501	24,330	19,473
Shipments reported	168,479	225,766	219,116	226,206
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	22,580	30,947	24,707	33,413
Total Shipments	191,059	256,713	243,823	259,619
	January		December	
	1954	1953	1953	1952
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
STOCKS ON HAND				
Douglas Fir	233,306	192,022	229,573	189,744
Hemlock	100,134	82,605	87,355	72,258
Balsam Fir	2,001	940	1,518	925
Red Cedar	45,863	42,554	45,526	38,781
Spruce	115,794	79,270	95,031	82,917
White Pine	13,473	8,132	14,306	9,098
Ponderosa Pine	10,848	8,095	10,864	9,302
Lodgepole Pine	4,852	3,379	4,185	3,267
All other softwoods	12,625	8,699	13,056	8,840
Total softwoods	538,896	425,696	501,414	415,132
Red Alder	77	381	70	165
Maple	67	231	61	252
Birch	46	70	37	64
Cottonwood	40	115	35	150
All other hardwoods	4	-	-	36
Total hardwoods	234	797	203	667
Total Stocks	539,130	426,493	501,617	415,799

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn
January, 1954

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.....	83,644	2,738	86,382	6,150	7,728	13,878
Hemlock.....	54,072	706	54,778	866	512	1,378
Balsam Fir.....	44	41	85	176	242	418
Red Cedar.....	24,927	503	25,430	276	218	494
Spruce.....	3,477	145	3,622	13,550	11,181	24,731
White Pine.....	1,300	34	1,334	663	694	1,357
Ponderosa Pine.....	-	-	-	328	559	887
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	1	1	533	881	1,414
All other softwoods ..	151	23	174	200	1,730	1,930
Total, softwoods	167,615	4,191	171,806	22,742	23,745	46,487
Red Alder.....	1	40	41	-	1	1
Maple.....	21	36	57	-	-	-
Birch.....	-	5	5	2	5	7
Cottonwood.....	-	9	9	-	5	5
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	22	90	112	2	11	13
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	167,637	4,281	171,918	22,744	23,756	46,500
<u>Ties</u>						
Douglas Fir.....	2,308	115	2,423	203	666	869
Hemlock.....	217	31	248	-	1	1
Balsam Fir.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce.....	-	-	-	-	4	4
White Pine.....	-	-	-	-	9	9
Ponderosa Pine.....	-	-	-	-	4	4
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	-	-	-	90	90
All other softwoods ..	-	-	-	293	128	421
Total, softwoods	2,525	146	2,671	496	902	1,398
Red Alder.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	2,525	146	2,671	496	902	1,398
<u>Lumber and Ties</u>	170,162	4,427	174,589	23,240	24,658	47,898

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, January, 1954.

	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	18,512	1,356	784	20,652
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	2	2
Alberta		2,938	xxxxxx	2,938
Saskatchewan		936	xxxxxx	936
Manitoba		956	xxxxxx	956
Ontario		5,605	-	5,605
Quebec		1,197	-	1,197
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		80	75	155
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		54	-	54
Total for Canada ...	18,512	13,122	861	32,495
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		122	4,573	4,695
Atlantic Ports		996	27,526	28,522
Other points, by rail		22,721	xxxxxx	22,721
Total for U.S.A.		23,839	32,099	55,938
United Kingdomx		105	31,066	31,171
Other countriesx		-	15,899	15,899
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	18,512	37,066	79,925	135,503
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				3,507
Total shipments, reported and estimated				139,010
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	8,615	942	-	9,557
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	49	2,277	xxxxxx	2,326
Saskatchewan		1,913	xxxxxx	1,913
Manitoba		1,775	xxxxxx	1,775
Ontario		4,345	-	4,345
Quebec		260	-	260
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada ...	8,664	11,512	-	20,176
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		67	-	67
Atlantic Ports		90	-	90
Other points, by rail		11,972	xxxxxx	11,972
Total for U.S.A.		12,129	-	12,129
United Kingdomx		400	241	641
Other countriesx		-	30	30
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	8,664	24,041	271	32,976
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				19,073
Total shipments, reported and estimated				52,049
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills
January, 1954.

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	119,665	3,802	123,467	2,347	4,366	6,713
Hemlock	76,355	982	77,337	124	267	391
Balsam Fir	-	55	55	-	126	126
Red Cedar	21,965	670	22,635	-	113	113
Spruce	5,077	193	5,270	5,806	5,817	11,623
White Pine	2,968	45	3,013	1,578	366	1,944
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	1,649	293	1,942
Lodgepole Pine	-	1	1	185	505	690
All other softwoods ..	689	31	720	399	966	1,365
Total, softwoods....	226,719	5,779	232,498	12,088	12,819	24,907
Red Alder	-	53	53	-	-	-
Maple	-	48	48	-	-	-
Birch	-	7	7	-	3	3
Cottonwood	-	12	12	-	3	3
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	120	120	-	6	6
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	226,719	5,899	232,618	12,088	12,825	24,913
<u>Unsold</u>						
Douglas Fir.....	42,360	1,428	43,788	25,301	34,037	59,338
Hemlock	18,456	369	18,825	1,501	2,080	3,581
Balsam Fir	88	21	109	730	981	1,711
Red Cedar	19,779	252	20,031	2,200	884	3,084
Spruce	2,717	72	2,789	50,756	45,356	96,112
White Pine	1,542	17	1,559	4,107	2,850	6,957
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	6,623	2,283	8,906
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	223	3,938	4,161
All other softwoods ..	205	12	217	2,787	7,536	10,323
Total, softwoods ...	85,147	2,171	87,318	94,228	99,945	194,173
Red Alder	-	20	20	-	4	4
Maple	1	18	19	-	-	-
Birch	-	3	3	13	20	33
Cottonwood	-	4	4	-	21	21
All other hardwoods ..	4	-	4	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ...	5	45	50	13	45	58
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	85,152	2,216	87,368	94,241	99,990	194,231
<u>Sold and Unsold</u>	311,871	8,115	319,986	106,329	112,815	219,144

Table 5. - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of January, 1954 and
Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	January 1954	January 1953	December 1953	December 1952
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
For shipment to points in British Columbia				
Local	11,691	9,545	12,387	6,130
Coastwise and Interior	3,014	4,870	2,688	4,127
Total	14,705	14,415	15,075	10,257
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	8,778	12,909	5,798	10,636
Eastern Provinces	20,497	20,823	14,104	17,696
United States of America	36,681	43,001	31,382	41,931
Total	65,956	76,733	51,284	70,263
For waterborne shipment to:				
California	370	825	100	5,000
U.S. Atlantic Ports	57,265	52,951	53,742	44,934
Eastern Canada	5,697	1,057	1,460	284
Exports Markets	200,915	197,629	203,847	188,190
Total	264,247	252,462	259,149	238,408
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	344,908	343,610	325,508	318,928
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS	3,524	3,931	3,101	3,607

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

		January 1954	January 1953	December 1953	December 1952
Coast	No.	80	98	93	101
Interior	No.	146	181	142	197
Total, British Columbia.	No.	226	279	235	298

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

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