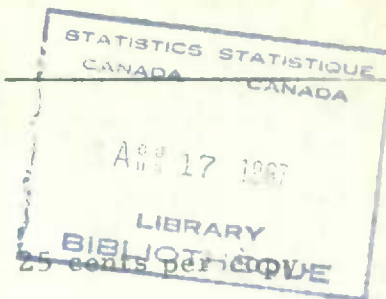


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS  
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 296,422 M ft. in February, 1954 as compared with 348,035 M ft. in February, 1953 a decrease of 14.8 p. c. from the previous year but an increase of 33.2 p. c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 70.9 p. c. of the total, showed a decrease of 2.0 p. c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 29.1 p. c. showed a decrease of 35.4 p. c. Shipments in February, 1954 totalled 301,166 M ft., as compared with 295,284 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 2.0 p. c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 8.8 p. c. but Interior mills a decrease of 11.6 p. c. Total shipments for February increased by 57.6 p. c. over the January figure of 191,059 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of February, 1954 amounted to 527,255 M ft., as compared with 448,835 M ft. at the end of February the previous year and 539,130 M ft. at the end of January of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 308,460 M ft., while Interior mills showed 218,795 M ft.

Summary Figures

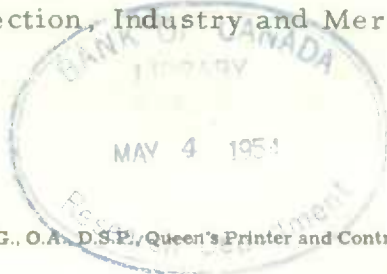
Table 1 gives a comparative summary of production, shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills for January and February, 1953 and 1954. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 300,783 M ft. in January, 1953 to 348,035 M ft. in February, 1953 and from 222,487 M ft. in January to 296,422 M ft. in February, 1954. Shipments totalled 191,059 M ft. in January, 1954 and 301,166 M ft. in February, 1954 as compared with 256,713 M ft. in January and 295,284 M ft. in February of 1953. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 426,493 M ft. in January, 1953 to 448,835 M ft. in February but decreased from 539,130 M ft. in January, 1954 to 527,255 M ft. in February 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 208,636 M ft. in February, 1954 as compared with 82,586 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,485 M ft. in February as compared with 3,715 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 70.9 p. c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in February, 1954 as compared with 61.6 p. c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during January, 1954 and 1953 respectively, were 78.5 and 69.5 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 213,504 M ft. in February of 1954 and 139,010 M ft. in January, 1954 as compared with 196,150 M ft. in February, 1953 and 184,152 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 87,662 M ft. and 99,134 M ft. in February, 1954 and 1953 and 52,049 M ft. and 72,561 M ft. in January, 1954 and 1953. Of all shipments actually reported for February, 31.1 p.c. went to points in Canada, 36.0 p.c. to points in United States, 22.4 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 10.5 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 50.5 p.c. of the total, while 32.5 p.c. went by rail, and 17.0 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 January and February, 1954 amounted to 319,986 M ft. and 308,460 M ft. as compared with 263,296 M ft. and 270,543 M ft. in January and February of 1953. Interior mills stocks increased from 163,197 M ft. in January to 178,292 M ft. in February, 1953 but decreased from 219,144 M ft. in January to 218,795 M ft. in February, 1954. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 28.9 p.c. of the total in February, 1954 as compared with 32.5 p.c. in February, 1953 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 88.9 and 82.6.

### Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of January and February, 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 February, 1954 amounted to 317,068 M ft. as compared with 350,049 M ft. in February, 1953. Orders on hand at the end of January, 1954 and 1953 amounted to 344,908 M ft. and 343,610 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 4,671 M ft. in February, 1954 and 4,634 M ft. in February, 1953 as compared with 3,524 M ft. in January, 1954 and 3,931 M ft. in January, 1953.

### 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 February accounted for 83.9 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1951 compared with 66.9 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for January, 1953 and 1954 were 77.4 and 86.9 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, February, 1954.

	February		January		2 months	
	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<b>PRODUCTION</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	141,126	151,203	103,552	138,529	244,678	289,732
Hemlock .....	54,422	65,957	56,405	66,207	110,827	132,164
Balsam Fir .....	1,115	1,029	503	759	1,618	1,788
Red Cedar .....	38,247	34,075	25,924	31,413	64,171	65,488
Spruce .....	49,417	74,060	28,357	47,866	77,774	121,926
White Pine .....	2,213	5,256	2,700	4,643	4,913	9,899
Ponderosa Pine .....	1,376	2,610	891	1,959	2,267	4,569
Lodgepole Pine .....	2,913	4,693	1,505	3,077	4,418	7,770
All other softwoods .....	5,465	8,055	2,525	5,836	7,990	13,891
Total Softwoods .....	296,294	346,938	222,362	300,289	518,656	647,227
Red Alder .....	48	522	42	255	90	777
Maple .....	44	468	57	153	101	621
Birch .....	17	34	12	33	29	67
Cottonwood .....	19	73	14	53	33	126
All other hardwoods .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods .....	128	1,097	125	494	253	1,591
Total Production .....	296,422	348,035	222,487	300,783	518,909	648,818
<b>SHIPMENTS</b>						
To: Points in Canada .....	82,376	95,986	52,671	77,503	135,047	173,489
Points in U. S. A. ..	95,263	98,689	68,067	90,987	163,330	189,676
United Kingdom .....	59,375	41,701	31,812	43,775	91,187	85,476
Other countries .....	27,908	21,634	15,929	13,501	43,837	35,135
Shipments reported .....	264,922	258,010	168,479	225,766	433,401	483,776
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....	36,244	37,274	22,580	30,947	58,824	68,221
Total Shipments .....	301,166	295,284	191,059	256,713	492,225	551,997
<b>STOCKS ON HAND</b>						
	February		January			
	1954	1953	1954	1953		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir .....	221,020	199,946	233,306	192,022		
Hemlock .....	92,158	82,085	100,134	82,605		
Balsam Fir .....	2,232	1,124	2,001	940		
Red Cedar .....	55,936	44,490	45,863	42,554		
Spruce .....	113,332	87,944	115,794	79,270		
White Pine .....	12,428	8,843	13,473	8,132		
Ponderosa Pine .....	9,240	9,851	10,848	8,095		
Lodgepole Pine .....	7,517	3,422	4,852	3,379		
All other softwoods .....	13,165	10,434	12,625	8,699		
Total softwoods .....	527,028	448,139	538,896	425,696		
Red Alder .....	71	209	77	381		
Maple .....	65	269	67	231		
Birch .....	48	70	46	70		
Cottonwood .....	40	148	40	115		
All other hardwoods .....	3	-	4	-		
Total hardwoods .....	227	696	234	797		
Total Stocks .....	527,255	448,835	539,130	426,493		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn,  
February, 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.
<b>Lumber</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	108,367	3,651	112,018	11,968	13,129	25,097
Hemlock .....	52,157	826	52,983	565	717	1,282
Balsam Fir .....	70	47	117	561	437	998
Red Cedar .....	36,174	719	36,893	1,084	270	1,354
Spruce .....	4,672	153	4,825	25,370	19,211	44,581
White Pine .....	638	42	680	422	1,084	1,506
Ponderosa Pine ....	-	-	-	406	938	1,344
Lodgepole Pine ....	-	1	1	1,416	1,188	2,604
All other softwoods .	984	28	1,012	1,094	2,705	3,799
Total, softwoods...	203,062	5,467	208,529	42,886	39,679	82,565
Red Alder .....	-	47	47	-	1	1
Maple .....	-	43	43	-	1	1
Birch .....	-	7	7	-	10	10
Cottonwood .....	-	10	10	-	9	9
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	-	107	107	-	21	21
Total, softwoods and hardwoods .	203,062	5,574	208,636	42,886	39,700	82,586
<b>Ties</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	1,277	56	1,333	875	1,803	2,678
Hemlock .....	140	12	152	-	5	5
Balsam Fir .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce .....	-	-	-	-	11	11
White Pine .....	-	-	-	-	27	27
Ponderosa Pine ....	-	-	-	25	7	32
Lodgepole Pine ....	-	-	-	-	308	308
All other softwoods .	-	-	-	429	225	654
Total, softwoods ..	1,417	68	1,485	1,329	2,386	3,715
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods .	1,417	68	1,485	1,329	2,386	3,715
<b>Lumber and Ties</b>	204,479	5,642	210,121	44,215	42,086	86,301

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

	By Turck (Local Sales)	By Rail	Water- borne	Total Shipments
	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.
<b>COAST MILLS</b>				
To: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia.....	27,892	2,889	952	31,733
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	-	2,383	xxxxxxx	2,383
Saskatchewan .....	-	1,169	xxxxxxx	1,169
Manitoba .....	-	1,573	xxxxxxx	1,573
Ontario .....	-	6,747	-	6,747
Quebec .....	-	1,804	-	1,804
New Brunswick .....	-	244	-	244
Nova Scotia .....	-	56	-	56
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	39	-	39
Total for Canada .....	27,892	16,904	952	45,748
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	-	3,952	-	3,952
Atlantic Ports .....	-	1,210	45,846	47,056
Other points, by rail .....	-	26,060	xxxxxxx	26,060
Total for U.S.A. ....	-	31,222	45,846	77,068
United Kingdom .....	x	408	57,758	58,166
Other countries .....	x	-	27,908	27,908
Destination or carrier not specified .....	-	-	-	-
Total shipments reported ..	27,892	48,534	132,464	208,890
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....	-	-	-	4,614
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....	-	-	-	213,504
<b>INTERIOR MILLS</b>				
To: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia.....	16,491	2,088	-	18,579
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	666	4,993	xxxxxxx	5,659
Saskatchewan .....	-	2,828	xxxxxxx	2,828
Manitoba .....	-	2,741	xxxxxxx	2,741
Ontario .....	-	6,384	-	6,384
Quebec .....	-	437	-	437
New Brunswick .....	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland .....	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	17,157	19,471	-	36,628
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	-	-	-	-
Atlantic Ports .....	-	202	-	202
Other points, by rail .....	-	17,993	xxxxxxx	17,993
Total for U.S.A. ....	-	18,195	-	18,195
United Kingdom .....	x	-	1,209	1,209
Other countries .....	x	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified .....	-	-	-	-
Total shipments reported ..	17,157	37,666	1,209	56,032
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....	-	-	-	31,630
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....	-	-	-	87,662
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				



Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills,  
February, 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 . . . .	110,269	3,867	114,136	2,594	4,182	6,776
Hemlock . . . . .	63,794	874	64,668	96	202	298
Balsam Fir . . . . .	-	49	49	75	122	197
Red Cedar . . . . .	28,908	750	29,658	55	76	131
Spruce . . . . .	6,623	160	6,783	5,614	5,383	10,997
White Pine . . . . .	2,752	44	2,796	2,635	311	2,946
Ponderosa Pine . . . .	-	-	-	371	265	636
Lodgepole Pine . . . .	-	1	1	424	419	843
All other softwoods	1,003	29	1,032	518	820	1,338
Total, softwoods	213,349	5,774	219,123	12,382	11,780	24,162
Red Alder . . . . .	-	49	49	-	-	-
Maple . . . . .	-	45	45	-	-	-
Birch . . . . .	-	7	7	-	3	3
Cottonwood . . . . .	-	11	11	-	3	3
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	112	112	-	6	6
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	213,349	5,886	219,235	12,382	11,786	24,168
<u>Unsold</u>						
Douglas Fir . . . . .	42,615	1,574	44,189	22,244	33,675	55,919
Hemlock . . . . .	19,476	356	19,832	5,732	1,628	7,360
Balsam Fir . . . . .	99	20	119	881	986	1,867
Red Cedar . . . . .	20,730	305	21,035	4,503	609	5,112
Spruce . . . . .	2,270	65	2,335	49,867	43,350	93,217
White Pine . . . . .	1,408	18	1,426	2,755	2,505	5,260
Ponderosa Pine . . . .	-	-	-	6,472	2,132	8,604
Lodgepole Pine . . . .	-	-	-	3,300	3,373	6,673
All other softwoods	228	12	240	3,946	6,609	10,555
Total, softwoods	86,826	2,350	89,176	99,700	94,867	194,567
Red Alder . . . . .	-	20	20	-	2	2
Maple . . . . .	-	18	18	-	2	2
Birch . . . . .	-	3	3	13	22	35
Cottonwood . . . . .	-	5	5	-	21	21
All other hardwoods	3	-	3	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	3	46	49	13	47	60
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	86,829	2,396	89,225	99,713	94,914	194,627
Sold & Unsold	300,178	8,282	308,460	112,095	106,700	218,795

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

	February		January	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
For shipment to points in British Columbia				
Local.....	10,827	9,776	11,691	9,545
Coastwise and Interior .....	3,808	5,943	3,014	4,870
Total .....	14,635	15,719	14,705	14,415
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces .....	8,431	14,018	8,778	12,909
Eastern Provinces .....	19,114	21,475	20,497	20,823
United States of America .....	34,148	43,460	36,681	43,001
Total .....	61,693	78,953	65,956	76,733
For waterborne shipment to:				
California .....	370	600	370	825
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	56,441	65,165	57,265	52,951
Eastern Canada .....	2,502	530	5,697	1,057
Exports Markets .....	181,427	189,082	200,915	197,629
Total .....	240,740	255,377	264,247	252,462
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND .....	317,068	350,049	344,908	343,610
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS .....				
	4,671	4,634	3,524	3,931

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

February, 1954.

		February		January	
		1954	1953	1954	1953
Coast.....	No.	86	96	80	98
Interior .....	No.	175	216	146	181
Total, British Columbia	No.	261	312	266	279

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

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