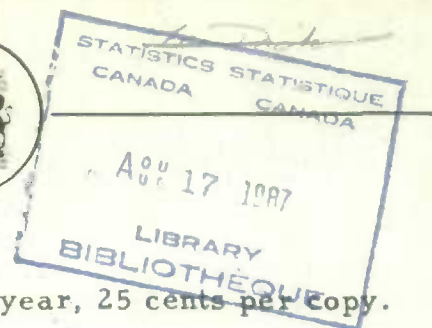


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### PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 301,780 M ft. in April, 1954 as compared with 292,553 M ft. in April, 1953 an increase of 3.2 p.c. over the previous year but a decrease of 14.8 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 71.3 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 0.8 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, but the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 28.7 p.c. showed an increase of 14.6 p.c. Shipments in April, 1954 totalled 334,831 M ft., as compared with 302,738 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 10.6 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 1.1 p.c. but Interior mills an increase of 44.3 p.c. Total shipments for April decreased by 9.3 p.c. from the March figure of 369,269 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of April, 1954 amounted to 486,337 M ft., as compared with 424,926 M ft. at the end of April the previous year and 519,696 M ft. at the end of March of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 288,930 M ft., while Interior mills showed 197,407 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 March and April, 1953 and 1954. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 368,997 M ft. in March, 1953 to 292,553 M ft. in April, 1953 and from 354,328 M ft. in March to 301,780 M ft. in April, 1954. Shipments totalled 369,269 M ft. in March, 1954 and 334,831 M ft. in April, 1954 as compared with 329,407 M ft. in March and 302,738 M ft. in April of 1953. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 439,531 M ft. in March, 1953 to 424,926 M ft. in April and decreased from 519,696 M ft. in March to 486,337 M ft. in April 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 214,417 M ft. in April, 1954 as compared with 84,180 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 775 M ft. in April as compared with 2,408 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 71.3 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in April, 1954 as compared with 74.2 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during March, 1954 and 1953 respectively, were 66.5 and 64.5 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 222,487 M ft. in April of 1954 and 254,777 M ft. in March, 1954 as compared with 224,882 M ft. in April, 1953 and 225,948 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 112,344 M ft. and 77,856 M ft. in April, 1954 and 1953 and 114,492 M ft. and 103,459 M ft. in March, 1954 and 1953. Of all shipments actually reported for April, 34.1 p.c. went to points in Canada, 35.6 p.c. to points in United States, 18.6 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 11.7 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 42.2 p.c. of the total, while 39.8 p.c. went by rail, and 18.0 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 March and April, 1954 amounted to 292,660 M ft. and 288,930 M ft. as compared with 270,745 M ft. and 260,427 M ft. in March and April of 1953. Interior mills stocks decreased from 168,786 M ft. in March to 164,499 M ft. in April, 1953 and decreased from 227,036 M ft. in March to 197,407 M ft. in April, 1954. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 29.4 p.c. of the total in April, 1954 as compared with 27.1 p.c. in April, 1953 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 82.7 and 85.2.

### Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of March and April, 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 April, 1954 amounted to 297,761 M ft. as compared with 320,506 M ft. in April, 1953. Orders on hand at the end of March, 1954 and 1953 amounted to 298,885 M ft. and 333,311 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 5,724 M ft. in April, 1954 and 5,596 M ft. in April, 1953 as compared with 8,488 M ft. in March, 1954 and 6,475 M ft. in March, 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 April accounted for 82.5 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1952 compared with 85.9 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for March, 1953 and 1954 were 75.5 and 82.4 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, April, 1954

	April		March		4 months	
	1954	1953	1954	1954	1954	1953
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<b>PRODUCTION</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	146,270	145,366	169,634	167,557	566,374	609,880
Hemlock .....	61,748	57,965	63,532	71,397	238,563	264,467
Balsam Fir .....	680	590	1,679	1,985	4,035	4,424
Red Cedar .....	37,891	36,838	41,688	41,652	145,181	145,459
Spruce .....	40,416	33,853	58,845	65,863	179,803	226,076
White Pine .....	3,670	6,458	4,415	4,423	13,149	21,074
Ponderosa Pine .....	3,548	3,370	2,845	3,528	8,743	11,637
Lodgepole Pine .....	1,865	1,568	3,777	4,047	10,210	13,658
All other softwoods ....	5,427	6,153	7,581	7,936	21,238	28,448
Total Softwoods .....	301,515	292,161	353,996	368,388	1,187,296	1,325,123
Red Alder .....	104	162	114	303	310	1,261
Maple .....	70	151	133	180	306	964
Birch .....	27	30	49	57	106	156
Cottonwood .....	64	49	36	69	134	246
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods .....	265	392	332	609	856	2,627
Total Production .....	301,780	292,553	354,328	368,997	1,188,152	1,327,750
<b>SHIPMENTS</b>						
To: Points in Canada ...	92,559	90,169	109,049	103,742	336,655	367,400
Points in U.S.A. ...	96,776	114,205	115,445	120,543	375,551	424,424
United Kingdom ....	50,505	42,093	69,069	43,808	210,761	171,377
Other countries ....	31,911	27,665	28,973	22,701	104,721	85,501
Shipments reported ....	271,751	274,132	322,536	290,794	1,027,688	1,048,702
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills ...	63,080	28,606	46,733	38,613	168,637	135,440
Total Shipments .....	334,831	302,738	369,269	329,407	1,196,325	1,184,142
	April		March			
	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<b>STOCKS ON HAND</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	205,359	192,799	218,579	194,738		
Hemlock .....	84,691	69,999	78,940	84,738		
Balsam Fir .....	907	1,232	1,947	1,957		
Red Cedar .....	56,138	46,297	56,058	46,548		
Spruce .....	94,596	79,101	116,867	80,060		
White Pine .....	14,992	10,061	13,560	8,481		
Ponderosa Pine .....	15,129	10,002	14,717	9,552		
Lodgepole Pine .....	3,808	3,285	5,467	3,227		
All other softwoods ....	10,397	11,445	13,184	9,477		
Total softwoods .....	486,017	424,221	519,319	438,778		
Red Alder .....	125	281	137	234		
Maple .....	55	230	103	317		
Birch .....	57	101	76	92		
Cottonwood .....	83	93	61	110		
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-		
Total hardwoods .....	320	705	377	753		
Total Stocks .....	486,337	424,926	519,696	439,531		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn,  
April, 1954.

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.
<b>LUMBER</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	104,436	6,812	111,248	17,046	15,346	32,392
Hemlock .....	57,997	1,373	59,370	1,597	724	2,321
Balsam Fir .....	26	73	99	253	326	579
Red Cedar .....	35,335	1,398	36,733	858	300	1,158
Spruce .....	3,861	333	4,194	18,670	17,524	36,194
White Pine .....	1,433	6	1,439	1,024	1,205	2,229
Ponderosa Pine ...	-	184	184	2,035	1,270	3,305
Lodgepole Pine ...	-	-	-	533	1,149	1,682
All other softwoods .	892	8	900	1,245	3,060	4,305
Total, softwoods .	203,980	10,187	214,167	43,261	40,904	84,165
Red Alder .....	11	93	104	-	-	-
Maple .....	29	41	70	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	16	16	-	11	11
Cottonwood .....	-	60	60	3	1	4
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	40	210	250	3	12	15
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	204,020	10,397	214,417	43,264	40,916	84,180
<b>TIES</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	710	55	765	787	1,078	1,865
Hemlock .....	-	10	10	-	47	47
Balsam Fir .....	-	-	-	-	2	2
Red Cedar .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce .....	-	-	-	-	28	28
White Pine .....	-	-	-	-	2	2
Ponderosa Pine ...	-	-	-	8	51	59
Lodgepole Pine ...	-	-	-	52	131	183
All other softwoods .	-	-	-	88	134	222
Total, softwoods .	710	65	775	935	1,473	2,408
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	710	65	775	935	1,473	2,408
<b>LUMBER AND TIES</b>	204,730	10,462	215,192	44,199	42,389	86,588

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, April, 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.
<u>COAST MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	37,570	3,515	2,210	43,295
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....		3	-	3
Alberta .....		2,390	xxxxxx	2,390
Saskatchewan .....		1,646	xxxxxx	1,646
Manitoba .....		1,633	xxxxxx	1,633
Ontario .....		6,562	-	6,562
Quebec .....		2,079	75	2,154
New Brunswick .....		245	-	245
Nova Scotia .....		385	-	385
Prince Edward Island .....		-	-	-
Newfoundland .....		61	-	61
Total for Canada .....	37,570	18,519	2,285	58,374
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....		601	1,071	1,672
Atlantic Ports .....		2,027	33,913	35,940
Other points, by rail .....		34,729	xxxxxx	34,729
Total for U.S.A. ....		37,357	34,984	72,341
United Kingdom .....x		2,807	46,700	49,507
Other countries .....x		1,893	30,018	31,911
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported .....	37,570	60,576	113,987	212,133
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				10,354
Total shipments, reported and estimated ...				222,487
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia .....	10,913	3,070	-	13,983
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....		-	-	-
Alberta .....	398	5,591	xxxxxx	5,989
Saskatchewan .....		5,314	xxxxxx	5,314
Manitoba .....		3,640	xxxxxx	3,640
Ontario .....		4,511	-	4,511
Quebec .....		667	-	667
New Brunswick .....		81	-	81
Nova Scotia .....		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island .....		-	-	-
Newfoundland .....		-	-	-
Total for Canada .....	11,311	22,874	-	34,185
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports .....		-	-	-
Atlantic Ports .....		1,280	-	1,280
Other points, by rail .....		23,155	xxxxxx	23,155
Total for U.S.A. ....		24,435	-	24,435
United Kingdom .....x		287	711	998
Other countries .....x		-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified .....				-
Total shipments reported .....	11,311	47,596	711	59,618
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				52,726
Total shipments, reported and estimated ...				112,344

x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.



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

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.
<b>SOLD (but not shipped)</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	93,292	6,503	99,795	6,533	6,495	13,028
Hemlock .....	61,151	1,310	62,461	101	305	406
Balsam Fir .....	-	69	69	3	129	132
Red Cedar .....	28,190	1,324	29,514	66	120	186
Spruce .....	5,492	316	5,808	5,910	6,941	12,851
White Pine .....	4,808	6	4,814	1,522	478	2,000
Ponderosa Pine ...	-	174	174	2,953	523	3,476
Lodgepole Pine ...	-	-	-	202	506	708
All other softwoods .	1,029	7	1,036	192	1,260	1,452
Total, softwoods .	193,962	9,709	203,671	17,482	16,757	34,239
Red Alder .....	-	88	88	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	39	39	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	15	15	-	5	5
Cottonwood .....	-	57	57	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	-	199	199	-	5	5
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	193,962	9,908	203,870	17,482	16,762	34,244
<b>UNSOLD</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	35,527	2,713	38,240	23,348	30,948	54,296
Hemlock .....	17,823	546	18,369	2,002	1,453	3,455
Balsam Fir .....	5	29	34	57	615	672
Red Cedar .....	23,289	553	23,842	2,029	567	2,596
Spruce .....	1,712	132	1,844	41,022	33,071	74,093
White Pine .....	2,129	2	2,131	3,771	2,276	6,047
Ponderosa Pine ...	220	73	293	8,695	2,491	11,186
Lodgepole Pine ...	-	-	-	689	2,411	3,100
All other softwoods .	221	3	224	1,673	6,012	7,685
Total, softwoods .	80,926	4,051	84,977	83,286	79,844	163,130
Red Alder .....	-	37	37	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	16	16	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	6	6	9	22	31
Cottonwood .....	-	24	24	-	2	2
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	83	83	9	24	33
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	80,926	4,134	85,060	83,295	79,868	163,163
<b>SOLD AND UNSOLD</b>	274,888	14,042	288,930	100,777	96,630	197,407

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

	April		March	
	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 .....	14,546	10,085	14,303	11,856
Coastwise and Interior .....	4,247	6,047	4,118	6,028
Total .....	18,793	16,132	18,421	17,884
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces .....	8,160	14,556	9,808	15,821
Eastern Provinces .....	15,101	21,751	15,049	21,440
United States of America .....	31,947	39,590	33,836	42,709
Total .....	55,208	75,897	58,693	79,970
For waterborne shipment to:				
California .....	1,853	1,712	420	982
U.S. Atlantic Ports .....	43,399	61,147	44,009	71,406
Eastern Canada .....	1,056	4,870	335	2,476
Exports Markets .....	177,452	160,748	177,007	160,593
Total .....	223,760	228,477	221,771	235,457
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND .....	297,761	320,506	298,885	333,311
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS .....				
	5,724	5,596	8,488	6,475

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting  
April, 1954.

	April		March	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
Coast .....	No. 104	101	96	102
Interior .....	No. 203	181	182	220
Total, British Columbia	No. 307	282	278	322

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

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