

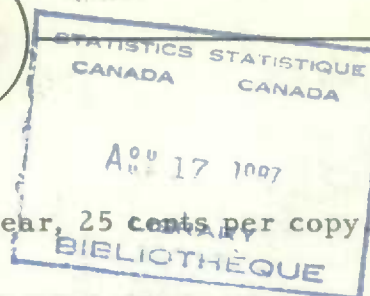
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 320,193 M ft. in May, 1954 as compared with 313,551 M ft. in May, 1953 an increase of 2.1 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 6.1 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 68.4 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 0.3 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 31.6 p.c. showed an increase of 6.4 p.c. Shipments in May, 1954 totalled 351,145 M ft., as compared with 318,802 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 10.1 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 0.2 p.c. but Interior mills an increase of 36.9 p.c. Total shipments for May increased by 4.9 p.c. over the April figure of 334,831 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of May, 1954 amounted to 451,704 M ft., as compared with 416,302 M ft. at the end of May the previous year and 486,337 M ft. at the end of April of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 273,537 M ft., while Interior mills showed 178,167 M ft.

Summary Figures

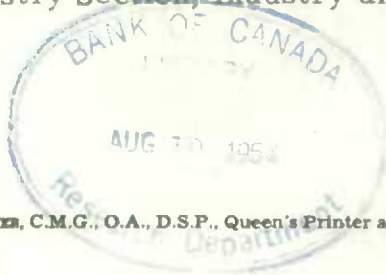
Table 1 gives a comparative summary of production, shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills for April and May, 1953 and 1954. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 292,553 M ft. in April, 1953 to 313,551 M ft. in May, 1953 and from 301,780 M ft. in April to 320,193 M ft. in May, 1954. Shipments totalled 334,831 M ft. in April, 1954 and 351,145 M ft. in May, 1954 as compared with 302,738 M ft. in April and 318,802 M ft. in May, 1953. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 424,926 M ft. in April, 1953 to 416,302 M ft. in May and decreased from 486,337 M ft. in April, 1954 to 451,704 M ft. in May 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 218,572 M ft. in May, 1954 as compared with 99,427 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 442 M ft. in May as compared with 1,752 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 68.4 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in May, 1954 as compared with 69.7 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during April, 1954 and 1953 respectively, were 71.3 and 74.2 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 229,697 M ft. in May of 1954 and 222,487 M ft. in April, 1954 as compared with 230,076 M ft. in May, 1953 and 224,882 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 121,448 M ft. and 88,726 M ft. in May, 1954 and 1953 and 112,344 M ft. and 77,856 M ft. in April, 1954 and 1953. Of all shipments actually reported for May, 32.8 p.c. went to points in Canada, 38.6 p.c. to points in United States, 22.6 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 6.0 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 45.6 p.c. of the total, while 35.8 p.c. went by rail, and 18.6 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 April and May, 1954 amounted to 288,930 M ft. and 273,537 M ft. as compared with 260,427 M ft. and 238,298 M ft. in April and May of 1953. Interior mills stocks increased from 164,499 M ft. in April to 178,004 M ft. in May, 1953 but decreased from 197,407 M ft. in April to 178,167 M ft. in May, 1954. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 29.6 p.c. of the total in May, 1954 as compared with 28.5 p.c. in May, 1953 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 79.2 and 82.8.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of April and May, 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 May, 1954 amounted to 307,045 M ft. as compared with 269,054 M ft. in May, 1953. Orders on hand at the end of April 1954 and 1953 amounted to 297,761 M ft. and 320,506 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 4,340 M ft. in May, 1954 and 5,408 M ft. in May, 1953 as compared with 5,724 M ft. in April, 1954 and 5,596 M ft. in April, 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 May accounted for 82.0 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1952 compared with 82.5 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for April, 1953 and 1954 were 85.9 and 82.5 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, May, 1954

	May		April		5 months	
	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	159,906	158,271	146,270	145,366	726,280	768,151
Hemlock	59,483	60,774	61,748	57,965	298,046	305,241
Balsam Fir	676	1,142	680	590	4,711	5,566
Red Cedar	42,064	35,898	37,891	36,838	187,245	181,357
Spruce	40,839	38,688	40,416	33,853	220,642	264,764
White Pine	4,137	4,244	3,670	6,458	17,286	25,318
Ponderosa Pine	5,263	4,944	3,548	3,370	14,006	16,581
Lodgepole Pine	1,597	1,855	1,865	1,568	11,807	15,513
All other softwoods	5,931	7,390	5,427	6,153	27,169	35,838
Total Softwoods	319,896	313,206	301,515	292,161	1,507,192	1,638,329
Red Alder	94	146	104	162	404	1,407
Maple	96	127	70	151	402	1,091
Birch	37	34	27	30	143	190
Cottonwood	70	38	64	49	204	284
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	297	345	265	392	1,153	2,972
Total Production	320,193	313,551	301,780	292,553	1,508,345	1,641,301
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada ...	94,487	101,902	92,559	90,169	431,142	469,302
Points in U.S.A.	111,099	115,301	96,776	114,205	486,650	539,725
United Kingdom	65,007	35,760	50,505	42,093	275,768	207,137
Other countries	17,313	30,602	31,911	27,665	122,034	116,103
Shipments reported	287,906	283,565	271,751	274,132	1,315,594	1,332,267
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	63,239	35,237	63,080	28,606	231,876	170,677
Total Shipments	351,145	318,802	334,831	302,738	1,547,470	1,502,944
STOCKS ON HAND						
	May		April			
	1954	1953	1954	1953		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	200,016	181,553	205,359	192,799		
Hemlock	70,353	67,339	84,691	69,999		
Balsam Fir	896	2,075	907	1,232		
Red Cedar	56,545	44,509	56,138	46,297		
Spruce	82,426	82,855	94,596	79,101		
White Pine	13,707	10,824	14,992	10,061		
Ponderosa Pine	14,026	11,091	15,129	10,002		
Lodgepole Pine	3,233	3,460	3,808	3,285		
All other softwoods	10,175	11,652	10,397	11,445		
Total softwoods	451,377	415,358	486,017	424,221		
Red Alder	122	301	125	281		
Maple	58	403	55	230		
Birch	54	154	57	101		
Cottonwood	90	86	83	93		
All other hardwoods	3	-	-	-		
Total hardwoods	327	944	320	705		
Total Stocks	451,704	416,302	486,337	424,926		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, May 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.
Lumber						
Douglas Fir	108,407	7,589	115,996	23,677	18,486	42,163
Hemlock	53,502	2,046	55,548	3,108	787	3,895
Balsam Fir	103	92	195	130	349	479
Red Cedar	38,181	1,055	39,236	2,352	476	2,828
Spruce	4,768	428	5,196	19,474	16,138	35,612
White Pine	1,653	7	1,660	1,013	1,463	2,476
Ponderosa Pine	-	106	106	3,116	2,012	5,128
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	144	1,308	1,452
All other softwoods	351	10	361	1,426	3,945	5,371
Total, softwoods	206,965	11,333	218,298	54,440	44,964	99,404
Red Alder	-	94	94	-	-	-
Maple	51	45	96	-	-	-
Birch	5	17	22	4	11	15
Cottonwood	1	61	62	-	8	8
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	57	217	274	4	19	23
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	207,022	11,550	218,572	54,444	44,983	99,427
Ties						
Douglas Fir	393	41	434	544	769	1,313
Hemlock	-	8	8	-	32	32
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	2	2
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	31	31
White Pine	-	-	-	-	1	1
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	29	29
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	70	75	145
All other softwoods	-	-	-	152	47	199
Total, softwoods	393	49	442	766	986	1,752
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	393	49	442	766	986	1,752
Lumber and Ties	207,415	11,599	219,014	55,210	45,969	101,179

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

	By Truck (Local Sales) M ft.b.m.	By Rail M ft.b.m.	Water- borne M ft.b.m.	Total Shipments M ft.b.m.
<u>COAST MILLS</u>				
<u>TO: Points in Canada</u>				
British Columbia	37,779	2,704	1,525	42,008
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	2	2
Alberta	-	2,171	xxxxxxx	2,171
Saskatchewan	-	1,725	xxxxxxx	1,725
Manitoba	-	1,397	xxxxxxx	1,397
Ontario	-	7,128	-	7,128
Quebec	-	2,033	50	2,083
New Brunswick	-	233	-	233
Nova Scotia	-	69	-	69
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	59	-	59
Total for Canada	37,779	17,519	1,577	56,875
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports	-	6,918	200	7,118
Atlantic Ports	-	2,005	48,253	50,258
Other points, by rail	-	25,694	xxxxxxx	25,694
Total for U.S.A.	-	34,617	48,453	83,070
United Kingdomx	-	284	63,381	63,665
Other countriesx	-	218	17,095	17,313
Destination or carrier not specified	-	-	-	-
Total shipments reported	37,779	52,638	130,506	220,923
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	-	-	-	8,774
Total shipments, reported and estimated	-	-	-	229,697
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
<u>TO: Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	14,910	1,902	-	16,812
Yukon and Northwest Territories	-	-	-	-
Alberta	917	5,349	xxxxxxx	6,266
Saskatchewan	-	5,020	xxxxxxx	5,020
Manitoba	-	3,993	xxxxxxx	3,993
Ontario	-	5,278	-	5,278
Quebec	-	243	-	243
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-
Total for Canada	15,827	21,785	-	37,612
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports	-	-	-	-
Atlantic Ports	-	-	-	-
Other Points, by rail	-	28,029	xxxxxxx	28,029
Total for U.S.A.	-	28,029	-	28,029
United Kingdomx	-	537	805	1,342
Other countriesx	-	-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified	-	-	-	-
Total shipments reported	15,827	50,351	805	66,983
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	-	-	-	54,465
Total shipments, reported and estimated	-	-	-	121,448
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, May 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	94,737	6,719	101,456	5,979	7,038	13,017
Hemlock	47,064	1,809	48,873	-	299	299
Balsam Fir	-	81	81	-	128	128
Red Cedar	29,811	929	30,740	148	175	323
Spruce	5,062	377	5,439	7,652	5,911	13,563
White Pine	4,617	6	4,623	1,210	535	1,745
Ponderosa Pine	-	93	93	5,003	746	5,749
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	132	506	638
All other softwoods ...	1,197	8	1,205	60	1,458	1,518
Total, softwoods	182,488	10,022	192,510	20,184	16,796	36,980
Red Alder	-	83	83	-	-	-
Maple	-	40	40	-	-	-
Birch	-	15	15	-	4	4
Cottonwood	-	53	53	-	3	3
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	191	191	-	7	7
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	182,488	10,213	192,701	20,184	16,803	36,987
<u>Unsold</u>						
Douglas Fir	34,184	2,818	37,002	21,678	26,863	48,541
Hemlock	16,137	759	16,896	3,144	1,141	4,285
Balsam Fir	84	34	118	82	487	569
Red Cedar	21,478	390	21,868	2,947	667	3,614
Spruce	2,191	158	2,349	38,514	22,561	61,075
White Pine	2,251	3	2,254	3,040	2,045	5,085
Ponderosa Pine	-	39	39	5,298	2,847	8,145
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	665	1,930	2,595
All other softwoods....	218	3	221	1,660	5,571	7,231
Total, softwoods	76,543	4,204	80,747	77,028	64,112	141,140
Red Alder	4	35	39	-	-	-
Maple	1	17	18	-	-	-
Birch	-	6	6	14	15	29
Cottonwood	1	22	23	-	11	11
All other hardwoods ..	3	-	3	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	9	80	89	14	26	40
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	76,552	4,284	80,836	77,042	64,138	141,180
Sold and Unsold	259,040	14,497	273,537	97,226	80,941	178,167

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

	May		April	
	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	15,401	11,343	14,546	10,085
Coastwise and Interior	3,111	5,500	4,247	6,047
Total	18,512	16,843	18,793	16,132
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	6,635	12,003	8,160	14,556
Eastern Provinces	13,632	18,070	15,101	21,751
United States of America	39,334	28,842	31,947	39,590
Total	59,601	58,915	55,208	75,897
For waterborne shipment to:				
California	9,993	1,047	1,853	1,712
U.S. Atlantic Ports	27,943	44,514	43,399	61,147
Eastern Canada	925	4,783	1,056	4,870
Exports Markets	190,071	142,952	177,452	160,748
Total	228,932	193,296	223,760	228,477
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	307,045	269,054	297,761	320,506
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
	4,340	5,408	5,724	5,596

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

	May		April	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
CoastNo.	107	105	104	101
InteriorNo.	200	198	203	181
Total, British Columbia No.	307	303	307	282

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

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