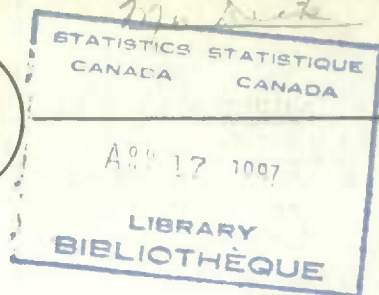


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 390,982 M ft. in June, 1954 as compared with 344,926 M ft. in June, 1953 an increase of 13.4 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 22.1 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 61.5 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 11.7 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 38.5 p.c. showed an increase of 16.0 p.c. Shipments in June, 1954 totalled 387,678 M ft., as compared with 329,450 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 17.7 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 12.9 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 26.9 p.c. Total shipments for June increased by 10.4 p.c. over the May figure of 351,145 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of June, 1954 amounted 463,206 M ft., as compared with 416,451 M ft. at the end of June the previous year and 451,704 M ft. at the end of May of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 270,741 M ft., while Interior mills showed 192,465 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 May and June, 1953 and 1954. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 313,551 M ft. in May, 1953 to 344,926 M ft. in June, 1953 and from 320,193 M ft. in May to 390,982 M ft. in June, 1954. Shipments totalled 351,145 M ft. in May, 1954 and 387,678 M ft. in June, 1954 as compared with 318,802 M ft. in May and 329,450 M ft. in June of 1953. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 416,302 M ft. in May, 1953 to 416,451 M ft. in June, 1953 and increased from 451,704 M ft. in May, 1954 to 463,206 M ft. in June 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 240,382 M ft. in June, 1954 as compared with 145,954 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 225 M ft. in June as compared with 4,421 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 61.5 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in June, 1954 as compared with 62.4 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during May, 1954 and 1953 respectively, were 68.4 and 69.7 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 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 245,438 M ft. in June of 1954 and 229,697 M ft. in May, 1954 as compared with 217,341 M ft. in June, 1953 and 230,076 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 142,240 M ft. and 112,109 M ft. in June, 1954 and 1953 and 121,448 M ft. and 88,726 M ft. in May, 1954 and 1953. Of all shipments actually reported for June, 34.6 p. c. went to points in Canada, 38.7 p. c. to points in United States, 16.2 p. c. to the United Kingdom and 10.5 p. c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 37.3 p. c. of the total, while 42.3 p. c. went by rail, and 20.4 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 May and June, 1954 amounted to 273,537 M ft. and 270,741 M ft. as compared with 238,298 M ft. and 236,761 M ft. in May and June of 1953. Interior mills stocks increased from 178,004 M ft. in May to 179,690 M ft. in June, 1953 and increased from 178,167 M ft. in May to 192,465 M ft. in June, 1954. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 28.9 p. c. of the total in June, 1954 as compared with 28.0 p. c. in June, 1953 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 81.5 and 84.4.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of May and June, 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 June, 1954 amounted to 359,049 M ft. as compared with 261,593 M ft. in June, 1953. Orders on hand at the end of May, 1954 and 1953 amounted to 307,045 M ft. and 269,054 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 4,778 M ft. in June, 1954 and 6,514 M ft. in June, 1953 as compared with 4,340 M ft. in May, 1954 and 5,408 M ft. in May, 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 June accounted for 79.6 p. c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1952 compared with 78.8 p. c. for the previous year. The percentages for May, 1953 and 1954 were 82.5 and 82.0 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, June, 1954

	June		May		6 months	
	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	197,454	168,334	159,906	158,271	923,734	936,485
Hemlock	60,312	59,284	59,483	60,774	358,358	384,525
Balsam Fir	1,312	972	676	1,142	6,023	6,538
Red Cedar	44,052	36,517	42,064	35,898	231,297	217,874
Spruce	63,278	55,835	40,839	38,688	283,920	320,599
White Pine	6,436	6,522	4,137	4,244	23,722	31,840
Ponderosa Pine	5,105	5,313	5,263	4,944	19,111	21,894
Lodgepole Pine	2,957	3,171	1,597	1,855	14,764	18,684
All other softwoods ..	9,643	8,553	5,931	7,390	36,812	44,391
Total Softwoods ...	390,549	344,501	319,896	313,206	1,897,741	1,982,830
Red Alder	135	150	94	146	539	1,557
Maple	159	160	96	127	561	1,251
Birch	66	51	37	34	209	241
Cottonwood	73	64	70	38	277	348
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other hardwoods	433	425	297	345	1,586	3,397
Total Production ...	390,982	344,926	320,193	313,551	1,899,327	1,986,227
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	115,831	117,235	94,487	101,902	546,973	586,537
Points in U.S.A.	129,620	108,059	111,099	115,301	616,270	647,784
United Kingdom .	54,327	29,107	65,007	35,760	330,095	236,244
Other Countries .	34,775	28,809	17,313	30,602	156,809	144,912
Shipments reported ..	334,553	283,210	287,906	283,565	1,650,147	1,615,477
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	53,125	46,240	63,239	35,237	285,001	216,917
Total Shipments ...	387,678	329,450	351,145	318,802	1,935,148	1,832,394
	June		May			
	1954	1953	1954	1953		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
STOCKS ON HAND						
Douglas Fir	202,229	181,395	200,016	181,553		
Hemlock	68,847	69,667	70,353	67,339		
Balsam Fir	1,170	2,799	896	2,075		
Red Cedar	54,699	45,064	56,545	44,509		
Spruce	90,710	80,416	82,426	82,855		
White Pine	15,009	11,941	13,707	10,824		
Ponderosa Pine	16,150	9,373	14,026	11,091		
Lodgepole Pine	3,705	3,600	3,233	3,460		
All other softwoods ..	10,104	11,176	10,175	11,652		
Total softwoods ...	462,623	415,431	451,377	415,358		
Red Alder	246	356	122	301		
Maple	186	437	58	403		
Birch	67	126	54	154		
Cottonwood	81	101	90	86		
All other hardwoods ..	3	-	3	-		
Total hardwoods ...	583	1,020	327	944		
Total Stocks	463,206	416,451	451,704	416,302		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, June, 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.	M ft. b. m.	M ft. b. m.	M ft. b. m.	M ft. b. m.	M ft. b. m.	M ft. b. m.
LUMBER												
Douglas Fir	127,306	8,292	135,598	35,268	22,802	58,070						
Hemlock	53,654	1,626	55,280	3,754	1,194	4,948						
Balsam Fir	191	94	285	459	563	1,022						
Red Cedar	39,656	1,783	41,439	1,925	688	2,613						
Spruce	3,653	578	4,231	30,549	28,439	58,988						
White Pine	2,350	5	2,355	2,104	1,974	4,078						
Ponderosa Pine	27	133	160	3,065	1,831	4,896						
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	859	1,835	2,694						
All other softwoods	607	12	619	3,340	5,287	8,627						
Total, softwoods	227,444	12,523	239,967	81,323	64,613	145,936						
Red Alder	35	100	135	-	-	-						
Maple	128	31	159	-	-	-						
Birch	41	12	53	2	11	13						
Cottonwood	-	68	68	2	3	5						
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Total, hardwoods	204	211	415	4	14	18						
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	227,648	12,734	240,382	81,327	64,627	145,954						
TIES												
Douglas Fir	201	18	219	1,753	1,814	3,567						
Hemlock	-	6	6	-	78	78						
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	5	5						
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Spruce	-	-	-	2	57	59						
White Pine	-	-	-	-	3	3						
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	3	46	49						
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	79	184	263						
All other softwoods	-	-	-	214	183	397						
Total, softwoods	201	24	225	2,051	2,370	4,421						
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-						
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	201	24	225	2,051	2,370	4,421						
LUMBER AND TIES	227,849	12,758	240,607	83,378	66,997	150,375						

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Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, June, 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.
<u>COAST MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	43,418	1,695	1,601	46,714
Yukon and Northwest Territories		24	-	24
Alberta		2,832	xxxxxxx	2,832
Saskatchewan		2,078	xxxxxxx	2,078
Manitoba		1,708	xxxxxxx	1,708
Ontario		7,051	-	7,051
Quebec		1,322	728	2,050
New Brunswick		136	50	186
Nova Scotia		365	-	365
Prince Edward Island		-	-	110
Newfoundland		110	-	-
Total for Canada	43,418	17,321	2,379	63,118
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		7,668	-	7,668
Atlantic Ports		943	34,696	35,639
Other points, by rail		37,957	xxxxxxx	37,957
Total for U.S.A.		46,568	34,696	81,264
United Kingdomx		482	52,793	53,275
Other countriesx		-	34,478	34,478
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported ...	43,418	64,371	124,346	232,135
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				13,303
Total shipments, reported and estimated				245,438
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada</u>	23,504	2,486	-	25,990
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	1,380	5,911	xxxxxxx	7,291
Saskatchewan		5,066	xxxxxxx	5,066
Manitoba		5,947	xxxxxxx	5,947
Ontario		7,724	-	7,724
Quebec		669	-	669
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		26	-	26
Total for Canada	24,884	27,829	-	52,713
<u>Points in U.S.A.</u>				
Pacific Ports		214	-	214
Atlantic Ports		283	-	283
Other points, by rail		47,859	xxxxxxx	47,859
Total for U.S.A.		48,356	-	48,356
United Kingdomx		839	213	1,052
Other countriesx		102	195	297
Destination carries not specified				-
Total shipments reported ...	24,884	77,126	408	102,418
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				39,822
Total shipments, reported and estimated				142,240
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

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

June, 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	100,201	6,644	106,845	7,997	5,827	13,824
Hemlock	45,647	1,305	46,952	20	301	321
Balsam Fir	-	75	75	2	135	137
Red Cedar	26,962	1,426	28,388	1,716	163	1,879
Spruce	4,462	462	4,924	6,136	6,745	12,881
White Pine	4,109	4	4,113	782	468	1,250
Ponderosa Pine	60	106	166	2,735	444	3,179
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	141	477	618
All other softwoods .	805	10	815	210	1,296	1,506
Total, softwoods ..	182,246	10,032	192,278	19,739	15,856	35,595
Red Alder	-	80	80	-	-	-
Maple	-	25	25	-	-	-
Birch	-	10	10	-	2	2
Cottonwood	-	53	53	-	1	1
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	-	168	168	-	3	3
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	182,246	10,200	192,446	19,739	15,859	35,598
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	32,189	2,704	34,893	20,990	25,677	46,667
Hemlock	17,356	531	17,887	2,359	1,328	3,687
Balsam Fir	99	31	130	234	594	828
Red Cedar	19,892	580	20,472	3,240	720	3,960
Spruce	1,857	188	2,045	41,137	29,723	70,860
White Pine	1,899	2	1,901	5,684	2,061	7,745
Ponderosa Pine	304	43	347	10,502	1,956	12,458
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	984	2,103	3,087
All other softwoods .	230	3	233	1,842	5,708	7,550
Total, softwoods ..	73,826	4,082	77,908	86,972	69,870	156,842
Red Alder	134	32	166	-	-	-
Maple	151	10	161	-	-	-
Birch	29	4	33	11	11	22
Cottonwood	2	22	24	-	3	3
All other hardwoods .	3	-	3	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	319	68	387	11	14	25
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	74,145	4,150	78,295	86,983	69,884	156,867
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>	256,391	14,350	270,741	106,722	85,743	192,465

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

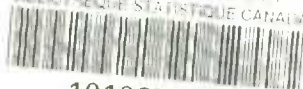
	June		May	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
For shipment to points in British Columbia				
Local	15,211	9,175	15,401	11,343
Coastwise and Interior	2,723	4,841	3,111	5,500
Total	17,934	14,016	18,512	16,843
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	6,915	9,203	6,635	12,003
Eastern Provinces	13,279	18,942	13,632	18,070
United States of America	47,013	32,292	39,334	28,842
Total	67,207	60,437	59,601	58,915
For waterborne shipment to:				
California	420	872	9,993	1,047
U.S. Atlantic Ports	51,236	41,639	27,943	44,514
Eastern Canada	-	1,430	925	4,783
Exports Markets	222,252	143,199	190,071	142,952
Total	273,908	187,140	228,932	193,296
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	359,049	261,593	307,045	269,054
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
	4,778	6,514	4,340	5,408

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

		June		May	
		1954	1953	1954	1953
Coast	No.	117	107	107	105
Interior	No.	276	213	200	198
Total, British Columbia .	No.	393	320	307	303

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

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