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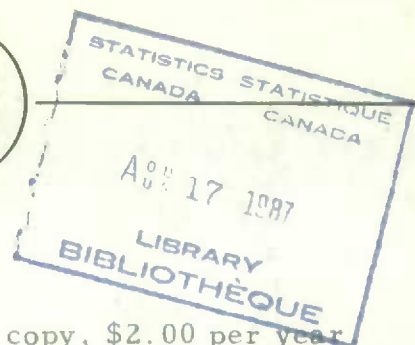
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 394,109 M ft in July, 1954 as compared with 333,618 M ft in July, 1953 an increase of 18.1 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 0.8 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 55.1 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 12.8 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 44.9 p.c. showed an increase of 25.4 p.c. Shipments in July, 1954 totalled 421,120 M ft., as compared with 311,107 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 35.4 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 23.8 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 100.6 p.c. Total shipments for July increased by 8.6 p.c. over the June figure of 387,678 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of July, 1954 amounted to 432,768 M ft., as compared with 431,895 M ft. at the end of July the previous year and 463,206 M ft. at the end of June of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 264,815 M ft., while Interior mills showed 167,953 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 June and July 1953 and 1954. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 344,926 M ft. in June, 1953 to 333,618 M ft. in July, 1953 but increased from 390,892 M ft. in June to 394,109 M ft. in July 1954. Shipments totalled 387,678 M ft. in June, 1954 and 421,120 M ft. in July, 1954 as compared with 329,450 M ft. in June and 311,107 M ft. in July of 1953. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 416,451 M ft. in June, 1953 to 431,895 M ft. in July, 1953 but decreased from 463,206 M ft. in June, 1954 to 432,768 M ft. in July 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 217,099 M ft. in July, 1954 as compared with 173,131 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 73 M ft. in July as compared with 3,806 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 55.1 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in July, 1954 as compared with 57.7 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during June, 1954 and June, 1953 respectively, were 61.5 and 62.4 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 purchaser and reported by them also, thereby causing a certain amount of duplication.

Shipments of Coast mills amounted to 223,496 M ft. in July of 1954 and 245,438 M ft. in June, 1954 as compared with 180,579 M ft. in July 1953 and 217,341 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 197,624 M ft. and 130,528 M ft. in July, 1954 and 1953 and 142,240 M ft. and 112,109 M ft. in June, 1954 and 1953. Of all shipments actually reported for July, 35.1 p.c. went to points in Canada, 40.4 p.c. to points in United States, 14.9 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 9.6 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 33.6 p.c. of the total, while 45.7 p.c. went by rail, and 20.7 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 June and July, 1954 amounted to 270,741 M ft. and 264,815 M ft. as compared with 236,761 M ft. and 244,298 M ft. in June and July of 1953. Interior mills stocks increased from 179,690 M ft. in June to 187,597 M ft. in July, 1953 but decreased from 192,465 M ft. in June to 167,953 M ft. in July, 1954. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 24.7 p.c. of the total in July, 1954 as compared with 29.2 p.c. in July, 1953 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 80.3 and 86.2.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of June and July, 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 July, 1954 amounted to 355,813 M ft. as compared with 255,704 M ft. in July, 1953. Orders on hand at the end of June, 1954 and 1953 amounted to 359,049 M ft. and 261,593 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 5,434 M ft. in July, 1954 and 5,414 M ft. in July, 1953 as compared with 4,788 M ft. in June, 1954 and 6,514 M ft. in June, 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 July accounted for 78.8 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1952 compared with 80.7 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for June, 1953 and 1954 were 81.0 and 79.6 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, July, 1954.

	July		June		7 months	
	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	193,752	152,496	197,454	168,334	1,117,486	1,088,981
Hemlock	61,062	60,994	60,312	59,284	419,420	445,519
Balsam Fir	1,460	1,387	1,312	972	7,483	7,925
Red Cedar	32,076	34,985	44,052	36,517	263,373	252,859
Spruce	78,513	60,087	63,278	55,835	362,433	380,686
White Pine	6,701	6,142	6,436	6,522	30,423	37,982
Ponderosa Pine	5,300	4,771	5,105	5,313	24,411	26,665
Lodgepole Pine	4,189	3,106	2,957	3,171	18,953	21,790
All other softwoods ..	10,678	9,389	9,643	8,553	47,490	53,780
Total softwoods	393,731	333,357	390,549	344,501	2,291,472	2,316,187
Red Alder	115	91	135	150	654	1,648
Maple	90	100	159	160	651	1,351
Birch	52	34	66	51	261	275
Cottonwood	121	36	73	64	398	384
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	378	261	433	425	1,964	3,658
Total production ...	394,109	333,618	390,982	344,926	2,293,436	2,319,845
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada ..	113,985	108,032	115,831	117,235	660,958	694,569
Points in U.S.A.	131,241	96,019	129,620	108,059	747,511	743,803
United Kingdom	48,286	29,223	54,327	29,107	378,381	265,467
Other Countries	31,343	25,787	34,775	28,809	188,152	170,699
Shipments reported ..	324,855	259,061	334,553	283,210	1,975,002	1,874,538
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills ..	96,265	52,046	53,125	46,240	381,266	268,963
Total shipments	421,120	311,107	387,678	329,450	2,356,268	2,143,501
STOCKS ON HAND						
	July		June			
	1954	1953	1954	1953		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	196,572	188,375	202,229	181,395		
Hemlock	70,324	73,579	68,847	69,667		
Balsam Fir	1,197	1,569	1,170	2,799		
Red Cedar	45,484	47,692	54,699	45,064		
Spruce	77,684	81,239	90,710	80,416		
White Pine	13,007	13,350	15,009	11,941		
Ponderosa Pine	14,347	10,337	16,150	9,373		
Lodgepole Pine	4,308	3,092	3,705	3,600		
All other softwoods ..	9,055	12,318	10,104	11,176		
Total softwoods	431,978	431,551	462,623	415,431		
Red Alder	225	118	246	356		
Maple	145	116	186	437		
Birch	70	46	67	126		
Cottonwood	347	64	81	101		
All other hardwoods ..	3	-	3	-		
Total hardwoods	790	344	583	1,020		
Total stocks	432,768	431,895	463,206	416,451		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, July, 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.
LUMBER						
Douglas Fir.....	113,997	7,635	121,632	37,703	31,324	69,027
Hemlock.....	54,600	1,818	56,418	3,112	1,461	4,573
Balsam Fir.....	443	99	542	243	670	913
Red Cedar.....	28,801	1,730	30,531	570	975	1,545
Spruce.....	4,292	683	4,975	41,687	31,810	73,497
White Pine.....	1,731	6	1,737	2,237	2,723	4,960
Ponderosa Pine...	-	241	241	2,353	2,667	5,020
Lodgepole Pine...	-	-	-	1,512	2,431	3,943
All other softwoods	709	13	722	3,836	5,740	9,576
Total, softwoods	204,573	12,225	216,798	93,253	79,801	173,054
Red Alder.....	25	90	115	-	-	-
Maple.....	61	29	90	-	-	-
Birch.....	23	11	34	-	18	18
Cottonwood.....	-	62	62	47	12	59
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	109	192	301	47	30	77
Total, softwoods and hardwoods...	204,682	12,417	217,099	93,300	79,831	173,131
TIES						
Douglas Fir.....	56	12	68	1,287	1,738	3,025
Hemlock.....	-	5	5	-	66	66
Balsam Fir.....	-	-	-	-	5	5
Red Cedar.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce.....	-	-	-	-	41	41
White Pine.....	-	-	-	-	4	4
Ponderosa Pine...	-	-	-	-	39	39
Lodgepole Pine...	-	-	-	61	185	246
All other softwoods	-	-	-	125	255	380
Total, softwoods	56	17	73	1,473	2,333	3,806
Red Alder.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods...	56	17	73	1,473	2,333	3,806
LUMBER AND TIES	204,738	12,434	217,172	94,773	82,164	176,937

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, July, 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	36,972	1,432	1,990	40,394
Yukon and Northwest Territories		6	-	6
Alberta		2,530	xxxxxx	2,530
Saskatchewan		1,448	xxxxxx	1,448
Manitoba		913	xxxxxx	913
Ontario		7,226	-	7,226
Quebec		1,530	-	1,530
New Brunswick		85	-	85
Nova Scotia		241	-	241
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		19	-	19
Total for Canada	36,972	15,430	1,990	54,392
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		1,417	8,703	10,120
Atlantic Ports		1,676	22,666	24,342
Other points, by rail		47,164	xxxxxx	47,164
Total for U.S.A.		50,257	31,369	81,626
United Kingdom	x	1,046	45,351	46,397
Other countries	x	1,488	29,606	31,094
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	36,972	68,221	108,316	213,509
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				9,987
Total shipments, reported and estimated				223,496
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	28,695	3,105	-	31,800
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	1,546	5,522	xxxxxx	7,068
Saskatchewan		6,190	xxxxxx	6,190
Manitoba		5,972	xxxxxx	5,972
Ontario		8,121	-	8,121
Quebec		442	-	442
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	30,241	29,352	-	59,593
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		46	-	46
Atlantic Ports		320	-	320
Other points, by rail		49,249	xxxxxx	49,249
Total for U.S.A.		49,615	-	49,615
United Kingdom	x	1,322	567	1,889
Other countries	x	-	249	249
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	30,241	80,289	816	111,346
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				86,278
Total shipments, reported and estimated				197,624
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills
July, 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.
SOLD (but not shipped)												
Douglas Fir	102,762	7,023	109,785	7,964	6,174	14,138						
Hemlock	49,429	1,674	51,103	110	286	396						
Balsam Fir	126	91	217	31	126	157						
Red Cedar	24,771	1,589	26,360	30	182	212						
Spruce	5,348	627	5,975	6,259	5,946	12,205						
White Pine	4,768	6	4,774	911	509	1,420						
Ponderosa Pine	-	221	221	2,244	505	2,749						
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	95	488	583						
All other softwoods .	841	12	853	50	1,119	1,169						
Total, softwoods ..	188,045	11,243	199,288	17,694	15,335	33,029						
Red Alder	-	83	83	-	-	-						
Maple	-	27	27	-	-	-						
Birch	-	10	10	-	3	3						
Cottonwood	-	57	57	-	2	2						
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Total, hardwoods .	-	177	177	-	5	5						
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	188,045	11,420	199,465	17,694	15,340	33,034						
UNSOLD												
Douglas Fir	27,335	2,301	29,636	17,802	25,211	43,013						
Hemlock	15,023	548	15,571	2,090	1,164	3,254						
Balsam Fir	205	30	235	73	515	588						
Red Cedar	15,933	521	16,454	1,715	743	2,458						
Spruce	1,082	205	1,287	33,930	24,287	58,217						
White Pine	1,637	2	1,639	3,095	2,079	5,174						
Ponderosa Pine	1	73	74	9,240	2,063	11,303						
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	1,730	1,995	3,725						
All other softwoods .	132	4	136	2,325	4,572	6,897						
Total, softwoods ..	61,348	3,684	65,032	72,000	62,629	134,629						
Red Alder	115	27	142	-	-	-						
Maple	109	9	118	-	-	-						
Birch	33	3	36	7	14	21						
Cottonwood	-	19	19	260	9	269						
All other hardwoods	3	-	3	-	-	-						
Total, hardwoods ..	260	58	318	267	23	290						
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	61,608	3,742	65,350	72,267	62,652	134,919						
SOLD and UNSOLD	249,653	15,162	264,815	89,961	77,992	167,953						

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

	July		June	
	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	15,907	8,624	15,211	9,175
Coastwise and Interior	1,575	4,257	2,723	4,841
Total	17,482	12,881	17,934	14,016
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	6,313	7,261	6,915	9,203
Eastern Provinces	11,688	18,297	13,279	18,942
United States of America	49,886	28,945	47,013	32,292
Total	67,887	54,503	67,207	60,437
For waterborne shipment to:				
California	440	705	420	872
U.S. Atlantic Ports	39,038	42,329	51,236	41,639
Eastern Canada	4,432	1,460	-	1,430
Exports Markets	226,534	143,826	222,252	143,199
Total	270,444	188,320	273,908	187,140
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND ...	355,813	255,704	359,049	261,593
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
	5,434	5,414	4,778	6,514

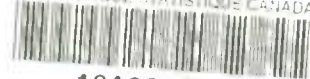
Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

July, 1954

		July		June	
		1954	1953	1954	1953
Coast	No.	111	103	117	107
Interior	No.	268	237	276	213
Total British Columbia .	No.	379	340	393	320

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

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