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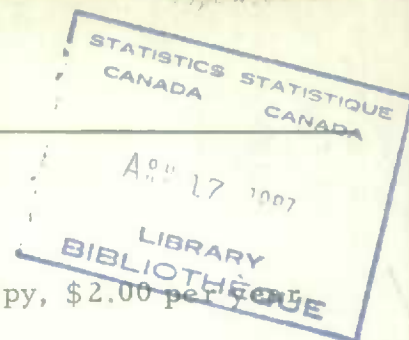
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 413,109 M ft. in August, 1954 as compared with 355,879 M ft. in August, 1953 an increase of 16.1 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 4.8 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 54.7 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 8.0 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 45.3 p.c. showed an increase of 27.5 p.c. Shipments in August, 1954 totalled 404,050 M ft., as compared with 313,644 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 28.8 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 22.5 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 39.2 p.c. Total shipments for August decreased by 4.1 p.c. from the July figure of 421,120 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of August, 1954 amounted to 444,878 M ft., as compared with 447,078 M ft. at the end of August the previous year and 432,768 M ft. at the end of July of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 258,841 M ft., while Interior mills showed 186,037 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 July and August, 1953 and 1954. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 333,618 M ft. in July, 1953 to 355,879 M ft. in August, 1953 and from 394,109 M ft. in July to 413,109 M ft. in August, 1954. Shipments totalled 421,120 M ft. in July, 1954 and 404,050 M ft. in August, 1954 as compared with 311,107 M ft. in July and 313,644 M ft. in August of 1953. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 431,895 M ft. in July, 1953 to 447,078 M ft. in August, 1953 and increased from 432,768 M ft. in July, 1954 to 444,878 M ft. in August 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 225,646 M ft. in August, 1954 as compared with 185,024 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 170 M ft. in August as compared with 2,269 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 54.7 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in August, 1954 as compared with 58.7 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during July, 1954 and July, 1953 respectively, were 55.1 and 57.7 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 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 237,743 M ft. in August of 1954 and 223,496 M ft. in July, 1954 as compared with 194,133 M ft. in August, 1953 and 180,579 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 166,307 M ft. and 119,511 M ft. in August, 1954 and 1953 and 197,624 M ft. and 130,528 M ft. in July, 1954 and 1953. Of all shipments actually reported for August, 36.5 p.c. went to points in Canada, 39.3 p.c. to points in United States, 15.8 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 8.4 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 36.8 p.c. of the total, while 41.9 p.c. went by rail, and 21.3 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 July and August, 1954 amounted to 264,815 M ft. and 258,841 M ft. as compared with 244,298 M ft. and 264,505 M ft. in July and August of 1953. Interior mills stocks decreased from 187,597 M ft. in July to 182,573 M ft. in August, 1953 but increased from 167,953 M ft. in July to 186,037 M ft. in August, 1954. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 25.9 p.c. of the total in August, 1954 as compared with 31.2 p.c. in August, 1953 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 83.4 and 87.9.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of July and August, 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 August, 1954 amounted to 364,682 M ft. as compared with 251,363 M ft. in August, 1953. Orders on hand at the end of July, 1954 and 1953 amounted to 355,813 M ft. and 255,704 M ft. respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 7,304 M ft. in August, 1954 and 4,744 M ft. in August, 1953 as compared with 5,434 M ft. in July, 1954 and 5,414 M ft. in July, 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 August accounted for 78.6 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1952 compared with 78.5 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for July, 1953 and 1954 were 80.7 and 78.8 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, August, 1954

	August		July		8 months	
	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	180,846	162,023	193,752	152,496	1,298,332	1,251,004
Hemlock	72,076	61,145	61,062	60,994	491,496	506,664
Balsam Fir	1,955	1,943	1,460	1,387	9,438	9,868
Red Cedar	43,965	37,014	32,076	34,985	307,338	289,873
Spruce	82,120	67,677	78,513	60,087	444,553	448,363
White Pine	8,237	7,493	6,701	6,142	38,660	45,475
Ponderosa Pine	5,666	5,285	5,300	4,771	30,077	31,950
Lodgepole Pine	4,203	3,558	4,189	3,106	23,156	25,348
All other softwoods	13,640	9,215	10,678	9,389	61,130	62,995
Total softwoods	412,708	355,353	393,731	333,357	2,704,180	2,671,540
Red Alder	129	264	115	91	783	1,912
Maple	116	170	90	100	767	1,521
Birch	59	47	52	34	320	322
Cottonwood	97	45	121	36	495	429
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	401	526	378	261	2,365	4,184
Total production	413,109	355,879	394,109	333,618	2,706,545	2,675,724
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	124,168	106,522	113,985	108,032	785,126	801,091
Points in U.S.A.	133,645	102,302	131,241	96,019	881,156	846,105
United Kingdom	53,829	33,345	48,286	29,223	432,210	298,812
Other Countries	28,750	21,233	31,343	25,787	216,902	191,932
Shipments reported	340,392	263,402	324,855	259,061	2,315,394	2,137,940
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	63,658	50,242	96,265	52,046	444,924	319,205
Total shipments	404,050	313,644	421,120	311,107	2,760,318	2,457,145
STOCKS ON HAND						
	August		July			
	1954	1953	1954	1953		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	180,605	199,357	196,572	188,375		
Hemlock	74,872	74,918	70,324	73,579		
Balsam Fir	478	1,192	1,197	1,569		
Red Cedar	48,527	52,457	45,484	47,692		
Spruce	96,341	83,770	77,684	81,239		
White Pine	16,747	13,940	13,007	13,350		
Ponderosa Pine	18,912	7,405	14,347	10,337		
Lodgepole Pine	3,443	3,143	4,308	3,092		
All other softwoods	4,901	9,850	9,055	12,318		
Total softwoods	444,826	446,032	431,978	431,551		
Red Alder	7	375	225	118		
Maple	7	408	145	116		
Birch	5	188	70	46		
Cottonwood	28	75	347	64		
All other hardwoods	5	-	3	-		
Total hardwoods	52	1,046	790	344		
Total stocks	444,878	447,078	432,768	431,895		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, August, 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	99,243	8,504	107,747	41,494	29,631	71,125
Hemlock	64,956	1,852	66,808	3,540	1,680	5,220
Balsam Fir	127	111	238	922	792	1,714
Red Cedar	39,302	2,035	41,337	1,837	791	2,628
Spruce	4,099	602	4,701	42,252	35,143	77,395
White Pine	2,670	6	2,676	3,062	2,497	5,559
Ponderosa Pine	76	90	166	2,410	3,065	5,475
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	1,789	2,235	4,024
All other softwoods	1,611	12	1,623	5,149	6,684	11,833
Total, softwoods	212,084	13,212	225,296	102,455	82,518	184,973
Red Alder	28	101	129	-	-	-
Maple	68	48	116	-	-	-
Birch	28	13	41	-	18	18
Cottonwood	-	64	64	9	24	33
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	124	226	350	9	42	51
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	212,208	13,438	225,646	102,464	82,560	185,024
TIES						
Douglas Fir	135	27	162	789	1,023	1,812
Hemlock	-	8	8	-	40	40
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	3	3
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	24	24
White Pine	-	-	-	-	2	2
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	25	25
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	69	110	179
All other softwoods	-	-	-	39	145	184
Total, softwoods	135	35	170	897	1,372	2,269
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	135	35	170	897	1,372	2,269
LUMBER AND TIES	212,343	13,473	225,816	103,361	83,932	187,293

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

	By Truck (Local Sales)	By Rail	Water- borne	Total Shipments
	Mft.b.m.	Mft.b.m.	Mft.b.m.	Mft.b.m.
<u>COAST MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	37,404	910	1,994	40,308
Yukon and Northwest Territories		10	45	55
Alberta		1,711	xxxxxxx	1,711
Saskatchewan		1,181	xxxxxxx	1,181
Manitoba		1,596	xxxxxxx	1,596
Ontario		5,520	-	5,520
Quebec		2,245	160	2,405
New Brunswick		49	100	149
Nova Scotia		217	-	217
Prince Edward Island		17	-	17
Newfoundland		35	-	35
Total for Canada	37,404	13,491	2,299	53,194
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		1,215	2,122	3,337
Atlantic Ports		509	42,873	43,382
Other points, by rail		45,611	xxxxxxx	45,611
Total for U.S.A.		47,335	44,995	92,330
United Kingdomx		3,285	49,414	52,699
Other countriesx		659	27,779	28,438
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	37,404	64,770	124,487	226,661
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				11,082
Total shipments, reported and estimated				237,743
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	32,699	4,177	-	36,876
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	2,443	6,679	xxxxxxx	9,122
Saskatchewan		8,924	xxxxxxx	8,924
Manitoba		7,011	xxxxxxx	7,011
Ontario		8,602	-	8,602
Quebec		439	-	439
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	35,142	35,832	-	70,974
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		-	-	-
Atlantic Ports		284	-	284
Other Points, by rail		41,031	xxxxxxx	41,031
Total for U.S.A.		41,315	-	41,315
United Kingdomx		568	562	1,130
Other countries		-	312	312
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	35,142	77,715	874	113,731
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				52,576
Total shipments, reported and estimated				166,307

x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

August 31, 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.
<u>SOLD (but not shipped)</u>						
Douglas Fir	89,802	5,698	95,500	8,772	7,123	15,895
Hemlock	54,852	3,480	58,332	65	53	118
Balsam Fir	52	3	55	28	23	51
Red Cedar	25,538	1,620	27,158	17	14	31
Spruce	5,313	337	5,650	5,256	4,268	9,524
White Pine	4,455	283	4,738	958	778	1,736
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	1,573	1,277	2,850
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	112	91	203
All other softwoods	454	29	483	257	208	465
Total, softwoods	180,466	11,450	191,916	17,038	13,835	30,873
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	180,466	11,450	191,916	17,038	13,835	30,873
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	29,566	1,876	31,442	20,843	16,925	37,768
Hemlock	13,469	855	14,324	1,158	940	2,098
Balsam Fir	167	11	178	107	87	194
Red Cedar	15,973	1,013	16,986	2,402	1,950	4,352
Spruce	1,110	70	1,180	44,142	35,845	79,987
White Pine	2,396	152	2,548	4,263	3,462	7,725
Ponderosa Pine	118	7	125	8,795	7,142	15,937
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	1,788	1,452	3,240
All other softwoods	122	8	130	2,110	1,713	3,823
Total, softwoods	62,921	3,992	66,913	85,608	69,516	155,124
Red Alder	6	1	7	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	4	3	7
Birch	-	-	-	3	2	5
Cottonwood	-	-	-	15	13	28
All other hardwoods	5	-	5	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	11	1	12	22	18	40
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	62,932	3,993	66,925	85,630	69,534	155,164
<u>SOLD and UNSOLD</u>	243,398	15,443	258,841	102,668	83,369	186,037

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

		August		July	
		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		15,578	10,217	15,907	8,624
Coastwise and Interior		2,803	2,957	1,575	4,257
Total		18,381	13,174	17,482	12,881
For shipment by rail to:					
Prairie Provinces		5,669	7,128	6,313	7,261
Eastern Provinces		11,594	15,713	11,688	18,297
United States of America		54,054	33,510	49,886	28,945
Total		71,317	56,351	67,887	54,503
For waterborne shipment to:					
California		415	305	440	705
U.S. Atlantic Ports		41,096	36,372	39,038	42,329
Eastern Canada		1,425	1,745	4,432	1,460
Export Markets		232,048	143,416	226,534	143,826
Total		274,984	181,838	270,444	188,320
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND		364,682	251,363	355,813	255,704
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS					
		7,304	4,744	5,434	5,414

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

		August		July	
		1954	1953	1954	1953
Coast	No.	114	115	111	103
Interior	No.	282	225	268	237
Total British Columbia .	No.	396	340	379	340

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

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