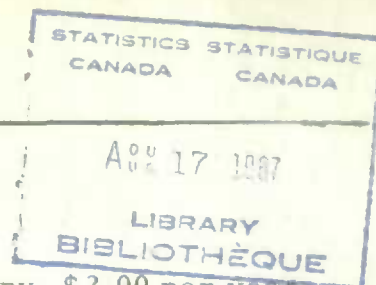


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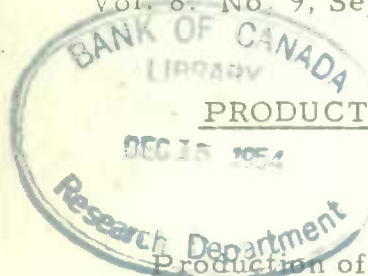
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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 421,754 M ft. in September, 1954 as compared with 356,117 M ft. in September, 1953 an increase of 18.4 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 2.1 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 60.5 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 12.3 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 39.5 p.c. showed an increase of 29.2 p.c. Shipments in September, 1954 totalled 447,545 M ft., as compared with 324,716 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 37.8 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 21.1 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 71.2 p.c. Total shipments for September increased by 10.8 p.c. over the August figure of 404,050 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of September, 1954 amounted to 417,629 M ft., as compared with 473,968 M ft. at the end of September the previous year and 444,878 M ft. at the end of August of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 253,617 M ft., while Interior mills showed 164,012 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 August and September 1953 and 1954. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 355,879 M ft. in August, 1953 to 356,117 M ft. in September, 1953 and from 413,109 M ft. in August to 421,754 M ft. in September 1954. Shipments totalled 404,050 M ft. in August, 1954 and 447,545 M ft. in September, 1954 as compared with 313,644 M ft. in August and 324,716 M ft. in September of 1953. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 447,078 M ft. in August, 1953 to 473,968 M ft. in September, 1953 but decreased from 444,878 M ft. in August, 1954 to 417,629 M ft. in September 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 255,051 M ft. in September, 1954 as compared with 164,828 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 77 M ft. in September as compared with 1,804 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 60.5 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in September, 1954 as compared with 63.8 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during August, 1954 and August, 1953 respectively, were 54.7 and 58.7 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 261,888 M ft. in September of 1954 and 237,743 M ft. in August, 1954 as compared with 216,300 M ft. in September, 1953 and 194,133 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 185,657 M ft. and 108,416 M ft. in September, 1954 and 1953 and 166,307 M ft. and 119,511 M ft. in August, 1954 and 1953. Of all shipments actually reported for September, 34.4 p.c. went to points in Canada, 40.1 p.c. to points in United States 16.4 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 9.1 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 39.8 p.c. of the total, while 39.1 p.c. went by rail, and 21.1 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 August and September, 1954 amounted to 258,841 M ft. and 253,617 M ft. as compared with 264,505 M ft. and 269,863 M ft. in August and September of 1953. Interior mills stocks increased from 182,573 M ft. in August to 204,105 M ft. in September, 1953 but decreased from 186,037 M ft. in August to 164,012 M ft. in September, 1954. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 27.2 p.c. of the total in September, 1954 as compared with 29.0 p.c. in September, 1953 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 84.1 and 87.5.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of August and September, 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 September, 1954 amounted to 359,003 M ft. as compared with 240,209 M ft. in September, 1953. Orders on hand at the end of August, 1954 and 1953 amounted to 364,682 M ft. and 251,363 M ft. respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 5,454 M ft. in September, 1954 and 4,733 M ft. in September, 1953 as compared with 7,304 M ft. in August, 1954 and 4,744 M ft. in August, 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 September accounted for 78.4 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1952 compared with 80.4 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for August, 1953 and 1954 were 78.5 and 78.6 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, September, 1954

| | September | | August | | 9 months | |
|---|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 |
| | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. |
| PRODUCTION | | | | | | |
| Douglas Fir | 166,416 | 186,841 | 162,023 | 180,846 | 1,417,420 | 1,485,173 |
| Hemlock | 69,686 | 84,834 | 61,145 | 72,076 | 576,350 | 576,330 |
| Balsam Fir | 1,577 | 1,923 | 1,943 | 1,955 | 11,445 | 11,361 |
| Red Cedar | 33,825 | 48,630 | 37,014 | 43,965 | 323,698 | 355,968 |
| Spruce | 61,680 | 70,598 | 67,677 | 82,120 | 510,043 | 515,151 |
| White Pine | 5,598 | 7,040 | 7,493 | 8,237 | 51,073 | 45,700 |
| Ponderosa Pine | 3,892 | 5,683 | 5,285 | 5,666 | 35,842 | 35,760 |
| Lodgepole Pine | 3,214 | 3,909 | 3,558 | 4,203 | 28,562 | 27,065 |
| All other softwoods .. | 10,035 | 11,901 | 9,215 | 13,640 | 73,030 | 73,031 |
| Total softwoods | 355,923 | 421,359 | 355,353 | 412,708 | 3,027,463 | 3,125,539 |
| Red Alder | 67 | 134 | 264 | 129 | 1,979 | 917 |
| Maple | 73 | 119 | 170 | 116 | 1,594 | 886 |
| Birch | 30 | 61 | 47 | 59 | 352 | 381 |
| Cottonwood | 24 | 81 | 45 | 97 | 453 | 576 |
| All other hardwoods .. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total hardwoods .. | 194 | 395 | 526 | 401 | 4,378 | 2,760 |
| Total production .. | 356,117 | 421,754 | 355,879 | 413,109 | 3,031,841 | 3,128,299 |
| SHIPMENTS | | | | | | |
| To: Points in Canada .. | 99,344 | 119,766 | 106,522 | 124,168 | 900,435 | 904,892 |
| Points in U. S. A. .. | 118,542 | 139,663 | 102,302 | 133,645 | 964,647 | 1,020,819 |
| United Kingdom .. | 34,889 | 57,008 | 33,345 | 53,829 | 333,701 | 489,218 |
| Other Countries .. | 25,815 | 31,854 | 21,233 | 28,750 | 217,747 | 248,756 |
| Shipments reported .. | 278,590 | 348,291 | 263,402 | 340,392 | 2,416,530 | 2,663,685 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills | 46,126 | 99,254 | 50,242 | 63,658 | 365,331 | 544,178 |
| Total shipments ... | 324,716 | 447,545 | 313,644 | 404,050 | 2,781,861 | 3,207,863 |
| STOCKS ON HAND | | | | | | |
| | September | | August | | | |
| | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 | | |
| | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | | |
| Douglas Fir | 209,226 | 165,597 | 199,357 | 180,605 | | |
| Hemlock | 81,895 | 76,774 | 74,918 | 74,872 | | |
| Balsam Fir | 1,574 | 761 | 1,192 | 478 | | |
| Red Cedar | 46,088 | 52,492 | 52,457 | 48,527 | | |
| Spruce | 95,615 | 79,436 | 83,770 | 96,341 | | |
| White Pine | 12,498 | 13,931 | 13,940 | 16,747 | | |
| Ponderosa Pine | 9,308 | 16,209 | 7,405 | 18,912 | | |
| Lodgepole Pine | 3,766 | 5,417 | 3,143 | 3,443 | | |
| All other softwoods .. | 13,777 | 6,539 | 9,850 | 4,901 | | |
| Total softwoods | 473,747 | 417,156 | 446,032 | 444,826 | | |
| Red Alder | 75 | 7 | 375 | 7 | | |
| Maple | 63 | - | 408 | 7 | | |
| Birch | 49 | 24 | 188 | 5 | | |
| Cottonwood | 34 | 436 | 75 | 28 | | |
| All other hardwoods .. | - | 6 | - | 5 | | |
| Total hardwoods .. | 221 | 473 | 1,046 | 52 | | |
| Total stocks | 473,968 | 417,629 | 447,078 | 444,878 | | |

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, September, 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 | 113,997 | 8,803 | 122,800 | 32,770 | 30,009 | 62,779 | | | | | | |
| Hemlock | 76,674 | 1,908 | 78,582 | 4,904 | 1,313 | 6,217 | | | | | | |
| Balsam Fir | 111 | 94 | 205 | 1,092 | 623 | 1,715 | | | | | | |
| Red Cedar | 42,493 | 2,097 | 44,590 | 3,222 | 818 | 4,040 | | | | | | |
| Spruce | 4,319 | 575 | 4,894 | 36,249 | 29,415 | 65,664 | | | | | | |
| White Pine | 1,435 | 6 | 1,441 | 2,973 | 2,614 | 5,587 | | | | | | |
| Ponderosa Pine | 50 | 115 | 165 | 2,063 | 3,310 | 5,373 | | | | | | |
| Lodgepole Pine | - | - | - | 1,725 | 2,111 | 3,836 | | | | | | |
| All other softwoods | 1,994 | 14 | 2,008 | 3,251 | 6,337 | 9,588 | | | | | | |
| Total, softwoods | 241,073 | 13,612 | 254,685 | 88,249 | 76,550 | 164,799 | | | | | | |
| Red Alder | 15 | 119 | 134 | - | - | - | | | | | | |
| Maple | 65 | 54 | 119 | - | - | - | | | | | | |
| Birch | 26 | 16 | 42 | - | 19 | 19 | | | | | | |
| Cottonwood | - | 71 | 71 | - | 10 | 10 | | | | | | |
| All other hardwoods | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | | | |
| Total, hardwoods | 106 | 260 | 366 | - | 29 | 29 | | | | | | |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods | 241,179 | 13,872 | 255,051 | 88,249 | 76,579 | 164,828 | | | | | | |
| TIES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Douglas Fir | 41 | 23 | 64 | 432 | 766 | 1,198 | | | | | | |
| Hemlock | - | 7 | 7 | - | 28 | 28 | | | | | | |
| Balsam Fir | - | - | - | - | 3 | 3 | | | | | | |
| Red Cedar | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | | | |
| Spruce | - | - | - | 24 | 16 | 40 | | | | | | |
| White Pine | - | - | - | - | 12 | 12 | | | | | | |
| Ponderosa Pine | - | - | - | 124 | 21 | 145 | | | | | | |
| Lodgepole Pine | - | - | - | - | 73 | 73 | | | | | | |
| All other softwoods | - | - | - | 203 | 102 | 305 | | | | | | |
| Total, softwoods | 41 | 30 | 71 | 783 | 1,021 | 1,804 | | | | | | |
| Red Alder | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | | | |
| Maple | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | | | |
| Birch | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | | | |
| Cottonwood | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | | | |
| All other hardwoods | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | | | |
| Total, hardwoods | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | | | |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods | 41 | 30 | 71 | 783 | 1,021 | 1,804 | | | | | | |
| LUMBER AND TIES | 241,220 | 13,902 | 255,122 | 89,032 | 77,600 | 166,632 | | | | | | |

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties,

| | 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: <u>Points in Canada:</u> | | | | |
| British Columbia | 43,375 | 2,365 | 1,704 | 47,444 |
| Yukon and Northwest Territories | | 11 | - | 11 |
| Alberta | | 1,839 | xxxxxxx | 1,839 |
| Saskatchewan | | 1,068 | xxxxxxx | 1,068 |
| Manitoba | | 1,517 | xxxxxxx | 1,517 |
| Ontario | | 6,910 | - | 6,910 |
| Quebec | | 1,410 | 1,803 | 3,213 |
| New Brunswick | | 115 | 154 | 269 |
| Nova Scotia | | 102 | 775 | 877 |
| Prince Edward Island | | 39 | - | 39 |
| Newfoundland | | 95 | - | 95 |
| Total for Canada | 43,375 | 15,471 | 4,436 | 63,282 |
| <u>Points in U.S.A.:</u> | | | | |
| Pacific Ports | | 1,576 | 1,113 | 2,689 |
| Atlantic Ports | | 3,036 | 45,914 | 48,950 |
| Other points, by rail | | 45,814 | xxxxxxx | 45,814 |
| Total for U.S.A. | | 50,426 | 47,027 | 97,453 |
| United Kingdom | x | 893 | 54,586 | 55,479 |
| Other countries | x | - | 31,754 | 31,754 |
| Destination or carrier not specified | | | | |
| Total shipments reported | 43,375 | 66,790 | 137,803 | 247,968 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills | | | | 13,920 |
| Total shipments, reported and estimated | | | | 261,888 |
| <u>INTERIOR MILLS</u> | | | | |
| TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u> | | | | |
| British Columbia | 28,457 | 4,088 | - | 32,545 |
| Yukon and Northwest Territories | | - | - | - |
| Alberta | 1,809 | 4,722 | xxxxxxx | 6,531 |
| Saskatchewan | | 4,388 | xxxxxxx | 4,388 |
| Manitoba | | 4,595 | xxxxxxx | 4,595 |
| Ontario | | 8,064 | - | 8,064 |
| Quebec | | 342 | - | 342 |
| New Brunswick | | 19 | - | 19 |
| Nova Scotia | | - | - | - |
| Prince Edward Island | | - | - | - |
| Newfoundland | | | | |
| Total for Canada | 30,266 | 26,218 | - | 56,484 |
| <u>Points in U.S.A.:</u> | | | | |
| Pacific Ports | | - | - | - |
| Atlantic Ports | | 534 | - | 534 |
| Other points, by rail | | 41,676 | xxxxxxx | 41,676 |
| Total for U.S.A. | | 42,210 | - | 42,210 |
| United Kingdom | x | 957 | 572 | 1,529 |
| Other countries | x | - | 100 | 100 |
| Destination or carrier not specified | | | | - |
| Total shipments reported | 30,266 | 69,385 | 672 | 100,323 |
| Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills | | | | 85,334 |
| Total shipments, reported and estimated | | | | 185,657 |
| x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port. | | | | |

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

September 30, 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. |
| SOLD (but not shipped) | | | | | | |
| Douglas Fir | 84,327 | 4,860 | 89,187 | 7,163 | 6,243 | 13,406 |
| Hemlock | 53,534 | 3,085 | 56,619 | 95 | 83 | 178 |
| Balsam Fir | 97 | 6 | 103 | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Red Cedar | 27,096 | 1,562 | 28,658 | 30 | 26 | 56 |
| Spruce | 4,500 | 259 | 4,759 | 3,457 | 3,013 | 6,470 |
| White Pine | 3,600 | 207 | 3,807 | 967 | 843 | 1,810 |
| Ponderosa Pine ... | 15 | 1 | 16 | 2,128 | 1,855 | 3,983 |
| Lodgepole Pine | - | - | - | 72 | 63 | 135 |
| All other softwoods | 1,418 | 82 | 1,500 | 59 | 52 | 111 |
| Total, softwoods . | 174,587 | 10,062 | 184,649 | 13,975 | 12,181 | 26,156 |
| Red Alder | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Maple | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Birch | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cottonwood | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| All other hardwoods | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods . | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods .. | 174,587 | 10,062 | 184,649 | 13,975 | 12,181 | 26,156 |
| UNSOLD | | | | | | |
| Douglas Fir | 29,435 | 1,696 | 31,131 | 17,030 | 14,843 | 31,873 |
| Hemlock | 15,475 | 892 | 16,367 | 1,929 | 1,681 | 3,610 |
| Balsam Fir | 33 | 2 | 35 | 329 | 287 | 616 |
| Red Cedar | 16,866 | 972 | 17,838 | 3,174 | 2,766 | 5,940 |
| Spruce | 1,222 | 70 | 1,292 | 35,753 | 31,162 | 66,915 |
| White Pine | 1,754 | 101 | 1,855 | 3,451 | 3,008 | 6,459 |
| Ponderosa Pine ... | 272 | 16 | 288 | 6,370 | 5,552 | 11,922 |
| Lodgepole Pine | - | - | - | 2,822 | 2,460 | 5,282 |
| All other softwoods. | 142 | 7 | 149 | 2,553 | 2,226 | 4,779 |
| Total softwoods . | 65,199 | 3,756 | 68,955 | 73,411 | 63,985 | 137,396 |
| Red Alder | 6 | 1 | 7 | - | - | - |
| Maple | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Birch | - | - | - | 13 | 11 | 24 |
| Cottonwood | - | - | - | 233 | 203 | 436 |
| All other hardwoods | 5 | 1 | 6 | - | - | - |
| Total, hardwoods . | 11 | 2 | 13 | 246 | 214 | 460 |
| Total, softwoods and hardwoods .. | 65,210 | 3,758 | 68,968 | 73,657 | 64,199 | 137,856 |
| SOLD and UNSOLD | 239,797 | 13,820 | 253,617 | 87,632 | 76,380 | 164,012 |

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

| | | September | | August | |
|--|--|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 |
| | | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. | M ft. |
| <u>ORDERS ON HAND</u> | | | | | |
| For shipment to points in British Columbia | | | | | |
| Local | | 10,321 | 14,773 | 10,217 | 15,578 |
| Coastwise and Interior | | 2,715 | 2,021 | 2,957 | 2,803 |
| Total | | 13,036 | 16,794 | 13,174 | 18,381 |
| For shipment by rail to: | | | | | |
| Prairie Provinces | | 5,875 | 4,916 | 7,128 | 5,669 |
| Eastern Provinces | | 10,385 | 10,715 | 15,713 | 11,594 |
| United States of America | | 30,324 | 52,780 | 33,510 | 54,054 |
| Total | | 46,584 | 68,411 | 56,351 | 71,317 |
| For waterborne shipment to: | | | | | |
| California | | 610 | 745 | 305 | 415 |
| U.S. Atlantic Ports | | 33,933 | 32,750 | 36,372 | 41,096 |
| Eastern Canada | | - | 125 | 1,745 | 1,425 |
| Export Markets | | 146,046 | 240,178 | 143,416 | 232,048 |
| Total | | 180,589 | 273,798 | 181,838 | 274,984 |
| TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND | | 240,209 | 359,003 | 251,363 | 364,682 |
| LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS | | | | | |
| | | 4,733 | 5,454 | 4,744 | 7,304 |

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

| | | September | | August | |
|-------------------------|-----|-----------|------|--------|------|
| | | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 |
| Coast | No. | 105 | 115 | 115 | 114 |
| Interior | No. | 210 | 279 | 225 | 282 |
| Total British Columbia. | No. | 315 | 394 | 340 | 396 |

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

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