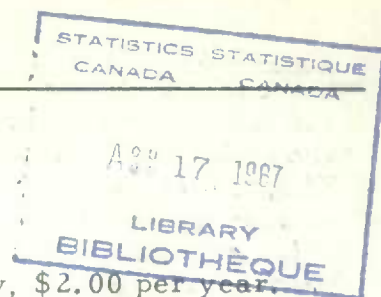


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 432,451 M ft. in October, 1955 as compared with 416,283 M ft. in October, 1954 an increase of 3.9 p.c. over the previous year and a decrease of 8.5 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 51.1 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 6.1 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, but the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 48.9 p.c. showed an increase of 16.9 p.c. Shipments in October, 1955 totalled 392,014 M ft., as compared with 348,077 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 12.6 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 11.2 p.c. but Interior mills an increase of 56.7 p.c. Total shipments for October decreased by 10.9 p.c. from the September figure of 435,098 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of October, 1955 amounted to 513,221 M ft., as compared with 461,133 M ft. at the end of October the previous year and 472,478 M ft. at the end of September of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 273,445 M ft., while Interior mills showed 239,776 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 September and October 1954 and 1955. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 451,484 M ft. in September 1954 to 416,283 M ft. in October, 1954 and from 472,446 M ft. in September to 432,451 M ft. in October, 1955. Shipments totalled 435,098 M ft. in September, 1955 and 392,014 M ft. in October, 1955 as compared with 447,545 M ft. in September and 348,077 M ft. in October of 1954. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 417,629 M ft. in September, 1954 to 461,133 M ft. in October but increased from 472,478 M ft. in September, 1955 to 513,221 M ft. in October 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 218,310 M ft. in October, 1955 as compared with 206,949 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 2,908 M ft. in October as compared with 4,284 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 51.1 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in October, 1955 as compared with 60.5 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during September, 1955 and 1954 respectively, were 51.1 and 60.5 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 200,993 M ft. in October of 1955 and 242,931 M ft. in September, 1955 as compared with 226,195 M ft. in October, 1954 and 261,888 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 191,021 M ft. and 121,882 M ft. in October, 1955 and 1954 and 192,167 M ft. and 185,657 M ft. in September, 1955 and 1954. Of all shipments actually reported for October, 38.2 p.c. went to points in Canada, 41.9 p.c. to points in United States, 12.2 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 7.7 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 29.7 p.c. of the total, while 46.8 p.c. went by rail, and 23.5 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 September and October, 1955 amounted to 248,081 M ft. and 273,445 M ft. as compared with 253,617 M ft. and 235,284 M ft. in September and October of 1954. Interior mills stocks decreased from 164,012 M ft. in September to 153,485 M ft. in October, 1954 but increased from 224,397 M ft. in September to 239,776 M ft. in October, 1955. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 17.8 p.c. of the total in October, 1955 as compared with 27.2 p.c. in October, 1954 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 81.3 and 84.1.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of September and October, 1954 and 1955 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 October, 1955 amounted to 318,788 M ft. as compared with 374,433 M ft. in October, 1954. Orders on hand at the end of September, 1955 and 1954 amounted to 308,945 M ft. and 359,003 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 6,146 M ft. in October, 1955 and 4,925 M ft. in October, 1954 as compared with 5,308 M ft. in September, 1955 and 5,454 M ft. in September, 1954.

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 October accounted for 78.9 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1953 compared with 78.2 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for September, 1954 and 1955 were 78.4 and 78.2 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, October, 1955.

	October		September		10 Months	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir.....	192,629	202,563	198,197	216,676	1,753,582	1,896,549
Hemlock.....	79,115	69,691	86,042	75,684	662,086	737,476
Balsam Fir.....	2,868	4,907	2,229	4,617	15,840	23,690
Red Cedar.....	40,739	41,920	49,407	47,092	400,307	458,710
Spruce.....	73,497	81,356	82,320	91,746	673,062	768,816
White Pine.....	6,053	7,629	8,039	7,975	57,067	67,775
Ponderosa Pine.....	4,753	4,385	6,642	5,597	46,638	47,543
Lodgepole Pine.....	3,740	7,187	4,593	7,980	35,332	53,376
All other softwoods..	12,317	12,357	13,615	14,618	96,422	102,575
Total softwoods...	415,711	431,995	451,084	471,985	3,740,336	4,156,510
Red Alder.....	274	140	134	182	1,192	1,553
Maple.....	137	200	119	166	1,023	1,552
Birch.....	81	61	64	56	486	562
Cottonwood.....	80	49	83	50	683	1,061
All other hardwoods.	-	6	-	7	-	49
Total, hardwoods.	572	456	400	461	3,384	4,777
Total, production.	416,283	532,451	451,484	472,446	3,743,720	4,161,287
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada.	100,928	119,311	119,766	139,041	1,005,820	1,165,157
Points in U.S.A. .	124,230	131,096	139,663	145,562	1,145,049	1,293,763
United Kingdom...	53,327	38,149	57,008	56,296	542,545	519,827
Other Countries...	31,371	24,068	31,854	24,580	280,127	337,596
Shipments reported..	309,856	312,624	348,291	365,479	2,973,541	3,316,343
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	38,221	79,390	99,254	69,619	582,399	759,965
Total shipments..	348,077	392,014	447,545	435,098	3,555,940	4,076,308
STOCKS ON HAND						
	October		September			
	1954	1955	1954	1955		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir.....	187,143	212,284	165,597	181,863		
Hemlock.....	89,178	97,683	76,774	89,851		
Balsam Fir.....	4,168	768	761	1,019		
Red Cedar.....	50,366	54,010	52,492	58,043		
Spruce.....	88,494	107,099	79,436	105,475		
White Pine.....	19,239	13,091	13,931	10,420		
Ponderosa Pine.....	10,546	13,229	16,209	13,381		
Lodgepole Pine.....	5,484	4,975	5,417	3,812		
All other softwoods..	6,017	10,016	6,539	8,545		
Total softwoods...	460,635	513,155	417,156	472,409		
Red Alder.....	71	3	7	-		
Maple.....	18	14	-	11		
Birch.....	40	7	24	8		
Cottonwood.....	364	39	436	46		
All other hardwoods.	5	3	6	4		
Total hardwoods..	498	66	473	69		
Total stocks.....	461,133	513,221	417,629	472,478		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, October, 1955

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	96,801	6,981	103,782	50,614	42,059	92,673
Hemlock	61,555	1,757	63,312	4,393	1,673	6,066
Balsam Fir	3,102	32	3,134	781	775	1,556
Red Cedar	37,530	1,174	38,704	2,422	794	3,216
Spruce	5,098	182	5,280	36,603	39,457	76,060
White Pine	3,424	11	3,435	2,232	1,959	4,191
Ponderosa Pine	63	16	79	1,641	2,630	4,271
Lodgepole Pine	-	4	4	2,996	3,924	6,920
All other softwoods...	199	2	201	5,406	6,513	11,919
Total, softwoods...	207,772	10,159	217,931	107,088	99,784	206,872
Red Alder	61	79	140	-	-	-
Maple	115	85	200	-	-	-
Birch	14	19	33	21	7	28
Cottonwood	-	6	6	-	43	43
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	6	6
Total, hardwoods..	190	189	379	21	56	77
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	207,962	10,348	218,310	107,109	99,840	206,949
TIES						
Douglas Fir	2,418	210	2,628	1,222	2,258	3,480
Hemlock	278	2	280	18	15	33
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	217	217
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	16	16
White Pine	-	-	-	-	3	3
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	35	35
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	18	245	263
All other softwoods...	-	-	-	-	237	237
Total, softwoods...	2,696	212	2,908	1,258	3,026	4,284
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods...	2,696	212	2,908	1,258	3,026	4,284
LUMBER AND TIES	210,658	10,560	221,218	108,367	102,866	211,233

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, October, 1955

	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	42,321	1,991	931	45,243
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta		2,488	xxxxxx	2,488
Saskatchewan		1,279	xxxxxx	1,279
Manitoba.....		1,149	xxxxxx	1,149
Ontario.....		6,104	-	6,104
Quebec.....		1,848	-	1,848
New Brunswick.....		408	-	408
Nova Scotia.....		82	-	82
Prince Edward Island.....		52	-	52
Newfoundland		159	-	159
Total for Canada.....	42,321	15,560	931	58,812
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports.....		1,086	-	1,086
Atlantic Ports.....		961	29,986	30,947
Other points, by rail.....		44,508	xxxxxx	44,508
Total for U.S.A.		46,555	29,986	76,541
United Kingdom	x	-	36,299	36,299
Other countries	x	-	24,018	24,018
Destination or carrier not specified.....				-
Total shipments reported	42,321	62,115	91,234	195,670
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				5,323
Total shipments, reported and estimated				200,993
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia.....	29,638	4,773	-	34,411
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	1,611	4,912	xxxxxx	6,523
Saskatchewan		4,209	xxxxxx	4,209
Manitoba.....		4,954	xxxxxx	4,954
Ontario.....		9,278	-	9,278
Quebec.....		1,026	-	1,026
New Brunswick.....		-	-	-
Nova Scotia.....		98	-	98
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada.....	31,249	29,250	-	60,499
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports.....		971	-	971
Atlantic Ports.....		2,765	-	2,765
Other points, by rail.....		50,819	xxxxxx	50,819
Total for U.S.A.		54,555	-	54,555
United Kingdom	x	400	1,450	1,850
Other countries	x	-	50	50
Destination or carrier not specified.....				-
Total shipments reported.....	31,249	84,205	1,500	116,954
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				74,067
Total shipments, reported and estimated				191,021
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, October, 1955.

	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						
Douglas Fir.....	98,217	4,923	103,140	9,966	9,460	19,426
Hemlock.....	63,320	3,174	66,494	2,427	2,304	4,731
Balsam Fir.....	-	-	-	4	4	8
Red Cedar.....	26,581	1,333	27,914	350	333	683
Spruce.....	3,646	183	3,829	6,791	6,446	13,237
White Pine.....	4,396	220	4,616	1,199	1,138	2,337
Ponderosa Pine.....	-	-	-	1,411	1,339	2,750
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	-	-	248	235	483
All other softwoods...	1,035	52	1,087	614	583	1,197
Total, softwoods...	197,195	9,885	207,080	23,010	21,842	44,852
Red Alder.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods...	197,195	9,885	207,080	23,010	21,842	44,852
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir.....	23,023	1,154	24,177	33,624	31,917	65,541
Hemlock.....	18,554	930	19,484	3,578	3,396	6,974
Balsam Fir.....	99	5	104	337	319	656
Red Cedar.....	19,347	970	20,317	2,614	2,482	5,096
Spruce.....	1,314	65	1,379	45,481	43,173	88,654
White Pine.....	495	25	520	2,882	2,736	5,618
Ponderosa Pine.....	13	1	14	5,369	5,096	10,465
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	-	-	2,304	2,188	4,492
All other softwoods..	333	17	350	3,787	3,595	7,382
Total, softwoods..	63,178	3,167	66,345	99,976	94,902	194,878
Red Alder.....	3	-	3	-	-	-
Maple.....	13	1	14	-	-	-
Birch.....	-	-	-	4	3	7
Cottonwood.....	-	-	-	20	19	39
All other hardwoods.	3	-	3	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods.	19	1	20	24	22	46
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	63,197	3,168	66,365	100,000	94,924	194,924
SOLD AND UNSOLD	260,392	13,053	273,445	123,010	116,766	239,776

Table 5. - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of October, 1955 and

Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	October		September	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
<u>For shipments to points in British Columbia</u>				
Local.....	15,241	16,863	14,773	18,555
Coastwise and Interior.....	1,619	2,976	2,021	2,469
Total.....	16,860	19,839	16,794	21,024
<u>For shipments by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces.....	5,526	9,824	4,916	5,648
Eastern Provinces.....	10,114	13,494	10,715	15,131
United States of America.....	48,663	45,321	52,780	47,244
Total.....	64,303	68,639	68,411	68,023
<u>For waterborne shipments to:</u>				
California.....	737	3,726	745	93
U. S. Atlantic Ports.....	42,289	29,978	32,750	22,935
Eastern Markets.....	433	-	125	3,346
Exports Markets.....	249,811	196,606	240,178	193,524
Total.....	293,270	230,310	273,798	219,898
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND.....	374,433	318,788	359,003	308,945
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS.....	4,925	6,146	5,454	5,308

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

October, 1955

		October		September	
		1954	1955	1954	1955
Coast.....	No.	119	103	115	104
Interior.....	No.	267	306	279	318
Total, British Columbia	No.	386	409	394	422

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



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Kindly replace the figures shown for 7 Months, 1955, in Table 1, page 3, of the July report on PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA (Vol. 9, No. 7) with those given below. The figures originally published were wrongly calculated by adding the July, 1955, figures to the seven months cumulative totals for 1954 instead of to the six months cumulative totals for 1955.

	7 Months 1955 <hr/> M ft.
<u>PRODUCTION</u>	
Douglas Fir	1,266,791
Hemlock	518,184
Balsam Fir	11,924
Red Cedar	318,249
Spruce	506,761
White Pine	43,905
Ponderosa Pine	31,739
Lodgepole Pine	32,006
All other soft woods...	62,187
Total softwoods....	<hr/> 2,791,746
Red Alder	1,063
Maple	1,006
Birch	397
Cottonwood	894
All other hardwoods..	24
Total hardwoods....	<hr/> 3,384
Total production....	<hr/> 2,795,130
<u>SHIPMENTS</u>	
To: Points in Canada ...	761,544
Points in U.S.A. ...	872,872
United Kingdom	376,645
Other Countries	258,398
Shipments reported	<hr/> 2,269,459
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	<hr/> 497,923
Total shipments	<hr/> 2,767,382

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