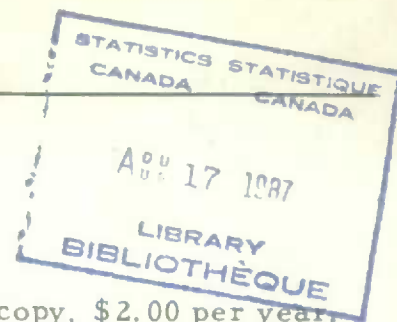


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 327,057 M ft. in November, 1955 as compared with 401,322 M ft. in November, 1954 a decrease of 18.5 p.c. from the previous year and a decrease of 38.6 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 61.5 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 15.4 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 38.5 p.c. showed a decrease of 23.1 p.c. Shipments in November, 1955 totalled 372,235 M ft., as compared with 343,582 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 8.3 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 11.0 p.c. but Interior mills an increase of 31.7 p.c. Total shipments for November decreased by 5.0 p.c. from the October figure of 392,014 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of November, 1955 amounted to 463,921 M ft., as compared with 485,147 M ft. at the end of November the previous year and 513,221 M ft. at the end of October of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 273,508 M ft., while Interior mills showed 190,413 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 October and November 1954 and 1955. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 416,283 M ft. in October, 1954 to 401,322 M ft. in November, 1954 and from 532,451 M ft. in October to 327,057 M ft. in November, 1955. Shipments totalled 392,014 M ft. in October, 1955 and 372,235 M ft. in November, 1955 as compared with 348,077 M ft. in October and 343,582 M ft. in November of 1954. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 461,133 M ft. in October, 1954 to 485,147 M ft. in November but decreased from 513,221 M ft. in October, 1955 to 463,921 M ft. in November 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 199,266 M ft. in November, 1955 as compared with 123,215 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 2,020 M ft. in November as compared with 2,556 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 61.5 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in November, 1955 as compared with 63.1 p.c. the previous year. The percentage of Coast mills during October, 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 200,493 M ft. in November of 1955 and 200,993 M ft. in October, 1955 as compared with 225,183 M ft. in November, 1954 and 226,195 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 171,742 M ft. and 130,439 M ft. in November, 1955 and 1954 and 191,021 M ft. and 121,882 M ft. in October, 1955 and 1954. Of all shipments actually reported for November, 34.5 p.c. went to points in Canada, 40.2 p.c. to points in United States, 11.2 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 14.1 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 34.2 p.c. of the total, while 43.7 p.c. went by rail, and 22.1 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 October and November, 1955 amounted to 273,445 M ft. and 273,508 M ft. as compared with 263,083 M ft. and 279,851 M ft. in October and November of 1954. Interior mills stocks increased from 198,050 M ft. in October to 205,296 M ft. in November, 1954 but decreased from 239,776 M ft. in October to 190,413 M ft. in November, 1955. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 25.6 p.c. of the total in November, 1955 as compared with 27.5 p.c. in November, 1954 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 85.7 and 81.5.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of October and November, 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 November, 1955 amounted to 342,964 M ft. as compared with 358,359 M ft. in November, 1954. Orders on hand at the end of October, 1955 and 1954 amounted to 318,788 M ft. and 374,433 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 4,067 M ft. in November, 1955 and 5,741 M ft. in November, 1954 as compared with 6,146 M ft. in October, 1955 and 4,925 M ft. in October, 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 November accounted for 78.6 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1953 compared with 76.8 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for October, 1954 and 1955 were 78.2 and 78.9 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, November, 1955.

	November		October		11 Months	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	181,086	160,979	192,629	202,563	1,934,668	2,057,528
Hemlock	76,792	61,734	79,115	69,691	738,878	799,210
Balsam Fir	2,261	3,155	2,868	4,907	18,101	26,845
Red Cedar	46,222	35,716	40,739	41,920	446,529	494,426
Spruce	67,815	46,082	73,497	81,356	740,877	814,898
White Pine	6,779	4,992	6,053	7,629	63,846	72,767
Ponderosa Pine	5,035	2,995	4,753	4,385	51,673	50,538
Lodgepole Pine	3,371	4,351	3,740	7,187	38,703	57,727
All other softwoods..	11,548	6,696	12,317	12,357	107,970	109,271
Total softwoods..	400,909	326,700	415,711	431,995	4,141,245	4,483,210
Red Alder	152	115	274	140	1,344	1,668
Maple	131	192	137	200	1,154	1,744
Birch	52	28	81	61	538	590
Cottonwood	78	18	80	49	761	1,079
All other hardwoods	-	4	-	6	-	53
Total, hardwoods	413	357	572	456	3,797	5,134
Total, production	401,322	327,057	416,283	532,451	4,145,042	4,488,344
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	85,117	94,610	100,928	119,311	1,090,937	1,259,767
Points in U.S.A. .	133,958	110,064	124,230	131,096	1,279,007	1,403,827
United Kingdom..	57,082	30,789	53,327	38,149	599,627	550,616
Other Countries..	26,886	38,381	31,371	24,068	307,013	375,977
Shipments reported.	303,043	273,844	309,856	312,624	3,276,584	3,590,187
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	40,539	98,391	38,221	79,390	622,938	858,356
Total shipments..	343,582	372,235	348,077	392,014	3,899,522	4,448,543
STOCKS ON HAND						
	November		October			
	1954	1955	1954	1955		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	196,940	201,549	187,143	212,284		
Hemlock	93,277	96,811	89,178	97,683		
Balsam Fir	1,454	3,787	4,168	768		
Red Cedar	56,204	56,459	50,366	54,010		
Spruce	89,932	71,282	88,494	107,099		
White Pine	17,656	11,684	19,239	13,091		
Ponderosa Pine	15,387	12,122	10,546	13,229		
Lodgepole Pine	7,027	4,451	5,484	4,975		
All other softwoods..	6,856	5,676	6,017	10,016		
Total softwoods..	484,733	463,821	460,635	513,155		
Red Alder	6	43	71	3		
Maple	-	25	18	14		
Birch	12	14	40	7		
Cottonwood	391	15	364	39		
All other hardwoods.	5	3	5	3		
Total hardwoods..	414	100	498	66		
Total stocks	485,147	463,921	461,133	513,221		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, November, 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.....	93,540	4,781	98,321	34,568	24,166	58,734
Hemlock	57,113	1,113	58,226	2,055	1,296	3,351
Balsam Fir.....	1,668	21	1,689	823	514	1,337
Red Cedar	32,154	843	32,997	2,271	433	2,704
Spruce	4,622	143	4,765	16,155	25,148	41,303
White Pine.....	2,680	7	2,687	1,014	1,290	2,304
Ponderosa Pine.....	-	14	14	930	2,033	2,963
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	4	4	1,574	2,627	4,201
All other softwoods.	226	2	228	2,494	3,804	6,298
Total, softwoods.	192,003	6,928	198,931	61,884	61,311	123,195
Red Alder.....	64	51	115	-	-	-
Maple	126	64	190	-	-	-
Birch.....	9	15	24	-	4	4
Cottonwood	-	6	6	-	12	12
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	4	4
Total, hardwoods	199	136	335	-	20	20
Total, softwoods and hardwoods.	192,202	7,064	199,266	61,884	61,331	123,215
TIES						
Douglas Fir.....	1,618	235	1,853	1,009	1,062	2,071
Hemlock.....	105	43	148	-	9	9
Balsam Fir	-	2	-	-	129	129
Red Cedar	-	15	15	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	14	14
White Pine.....	-	1	1	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	12	6	18
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	-	-	-	146	146
All other softwoods.	-	1	1	-	169	169
Total, softwoods.	1,723	295	2,018	1,021	1,535	2,556
Red Alder.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	2	2	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	2	2	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	1,723	297	2,020	1,021	1,535	2,556
LUMBER AND TIES	193,925	7,361	201,286	62,905	62,866	125,771

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, November, 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	36,593	1,765	641	38,999
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta		2,222	xxxxxx	2,222
Saskatchewan		754	xxxxxx	754
Manitoba		1,124	xxxxxx	1,124
Ontario		5,902	-	5,902
Quebec		1,649	-	1,649
New Brunswick		49	-	49
Nova Scotia		38	-	38
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		100	-	100
Total for Canada	36,593	13,603	641	50,837
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		713	771	1,484
Atlantic Ports		3,053	26,568	29,621
Other points, by rail		39,236	xxxxxx	39,236
Total for U.S.A.		43,002	27,339	70,341
United Kingdom	x	1,449	28,495	29,944
Other countries	x	1,936	36,313	38,249
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	36,593	59,990	92,788	189,371
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				11,122
Total shipments, reported and estimated				200,493
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	22,967	2,007	-	24,974
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	745	2,853	xxxxxx	3,598
Saskatchewan		2,505	xxxxxx	2,505
Manitoba		5,528	xxxxxx	5,528
Ontario		5,915	-	5,915
Quebec		1,158	-	1,158
New Brunswick		54	-	54
Nova Scotia		41	-	41
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	23,712	20,061	-	43,773
Points in U. S. A.:				
Pacific Ports		421	-	421
Atlantic Ports		1,671	99	1,770
Other points, by rail		37,532	xxxxxx	37,532
Total for U.S.A.		39,624	99	39,723
United Kingdom	x	123	722	845
Other countries	x	-	132	132
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	23,712	59,808	953	84,473
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				87,269
Total shipments, reported and estimated				171,742
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, November, 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.
SOLD						
Douglas Fir	93,477	3,548	97,025	6,134	6,130	12,264
Hemlock.....	65,679	2,493	68,172	100	100	200
Balsam Fir	2,026	77	2,103	6	6	12
Red Cedar	25,321	962	26,283	73	73	146
Spruce	4,743	180	4,923	4,026	4,024	8,050
White Pine.....	4,001	152	4,153	1,066	1,065	2,131
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	1,995	1,994	3,989
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	-	-	52	52	104
All other softwoods..	695	26	721	135	135	270
Total, softwoods..	195,942	7,438	203,380	13,587	13,579	27,166
Red Alder.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods..	195,942	7,438	203,380	13,587	13,579	27,166
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir.....	23,680	899	24,579	33,851	33,830	67,681
Hemlock.....	19,207	729	19,936	4,253	4,250	8,503
Balsam Fir	549	21	570	551	551	1,102
Red Cedar	22,168	842	23,010	3,511	3,509	7,020
Spruce	1,119	42	1,161	28,583	28,565	57,148
White Pine.....	428	16	444	2,479	2,477	4,956
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	4,068	4,065	8,133
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	-	-	2,174	2,173	4,347
All other softwoods..	333	13	346	2,170	2,169	4,339
Total, softwoods..	67,484	2,562	70,046	81,640	81,589	163,229
Red Alder.....	41	2	43	-	-	-
Maple	24	1	25	-	-	-
Birch.....	6	-	6	4	4	8
Cottonwood.....	5	-	5	5	5	10
All other hardwoods..	3	-	3	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods..	79	3	82	9	9	18
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	67,563	2,565	70,128	81,649	81,598	163,247
SOLD AND UNSOLD	263,505	10,003	273,508	95,236	95,177	190,413

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

Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	November		October	
	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	13,960	17,687	15,241	16,863
Coastwise and Interior	2,620	3,379	1,619	2,976
Total	16,580	21,066	16,860	19,839
<u>For shipments by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces	5,236	9,970	5,526	9,824
Eastern Provinces	8,765	15,165	10,114	13,494
United States of America	49,027	51,091	48,663	45,321
Total	63,028	76,226	64,303	68,639
<u>For waterborne shipments to:</u>				
California	765	1,100	737	3,726
U. S. Atlantic Ports	32,380	32,086	42,289	29,978
Eastern Markets	335	-	433	-
Exports Markets	245,271	212,486	249,811	196,606
Total	278,751	245,672	293,270	230,310
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	358,359	342,964	374,433	318,788
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS	5,741	4,067	4,925	6,146

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

November, 1955

		November		October	
		1954	1955	1954	1955
Coast	No.	105	100	119	103
Interior	No.	219	273	267	306
Total, British Columbia	No.	324	373	386	409

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

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