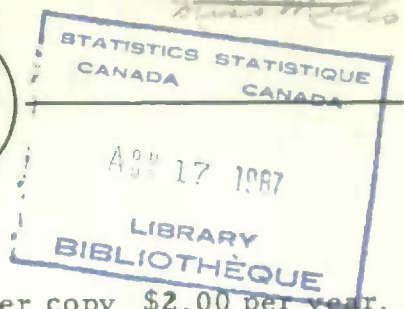




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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 352,172 M ft. in December, 1955 as compared with 370,610 M ft. in December, 1954 a decrease of 5.0 p.c. from the previous year but an increase of 7.7 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 58.0 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 13.2 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, but the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 42.0 p.c. showed an increase of 9.3 p.c. Shipments in December, 1955 totalled 328,815 M ft., as compared with 364,689 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 9.8 p.c. with Coast mills registering a decrease of 9.4 p.c. and Interior mills a decrease of 10.5 p.c. Total shipments for December decreased by 11.7 p.c. from the November figure of 372,235 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of December, 1955 amounted to 515,069 M ft., as compared with 458,460 M ft. at the end of December the previous year and 463,921 M ft. at the end of November of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 278,369 M ft., while Interior mills showed 236,700 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 November and December 1954 and 1955. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 401,322 M ft. in November, 1954 to 370,610 M ft. in December, 1954 but increased from 327,057 M ft. in November to 352,172 M ft. in December, 1955. Shipments totalled 372,235 M ft. in November, 1955 and 328,815 M ft. in December, 1955 as compared with 343,582 M ft. in November and 364,689 M ft. in December of 1954. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 485,147 M ft. in November, 1954 to 458,460 M ft. in December and decreased from 463,921 M ft. in November, 1955 to 458,460 M ft. in December 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 201,787 M ft. in December, 1955 as compared with 145,671 M ft. reported by Interior mills, Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 2,660 M ft. in December as compared with 2,054 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 58.0 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in December, 1955 as compared with 69.2 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during November, 1955 and 1954 respectively, were 61.5 and 63.1 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 203,658 M ft. in December of 1955 and 200,493 M ft. in November, 1955 as compared with 224,801 M ft. in December, 1954 and 225,183 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 125,157 M ft. and 139,888 M ft. in December, 1955 and 1954 and 171,742 M ft. and 130,439 M ft. in November, 1955 and 1954. Of all shipments actually reported for December, 34.3 p.c. went to points in Canada, 34.6 p.c. to points in United States, 17.1 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 14.0 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 37.6 p.c. of the total, while 42.3 p.c. went by rail, and 20.1 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 November and December, 1955 amounted to 273,508 M ft. and 278,369 M ft. as compared with 279,851 M ft. and 293,617 M ft. in November and December of 1954. Interior mills stocks decreased from 205,296 M ft. in November to 164,843 M ft. in December, 1954 but increased from 190,413 M ft. in November to 236,700 M ft. in December, 1955. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 28.0 p.c. of the total in December, 1955 as compared with 25.9 p.c. in December, 1954 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 84.9 and 80.5.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of November and December, 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 December, 1955 amounted to 329,907 M ft. as compared with 393,622 M ft. in December, 1954. Orders on hand at the end of November, 1955 and 1954 amounted to 342,964 M ft. and 358,359 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 6,219 M ft. in December, 1955 and 8,236 M ft. in December, 1954 as compared with 4,067 M ft. in November, 1955 and 5,741 M ft. in November, 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 December accounted for 80.3 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1953 compared with 76.3 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for November, 1954 and 1955 were 76.8 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, December, 1955

	December		November		12 Months	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir.....	180,881	164,093	181,086	160,979	2,115,549	2,221,621
Hemlock.....	71,635	65,624	76,792	61,734	810,513	864,834
Balsam Fir.....	2,201	2,787	2,261	3,155	20,302	29,632
Red Cedar	41,697	32,857	46,222	35,716	488,226	527,283
Spruce	55,160	66,390	67,815	46,082	796,037	881,288
White Pine.....	5,006	4,848	6,779	4,992	68,852	77,615
Ponderosa Pine	3,283	2,873	5,035	2,995	54,956	53,411
Lodgepole Pine.....	2,234	5,497	3,371	4,351	40,937	63,224
All other softwoods	8,222	6,742	11,548	6,696	116,192	116,013
Total softwoods	370,319	351,711	400,909	326,700	4,511,564	4,834,921
Red Alder.....	135	179	152	115	1,479	1,847
Maple	81	198	131	192	1,235	1,942
Birch	35	61	52	28	573	651
Cottonwood.....	40	19	78	18	801	1,098
All other hardwoods	-	4	-	4	-	57
Total, hardwoods	291	461	413	357	4,088	5,595
Total, production	370,610	352,172	401,322	327,057	4,515,652	4,840,516
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	74,982	99,368	85,117	94,610	1,165,919	1,359,135
Points in U.S.A..	112,186	100,042	133,958	110,064	1,391,193	1,503,869
United Kingdom .	56,111	49,480	57,082	30,789	655,738	600,096
Other Countries .	26,511	40,448	26,886	38,381	333,524	416,425
Shipments reported.	269,790	289,338	303,043	273,844	3,546,374	3,879,525
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	94,899	39,477	40,539	98,391	717,837	897,833
Total shipments .	364,689	328,815	343,582	372,235	4,264,211	4,777,358
STOCKS ON HAND						
	December		November			
	1954	1955	1954	1955		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	179,493	204,860	196,940		201,549	
Hemlock.....	102,307	101,472	93,277		96,811	
Balsam Fir.....	417	1,395	1,454		3,787	
Red Cedar	53,833	61,880	56,204		56,459	
Spruce	83,110	102,325	89,932		71,282	
White Pine.....	11,115	15,668	17,656		11,684	
Ponderosa Pine.....	15,648	13,273	15,387		12,122	
Lodgepole Pine.....	4,866	4,834	7,027		4,451	
All other softwoods.	7,281	9,323	6,856		5,676	
Total softwoods..	458,070	515,030	484,733		463,821	
Red Alder.....	7	4	6		43	
Maple	1	5	-		25	
Birch	25	-	12		14	
Cottonwood	352	28	391		15	
All other hardwoods	5	2	5		3	
Total hardwoods.	390	39	414		100	
Total stocks.....	458,460	515,069	485,147		463,921	

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, December, 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	98,480	3,724	102,204	29,498	28,270	57,768
Hemlock	59,125	1,028	60,153	4,031	1,285	5,316
Balsam Fir	1,422	28	1,450	489	744	1,233
Red Cedar	30,618	802	31,420	974	463	1,437
Spruce	4,665	156	4,821	34,427	27,127	61,554
White Pine	1,253	7	1,260	2,194	1,392	3,586
Ponderosa Pine	-	15	15	859	1,995	2,854
Lodgepole Pine	-	4	4	2,306	3,050	5,356
All other softwoods..	20	1	21	2,549	3,996	6,545
Total, softwoods..	195,583	5,765	201,348	77,327	68,322	145,649
Red Alder	105	74	179	-	-	-
Maple	103	95	198	-	-	-
Birch	27	29	56	-	5	5
Cottonwood	-	6	6	-	13	13
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	4	4
Total, hardwoods..	235	204	439	-	22	22
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	195,818	5,969	201,787	77,327	68,344	145,671
TIES						
Douglas Fir	2,324	188	2,512	602	1,007	1,609
Hemlock	148	-	148	-	7	7
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	104	104
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	15	15
White Pine	-	-	-	-	2	2
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	4	4
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	12	125	137
All other softwoods..	-	-	-	48	128	176
Total, softwoods..	2,472	188	2,660	662	1,392	2,054
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods.	2,472	188	2,660	662	1,392	2,054
LUMBER AND TIES	198,290	6,157	204,447	77,989	69,736	147,725

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

	By Truck (Local Sales) M ft. b. m.	By Rail M ft. b. m.	Water- borne M ft. b. m.	Total Shipments M ft. b. m.
<u>COAST MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	33,686	1,315	1,581	36,582
Yukon and Northwest Territories		23	-	23
Alberta		2,267	xxxxxxx	2,267
Saskatchewan		916	xxxxxxx	916
Manitoba		1,631	xxxxxxx	1,631
Ontario		6,377	-	6,377
Quebec		1,448	-	1,448
New Brunswick		176	-	176
Nova Scotia		24	-	24
Prince Edward Island		4	-	4
Newfoundland		147	-	147
Total for Canada	33,686	14,328	1,581	49,595
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		905	227	1,132
Atlantic Ports		872	17,067	17,939
Other points, by rail		43,128	xxxxxxx	43,128
Total for U.S.A.		44,905	17,294	62,199
United Kingdom	x	-	48,453	48,453
Other countries	x	-	40,317	40,317
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	33,686	59,233	107,645	200,564
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				3,094
Total shipments, reported and estimated				203,658
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	24,304	8,862	-	33,166
Yukon and Northwest Territories		41	-	41
Alberta	320	3,095	xxxxxxx	3,415
Saskatchewan		1,796	xxxxxxx	1,796
Manitoba		3,684	xxxxxxx	3,684
Ontario		6,783	-	6,783
Quebec		888	-	888
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	24,624	25,149	-	49,773
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		231	-	231
Atlantic Ports		826	-	826
Other points, by rail		36,786	xxxxxxx	36,786
Total for U.S.A.		37,843	-	37,843
United Kingdom	x	133	894	1,027
Other countries	x	-	131	131
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported ...	24,624	63,125	1,025	88,774
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				36,383
Total shipments, reported and estimated				125,157
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills, December, 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.
<u>SOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	91,806	2,851	94,657	8,058	7,205	15,263
Hemlock	65,021	2,019	67,040	285	255	540
Balsam Fir	34	1	35	6	5	11
Red Cedar	29,103	904	30,007	105	94	199
Spruce	3,963	123	4,086	7,068	6,320	13,388
White Pine	3,074	95	3,169	1,192	1,066	2,258
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	1,741	1,557	3,298
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	200	179	379
All other softwoods..	1,323	41	1,364	188	168	356
Total, softwoods..	194,324	6,034	200,358	18,843	16,849	35,692
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	194,324	6,034	200,358	18,843	16,849	35,692
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	27,956	868	28,824	34,905	31,211	66,116
Hemlock	20,330	632	20,962	6,826	6,104	12,930
Balsam Fir	45	1	46	688	615	1,303
Red Cedar	25,301	785	26,086	2,950	2,638	5,588
Spruce	1,274	40	1,314	44,102	39,435	83,537
White Pine	477	15	492	5,147	4,602	9,749
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	5,266	4,709	9,975
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	2,352	2,103	4,455
All other softwoods..	268	8	276	3,868	3,459	7,327
Total, softwoods..	75,651	2,349	78,000	106,104	94,876	200,980
Red Alder	4	-	4	-	-	-
Maple	5	-	5	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	15	13	28
All other hardwoods..	2	-	2	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods..	11	-	11	15	13	28
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	75,662	2,349	78,011	106,119	94,889	201,008
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>	269,986	8,383	278,369	124,962	111,738	236,700

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

Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	December		November	
	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.....	12,807	20,083	13,960	17,687
Coastwise and Interior.....	2,358	3,467	2,620	3,379
Total.....	15,165	23,550	16,580	21,066
<u>For shipments by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces.....	4,675	11,969	5,236	9,970
Eastern Provinces.....	9,912	16,338	8,765	15,165
United States of America.....	55,805	53,590	49,027	51,091
Total.....	70,392	81,897	63,028	76,226
<u>For waterborne shipments to:</u>				
California.....	316	1,065	765	1,100
U.S. Atlantic Ports.....	29,416	29,310	32,380	32,086
Eastern Markets.....	-	100	335	-
Exports Markets.....	278,333	193,985	245,271	212,486
Total.....	308,065	224,460	278,751	245,672
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND.....	393,622	329,907	358,359	342,964
<u>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS</u>				
.....	8,236	6,219	5,741	4,067

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

December, 1955

		December		November	
		1954	1955	1954	1955
Coast	No.	107	94	105	100
Interior	No.	236	285	219	273
Total, British Columbia	No.	343	379	324	373

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

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