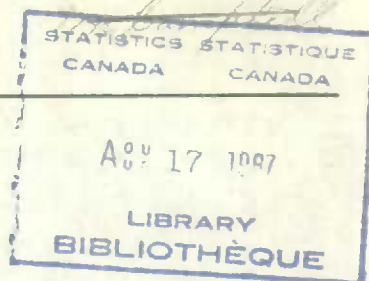


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 386,289 M ft. in February, 1955 as compared with 319,615 M ft. in February, 1954, an increase of 20.9 p.c. over the previous year and a decrease of 7.2 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 59.2 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 6.4 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 40.8 p.c. showed an increase of 50.5 p.c. Shipments in February, 1955 totalled 380,894 M ft., as compared with 301,166 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 26.5 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 3.2 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 83.2 p.c. Total shipments for February increased by 7.1 p.c. over the January figure of 355,798 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of February, 1955 amounted to 516,015 M ft., as compared with 527,255 M ft. at the end of February the previous year and 512,652 M ft. at the end of January of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 228,785 M ft., while Interior mills showed 157,504 M ft.

Page 4 gives the final estimates of the production of sawn lumber (excluding sawn ties) for British Columbia and provinces East of the Rockies for 1953, and revised estimates for 1954 and the first month of 1955. Similar revised monthly estimates of sawn lumber production for all provinces (except Newfoundland), are contained in the February issue of the Monthly report entitled "Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies."

Summary Figures

Table 1 gives a comparative summary of production, shipments and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills for January and February 1954 and 1955. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 236,808 M ft. in January, 1954 to 319,615 M ft. in February, 1954 but decreased from 416,267 M ft. in January to 386,289 M ft. in February, 1955. Shipments totalled 355,798 M ft. in January, 1955 and 380,894 M ft. in February, 1955 as compared with 191,059 M ft. in January and 301,166 M ft. in February of 1954. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 539,130 M ft. in January, 1954 to 527,255 M ft. in February but increased from 512,652 M ft. in January, 1955 to 516,015 M ft. in February 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 227,545 M ft. in February, 1955 as compared with 155,953 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 1,240 M ft. in February as compared with 1,551 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 59.2 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in February, 1955 as compared with 70.9 p.c. the

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previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during January, 1955 and 1954 respectively, were 59.9 and 78.5 p.c.

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 220,261 M ft. in February of 1955 and 236,784 M ft. in January, 1955 as compared with 213,504 M ft. in February, 1954 and 139,010 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 160,633 M ft. and 87,662 M ft. in February, 1955 and 1954 and 119,014 M ft. and 52,049 M ft. in January, 1955 and 1954. Of all shipments actually reported for February 34.1 p.c. went to points in Canada, 38.4 p.c. to points in United States, 18.1 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 9.4 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 36.9 p.c. of the total, while 39.3 p.c. went by rail, and 23.8 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 January and February, 1955 amounted to 294,641 M ft. and 309,982 M ft. as compared with 319,986 M ft. and 308,460 M ft. in January and February of 1954. Interior mills stocks decreased from 219,144 M ft. in January to 218,795 M ft. in February, 1954 and decreased from 218,011 M ft. in January to 206,033 M ft. in February, 1955. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 28.3 p.c. of the total in February, 1955 as compared with 28.9 p.c. in February, 1954 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 85.3 and 88.9.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of January and February, 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 February, 1955 amounted to 394,613 M ft. as compared with 317,068 M ft. in February, 1954. Orders on hand at the end of January, 1955 and 1954 amounted to 393,622 M ft. and 344,908 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 5,189 M ft. in February, 1955 and 4,671 M ft. in February, 1954 as compared with 8,236 M ft. in January, 1955 and 3,524 M ft. in January, 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 February accounted for 79.4 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1952 compared with 83.9 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for January, 1954 and 1955 were 86.9 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.

Final Estimates of Canadian Production of Sawn Lumber for 1953,
and Revised Estimates for 1954, and the First Month of 1955.

Month	Year	British Columbia			East of Rockies	Total Canada ^x
		Coast	Interior	Total		
January	1953	212,272	109,370	321,642	217,134	538,776
	1954	175,900	56,839	232,739	194,252	426,991
	1955	232,101	182,129	414,230	222,113	636,343
February	1953	217,282	159,615	376,897	270,550	647,447
	1954	213,468	100,947	314,415	232,393	546,808
March	1953	235,755	150,842	386,597	303,168	689,765
	1954	235,356	136,220	371,576	254,396	625,972
April	1953	215,070	87,239	302,309	166,506	468,815
	1954	214,686	99,200	313,886	146,794	460,680
May	1953	214,905	109,409	324,314	358,766	683,080
	1954	218,847	117,167	336,014	277,239	613,253
June	1953	212,366	150,690	363,056	452,668	815,724
	1954	240,684	171,996	412,680	373,233	785,913
July	1953	190,129	163,095	353,224	414,861	768,085
	1954	217,372	204,022	421,394	366,624	788,018
August	1953	203,524	169,478	373,002	366,861	739,863
	1954	225,930	218,038	443,968	323,510	767,478
September	1953	223,530	149,211	372,741	258,870	631,611
	1954	255,372	194,237	449,609	242,324	691,933
October	1953	223,052	93,365	316,417	166,553	482,970
	1954	235,492	179,765	415,257	157,225	572,482
November	1953	210,037	65,632	275,669	93,465	369,134
	1954	237,698	163,136	400,834	95,181	496,015
December	1953	213,709	66,147	279,856	134,412	414,268
	1954	234,734	134,173	368,907	137,244	506,151
12 months	1953x	2,571,631	1,474,093	4,045,724	3,203,814	7,249,538x
	1954x	2,705,539	1,775,740	4,481,279	2,800,415	7,281,694x
1 month	1955x	232,101	182,129	414,230	222,113	636,343x

x Production in the Yukon and N.W.T. (7,598 M ft. b. m.) and Newfoundland

(48,922 M ft. b. m.) not included in the 1953 quantities; 1954 quantities not yet available.

Table 1. - Comparative Summary of Production, Shipments and Stocks of Lumber and Ties of British Columbia Sawmills, February, 1955

	February		January		2 Months	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	149,300	158,689	108,639	175,455	257,939	334,144
Hemlock	55,934	77,924	57,979	76,825	113,913	154,749
Balsam Fir	1,340	1,261	598	1,581	1,938	2,842
Red Cedar	39,402	50,898	26,622	45,914	66,024	96,812
Spruce	59,440	77,525	33,940	93,176	93,380	170,701
White Pine	2,564	7,596	3,033	6,082	5,597	13,678
Ponderosa Pine	1,675	2,506	1,089	3,057	2,764	5,563
Lodgepole Pine	3,492	3,988	1,820	4,381	5,312	8,369
All other softwoods	6,333	5,651	2,958	9,360	9,291	15,011
Total softwoods	319,480	386,038	236,678	415,831	556,158	801,869
Red Alder	49	94	43	170	92	264
Maple	45	54	58	105	103	159
Birch	20	31	13	73	33	104
Cottonwood	21	72	16	88	37	160
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total hardwoods	135	251	130	436	265	687
Total production	319,615	386,289	236,808	416,267	556,423	802,556
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	82,376	101,902	52,671	97,099	135,047	199,001
Points in U.S.A.	95,263	114,820	68,067	118,285	163,330	233,105
United Kingdom	59,375	54,231	31,812	67,118	91,187	121,349
Other Countries	27,908	27,956	15,929	32,502	43,837	60,458
Shipments reported	264,922	298,909	168,479	315,004	433,401	613,913
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	36,244	81,985	22,580	40,794	58,824	122,779
Total shipments	301,166	380,894	191,059	355,798	492,225	736,692
STOCKS ON HAND						
	February		January			
	1954	1955	1954	1955		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	221,020	188,491	233,306	187,682		
Hemlock	92,158	110,751	100,134	103,894		
Balsam Fir	2,232	355	2,001	1,188		
Red Cedar	55,936	59,221	45,863	63,825		
Spruce	113,332	108,827	115,794	108,921		
White Pine	12,428	16,334	13,473	14,228		
Ponderosa Pine	9,240	17,341	10,848	18,529		
Lodgepole Pine	7,517	4,747	4,852	5,123		
All other softwoods	13,165	9,719	12,625	9,227		
Total softwoods	527,028	515,786	538,896	512,617		
Red Alder	71	-	77	7		
Maple	65	3	67	-		
Birch	48	11	46	23		
Cottonwood	40	209	40	-		
All other hardwoods	3	6	4	5		
Total hardwoods	227	229	234	35		
Total stocks	527,255	516,015	539,130	512,652		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, February, 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	100,566	4,476	105,042	28,304	23,201	51,505
Hemlock	72,895	1,266	74,161	1,972	1,681	3,653
Balsam Fir	52	74	126	520	614	1,134
Red Cedar	37,823	795	38,618	905	11,375	12,280
Spruce	4,179	406	4,585	46,816	26,113	72,929
White Pine	4,501	5	4,506	833	2,256	3,089
Ponderosa Pine	-	37	37	1,020	1,427	2,447
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	1,576	2,108	3,684
All other softwoods ..	232	10	242	2,668	2,541	5,209
Total, softwoods ..	220,248	7,069	227,317	84,614	71,316	155,930
Red Alder	-	94	94	-	-	-
Maple	12	42	54	-	-	-
Birch	3	12	15	-	16	16
Cottonwood	-	65	65	-	7	7
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	15	213	228	-	23	23
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	220,263	7,282	227,545	84,614	71,339	155,953
Ties						
Douglas Fir	1,106	37	1,143	312	687	999
Hemlock	89	8	97	-	13	13
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	1	1
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	11	11
White Pine	-	-	-	-	1	1
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	22	22
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	237	67	304
All other softwoods ..	-	-	-	106	94	200
Total, softwoods ..	1,195	45	1,240	655	896	1,551
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	1,195	45	1,240	655	896	1,551
Lumber and Ties	221,458	7,327	228,785	85,269	72,235	157,504

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, February, 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	41,100	2,129	988	44,217
Yukon and Northwest Territories		10	-	10
Alberta		1,649	xxxxxxx	1,649
Saskatchewan		602	xxxxxxx	602
Manitoba		1,441	xxxxxxx	1,441
Ontario		5,741	-	5,741
Quebec		2,363	300	2,663
New Brunswick		222	198	420
Nova Scotia		219	67	286
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		238	-	238
Total for Canada	41,100	14,614	1,553	57,267
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		1,173	1,782	2,955
Atlantic Ports		1,953	25,343	27,296
Other points, by rail		47,478	xxxxxxx	47,478
Total for U.S.A.		50,604	27,125	77,729
United Kingdom	x	-	53,309	53,309
Other countries	x	-	27,930	27,930
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	41,100	65,218	109,917	216,235
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				4,026
Total shipments, reported and estimated				220,261
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	29,767	2,667	-	32,434
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	262	2,202	xxxxxxx	2,464
Saskatchewan		1,756	xxxxxxx	1,756
Manitoba		2,940	xxxxxxx	2,940
Ontario		4,501	-	4,501
Quebec		540	-	540
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	30,029	14,606		44,635
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		70	-	70
Atlantic Ports		4,079	-	4,079
Other points, by rail		32,942	xxxxxxx	32,942
Total for U.S.A.		37,091		37,091
United Kingdom	x	408	514	922
Other countries	x	-	26	26
Destination or carrier not specified				
Total shipments reported	30,029	52,105	540	82,674
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				77,959
Total shipments, reported and estimated				160,633
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

February 28, 1955.

Species	COAST MILLS			INTERIOR MILLS		
	Reported	Estimated	Total	Reported	Estimated	Total
SOLD (but not shipped)	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.	M ft.b.m.
Douglas Fir	94,761	3,135	97,896	5,499	4,659	10,158
Hemlock	76,580	2,534	79,114	431	365	796
Balsam Fir	82	3	85	13	11	24
Red Cedar	32,721	1,083	33,804	101	86	187
Spruce	5,633	186	5,819	6,042	5,118	11,160
White Pine	4,809	159	4,968	1,645	1,393	3,038
Ponderosa Pine	13	-	13	1,687	1,429	3,116
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	280	237	517
All other softwoods ..	511	17	528	660	559	1,219
Total, softwoods ..	215,110	7,117	222,227	16,358	13,857	30,215
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	215,110	7,117	222,227	16,358	13,857	30,215
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	36,071	1,193	37,264	23,373	19,800	43,173
Hemlock	22,806	754	23,560	3,942	3,339	7,281
Balsam Fir	95	3	98	80	68	148
Red Cedar	20,635	683	21,318	2,118	1,794	3,912
Spruce	1,612	53	1,665	48,823	41,360	90,183
White Pine	3,631	120	3,751	2,478	2,099	4,577
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	7,694	6,518	14,212
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	2,290	1,940	4,230
All other softwoods	87	3	90	4,267	3,615	7,882
Total, softwoods ...	84,937	2,809	87,746	95,065	80,533	175,598
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	3	-	3	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	6	5	11
Cottonwood	-	-	-	113	96	209
All other hardwoods ..	5	1	6	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	8	1	9	119	101	220
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	84,945	2,810	87,755	95,184	80,634	175,818
SOLD AND UNSOLD	300,055	9,927	309,982	111,542	94,491	206,033



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Table 5. - Distribution of Orders on Hand at End of February, 1955 and
Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	February		January	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
For shipment to points in British Columbia				
Local	10,827	17,507	11,691	12,807
Coastwise and Interior	3,808	2,512	3,014	2,358
Total	14,635	20,019	14,705	15,165
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	8,431	6,537	8,778	4,675
Eastern Provinces	19,114	17,500	20,497	9,912
United States of America	34,148	59,316	36,681	55,805
Total	61,693	83,353	65,956	70,392
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	370	325	370	316
U S Atlantic Ports	56,441	17,428	57,265	29,416
Eastern Markets	2,502	5,000	5,697	-
Exports Markets	181,427	268,488	200,915	278,333
Total	240,740	291,241	264,247	308,065
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	317,068	394,613	344,908	393,622
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
	4,671	5,189	3,524	8,236

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

February, 1955

		February		January	
		1954	1955	1954	1955
Coast	No.	86	102	80	101
Interior	No.	175	262	146	258
Total British Columbia ..	No.	261	364	226	359

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