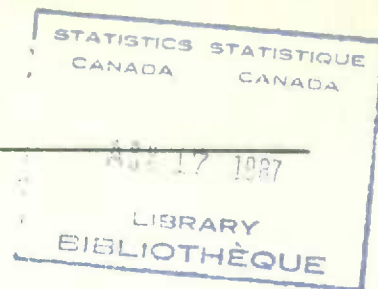


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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 334,928 M ft. in April, 1955 as compared with 317,069 M ft. in April, 1954, an increase of 5.6 p.c. over the previous year and a decrease of 20.8 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 70.0 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 8.8 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, but the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 30.0 p.c. showed a decrease of 1.1 p.c. Shipments in April, 1955 totalled 402,918 M ft., as compared with 334,831 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 20.3 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 14.9 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 31.2 p.c. Total shipments for April increased by 5.9 p.c. over the March figure of 380,302 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of April, 1955 amounted to 495,111 M ft., as compared with 486,337 M ft. at the end of April the previous year and 566,473 M ft. at the end of March of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 297,848 M ft., while Interior mills showed 197,263 M ft.

Summary Figures

Table 1 gives a comparative summary of production, shipment and stocks of sawn lumber and ties for all British Columbia sawmills for March and April 1954 and 1955. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production decreased from 375,247 M ft. in March, 1954 to 317,069 M ft. in April, 1954 and from 422,687 M ft. in March to 334,928 M ft. in April, 1955. Shipments totalled 380,302 M ft. in March, 1955 and 402,918 M ft. in April, 1955 as compared with 369,269 M ft. in March and 334,831 M ft. in April of 1954. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 519,696 M ft. in March, 1954 to 486,337 M ft. in April and decreased from 566,473 M ft. in March, 1955 to 495,111 M ft. in April 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 232,036 M ft. in April, 1955 as compared with 99,488 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 2,387 M ft. in April as compared with 1,017 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 70.0 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in April, 1955 as compared with 71.3 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during March, 1955 and 1954 respectively, were 60.4 and 66.5 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 255,568 M ft. in April of 1955 and 250,319 M ft. in March, 1955 as compared with 222,487 M ft. in April, 1954 and 254,777 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 147,350 M ft. and 112,344 M ft. in April, 1955 and 1954 and 129,983 M ft. and 114,492 M ft. in March, 1955 and 1954. Of all shipments actually reported for April, 30.3 p.c. went to points in Canada, 39.2 p.c. to points in United States, 17.8 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 12.7 p.c. to other countries. Whateborne shipments accounted for 41.4 p.c. of the total, while 39.9 p.c. went by rail, and 18.7 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 March and April, 1955 amounted to 317,727 M ft. and 297,848 M ft. as compared with 292,660 M ft. and 288,930 M ft. in March and April of 1954. Interior mills stocks decreased from 227,036 M ft. in March to 197,407 M ft. in April, 1954 and decreased from 248,746 M ft. in March to 197,263 M ft. in April, 1955. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 33.2 p.c. of the total in April, 1955 as compared with 29.4 p.c. in April, 1954 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 79.8 and 82.7.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of March and April, 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 April, 1955 amounted to 344,943 M ft. as compared with 297,761 M ft. in April, 1954. Orders on hand at the end of March, 1955 and 1954 amounted to 371,061 M ft. and 298,885 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 3,643 M ft. in April, 1955 and 5,724 M ft. in April, 1954 as compared with 6,590 M ft. in March, 1955 and 8,488 M ft. in March, 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 April accounted for 79.5 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1953 compared with 82.5 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for March, 1954 and 1955 were 82.4 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 greatly acknowledged.

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

	April		March		4 Months	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	152,190	159,365	177,173	186,447	587,302	679,956
Hemlock	62,236	66,741	64,226	81,068	240,375	302,558
Balsam Fir	783	765	1,882	1,670	4,603	5,277
Red Cedar	38,144	46,059	41,930	44,812	146,098	187,683
Spruce	46,879	44,087	68,407	82,587	208,666	297,375
White Pine	4,070	3,858	4,740	7,056	14,407	24,592
Ponderosa Pine	4,137	4,180	3,346	3,456	10,247	13,199
Lodgepole Pine	2,165	3,010	4,415	4,451	11,892	15,830
All other softwoods ...	6,197	6,493	8,788	10,146	24,276	31,650
Total soft woods	316,801	334,558	374,907	421,693	1,247,866	1,558,120
Red Alder	104	118	115	151	311	533
Maple	70	171	133	122	306	452
Birch	29	61	54	70	116	235
Cottonwood	65	17	38	651	140	828
All other hardwoods ...	-	3	-	-	-	3
Total hardwoods	268	370	340	994	873	2,051
Total production	317,069	334,928	375,247	422,687	1,248,739	1,560,171
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada ..	92,559	96,556	109,049	113,754	336,655	409,311
Points in U.S.A. ..	96,776	124,967	115,445	117,229	375,551	475,301
United Kingdom	50,505	57,004	69,069	59,469	210,761	237,822
Other Countries ...	31,911	40,453	28,973	45,758	104,721	146,669
Shipments reported	271,751	318,980	322,536	336,210	1,027,688	1,269,103
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .	63,080	83,938	46,733	44,092	168,637	250,809
Total shipments	334,831	402,918	369,269	380,302	1,196,325	1,519,912
STOCKS ON HAND						
	April		March			
	1954	1955	1954	1955		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	205,359	184,269	218,579	210,186		
Hemlock	84,691	96,758	78,940	107,461		
Balsam Fir	907	1,473	1,947	291		
Red Cedar	56,138	66,447	56,058	60,487		
Spruce	94,596	100,255	116,867	132,205		
White Pine	14,992	14,038	13,560	17,676		
Ponderosa Pine	15,129	20,832	14,717	22,455		
Lodgepole Pine	3,808	3,808	5,467	5,982		
All other softwoods ...	10,397	7,028	13,184	9,505		
Total softwoods	486,017	494,908	519,319	566,248		
Red Alder	125	-	137	-		
Maple	55	3	103	4		
Birch	57	29	76	1		
Cottonwood	83	166	61	216		
All other hardwoods ..	-	5	-	4		
Total hardwoods	320	203	377	225		
Total stocks	486,337	495,111	519,696	566,473		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, April, 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.....	106,953	8,077	115,030	23,920	17,364	41,284
Hemlock	61,256	2,390	63,646	2,046	907	2,953
Balsam Fir	28	34	62	205	446	651
Red Cedar	41,967	1,769	43,736	2,010	313	2,323
Spruce	4,992	699	5,691	21,182	17,209	38,391
White Pine	1,604	34	1,638	966	1,253	2,219
Ponderosa Pine	228	17	245	2,740	1,185	3,925
Lodgepole Pine	-	9	9	887	2,049	2,936
All other softwoods .	1,623	3	1,626	1,401	3,388	4,789
Total, softwoods ..	218,651	13,032	231,683	55,357	44,114	99,471
Red Alder	31	87	118	-	-	-
Maple	75	96	171	-	-	-
Birch	35	22	57	-	4	4
Cottonwood	-	7	7	-	10	10
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	3	3
Total, hardwoods .	141	212	353	-	17	17
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	218,792	13,244	232,036	55,357	44,131	99,488
TIES						
Douglas Fir.....	2,049	199	2,248	306	497	803
Hemlock	134	5	139	-	3	3
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	52	52
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	5	5
White Pine	-	-	-	-	1	1
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	10	10
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	7	58	65
All other softwoods .	-	-	-	15	63	78
Total, softwoods ..	2,183	204	2,387	328	689	1,017
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods...	2,183	204	2,387	328	689	1,017
LUMBER AND TIES	220,975	13,448	234,423	55,685	44,820	100,505

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, April, 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: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	44,706	2,388	1,062	48,156
Yukon and Northwest Territories		23	-	23
Alberta		1,901	xxxxxxx	1,901
Saskatchewan		559	xxxxxxx	559
Manitoba		1,575	xxxxxxx	1,575
Ontario		7,144	-	7,144
Quebec		2,491	-	2,491
New Brunswick		444	-	444
Nova Scotia		685	-	685
Prince Edward Island		13	-	13
Newfoundland		539	-	539
Total for Canada	44,706	17,762	1,062	63,530
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		1,475	21	1,496
Atlantic Ports		869	33,615	34,484
Other points, by rail		45,727	xxxxxxx	45,727
Total for U.S.A.		48,071	33,636	81,707
United Kingdomx		96	56,376	56,472
Other countriesx		-	40,453	40,453
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	44,706	65,929	131,527	242,162
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				13,406
Total shipments, reported and estimated				255,568
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia	14,666	2,243	-	16,909
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	416	2,892	xxxxxxx	3,308
Saskatchewan		3,862	xxxxxxx	3,862
Manitoba		4,579	xxxxxxx	4,579
Ontario		3,711	-	3,711
Quebec		657	-	657
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	15,082	17,944	-	33,026
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports		766	-	766
Atlantic Ports		625	-	625
Other points, by rail		41,869	xxxxxxx	41,869
Total for U.S.A.		43,260	-	43,260
United Kingdomx		-	532	532
Other countriesx		-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	15,082	61,204	532	76,818
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				70,532
Total shipments, reported and estimated				147,350

x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

April 30, 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.
<u>SOLD (but not shipped)</u>						
Douglas Fir	81,898	4,984	86,882	7,134	5,742	12,876
Hemlock	63,217	3,847	67,064	200	162	362
Balsam Fir	176	11	187	-	-	-
Red Cedar	30,828	1,876	32,704	90	72	162
Spruce	5,193	316	5,509	9,092	7,318	16,410
White Pine	5,257	320	5,577	1,290	1,038	2,328
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	3,582	2,883	6,465
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	297	239	536
All other softwoods ..	954	58	1,012	403	324	727
Total, softwoods ...	187,523	11,412	198,935	22,088	17,778	39,866
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods....	187,523	11,412	198,935	22,088	17,778	39,866
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	41,435	2,522	43,957	22,469	18,085	40,554
Hemlock	23,024	1,401	24,425	2,719	2,188	4,907
Balsam Fir	69	4	73	672	541	1,213
Red Cedar	24,068	1,465	25,533	4,459	3,589	8,048
Spruce	2,682	163	2,845	41,826	33,665	75,491
White Pine	1,818	111	1,929	2,329	1,875	4,204
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	7,960	6,407	14,367
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	-	-	1,813	1,459	3,272
All other softwoods ..	135	8	143	2,851	2,295	5,146
Total, softwoods ...	93,231	5,674	98,905	87,098	70,104	157,202
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	3	-	3	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	16	13	29
Cottonwood	-	-	-	92	74	166
All other hardwoods .	5	-	5	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	8	-	8	108	87	195
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	93,239	5,674	98,913	87,206	70,191	157,397
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>	280,762	17,086	297,848	109,294	87,969	197,263

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

	April		March	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
ORDERS ON HAND				
For shipments to points in British Columbia				
Local	14,546	19,624	14,303	18,625
Coastwise and Interior	4,247	2,989	4,118	3,523
Total	18,793	22,613	18,421	22,148
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	8,160	7,672	9,808	7,170
Eastern Provinces	15,101	18,125	15,049	18,835
United States of America	31,947	60,856	33,836	57,286
Total	55,208	86,653	58,693	83,291
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	1,853	1,450	420	1,892
U.S. Atlantic Ports	43,399	34,766	44,009	26,522
Eastern Markets	1,056	1,860	335	2,118
Exports Markets	177,452	197,601	177,007	235,090
Total	223,760	235,677	221,771	265,622
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	297,761	344,943	298,885	371,061
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
	5,724	3,643	8,488	6,590

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting
April, 1955

	April		March	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
Coast	No.			
	104	97	96	105
Interior	No.			
	203	215	182	285
Total British Columbia ..	No.			
	307	312	278	390

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

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