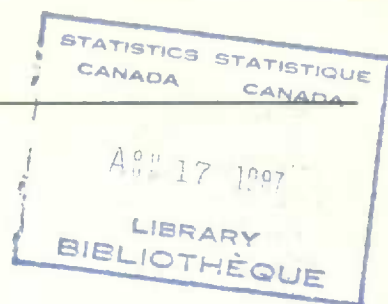




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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 383,376 M ft. in May, 1955 as compared with 338,208 M ft. in May, 1954, an increase of 13.4 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 14.5 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 63.0 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 10.1 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 37.0 p.c. showed an increase of 19.2 p.c. Shipments in May, 1955 totalled 400,430 M ft., as compared with 351,145 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 14.0 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 8.8 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 23.8 p.c. Total shipments for May decreased by 0.6 p.c. from the April figure of 402,918 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of May, 1955 amounted to 476,038 M ft., as compared with 451,704 M ft. at the end of May the previous year and 495,111 M ft. at the end of April of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 291,797 M ft., while Interior mills showed 184,241 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 April and May 1954 and 1955. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 317,069 M ft. in April, 1954 to 338,208 M ft. in May, 1954 and from 334,928 M ft. in April to 383,376 M ft. in May, 1955. Shipments totalled 402,918 M ft. in April, 1955 and 400,430 M ft. in May, 1955 as compared with 334,831 M ft. in April and 351,145 M ft. in May of 1954. Stocks on hand at sawmills decreased from 486,337 M ft. in April, 1954 to 451,704 M ft. in May and decreased from 495,111 M ft. in April, 1955 to 476,038 M ft. in May 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 239,410 M ft. in May, 1955 as compared with 140,412 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 2,134 M ft. in May as compared with 1,420 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 63.0 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in May, 1955 as compared with 68.4 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during April, 1955 and 1954 respectively, were 70.0 and 71.3 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 250,020 M ft. in May of 1955 and 255,568 M ft. in April, 1955 as compared with 229,697 M ft. in May, 1954 and 222,487 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 150,410 M ft. and 121,448 M ft. in May, 1955 and 1954 and 147,350 M ft. and 112,344 M ft. in April, 1955 and 1954. Of all shipments actually reported for May, 31.42 p.c. went to points in Canada, 41.39 p.c. to points in United States, 15.01 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 12.18 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 35.07 p.c. of the total, while 45.33 p.c. went by rail, and 19.60 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 April and May, 1955 amounted to 297,848 M ft. and 291,797 M ft. as compared with 288,930 M ft. and 273,337 M ft. in April and May of 1954. Interior mills stocks decreased from 197,407 M ft. in April to 178,167 M ft. in May, 1954 and decreased from 197,263 M ft. in April to 184,241 M ft. in May, 1955. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 28.9 p.c. of the total in May, 1955 as compared with 29.6 p.c. in May, 1954 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 84.5 and 79.2.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of April and May, 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 May, 1955 amounted to 353,852 M ft. as compared with 307,045 M ft. in May, 1954. Orders on hand at the end of April, 1955 and 1954 amounted to 344,943 M ft. and 297,761 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 5,230 M ft. in May, 1955 and 4,340 M ft. in May, 1954 as compared with 3,643 M ft. in April, 1955 and 5,724 M ft. in April, 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 May accounted for 78.5 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1953 compared with 82.0 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for April, 1954 and 1955 were 82.5 and 79.5 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, May, 1955.

	May		April		5 Months	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	167,575	182,771	152,190	159,365	754,877	862,727
Hemlock	60,248	74,334	62,236	66,741	300,623	376,892
Balsam Fir	761	3,702	783	765	5,364	8,979
Red Cedar	42,618	44,241	38,144	46,059	188,716	231,924
Spruce	47,201	53,895	46,879	44,087	255,867	351,270
White Pine	4,581	5,936	4,070	3,858	18,988	30,528
Ponderosa Pine	6,178	5,865	4,137	4,180	16,425	19,064
Lodgepole Pine	1,856	3,813	2,165	3,010	13,748	19,643
All other softwoods..	6,889	8,406	6,197	6,493	31,165	40,056
Total softwoods ...	337,907	382,963	316,801	334,558	1,585,773	1,941,083
Red Alder	94	163	104	118	405	696
Maple	96	176	70	171	402	628
Birch	40	57	29	61	156	292
Cottonwood	71	13	65	17	211	841
All other hardwoods..	-	4	-	3	-	7
Total hardwoods ...	301	413	268	370	1,174	2,464
Total production ...	338,208	383,376	317,069	334,928	1,586,947	1,943,547
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada..	94,487	100,619	92,559	96,556	431,142	509,930
Points in U.S.A. .	111,099	132,541	96,776	124,967	486,650	607,842
United Kingdom .	65,007	48,077	50,505	57,004	275,768	285,899
Other Countries .	17,313	39,022	31,911	40,453	122,034	185,691
Shipments reported ...	287,906	320,259	271,751	318,980	1,315,594	1,589,362
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	63,239	80,171	63,080	83,938	231,876	330,980
Total shipments ...	351,145	400,430	334,831	402,918	1,547,470	1,920,342
STOCKS ON HAND						
	May		April			
	1954	1955	1954	1955		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	200,016	182,021	205,359	184,269		
Hemlock	70,353	88,553	84,691	96,758		
Balsam Fir	896	1,055	907	1,473		
Red Cedar	56,545	61,211	56,138	66,447		
Spruce	82,426	94,922	94,596	100,255		
White Pine	13,707	19,236	14,992	14,038		
Ponderosa Pine	14,026	20,482	15,129	20,832		
Lodgepole Pine	3,233	4,179	3,808	3,808		
All other softwoods .	10,175	4,235	10,397	7,028		
Total softwoods .	451,377	475,894	486,017	494,908		
Red Alder	122	-	125	-		
Maple	58	8	55	3		
Birch	54	9	57	29		
Cottonwood	90	122	83	166		
All other hardwoods..	3	5	-	5		
Total hardwoods ...	327	144	320	203		
Total stocks	451,704	476,038	486,337	495,111		

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, May, 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	106,445	8,315	114,760	37,400	27,484	64,884
Hemlock	68,320	2,559	70,879	1,924	1,375	3,299
Balsam Fir	2,776	102	2,878	95	657	752
Red Cedar	39,343	2,186	41,529	2,219	493	2,712
Spruce	4,942	302	5,244	19,527	29,117	48,644
White Pine	2,509	13	2,522	2,008	1,406	3,414
Ponderosa Pine	-	24	24	3,564	2,274	5,838
Lodgepole Pine	-	4	4	626	3,087	3,713
All other softwoods ..	1,174	3	1,177	2,657	4,479	7,136
Total, softwoods ..	225,509	13,508	239,017	70,020	70,372	140,392
Red Alder	12	151	163	-	-	-
Maple	25	151	176	-	-	-
Birch	5	41	46	6	5	11
Cottonwood	-	8	8	-	5	5
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	4	4
Total, hardwoods ..	42	351	393	6	14	20
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	225,551	13,859	239,410	70,026	70,386	140,412
TIES						
Douglas Fir	1,831	152	1,983	639	505	1,144
Hemlock	148	3	151	-	5	5
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	72	72
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	-	7	7
White Pine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	3	3
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	96	96
All other softwoods ..	-	-	-	10	83	93
Total, softwoods ..	1,979	155	2,134	649	771	1,420
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	1,979	155	2,134	649	771	1,420
LUMBER and TIES ...	227,530	14,014	241,544	70,675	71,157	141,832

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, May, 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	44,831	1,794	1,950	48,575
Yukon and Northwest Territories		1	21	22
Alberta		2,365	xxxxxx	2,365
Saskatchewan		1,102	xxxxxx	1,102
Manitoba		1,558	xxxxxx	1,558
Ontario		7,005	-	7,005
Quebec		2,293	-	2,293
New Brunswick		238	-	238
Nova Scotia		631	-	631
Prince Edward Island		26	-	26
Newfoundland		413	-	413
Total for Canada	44,831	17,426	1,971	64,228
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		1,777	22	1,799
Atlantic Ports		1,235	23,461	24,696
Other points, by rail		56,131	xxxxxx	56,131
Total for U.S.A.		59,143	23,483	82,626
United Kingdomx		115	47,393	47,508
Other countriesx		101	38,921	39,022
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	44,831	76,785	111,768	233,384
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				16,636
Total shipments, reported and estimated				250,020
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO:Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	16,839	2,877	-	19,716
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	1,089	2,794	xxxxxx	3,883
Saskatchewan		2,962	xxxxxx	2,962
Manitoba		4,744	xxxxxx	4,744
Ontario		4,601	-	4,601
Quebec		331	-	331
New Brunswick.....		19	-	19
Nova Scotia		27	-	27
Prince Edward Island		26	-	26
Newfoundland		82	-	82
Total for Canada	17,928	18,463	-	36,391
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		483	-	483
Atlantic Ports		2,332	-	2,332
Other points, by rail		47,100	xxxxxx	47,100
Total for U.S.A.		49,915		49,915
United Kingdomx		20	549	569
Other countriesx		-	-	-
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	17,928	68,398	549	86,875
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				63,535
Total shipments, reported and estimated				150,410
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills

May 31, 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	92,103	5,673	97,776	4,556	4,587	9,143
Hemlock	60,042	3,698	63,740	200	201	401
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red Cedar	32,682	2,013	34,695	123	124	247
Spruce	4,078	252	4,330	5,654	5,692	11,346
White Pine	4,864	299	5,163	1,499	1,509	3,008
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	1,720	1,732	3,452
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	188	189	377
All other softwoods..	1,737	107	1,844	246	248	494
Total, softwoods..	195,506	12,042	207,548	14,186	14,282	28,468
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	195,506	12,042	207,548	14,186	14,282	28,468
<u>UNSOLD</u>						
Douglas Fir	33,954	2,091	36,045	19,462	19,595	39,057
Hemlock	19,894	1,225	21,119	1,641	1,652	3,293
Balsam Fir	72	4	76	488	491	979
Red Cedar	20,802	1,281	22,083	2,086	2,100	4,186
Spruce	2,196	135	2,331	38,327	38,588	76,915
White Pine	1,965	122	2,087	4,474	4,504	8,978
Ponderosa Pine ...	-	-	-	8,486	8,544	17,030
Lodgepole Pine ...	-	-	-	1,894	1,908	3,802
All other softwoods..	463	29	492	700	705	1,405
Total, softwoods..	79,346	4,887	84,233	77,558	78,087	155,645
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	7	1	8	-	-	-
Birch	3	-	3	3	3	6
Cottonwood	-	-	-	61	61	122
All other hardwoods	5	-	5	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	15	1	16	64	64	128
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	79,361	4,888	84,249	77,622	78,151	155,773
<u>SOLD AND UNSOLD</u>	274,867	16,930	291,797	91,808	92,433	184,241

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

	May		April	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<u>ORDERS ON HAND</u>				
For shipments to points in British Columbia				
Local	15,401	20,208	14,546	19,624
Coastwise and Interior	3,111	3,105	4,247	2,989
Total	18,512	23,313	18,793	22,613
For shipment by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	6,635	7,520	8,160	7,672
Eastern Provinces	13,632	16,900	15,101	18,125
United States of America	39,334	59,196	31,947	60,856
Total	59,601	83,616	55,208	86,653
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	9,993	3,066	1,853	1,450
U. S. Atlantic Ports	27,943	32,712	43,399	34,766
Eastern Markets	925	5,250	1,056	1,860
Exports Markets	190,071	205,895	177,452	197,601
Total	228,932	246,923	223,760	235,677
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND	307,045	353,852	297,761	344,943
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS				
	4,340	5,230	5,724	3,643

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

May, 1955

		May		April	
		1954	1955	1954	1955
Coast	No.	107	100	104	97
Interior	No.	200	234	203	215
Total British Columbia ..	No.	307	334	307	312

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

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