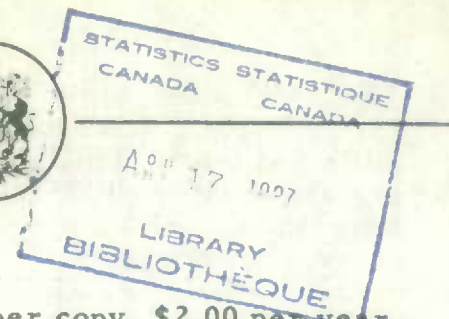




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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 440,149 M ft. in June, 1955 as compared with 417,326 M ft. in June, 1954 an increase of 5.5 p. c. over the previous year and an increase of 14.8 p. c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 57.0 p. c. of the total, showed an increase of 4.2 p. c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 43.0 p. c. showed an increase of 7.3 p. c. Shipments in June, 1955 totalled 432,722 M ft., as compared with 387,678 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 11.6 p. c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 5.9 p. c. and Interior mills an increase of 21.5 p. c. Total shipments for June increased by 8.1 p. c. over the May figure of 400,430 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of June, 1955 amounted to 480,005 M ft., as compared with 463,206 M ft. at the end of June the previous year and 476,038 M ft. at the end of May of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 285,157 M ft., while Interior mills showed 194,848 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 May and June 1954 and 1955. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 338,208 M ft. in May, 1954 to 417,326 M ft. in June, 1954 and from 383,376 M ft. in May to 440,149 M ft. in June, 1955. Shipments totalled 400,430 M ft. in May, 1955 and 432,722 M ft. in June, 1955 as compared with 351,145 M ft. in May and 387,678 M ft. in June of 1954. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 451,704 M ft. in May, 1954 to 463,206 M ft. in June and increased from 476,038 M ft. in May, 1955 to 480,005 M ft. in June 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 248,625 M ft. in June, 1955 as compared with 187,386 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 2,284 M ft. in June as compared with 1,854 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 57.0 p. c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in June, 1955 as compared with 61.5 p. c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during May, 1955 and 1954 respectively, were 63.0 and 68.4 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 259,854 M ft. in June of 1955 and 250,020 M ft. in May, 1955 as compared with 245,438 M ft. in June, 1954 and 229,697 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 172,868 M ft. and 142,240 M ft. in June, 1955 and 1954 and 150,410 M ft. and 121,448 M ft. in May, 1955 and 1954. Of all shipments actually reported for June, 36.72 p. c. went to points in Canada, 39.79 p. c. to points in United States, 14.10 p. c. to the United Kingdom and 9.39 p. c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 34.04 p. c. of the total, while 43.65 p. c. went by rail, and 22.31 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 May and June, 1955 amounted to 291,797 M ft. and 285,157 M ft. as compared with 273,537 M ft. and 270,741 M ft. in May and June of 1954. Interior mills stocks increased from 178,167 M ft. in May to 192,465 M ft. in June, 1954 and increased from 184,241 M ft. in May to 194,848 M ft. in June, 1955. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 26.4 p. c. of the total in June, 1955 as compared with 28.9 p. c. in June, 1954 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 80.9 and 81.5.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of May and June, 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 June, 1955 amounted to 359,135 M ft. as compared with 359,049 M ft. in June, 1954. Orders on hand at the end of May, 1955 and 1954 amounted to 353,852 M ft. and 307,045 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 7,096 M ft. in June, 1955 and 4,778 M ft. in June, 1954 as compared with 5,230 M ft. in May, 1955 and 4,340 M ft. in May, 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 June accounted for 77.8 p. c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1953 compared with 79.6 p. c. for the previous year. The percentages for May, 1954 and 1955 were 82.0 and 78.5 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, June, 1955.

	June		May		6 Months	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir.....	207,985	214,480	167,575	182,771	962,862	1,077,207
Hemlock.....	61,265	76,988	60,248	74,334	361,888	453,880
Balsam Fir.....	1,494	1,476	761	3,702	6,858	10,455
Red Cedar.....	44,570	46,211	42,618	44,241	233,286	278,135
Spruce.....	73,808	71,120	47,201	53,895	329,675	422,390
White Pine.....	7,167	7,365	4,581	5,936	26,155	37,893
Ponderosa Pine.....	5,979	5,736	6,178	5,865	22,404	24,800
Lodgepole Pine.....	3,438	5,410	1,856	3,813	17,186	25,053
All other softwoods.	11,184	10,840	6,889	8,406	42,349	50,896
Total softwoods....	416,890	439,626	337,907	382,963	2,002,663	2,380,709
Red Alder.....	135	206	94	163	540	902
Maple.....	159	226	96	176	561	854
Birch.....	68	55	40	57	224	347
Cottonwood.....	74	25	71	13	285	866
All other hardwoods	-	11	-	4	-	18
Total hardwoods...	436	523	301	413	1,610	2,987
Total production...	417,326	440,149	338,208	383,376	2,004,273	2,383,696
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada..	115,831	129,563	94,487	100,619	546,973	639,493
Points in U. S. A..	129,620	140,399	111,099	132,541	616,270	748,241
United Kingdom....	54,327	49,762	65,007	48,077	330,095	335,661
Other Countries...	34,775	33,145	17,313	39,022	156,809	218,836
Shipments reported....	334,553	352,869	287,906	320,259	1,650,147	1,942,231
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	53,125	79,853	63,239	80,171	285,001	410,833
Total shipments.....	387,678	432,722	351,145	400,430	1,935,148	2,353,064
STOCKS ON HAND						
	June		May			
	1954	1955	1954	1955		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		M ft.
Douglas Fir.....	202,229	196,729	200,016			182,021
Hemlock.....	68,847	87,334	70,353			88,553
Balsam Fir.....	1,170	1,249	896			1,055
Red Cedar.....	54,699	59,412	56,545			61,211
Spruce.....	90,710	88,144	82,426			94,922
White Pine.....	15,009	21,387	13,707			19,236
Ponderosa Pine.....	16,150	15,954	14,026			20,482
Lodgepole Pine.....	3,705	4,163	3,233			4,179
All other softwoods.	10,104	5,511	10,175			4,235
Total softwoods.	462,623	479,883	451,377			475,894
Red Alder.....	246	3	122			-
Maple.....	186	8	58			8
Birch.....	67	6	54			9
Cottonwood.....	81	100	90			122
All other hardwoods	3	5	3			5
Total hardwoods...	583	122	327			144
Total stocks.....	463,206	480,005	451,704			476,038

Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn,

June, 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	121,191	7,112	128,303	45,809	36,956	82,765
Hemlock	67,400	2,116	69,516	4,341	2,827	7,168
Balsam Fir	185	99	284	297	800	1,097
Red Cedar	41,742	1,465	43,207	1,362	1,609	2,971
Spruce	4,303	279	4,582	26,924	39,602	66,526
White Pine	1,976	15	1,991	3,153	2,217	5,370
Ponderosa Pine	55	18	73	3,201	2,458	5,659
Lodgepole Pine	-	10	10	1,243	4,052	5,295
All other softwoods..	155	3	158	3,363	7,150	10,513
Total, softwoods...	237,007	11,117	248,124	89,693	97,671	187,364
Red Alder	75	131	206	-	-	-
Maple	97	129	226	-	-	-
Birch	29	21	50	-	5	5
Cottonwood	6	13	19	-	6	6
All other hardwoods.	-	-	-	-	11	11
Total, hardwoods..	207	294	501	-	22	22
Total, softwoods and hardwoods.....	237,214	11,411	248,625	89,693	97,693	187,386
TIES						
Douglas Fir	1,793	193	1,986	751	675	1,426
Hemlock	291	7	298	-	6	6
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	95	95
Red Cedar	-	-	-	33	-	33
Spruce	-	-	-	-	12	12
White Pine	-	-	-	4	-	4
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	-	4	4
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	-	105	105
All other softwoods..	-	-	-	56	113	169
Total, softwoods...	2,084	200	2,284	844	1,010	1,854
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods.....	2,084	200	2,284	844	1,010	1,854
LUMBER AND TIES	239,298	11,611	250,909	90,537	98,703	189,240

Table 3. - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, June, 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.
COAST MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	51,038	2,493	2,127	55,658
Yukon and Northwest Territories		17	-	17
Alberta		2,937	xxxxxx	2,937
Saskatchewan		1,114	xxxxxx	1,114
Manitoba		1,853	xxxxxx	1,853
Ontario		7,688	-	7,688
Quebec		3,587	300	3,887
New Brunswick		372	380	752
Nova Scotia		699	-	699
Prince Edward Island		80	-	80
Newfoundland		291	-	291
Total for Canada	51,038	21,131	2,807	74,976
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		1,758	1,200	2,958
Atlantic Ports		1,371	33,673	35,044
Other points, by rail		57,898	xxxxxx	57,898
Total for U.S.A.		61,027	34,873	95,900
United Kingdomx		-	48,514	48,514
Other countriesx		-	33,100	33,100
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	51,038	82,158	119,294	252,490
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				7,364
Total shipments, reported and estimated				259,854
INTERIOR MILLS				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	26,625	3,548	-	30,173
Yukon and Northwest Territories		-	-	-
Alberta	1,075	4,312	xxxxxx	5,387
Saskatchewan		3,305	xxxxxx	3,305
Manitoba		7,386	xxxxxx	7,386
Ontario		7,047	-	7,047
Quebec		1,369	-	1,369
New Brunswick		-	-	-
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		-	-	-
Total for Canada	27,700	26,967	-	54,667
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		2,188	-	2,188
Atlantic Ports		1,838	-	1,838
Other points, by rail		40,393	xxxxxx	40,393
Total for U.S.A.		44,419	-	44,419
United Kingdomx		488	760	1,248
Other countriesx		-	45	45
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported	27,700	71,874	805	100,379
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				72,489
Total shipments, reported and estimated				172,868
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills,

June, 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 (but not shipped)						
Douglas Fir	97,672	4,738	102,410	6,804	7,418	14,222
Hemlock	60,752	2,948	63,700	318	347	665
Balsam Fir	50	2	52	9	10	19
Red Cedar	33,046	1,603	34,649	154	168	322
Spruce	3,683	179	3,862	6,818	7,433	14,251
White Pine	4,460	216	4,676	1,856	2,023	3,879
Ponderosa Pine.....	-	-	-	1,324	1,443	2,767
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	-	-	182	198	380
All other softwoods.....	587	28	615	330	360	690
Total, softwoods.....	200,250	9,714	209,964	17,795	19,400	37,195
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	200,250	9,714	209,964	17,795	19,400	37,195
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir.....	32,953	1,599	34,552	21,790	23,755	45,545
Hemlock.....	16,270	789	17,059	2,828	3,082	5,910
Balsam Fir	65	3	68	531	579	1,110
Red Cedar	19,642	955	20,597	1,839	2,005	3,844
Spruce	1,122	54	1,176	32,942	35,913	68,855
White Pine.....	907	44	951	5,684	6,197	11,881
Ponderosa Pine	277	13	290	6,170	6,727	12,897
Lodgepole Pine.....	-	-	-	1,810	1,973	3,783
All other softwoods.....	461	22	483	1,781	1,942	3,723
Total, softwoods	71,697	3,479	75,176	75,375	82,173	157,548
Red Alder	3	-	3	-	-	-
Maple	7	1	8	-	-	-
Birch.....	1	-	1	2	3	5
Cottonwood	-	-	-	48	52	100
All other hardwoods....	5	-	5	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods.....	16	1	17	50	55	105
Total, softwoods and hardwoods	71,713	3,480	75,193	75,425	82,228	157,653
SOLD AND UNSOLD	271,963	13,194	285,157	93,220	101,628	194,848

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

Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	June		May	
	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.....	15,211	20,270	15,401	20,208
Coastwise and Interior.....	2,723	2,486	3,111	3,105
Total	17,934	22,756	18,512	23,313
<u>For shipment by rail to:</u>				
Prairie Provinces.....	6,915	6,769	6,635	7,520
Eastern Provinces.....	13,279	15,251	13,632	16,900
United States of America.....	47,013	60,401	39,334	59,196
Total	67,207	82,421	59,601	83,616
<u>For waterborne shipments to:</u>				
California.....	420	-	9,993	3,066
U. S. Atlantic Ports.....	51,236	38,126	27,943	32,712
Eastern Markets.....	-	2,753	925	5,250
Exports Markets.....	222,252	213,079	190,071	205,895
Total	273,908	253,958	228,932	246,923
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND.....	359,049	359,135	307,045	353,852
<u>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS.....</u>				
	4,778	7,096	4,340	5,230

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

June, 1955

		June		May	
		1954	1955	1954	1955
Coast.....	No.	117	103	107	100
Interior.....	No.	276	311	200	234
Total, British Columbia....	No.	393	414	307	334

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

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