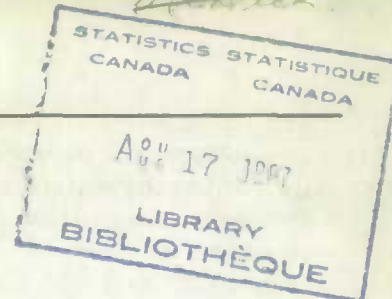


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## PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 411,434 M ft. in July, 1955 as compared with 425,273 M ft. in July, 1954 a decrease of 3.3 p.c. from the previous year and a decrease of 6.5 p.c. from the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 48.8 p.c. of the total, showed a decrease of 7.6 p.c. from the same month of the previous year, but the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 51.2 p.c. showed an increase of 1.3 p.c. Shipments in July, 1955 totalled 414,318 M ft., as compared with 421,120 M ft. the previous year, a decrease of 1.6 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 0.3 p.c. but Interior mills a decrease of 3.8 p.c. Total shipments for July decreased by 4.3 p.c. from the June figure of 432,722 M ft. Stocks on hand at the end of July, 1955 amounted to 469,494 M ft., as compared with 432,768 M ft. at the end of July the previous year and 480,005 M ft. at the end of June of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 263,166 M ft., while Interior mills showed 206,328 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 June and July 1954 and 1955. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 417,326 M ft. in June, 1954 to 425,273 M ft. in July, 1954, but decreased from 440,149 M ft. in June to 411,434 M ft. in July, 1955. Shipments totalled 432,722 M ft. in June, 1955 and 414,318 M ft. in July, 1955 as compared with 387,678 M ft. in June and 421,120 M ft. in July of 1954. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 463,206 M ft. in June, 1954 to 432,768 M ft. in July but decreased from 480,005 M ft. in June, 1955 to 469,494 M ft. in July of this year.

### Production

Table 2 gives particulars of lumber and ties 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 198,147 M ft. in July, 1955 as compared with 208,567 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 2,822 M ft. in July as compared with 1,898 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 48.8 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in July, 1955 as compared with 55.1 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during June, 1955 and 1954 respectively, were 57.0 and 61.5 p.c.

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### Shipments

Table 3 gives details of lumber and ties 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 224,129 M ft. in July of 1955 and 259,854 M ft. in June, 1955 as compared with 223,496 M ft. in July, 1954 and 245,438 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 190,189 M ft. and 197,624 M ft. in July, 1955 and 1954 and 172,868 M ft. and 142,240 M ft. in June, 1955 and 1954. Of all shipments actually reported for July, 37.3 p.c. went to points in Canada, 38.1 p.c. to points in United States, 12.5 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 12.1 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 34.7 p.c. of the total, while 43.4 p.c. went by rail, and 21.9 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 June and July, 1955 amounted to 285,157 M ft. and 263,166 M ft. as compared with 270,741 M ft. and 264,815 M ft. in June and July of 1954. Interior mills stocks decreased from 192,465 M ft. in June to 167,953 M ft. in July, 1954 but increased from 194,848 M ft. in June to 206,328 M ft. in July, 1955. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 24.4 p.c. of the total in July, 1955 as compared with 24.7 p.c. in July, 1954 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 84.9 and 80.3.

### Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of June and July, 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 July, 1955 amounted to 334,384 M ft. as compared with 355,813 M ft. in July, 1954. Orders on hand at the end of June, 1955 and 1954 amounted to 359,135 M ft. and 359,049 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 4,949 M ft. in July, 1955 and 5,434 M ft. in July, 1954 as compared with 7,096 M ft. in June, 1955 and 4,778 M ft. in June, 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 July accounted for 77.5 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1953 compared with 78.8 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for June, 1954 and 1955 were 79.6 and 77.8 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.





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Kindly replace the figures shown for 7 Months, 1955, in Table 1, page 3, of the July report on PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA (Vol. 9, No. 7) with those given below. The figures originally published were wrongly calculated by adding the July, 1955, figures to the seven months cumulative totals for 1954 instead of to the six months cumulative totals for 1955.

	7 Months 1955 <hr/> M ft.
<b>PRODUCTION</b>	
Douglas Fir .....	1,266,791
Hemlock .....	518,184
Balsam Fir .....	11,924
Red Cedar .....	318,249
Spruce .....	506,761
White Pine .....	43,905
Ponderosa Pine .....	31,739
Lodgepole Pine .....	32,006
All other soft woods...	62,187
Total softwoods.....	<hr/> 2,791,746
Red Alder .....	1,063
Maple .....	1,006
Birch .....	397
Cottonwood .....	894
All other hardwoods..	24
Total hardwoods....	<hr/> 3,384
Total production....	<hr/> 2,795,130
<b>SHIPMENTS</b>	
To: Points in Canada ...	761,544
Points in U.S.A. ...	872,872
United Kingdom ....	376,645
Other Countries ....	258,398
Shipments reported.....	<hr/> 2,269,459
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	497,923
Total shipments .....	<hr/> 2,767,382



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

	July		June		7 Months	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<b>PRODUCTION</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	206,221	189,584	207,985	214,480	1,169,083	1,358,667
Hemlock .....	61,949	64,304	61,265	76,988	423,837	488,141
Balsam Fir .....	1,624	1,469	1,494	1,476	8,482	9,951
Red Cedar .....	32,389	40,114	44,570	46,211	265,675	305,789
Spruce .....	91,634	84,371	73,808	71,120	421,309	505,680
White Pine .....	7,588	6,012	7,167	7,365	33,743	39,755
Ponderosa Pine .....	6,196	6,939	5,979	5,736	28,600	35,539
Lodgepole Pine .....	4,892	6,953	3,438	5,410	22,078	29,031
All other softwoods ..	12,388	11,291	11,184	10,840	54,737	66,028
Total softwoods ....	424,881	411,037	416,890	439,626	2,427,544	2,838,581
Red Alder .....	115	161	135	206	655	816
Maple .....	90	152	159	226	651	803
Birch .....	55	50	68	55	279	329
Cottonwood .....	132	28	74	25	417	445
All other hardwoods .	-	6	-	11	-	6
Total hardwoods ...	392	397	436	523	2,002	2,399
Total production ...	425,273	411,434	417,326	440,149	2,429,546	2,840,980
<b>SHIPMENTS</b>						
To: Points in Canada ..	113,985	122,051	115,831	129,563	660,958	783,009
Points in U.S.A. ..	131,241	124,631	129,620	140,399	747,511	872,142
United Kingdom ...	48,286	40,984	54,327	49,762	378,381	419,365
Other Countries ..	31,343	39,562	34,775	33,145	188,152	227,714
Shipments reported .....	324,855	327,228	334,553	352,869	1,975,002	2,302,230
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	96,265	87,090	53,125	79,853	381,266	468,356
Total shipments .....	421,120	414,318	387,678	432,722	2,356,268	2,770,586
<b>STOCKS ON HAND</b>						
	July		June			
	1954	1955	1954	1955		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir .....	196,572	180,145	202,229	196,729		
Hemlock .....	70,324	85,887	68,847	87,334		
Balsam Fir .....	1,197	519	1,170	1,249		
Red Cedar .....	45,484	57,375	54,699	59,412		
Spruce .....	77,684	104,721	90,710	88,144		
White Pine .....	13,007	13,017	15,009	21,387		
Ponderosa Pine .....	14,347	20,270	16,150	15,954		
Lodgepole Pine .....	4,308	3,321	3,705	4,163		
All other softwoods ..	9,055	4,227	10,104	5,511		
Total softwoods ...	431,978	469,482	462,623	479,883		
Red Alder .....	225	-	246	3		
Maple .....	145	2	186	8		
Birch .....	70	3	67	6		
Cottonwood .....	347	2	81	100		
All other hardwoods .	3	5	3	5		
Total hardwoods ....	790	12	583	122		
Total stocks .....	432,768	469,494	463,206	480,005		



Table 2. - Lumber and Ties Sawn, July, 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.
<b>LUMBER</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	89,450	7,888	97,338	50,160	37,902	88,062
Hemlock .....	54,851	2,494	57,345	3,821	3,015	6,836
Balsam Fir .....	144	30	174	352	847	1,199
Red Cedar .....	34,225	1,891	36,116	2,417	1,581	3,998
Spruce .....	3,673	252	3,925	35,933	44,423	80,356
White Pine .....	1,549	11	1,560	1,973	2,479	4,452
Ponderosa Pine ....	17	14	31	3,386	3,483	6,869
Lodgepole Pine ....	-	8	8	2,414	4,420	6,834
All other softwoods	1,284	2	1,286	3,444	6,484	9,928
Total, softwoods	185,193	12,590	197,783	103,900	104,634	208,534
Red Alder .....	100	61	161	-	-	-
Maple .....	69	83	152	-	-	-
Birch .....	23	17	40	-	10	10
Cottonwood .....	5	6	11	-	17	7
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	6	6
Total, hardwoods	197	167	364	-	33	33
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	185,390	12,757	198,147	103,900	104,667	208,567
<b>TIES</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	2,500	205	2,705	726	753	1,479
Hemlock .....	117	-	117	-	6	6
Balsam Fir .....	-	-	-	-	96	96
Red Cedar .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce .....	-	-	-	42	48	90
White Pine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponderosa Pine ....	-	-	-	23	16	39
Lodgepole Pine ....	-	-	-	-	111	111
All other softwoods	-	-	-	-	77	77
Total, softwoods	2,617	205	2,822	791	1,107	1,898
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods...	2,617	205	2,822	791	1,107	1,898
<b>LUMBER AND TIES</b>	<b>188,007</b>	<b>12,962</b>	<b>200,969</b>	<b>104,691</b>	<b>105,774</b>	<b>210,465</b>

Table 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, July 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: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia.....	40,129	1,155	2,229	43,513
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	-	-	-	-
Alberta.....	2,076	xxxxxx		2,076
Saskatchewan .....	768	xxxxxx		768
Manitoba .....	1,000	xxxxxx		1,000
Ontario .....	6,815	-		6,815
Quebec .....	1,952	624		2,576
New Brunswick .....	110	-		110
Nova Scotia .....	167	-		167
Prince Edward Island.....	36	-		36
Newfoundland .....	219	-		219
Total for Canada .....	40,129	14,298	2,853	57,280
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports.....	2,881	226		3,107
Atlantic Ports.....	4,341	30,532		34,873
Other points, by rail .....	41,405	xxxxxx		41,405
Total for U.S.A. ....	48,627	30,758		79,385
United Kingdom .....	-	40,343		40,343
Other countries .....	-	39,358		39,358
Destination or carrier not specified.....				-
Total shipments reported....	40,129	62,925	113,312	216,366
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				7,763
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				224,129
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: <u>Points in Canada:</u>				
British Columbia.....	30,059	4,020	-	34,079
Yukon and Northwest Territories .....	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	1,255	4,626	xxxxxx	5,881
Saskatchewan .....	5,427	xxxxxx		5,427
Manitoba .....	6,315	xxxxxx		6,315
Ontario .....	12,303	-		12,303
Quebec .....	766	-		766
New Brunswick.....	-	-		-
Nova Scotia .....	-	-		-
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-		-
Newfoundland .....	-	-		-
Total for Canada .....	31,314	33,457	-	64,771
<u>Points in U.S.A.:</u>				
Pacific Ports .....	1,321	-		1,321
Atlantic Ports .....	3,359	-		3,359
Other points, by rail .....	40,566	xxxxxx		40,566
Total for U.S.A. ....	45,246	-		45,246
United Kingdom .....	50	591		641
Other countries .....	-	204		204
Destination or carrier not specified.....				-
Total shipments reported...	31,314	78,753	795	110,862
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills .....				79,327
Total shipments, reported and estimated .....				190,189
x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.				

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills  
July, 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.
<b>SOLD (but not shipped)</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	87,160	6,008	93,168	5,482	5,539	11,021
Hemlock .....	58,786	4,053	62,839	50	51	101
Balsam Fir .....	22	2	24	7	7	14
Red Cedar .....	31,995	2,206	34,201	105	106	211
Spruce .....	3,495	241	3,736	6,395	6,461	12,856
White Pine .....	4,122	284	4,406	1,671	1,688	3,359
Ponderosa Pine ....	-	-	-	966	976	1,942
Lodgepole Pine ....	-	-	-	221	223	444
All other softwoods	546	38	584	559	565	1,124
Total, softwoods	186,126	12,832	198,958	15,456	15,616	31,072
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods...	186,126	12,832	198,958	15,456	15,616	31,072
<b>UNSOLD</b>						
Douglas Fir .....	25,206	1,736	26,942	24,381	24,633	49,014
Hemlock .....	14,608	1,007	15,615	3,647	3,685	7,332
Balsam Fir .....	53	4	57	211	213	424
Red Cedar .....	18,005	1,241	19,246	1,849	1,868	3,717
Spruce .....	1,212	84	1,296	43,193	43,640	86,833
White Pine .....	531	37	568	2,330	2,354	4,684
Ponderosa Pine ....	-	-	-	9,117	9,211	18,328
Lodgepole Pine ....	-	-	-	1,431	1,446	2,877
All other softwoods	443	31	474	1,017	1,028	2,045
Total, softwoods.	60,058	4,140	64,198	87,176	88,078	175,254
Red Alder .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple .....	2	-	2	-	-	-
Birch .....	3	-	3	-	-	-
Cottonwood .....	-	-	-	1	1	2
All other hardwoods	4	1	5	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	9	1	10	1	1	2
Total, softwoods and hardwoods...	60,067	4,141	64,208	87,177	88,079	175,256
<b>SOLD AND UNSOLD</b>						
	246,193	16,973	263,166	102,633	103,695	206,328



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

Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	July		June	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
<b>ORDERS ON HAND</b>				
<b>For shipments to points in British Columbia</b>				
Local .....	15,907	19,264	15,211	20,270
Coastwise and Interior.....	1,575	2,252	2,723	2,486
Total .....	17,482	21,516	17,934	22,756
<b>For shipment by rail to:</b>				
Prairie Provinces.....	6,313	6,654	6,915	6,769
Eastern Provinces .....	11,688	17,262	13,279	15,251
United States of America....	49,886	55,383	47,013	60,401
Total .....	67,887	79,299	67,207	82,421
<b>For waterborne shipments to:</b>				
California .....	440	2,060	420	-
U. S. Atlantic Ports.....	39,038	26,772	51,236	38,126
Eastern Markets.....	4,432	1,600	-	2,753
Exports Markets.....	226,534	203,137	222,252	213,079
Total .....	270,444	233,569	273,908	253,958
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND.....	355,813	334,384	359,049	359,135
<b>LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS.....</b>				
	5,434	4,949	4,778	7,096

Table 6. - Number of Active Mills Reporting

July, 1955

	July		June	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
Coast .....	No. 111	100	117	103
Interior .....	No. 268	318	276	311
Total, British Columbia .....	No. 379	418	393	414

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

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