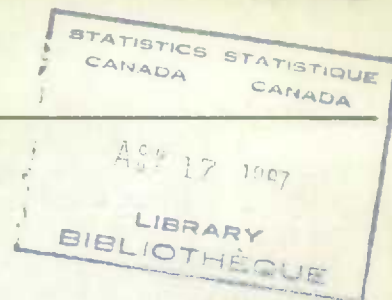




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PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS ON HAND OF SAWMILLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Production of sawn lumber and ties in British Columbia totalled 461,260 M ft. in August, 1955 as compared with 446,407 M ft. in August, 1954 an increase of 3.3 p.c. over the previous year and an increase of 12.1 p.c. over the previous month. Production of Coast mills, which account for 49.7 p.c. of the total, showed an increase of 1.4 p.c. over the same month of the previous year, and the Interior mills, which produced the remaining 50.3 p.c. showed an increase of 5.3 p.c. Shipments in August, 1955 totalled 481,814 M ft., as compared with 404,050 M ft. the previous year, an increase of 19.2 p.c. with Coast mills registering an increase of 4.1 p.c. and Interior mills an increase of 40.9 p.c. Total shipments for August increased by 16.3 p.c. over the July figure of 414,318 M ft. Stockson hand at the end of August, 1955 amounted to 437,570 M ft., as compared with 444,878 M ft. at the end of August the previous year and 469,494 M ft. at the end of July of this year. Coast mills reported stocks totalling 249,046 M ft., while Interior mills showed 188,524 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 July and August 1954 and 1955. Details by species are given for production and stocks while shipments are shown by destination. Total production increased from 425,273 M ft. in July, 1954 to 446,407 M ft. in August, 1954, and from 411,434 M ft. in July to 461,260 M ft. in August, 1955. Shipments totalled 414,318 M ft. in July, 1955 and 481,814 M ft. in August, 1955 as compared with 421,120 M ft. in July and 404,050 M ft. in August of 1954. Stocks on hand at sawmills increased from 432,768 M ft. in July, 1954 to 444,878 M ft. in August but decreased from 469,494 M ft. in July, 1955 to 437,570 M ft. in August 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 225,649 M ft. in August, 1955 as compared with 228,730 M ft. reported by Interior mills. Sawn tie production of Coast mills was 3,533 M ft. in August as compared with 3,348 M ft. for Interior mills. Coast mills accounted for 49.7 p.c. of the total production of sawn lumber and ties in August, 1955 as compared with 54.7 p.c. the previous year. The percentages of Coast mills during July, 1955 and 1954 respectively, were 48.8 and 55.1 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 247,500 M ft. in August of 1955 and 224,129 M ft. in July, 1955, as compared with 237,743 M ft. in August, 1954 and 223,496 M ft. in the previous month, while the Interior mills shipped 234,314 M ft. and 166,307 M ft. in August, 1955 and 1954 and 190,189 M ft. and 197,624 M ft. in July, 1955 and 1954. Of all shipments actually reported for August, 39.4 p.c. went to points in Canada, 39.1 p.c. to points in United States, 13.2 p.c. to the United Kingdom and 8.3 p.c. to other countries. Waterborne shipments accounted for 30.5 p.c. of the total, while 46.6 p.c. went by rail, and 22.9 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 July and August, 1955 amounted to 263,166 M ft. and 249,046 M ft. as compared with 264,815 M ft. and 258,841 M ft. in July and August of 1954. Interior mills stocks increased from 167,953 M ft. in July to 186,037 M ft. in August, 1954 but decreased from 206,328 M ft. in July to 188,524 M ft. in August, 1955. Unsold stocks accounted for approximately 26.5 p.c. of the total in August, 1955 as compared with 25.9 p.c. in August, 1954 for Coast mills, while for the Interior mills the percentages were, respectively, 80.7 and 83.4.

Orders on Hand

Table 5 shows the distribution of orders on hand at the end of the months of July and August, 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 August, 1955 amounted to 340,102 M ft. as compared with 364,682 M ft. in August, 1954. Orders on hand at the end of July, 1955 and 1954 amounted to 334,384 M ft. and 355,813 M ft., respectively. Purchases of lumber from other mills amounted to 7,829 M ft. in August, 1955 and 7,304 M ft. in August, 1954 as compared with 4,949 M ft. in July, 1955 and 5,434 M ft. in July, 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 August accounted for 77.0 p.c. of the total production on the basis of the annual returns from 1953 compared with 78.6 p.c. for the previous year. The percentages for July, 1954 and 1955 were 78.8 and 77.5 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, August, 1955.

	August		July		8 Months	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.
PRODUCTION						
Douglas Fir	193,673	210,519	206,221	189,584	1,362,756	1,477,310
Hemlock	73,092	73,917	61,949	64,304	496,929	592,101
Balsam Fir	2,261	2,242	1,624	1,469	10,743	14,166
Red Cedar	44,486	51,449	32,389	40,114	310,161	369,698
Spruce	95,936	88,953	91,634	84,371	517,245	595,714
White Pine	9,232	8,266	7,588	6,012	42,975	52,171
Ponderosa Pine	6,643	5,822	6,196	6,939	35,243	37,561
Lodgepole Pine	4,921	6,203	4,892	6,953	26,999	38,209
All other softwoods	15,753	13,413	12,388	11,291	70,490	75,600
Total softwoods	445,997	460,784	424,881	411,037	2,873,541	3,252,530
Red Alder	129	168	115	161	784	1,231
Maple	116	180	90	152	767	1,186
Birch	62	48	55	50	341	445
Cottonwood	103	68	132	28	520	962
All other hardwoods	-	12	-	6	-	36
Total hardwoods	410	476	392	397	2,412	3,860
Total production	446,407	461,260	425,273	411,434	2,875,953	3,256,390
SHIPMENTS						
To: Points in Canada	124,168	145,261	113,985	122,051	785,126	906,805
Points in U.S.A.	133,645	144,233	131,241	124,631	881,156	1,017,105
United Kingdom	53,829	48,737	48,286	40,984	432,210	425,382
Other Countries	28,750	30,550	31,343	39,562	216,902	288,948
Shipments reported	340,392	368,781	324,855	327,228	2,315,394	2,638,240
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills	63,658	113,033	96,265	87,090	444,924	610,956
Total shipments	404,050	481,814	421,120	414,318	2,760,318	3,249,196
STOCKS ON HAND						
	August		July			
	1954	1955	1954	1955		
	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.	M ft.		
Douglas Fir	180,605	182,614	196,572	180,145		
Hemlock	74,872	82,111	70,324	85,887		
Balsam Fir	478	1,535	1,197	519		
Red Cedar	48,527	51,068	45,484	57,375		
Spruce	96,341	80,656	77,684	104,721		
White Pine	16,747	10,606	13,007	13,017		
Ponderosa Pine	18,912	19,004	14,347	20,270		
Lodgepole Pine	3,443	3,874	4,308	3,321		
All other softwoods	4,901	5,900	9,055	4,227		
Total softwoods	444,826	437,368	431,978	469,482		
Red Alder	7	14	225	-		
Maple	7	90	145	2		
Birch	5	26	70	3		
Cottonwood	28	68	347	2		
All other hardwoods	5	4	3	5		
Total hardwoods	52	202	790	12		
Total stocks	444,878	437,570	432,768	469,494		

Table 2.- Lumber and Ties Sawn, August, 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	94,874	8,842	103,716	59,990	41,718	101,708
Hemlock	62,666	2,126	64,792	5,114	3,135	8,249
Balsam Fir	659	44	703	532	838	1,370
Red Cedar	46,178	1,915	48,093	1,435	1,921	3,356
Spruce	4,183	311	4,494	41,696	42,689	84,385
White Pine	2,794	21	2,815	2,874	2,575	5,449
Ponderosa Pine ...	-	17	17	3,130	2,648	5,778
Lodgepole Pine ...	-	5	5	1,792	4,157	5,949
All other softwoods	619	3	622	4,356	8,046	12,402
Total, softwoods	211,973	13,284	225,257	120,919	107,727	228,646
Red Alder	91	77	168	-	-	-
Maple	99	81	180	-	-	-
Birch	18	17	35	5	8	13
Cottonwood	2	7	9	37	22	59
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	12	12
Total, hardwoods	210	182	392	42	42	84
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	212,183	13,466	225,649	120,961	107,769	228,730
TIES						
Douglas Fir	2,340	329	2,669	1,123	1,303	2,426
Hemlock	864	-	864	-	12	12
Balsam Fir	-	-	-	-	169	169
Red Cedar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spruce	-	-	-	25	49	74
White Pine	-	-	-	-	2	2
Ponderosa Pine ..	-	-	-	20	7	27
Lodgepole Pine ...	-	-	-	-	249	249
All other softwoods	-	-	-	-	389	389
Total, softwoods.	3,204	329	3,533	1,168	2,180	3,348
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ..	3,204	329	3,533	1,168	2,180	3,348
LUMBER AND TIES	215,387	13,795	229,182	122,129	109,949	232,078

Table 3 - Shipments of Sawn Lumber and Ties, August 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	47,748	1,377	435	49,560
Yukon and Northwest Territories		41	30	71
Alberta		2,975	xxxxxx	2,975
Saskatchewan		1,409	xxxxxx	1,409
Manitoba		1,548	xxxxxx	1,548
Ontario		10,704	-	10,704
Quebec		2,045	1,175	3,220
New Brunswick		129	-	129
Nova Scotia		227	-	227
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		89	-	89
Total for Canada	47,748	20,544	1,640	69,932
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		1,352	374	1,726
Atlantic Ports		721	31,909	32,630
Other points, by rail		53,877	xxxxxx	53,877
Total for U.S.A.		55,950	32,283	88,233
United Kingdomx		207	47,704	47,911
Other countriesx		520	29,702	30,222
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported ...	47,748	77,221	111,329	236,298
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				11,202
Total shipments, reported and estimated				247,500
<u>INTERIOR MILLS</u>				
TO: Points in Canada:				
British Columbia	34,270	5,353	-	39,623
Yukon and Northwest Territories		1,600	-	1,600
Alberta	2,307	4,971	xxxxxx	7,278
Saskatchewan		6,425	xxxxxx	6,425
Manitoba		6,410	xxxxxx	6,410
Ontario		12,465	-	12,465
Quebec		1,394	-	1,394
New Brunswick		111	-	111
Nova Scotia		-	-	-
Prince Edward Island		-	-	-
Newfoundland		23	-	23
Total for Canada	36,577	38,752	-	75,329
Points in U.S.A.:				
Pacific Ports		1,122	-	1,122
Atlantic Ports		4,444	-	4,444
Other points, by rail		50,434	xxxxxx	50,434
Total for U.S.A.		56,000	-	56,000
United Kingdomx		-	826	826
Other countriesx		-	328	328
Destination or carrier not specified				-
Total shipments reported....	36,577	94,752	1,154	132,483
Estimated shipments of non-reporting mills				101,831
Total shipments, reported and estimated				234,314

x Shipped by rail to Eastern Seaboard Port.

Table 4. - Stocks of Lumber and Ties at Sawmills
August, 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	83,044	5,318	88,362	7,904	7,116	15,020
Hemlock	53,479	3,425	56,904	325	292	617
Balsam Fir	401	26	427	-	-	-
Red Cedar	26,615	1,705	28,320	109	98	207
Spruce	3,510	225	3,735	5,345	4,812	10,157
White Pine	4,291	275	4,566	1,044	940	1,984
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	3,829	3,447	7,276
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	63	57	120
All other softwoods.	719	46	765	523	471	994
Total, softwoods	172,059	11,020	183,079	19,142	17,233	36,375
Red Alder	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cottonwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	172,059	11,020	183,079	19,142	17,233	36,375
UNSOLD						
Douglas Fir	26,179	1,677	27,856	27,036	24,340	51,376
Hemlock	15,334	982	16,316	4,354	3,920	8,274
Balsam Fir	589	38	627	253	228	481
Red Cedar	17,510	1,121	18,631	2,057	1,853	3,910
Spruce	1,477	95	1,572	34,307	30,885	65,192
White Pine	406	26	432	1,907	1,717	3,624
Ponderosa Pine	-	-	-	6,172	5,556	11,728
Lodgepole Pine	-	-	-	1,976	1,778	3,754
All other softwoods.	381	24	405	1,966	1,770	3,736
Total, softwoods	61,876	3,963	65,839	80,028	72,047	152,075
Red Alder	13	1	14	-	-	-
Maple	78	5	83	4	3	7
Birch	24	2	26	-	-	-
Cottonwood	1	-	1	35	32	67
All other hardwoods	4	-	4	-	-	-
Total, hardwoods	120	8	128	39	35	74
Total, softwoods and hardwoods ...	61,996	3,971	65,967	80,067	72,082	152,149
SOLD AND UNSOLD	234,055	14,991	249,046	99,209	89,315	188,524

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

Lumber Purchased from Other Mills (Coast Mills Only)

	August		July	
	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	15,578	20,861	15,907	19,264
Coastwise and Interior	2,803	2,532	1,575	2,252
Total	18,381	23,393	17,482	21,516
For shipments by rail to:				
Prairie Provinces	5,669	6,243	6,313	6,654
Eastern Provinces	11,594	14,847	11,688	17,262
United States of America ...	54,054	60,626	49,886	55,383
Total.....	71,317	81,716	67,887	79,299
For waterborne shipments to:				
California	415	-	440	2,060
U. S. Atlantic Ports	41,096	26,421	39,038	26,772
Eastern Markets	1,425	1,035	4,432	1,600
Exports Markets	232,048	207,537	226,534	203,137
Total	274,984	234,993	270,444	233,569
TOTAL ORDERS ON HAND.....	364,682	340,102	355,813	334,384
LUMBER PURCHASED FROM OTHER MILLS.....				
	7,304	7,829	5,434	4,949

Table 6 - Number of Active Mills Reporting

August, 1955

	August		July	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
Coast	No. 114	94	111	100
Interior	No. 282	295	268	218
Total, British Columbia	No. 396	389	379	418

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

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