

BRITISH COLUMBIA DEEP SEA FLEET.
July Shipments.

Flag and Rig	Vessel	From	Destination	Feet
Br. Bark.....	Lucipara.....	Vancouver, B. C.....	Queensborough, Eng.....	1,648,264
Br. S.S.....	Trevince.....	Vancouver, B. C.....	England.....	885,849
Br. S.S.....	Idomeneus.....	Sapperton, B. C.....	Liverpool, England.....	70,008
Br. S.S.....	Idomeneus.....	Sapperton, B. C.....	Glasgow, Scotland.....	30,386
Am. S.S.....	M. S. Dollar.....	Vancouver, B. C.....	Shanghai, China.....	2,870,603
Br. S.S.....	El Lobo.....	Vancouver, B. C.....	Peru.....	52,296
Br. S.S.....	Ixon.....	Vancouver, B. C.....	Hongkong, China.....	200,090
Atlantic Coast Shipments.				
Am. S.S.....	Tallac.....	Genoa Bay.....	New York.....	1,291,501

—The Timberman, Portland.

REPORT OF LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

The Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau, Seattle, has issued the following report showing the shipments of lumber to various countries for first half of 1915 compared with the first half of 1914:

Reported Shipments First Half of 1915.

	Foreign.	California.	Domestic.	Total.
British Columbia.....	20,362,111	725,572	10,044,961	31,132,644
Puget Sound.....	76,050,976	89,168,792	51,867,889	217,087,657
Grays Harbor.....	25,503,442	94,388,248	11,909,322	131,801,012
Willapa Harbor.....	2,480,227	21,108,814	7,357,503	30,946,544
Columbia River.....	39,709,229	113,558,560	17,843,440	171,111,229
Coos Bay and Oregon Coast.....	56,292	108,684,696	.....	108,740,988
Total.....	164,162,277	427,634,682	99,023,115	690,820,074

1914.

British Columbia.....	17,019,195	.....	3,555,317	20,574,512
Puget Sound.....	99,026,852	91,703,727	17,403,768	208,134,347
Grays Harbor.....	45,206,433	157,009,504	4,297,168	206,513,105
Willapa Harbor.....	9,139,445	60,342,269	921,134	70,402,848
Columbia River.....	115,272,340	154,305,711	20,354,882	289,932,933
Coos Bay and Oregon Coast.....	.....	107,394,570	.....	107,394,570
Total.....	285,664,265	570,755,781	46,532,269	902,952,315

Reported Shipments Six Months 1915.

British Columbia.

	Lumber.	Lath.	Pickets.	Total.
Foreign.....	19,582,011	133,050	647,050	20,362,111
California.....	725,572	.....	.....	725,572
Domestic.....	9,647,463	397,498	.....	10,044,961
	29,955,046	530,548	647,050	31,132,644

INTERIOR MILL TRADE PICKING UP.

Reports to the Hon. the Minister of Lands from the Nelson district show that sawmill operators are of opinion that owing to the low stock now held by many prairie yards there will be a good demand this fall for lumber. Eight mills employing 250 men are in operation, while half a dozen other mills have recently closed down after short runs. One interesting order from the States, namely, white pine for match stock, is being partly supplied from timber killed in the 1910 fire. Seven pole companies are shipping and yarding poles, and heavy shipments are being made to the States, although at a low price. Until the advent of the prevailing hot weather, the season has been exceptionally good for land-clearing and slash-burning operations, much road slash in particular having been cleaned up.

Sample box shooks from Joseph Crosfield & Sons, Ltd., Soap Manufacturers, Warrington, England, which have been on view at the Forest Branch, Victoria, are now on view at the office of the District Forester, Court House, Vancouver, until September 10th.

FIRES, RISKS AND CONDITIONS IN LILLOOET DISTRICT.

Advices reaching the Minister of Lands on conditions in the Lillooet district mention that nineteen fires have been reported this season, the area burned over being in excess of two thousand acres, without appreciable damage to green timber. In most cases campers caused outbreaks through lack of care. The burning and disposal of logging slash this season has been very satisfactory, three hundred acres having been cleared up. In addition many permits to settlers to burn slash for the clearing of land have been granted, and in no case has a fire got away in any area under permit. Co-operation between the forest service and settlers has facilitated clearing operations, while valuable aid has been rendered in the location and clearing of new trails, and the repair of old trails.

The activity in land clearing is evidenced by the number of fire permits granted to date, namely, 225.

The season thus far has been exceptionally good for the dry farmer and stock raiser, the crops of hay and grain being remarkably fine and encouraging to the newcomers, who have sown small areas this year.

IMPROVEMENT IN LUMBERING ON VANCOUVER ISLAND.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands is informed that signs of improvement are visible in the lumber industry on Vancouver Island. Shingle mills are busy with orders from the American side and from the East. Seventeen lumber mills are returned as operating, in addition to five working periodically, while seven shingle mills are in operation. There are ten logging companies with camps open, in addition to various small operations.

The earlier part of the year saw much cleaning up of logging slash. In the agricultural districts much land has been cleared, and many of the larger slashings disposed of, while public opinion, alive to the dangers of fire, has undoubtedly aided the forest guards.

THE LUMBER INDUSTRY IN FORT GEORGE DISTRICT.

The lumber industry is quiet in the Fort George district, according to advices received by the Minister of Lands, owing to local conditions, the amount of building now taking place being small. Hopes are expressed that conditions will improve as a result of the market extension movement now on foot.

Railway construction having fallen off, there has been a marked reduction in the fire hazard. Under existing conditions, the vegetation is drying up rapidly, and is likely to facilitate the spreading of fires. It is estimated that an exceptional amount of land clearing will have been carried out this year, as a result of activity on the part of the settlers, and this will have the effect of eliminating many areas which in the past have constituted a grave fire hazard.