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IN CANADA, MAY, 1948

This report continues the monthly series of the dollar values of inventories and shipments which are collected on a sample basis from selected manufacturing industries, presented in index number form with December 1946=100. Last month's report contained all the information collected to date, and extended back to October 1946. Beginning with this report, Section 2, which presents data on individual industries, will contain only the index numbers for the current month, the previous month, and the same month a year ago. The trend of specific industries for the entire period may be ascertained by reference to the April, 1948, report. At approximately six months' intervals, the entire series will be republished for convenient reference.

Section 1 presents index numbers of the estimated total value of inventories in the majority of manufacturing industries, grouped according to Economic Use Classification. These estimates are based on the dollar value series plus information available on the physical volume of the chief commodities held in a limited number of industries. They are believed to approximate 90 per cent of the total value of manufacturing inventories. This series will continue to be carried in its entirety each month, in order to present an overall picture of the general trend of inventory accumulation.

Analysis of the May data shows a slight rise (1.5 points) in the total value of manufacturing inventories since the end of April. This was in line with the trend since the end of January of this year of a continued increase in total value of inventories though at a much slower rate than during 1947. Changes in inventory values reflect both price and quantity changes, and although variations in the inventory value index cannot be considered as directly correlated with changes in the index of wholesale prices, it may be noted that the latter also rose by 1.5 points in May.

The rise in total value during May was due to slight rises in each of the main classifications. Total inventories of consumers' goods rose by 0.6 points (though in the durable group they fell by 2.3 points); capital goods inventories rose by 2.1 points;

producers' materials by 4.9 points; and construction materials by 5.9 points. Much of the rise in value in construction inventories is probably balanced by the advance in the wholesale price of builders' materials, which was 5.1 points during the same period.

Among individual industries, inventories held by leather tanneries showed the greatest change in value since the end of April, dropping 23.1 points. Inventories in the coke and gas industry rose by 16.5 points, and in the feed and flour industry dropped by 13.5 points. These variations follow well-marked seasonal trends in the industries concerned. The value of inventories in the food industry rose by 13.5 points. This is almost entirely due to the normal seasonal increase in butter stocks held by dairy factories. The quantity of butter and cheese stocks almost doubled since the end of April. In spite of this increase, butter stocks were, however, below the level of the same month a year ago. The actual quantities held at the end of May 1948 were 7.8 million pounds as compared with 12.0 million pounds at the end of May 1947.

The value of inventories in the shipbuilding industry rose by 9.9 points. Rises of between 5 and 10 points occurred also in the rubber, textile, furniture, railway rolling stock and iron and steel industries. Inventories of pulp and paper mills dropped by 6.9 points, but this is in line with the regular seasonal movement in this industry. The variations in inventory values in other industries were less than 5 points.

## SECTION I.

The estimates in Table 1 have been based on two types of source materials. In most industries totals were estimated from data submitted by a sample of leading firms which report the value of their inventories and shipments monthly. Though the size of the sample varies to some extent from industry to industry, in most cases the firms reporting hold over half of all the inventories held in the industry and in a number of instances the sample includes more than 90 per cent of the total. In a smaller group of industries estimates have been based on information available on the physical volume of the chief types of stocks held in these industries. By use of data on prices and on the rate at which these stocks turn over, an estimate of the current value of these inventories has been made. Because no information is available on the accounting methods used by the firms in these industries the value of inventories shown for them cannot be expected to correspond exactly to their own book value but it does show the general trend of inventories in these industries and makes it possible to build up an overall picture for the manufacturing field.

The total in Table 1 has been presented in detail according to an economic use classification. In this classification goods have been grouped according to whether production consists primarily of consumer goods, capital goods, producers' materials or construction materials. This form of presentation corresponds to the type of use which is ultimately made of the goods produced by various industries. Because some industries produce goods which fall in more than one of these main groups the classification can only be approximate in nature and in allocating certain industries fairly arbitrary decisions had to be made. In time some further grouping of plants within industries should make it possible to improve the accuracy of this presentation.

Within the consumer goods group a further subdivision has been shown on the basis of whether the product is primarily of a perishable, a semi-durable, or a durable nature. This form of presentation has been widely used in recent years and corresponds to the form in which consumer expenditures, part of the country's gross national expenditure, are presented. This should be useful to all those who are interested in the general flow of goods from the primary producing stage to their ultimate destination.

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Table 1. - Index Numbers for an Estimated Total Value of Inventories  
(Estimates based on a sample of reporting firms and  
(December

	1946			1947			
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April
<b>TOTAL</b>	95.4	97.9	100.0	101.4	103.6	106.0	108.8
<b>I. CONSUMERS GOODS</b>	91.4	95.1	100.0	101.9	104.7	107.3	110.0
<b>A. Non Durable</b>	90.1	94.9	100.0	102.5	105.4	106.7	109.0
<b>a. Finished Goods</b>	94.1	96.0	100.0	103.3	106.1	108.5	111.7
Food	97.4	100.2	100.0	94.4	87.7	85.1	96.2
Tobacco & Beverages	86.0	89.5	100.0	114.4	129.1	136.5	131.6
Drugs	94.1	93.5	100.0	105.4	107.4	113.4	116.4
Petroleum Products	101.9	101.5	100.0	95.9	94.5	96.0	99.6
Other	100.6	97.6	100.0	105.8	106.5	109.1	112.4
<b>b. Semi-Finished Goods</b>	81.5	92.5	100.0	100.7	103.8	102.8	102.9
Pulp and Paper Mills	82.4	91.8	100.0	100.5	105.5	105.3	105.2
Feed and Flour	78.1	95.0	100.0	102.5	99.0	93.7	94.4
Other	80.4	93.2	100.0	99.5	99.6	100.1	101.2
<b>B. Semi-Durable</b>	90.7	95.2	100.0	101.1	104.0	110.0	112.2
<b>a. Finished Goods</b>	93.4	96.4	100.0	102.1	105.4	111.7	114.1
Rubber	95.3	102.3	100.0	101.1	109.9	124.9	133.0
Clothing	92.2	94.3	100.0	102.4	103.7	107.3	107.3
Leather Footwear	94.4	93.8	100.0	100.2	103.8	110.6	116.0
Other	95.4	98.5	100.0	105.0	107.9	109.8	114.4
<b>b. Semi-Finished Goods</b>	86.3	93.1	100.0	99.3	101.6	107.1	109.0
Textiles	87.1	93.9	100.0	101.1	103.6	109.4	110.5
Leather Tanneries	83.2	90.1	100.0	92.5	93.5	98.3	103.2
<b>C. Durable</b>	95.1	95.3	100.0	101.5	104.1	105.7	109.8
<b>a. Finished Goods</b>	94.7	95.0	100.0	101.3	104.2	105.9	110.3
Automobiles & Bicycles	101.7	98.4	100.0	100.6	100.1	99.4	102.3
Electrical Apparatus	92.8	93.6	100.0	104.1	108.6	112.7	117.6
Furniture	91.5	95.9	100.0	99.0	105.0	103.5	111.6
Hardware	95.0	95.2	100.0	99.2	102.0	103.5	108.6
Other	91.9	93.3	100.0	98.5	100.5	101.9	104.2
<b>b. Semi-Finished Goods</b>	98.6	98.3	100.0	103.1	102.5	104.1	105.7
Auto Supplies	98.6	98.3	100.0	103.1	102.5	104.1	105.7

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May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
111.6	116.3	118.9	120.5	122.7	125.1	130.6	135.1	140.2	141.7	142.7	142.5	144.0
114.2	118.2	118.4	117.7	118.2	120.2	126.3	133.1	141.0	142.3	141.6	140.9	141.5
113.8	117.7	116.1	113.0	113.8	116.7	127.5	135.8	146.5	146.5	145.1	143.1	144.3
119.6	124.7	123.6	120.0	119.9	120.1	128.8	134.6	147.1	146.2	145.3	144.2	150.2
112.8	123.3	121.7	120.8	119.2	119.4	138.8	143.3	160.8	145.1	137.8	136.0	149.5
132.0	128.7	125.4	113.9	116.6	117.8	121.0	135.2	151.2	165.0	166.1	162.6	160.1
121.3	139.2	129.5	127.6	122.6	117.9	110.7	112.6	119.7	119.8	120.7	122.8	125.2
106.7	112.0	119.2	124.6	124.6	126.6	132.6	130.1	128.6	126.7	130.2	139.6	143.1
116.4	125.4	128.1	129.2	127.7	123.5	123.6	114.9	118.5	121.1	131.5	133.7	139.1
101.0	102.2	99.4	97.4	100.3	109.2	124.6	138.6	145.4	147.2	144.7	140.6	131.4
101.2	102.9	99.5	97.1	98.4	106.5	120.3	131.0	139.8	143.9	146.3	142.3	135.4
97.4	95.6	96.5	99.8	109.0	118.7	140.7	159.9	155.4	149.1	135.9	118.5	105.0
106.2	108.1	103.6	95.7	99.1	112.2	128.8	157.1	167.7	166.5	160.0	151.6	146.1
116.4	120.7	123.8	122.5	121.5	124.2	126.3	134.6	138.4	140.7	142.6	141.5	143.3
117.6	120.8	125.1	124.7	123.0	124.5	121.9	128.9	130.7	135.6	137.0	138.7	141.8
137.3	136.9	133.0	131.7	130.3	128.8	130.9	136.3	148.8	157.6	163.7	171.0	176.8
111.0	116.7	124.2	124.1	119.9	121.1	116.3	124.6	123.4	127.4	128.6	128.6	131.4
116.8	113.8	120.4	120.5	130.5	135.8	129.1	140.0	139.0	137.3	129.8	126.1	124.2
113.6	115.7	115.9	114.3	117.9	125.7	130.6	128.3	125.2	133.1	133.9	138.8	142.7
114.4	120.5	121.4	118.9	118.9	123.7	133.8	144.3	151.7	149.3	152.2	146.3	145.7
116.9	124.0	124.3	121.3	122.6	123.6	127.5	130.8	135.1	130.8	137.5	136.1	141.1
104.9	107.2	110.5	109.6	104.9	124.5	158.1	196.1	215.7	221.6	209.6	186.4	163.3
112.6	116.3	117.3	122.6	124.0	123.4	123.8	125.4	131.6	134.8	133.3	135.7	133.4
113.1	117.0	118.6	123.5	124.8	123.0	124.3	126.4	132.5	135.9	134.3	137.5	135.5
107.7	112.4	112.3	122.6	124.5	126.5	123.6	128.4	139.8	145.5	141.0	139.8	137.5
120.5	125.6	129.4	132.7	135.8	134.5	136.2	137.5	139.5	142.7	140.0	148.3	147.6
116.4	121.0	121.2	119.6	117.5	116.6	117.5	121.8	122.7	125.5	126.4	129.1	137.5
110.3	111.4	116.1	119.1	120.9	121.2	125.0	126.6	127.2	130.4	129.3	130.5	130.1
102.7	104.1	102.1	108.9	107.5	104.0	102.8	102.0	116.1	117.8	120.6	119.5	122.2
108.5	109.3	105.0	114.3	116.1	117.9	119.3	116.6	123.8	125.1	123.8	118.9	114.7
108.5	109.3	105.0	114.3	116.1	117.9	119.3	116.6	123.8	125.1	123.8	118.9	114.7

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Table 1. - Index Numbers for an Estimated Total Value of Inventories

(Estimates based on a sample of reporting firms and

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	1 9 4 6			1 9 4 7			
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April
<u>II. CAPITAL GOODS</u>	99.8	103.0	100.0	102.2	104.9	110.5	117.5
Agricultural Implements	83.9	91.7	100.0	104.9	107.6	113.8	128.8
Machinery, Office, House- hold and Industrial	103.5	106.0	100.0	100.4	101.2	106.6	109.0
Ships	100.6	108.1	100.0	112.9	124.1	134.2	145.5
Aircraft	98.2	99.8	100.0	92.2	93.1	95.4	100.1
Railway Rolling Stock	112.8	108.8	100.0	95.0	92.0	94.4	100.0
Other	102.0	102.6	100.0	106.1	111.6	115.6	114.7
<u>III. PRODUCERS MATERIAL</u>	98.6	101.4	100.0	99.3	96.9	96.1	96.7
Iron and Steel	98.2	99.9	100.0	99.7	97.2	97.5	99.8
Non-Ferrous Metal	102.8	104.0	100.0	100.6	99.3	100.6	100.3
Coke and Gas	112.8	117.8	100.0	80.2	63.2	46.8	48.0
Acids, Alkalies and Salts	102.4	102.9	100.0	99.2	97.0	96.8	96.1
Other	86.8	94.9	100.0	102.5	102.7	100.7	99.2
<u>IV. CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL</u>	116.9	106.8	100.0	99.8	106.8	108.8	111.0



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1 9 4 7								1 9 4 8				
May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
119.6	125.7	130.8	135.5	141.3	144.1	149.2	153.7	156.1	157.3	168.3	169.7	171.8
117.7	120.1	118.3	109.4	111.5	114.2	127.6	133.1	134.7	145.3	144.9	145.6	143.5
113.2	114.6	117.0	121.2	123.0	124.0	128.9	123.7	125.0	130.9	135.9	136.6	133.8
157.5	171.9	181.8	206.5	231.5	252.4	273.5	285.9	300.6	277.2	312.1	327.6	337.5
104.7	118.7	122.9	121.0	120.9	110.5	110.5	109.0	110.1	120.4	141.4	135.9	139.2
101.7	107.8	123.6	129.1	132.8	127.8	126.0	131.7	126.8	128.0	135.6	131.6	140.4
120.2	127.9	129.6	135.8	134.7	136.7	136.7	131.3	128.3	128.3	135.4	131.9	127.9
98.2	103.2	108.4	114.1	118.9	124.0	127.6	129.7	124.8	123.7	121.8	122.3	127.2
103.1	107.2	113.7	117.8	118.8	119.9	122.6	127.4	127.2	127.5	125.4	129.5	135.8
100.5	105.2	109.7	114.1	118.1	119.9	119.6	120.2	117.5	117.4	118.2	119.7	121.2
62.6	73.6	74.5	102.3	123.6	146.9	162.7	140.4	109.9	84.8	60.8	45.8	62.3
103.0	107.8	108.6	113.6	113.8	112.8	117.9	118.6	118.1	117.6	114.1	118.1	119.5
92.7	99.0	104.1	109.2	120.1	136.0	144.4	150.6	146.2	147.7	149.6	143.7	139.4
104.3	113.9	128.0	136.4	141.7	141.1	144.9	134.7	139.5	147.8	150.8	152.0	157.9

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### Section 2

Data available from the sample monthly survey of shipments and inventories of manufacturing industries are incorporated, insofar as inventories are concerned, into Table I, but it has been thought advisable to show individual industries wherever possible. Since this is a sample survey, covering only selected firms in a special group of industries, the dollar values actually reported by the firms have been converted into index numbers representative of industries, or groups of industries, the base being December, 1946. The index presentation avoids the possibility that dollar value totals for firms might be mistaken for dollar value totals for industries. However, when considering the series presented hereinafter, in table 2, it must be borne in mind that the divisions are industry divisions, and not commodities; i.e., the Wool Cloth Industry does not represent the shipments and inventories of Wool Cloth only, but all commodities involved in the activities of firms whose major product is Wool Cloth.

Also, it must be emphasized most particularly that the index numbers shown in this series are based on the dollar values of inventories held, not on actual physical quantities. Any changes in the index from month to month include, therefore, variations in prices as well as actual increases or decreases in the amount of stocks held. A comparison of any index with the corresponding monthly index of wholesale prices provides some indication of the actual change in quantity, but this type of comparison can never really approach accuracy, especially in periods of rapid price change, because of variations in the rate at which inventories turn over and because of differences in the methods of making the two indices. (The main differences are, first, that the wholesale price index is compiled from selling prices, while most firms' inventories are reported at cost, with some changes for variations in replacement costs; and secondly, that the wholesale price index is weighted according to quantities sold, while the index of inventories is automatically weighted according to quantities held). The Bureau is attempting to devise a method by which the inventory series may be deflated in order to reflect quantity changes more accurately, and also to make allowances for the different accounting methods used by various firms, which is, at present, another element of incomparability in the series. In spite of these difficulties, it is felt that an index based on values is highly significant.

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Table 2. - Index of All Firms Reporting, by Industries

(NOTE: The Index Numbers given below do not represent Total for the industry, but relate only to the Firms reporting)

(December, 1946=100)

Industry and Month	Value of Shipments	Inventory			
		Total	Raw materials	Goods in process	Finished products
<u>VEGETABLE PRODUCTS</u>					
<u>Biscuits, Confectionery, Cocoa and Chocolate Industry</u>					
May, 1947	160.7	135.8	136.5	138.9	130.2
April, 1948	142.7	161.0	141.8	136.8	268.9
May, 1948	156.2	162.2	143.4	160.0	255.1
<u>Miscellaneous Foods Industry</u>					
May, 1947	122.2	148.1	143.8	108.1	165.1
April, 1948	124.7	165.8	169.4	156.9	154.9
May, 1948	122.1	159.7	161.6	138.2	155.0
<u>Rubber Goods Industry</u>					
May, 1947	113.1	137.4	119.7	103.0	179.9
April, 1948	109.8	171.0	99.7	107.3	311.8
May, 1948	109.7	176.2	103.2	112.2	319.9
<u>TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS</u>					
<u>Cotton Yarn and Cloth Industry</u>					
May, 1947	148.6	127.6	122.6	116.9	179.4
April, 1948	218.6	142.6	138.7	133.0	185.7
May, 1948	212.6	143.1	137.5	137.4	185.8
<u>Woollen Cloth Industry</u>					
May, 1947	146.2	106.0	94.1	118.1	172.7
April, 1948	153.7	145.0	117.8	165.7	417.6
May, 1948	152.4	156.6	123.9	186.6	353.1
<u>Woollen Yarn Industry</u>					
May, 1947	142.3	99.3	92.6	114.8	113.4
April, 1948	192.0	128.0	98.3	173.2	207.8
May, 1948	163.6	137.2	109.8	183.4	203.4

NOTE: The Index Numbers given above are in Industry Classifications. They do not represent Commodities.

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Table 2. - Index of All Firms Reporting, by Industries - Cont'd.

(NOTE: The Index Numbers given below do not represent Total for the Industry, but relate only to the Firms reporting)

(December, 1946=100)

Industry and Month	Value of Shipments	Inventory			
		Total	Raw materials	Goods in process	Finished products
<u>TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS (Concl'd.)</u>					
<u>Miscellaneous Woollen Goods, Industry</u>					
May, 1947	125.6	99.2	110.9	69.9	72.8
April, 1948	149.6	104.1	117.5	88.1	59.6
May, 1948	145.8	108.9	124.1	86.8	60.5
<u>Hosiery and Knitted Goods Industry</u>					
May, 1947	111.6	118.1	106.5	111.7	151.6
April, 1948	124.9	148.4	117.4	149.0	217.4
May, 1948	121.6	154.6	122.7	152.6	224.2
<u>Cordage, Rope and Twine Industry</u>					
May, 1947	446.6	161.2	78.4	198.0	198.4
April, 1948	296.0	304.5	257.9	133.3	337.3
May, 1948	395.2	310.4	252.8	139.9	348.5
<u>Cotton and Jute Bags Industry</u>					
May, 1947	146.1	93.9	93.7	53.7	215.4
April, 1948	97.5	177.3	169.7	148.1	373.8
May, 1948	100.5	198.2	194.2	117.6	349.0
<u>Other Textiles (Includes the following: Carpets, Mats and Rugs; Real and Artificial Silk; Gloves and Mittens, Fabric; Dyeing and Finishing of Textiles; Clothing, Men's Factory; Clothing, Women's Factory; Oiled and Waterproofed Clothing; Corsets, Girdles, Brassieres and Foundation Garments; Hats and Caps; Narrow Fabrics and Miscellaneous Textiles)</u>					
May, 1947	125.4	117.8	115.2	128.1	89.0
April, 1948	157.7	130.5	128.0	126.9	142.3
May, 1948	140.0	134.8	134.3	149.3	119.3

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Table 2. - Index of All Firms Reporting, by Industries - Cont'd.

(NOTE: The Index Numbers given below do not represent Total for the Industry, but relate only to the Firms reporting)

(December, 1946=100)

Industry and Month	Value of Shipments	Inventory			
		Total	Raw materials	Goods in process	Finished products
<u>WOOD AND PAPER PRODUCTS</u>					
<u>Planing Mills, Sash and Door Factories</u>					
May, 1947	92.4	78.5	79.2	67.0	77.0
April, 1948	143.2	110.2	105.3	90.6	219.5
May, 1948	155.3	117.9	111.5	100.0	253.1
<u>Furniture, Upholstering, Cabinet Making Industry</u>					
May, 1947	115.5	115.6	125.9	95.9	119.2
April, 1948	135.5	132.9	134.1	116.5	164.5
May, 1948	122.7	137.7	139.4	120.1	169.9
<u>IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS</u>					
<u>Primary Iron and Steel Industry</u> (includes Pig Iron; Steel Ingots and Castings; Rolled Iron and Steel Products and Ferro-Alloys)					
May, 1947	125.3	84.7	75.0	89.8	115.2
April, 1948	151.7	114.4	108.9	128.1	120.8
May, 1948	153.7	121.4	119.8	130.1	118.6

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<u>IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS</u>					
<u>Iron Castings and Forgings Industry</u>					
May, 1947	130.2	105.4	95.3	128.8	96.3
April, 1948	171.8	132.1	127.4	141.7	129.7
May, 1948	164.8	133.8	134.2	139.5	128.5
<u>Agricultural Implements Industry</u>					
May, 1947	257.3	117.8	126.0	125.3	102.5
April, 1948	363.7	145.6	142.5	126.5	163.0
May, 1948	334.5	143.5	140.8	128.3	157.5
<u>Boilers, Tanks and Plate Work Industry</u>					
May, 1947	108.9	125.5	168.1	110.9	116.6
April, 1948	105.0	138.1	180.1	118.3	151.8
May, 1948	132.8	133.0	180.2	109.8	152.3
<u>Office, Household and Industrial Machinery Industry</u>					
May, 1947	113.4	113.2	113.2	113.2	113.1
April, 1948	138.7	135.5	139.5	139.2	126.2
May, 1948	123.4	133.7	144.4	135.6	121.7
<u>Automobiles and Automobile Supplies Industry</u>					
May, 1947	118.4	108.0	107.6	98.0	121.2
April, 1948	130.1	134.6	121.1	117.5	163.6
May, 1948	124.8	131.2	117.1	112.5	162.6
<u>Shipbuilding and Repairs Industry</u>					
May, 1947	61.7	157.5	124.9	172.3	4,100.0
April, 1948	44.9	327.6	150.6	412.9	1,066.7
May, 1948	61.2	337.1	145.2	429.5	1,300.0

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<u>IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS (Cont'd)</u>					
<u>Aircraft and Aircraft Parts Industry</u>					
May, 1947	87.2	104.7	107.4	98.4	103.1
April, 1948	120.5	135.9	143.6	56.5	148.3
May, 1948	140.5	140.0	160.6	90.3	119.1
<u>Railway Rolling Stock and Equipment Industry</u>					
May, 1947	89.5	101.7	106.3	55.2	195.6
April, 1948	145.5	130.5	123.4	143.7	150.2
May, 1948	113.5	140.4	126.2	157.3	206.9
<u>Wire and Wire Goods Industry</u>					
May, 1947	136.6	112.2	111.4	105.8	115.4
April, 1948	154.3	127.7	125.9	115.3	134.3
May, 1948	161.4	124.7	128.4	105.4	126.0
<u>Sheet Metal Products Industry</u>					
May, 1947	128.7	135.3	118.3	100.8	198.3
April, 1948	124.7	160.8	149.3	129.0	211.2
May, 1948	121.8	168.3	155.7	128.2	227.8
<u>Hardware, Tools and Cutlery Industry</u>					
May, 1947	118.6	110.3	114.8	114.9	96.9
April, 1948	139.1	130.2	134.6	127.3	127.6
May, 1948	131.1	130.1	140.8	124.1	121.9
<u>Bridge Building and Structural Steel Industry</u>					
May, 1947	135.6	110.7	109.5	110.9	-
April, 1948	164.3	162.8	158.0	164.7	53.7
May, 1948	180.3	161.4	136.6	168.5	61.0

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<u>IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS (Concl'd)</u>					
<u>Iron and Steel Products Miscellaneous</u>					
(includes the following industries: Bicycles; Heating and Cooking Apparatus; and Iron and Steel Products Miscellaneous)					
May, 1947	167.0	100.2	135.9	110.8	56.9
April, 1948	158.2	122.8	128.3	132.0	110.8
May, 1948	155.5	130.6	142.8	118.9	123.2
<u>MANUFACTURES OF NON-FERROUS METALS</u>					
<u>Brass and Copper Products Industry</u>					
May, 1947	164.7	103.5	96.8	103.6	125.3
April, 1948	172.7	125.0	134.6	120.5	103.5
May, 1948	167.6	118.8	120.8	120.2	110.5
<u>Jewellery and Silverware Industry</u>					
May, 1947	94.6	108.6	104.6	105.8	124.3
April, 1948	92.5	119.5	92.5	119.9	153.9
May, 1948	85.2	107.2	68.3	122.1	154.8
<u>Electrical Apparatus and Supplies Industry</u>					
May, 1947	127.9	120.5	120.6	110.0	152.4
April, 1948	146.2	148.1	126.2	134.4	223.1
May, 1948	143.0	147.8	125.8	134.3	221.3
<u>Non-Ferrous Metal Smelting and Refining Industry</u>					
May, 1947	146.3	97.4	98.3	123.9	69.0
April, 1948	161.7	117.4	134.7	124.8	78.1
May, 1948	152.8	120.5	141.1	123.9	78.9

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<b><u>MANUFACTURES OF NON-FERROUS METALS (Concl'd)</u></b>					
<u>All Other</u> (includes the following industries: Aluminum Products and White Metal Alloys)					
May, 1947	142.5	103.0	98.0	123.2	102.8
April, 1948	168.4	113.9	137.3	148.0	93.7
May, 1948	157.9	119.4	150.4	162.6	92.8
<b><u>NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS</u></b>					
(includes the following industries: Asbestos Products; Coke and its By-Products; Illuminating and Fuel Gas; Clay Products from Imported Clays; Plate, Cut and Ornamental Glass; Artificial Abrasives; Abrasive Products; and Miscellaneous Non-Metallic Mineral Products)					
May, 1947	116.1	77.1	71.9	94.0	103.4
April, 1948	149.0	84.3	69.8	185.0	135.5
May, 1948	147.0	94.3	79.6	188.5	147.8
<b><u>CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS</u></b>					
<u>Acids, Alkalies and Salts Industry</u>					
May, 1947	78.1	103.0	95.5	86.4	132.8
April, 1948	102.1	118.1	101.6	82.2	176.5
May, 1948	105.9	119.5	103.5	79.3	176.9
<u>Fertilizers Industry</u>					
May, 1947	293.4	52.1	75.4	43.9	37.0
April, 1948	330.2	90.3	97.8	84.8	88.1
May, 1948	307.1	59.8	79.2	49.5	50.7

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<b>CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS (Concl'd)</b>					
<u>Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Preparations Industry</u>					
May, 1947	163.3	121.3	106.6	136.7	131.5
April, 1948	126.3	122.8	106.2	177.7	118.8
May, 1948	129.0	125.2	106.4	180.9	123.9
<u>Paints, Pigments and Varnishes Industry</u>					
May, 1947	157.2	99.2	90.7	234.0	96.3
April, 1948	202.7	157.5	134.5	299.0	168.9
May, 1948	187.7	159.4	127.3	316.1	183.6
<u>Soaps and Toilet Preparations Industry</u>					
May, 1947	108.4	109.4	103.1	127.9	115.8
April, 1948	160.7	150.3	133.2	182.3	175.5
May, 1948	141.5	155.6	139.4	185.3	179.6
<u>Miscellaneous (includes the following Industries: Compressed Gases; Adhe- sives; Plastics; Matches; Polishes and Dressings; Miscellaneous Chemical Products)</u>					
May, 1947	124.2	117.9	121.8	110.5	113.4
April, 1948	150.4	133.0	116.8	146.5	159.5
May, 1948	151.0	135.0	123.0	140.5	155.7
<b>MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIES</b>					
<u>Miscellaneous (includes the follow- ing industries: Brooms, Brushes and Mops; Mattresses and Springs; Musical Instruments and Materials; Fountain Pens and Pencils; Automobile Acces- sories, Fabric; and Scientific and Professional Equipment)</u>					
May, 1947	135.0	115.0	115.7	118.6	108.5
April, 1948	118.3	114.8	101.1	113.6	158.4
May, 1948	123.2	115.1	108.5	112.9	137.8

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