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This report contains monthly data on the value of manufacturers' inventories and shipments. The breakdown of material presented is as follows:

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Table 1, page 3:

A brief summary of current trends in inventory and shipments movements.
Estimated dollar values of inventory held in all manufacturing industries by months for
the period January 1950 to October 1952. Values for total inventory subdivided into raw materials, goods in process, and finished products up to September 1952 are included. Similar tables are shown for four major groupings, in which all industries have been classified according to the economic use made of their products, into consumers' goods industries, producers' goods industries, capital goods industries, and construction goods industries. October values are preliminary. TOTAL INVENTORY AND Indexes of the estimated total value of in SHIPMENTS INDEXES ventory and shipments in all industries, and Table 11, page 8: in important individual industries and groups of industries, by months for the period January 1950 to October 1952. Indexes are based on the average 1947 values in each case. October figures are preliminary. INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRY INDEXES Indexes of the value of shipments and invenTable 111, page 18: tories, broken down into raw materials, goods in process, and finished products for total of reporting firms in individual industries. The base for these indexes is also the average 1947 values reported in each case. Data for individual industries include indexes for the current month (preliminary), the previous month, and the same month a year ago. OUTSTANDING ORDERS Indexes of outstanding orders at the end of Table 1V, page 28: the month, for August, September, and October as reported by over 900 plants in 65 industries. Indexes of shipments for the same firms are included for August and September. The number of current monthes shipments values represented by unfilled orders at the end of the month is also given for August and September. October indexes of orders are preliminary.
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used, a A brief description of the sources on which the material is based, methods of estimation Mactors to be noted in using the values and indexes presented.
Material in Tables 1 and 11 was completely revised for the December, 1951 report.

## Trend Summary

Preliminary reports indicate the following trends in Manufacturers' inventories shipments and orders at the end of October:

Estimated total value of inventories held was $\$ 3,442$ million, one million lower than the previous month, and continuing the slow but almost steady decline since December 1951. In index terms, the October level was 184.9 per cent of the average 1947 value, compared with 185.0 for the previous month and 191.3 for the same month a year ago. Shipments values in total showed an increase of 1.7 per cent over September 1952 values but were 3.3 per cent lower than the same month a year ago. The cumulative shipments total for the first 10 months of 1952 was 2.3 per cent above the total for the same period in 1951.

The Consumers' Goods industries had a decrease of $\$ 19$ million in inventory values during October; the total being now $\$ 1,948$ million. This is $\$ 229$ million lower than the value reached last October, which was the post-war peak for this group.

In index terms, the October level was 173.8 (average $1947=100$ ) compared with 175.5 for the previous month and 194.2 for October, 1951. The index of shipments for this group increased from 169.8 to 178.1 to reach a post-war peak, although the cumulative shipments to the end of October were down 0.2 per cent in value from the same period last year. The Non-Durable Consumers' Goods industries showed a small decrease in inventory, the index being 188.0 as compared with 189.8 for September. Shipments values in the same group increased 7 per cent due to a general increase in almost all industries, but more noticeably in the Slaughtering \& Meat Packing industry which advanced 21 per cent, the Confectionery industry 27 per cent and the Petroleum Products industry 7 per cent. In the Semi-Durable Consumers' Goods industries the inventory index declined 1 per cent to 188.0 , largely due to the Clothing industry, the largest component of the group, which fell by 4 per cent. Shipments at 157.1 were up 1 per cent. The Textiles industries increased by 5.6 per cent, while in the Rubber Goods industry and the Leather Footwear industry, shipments were down 7 per cent and 3.5 per cent, respectively. In the Durable Consumers' Goods industries, the inventory index declined 3 points to 175.6. A general decrease was registered in all large industries composing the group. Shipments in this group were up 2.6 per cent with an index of 215.0 compared with 209.6 for September. A substantial increase in shipments was registered in each industry in the group except in the Motor Vehicles industry where a drop of approximately 5 per cent occurred.

In the Capital Goods industries, inventory values at $\$ 518$ million were up $\$ 9$ million over September values. All the industries in this group remained at approximately the same level with the exception of the Shipbuilding and Aircraft \& Parts industries, which showed increases of 13 and 10 per cent, respectively. Shipments in the Capital Goods group were up 7 per cent, the rise being common to all industries of the group except the Railroad Rolling Stock industry which had a drop of 34 per cent.

The Producers' Goods industries had an inventory increase of $\$ 2$ million during the month to reach $\$ 682$ million. The Primary Iron \& Steel industry increased 4 per cent and the Fertilizers industry 14 per cent, while the Iron \& Steel industries declined 6 per cent. All the other industries remained at about the same level. Shipments in this group also remained approximately the same as last month, with the exception of the Primary Iron \& Steel industry which had an increase of 15 per cent and the Sheet Metal Products industry with a drop of 31 per cent.

The Construction Goods group increased inventory value by 2 per cent, the total inventory held being $\$ 292$ million as against $\$ 286$ million in September. An estimated increase of 10 per cent in the Sawmills industry (where final values are not yet available), the largest component of the group, balanced a general decrease in all the other industries. Shipments in this group were down 12 per cent due to an estimated drop in the Sawmills industry and to a general decline in each of the other industries.

The compilation of total outstanding orders (as defined on page 28, paragraph 3) at the end of September, for approximately 900 plants in 65 different industries, showed a level of unfilled orders equal to 4.5 times the September shipments values for reporting firms. The preliminary index of Outstanding Orders at the end of October was 88 per cent of the January 1952 base values for the same establishments. These data are presented in a series given on page 28 , where indexes of shipments and unfilled orders in August and September for a number of large individual industries are also shown.

For details on trends in individual industries, reference should be made to the tables following.

Table 1. - Estimated Dollar Value of Inventories Held in Manufacturing Industries.
(Estimates based on a sample of reporting firms and on the estimated current value of physical stocks.)

## (A) ALL INDUSTRIES

|  | Total <br> Inventory | $\begin{gathered} \text { Raw } \\ \text { Materials } \end{gathered}$ | Goods in <br> Process | Finished Products |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ( In Millions of Dollars) |  |  |  |
| 1950 |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 2,480.6 | 1,327.5 | 405.5 | 747.6 |
| Feb. | 2,473.7 | 1,309.5 | 411.8 | 752.4 |
| Mar. | 2,488.6 | 1,305.5 | 402.8 | 780.3 |
| Apr. | 2,472.8 | 1,282.0 | 405.5 | 785.3 |
| May | 2,502.4 | 1,291.9 | 413.9 | 796.6 |
| June | 2,530.1 | 1,297.4 | 414.8 | 817.9 |
| July | 2,573.8 | 1,356.6 | 426.1 | 791.1 |
| Aug. | 2,553.0 | 1,345.5 | 436.9 | 770.6 |
| Scpt. | 2,556.7 | 1,361.0 | 442.1 | 753.6 |
| oct. | 2,599.5 | 1,392.5 | 443.1 | 763.9 |
| Nov. | $2,659.7$ | $1,423.9$ | $460 \cdot 3$ | $775.5$ |
| Dec.(1) | $(2,772.4) 2,781.1$ | (1,506.7)1,502.3 | $(459.3) 461.5$ | (806.4)817.3 |
| 1951 |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 2,806.3 | 1,504.8 | 484.7 | 816.7 |
| Feb. | 2,878.3 | 1,533.6 | 514.8 | 829.9 |
| Mar. | 2,956.0 | 1,553.0 | 540.4 | 862.6 |
| Apr. | 3,039.4 | 1,587.3 | 553.4 | 898.7 |
| May | 3,121.5 | 1,608.9 | 562.7 | 950.0 |
| June | 3,293.7 | 1,690.4 | 588.1 | 1,015.2 |
| July | 3,388.9 | 1,770.2 | 594.3 | 1,024.4 |
| Aug. | 3,443.0 | 1,809.4 | 626.8 | 1,006.8 |
| Sept. | 3,505.2 | 1,827.1 | 644.8 | 1,033.4 |
| oct. | 3,560.9 | 1,854.5 | 633.3 | 1,073.1 |
| Nov. | 3,520.3 | 1,820.8 | 643.2 | 1,056.3 |
| Dec. | 3,586.3 | 1,859.8 | 635.1 | 1,091.4 |
| 1952 |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 3,579.3 | 1,853.8 | 653.1 | 1,072.4 |
| Peb. | 3,532.5 | 1,810.9 | 636.4 | 1,085.3 |
| Mar. | 3,547.8 | 1,804.9 | 648.9 | 1,094.1 |
| Apr. | 3,486.2 | 1,760.9 | 655.1 | 1,070.1 |
| May | 3,480.2 | 1,758.0 | 654.6 | 1,067.6 |
| June | 3,465.8 | 1,745.9 | 654.3 | 1,065.5 |
| July | 3,463.2 | 1,763.6 | 656.7 | 1,042.9 |
| Aug. | 3,451.7 | 1,768.6 | 654.5 | 1,028.6 |
| Sept. | $3,442.7$ | 1,772,2 | 651.8 | 1,018.7 |
| Oct. | 3.441 .5 | (Not | railable) |  |

(1) See note on page 33.

Table 1. - Estimated Dollar Values of Inventories Held in Manufacturing Industries
(Estimates based on a sample of reporting firms and on the estimated current value of physical stocks.)

## (B) CONSUMER'S GOODS INDUSTRIES

| Total | Raw | Goods in | Pinished |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Inventory | Materials | Process | Products |

(Millions of dollars)

| 1950 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan. | 1,563.5 | 878.4 | 199.4 | 485.7 |
| Feb. | 1,557.1 | 873.6 | 197.3 | 486.2 |
| Mar. | 1,585.4 | 885.2 | 203.0 | 497.2 |
| Apr. | 1,574.6 | 862.2 | 203.6 | 508.8 |
| May | 1,599.8 | 866.3 | 209.0 | 524.5 |
| June | 1,621.1 | 859.0 | 208.6 | 553.5 |
| July | 1,637.6 | 899.6 | 212.3 | 525.7 |
| Aug. | 1,607.5 | 878.1 | 217.5 | 511.9 |
| Sept. | 1,612.4 | 886.6 | 218.7 | 507.1 |
| oct. | 1,654.2 | 918.2 | 216.8 | 519.2 |
| Nov. | $1,694.2$ | $940.6$ | $225.5$ | $528.1$ |
| Dec.(1) | $(1,783.8) 1,786.8$ | $(1,000.4) 1,000.3$ | $(231.1) 231.9$ | $(552.3) 554.6$ |
| 1951 |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 1,804.2 | 1,000.5 | 247.0 | 556.7 |
| Feb. | 1,844.4 | 1,025.0 | 258.4 | 561.0 |
| Mar. | 1,891.6 | 1,037.9 | 268.4 | 585.3 |
| Apr. | 1,950.4 | 1,065.4 | 276.7 | 608.2 |
| May | 1,986.2 | 1,057.3 | 281.6 | 647.2 |
| June | 2,076.0 | 1,093.7 | 288.9 | 693.4 |
| July | 2,114.3 | 1,122.6 | 292.9 | 698.8 |
| Aug. | 2,119.6 | 1,145.0 | 295.2 | 679.3 |
| Sept. | 2,149.1 | 1,150.0 | 301.2 | 698.0 |
| oct. | 2,177.4 | 1,161.8 | 288.3 | 727.4 |
| Nov. | 2,141.2 | 1,142.8 | 289.0 | 709.4 |
| Dec. | 2,146.1 | 1,143.6 | 274.6 | 728.0 |
| 1952 |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 2,140.4 | 1,163.2 | 276.2 | 701.0 |
| Feb. | 2,079.5 | 1,098.8 | 278.6 | 702.1 |
| Mar. | 2,072.9 | 1,094.6 | 281.2 | 697.1 |
| April | 2,014.4 | 1,064.2 | 277.6 | 672.6 |
| May | 1,988.1 | 1,041.6 | 275.6 | 670.9 |
| June | 1,978.7 | 1,029.1 | 279.9 | 669.7 |
| July | 1,972.0 | 1,033.5 | 282.7 | 655.8 |
| Aug. | 1,966.6 | 1,030.6 | 278.9 | 657.1 |
| Sept. | 1,967.7 | $1,035.8$ | $274.8$ | 657.1 |
| Oct. | 1,948.7 | (Not | vailable) |  |

MONTHLY REIORT ON MANUFACTURERS' INVENTORTES, SHIFAENTS AHD CRDERS, OCTOBER, 1952.
Table 1. - Estimated Dollar Values of Inventories Held in Manufacturing Industries.
(Estimates based on a sample of reporting firms and on the estimated current value of physicel stocks)
(C) CAIITAL GOODS INDUSTRIUS

|  | Total Inventory | Raw <br> Materials | Goods in <br> Irocess | Finished Products |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (M1llions of dollars) |  |  |  |
| 1950 |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 300.5 | 103.9 | 102.3 | 94.3 |
| Feb 。 | 305.0 | 102.5 | 107.9 | 94.6 |
| Mar. | 298.2 | 101.4 | 102.8 | 94.0 |
| Apr. | 299.4 | 100.8 | 106.4 | 92.2 |
| May | 304.3 | 102.4 | 110.7 | 91.2 |
| June | 301.3 | 102.4 | 110.2 | 88.7 |
| July | 300.8 | 102.6 | 112.0 | 86.2 |
| Aug. | 294.8 | 101.6 | 111.4 | 81.8 |
| Sept. | 294.4 | 101.5 | 112.2 | 80.7 |
| oct. | 291.5 | 97.3 | 116.1 | 78.1 |
| Nov. | (302.4) 305.9 | 102.9 | 122.5 | 80.5 |
| Dec.(1) | (302.4) 309.6 | .4)107.1 | .6)110.0 | 7.4)92.6 |

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## 1952

Jan.
Feb.
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June
July
Aug.
Sept.
Oct.
316.3
327.6
346.9
357.0
366.2
383.8
402.5
413.3
435.4
455.8
464.1
491.9
500.0
510.8
530.3
524.9
533.5
520.1
514.2
509.0
508.8
518.0
109.9
111.1
117.2
118.5
123.5
131.4
142.5
147.5
151.6
158.1
153.8
172.5
167.1
176.4
181.6
183.3
193.3
187.7
189.1
192.0
192.8
(Not Available)
118.8
87.6
$127.8 \quad 88.7$
137.692 .0
$140.5 \quad 98.0$
$143.9 \quad 98.8$
$153.4 \quad 98.9$
$159.5 \quad 100.4$
$169.1 \quad 96.7$
$180.7 \quad 103.1$
$186.9 \quad 110.7$
$200.1 \quad 110.2$
201.6117 .9
$212.2 \quad 120.7$
$211.4 \quad 123.0$
221.7127 .1
$215.6 \quad 126.0$
$214.0 \quad 126.2$
$207.8 \quad 124.6$
203.9121 .2
$206.3 \quad 110.7$
208.2107 .8

MONTHLY REFORT ON MANUFACTURERS' INVIMTORIES, SHIPMLLVTS AND ORDERS, OCTOBER, 1952.
Table 1. - Estimated Dollar Values of Inventories Held in Manufacturing Industries.
(Estimates based on a sample of reporting firms and on the estimated current value of physical stocks.)
(D) FRODUCERS' GOODS INDUSTRIES

|  | Total Inventory | Raw <br> Materials | Goods in Process | Finished Products |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (Millions of dollars) |  |  |  |
| 1950 |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 450.1 | 228.4 | 87.7 | 134.0 |
| Feb. | 440.5 | 215.2 | 88.4 | 136.9 |
| Mar. | 425.9 | 202.6 | 79.7 | 143.6 |
| Apr. | 429.8 | 202.8 | 78.6 | 148.4 |
| May | 429.7 | 209.6 | 74.9 | 145.2 |
| June | 433.1 | 218.9 | 74.3 | 139.9 |
| July | 449.6 | 229.9 | 78.3 | 141.4 |
| Aug. | 458.1 | 237.1 | 82.2 | 138.8 |
| Sept. | 459.9 | 246.2 | 84.6 | 129.1 |
| oct. | 472.7 | 254.3 | 87.6 | 130.8 |
| Nov. | $482.8$ | $262.3$ | 88.1 | $132.4$ |
| Dec. (1) | $(484.8) 493.7$ | (259.0)264.4 | (94.5) 95.5 | $(131.2) 133.7$ |
| 1951 |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 483.7 | 257.0 | 90.1 | 136.5 |
| Feb. | 482.8 | 248.0 | 93.4 | 141.3 |
| Mar. | 485.2 | 246.5 | 94.6 | 144.1 |
| Apr. | 506.2 | 255.5 | 97.2 | 153.4 |
| May | 528.8 | 269.4 | 96.7 | 162.7 |
| June | 565.2 | 294.0 | 98.2 | 173.1 |
| July | 595.1 | 319.0 | 101.4 | 174.7 |
| Aug. | 616.8 | 331.5 | 105.4 | 179.8 |
| Sept. | 040.3 | 347.0 | 109.2 | 184.1 |
| uct. | 664.6 | 362.8 | 114.9 | 186.9 |
| Nov. | 660.0 | 358.7 | 112.0 | 189.4 |
| Dec. | 680.9 | 366.8 | 119.6 | 194.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. | 662.4 | 348.4 | 111.6 | 202.5 |
| Feb. | 663.9 | 344.3 | 111.8 | 207.7 |
| Mar. | 659.4 | 332.0 | 112.9 | 214.4 |
| April | 660.9 | 330.2 | 110.4 | 220.4 |
| May | 660.3 | 331.9 | 109.7 | 218.8 |
| June | 675.4 | 342.8 | 112.0 | 220.7 |
| July | 678.9 | 352.0 | 112.5 | 214.4 |
| Aug. | 686.1 | 359.6 | 116.8 | 209.7 |
| Sept. | 680.2 | 360.5 | 115.2 | 204.5 |
| Oct. | 682.3 | (Not Av |  |  |

(4) See note or page 33.

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Table 1. - Estimated Dollar Values of Inventories Held in Manufacturing Industries.
(Restimates based on a sample of reporting firms and on the estimated current value of physical stocks.)
(E) CONSTRUCTION GOODS INDUSTRIES
$\left.\begin{array}{ccccc}\hline & \begin{array}{c}\text { Total } \\ \text { Inventory }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Raw } \\ \text { Materials }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Goods in } \\ \text { Process }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Plnished } \\ \text { Products }\end{array} \\ \hline & & \text { (Millons of Dollars) }\end{array}\right]$
(1) See note on page 33.

MONTHLY REPORT ON MANUFACTURERS' INVENTORIES, SHIPMANTS AND ORDERS, OCTOBER, 1952.
Table 2. - Index Numbers for the Estimated Total Value of
in Selected Groups of Industries
(Estimates based on a sample of reporting firms and (1947 Average $=100$ )

| Month | Total All <br> Industries |  | Total <br> Consumers' Goods |  | Non-Durable Consumers ' Goods |  | Sami-Durable Consumers ${ }^{1}$ Goods |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. |
| 1950 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Jan. | 133.5 | 119.2 | 139.4 138.8 | 121.4 | 151.7 148.4 | 126.4 | 125.1 | 113.5 |
| 2. Peb. | 133.1 133.9 | 120.7 139.4 | 138.8 141.3 | 121.8 | 148.4 151.9 | 122.0 142.3 | 128.6 128.8 | 113.5 130.7 |
| 4. Apr. | 133.1 | 127.9 | 140.4 | 129.0 | 149.4 | 133.3 | 129.0 | 117.3 |
| 5. May | 134.7 | 131.2 | 142.6 | 141.2 | 152.8 | 152.4 | 129.3 | 116.2 |
| 6. June | 136.2 | 153.2 | 144.5 | 145.7 | 155.1 | 150.3 | 131.6 | 114.6 |
| 7. July | 138.5 | 144.1 | 146.0 | $138 . ?$ | 156.7 | 148.9 | 134.0 | 96.9 |
| 8. Aug. | 137.4 | 153.1 | 143.3 | 147.6 | 152.3 | 155.7 | 131.7 | 132.5 |
| 9. Sept. | 137.6 | 166.7 | 143.7 | 163.5 | 154.8 | 164.0 | 129.7 | 147.9 |
| 10. Oct. | 139.9 | 164.4 | 147.5 | 162.1 | 160.1 | 161.8 | 131.9 | 149.2 |
| 11. Nov. | 143.1 | 162.9 | 151.0 | 162.5 | 163.2 | 165.2 | 135.3 | 145.6 |
| 12. Dec. | 149.7 | 153.5 | 159.3 | 148.9 | 168.6 | 148.9 | 146.9 | 134.3 |
| 1951 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13. Jan. | 150.8 | 160.9 | 160.9 | 159.1 | 164.1 | 157.5 | 155.5 | 144.8 |
| $14 . \mathrm{Feb}$. | 154.6 | 160.1 | 164.5 | 158.1 | 165.3 | 149.6 | 161.9 | 154.5 |
| 15. Mar. | 158.8 | 175.0 | 168.7 | 169.5 | 167.1 | 155.5 | 168.3 | 167.7 |
| 16. Apr. | 163.3 | 171.4 | 173.9 | 166.4 | 169.2 | 158.2 | 197.2 | 157.0 |
| 17. May | 167.7 | 186.5 | 177.1 | 174.3 | 168.9 | 177.4 | 184.2 | 142.7 |
| 18. June | 176.9 | 183.6 | 185.1 | 169.2 | 175.7 | 178.4 | 195.5 | 135.0 |
| 19. July | 182.1 | 173.1 | 188.5 | 154.4 | 179.5 | 173.0 | 197.4 | 104.8 |
| 20. Aug. | 185.0 | 174.6 | 189.0 | 159.0 | 179.5 | 172.9 | 196.6 | 139.5 |
| 21. Sept. | 188.3 | 165.2 | 191.6 | 151.8 | 186.1 | 157.3 | 193.8 | 133.9 |
| 22. Oct. | 191.3 | 183.9 | 194.2 | 173.8 | 194.7 | 188.4 | 188.0 | 139.1 |
| 23. Nov. | 189.1 | 175.6 | 190.9 | 165.8 | 191.7 | 186.7 | 183.7 | 130.3 |
| 24. Dec. | 192.7 | 157.5 | 191.4 | 146.6 | 193.3 | 159.8 | 183.7 | 106.3 |
| 1952 1905 176.1 125 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25. Jan. | 192.3 | 168.3 | 190.8 | 158.1 | 195.2 | 170.8 | 176.1 | 125.1 |
| 26. Feb. | 189.8 | 165.7 | 185.4 | 154.4 | 187.1 | 155.4 | 174.5 | 14.2 |
| 27. Mar. | 190.6 | 172.5 | 184.8 | 158.3 | 188.1 | 153.9 | 169.7 | 154.5 |
| 28. Apr. | 187.3 | 176.0 | 179.6 | 166.4 | 183.6 | 164.9 | 165.3 | 145.2 |
| 29. May | 187.0 | 190.6 | 177.3 | 173.1 | 182.4 | 181.4 | 162.0 | 133.9 |
| 30. June | 186.2 | 184.1 | 176.4 | 164.3 | 181.5 | 170.3 | 161.2 | 123.9 |
| 31. July | 186.1 | 173.3 | 175.8 | 158.3 | 183.1 | 171.1 | 159.3 | 114.7 |
| 32. Aug. | 185.4 | 169.2 | 175.4 | 152.1 | 184.7 | $161.4$ | $\begin{aligned} & 154.4 \\ & 148.2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 131.6 \\ & 155.7 \end{aligned}$ |
| 33. Sept. | 185.0 | 185.5 | 175.5 | 169.8 | 189.8 | 166.3 | 148.2 | 155.7 |
| 34. Oct. | 184.9 | 188.7 | 173.8 | 178.1 | 188.0 | 178.2 | 147.1 | 157.1 |

MONTHLY REPORT UN MANUFACTURERS' INVENTORTES, SHIPYENTS AND ORDERS, OCTOBER, 1952.
Inventories and Shipments in 121 Manufacturing Industries, and

- January 1950 to October 1952
on the estimated current value of physical stocks)
(1947 Average $=100$ )

| Durabie Consumers' Goods |  | Total Capital Goods |  | Total Producers' Goods |  | Total Construction Goods |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. |  |
| 123.6 | 134.0 | 110.2 | 123.4 | 129.2 | 117.7 | 144.9 | 101.5 | 1. |
| 124.7 | 135.8 | 111.8 | 121.3 | 126.5 | 114.5 | 148.9 | 127.6 | 2. |
| 128.3 | 147.0 | 109.3 | 153.9 | 122.3 | 127.9 | 155.8 | 150.4 | 3. |
| 130.5 | 131.8 | 109.8 | 134.7 | 123.4 | 123.3 | 147.1 | 123.9 | 4. |
| 132.8 | 137.9 | 111.6 | 146.6 | 123.3 | 145.2 | 146.7 | 177.8 | 5. |
| 132.1 | 181.2 | 110.5 | 154.1 | 124.3 | 141.1 | 152.0 | 243.2 | 6. |
| 131.4 | 169.5 | 110.3 | 130.4 | 129.1 | 127.9 | 161.7 | 241.4 | 7. |
| 134.2 | 140.0 | 108.1 | 137.0 | 131.5 | 139.0 | 167.6 | 249.1 | 8. |
| 132.0 | 188.8 | 108.0 | 146.7 | 132.0 | 161.0 | 165.3 | 226.8 | 9. |
| 133.1 | 186.0 | 106.9 | 141.1 | 135.7 | 160.1 | 157.6 | 216.6 | 10. |
| 139.0 | 181.2 | 112.1 | 151.4 | 138.6 | 160.8 | 153.8 | 182.8 | 11. |
| 150.6 | 174.8 | 113.5 | 165.9 | 141.7 | 163.1 | 166.2 | 153.2 | 12. |
| 160.0 | 191.1 | 114.8 | 158.7 | 141.1 | 164.2 | 166.0 | 169.0 | 13. |
| 166.6 | 200.8 | 118.9 | 162.8 | 140.9 | 154.9 | 183.7 | 186.8 | 14. |
| 175.4 | 232.3 | 125.9 | 190.6 | 141.6 | 175.3 | 191.0 | 202.3 | 15. |
| 184.9 | 218.0 | 129.6 | 194.4 | 147.7 | 173.7 | 185.6 | 183.0 | 16 |
| 193.2 | 217.2 | 132.9 | 221.3 | 154.3 | 185.0 | 197.5 | 252.5 | 17. |
| 198.9 | 190.3 | 139.3 | 197.3 | 164.9 | 181.5 | 220.8 | 291.9 | 18. |
| 204.2 | 162.7 | 146.1 | 200.9 | 173.6 | 162.2 | 227.7 | 324.1 | 19 |
| 209.2 | 134.4 | 150.0 | 199.1 | 180.0 | 174.7 | 241.1 | 275.7 | 20 |
| 207.9 | 160.1 | 158.1 | 188.9 | 186.8 | 170.5 | 230.5 | 235.7 | 21. |
| 204.9 | 173.3 | 165.4 | 218.3 | 193.9 | 188.9 | 216.2 | 218.9 | 22 |
| 203.3 | 140.2 | 168.5 | 225.1 | 192.6 | 185.9 | 209.5 | 179.9 | 23 |
| 200.1 | 135.6 | 178.6 | 227.4 | 198.7 | 171.1 | 219.6 | 144.1 | 24 |
| 205.1 | 162.7 | 181.5 | 200.9 | 293.3 | 177.2 | 227.2 | 195.3 | 25 |
| 202.0 | 173.7 | 185.4 | 199.6 | 193.7 | 181.8 | 228.8 | 182.4 | 26. |
| 204.3 | 183.5 | 192.5 | 219.9 | 192.4 | 180.3 | 234.4 | 220.9 | 27. |
| 194.6 | 209.9 | 190.5 | 241.6 | 192.9 | 179.1 | 235.0 | 182.8 | 28. |
| 189.8 | 207.0 | 193.7 | 262.0 | 192.7 | 191.6 | 245.2 | 259.8 | 29. |
| 189.0 | 210.5 | 188.8 | 249.8 | 197.1 | 185.3 | 239.6 | 276.8 | 30. |
| 182.9 | 181.3 | 186.7 | 235.3 | 198.1 | 171.2 | 244.9 | 239.5 | 31. |
| 183.9 | 148.8 | 184.8 | 211.7 | 200.2 | 163.0 | 238.3 | 281.1 | 32. |
| 178.1 | 209.6 | 184.7 | 221.0 | 198.5 | 184.4 | 235.1 | 279.5 | 33. |
| 175.6 | 215.0 | 188.0 | 235.8 | 199.1 | 182.3 | 240.3 | 244.9 | 34. |

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Table 2. - Index Numbers for the Estimated Total Value of Inventories
In Selected Groups of Industries-
(Estimates based on a sample of reporting firms and
(1947 Average $=100$ )

| Month | Foods |  | Tobacco and Beverages |  | Drugs |  | Petroleum Products |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. |
| 1950 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Jan. | 132.0 | 120.4 | 128.0 | 166.5 | 95.6 | 98.8 | 223.4 | 248.4 |
| 2. Feb. | 124.8 | 121.9 | 130.8 | 172.8 | 96.9 | 97.7 | 215.7 | 236.4 |
| 3. Mar. | 122.6 | 144.4 | 147.1 | 212.3 | 98.4 | 108.0 | 228.2 | 217.1 |
| 4. Apr. | 122.3 | 130.1 | 144.2 | 184.1 | 98.9 | 88.9 | 222.5 | 222.6 |
| 5. May | 133.1 | 149.0 | 142.6 | 205.6 | 98.8 | 98.2 | 233.1 | 290.3 |
| 6. June | 137.5 | 142.9 | 139.5 | 211.6 | 101.5 | 101.2 | 257.4 | 288.4 |
| 7. July | 143.3 | 148.0 | 134.5 | 196.1 | 105.2 | 82.5 | 272.7 | 279.5 |
| 8. Aug. | 144.5 | 149.5 | 130.1 | 212.0 | 103.1 | 116.1 | 268.2 | 308.9 |
| 9. Sept. | 148.5 | 155.8 | 128.3 | 216.6 | 102.2 | 138.7 | 273.3 | 308.7 |
| 10. Oct. | 158.6 | 156.7 | 128.0 | 206.4 | 100.3 | 126.6 | 276.5 | 291.9 |
| 11. Nov. | 162.3 | 160.4 | 128.8 | 213.3 | 101.0 | 116.0 | 273.6 | 287.1 |
| 12. Dec. | 165.1 | 137.5 | 129.4 | 236.4 | 103.6 | 87.5 | 285.8 | 253.1 |
| 1951 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 23. Jan. | 156.1 | 150.1 | 140.8 | 209.2 | 106.3 | 109.4 | 272.0 | 269.6 |
| 14. Feb. | 148.1 | 137.7 | 149.6 | 199.2 | 107.5 | 122.4 | 269.2 | 256.6 |
| 15. Mar. | 150.9 | 14.4 .4 | 154.2 | 216.4 | 111.4 | 118.6 | 269.3 | 235.5 |
| 16. Apr. | 151.2 | 150.4 | 156.3 | 211.4 | 116.3 | 102.7 | 277.8 | 241.5 |
| 17. May | 157.0 | 164.3 | 143.5 | 235.2 | 120.7 | 103.4 | 287.1 | 326.4 |
| 18. June | 157.4 | 171.7 | 153.8 | 238.3 | 128.5 | 103.4 | 307.6 | 304.2 |
| 19. July | 162.4 | 158.6 | 147.2 | 263.9 | 130.4 | 95.3 | 324.3 | 312.5 |
| 20. Aug. | 157.1 | 149.5 | 144.4 | 231.2 | 129.5 | 131.7 | 337.7 | 323.4 |
| 21. Sept. | 170.7 | 149.0 | 140.7 | 207.5 | 120.8 | 134.9 | 356.2 | 365.3 |
| 22. Oct. | 187.4 | 170.0 | 137.4 | 281.0 | 122.0 | 127.6 | 360.9 | 338.8 |
| 23. Nor. | 170.4 | 175.0 | 14.3 .8 | 224.3 | 120.6 | 108.2 84.0 | 352.9 349.4 | 330.0 |
| 24. Dec. | 273.7 | 132.7 | 142.8 | 251.4 | 122.3 | 84.0 | 349.4 | 301.4 |
| 1952 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25. Jan. | 174.1 | 153.4 | 155.2 | 228.5 | 121.9 | 126.2 | 331.7 | 313.3 |
| 26. Feb. | 157.1 | 134.3 | 164.6 | 226.9 | 125.0 | 129.8 | 315.1 | 282.1 |
| 27. Mar. | 155.3 | 130.2 | 169.6 | 207.7 | 121.6 | 134.5 | 306.9 | 269.7 |
| 28. Apr. | 150.8 | 145.6 | 165.2 | 276.1 | 117.8 | 120.9 | 309.4 | 281.0 |
| 29. May | 150.8 | 166.6 | 163.2 | 283.4 | 118.1 | 130.2 | 305.9 | 352.9 |
| 30. June | 149.8 | 150.0 | 160.8 | 278.2 | 219.4 | 114.4 | 314.7 | 322.4 |
| 31. July | 156.3 | 152.3 | 154.5 | 278.9 | 118.3 | 111.5 | 324.9 | 329.0 |
| 32. Aug. | 156.3 | 135.4 | 152.9 | 252.2 | 114.8 | 135.0 | 335.2 | 325.5 |
| 33. Sept. | 164.3 | 143.3 | 150.3 | 240.5 | 111.5 | 160.2 | 346.8 | 333.1 |
| 34. Oct. | 160.2 | 159.5 | 147.0 | 239.0 | 211.3 | 144.4 | 344.7 | 357.2 |

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| G00D S |  |  |  | SEMI-DURABLE CONSUMERS' GOODS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pulp and Paper Mills |  | Feed and Flour |  | Rubber Goods |  | Clothing |  |  |
| Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. |  |
| 206.1 | 95.1 | 197.8 | 100.6 | 108.0 | 81.3 | 127.1 | 87.4 | 1. |
| 206.1 | 91.5 | 169.4 | 119.0 | 130.4 | 89.6 | 129.0 | 104.6 | 2. |
| 200.3 | 103.1 | 145.6 | 128.3 | 137.1 | 101.8 | 127.8 | 133.8 | 3. |
| 195.5 | 103.5 | 135.5 | 114.5 | 140.1 | 94.2 | 125.4 | 123.6 | 4. |
| 189.6 | 110.6 | 149.2 | 128.4 | 138.7 | 114.5 | 123.6 | 109.2 | 5. |
| 185.5 | 112.2 | 149.0 | 123.8 | 134.7 | 124.6 | 128.7 | 95.1 | 6. |
| 183.0 | 111.2 | 150.0 | 108.8 | 132.6 | 113.6 | 131.1 | 82.1 | 7. |
| 166.5 | 113.0 | 150.0 | 121.0 | 123.6 | 149.7 | 127.9 | 118.6 | 8. |
| 174.8 | 127.1 | 153.2 | 122.6 | 124.7 | 136.8 | 122.8 | 151.7 | 9. |
| 173.5 | 128.2 | 167.9 | 125.2 | 126.7 | 154.7 | 120.2 | 143.2 | 10. |
| 169.0 | 132.6 | 213.0 | 144.6 | 134.6 | 150.9 | 123.5 | 133.9 | 11. |
| 186.9 | 123.4 | 209.4 | 131.3 | 155.8 | 143.7 | 133.7 | 109.7 | 12. |
| 178.4 | 129.2 | 157.9 | 130.8 | 163.5 | 182.7 | 143.0 | 113.7 | 13. |
| 181.3 | 124.3 | 188.0 | 140.4 | 172.2 | 169.6 | 151.1 | 133.8 | 14. |
| 186.5 | 140.0 | 161.0 | 143.8 | 186.2 | 179.5 | 156.8 | 154.7 | 15. |
| 184.4 | 140.6 | 173.6 | 138.2 | 191.5 | 193.3 | 162.8 | 143.0 | 16. |
| 191.1 | 153.2 | 156.4 | 147.5 | 209.1 | 168.1 | 169.0 | 121.2 | 17. |
| 203.6 | 149.5 | 144.6 | 148.8 | 221.6 | 154.0 | 176.2 | 122.8 | 18. |
| 218.1 | 151.0 | 14.7 .0 | 124.4 | 221.4 | 137.1 | 179.8 | 84.4 | 19. |
| 229.6 | 165.6 | 149.8 | 124.1 | 223.6 | 136.6 | 177.3 | 127.0 | 20. |
| 244.8 | 14.6 | 147.1 | 125.2 | 216.8 | 160.7 | 172.1 | 135.8 | 21. |
| 253.4 | 166.7 | 177.1 | 142.7 | 210.3 | 190.8 | 165.1 | 134.1 | 22. |
| 252.1 | 167.8 | 220.6 | 157.0 | 204.9 | 165.0 | 157.9 | 118.7 | 23. |
| 259.5 | 155.8 | 218.8 | 128.3 | 218.6 | 138.8 | 154.7 | 89.0 | 24. |
| 267.7 | 152.1 | 205.5 | 141.5 | 210.1 | 148.1 | 142.2 | 97.9 | 25. |
| 250.9 | 142.7 | 181.7 | 122.8 | 207.1 | 167.1 | 154.1 | 131.0 | 26. |
| 258.1 | 347.6 | 187.2 | 139.9 | 207.1 | 172.0 | 149.9 | 156.4 | 27. |
| 255.4 | 144.5 | 163.0 | 134.9 | 205.7 | 165.1 | 145.4 | 148.2 | 28. |
| 259.5 | 143.9 | 147.3 | 145.9 | 201.0 | 172.4 171.5 | 141.7 | 127.1 | 320 |
| 261.4 | 139.0 | 131.6 | 148.3 | 197.2 | 171.5 | 144.3 | 11.7 | 31. |
| 264.6 | 138.7 | 134.7 | 143.6 | 192.9 | 156.9 | 144.0 | 100.4 | 32. |
| 269.3 | 141.4 | 143.4 | 123.9 | 179.4 | 159.0 | 141.4 | 127.6 | 33. |
| 277.1 | 140.4 | 162.0 | 134.4 | 171.9 | 191.7 | 133.4 | 161.6 |  |
| 277.3 | 147.8 | 162.3 | 141.4 | 172.0 | 178.4 | 128.1 | 162.7 | 34. |

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Table 2. - Index Numbers for the Estimated Total Value of Inventories
in Selected Groups of Industries-
(Estimates based on a sample of reporting firms and
(1947 Average $=100$ )

| Month | SEMI - DURABLECONSUMERS' (Concl'd) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Leather Footwear |  | Textiles |  | Leather Tanneries |  |
|  | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. |
| 1950 |  |  |  |  | 112.6 | 78.7 |
| 1. Jan. | 147.0 | 97.0 117.0 | 130.0 129.6 | 130.2 | 112.6 | 70.4 |
| 2. Feb. | 146.5 139.6 | 117.0 | 129.6 | 135.4 142.1 | 111.5 | 73.7 |
| 3. Mar. | 139.0 | 112.2 | 133.6 | 125.5 | 114.4 | 61.8 |
| 5. May | 131.6 | 109.4 | 135.3 | 126.7 | 120.1 | 72.2 |
| 6. June | 134.1 | 88.4 | 139.5 | 138.4 | 118.1 | 72.6 |
| 7. July | 138.8 | 79.5 | 144.6 | 111.0 | 115.2 | 65.1 |
| 8. Aug. | 137.1 | 117.9 | 145.2 | 147.5 | 112.8 | 98.7 |
| 9. Sept. | 136.9 | 125.4 | 144.4 | 158.3 | 109.4 | 104.0 |
| 10. Oct. | 139.6 | 114.5 | 150.9 | 166.3 | 115.4 | 105.4 |
| 11. Nov. | 146.3 | 106.7 | 153.2 | 163.9 | 120.7 | 120.3 |
| 12. Dec. | 165.0 | 84.9 | 164.0 | 170.1 | 126.1 | 101.0 |
| 1951 |  |  |  |  |  | 125.1 |
| 13. Jan. | 178.6 | 117.9 | 172.1 | 173.7 | 129.9 | 125.1 |
| 14. Feb. | 183.0 | 136.1 | 175.7 | 180.7 | 139.4 | 116.0 |
| 15. Mar. | 196.5 | 142.4 | 180.0 | 189.9 | 139.4 | 110.0 |
| 16. Apr. | 204.4 | 125.8 | 195.2 | 170.0 | 146.4 | 104.9 |
| 17. May | 204.5 | 133.3 | 193.7 | 163.2 | 160.5 | 85.4 |
| 18. June | 216.3 | 101.9 | 216.9 | 150.9 | 168.9 | 74.3 |
| 19. July | 215.0 | 94.3 | 218.6 | 118.5 | 172.7 | 54.8 |
| 20. Aug. | 203.6 | 169.1 | 220.2 | 147.4 | 168.8 | 71.7 |
| 21. Sept. | 205.2 | 118.5 | 220.3 | 132.9 | 167.4 | 64.2 |
| 22. Oct. | 194.1 | 133.0 | 214.9 | 131.8 | 162.6 | 79.2 |
| 23. Nov. | 201.5 | 110.9 | 213.3 | 137.7 | 153.1 | 75.7 |
| 24. Dec. | 199.3 | 70.8 | 215.9 | 124.0 | 138.8 | 62.4 |
| 1952 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25. Jan. | 202.9 | 143.1 | 210.9 | 151.7 | 124.9 | 72.5 |
| 26. Feb. | 194.1 | 154.4 | 195.6 | 150.9 | 119.4 | 66.3 |
| 27. Mar. | 177.9 | 161.0 | 191.5 | 160.3 | 106.5 | 66.3 |
| 28. Apr. | 165.9 | 152.8 | 187.2 | 145.8 | 104.0 | 60.8 |
| 29. May | 160.1 | 139.0 | 184.4 | 139.6 | 107.4 | 65.9 |
| 30. June | 162.3 | 116.1 | 180.8 | 126.1 | 103.0 | 68.1 |
| 31. July | 161.6 | 108.9 | 177.9 | 121.3 | 102.0 | 56.2 |
| 32. Aug. | 150.5 | 158.2 | 173.1 | 129.7 | 102.1 | 64.9 74.7 |
| 33. Sept. | 143.1 | 151.4 | 168.5 | 150.2 | 101.2 | 75.7 |
| 34. Oct. | 142.0 | 146.2 | 171.4 | 158.7 | 102.2 | 75.7 |

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(1947 Average $=100$ )

## DURABLE CONSUMERS' GOODS

| Motor <br> Vehicles | Electrical | Apparatus | Purniture |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | | Motor |
| :---: |

Invt. Ship. Invt. Ship. Invt. Ship. Invt. Ship.

| 127.9 | 136.6 | 101.4 | 124.2 | 148.8 | 128.9 | 116.2 | 197.1 | 1. |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 127.6 | 145.8 | 104.2 | 129.0 | 150.5 | 104.3 | 117.6 | 209.1 | 2. |
| 130.0 | 149.3 | 105.0 | 148.8 | 151.2 | 108.9 | 121.4 | 230.1 | 3. |
| 132.7 | 134.3 | 107.4 | 139.8 | 150.3 | 99.7 | 128.9 | 198.8 | 4.0 |
| 134.7 | 171.4 | 111.1 | 148.0 | 149.1 | 111.2 | 129.7 | 256.8 | 5. |
| 130.3 | 201.3 | 113.3 | 154.7 | 147.6 | 115.6 | 124.2 | 296.5 | 6. |
| 128.3 | 205.3 | 117.1 | 130.2 | 146.5 | 87.1 | 119.8 | 270.7 | 7. |
| 134.9 | 130.6 | 117.4 | 137.9 | 146.0 | 111.7 | 123.5 | 199.1 | 8. |
| 131.5 | 188.0 | 118.3 | 179.7 | 144.1 | 131.8 | 125.2 | 279.0 | 9. |
| 130.5 | 177.9 | 119.8 | 185.0 | 147.5 | 136.5 | 132.9 | 277.4 | 10. |
| 140.0 | 161.8 | 127.1 | 197.4 | 152.3 | 140.9 | 141.6 | 282.6 | 11. |
| 161.9 | 165.0 | 135.9 | 178.3 | 156.3 | 119.8 | 157.1 | 288.8 | 12. |


| 170.7 | 202.4 | 137.5 | 190.6 | 167.3 | 122.7 | 168.9 | 316.7 | 13. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 174.9 | 229.4 | 142.6 | 180.1 | 178.7 | 123.4 | 175.2 | 307.2 | 14. |
| 177.9 | 268.9 | 155.2 | 200.8 | 188.6 | 126.2 | 178.3 | 353.0 | 15. |
| 190.6 | 243.7 | 161.4 | 209.6 | 195.9 | 125.1 | 182.3 | 340.3 | 16. |
| 190.0 | 252.9 | 169.1 | 195.9 | 202.5 | 120.2 | 188.1 | 350.9 | 17. |
| 196.2 | 213.0 | 183.6 | 186.1 | 204.4 | 118.6 | 186.3 | 301.8 | 18. |
| 202.1 | 176.2 | 188.7 | 140.6 | 201.2 | 140.1 | 187.6 | 303.9 | 19. |
| 206.4 | 135.1 | 199.2 | 155.6 | 198.3 | 107.6 | 199.7 | 202.3 | 20. |
| 206.9 | 168.6 | 201.0 | 171.5 | 191.8 | 120.1 | 197.9 | 281.2 | 21. |
| 203.1 | 181.9 | 201.1 | 194.4 | 180.9 | 117.7 | 195.4 | 314.0 | 22. |
| 208.0 | 118.3 | 200.3 | 174.5 | 180.9 | 112.9 | 194.2 | 291.4 | 23. |
| 209.6 | 132.3 | 209.5 | 156.5 | 173.2 | 103.1 | 198.2 | 245.0 | 24. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2. |
| 207.2 | 188.7 | 212.2 | 154.9 | 178.1 | 109.0 | 210.3 | 290.6 | 25. |
| 210.0 | 191.4 | 213.9 | 170.0 | 171.7 | 112.7 | 211.6 | 312.2 | 26.0 |
| 217.3 | 203.7 | 213.2 | 182.5 | 174.4 | 121.6 | 207.5 | 315.5 | 27. |
| 204.3 | 264.1 | 200.5 | 174.6 | 166.3 | 110.9 | 198.5 | 332.4 | 28. |
| 197.4 | 244.8 | 207.6 | 190.1 | 162.5 | 113.7 | 190.4 | 339.1 | 29. |
| 201.7 | 240.5 | 197.2 | 192.6 | 158.1 | 124.0 | 185.7 | 352.7 | 30. |
| 189.9 | 199.5 | 197.2 | 176.8 | 153.0 | 109.4 | 183.5 | 302.3 | 31. |
| 193.9 | 144.2 | 199.7 | 174.3 | 152.7 | 127.2 | 189.1 | 195.9 | 32. |
| 188.1 | 230.0 | 193.1 | 199.4 | 149.1 | 144.9 | 194.6 | 328.4 | 33. |
| 185.8 | 219.4 | 186.2 | 224.7 | 145.1 | 151.3 | 192.0 | 361.9 | 34. |

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Table 2. - Index Numbers for the Estimated Total Value of Inventories
in Selected Groups of Industries -
(Estimates based on a sample of reporting firms and
(1947 Average $=100$ )

|  | CAPITAL GOODS (TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total ation | TransporEquipment | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ship } \\ & \text { building } \end{aligned}$ |  | RailwayRolling Stock |  | Aircraft |  |
|  | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. |
| 1950 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Jan. | 86.1 | 140.0 | 54.0 | 57.5 | 126.8 | 142.1 | 68.7 70.0 | 329.3 297.5 |
| 2. Feb. | 86.4 | 116.7 | 55.4 | 61.2 | 125.7 | 108.9 | 70.0 | $297.5$ |
| 3. Mar. | 81.0 | 165.6 | 47.5 | 54.8 | 120.1 | 175.3 | 72.5 | 379.7 |
| 4. Apr. | 79.6 | 129.4 | 47.9 | 59.2 | 113.5 | 131.0 | 80.3 | 291.7 |
| 5. May | 80.8 | 141.5 | 54.1 | 119.7 | 108.9 | 123.8 | 82.6 | 298.2 |
| 6. June | 80.6 | 138.9 | 52.3 | 106.1 | 107.5 | 122.6 | 90.4 | 314.6 |
| 7. July | 81.6 | 108.5 | 53.5 | 83.5 | 107.6 | 93.0 | 93.2 | 260.0 |
| 8. Aug. | 81.0 | 139.9 | 53.6 | 85.5 | 105.8 | 98.0 | 94.1 | 517.6 |
| 9. Sept. | 80.7 | 160.0 | 55.7 | 98.8 | 101.2 | 144.3 | 98.5 | 401.4 |
| 10. Oct. | 71.1 | 106.1 | 53.1 | 74.9 | 86.2 | 93.8 | 83.2 | 254.4 |
| 11. Nov. | 77.2 | 134.0 | 54.8 | 83.4 | 96.0 | 110.7 | 92.0 | 394.2 |
| 12. Dec. | 74.0 | 173.6 | 46.5 | 125.9 | 96.2 | 126.5 | 94.8 | 565.2 |
| 1951 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13. Jan. | 71.2 | 138.4 | 37.4 | 196.1 | 102.0 | 114.8 | 100.5 | 135.7 |
| 14. Feb. | 73.7 | 161.3 | 42.0 | 66.0 | 103.9 | 122.4 | 96.6 | 621.6 |
| 15. Mar. | 82.4 | 195.0 | 44.7 | 86.2 | 121.0 | 130.9 | 101.1 | 835.4 |
| 16. Apr. | 84.7 | 186.4 | 43.7 | 100.5 | 125.3 | 181.8 | 109.7 | 423.5 |
| 17. May | 87.2 | 270.0 | 43.2 | 85.3 | 127.5 | 186.9 | 124.4 | 1207.1 |
| 18. June | 92.6 | 207.7 | 46.1 | 128.0 | 132.4 | 212.1 | 140.3 | 377.0 |
| 19. July | 106.3 | 266.7 | 62.8 | 109.7 | 147.4 | 184.3 | 138.8 | 1132.4 |
| 20. Aus. | 106.4 | 278.6 | 59.3 | 76.1 | 149.3 | 237.7 | 147.0 | 1013.0 608.9 |
| 21. Sept. | 116.5 | 234.5 | 64.8 | 96.5 131.1 | 160.6 | 228.2 166.8 | 170.1 | 608.9 1241.7 |
| 22. Oct. | 126.7 | 273.1 | 73.2 | 131.1 | 177.2 | 166.8 253.8 | 166.8 | 1241.7 |
| 23. Nov. | 130.1 | 299.3 367.6 | 77.2 83.9 | 106.6 | 172.2 179.8 | 253.8 242.0 | 194.8 193.5 | 1036.6 |
| 24. Dec. | 136.2 | 367.6 | 83.9 | 174.6 | 179.8 | 242.0 | 193.5 | 1573.6 |
| 1952 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25. Jan. | 144.2 | 251.3 | 96.5 | 104.5 | 177.6 | 213.2 | 217.1 |  |
| 26. Feb. | 141.2 | 247.2 | 88.7 | 107.9 | 206.7 | 168.3 | 130.2 | 1048.3 |
| 27. Mar. | 151.2 | 294.3 | 97.2 | 136.1 | 214.8 | 195.7 | 151.9 | 1256.7 |
| 28. Apr. | 159.6 | 308.9 | 106.9 | 126.4 | 223.0 | 223.1 | 156.6 | 1256.1 |
| 29. May | 163.0 | 372.0 | 106.6 | 253.2 | 221.5 | 273.1 | 188.7 | 1240.5 |
| 30. June | 158.7 | 351.8 | 105.1 | 161.9 | 216.9 | 282.4 | 175.2 | 1221.4 |
| 31. July | 156.9 | 346.8 | 106.0 | 128.6 | 212.9 | 268.9 | 170.2 | 1335.6 |
| 32. Aug. | 151.3 | 317.7 | 101.4 | 143.0 | 203.6 | 231.6 | 172.5 | 1247.5 |
| 33. Sept. | 150.3 | 356.8 | 105.3 | 96.0 | 199.0 | 292.7 | 164.7 | $1368.7$ |
| 34. Oct. | 159.5 | 341.5 | 118.8 | 129.7 | 200.7 | 194.3 | 181.8 | 1719.0 |

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| 142.3 | 168.9 | 150.7 | 186.6 | 121.8 | 156.7 | 129.3 | 141.7 | 13. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 148.8 | 165.4 | 154.9 | 180.0 | 122.2 | 154.7 | 136.7 | 126.8 | 14. |
| 157.4 | 188.0 | 155.5 | 228.5 | 127.3 | 173.4 | 147.4 | 151.9 | 15. |
| 161.6 | 198.6 | 157.2 | 239.5 | 131.1 | 177.9 | 159.9 | 144.1 | 16. |
| 164.9 | 193.9 | 157.8 | 255.6 | 135.0 | 218.4 | 179.6 | 164.9 | 17. |
| 174.4 | 183.7 | 159.3 | 240.8 | 138.1 | 185.1 | 194.2 | 192.1 | 18. |
| 177.6 | 169.9 | 156.2 | 245.0 | 143.1 | 136.7 | 206.3 | 148.4 | 19. |
| 187.2 | 158.4 | 153.5 | 243.9 | 150.8 | 136.8 | 214.4 | 147.7 | 20. |
| 194.2 | 178.9 | 161.1 | 163.1 | 157.1 | 157.4 | 218.2 | 182.0 | 21. |
| 195.4 | 225.8 | 182.0 | 145.4 | 161.2 | 177.7 | 221.1 | 176.4 | 22. |
| 205.3 | 191.7 | 164.9 | 244.4 | 165.6 | 175.7 | 229.9 | 194.8 | 23. |
| 211.7 | 187.3 | 208.2 | 153.7 | 167.2 | 163.0 | 223.3 | 185.7 | 24. |


| 216.0 | 170.2 | 202.3 | 222.4 | 164.4 | 182.7 | 216.8 | 161.7 | 25. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 223.9 | 185.8 | 213.1 | 209.0 | 170.0 | 188.6 | 218.2 | 107.1 | 26. |
| 231.7 | 187.2 | 203.8 | 228.4 | 184.5 | 191.3 | 240.8 | 175.9 | 27. |
| 215.4 | 201.7 | 206.6 | 342.2 | 177.8 | 184.1 | 263.3 | 140.7 | 28. |
| 220.2 | 196.3 | 200.9 | 315.3 | 190.8 | 196.1 | 263.3 | 286.8 | 29. |
| 213.9 | 183.1 | 198.4 | 343.9 | 179.3 | 169.3 | 270.4 | 229.2 | 30. |
| 212.9 | 177.1 | 189.1 | 295.5 | 178.7 | 143.1 | 272.9 | 196.7 | 31. |
| 217.8 | 154.5 | 183.0 | 224.4 | 177.5 | 142.8 | 264.0 | 232.2 | 32. |
| 216.3 | 176.4 | 186.1 | 135.2 | 178.5 | 172.1 | 277.0 | 221.6 | 33. |
| 216.6 | 210.7 | 188.2 | 150.2 | 176.1 | 181.2 | 268.5 | 259.9 | 34. |

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Table 2. - Index Numbers for the Estimated Total Value of Inventories
in Selected Groups of Industries-
(Estimates based on a sample of reporting firms and (1947 Average $=100$ )

| Month | PRODUCERS' COODS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Iron and Steel |  | Non-Ferrous Metals |  | Coke and Gas Products |  | Acids, Alkalies and Salts |  |
|  | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. |
| 1950 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Jan. | 137.1 | 116.9 | 127.8 | 114.7 | 112.9 | 192.3 | 115.4 | 111.4 |
| 2. Feb. | 135.5 | 112.6 | 128.7 | 110.6 | 72.5 | 165.7 | 105.5 | 123.3 |
| 3. Mar. | 130.0 | 125.6 | 127.9 | 120.3 | 43.6 | 181.6 | 97.2 | 105.9 |
| 4. Apr. | 129.9 | 107.3 | 129.9 | 126.6 | 38.9 | 149.4 | 97.8 | 135.2 |
| 5. May | 133.3 | 121.0 | 127.8 | 160.0 | 66.0 | 149.1 | 92.2 | 136.3 |
| 6. June | 136.1 | 133.3 | 127.4 | 148.1 | 88.6 | 161.2 | 110.4 | 138.4 |
| 7. July | 138.6 | 133.0 | 133.1 | 130.8 | 108.0 | 141.4 | 110.8 | 134.5 |
| 8. Aug. | 139.6 | 149.7 | 135.5 | 141.2 | 137.3 | 132.1 | 110.8 | 124.6 |
| 9. Sept. | 137.3 | 170.5 | 138.8 | 166.6 | 156.5 | 156.7 | 106.0 | 149.6 |
| 10. Oct. | 139.2 | 162.3 | 143.0 | 174.0 | 173.0 | 148.6 | 111.8 | 136.3 |
| 11. Nov. | 140.1 | 163.8 | 143.4 | 172.0 | 188.6 | 158.8 | 113.2 | 148.5 |
| 12. Dec. | 142.6 | 169.7 | 147.8 | 170.5 | 168.1 | 169.9 | 125.5 | 146.7 |
| 1951 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13. Jan. | 140.0 | 168.4 | 156.4 | 165.0 | 140.1 | 176.2 | 119.8 | 153.5 |
| 14. Feb. | 141.1 | 157.1 | 157.8 | 154.8 | 116.8 | 150.0 | 119.2 | 146.5 |
| 15. Mar. | 142.5 | 174.3 | 157.2 | 190.5 | 90.4 | 155.1 | 119.4 | 148.8 |
| 16. Apr. | 148.6 | 170.7 | 158.8 | 178.7 | 103.6 | 171.1 | 124.3 | 160.5 |
| 17. May | 157.6 | 183.2 | 168.9 | 188.1 | 118.7 | 153.4 | 128.3 | 169.8 |
| 18. June | 168.5 | 187.7 | 174.2 | 188.1 | 134.8 | 161.5 | 145.7 | 162.7 |
| 19. July | 179.1 | 166.7 | 187.4 | 169.4 | 148.4 | 128.1 | 134.4 | 176.9 |
| 20. Aug. | 182.4 | 178.4 | 191.7 | 189.1 | 170.3 | 152.2 | 151.0 | 169.9 |
| 21. Sept. | 184.7 | 180.1 | 203.5 | 169.6 | 177.4 | 151.2 | 164.1 | 158.0 |
| 22. Oct. | 194.8 | 193.4 | 204.7 | 203.4 | 197.7 | 158.6 | 181.0 | 148.1 |
| 23. Nov. | 190.2 | 187.5 | 202.0 | 209.8 | 204.3 | 156.0 | 188.2 | 144.9 |
| 24. Dec. | 204.9 | 177.3 | 200.3 | 292.3 | 178.3 | 155.4 | 188.6 | 160.0 |
| 1952 1903. 1720.6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25. Jan. | 193.5 | 172.6 | 203.8 | 188.3 200.2 | 147.7 114.4 | 188.7 | 195.0 | $\begin{aligned} & 38.8 \\ & 152.7 \end{aligned}$ |
| 26. Feb. | 193.6 | 178.9 | 204.2 | 200.2 | 114.4 | 157.9 | 194.5 | 152.7 |
| 27. Mar. | 196.2 | 179.4 | 204.3 | 197.2 | 102.5 | 161.8 | 191.1 | 152.2 |
| 28. Apr. | 199.8 | 185.4 | 205.2 | 185.1 | 120.1 | 146.3 | 188.5 | 154.0 |
| 29. May | 202.7 | 193.6 | 205.7 | 195.7 | 136.6 | 160.7 | 183.6 | 159.9 |
| 30. June | 211.4 | 188.5 | 207.7 | 200.4 | $\pm 63.3$ | 137.4 | 185.4 | 157.7 |
| 31. July | 205.0 | 203.4 | 218.5 | 164.8 | 174.0 | 143.7 | 186.6 | 148.8 |
| 32. Aug. | 204.7 | 177.3 | 222.6 | 161.2 | 200.3 | 139.3 | 182.5 | 156.0 |
| 33. Sept. | 200.5 | 212.5 | 219.9 | 173.3 | 210.8 | 152.6 | 176.1 | 173.6 |
| 34. Oct. | 201.6 | 207.1 | 218.1 | 173.6 | 211.6 | 179.1 | 179.8 | 166.0 |

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## Table 3. - Index of All Firms Reporting, by Industries

(Note: The Indexes given below do not ropresent Total for the Industry, nor specific Comodities, but relate only to the value of total inventories and shipments of firms reporting in each Industry)
$(1947$ Average $=100)$

| Industry and Month | Value of Shipments | Value of Inventory |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Raw Materials | Goods in Process | Finished Products |
| FOOD AND BEVERAGES |  |  |  |  |  |
| F1our Mills |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 142.7 | 177.1 | 150.1 | 9.2 | 295.5 |
| Sept. 1952 | 134.4 | 162.0 | 136.7 | 9.2 | 273.1 |
| Oct. 1952 | 141.4 | 162.3 | 136.3 | 9.2 | 275.8 |
| Biscuits and Crackers |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 271.8 | 264.9 | 176.2 | 197.8 | 656.8 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 222.2 | 239.6 | 148.8 | 164.4 | 643.5 |
| Oct. 1952 | 250.7 | 253.5 | 152.1 | 166.7 | 705.8 |
| Brewing Industry 060 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 263.0 | 116.6 | 109.7 | 134.6 | 96.1 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 288.9 | 116.2 | 103.6 | 135.8 | 99.6 |
| Oct. 1952 | 290.7 | 115.7 | 102.3 | 136.8 | 103.3 |
| Confectionery |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 147.2 | 170.6 | 160.1 | 125.9 | 251.2 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 148.8 | 157.7 | 125.2 | 172.7 | 292.5 |
| Oct. 1952 | 189.4 | 145.7 | 114.8 | 176.3 | 261.8 |
| Sugar Industry |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 186.3 | 207.7 | 253.7 | 372.8 | 172.1 |
| Sept. 1952 | 149.6 | 118.5 | 98.0 | 291.2 | 131.4 |
| Oct. 1952 | 136.3 | 151.0 | 109.5 | 315.2 | 179.4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 191.5 | 148.7 | 160.8 | 213.8 | 114.9 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 183.7 | 124.5 | 128.4 | 198.4 | 110.2 |
| Oct. 1952 | 193.3 | 117.8 | 120.8 | 203.6 | 105.2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 103.1 | 198.0 | 169.8 | 13.0 | 229.2 |
| Sept. 1952 | 115.4 | 179.9 | 126.3 | 21.3 | 226.2 |
| Oct. 1952 | 124.7 | 177.3 | 132.0 | 12.0 | 218.6 |
| LEATHER PRODUCTS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leather Tanneries |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oet. 1951 | 79.2 | 162.6 | 105.9 | 168.2 | 438.9 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 74.7 | 101.2 | 64.0 | 134.1 | 248.2 |
| Oct. 1952 | 75.7 | 102.2 | 64.7 | 137.7 | 244.8 |

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(1947 \text { Average }=100)
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$$
\text { (1947 Average }=100 \text { ) }
$$

| Industry and Month | Value of Shipments | Value of Inventory |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | $\begin{gathered} \text { Raw } \\ \text { Materials } \end{gathered}$ | Goods in Process | Finished Products |
| TEXTILE PRODUCTS (Cont'd) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cordage, Rope and Twine |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 167.3 | 168.6 | 292.8 | 171.3 | 111.3 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 252.7 | 198.1 | 202.2 | 262.4 | 193.2 |
| Oct. 1952 | 89.2 | 198.4 | 197.8 | 248.0 | 196.4 |
| Cotton and Jute Bags |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 109.7 | 155.9 | 148.6 | 145.9 | 223.5 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 78.2 | 96.3 | 87.5 | 43.1 | 211.3 |
| Oct. 1952 | 89.1 | 106.0 | 100.1 | 44.0 | 183.9 |
| Miscellaneous Textiles Goods |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 115.4 | 184.0 | 207.2 | 185.3 | 117.7 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 185.9 | 163.7 | 196.7 | 181.7 | 86.2 |
| Oct. 1952 | 198.7 | 170.4 | 195.2 | 234.9 | 93.2 |
| Other Textile Industries |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Includes the following: Miscellaneous |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cotton Goods, Rayon, Nylon and Silk |  |  |  |  |  |
| Textiles, Laces, Tapes and Bindings, |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canvas Products, Carpets, Ma | Rugs, |  |  |  |  |
| Oilcloth, Linoleum and Other Coated |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fabrics) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 137.1 | 235.9 | 195.2 | 235.5 | 352.5 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 185.7 | 188.9 | 144.0 | 196.1 | 308.1 |
| Oct. 1952 | 186.8 | 193.7 | 147.1 | 199.6 | 320.1 |
| CLOTHING |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hosiery |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 177.1 | 196.4 | 193.7 | 157.8 | 292.8 |
| Sept. 1952 | 168.3 | 160.9 | 130.5 | 163.2 | 220.1 |
| Oct. 1952 | 167.7 | 144.6 | 129.1 | 130.2 | 211.3 |
| Other Knit Goods |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 145.5 | 191.2 | 138.3 | 195.2 | 288.8 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 160.8 | 147.9 | 107.3 | 151.8 | 222.3 |
| Oct. 1952 | 163.5 | 141.5 | 102.9 | 150.5 | 208.1 |

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(1947 Average $=100$ )

| Industry and Month | Value of Shipments | Value of Inventory |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Raw <br> Materials | Goods in Process | Finished Products |
| CLOTHING (Concl'd) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Corsets, Girdles and Foundation |  |  |  |  |  |
| Garments |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 104.0 | 192.3 | 213.5 | 75.1 | 236.2 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 134.5 | 134.1 | 133.2 | 131.4 | 149.4 |
| Oct. 1952 | 121.7 | 145.7 | 140.6 | 137.2 | 182.6 |
| Other Clothing Industries |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Includes the following: Children's Clothing; Men's Clothing; Women's Clothing; Hats and Caps; miscellaneous Clothing) |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 128.2 | 154.8 | 153.7 | 115.4 | 196.0 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 162.1 | 127.1 | 124.3 | 117.2 | 147.7 |
| Oct. 1952 | 163.6 | 122.6 | 119.3 | 111.2 | 146.4 |
| WOOD PRODUCTS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sash Door and Planing Mills |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 142.9 | 163.5 | 152.1 | 72.0 | 529.3 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 176.3 | 145.0 | 133.6 | 82.5 | 462.1 |
| Oct. 1952 | 166.0 | 127.5 | 114.5 | 54.5 | 497.4 |

Furniture
(Including Metal Furniture and Mattresses and Springs)


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(1947 Average $=100$ )


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(Note: The Indexes given below do not represent Total for the Industry nor specific Commodities, but relate only to the value of total inventories and shipments of firms reporting in each industry)

$$
\text { (1947 Average }=100 \text { ) }
$$

| Industry and Month | Value of Shipments | Value of Inventory |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Raw <br> Materials | Goods in Process | Finished Products |
| IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS (Concl'd) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sheet Metal Products |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 169.0 | 158.4 | 154.4 | 228.1 | 140.2 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 253.9 | 128.2 | 123.3 | 174.2 | 121.8 |
| Oct. 1952 | 175.7 | 127.1 | 123.6 | 168.7 | 120.1 |
| Wire and Wire Products |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 188.1 | 162.6 | 155.9 | 153.5 | 176.1 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 161.6 | 203.9 | 204.6 | 146.1 | 226.0 |
| Oct. 1952 | 183.0 | 204.1 | 197.4 | 154.6 | 234.4 |
| Miscellaneous Iron and Steel |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 222.9 | 232.8 | 253.0 | 287.6 | 229.0 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 228.4 | 225.5 | 234.0 | 215.0 | 174.7 |
| Oct. 1952 | 237.7 | 234.9 | 240.1 | 227.6 | 186.8 |
| TRANSPORTATION EQUIPNENT |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aircraft and Parts |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 1241.7 | 166.8 | 144.8 | 683.8 | 59.5 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 1368.7 | 164.7 | 141.1 | 761.1 | 31.9 |
| Oct. 1952 | 1719.0 | 181.8 | 155.7 | 872.9 | 24.1 |
| Motor Vehicles |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 181.9 | 203.1 | 172.8 | 189.4 | 225.0 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 230.0 | 188.1 | 164.4 | 201.2 | 180.2 |
| Oct. 1952 | 219.4 | 185.8 | 167.1 | 193.3 | 182.5 |
| Motor Vehicle Parts and Accessories |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 314.0 | 195.4 | 222.2 | 169.2 | 175.1 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 328.4 | 194.6 | 221.8 | 152.7 | 187.2 |
| Oct. 1952 | 361.9 | 192.0 | 216.4 | 148.8 | 190.2 |
| Railroad and Rolling Stock |  |  |  |  |  |
| Equipment |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 166.8 | 177.2 | 136.9 | 287.9 | 239.0 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 292.7 | 199.0 | 210.2 | 165.0 | 167.1 |
| Oct. 1952 | 194.3 | 200.7 | 205.1 | 210.2 | 163.6 |

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(1947 Average $=100$ )

| Industry and Month | Value of Shipments | Value of Inventory |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Raw | Goods in | Finished |
|  |  |  | Materials | Process | Products |

TRANSPORTATION AND EQUIPMENT (Concl'd)
Shipbuilding and Repairing

| Oct. | 1951 | 131.1 | 73.2 | 87.4 | 72.1 | 370.4 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sept. | 1952 (Rev.) | 96.0 | 105.3 | 111.4 | 136.1 | 538.9 |
| Oct. | 1952 | 129.7 | 118.8 | 105.7 | 175.7 | - |

Bicycles and Parts and Miscellaneous Transportation Equipment

| Oct. | 1951 | 89.1 | 250.1 | 167.5 | 281.3 | 361.5 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sept. | 1952 (Rev.) | 87.2 | 201.4 | 160.8 | 357.8 | 212.0 |
| Oct. | 1952 | 113.4 | 199.6 | 154.2 | 357.8 | 214.6 |

## NON-FERROUS METAL PRODUCTS

Brass and Copper Products

| Oct. | 1951 |  | 217.7 | 204.2 | 191.1 | 159.4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sept. | 1952 (Rev.) |  | 172.6 | 209.7 | 201.3 | 155.4 |
| Oct. | 1952 |  | 187.0 | 199.3 | 184.9 | 160.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 336.7 |  |
| Jewellery | and | Silverware |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. | 1951 |  | 108.0 | 155.1 | 124.2 | 166.7 |
| Sept. | 1952 | 122.1 | 146.0 | 134.9 | 149.3 | 160.5 |
| Oct. | 1952 |  | 143.5 | 143.9 | 124.5 | 151.2 |

## Non-Ferrous Metal Smelting and Refining

| Oct. | 1951 |  | 204.8 | 207.6 | 226.7 | 130.7 | 273.8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sept. | 1952 |  | 171.4 | 237.9 | 258.2 | 157.0 | 306.9 |
| Oct. | 1952 |  | 168.7 | 238.3 | 259.4 | 157.7 | 304.9 |
| Aluminum Products and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White Metal Allors |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. | 1951 |  | 177.8 | 193.2 | 232.7 | 211.9 | 157.4 |
| Sept. | 1952 | (Rev.) | 184.8 | 155.5 | 162.6 | 233.1 | 134.9 |
| Oct. | 1952 |  | 183.8 | 152.8 | 158.1 | 228.1 | 133.9 |

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Table 3. - Index of All Firms Reporting, by Industries, Cont'd
(Note: The Indexes given below do not represent Total for the Industry, nor specific Commodities, but relate only to the value of total inventories and shipments of firms reporting in each Industry).
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(1947 \text { Average }=100)
$$

|  | Value |  | Value of | Inventory |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industry and Month | of Shipments | Total | $\begin{gathered} \text { Raw } \\ \text { Materials } \end{gathered}$ | Goods in Process | Finished Products |
| NON-METALIIC MINERAL PRODUCTS (Concl ${ }^{1} \mathrm{~d}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cement and Cement Products |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 230.5 | 139.4 | 146.5 | 57.0 | 114.0 |
| Sept. 1952 | 263.1 | 179.9 | 190.2 | 71.0 | 140.2 |
| Oct. 1952 | 275.4 | 171.2 | 183.8 | 109.5 | 103.6 |
| Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Products; Glass and Glass Products; |  |  |  |  |  |
| Miscellaneous Non-Metallic Mineral |  |  |  |  |  |
| Products; Coke and Gas Product |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 167.3 | 211.1 | 200.6 | 105.2 | 354.3 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 138.5 | 206.1 | 190.7 | 110.4 | 405.3 |
| Oct. 1952 | 153.2 | 216.8 | 200.4 | 97.4 | 434.2 |
| PETROLEUM PRODUCTS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 338.8 | 360.9 | 214.9 | 190.2 | 582.5 |
| Sept. 1952 | 333.1 | 346.8 | 218.9 | 221.5 | 466.3 |
| Oct. 1952 | 357.2 | 344.7 | 220.4 | 225.0 | 460.1 |
| CHEMICAL PRODUCTS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Acids, Alkalies and Salts |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 148.1 | 181.0 | 186.9 | 187.5 | 165.0 |
| Sept. 1952 | 173.6 | 176.1 | 177.9 | 229.0 | 163.0 |
| Oct. 1952 | 166.0 | 179.8 | 180.6 | 211.4 | 171.4 |
| Fertilizers |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 117.9 | 177.8 | 155.5 | 260.7 | 130.4 |
| Sept. 1952 | 122.2 | 171.7 | 163.6 | 234.8 | 117.0 |
| Oct. 1952 | 107.1 | 199.0 | 180.9 | 293.2 | 129.6 |
| Medicinal and Pharmaceutical |  |  |  |  |  |
| Preparations |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 127.6 | 122.0 | 127.0 | 107.4 | 124.7 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 160.2 | 111.5 | 102.3 | 133.3 | 112.5 |
| Oct. 1952 | 144.4 | 111.3 | 105.4 | 125.3 | 112.4 |
| Paints and Varnishes |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 139.5 | 204.9 | 175.9 | 122.4 | 283.3 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 159.1 | 184.3 | 139.0 | 132.4 | 279.6 |
| Oct. 1952 | 156.7 | 179.9 | 138.8 | 111.0 | 274.3 |

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Table 3. - Index of All Firms Reporting by Industries - Concl'd
(Note: The Indexes given below do not represent Total for the Industry, nor specific Comodities, but relate only to the value of total inventories and shipments of firms reporting in each Industry).
(1947 Average $=100$ )

| Industry and Month | Value of Shipments | Value of Inventory |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Raw <br> Materials | Goods in Process | Finished Products |
| CHPMICAL PRODUCTS (Concl'd) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Soaps, Washing and Cleaning |  |  |  |  |  |
| Compounds |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 170.6 | 225.0 | 189.5 | 163.0 | 329.9 |
| Sept. 1952 | 170.8 | 123.1 | 100.3 | 73.9 | 195.9 |
| Oct. 1952 | 182.6 | 123.5 | 100.3 | 76.8 | 195.6 |
| Toilet Preparations |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 116.5 | 85.4 | 75.3 | 155.3 | 96.2 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 89.1 | 80.5 | 72.1 | 163.0 | 86.4 |
| Oct. 1952 | 100.5 | 79.2 | 69.3 | 173.0 | 87.2 |
| Other Chemical Products |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Includes the following: Primary |  |  |  |  |  |
| Plastics; Miscellaneous Chemicals and Allied Products (including |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1951 | 205.0 | 194.9 | 175.7 | 436.6 | 182.3 |
| Sept. 1952 (Rev.) | 223.0 | 200.3 | 153.0 | 502.8 | 231.2 |
| Oct. 1952 | 224.9 | 197.4 | 150.4 | 535.4 | 220.3 |

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Professional and Scientific
Instruments and Equipments

| Oct. | 1951 | 165.1 | 152.5 | 139.5 | 119.9 | 218.8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sept. | 1952 (Rev.) | 151.6 | 129.3 | 125.7 | 113.3 | 156.7 |
| Oct. | 1952 | 153.1 | 131.1 | 133.4 | 113.7 | 150.7 |

## Other Miscellaneous Manufacturing

Industries: (Include the following:
Brooms, Brushes and Mops; Fabricated
Plastic Products; Musical Instruments;
Pens, Pencils and Typewriter Supplies;
Miscellaneous Industries (not elsewhere
Classified)

| Oct. | 1951 | 165.8 | 145.9 | 137.5 | 104.2 | 202.2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| Sept. | 1952 (Rev.) | 148.0 | 125.5 | 108.3 | 87.9 | 193.8 |
| Oct. | 1952 | 155.4 | 125.8 | 109.3 | 88.5 | 192.5 |

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## Table 4. - Outstanding Orders at End of Month

Note - The following table represents indexes of value of shipments during the month and total outstanding orders at the end of the month, and the ratio of outstanding orders to shipments (number of current month's shipments value represented by outstanding orders) as reported by 900 manufacturing plants in the Monthly Inventory Survey. These plants accounted for approximately 28 percent of total production value in 1950. The data have been grouped according to the Standard Industrial Classification, as well as into larger significant groupings; the larger groupings represent reporting firms only, with no industry weightings. The base for the indexes is January 1952.

Coverage in the individual industries shown varies from 20 to 94 percent of total production value in these industries. Group totals include firms in appropriate industries which are not shown separately due to insufficient coverage. The industry coverage is not as extensive as in Tables 2 and 3 because, in many industries, backlogs of orders are neglegible. Within industries included, the coverage of firms is smaller than in Table 3 because a number of firms do not keep value records of unfilled orders. Separate shipments indexes for firms reporting orders have, therefore, been compiled, thus giving comparable data.
"Outstanding Orders" are defined as total backlogs of orders on books at end of month, irrespective of work done on them or of stocks from which they can be filled. In industries where long-term projects are conmon, this concept is not as satisfactory as is "work still to be done on orders". It is expected that a series covering the latter, in selected industries, will be available within the next few months.

|  | Index of Shipments <br> (January | Index of Outstanding Orders <br> 1952-100) | Number of Current Month's Shipments in Outstanding Orders | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Index of } \\ & \text { Outstanding } \\ & \text { Orders } \\ & \text { (early } \\ & \text { returns } \\ & \text { only) } \\ & \mathrm{Jan} \text {. '52-100 } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Aug. Sept. | Aug. Sept. | Aug. Sept. | Oct. |
| 1. All Reporting Firms | 96.5113 .9 | 92.087 .9 | 5.44 .5 | 88.1 |
| 2. Consumers' Goods Industries (1) | 105.3120 .6 | 83.880 .7 | 1.150 .9 | 78.9 |
| All Other Industries | 94.5112 .4 | 92.488 .2 | 6.55 .3 | 88.5 |
| 3. Large Industry Groups Textile Products | 83.295 .4 | 82.988 .8 | 2.01 .9 | 90.3 |
| Clothing | 124.5169 .3 | 106.998 .1 | 1.81 .2 | 79.6 |
| Iron \& Steel Products | 92.3109 .8 | 90.685 .9 | 4.83 .9 | 85.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Transportation Equip- } \\ & \text { ment (2) } \end{aligned}$ | 90.6124 .6 | 93.188 .1 | 14.410 .1 | 92.3 |
| Non-Perrous Metals | 88.6103 .4 | 87.885 .2 | 10.28 .6 | 84.5 |
| Electrical Apparatus | 113.0130 .2 | 103.294 .9 | 7.86 .8 | 102.7 |
| Chemical Products | 87.397 .9 | 55.461 .2 | 0.40 .4 | 64.4 |

(I) Includes Foods, Leather, Footwear, Clothing, Furniture, Electrical Appliances Soaps, Brooms and Brushes, Musical Instruments.
(2) Excluding Motor Vehicles.

|  | Index of Shipments | Index of Outstanding Orders | Number of Current Month's Shipments in Outstanding Orders |  | Index of Outstandin Orders (early returns only) <br> Jan.' 52-100 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Aug. Sept. | Aug. Sept. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. |
| 4. Individual Industries - |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fish | 67.869 .9 | $45.7 \quad 41.5$ |  |  | 39.0 |
| Flour Mills | 90.899 .0 | $65.0 \quad 66.2$ | $1.0$ | $0.9$ | 66.8 |
| Rubber Products | 104.0128 .2 | 134.0122 .0 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 101.4 |
| Boots and Shoes | 135.2116 .5 | $84.6 \quad 76.4$ | 1.3 | 1.2 | 82.3 |
| Leather Tanneries | 104.4113 .4 | 126.5172 .2 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 177.5 |
| Cotton Yarn and Cloth Woollen \& Worsted Woven | 74.991 .1 | 86.5102 .6 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 92.3 |
| Goods | 39.848 .0 | $38.7 \quad 35.0$ | 3.2 | 2.4 | 52.3 |
| Woollen \& Worsted Yarn | $94.8 \quad 98.5$ | $55.6 \quad 62.4$ | 2.2 | 1.8 | 80.0 |
| Miscellaneous Woollen Goods | 103.2102 .0 | 66.3 71.5 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 77.0 |
| Carpets, Mats \& Rugs | 124.4146 .7 | 82.481 .2 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 113.6 |
| Cotton \& Jute Bags | $68.3 \quad 74.3$ | $85.0 \quad 82.7$ | 1.5 | 1.4 | 76.0 |
| Other Textile Industries | 112.2123 .8 | 156.5146 .3 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 162.8 |
| Hosiery | 101.7169 .9 | 95.893 .7 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 105.1 |
| Other Knit Goods | 130.8195 .2 | 146.7145 .3 | 2.4 | 1.6 | 95.1 |
| Corsets | 99.8114 .8 | 91.187 .5 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 73.0 |
| Other Clothing | 129.6159 .9 | 92.777 .9 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 79.6 |
| Saw \& Planning Mills | 119.3126 .9 | 56.749 .9 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 50.0 |
| Furniture | 112.3127 .8 | 174.2113 .6 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 115.0 |
| Boilers \& Plate Work | 158.2135 .7 | 95.194 .2 | 12.3 | 14.3 | 92.9 |
| Hardware \& Tools | $79.8 \quad 95.8$ | $71.8 \quad 67.5$ | 2.0 | 1.5 | 66.2 |
| Heating \& Cooking Apparatus | 106.9155 .4 | 116.7128 .7 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 116.5 |
| Office, Household \& Store Machinery | 120.2138 .3 | 90.994 .2 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 79.8 |
| Iron Casting* | 101.2123 .9 | 63.771 .5 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 63.4 |
| Machine Tools | 99.7142 .2 | 82.478 .9 | 12.1 | 8.1 | 72.6 |
| Industrial Machinery | 89.597 .0 | $84.0 \quad 78.1$ | 5.6 | 4.8 | 79.7 |


(1) Orders for this industry represent a two-month sales forecast, not total outstanding orders. Data for the industry are not included in any of the groupings on page 28.

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## SOURCES AND ME THODS

Sources: The tables contained in this report have been compiled from three types of material. In 96 industries, which in 1950 accounted for $73 \%$ of total gross value of production and $79 \%$ of total manufacturers' inventories, values of inventories and shipments are reported monthly by a sample of leading firms. Though the size of the sample varies from industry to industry, the average share of total inventory in the industries thus covered held by reporting firm is $72 \%$. In one large industry, monthly reports on shipments and inventories are made by a stratum sample of firms. In 5 industries, information is available on the physical volume of the chief types of stocks held by all or a representative sample of firms. Estimates of the current value of these stocks are made by means of data on prices or labour costs and rates of turnover in each industry. For three of these industries, shipments are calculated from production and inventory data. In total, these three groups hold $92 \%$ of all manufacturing inventories, and account for $87 \%$ of total gross value of production in Canada.

Methods: Individual indexes for each industry covered in the monthly survey are derived from the values reported by the sample of firms described above and based on the values reported by corresponding firms in December, 1946 adjusted to the average 1947 value. Since the industry indexes are designed to give a comparable historical series for reporting firms, no adjustment has been made to the individual industry indexes in Table III or to the industry-group indexes in Table II to allow for differences in the annual inventory change as shown in these series and in the complete Annual Survey (See December, 1951 report).

Inventory values for all-industry totals are obtained by applying the sample industry indexes for total inventory for each December to the corresponding December total inventory values for the same industries (as obtained from the annual surveys described above) and projecting from the last December for the intervening month's. The small percentage of inventory held by industries not covered in the monthly survey is allowed for by projecting the latest December values for these industries on the trends shown by reporting industries in the same field. (1949 values were projected bac'iward from December 1949 rather than forward from December 1948, because annual inventory data, prior to 1949 was compiled under the old industrial classification, and the industry totals for previous years do not, therefore correspond exactly with the groupings used in the sample series). The projection of December values has the effect of reweighting the sample once a year, thus correcting sampling errors. All-industry totals in Table 1 are therefore not strictly comparable from year to year (with the exception of 1949-50), and to indicate the extent of incomparability, both the estimated and actual December values are shown in the table (actual values are in brackets).

The breakdown of total inventory into main components - raw material, goods in process, and finished products - was derived by using the monthly component ratio for each sample industry against the projected total inventory value for the corresponding industry. Trends of reporting industries were again used to allow for industries not covered in the survey. This method was adopted because the alternative - applying the December, 1949 component indexes to the December, 1949 component values for each industry and projecting as for total inventory required that the industry samples should be based on component, as well as tatal
coverage. The present samples are based on total coverage only. Beause the method is based on reporting firms only, the component totals do not correspond exactly with similar values obtained in the complete Annual Surveys.

Group totals for shipments were compiled by weighting the various industry indexes by their 1949 gross values of production, since no complete survey of shipments is available.

Factors to be noted in using the material presented in this report. When considering the individual industry series presented, it must be borne in mind that the divisions are industry divisions, not commodities. Industries and firms are classified according to the chief commodity produced, but since many firms produce more than the one commodity or commodity group which governs their classification, it follows that the figures shown apply to all commodities produced by reporting firms. The index numbers are, therefore, descriptive of the behaviour of industries only and should not be construed as a measure of commodity movement.

Also, it must be emphasized that the index numbers shown in this series are based on the dollar values of inventories beld, not on actual physical quantities. Apart from the fact that dollar values are required by economists interested in investment in inventory, it is obvious that the value approach is the only practical one, considering the wide range of commodities held by manufacturers in all stages from raw materials to finished products ready for sale. However, the value of commodities in stock is the result not only of raw material costs, but also of the cost of making them. Thus, if prices or labour costs rise, the value of the goods held increases, even though the quantity may remain the same. Therefore, changes shown from month to month by the index numbers represent not only quantity changes, but also the changes in the value of each item included.

Factors involved in separating physical changes from value changes for inventories: Some indication of the extent to which changes in value of inventories are due to changes in prices (both of goods and labour), thus isolating the physical changes which has taken place, can be obtained by reference to the trend in price changes as shown in the index of wholesale prices published in the "Canadian Statistical Review". This method should, however, be used with caution. While each industry has its own average turnover rate which can be estimated roughly, it is difficult to estimate a rate which can accurately be applied to raw materials, goods in process and finished goods. Moreover, all firms within a given industry do not value inventories on the same basis, the most common methods being lower of cost or market and standard cost. These considerations make it difficult to determine the length of time necessary before a change in wholesale prices will be reflected in inventory values. Added to this is the fact that the wholesale price index and the index of inventory values are compiled differently. The wholesale price index is computed from selling prices, and weighted according to quantities sold; while, as noted above, most firms report inventories at some variation of cost and the index is automatically weighted according to quantities held.

An adequate deflating technique would require knowledge of inventory content commodity price indexes, turnover rates and accounting methods on a detailed industry basis. Since such data are not available, estimates of physical change involved in total inventory have been made, based on changes in the wholesale price index and in average hourly earnings, and on estimated turnover rates. These are discussed in the Trend Summary on page 1. They are presented as a
matter of interest, but in view of the difficulties discussed above, must be considered as approximations only.

Historical Data: All individual industry inventory and shipments series, on a monthly basis, are available from January, 1947 to date, and may be obtained on request. In each case, data from comparable groupings of firms, on the Standard Industrial Classification basis, have been compiled for the entire period. Since, prior to 1949, these groupings do not correspond to annual inventory and production data which were at that time on the old classification system, estimates of total inventory have been carried back to January, 1949 only.

Note Table 1
(1) This series has been revised from December, 1950 to allow for final figures, and for reweighting, from the 1950 Year-End Survey. Bracketed December 1950 figures indicate a breakdown on the basis of this revision, and are, therefore, comparable with the 1951 data. © 65 E . Ne )

