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Preliminary estimates indicate the following trends in manufacturers' inventories, shipments and orders at the end of November:

Total value of inventory held after declining by $\$ 20$ million a month for two months, rose by 9 million in November to reach $\$ 3,969.8$ million, an increase of less than 1 per cent over the October level, and 7 per cent above the same month of the previous year. In index terms, November inventory holdings stood at 212.1 ( 1947 average being 100.0) as compared with 211.6 for October and 198.8 for November 1952. Included in the above values is inventory held but not owned by reporting manufacturers, which showed an increase of $\$ 20.1$ million in November to reach $\$ 455.0$ million. Inventory actually owned by manufacturers, i.e., total investment in inventory declined very slightly for the third consecutive month and stood at $\$ 3,514.8$ million at the end of November a decrease of $\$ 11.0$ million from the October level but 5 per cent above November, 1952.

Shipments declined sharply but seasonally; there was an 8 per cent decrease over the October values, but November levels were only 1 per cent below the level of November 1952; the total shipments index for November was 173.9 as against 188.2 for October and 175.9 for November last year. October and November were the first months since January to show lower shipments levels than the same month of 1952, but cumulative shipments for the year were still 3 per cent above the first 11 months of 1952. Value of unfilled orders, for the group of firms reporting this item, dropped for the ninth consecutive month, and were 28 per cent below the November 1952 level; total unfilled orders for the group averaged 4.0 current month's sales value.

In the Consumers' Goods industries, total inventory held rose slightly during November to reach $\$ 2,100.5$ million, 4 per cent above the same period last year. Inventory held but not owned included in the total (not very important in this group), remained at approximately the same level $\$ 26$ million. Shipments for the entire group registered a seasonal decrease of 9 per cent, the index being 164.2 as against 179.8 for October. Total shipments for the first 11 months of the year were 2 per cent higher than for the same period last year.

Within the Consumers' Goods group, the Non-Durable Consumers' Goods industries showed very small decreases in inventory investment, the index moving down from 188.4 at the end of October to 187.0 at the end of November. The largest drop came in the Foods group, where declines of 14 and 8 per cent respectively occurred in Dairy Products and in Fish Curing and Packing, which was only partly compensated by increases in the Sugar Refining, Brewings and Flour Milling industries of 8 per cent in each case. Shipments in this sector were down 5 per cent. Petroleum Products increased seasonally, and other industries showed little change, the decline being general for all large industry groups. The most important decreases came from Dairy Products and the Petroleum Products industries which both had drops of 9 per cent. In the Semi-Durable Consumers' Goods industries, total investment in inventory rose very slightly, the November index being 158.4 as against 157.6 for October. The largest change within the industries of this group was a 4 per cent rise in the Rubber Goods, industry. Shipments for this group declined 10 per cent; most industries shared in the
declined the most important being the Clothing industry with a 14 per cent drop. Rubber Goods with 16 and the Leather Footwear industry with 25 per cent. The Durable Consumers' Goods industries had an increase of 3 per cent in inventory investment. The most important changes came fram the Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Parts and Accessories industries with increases of 10 and 7 per cent respectively. Shipments in this same group dropped 21 per cent during November, which was also due mainly to the Motor Vehicles and the Motor Vehicle Parts and Accessories industries with respective drops of 33 and 28 per cent.

In the Capital Goods industries total inventory held moved up from $\$ 827.3$ million for October to $\$ 842.1$ million for November. Inventory held but not owned, more important in this group than in any of the others. rose 5 per cent, the total at the end of November being $\$ 377.6$ million. Inventory investment declined approximately 1 per cent. Individual industries did not show any major changes, with the exception of the Shipbuilding industry with a decline of 22 per cent in inventory investment. Total shipments for the group were up 3 per cent, with the Shipbuilding industry showing an increase of 52 per cent while the Boilers and Plate Work industry showed a decrease of 37 per cent. Cumulative shipments for the year for the Capital Goods group were 15 per cent above last year's level.

In the Producers' Goods industries, inventory investment increased $\$ 4.0$ million during November to reach $\$ 718.8$ million. All the industries were about the same as the previous month except the Iron Castings industry with an increase of 5 per cent. Total shipments for the group were down 5 per cent with almost all the industries of the group sharing in the decline. Cumulative shipments for the first 11 months of 1953 were at about the same level as during the same period last year.

In the Construction Goods industries, inventory investment declined $\$ 12.9$ million during November to $\$ 214.5$ million. This was due mostly to the preliminary estimate for Sawmills which showed a decrease of 9 per cent during November. The total shipments index was 176.6 , a fall of 17 per cent from October. The fall was general for all industries of the group, but more pronounced for Sawmills (again this industry's figures are preliminary) and for the Sash Door and Planing Mills industry with declines of 19 and 22 percent respectively. Cumulative shipments for the first eleven months were 2 per cent above the same period of 1952.

The recently revised series on Outstanding Orders shows a preliminary index for November, for 950 reporting firms of 70.9 (December $1952=$ 100.0) as compared with 72.4 at the end of October, and 99.0 at the end of November last year. This was a decline of 28 per cent from the November 1952 level. The ratio of shipments to orders for all reporting firms represented 4.0 month's work ahead at the current month's shipments level as compared with a ratio of 5.6 months for November 1952.

Table 1 - TOTAL INV HNIORY HELD IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRI 3 s

Table $1(a)$ Estimated Value of Total Manufacturing Inventory Held, whether owned or not, in all manufacturing industries and in the major economic-use groupings of industries, sub-divided into raw materials, goods in process and finished products, and with the value of inventory held but not owned (1.e. paid for under progress payments arrangements) included in the total shown aiso as a separate 1tem. Fstimetes are besed on reports from a sample of firms or, in some industries, on the estimated value of physical stocks. For further description, see page 36.

## (A) ALL INDUSTRIES

|  | Total Inventory | Raw <br> Materials | Goods in Process | Finished Products | Progress Pagments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (In Mllions of Dollars) |  |  |  |  |
| 1951 - Dec. | 3,718.8 | 1,880.5 | 693.1 | 1,145.2 | 187.5 |
| 1952 - Jan. | 3,720.1 | 1,869.4 | 705.8 | 1,144.9 | 202.5 |
| Feb. | 3,727.1 | 1,840.4 | 727.4 | 1,159.3 | 222.5 |
| Mar. | 3,752.2 | 1,836.4 | 748.8 | 1,167.0 | 245.7 |
| Apr. | 3,682.1 | 1,787.3 | 751.8 | 1,143.0 | 258.3 |
| May | 3,692.5 | 1,790.5 | 755.2 | 1,146.8 | 268.2 |
| June | 3,689.6 | 1,778.0 | 775.4 | 1,136.2 | 280.6 |
| July | 3,687.9 | 1,801.1 | 767.0 | 1,119.8 | 288.3 |
| Aug. | 3,707.8 | 1,817.1 | 788.6 | 1,102.1 | 313.2 |
| Sept. | 3,714.6 | 1,829.2 | 787.7 | 1,097.7 | 321.3 |
| Oct. | 3,712.7 | 1,813.2 | 803.5 | 1,096.0 | 345.2 |
| Not. | 3,720.4 | 1,786.1 | 814.1 | 1,120.2 | 359.7 |
| Dec. | 3,831.3 | 1,859.3 | 848.4 | 1,123.6 | 382.2 |
|  | 3,843.5 | 1,837.3 | 892.6 | 1,113.6 | 398.6 |
|  | 3,863.8 | 1,824.4 | 906.8 | 1,132.6 | 406.3 |
|  | 3,883.5 | 1,799.9 | 927.3 | 1,156.3 | 423.9 |
|  | 3,857.9 | 1,768.9 | 940.7 | 1,148.3 | 432.9 |
|  | 3,888.3 | 1,774.0 | 945.4 | 1,168.9 | 438.6 |
|  | 3,910.9 | 1,762.2 | 946.6 | 1,202.1 | 436.6 |
|  | 3,939.5 | 1,800.? | 950.3 | 1,188.5 | 439.3 |
|  | 4,002.6 | 1,834.7 | 967.9 | 1,200.0 | 447.1 |
|  | 3,982.4 | 1,811.9 | 963.4 | 1,207.1 | 454.5 |
|  | 3,960.6 | 1,783.5 | 943.3 | 1,233.8 | 434.9 455.0 |
|  | 3,969.8 |  | (n.a.) |  | 455.0 |

Table 1- (cont'd) TOTAL INVGNTORY HETD IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIRS

Table 1 (a) (cont'd) Katimated Value of Total Manufacturing Inventory Held, whether owned or not, in all manufacturing industries and in the major economic-use groupings of industries, sub-divided into raw materials, goods in process and finished products, and with the value of inventory held but not owned (i.e. paid for under progress pagments arrangements) included in the total shown also as a separate item. Rstimates are based on reports from a sample of firms or, in some industries, on the estimated value of physical stocks. For further description, see page 36.
(B) COITSUMARS' GOODS INDUSIRIES

|  | Total Inventory | $\stackrel{\text { Raw }}{\text { Materials }}$ | Goods in Process | Finished Products | Progress <br> Payments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (In Millions of Dollars) |  |  |  |  |
| 1951 - Dec. | 2,179.6 | 1,136.7 | 283.8 | 759.1 | 2.6 |
| 1952 - Jan. | 2,162.3 | 1,131.2 | 284.6 | 746.5 | 3.1 |
| Feb. | 2,114.2 | 1,079.5 | 288.8 | 745.9 | 5.0 |
| Mar. | 2,105.0 | 1,074.7 | 290.9 | 739.4 | 6.7 |
| Apr. | 2,038.4 | 1,039.1 | 288.1 | 711.2 | 6.9 |
| May | 2,025.7 | 1,022.9 | 289.2 | 713.6 | 6.9 |
| June | 2,009.4 | 1,009.0 | 295.9 | 704.5 | 5.3 |
| July | 2,006.1 | 1,015.2 | 292.1 | 698.8 | 6.0 |
| Aug. | 2,007.3 | 1,013.6 | 295.5 | 698.2 | 7.8 |
| Sopt. | 2,021.1 | 1,018.6 | 292.7 | 709.8 | 8.2 |
| Oct. | 2,007.5 | 1,015.3 | 285.7 | 706.5 | 9.2 |
| Nov. | 2,018.8 | 1,004.0 | 285.5 | 729.3 | 9.5 |
| Dec. | 2,073.3 | 1,040.3 | 292.2 | 740.8 | 16.7 |
| 1953 - Jan. | 2,076.8 | 1,041.7 | 305.5 | 729.6 | 17.3 |
| Feb. | 2,081.6 | 1,033.5 | 312.9 | 735.2 | 19.4 |
| Mar. | 2,075.2 | 1,013.2 | 321.9 | 740.1 | 23.0 |
| Apr. | 2,057.6 | 995.8 | 321.7 | 740.1 | 21.8 |
| May | 2,055.2 | 982.4 | 326.9 | 745.9 | 20.9 |
| June | 2,080.8 | 973.7 | 327.5 | 779.6 | 21.3 |
| July | 2,084.7 | 1,000.0 | 314.5 | 770.2 | 20.8 |
| Aug. | 2,116.8 | 1,007.7 | 323.5 | 785.6 | 21.4 |
| Sept. | 2,116.0 | 1,002.5 | 321.2 | 792.3 | 25.6 |
| Oct. | 2,095.8 | 983.3 | 307.4 | 805.1 | 26.4 |
| Nov. | 2,100.5 |  | (n.a.) |  | 26.2 |

Table 1- (cont'd) TOTAL INVENTORY HELD IN ALL MANUFACTURTNG INDUSTRIES

Table (a) (cont'd) Estimated Value of Total Manufacturing Inventory Held, whether owned or not, in all manufacturing industries and in the major economic-use groupings of industries, sub-divided into raw materials, goods in process and finished products, and with the value of inventory hald but not owned (1.e. paid for under progress payments arrangements) included in the total shown also as a separate item. Ratimates are based on reports from a sample of firms or, in some industries, on the estimated value of physical stocks. For further description, see page 36.
(c) CAPITAL GOODS INDUSTRIRS
$\left.\begin{array}{cccccc}\hline & \begin{array}{c}\text { Total } \\ \text { Inventory }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Raw } \\ \text { Materials }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Goods in } \\ \text { Process }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Finished } \\ \text { Products }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Progress } \\ \text { Peyment }\end{array} \\ \hline & & \text { (In Millions of Dollars) }\end{array}\right]$
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(D) PRODUCITS' GOODS IIDUSIRIES

|  | Total Inventory | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Raw } \\ & \text { Materials } \end{aligned}$ | Goods in <br> Process | Finished Products | Progre <br> paymen |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (In Millions of Dollars) |  |  |  |  |
| 1951 - Dec. | 667.7 | 366.8 | 120.3 | 180.6 | 1.2 |
| 2952 - Jan. | 674.9 | 361.5 | 124.6 | 188.8 | 1.0 |
| Feb. | 676.5 | 353.3 | 124.9 | 198.3 | 1.0 |
| Mar. | 676.6 | 343.3 | 125.3 | 208.0 | 1.0 |
| Apr. | 679.4 | 341.5 | 126.0 | 211.9 | 1.1 |
| May | 680.2 | 344.2 | 125.2 | 210.8 | 1.2 |
| June | 695.9 | 356.1 | 127.0 | 212.8 | 1.2 |
| July | 698.6 | 365.9 | 127.9 | 204.8 | 1.4 |
| Aug. | 709.2 | 375.6 | 132.0 | 201.6 | 1.8 |
| Sept. | 699.8 | 375.0 | 129.0 | 195.8 | 1.8 |
| Oct. | 699.8 | 379.4 | 131.0 | 189.4 | 1.8 |
| Nov. | 703.9 | 382.1 | 131.8 | 190.0 | 2.0 |
| Dec. | 694.5 | 382.1 | 131.0 | 181.4 | 2.4 |
| 1953 - Jan. | 683.2 | 367.2 | 138.8 | 177.2 | 2.7 |
| Feb. | 682.0 | 355.9 | 140.7 | 185.4 | 2.7 |
| Mar. | 674.7 | 344.0 | 137.8 | 192.9 | 3.1 |
| Apr. | 669.4 | 338.3 | 140.2 | 190.9 | 3.5 |
| May | 673.1 | 347.6 | 128.0 | 197.5 | 3.5 |
| June | 671.6 | 351.4 | 126.5 | 193.7 | 3.6 |
| July | 690.6 | 367.3 | 133.5 | 189.8 | 4.0 |
| Aug. | 710.4 | 389.6 | 135.5 | 184.9 | 4.1 |
| Sept. | 708.1 | 386.2 | 131.6 | 190.3 | 4.4 |
| Oct. | 719.4 | 389.4 | 133.8 | 196.2 | 4.6 |
| Nov. | 723.3 |  | (n.a.) |  | 4.5 |

(n.a.) - Not available.

Table 1- (cont'd) TOTAL INVENIORY H $4 J D$ IN ALL LANUFACTURING INDUSTRIAS

Table $1(a)$ (concl'd) Estimated Value of Total Manufacturing Inventory Held, whether owned or not, in all manufacturing industries and in the major economic-use groupings of industries, sub-divided into raw materials, goods in process and finished products, and with the value of inventory held but not owned (1.e. paid for under progress payments arrangements) included in the total shown also as a separate item. Estimates are based on reports from a sample of firms or, in some industries, on the estimated value of physical stocks. For further description, see page 36.

## (E) CONSTRUCTION GOODS INDUSTRIES

|  | Total <br> Inventory | Raw <br> Materials | Goods 1n <br> Process | Plnished <br> Products | Progress <br> Payments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | (In Millions or Dollars) |  |  |  |

Table 1 - (concl'd) TOTAL INVINTORY HELD IN ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRI 18

Table 1(b) - Index Nunbers of Retimated Value of Total Manufacturlag Inventory Held, whether owned or not, in all manufacturing industries and in the major economic-use groupings of industries. Retimates are besed on the same sources as in Table l(a).

## (1947 Average $=100$ )

|  | Totel All <br> Industries | Consumers : Goods | Capital Goods | Producers Goods | Construction Goods |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1951 - Dec. | 198.7 | 191.7 | 222.9 | 191.6 | 231.5 |
| 1952 - Jan. | 198.7 | 190.2 | 225.5 | 193.6 | 235.2 |
| Feb. | 199.1 | 186.0 | 238.0 | 194.1 | 252.2 |
| Mar. | 200.5 | 185.2 | 246.2 | 194.1 | 262.3 |
| Apr. | 196.7 | 179.3 | 250.4 | 194.9 | 247.9 |
| May | 197.3 | 178.2 | 225.6 | 195.1 | 254.9 |
| June | 197.1 | 176.7 | 255.5 | 199.6 | 253.2 |
| July | 197.0 | 176.5 | 253.3 | 200.4 | 257.1 |
| Aug. | 198.1 | 176.6 | 255.3 | 203.5 | 259.5 |
| Sept. | 198.5 | 177.8 | 260.9 | 200.8 | 249.0 |
| Oct. | 198.4 | 176.6 | 268.9 | 200.8 | 241.0 |
| Nov. | 198.8 | 177.6 | 272.7 | 202.0 | 226.1 |
| Dec. | 204.7 | 182.4 | 294.3 | 199.2 | 233.1 |
| 1953 - Jan. | 205.3 | 182.7 | 300.0 | 196.0 | 236.9 |
| Feb. | 206.4 | 183.1 | 300.1 | 195.7 | 250.9 |
| Mar. | 207.5 | 182.5 | 306.0 | 193.6 | 265.5 |
| Apr. | 206.1 | 181.0 | 309.3 | 192.0 | 255.9 |
| May | 207.7 | 180.8 | 314.6 | 193.1 | 268.4 |
| June | 208.9 | 183.0 | 313.3 | 192.7 | 270.1 |
| July | 210.5 | 183.4 | 313.4 | 198.1 | 274.5 |
| Aug. | 213.8 | 186.2 | 311.8 | 203.7 | 287.9 |
| Sept. | 212.8 | 186.1 | 311.6 | 203.2 | 273.8 |
| Oct. | 211.6 | 184.3 | 310.5 | 206.4 | 265.2 |
| Nov. | 212.1 | 184.8 | 316.1 | 207.5 | 253.4 |

Table 2 - INDEX NUMBERS OF VALUE OF TOTAL INVENTORY

Inventory represents estimated value of and shipments represent all transfers of Table 1 (a). For list of industries in-

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

| Month | Total <br> All | Total <br> Consumers <br> Goods | Non-Durable <br> Consumers <br> Goods | Semi-Durable <br> Consumers <br> Goods |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. |

## INVESTMENT AND SHIPMENTS IN SEIECTED INDUSTRY GROUPS

manufacturers' total ownership of manufacturing inventory, ownership. Estimates are based on the same sources as in cluded in each group, see December 1952 report, page 50.
(1947 Average $=100)$

| Durable Consumers ' Goods |  | Total Capital Goods |  | Total Producers' Goods |  | Total Construction Goods |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. |  |
| 200.5 | 135.6 | 160.4 | 227.4 | 191.1 | 171.1 | 217.7 | 144.1 | 1. |
| 203.8 | 162.6 | 157.8 | 213.8 | 193.4 | 176.9 | 220.2 | 186.4 | 2. |
| 202.7 | 173.2 | 166.4 | 209.0 | 193.8 | 181.8 | 230.7 | 189.1 | 3. |
| 204.9 | 183.0 | 168.8 | 231.9 | 193.8 | 181.9 | 236.0 | 225.0 | 4. |
| 195.8 | 210.5 | 168.2 | 254.9 | 194.6 | 179.0 | 221.7 | 182.8 | 5. |
| 191.3 | 209.0 | 169.7 | 267.1 | 194.8 | 191.4 | 228.7 | 259.2 | 6. |
| 190.8 | 214.0 | 165.5 | 261.1 | 199.3 | 184.9 | 224.5 | 277.3 | 7. |
| 184.1 | 182.2 | 161.4 | 249.1 | 200.0 | 169.3 | 227.0 | 241.9 | 8. |
| 183.6 | 151.2 | 158.8 | 220.8 | 203.0 | 162.0 | 220.6 | 292.6 | 9. |
| 182.4 | 213.5 | 159.0 | 228.0 | 200.3 | 183.2 | 215.7 | 271.6 | 10. |
| 179.1 | 223.4 | 160.3 | 245.5 | 200.3 | 185.9 | 203.5 | 253.7 | 11. |
| 178.6 | 188.0 | 158.8 | 239.3 | 201.4 | 174.4 | 188.7 | 186.9 | 12. |
| 189.5 | 188.4 | 169.8 | 307.8 | 198.5 | 174.2 | 206.9 | 170.5 | 13. |
| 194.8 | 194.7 | 171.4 | 252.9 | 195.2 | 176.6 | 207.1 | 176.8 | 14. |
| 199.2 | 219.4 | 169.7 | 272.9 | 194.9 | 163.6 | 220.0 | 223.9 | 15. |
| 204.4 | 267.2 | 169.6 | 291.4 | 192.7 | 188.1 | 236.7 | 248.8 | 16. |
| 204.2 | 266.1 | 168.0 | 314.6 | 191.0 | 187.9 | 229.9 | 204.9 | 17. |
| 207.8 | 258.6 | 171.2 | 295.3 | 192.1 | 195.6 | 241.7 | 266.8 | 18. |
| 212.7 | 259.4 | 170.4 | 304.7 | 191.7 | 191.8 | 244.2 | 306.6 | 19. |
| 208.4 | 230.5 | 170.0 | 292.1 | 197.0 | 169.0 | 247.5 | 286.6 | 20. |
| 211.8 | 160.7 | 166.7 | 232.4 | 202.5 | 169.7 | 258.7 | 266.0 | 21. |
| 209.8 | 214.6 | 168.2 | 249.8 | 201.9 | 185.4 | 238.2 | 258.1 | 22. |
| 204.6 | 213.9 | 176.0 | 256.0 | 205.1 | 179.6 | 227.4 | 212.7 | 23. |
| 211.0 | 169.7 | 174.3 | 262.9 | 206.2 | 169.9 | 214.5 | 176.6 | 24. |

Table 2 (Cont'd) - INDEX NUMBERS OF VALUE OF TOTAL

Inventory represents estimated value of and shipments represent all transfers of Table 1 (a). For list of industries in-
(1947 Average $=100$ )

NON-DURABLE CONSUMERS:


INVENTORY INVESTMENT AND SHIPMENTS IN SELECTED INDUSTRY GROUPS
manufacturers' total ownership of manufacturing inventory, ownership. Estimates are based on the same sources as in cluded in each group, see December 1952 report, page 50.
(1947 Average $=100$ )

| G OOD S |  |  |  | SEMI-DURABLE CONSUMERS' GOODS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pulp and Paper Mills |  | Flour Mills |  | Rubber Goods |  | Clothing |  |  |
| Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. |  |
| 267.8 | 155.8 | 218.8 | 128.3 | 218.5 | 138.8 | 156.3 | 89.0 | 1. |
| 262.8 | 147.2 | 205.5 | 141.5 | 210.1 | 148.1 | 142.4 | 97.9 | 2. |
| 256.9 | 151.3 | 181.7 | 122.8 | 207.1 | 167.1 | 154.2 | 131.0 | 3. |
| 261.7 | 149.7 | 187.2 | 139.9 | 207.1 | 172.0 | 150.0 | 156.4 | 4. |
| 255.4 | 114.4 | 163.0 | 134.9 | 205.7 | 165.1 | 145.5 | 148.2 | 5. |
| 259.5 | 142.7 | 147.3 | 145.9 | 201.0 | 172.4 | 141.7 | 127.1 | 6. |
| 261.4 | 134.3 | 131.6 | 148.3 | 197.2 | 171.5 | 144.4 | 111.7 | 7. |
| 264.6 | 138.7 | 134.7 | 143.6 | 192.9 | 156.9 | 144.1 | 100.4 | 8. |
| 269.3 | 141.4 | 143.4 | 123.9 | 179.4 | 159.0 | 141.5 | 127.6 | 9. |
| 277.1 | 140.4 | 162.0 | 134.4 | 171.9 | 191.7 | 133.5 | 161.6 | 10. |
| 275.8 | 148.5 | 164.5 | 151.5 | 171.7 | 177.5 | 139.5 | 183.4 | 11. |
| 272.6 | 150.1 | 191.3 | 140.8 | 176.6 | 155.6 | 122.9 | 145.8 | 12. |
| 272.5 | 137.2 | 228.3 | 124.1 | 186.1 | 154.3 | 131.1 | 120.8 | 13. |
| 267.7 | 140.8 | 227.2 | 113.4 | 185.0 | 138.3 | 132.2 | 215.0 | 14. |
| 258.4 | 132.6 | 213.8 | 112.9 | 191.7 | 158.7 | 135.8 | 131.6 | 15. |
| 251.2 | 143.6 | 167.8 | 140.4 | 195.8 | 177.1 | 140.6 | 170.2 | 16. |
| 234.9 | 154.6 | 160.9 | 125.6 | 194.7 | 179.9 | 140.9 | 137.3 | 17. |
| 225.9 | 149.1 | 165.5 | 144.4 | 195.4 | 176.8 | 144.2 | 115.1 | 18. |
| 227.9 | 149.1 | 160.6 | 128.0 | 195.6 | 184.1 | 149.8 | 103.8 | 19. |
| 231.6 | 145.7 | 163.1 | 132.3 | 189.8 | 165.8 | 153.4 | 92.0 | 20. |
| 2321 | 153.3 | 177.3 | 97.7 | 187.0 | 165.0 | 153.5 | 126.4 | 21. |
| 235.0 | 147.6 | 175.2 | 110.0 | 183.8 | 178.1 | 148.0 | 153.7 | 22. |
| 239.1 | 161.0 | 174.1 | 137.7 | 183.0 | 174.2 | 140.5 | 147.5 | 23. |
| 233.5 | 153.2 | 186.8 | 130.2 | 190.3 | 146.9 | 138.7 | 127.6 | 24. |

Table 2 (Cont'd) - INDEX NUMBERS OF VALUE OF TOTAL

Inventory represents estimated value of and shipments represent all transfers of Table I (a). For list of industries in-

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

| Month | SEMI-DURABLE CONSUMERS' (Concl'd) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Leather <br> Footwear |  | Textiles |  | Leather Tanneries |  |
|  | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. |
| 1. 1951 - Dec. | 195.1 | 70.8 | 213.6 | 124.0 | 139.7 | 62.4 |
| 2. 1952 - Jan. | 202.9 | 143.1 | 211.7 | 153.5 | 124.9 | 72.5 |
| $3 . \mathrm{Feb}$. | 194.1 | 154.4 | 195.2 | 149.7 | 119.4 | 70.0 |
| 4. Mar. | 177.9 | 161.0 | 190.9 | 160.1 | 106.5 | 66.3 |
| 5. Apr. | 165.9 | 152.8 | 182.7 | 141.8 | 104.0 | 60.8 |
| 6. May | 160.1 | 139.0 | 183.0 | 137.1 | 107.4 | 65.9 |
| 7. June | 162.3 | 116.1 | 179.6 | 123.6 | 103.0 | 68.1 |
| 8. July | 161.6 | 108.9 | 176.3 | 118.3 | 102.0 | 56.2 |
| 9. Aug. | 150.5 | 158.2 | 172.7 | 126.9 | 102.1 | 64.9 |
| 10. Sept. | 143.1 | 151.4 | 168.2 | 148.8 | 101.2 | 74.7 |
| 11. Oct. | 143.0 | 144.9 | 167.6 | 158.8 | 101.3 | 76.1 |
| 12. Nov. | 144.8 | 116.6 | 174.6 | 158.4 | 99.4 | 78.6 |
| 13. Dec. | 159.9 | 85.7 | 175.0 | 138.0 | 92.7 | 80.2 |
| 14. 1953 - Jan. | 165.1 | 127.2 | 176.1 | 159.8 | 93.3 | 65.9 |
| 15. Feb. | 165.5 | 132.5 | 176.2 | 150.5 | 92.8 | 69.8 |
| 16. Mar. | 155.8 | 188.2 | 178.7 | 159.3 | 92.7 | 76.2 |
| 17. Apr. | 145.4 | 159.8 | 184.7 | 147.2 | 92.2 | 67.5 |
| 18. May | 154.4 | 129.4 | 186.1 | 138.7 | 93.0 | 74.3 |
| 19. June | 154.8 | 109.2 | 186.7 | 140.5 | 95.2 | 70.9 |
| 20. July | 155.9 | 117.4 | 186.3 | 120.4 | 98.4 | 51.1 |
| 21. Aug. | 153.7 | 155.2 | 186.9 | 123.8 | 103.0 | 67.8 |
| 22. Sept. | 147.6 | 138.9 | 184.2 | 139.1 | 106.8 | 64.7 |
| 23. Oct. | 153.1 | 101.1 | 181.4 | 133.1 | 109.0 | 66.5 |
| $24 . \quad$ Nov. | 159.5 | 75.4 | 182.2 | 132.3 | 106.5 | 68.7 |

manufacturers' total ownership of manufacturing inventory, ownership. Estimates are based on the same sources as in cluded in each group, see December 1952 report, page 50.

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

## DURABLE CONSUMERS' GOODS

| Motor Vehicles |  | Electrical <br> Apparatus |  | Furniture |  | Motor <br> Vehicle Parts |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. |  |
| 209.6 | 132.3 | 202.1 | 156.5 | 173.8 | 103.1 | 197.1 | 245.0 | 1. |
| 207.2 | 188.7 | 200.4 | 164.8 | 178.1 | 109.0 | 210.8 | 290.6 | 2. |
| 210.0 | 191.4 | 199.6 | 171.8 | 171.7 | 112.7 | 211.8 | 312.2 | 3. |
| 217.3 | 203.7 | 198.1 | 187.3 | 174.4 | 121.6 | 207.8 | 315.5 | 4. |
| 204.3 | 264.1 | 191.3 | 180.6 | 166.3 | 110.9 | 198.7 | 332.4 | 5. |
| 197.4 | 244.8 | 191.3 | 191.8 | 162.5 | 113.7 | 190.6 | 339.1 | 6. |
| 201.7 | 240.5 | 187.7 | 194.9 | 158.1 | 124.0 | 185.7 | 352.7 | 7. |
| 189.9 | 199.5 | 181.9 | 173.4 | 153.0 | 109.4 | 183.2 | 302.3 | 8. |
| 193.9 | 144.2 | 181.6 | 176.7 | 152.7 | 127.2 | 189.1 | 195.9 | 9. |
| 188.1 | 230.0 | 181.9 | 202.9 | 149.1 | 144.9 | 194.6 | 328.4 | 10. |
| 184.4 | 219.5 | 175.0 | 227.4 | 146.5 | 154.2 | 192.0 | 361.9 | 11. |
| 182.0 | 176.4 | 173.1 | 206.3 | 152.6 | 142.2 | 191.2 | 301.3 | 12. |
| 184.0 | 182.1 | 181.6 | 212.5 | 161.2 | 131.4 | 211.0 | 317.2 | 13. |
| 194.6 | 200.0 | 180.4 | 203.7 | 170.2 | 120.2 | 223.1 | 332.1 | 14. |
| 197.6 | 237.3 | 182.0 | 217.2 | 171.9 | 128.4 | 227.0 | 362.3 | 15. |
| 203.6 | 311.3 | 185.4 | 236.8 | 176.7 | 128.5 | 225.0 | 445.6 | 16. |
| 203.0 | 306.1 | 186.1 | 232.5 | 177.1 | 131.1 | 223.4 | 439.2 | 17. |
| 208.0 | 292.4 | 188.3 | 232.2 | 176.4 | 127.9 | 220.5 | 433.6 | 18. |
| 209.8 | 287.6 | 195.8 | 227.9 | 176.1 | 128.3 | 220.0 | 433.2 | 19. |
| 202.3 | 270.3 | 195.7 | 194.8 | 172.5 | 115.2 | 210.8 | 402.2 | 20. |
| 203.0 | 144.3 | 199.1 | 199.8 | 172.0 | - 30.8 | 218.5 | 203.5 | 21. |
| 206.0 | 195.3 | 200.4 | 224.5 | 171.3 | 145.2 | 209.4 | 332.9 | 22. |
| 196.6 | 195.1 | 207.2 | 245.5 | 175.2 | 141.6 | 199.9 | 328.9 | 23. |
| 217.2 | 130.5 | 204.6 | 237.5 | 170.8 | 133.6 | 213.7 | 237.0 | 24. |

Table 2 (Cont'd) - INDEX NUMBERS OF VALUE OF TOTAL

Inventory represents estimated value of and shipments represent all transfers of Table 1 (a). For list of industries in-
(1947 Average $=100$ )

| Month | CAPITAL GOODS (TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Transportation Equipment |  | Ship building |  | Railway Rolling Stock |  |
|  | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. |
| 1. 1951 - Dec. | 118.1 | 367.6 | 56.4 | 174.6 | 175.7 | 242.0 |
| 2. 1952 - Jan. | 118.5 | 261.3 | 63.5 | 166.9 | 170.6 | 212.3 |
| 3. Feb. | 135.7 | 260.7 | 65.9 | 195.6 | 205.9 | 167.6 |
| 4. Mar. | 142.8 | 311.9 | 75.2 | 224.4 | 214.3 | 198.1 |
| 5. Apr. | 144.7 | 338.2 | 71.7 | 251.3 | 223.0 | 225.0 |
| 6. May | 148.1 | 369.5 | 73.2 | 303.0 | 221.6 | 274.7 |
| 7. June | 144.5 | 385.3 | 70.1 | 276.8 | 215.4 | 306.9 |
| 8. July | 140.5 | 368.2 | 71.1 | 244.7 | 209.1 | 291.8 |
| $9 . \quad$ Aug. | 137.2 | 326.2 | 69.3 | 243.4 | 203.7 | 241.3 |
| 10. Sept. | 137.7 | 374.1 | 76.7 | 171.7 | 199.0 | 291.7 |
| 11. Oct. | 139.0 | 365.9 | 76.0 | 243.0 | 205.7 | 228.9 |
| 12. Nov. | 135.3 | 408.4 | 70.8 | 224.9 | 202.2 | 264.5 |
| 13. Dec. | 150.8 | 614.0 | 71.4 | 315.6 | 183.2 | 290.3 |
| 14. 1953 - Jan. | 143.3 | 443.5 | 63.4 | 249.3 | 176.6 | 227.4 |
| 15. Feb. | 147.2 | 458.4 | 67.7 | 218.5 | 178.5 | 215.6 |
| 16. Mar. | 144.1 | 504.9 | 77.0 | 293.7 | 169.3 | 263.6 |
| 17. Apr. | 142.9 | 570.9 | 65.5 | 471.4 | 173.8 | 221.9 |
| 18. May | 145.5 | 510.4 | 66.0 | 285.1 | 180.3 | 216.4 |
| 19. June | 144.2 | 565.7 | 53.0 | 283.6 | 183.5 | 256.4 |
| 20. July | 144.1 | 589.3 | 55.8 | 243.7 | 180.1 |  |
| 21. Aug. | 138.4 | 392.9 | 55.7 | 257.0 | 171.3 | $256.1$ |
| 22. Sept. | 140.6 | 458.3 | 58.4 | 252.8 | 163.3 | 259.4 |
| 23. Oct. | 151.4 | 432.2 | 70.6 | 236.1 | 171.2 | 202.9 |
| 24. Nov. | 144.7 | 503.8 | 54.8 | 358.0 | 171.9 | 210.5 |

## INVENTORY INVESTMENI AND SHIPMENTS IN SELECTED INDUSTRI GROUPS

manufacturers' total ownership of manufacturing inventory, ownership. Estimates are based on the same sources as in cluded in each group, see December 1952 report, page 50.

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

CAPITALGOODS (OTHER)


Table 2 (Concl'd) - INDEX NUMBERS OF VALUE OF TOTAL

Inventory represents estimated value of and shipments represent all transfers of Table 1 (a). For list of industries in-

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

PRODUCERS: GOODS INDUS-

| Month |  | Iron and Steel |  | Non-Ferrous Metals |  | Coke and Gas Products |  | Acids, Alkalles and Salts |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. |
| 1. 1951 - | Dec. | 189.6 | 177.3 | 200.1 | 192.3 | 175.5 | 155.4 | 188.6 | 160.0 |
| 2. 1952 - | Jan. | 196.2 | 172.4 | 203.2 | 188.3 | 147.7 | 188.7 | 195.0 | 138.8 |
| 3. | Feb . | 196.8 | 179.3 | 204.8 | 200.2 | 114.4 | 157.9 | 194.5 | 152.7 |
| 4. | Mar. | 197.8 | 181.7 | 204.6 | 197.2 | 102.5 | 161.8 | 191.1 | 152.2 |
| 5. | Apr. | 203.1 | 186.4 | 205.9 | 184.9 | 120.1 | 146.3 | 188.5 | 154.0 |
| 6. | May | 206.3 | 194.4 | 207.8 | 195.7 | 136.6 | 160.7 | 183.6 | 159.9 |
| 7. | June | 214.8 | 189.8 | 209.8 | 200.0 | 163.3 | 137.4 | 185.4 | 157.7 |
| 8. | July | 208.6 | 204.7 | 221.1 | 164.8 | 174.0 | 143.7 | 186.6 | 1,8.8 |
| 9. | Aug. | 208.1 | 178.7 | 225.7 | 161.9 | 200.3 | 139.3 | 182.5 | 156.0 |
| 10. | Sept. | 203.7 | 212.0 | 223.0 | 173.5 | 210.8 | 152.6 | 176.1 | 173.6 |
| 11. | oct. | 204.3 | 210.2 | C21.5 | 180.0 | 213.3 | 189.3 | 183.9 | 160.4 |
| 12. | Nov. | 209.8 | 186.2 | 217.9 | 174.9 | 214.9 | 174.1 | 183.2 | 161.0 |
| 13. | Dec. | 207.6 | 170.3 | 217.0 | 176.4 | 185.5 | 182.9 | 181.2 | 152.7 |
| 14. 1953 - | Jan. | 208.5 | 170.0 | 216.1 | 187.6 | 155.8 | 160.9 | 172.5 | 163.3 |
| 15. | Feb 。 | 209.9 | 153.4 | 217.2 | 172.0 | 139.7 | 140.8 | 167.2 | 160.0 |
| 16. | Mar. | 211.5 | 192.3 | 211.6 | 198.4 | 121.6 | 1,1.4 | 162.7 | 159.2 |
| 17. | Apr. | 210.1 | 183.4 | 211.3 | 194.2 | 127.4 | 148.1 | 160.9 | 164.5 |
| 18. | May | 213.9 | 187.5 | 213.6 | 203.2 | 137.3 | 146.7 | 157.0 | 174.4 |
| 19. | June | 218.3 | 192.1 | 207.8 | 192.8 | 144.7 | 170.9 | 149.0 | 189.1 |
| 20. | July | 219.8 | 182.9 | 219.1 | 167.5 | 160.9 | 137.6 | 153.6 | 152.2 |
| 21. | Aug. | 225.3 | 181.2 | 223.5 | 176.7 | 189.0 | 147.3 | 158.3 | 137.0 |
| 22. | Sept. | 221.8 | 201.2 | 223.4 | 180.8 | 198.1 | 162.3 | 161.4 | 154.4 |
| 23. | Oct. | 221.4 | 186.5 | 224.2 | 182.6 | 215.5 | 151.7 | 168.8 | 142.6 |
| 24. | Nov. | 221.5 | 173.5 | 225.1 | 169.2 | 222.8 | 145.2 | 175.4 | 162.4 |

## INVENTORX INVESTMENT AND SHIPMENTS IN SELECTED INDUSTRY GROURS

manufacturera' total ownership of manufacturing inventory, ownership. Estimates are based on the same sources as in cluded in each group, see December 1952 report, page 50.

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

|  |  | CONSTRUCTION GOODS INDUSTRIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Fabricated and Structural Steel |  | Paints and Varnishos |  | Sawnills and Planing Mills |  |  |
| Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. | Invt. | Ship. |  |
| 181.0 | 178.1 | 214.3 | 265.3 | 226.3 | 100.6 | 226.0 | 140.9 | 1. |
| 170.6 | 234.7 | 233.5 | 171.1 | 215.6 | 136.4 | 225.7 | 202.4 | 2. |
| 173.5 | 169.1 | 230.4 | 277.0 | 214.2 | 138.9 | 244.0 | 190.0 | 3. |
| 174.3 | 160.7 | 224.5 | 293.4 | 213.5 | 144.2 | 255.4 | 232.0 | 4. |
| 148.2 | 247.9 | 225.4 | 235.1 | 211.0 | 177.5 | 231.8 | 174.8 | 5. |
| 110.2 | 332.8 | 211.1 | 299.7 | 203.9 | 194.6 | 250.0 | 263.2 | 6. |
| 107.6 | 108.2 | 207.5 | 360.4 | 196.7 | 185.5 | 245.7 | 284.4 | 7. |
| 136.7 | 82.1 | 197.7 | 233.4 | 192.2 | 165.9 | 253.5 | 252.0 | 8. |
| 164.8 | 83.5 | 182.3 | 331.4 | 177.9 | 141.5 | 249.4 | 315.9 | 9. |
| 171.7 | 122.2 | 172.8 | 304.3 | 184.3 | 159.1 | 240.6 | 286.1 | 10. |
| 199.0 | 107.1 | 169.0 | 391.4 | 179.1 | 156.3 | 224.9 | 251.3 | 11. |
| 221.2 | 127.3 | 173.3 | 306.4 | 181.1 | 135.9 | 197.8 | 176.2 | 12. |
| 210.4 | 180.3 | 203.4 | 236.4 | 197.5 | 119.3 | 214.5 | 171.8 | 13. |
| 194.7 | 238.2 | 184.2 | 263.3 | 199.6 | 134.5 | 219.4 | 175.8 | 14. |
| 191.8 | 200.7 | 189.7 | 260.7 | 201.5 | 144.4 | 238.0 | 237.1 | 15. |
| 190.9 | 178.9 | 204.7 | 276.4 | 199.4 | 166.0 | 262.3 | 258.7 | 16. |
| 154.0 | 304.5 | 221.5 | 285.7 | 199.1 | 183.5 | 246.3 | 192.5 | 17. |
| 95.9 | 388.4 | 223.0 | 244.4 | 192.6 | 196.8 | 267.3 | 276.6 | 18. |
| 93.3 | 199.0 | 226.0 | 290.1 | 190.1 | 201.9 | 270.0 | 325.7 | 19. |
| 132.0 | 77.8 | 240.8 | 265.5 | 185.3 | 172.1 | 271.8 | 304.3 | 20. |
| 162.3 | 54.1 | 248.8 | 354.9 | 184.9 | 152.2 | 287.7 | 277.7 | 21. |
| 176.3 | 244.8 | 226.3 | 394.9 | 188.5 | 157.7 | 260.8 | 252.8 | 22. |
| 205.5 | 118.2 | 217.5 | 310.7 | 187.1 | 144.3 | 244.8 | 203.8 | 23. |
| 230.5 | 120.9 | 215.1 | 251.0 | 193.4 | 127.7 | 223.8 | 164.5 | 24. |

Table 3. - INDEX NUMBERS OF VALUES OF INVENTORY INVESTMENT, BY COMPONENTS, AND SHIPMENTS IN INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES.

Indexes represent values for reporting plants only.
Reports are classified to the industry into which the plant's major items of production fall, but since other items may be included, the indexes are not to be taken as representing commodity movements.

In cases where total inventory is shown twice for each month, the first figure represents investment (ownership) of reporting firms, and the second figure and components represent total holdings. In all other cases, there is no significant difference between investment and total holdings. Shipments in all cases represent transfers of ownership, and should be used in conjunction with inventory investment only.

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(1947 \text { Average }=100)
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Table 3 (Cont'd) - INDEX NUMBERS OF VALUES OF INVENTORY INVESTMENT, BY COMPONENTS AND SHIPMENTS IN INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES.

Indexes represent values for reporting firms only. For further description, see page 20.
(1947 Average $=100$ )


Table 3 (Cont'd) - INDEX NUMBERS OF VALUES OF INVENTORY INVESTMENT, BY COMPONENTS AND SHIPMENTS IN INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES
Indexes represent values for reporting firms only. For further description, see page 20.
(1947 Average $=100$ )


Table 3 (Cont'd) - INDEX NUMBERS OF VALUES OF INVENTORY INVESTMENT, BY COMPONENTS, AND SHIPMENTS IN INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES.
Indexes represent values for reporting firms only. For further discription, see page 20.
(1947 Average $=100)$


Table 3 (Cont'd) - INDEX NUMBERS OF VALUES OF INVENTORY INVESTMENT, BY COMPONENTS, AND SHIPMENTS IN INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRTES.
Indexes represent values for reporting firms only. For further description, see page 20.
(1947 Average $=100$ )


Fabricated and Structural Steel (1)


Household, Office \& Store Machinery

| Nov. | 1952 | 167.4 | 223.1 | 188.5 | 217.4 | 303.5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Oct. | 1953 (Rev.) | 155.4 | 217.2 | 176.4 | 145.8 | 370.4 |
| Nov. | 1953 | 129.0 | 217.5 | 178.4 | 142.7 | 371.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Iron Castings |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. | 1952 | 142.4 | 223.1 | 243.4 | 125.9 | 246.5 |
| Oct. | 1953 (Rev.) | 131.8 | 243.6 | 279.1 | 248.5 | 198.2 |
| Nov. | 1953 | 116.2 | 255.4 | 304.9 | 262.2 | 191.0 |

(1) See headnote, page 20.

Table 3 (Cont'd) - INDEX NOMBERS OF VALUES OF INVENTORY INVESTMENT, BI COMPONENTS, AND SHIPMONIS IN INDIVIDUAL INDOSTRITS

Indexes represent values for reporting firms only. For further description, see page 20.
(1947 Average $=100$ )

(1) See headnote, page 20.

Table 3 (Cont'd) - INDEX NUMBERS OF VALURS OF INVENTORY INVESTNENI, BY COMPONRNTS, AND SHIPMENIS IN INDIVIDUAL INDOSTRIES.

Indexes represent values for reporting firms only. For further description, see page 20.
(1947 Average $=100$ )

| Industry and Month | Value of <br> Shipments | Value of Inventory |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Raw <br> Materi als | Goods in <br> Process | Finlshed Froducts |

## TRANSFORTATI ON ERUIPMENI

Aircraft and Parts (1)

| Nov. | 1952 | 1697.5 | 131.3 | - | - | - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | - | 1045.5 | 725.4 | 3986.4 | 26.2 |
| Oct. | 1953 | 2251.8 | 355.2 | - | - | - |
|  |  | - | 1307.6 | 828.2 | 5229.0 | 72.0 |
| Nov. | 1953 | 2574.4 | 354.3 | - | - |  |
|  |  |  | 1402.9 | 808.4 | 5972.0 | 74.5 |

Motor Vehicles

| Nov. | 1952 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Oct. | 1953 (Rev.) |
| Nov. | 1953 |

Motor Vehicle Parts and Accessories

| Nov. | 1952 | 301.3 | 191.2 | 212.9 | 149.8 | 192.3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Oct. | 1953 (Rev.) | 328.9 | 199.9 | 212.1 | 181.8 | 195.2 |
| Nov. | 1953 | 237.0 | 213.7 | 225.0 | 191.9 | 213.7 |

Rallroad Rolling Stock
Equipment (1)

| Nov. | 1952 | 228.9 | 202.2 | - | - | - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | - | 209.9 | 194.6 | 266.6 | 213.1 |
| Oct. | 1953 | 202.9 | 171.2 | - | - | - |
|  |  | - | 171.8 | 171.8 | 146.7 | 177.7 |
| Not. | 1953 | 210.5 | 171.9 | - | - | - |
|  |  | - | 172.7 | 168.6 | 154.6 | 189.5 |

Shipbuilding and Repairing (1)

| Nov. | 1952 | 224.9 | 70.8 | - | - | - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | - | 340.6 | 123.3 | 465.6 | - |
| Oct. | 1953 | 236.1 | 70.6 | - | - | - |
|  |  | - | 507.0 | 111.0 | 725.5 | 27.8 |
| Nov. | 1953 | 358.0 | 54.8 | - | - | - |
|  |  | - | 503.7 | 111.7 | 720.1 | 11.1 |
| Bicyeles and Parts and Miscolla- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| neous Transportation Equipment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. | 1952 | 127.1 | 202.0 | 147.6 | 325.5 | 241.0 |
| Oct. | 1953 (Rev.) | 231.3 | 254.9 | 127.5 | 374.0 | 387.9 |
| Nov. | 1953 | 180.5 | 281.9 | 135.4 | 385.9 | 446.0 |

(1) See headnote, page 20.

Table 3 (Cont'd) - INDEX NUNBERS OF VALUES OF INVENTCRY INVESTMENT, BY COMFONENSS, AND SHIPMENPS IN INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIRS.

Indexes represent values for reporting firms only. For further description, see page 20.
(1947 Average $=100$ )

| Industry and Month | Value of Shipments | Value of Inventory |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Raw <br> Materials | Goods 1n Process | Finished Products |
| NON-FERROUS METAL PRODUCTS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brass and Copper Products |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. 1952 | 202.5 | 193.4 | 185.1 | 157.1 | 290.0 |
| Oct. 1953 (Rev.) | 188.4 | 175.3 | 137.9 | 180.8 | 313.4 |
| Nov. 1953 | 175.8 | 172.5 | 139.1 | 174.2 | 301.3 |
| Jewellery and Silverware |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. 1952 | 140.5 | 142.8 | 125.1 | 149.1 | 167.6 |
| Oct. 1953 | 150.5 | 134.4 | 130.2 | 128.9 | 162.0 |
| Nov. 1953 | 127.3 | 132.2 | 133.4 | 126.5 | 151.6 |
| Non-Ferrous Metal Smelting |  |  |  |  |  |
| and Refining |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. 1952 | 168.4 | 234.9 | 255.1 | 160.7 | 293.8 |
| Oct. 1953 | 178.7 | 248.1 | 322.2 | 129.3 | 231.9 |
| Nov. 1953 | 171.9 | 249.4 | 320.6 | 127.0 | 246.3 |
| Aluminum Products and |  |  |  |  |  |
| White Metal Alloys |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. 1952 | 175.4 | 154.3 | 160.7 | 243.5 | 132.3 |
| Oct. 1953 (Rev.) | 196.8 | 149.3 | 124.6 | 289.8 | 141.5 |
| Nov. 1953 | 145.9 | 152.3 | 133.9 | 286.9 | 140.8 |
| E] ECTRICAL APPARATUS AND SUPPLIRS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Batteries |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. 1952 | 208.9 | 207.9 | 139.3 | 165.9 | 320.0 |
| Oct. 1953 | 216.3 | 196.3 | 140.2 | 178.1 | 278,1 |
| Nov. 1953 | 188.8 | 178.5 | 138.7 | 168.8 | 234.6 |
| Heavy Electrical Machinery |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov . 1952 | 240.7 | 199.8 | - | - | - |
|  | - | 334.9 | 401.0 | 235.9 | 443.7 |
| Oct. 1953 | 286.1 | 246.1 | - |  | - |
|  | - | 347.7 | 139.0 | 359.8 | 532.9 |
| Nov. 1953 | 269.9 | 247.4 | - | - |  |
|  | - | 347.5 | 139.9 | 358.2 | 534.6 |

(1) See headnote, page 20.

Table 3 (Cont'd) - INDEX NUMBERS OF VALUES OF INVENTORY INVESTMKNT, BY COMPONRNTS, AND SHIPMENIS IN INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIRS

Indexes represent values for reporting firms only. For further description, see page 20.
$(1947$ Average $=100)$

|  |  | Value of Inventory |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industry and Morth | of Shipments | Total | Raw <br> Materials | Goods in Process | Finished <br> Products |

## ELHCTRICAL APPARATUS AND SUPFLIES

 (Cont'd)Radios and Radio Parts (1)


## NON-METMLIIC MINERAL PRODUCTS

Abrasive Products

| Nov. | 1952 | 141.4 | 190.8 | 173.3 | 1171.1 | 160.5 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Oct. | 1953 | 209.0 | 183.1 | 209.2 | 434.9 | 132.8 |
| Nov. | 1953 | 204.9 | 175.4 | 196.2 | 422.9 | 132.6 |
| Asbestos Products |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Anov. | 1952 | 146.9 | 135.8 | 126.7 | 104.9 | 162.5 |
| Oct. | 1953 | 166.0 | 141.9 | 123.4 | 117.5 | 177.8 |
| Nov. | 1953 | 151.7 | 133.1 | 120.7 | 96.7 | 164.8 |

(1) See headnote, page 20.

Table 3 (Cont'd) - INDEX NUMBERS OF VALUES OF INVENTORY INVKSTMZNI, BY COMPONENIS, AND SHIPMRNTS IN INDIVIDOAL INDUSTRIES.
Indexes represent values for reporting firms only. For further description, see page 20.
( 1947 Average $=100$ )

| Industry and Month |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Value } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { Shd prents } \end{aligned}$ | Value of Inventory |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | $\begin{gathered} \text { Raw } \\ \text { Materials } \end{gathered}$ | Goods in <br> Process | Finished Products |
| NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS (Concl ${ }^{\prime}$ (d) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cement and Cement Products |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. | 1952 |  | 245.2 | 174.6 | 186.3 | 114.5 | 112.3 |
| Oct. | 1953 (Rev.) | 311.6 | 191.5 | 199.3 | 75.4 | 170.2 |
| Nov. | 1953 | 305.0 | 182.5 | 195.0 | 48.8 | 134.8 |
| Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Includes the following: Clay |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Products; Glass and Glass Products; |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Products; Coke and Gas Products) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. | 1952 | 167.8 | 214.0 | 203.3 | 92.6 | 364.4 |
| Oct. | 1953 (Rev.) | 178.0 | 225.0 | 197.3 | 115.6 | 609.4 |
| Nov. | 1953 | 155.9 | 231.8 | 202.6 | 116.9 | 632.8 |
| PFIROLEJM PRODUCTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. | 1952 | 296.8 | 376.9 | 230.3 | 224.7 | 480.7 |
| Oct. | 1953 | 372.1 | 397.5 | 226.8 | 271.9 | 548.2 |
| Nov. | 1953 | 340.6 | 402.7 | 210.1 | 277.2 | 569.4 |
| CHBMICAL PRODUCTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Acids. Alkalies and Salts |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. | 1952 | 161.0 | 183.2 | 187.7 | 212.5 | 167.3 |
| Oct. | 1953 (Rov.) | 142.6 | 168.8 | 169.0 | 203.7 | 161.1 |
| Nov. | 1953 | 162.4 | 175.4 | 179.1 | 203.7 | 161.4 |
| Fertilizers |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. | 1952 | 127.3 | 221.2 | 194.7 | 320.0 | 164.5 |
| Oct. | 1953 | 118.2 | 205.5 | 179.5 | 284.1 | 171.5 |
| Nor. | 1953 | 120.9 | 230.5 | 201.9 | 325.6 | 182.8 |
| Modicinal and Pharmacoutical |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Preparations |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. | 1952 | 121.2 | 112.3 | 103.1 | 120.8 | 119.2 |
| Oct. | 1953 (Rev.) | 159.2 | 115.0 | 102.2 | 132.1 | 121.2 |
| Nov. | 1953 | 143.9 | 116.8 | 104.0 | 127.7 | 125.9 |
| Paints and Varnishes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. | 1952 | 135.9 | 181.1 | 139.0 | 103.9 | 280.4 |
| Oot. | 1953 (Rev.) | 144.3 | 187.1 | 139.7 | 107.1 | 296.2 |
| Nov. | 1953 | 127.7 | 193.4 | 139.1 | 112.6 | 314.5 |

Table 3 (Concl'd) - INDEX NUMBERS OF VALUES OF INVENRORY INVESTMEN, BY COMPONENTS, AND SHIPMENTS IN INDIVIDOAL INDUSTRIES.

Indexes represent values for reporting firms only. For further description, see page 20.
(1947 Average $=100$ )

| Industry and Month | Value of Shipments | Value of Inventory |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | $\begin{gathered} \text { Raw } \\ \text { Materials } \end{gathered}$ | Goods in Frocess | Findshed Products |
| CRBMICAL PRODUCTS (Conclid) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Soaps. Washing and Cleaning |  |  |  |  |  |
| Compounds |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nor. 1952 | 144.9 | 125.6 | 99.0 | 75.2 | 206.8 |
| Oct. 1953 (Rev.) | 185.7 | 109.7 | 75.3 | 76.9 | 197.4 |
| Nov. 1953 | 171.9 | 116.3 | 77.6 | 77.3 | 216.0 |
| Toilet Preparations |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. 1952 | 92.9 | 75.2 | 67.4 | 158.0 | 80.1 |
| Oct. 1953 (Rev.) | 121.8 | 90.9 | 73.0 | 220.0 | 115.0 |
| Nov. 1953 | 117.4 | 87.6 | 72.8 | 205.0 | 105.8 |
| Other Chemical Products |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Includes the following: Primary Plastics; Macellaneous Chemicals and Allied Products (Including aynthetic rubber) |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. 1952 | 219.2 | 192.7 | 148.1 | 524.9 | 211.9 |
| Oct. 1953 (Rev.) | 236.0 | 187.0 | 169.7 | 272.9 | 201.6 |
| Nov. 1953 | 248.8 | 186.5 | 163.8 | 307.5 | 204.4 |
| MISCELLANEOUS MANOFACTURINO |  |  |  |  |  |
| INDOSTRIES |  |  |  |  |  |
| Professional and Scientific |  |  |  |  |  |
| Instruments and Equipment |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nor. 1952 | 143.2 | 123.9 | 125.7 | 108.6 | 141.5 |
| Oct. 1953 (Rev.) | 178.3 | 149.7 | 152.3 | 119.9 | 189.8 |
| Nor. 1953 | 176.5 | 150.6 | 152.2 | 121.9 | 191.1 |
| Other Miscellaneous Manufacturing |  |  |  |  |  |
| Industries: (Include the following: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brooms, Brushes and Mops; Fabricated |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pens, Pencils and Typewriter Supplies; |  |  |  |  |  |
| Miscollanous Industries (not elsewhere |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. 1952 | 142.0 | 121.8 | 104.3 | 89.3 | 185.7 |
| Oct. 1953 (Rev.) | 174.3 | 123.7 | 109.9 | 89.3 | 182.5 |
| Nov. 1953 | 157.0 | 124.2 | 114.9 | 91.0 | 173.7 |

Table 4 - INDEX NUMBERS OF VALUE OF SHIPMENTS AND OUTSTANDING ORDERS POR FIRMS REPORTING ORDERS BACKLOGS, IN INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES AND SELECTED GROUPS (1)

|  |  | All Roporting Firns |  |  | INDUSTRY GROUPS |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Textile } \\ \text { Industries } \end{gathered}$ | Clothing Industries |  |  |
|  |  | S | 0 | R | S | 0 | R | S | 0 | R |
| 1952-Jan. |  |  |  |  | 90.5 | 125.8 | 7.0 | 111.5 | 108.4 | 2.3 | 83.0 | 95.5 | 2.2 |
| Feb. |  | 92.3 | 125.6 | 6.9 | 105.1 | 63.1 | 1.4 | 106.0 | 97.4 | 1.8 |
| Mar. |  | 99.4 | 125.0 | 6.3 | 113.3 | 86.8 | 1.8 | 127.3 | 85.2 | 1.3 |
| Apr. |  | 95.9 | 122.4 | 6.4 | 88.4 | 86.4 | 2.3 | 116.8 | 75.8 | 1.3 |
| May |  | 102.2 | 122.6 | 6.0 | 91.5 | 85.0 | 2.2 | 101.1 | 84.7 | 1.6 |
| June |  | 97.3 | 119.5 | 6.2 | 82.0 | 80.9 | 2.3 | 86.6 | 98.4 | 2.2 |
| July |  | 92.3 | 118.3 | 6.4 | 83.2 | 82.6 | 2.3 | 79.3 | 110.6 | 2.7 |
| Aug. |  | 88.6 | 209.7 | 6.2 | 91.9 | 88.7 | 2.2 | 106.1 | 105.8 | 2.0 |
| Sept. |  | 101.9 | 106.5 | 5.3 | 104.6 | 96.4 | 2.1 | 141.2 | 96.8 | 1.3 |
| Oct. |  | 104.4 | 99.6 | 5.3 | 127.5 | 95.5 | 1.9 | 145.3 | 84.0 | 1.1 |
| Nov. |  | 98.5 | 99.0 | 5.6 | 111.3 | 98.6 | 2.1 | 123.6 | 90.4 | 1.4 |
| Dec. |  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 5.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 2.0 |
| 1953-Jan. |  | 90.1 | 98.3 | 5.9 | 211.6 | 95.9 | 2.0 | 87.0 | 109.5 | 2.5 |
| Feb. |  | 92.7 | 99.1 | 5.8 | 113.4 | 91.8 | 1.9 | 107.4 | 109.5 | 2.0 |
| Mar. |  | 106.1 | 98.5 | 5.0 | 118.1 | 87.9 | 1.7 | 134.9 | 84.3 | 1.2 |
| Apr. |  | 105.7 | 94.1 | 4.8 | 105.0 | 82.9 | 1.8 | 212.8 | 73.2 | 1.3 |
| May |  | 104.1 | 87.0 | 4.5 | 99.7 | 74.5 | 1.7 | 94.9 | 89.7 | 1.8 |
| June |  | 104.9 | 85.2 | 4.4 | 97.1 | 74.0 | 1.8 | 82.7 | 110.8 | 2.6 |
| July |  | 94.9 | 80.3 | 4.7 | 80.8 | 72,9 | 2.1 | 78.2 | 111.3 | 2.8 |
| Aug. |  | 88.6 | 77.9 | 4.8 | 83.9 | 69.8 | 1.9 | 207.9 | 105.1 | 1.9 |
| Sept. |  | 99.6 | 76.9 | 4.1 | 95.1 | 59.7 | 1.5 | 138.6 | 91.8 | 1.3 |
| Oct. Nov. | (Prelin) | $\begin{array}{r} 100.4 \\ 95.5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 72.4 \\ & 70.9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3.9 \\ & 4.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 91.9 \\ & 88.5 \end{aligned}$ | $61 \cdot \frac{1}{60} 8$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.6 \\ & 1.6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 132.2 \\ & 110.9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 64.9 \\ & 62.9 \end{aligned}$ | $1: 1$ |

(1) S indicates index of shipments, Dec. $1952=100.0$

0 indicates index of outstanding orders, Dec. 1952=100.0
$R$ indicates ratio of orders to shipments i.e. number of current month's shipments in outstanding orders.
NOTE: For general description, see Sources and Methods, page 38

Table 4 (Cont'd) - INDEX NUMBERS OF VALIE OF SHIPMENTS AND OUTSTANDING ORDERS FOR FIRMS REPORTING ORDERS BACKIOGS, IN INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES AND SIELECTED GROUPS (1)

|  | INDUSTRY GROUPS (CONT'D) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Wood \& Paper Industries |  |  | Iron and Steel Industries |  |  | Transportation Equipment Industries |  |  |
|  | S | 0 | R | S | 0 | R | S | 0 | R |
| 1952-Jan. | 97.9 | 142.3 | 3.3 | 95.8 | 117.9 | 4.4 | 60.3 | 136.0 | 28.2 |
| Feb. | 108.1 | 126.4 | 2.6 | 100.5 | 119.1 | 4.2 | 60.1 | 138.8 | 28.5 |
| Mar. | 113.3 | 108.7 | 2.2 | 102.7 | 120.1 | 4.2 | 72.3 | 139.6 | 23.8 |
| Apr. | 207.7 | 101.9 | 2.1 | 104.6 | 119.3 | 4.1 | 77.2 | 135.1 | 21.6 |
| May | 111.2 | 83.0 | 1.7 | 215.1 | 119.9 | 3.7 | 82.7 | 139.9 | 20.9 |
| June | 85.5 | 72.2 | 1.9 | 111.1 | 112.7 | 3.6 | 88.3 | 137.5 | 19.2 |
| July | 68.0 | 75.1 | 2.5 | 108.1 | 107.7 | 3.5 | 87.5 | 138.6 | 20.5 |
| Aug. | 106.4 | 73.2 | 1.5 | 96.8 | 105.1 | 3.9 | 63.2 | 116.5 | 22.7 |
| Sept. | 110.6 | 62.3 | 1.3 | 105.0 | 100.2 | 3.4 | 80.5 | 113.3 | 17.4 |
| Oct. | 115.5 | 59.3 | 1.1 | 113.1 | 98.5 | 3.1 | 67.9 | 99.7 | 18.6 |
| Nov. | 102.0 | 53.7 | 1.2 | 103.4 | 96.5 | 3.3 | 75.5 | 100.9 | 16.9 |
| Dec. | 100.0 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 3.6 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 12.6 |
| 1953-Jan. | 100.1 | 99.5 | 2.4 | 90.0 | 99.0 | 3.9 | 77.4 | 96.5 | 15.7 |
| Feb. | 95.7 | 95.3 | 2.4 | 87.3 | 105.2 | 4.3 | 84.1 | 95.8 | 14.4 |
| Mar. | 108.3 | 93.6 | 2.1 | 104.3 | 104.8 | 3.6 | 91.8 | 91.5 | 12.6 |
| Apr. | 111.8 | 86.1 | 1.9 | 103.8 | 101.3 | 3.5 | 101.9 | 86.7 | 10.7 |
| May | 109.7 | 77.0 | 1.7 | 105.3 | 96.2 | 3.3 | 92.2 | 75.1 | 10.3 |
| June | 109.6 | 72.6 | 1.6 | 109.4 | 94.1 | 3.1 | 102.4 | 72.2 | 8.9 |
| July | 106.7 | 67.2 | 1.5 | 94.6 | 91.4 | 3.5 | 99.9 | 65.2 | 8.7 |
| Aug. | 101.1 | 65.7 | 1.6 | 94.5 | 85.2 | 3.2 | 71.1 | 63.1 | 11.2 |
| Sept. | 109.1 | 66.4 | 1.5 | 100.7 | 86.5 | 3.0 | 80.4 | 64.5 | 9.7 |
| Oct. | 113.3 | 60.5 | 1.3 | 102.6 | 80.9 | 2.9 | 70.5 | 59.6 | 10.7 |
| Nov. (Prelim.) | 105.0 | 65.1 | 1.5 | 98.3 | 74.8 | 2.9 | 78.7 | 53.7 | 8.6 |

[^0]Table 4 (Cont'd) - INDEX NUMBERS OF VALUE OF SHIPMENTS AND OUTSTANDING ORDERS FOR FIRMS REPORTING ORDERS BACKLOGS, IN INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES AND SELECTED GROUPS (1)

|  |  | INDUSTRY CROUPS (CONCL'D) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Non-Ferrous Metal Industries |  |  | Electrical <br> Apparatus Industries |  |  | Chemical Industries |  |  |
|  |  | 3 | 0 | R | S | 0 | R | S | 0 | R |
| 1952-Jan. |  | 96.9 | 127.7 | 10.5 | 83.3 | 105.3 | 6.5 | 115.6 | 119.5 | 0.7 |
| Feb. |  | 100.9 | 127.4 | 10.0 | 83.9 | 110.6 | 6.8 | 105.7 | 96.2 | 0.6 |
| Mar. |  | 105.9 | 124.4 | 9.4 | 93.3 | 108.0 | 5.9 | 101.4 | 79.6 | 0.5 |
| Apr. |  | 93.2 | 120.7 | 10.3 | 88.4 | 111.1 | 6.4 | 117.9 | 73.0 | 0.4 |
| May |  | 104.4 | 116.4 | 8.9 | 91.5 | 107.7 | 6.0 | 137.1 | 82.4 | 0.4 |
| June |  | 98.9 | 113.0 | 9.1 | 88.9 | 107.7 | 6.2 | 108.1 | 63.5 | 0.4 |
| July |  | 93.1 | 124.1 | 9.8 | 81.1 | 102.9 | 6.5 | 94.7 | 66.2 | 0.5 |
| Aug. |  | 86.1 | 11.3 | 10.3 | 81.6 | 104.6 | 6.6 | 97.5 | 65.3 | 0.5 |
| Sept. |  | 99.9 | 108.7 | 8.7 | 98.1 | 101.7 | 5.3 | 104.5 | 70.9 | 0.5 |
| Oct. |  | 105.1 | 105.7 | 8.0 | 109.3 | 100.9 | 4.7 | 106.5 | 75.2 | 0.5 |
| Nov. |  | 98.9 | 102.0 | 8.2 | 102.4 | 97.6 | 4.9 | 103.4 | 80.5 | 0.5 |
| Dec. |  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 8.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 5.3 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 0.7 |
| 1953-Jan. |  | 88.2 | 102.6 | 9.3 | 85.0 | 99.2 | 5.3 | 114.0 | 89.2 | 0.5 |
| Feb. |  | 86.3 | 102.6 | 9.5 | 93.4 | 100.8 | 4.9 | 109.5 | 92.9 | 0.6 |
| Mar. |  | 100.9 | 99.3 | 7.9 | 105.4 | 127.2 | 5.4 | 117.4 | 94.9 | 0.5 |
| Apr. |  | 96.7 | 95.5 | 7.9 | 103.8 | 123.6 | 5.4 | 135.0 | 93.1 | 0.5 |
| May |  | 102.0 | 89.4 | 7.0 | 102.7 | 127.7 | 5.9 | 146.0 | 86.2 | 0.4 |
| June |  | 107.9 | 87.1 | 6.4 | 95.4 | 129.4 | 6.5 | 120.2 | 80.0 | 0.4 |
| July |  | 93.6 | 84.3 | 7.2 | 79.9 | 130.0 | 8.1 | 95.5 | 82.2 | 0.6 |
| Aug. |  | 85.5 | 81.5 | 7.6 | 86.5 | 133.0 | 7.3 | 99.5 | 78.2 | 0.5 |
| Sept. |  | 97.2 | 73.7 | 6.0 | 104.9 | 129.4 | 5.9 | 114.1 | 86.3 | 0.5 |
| Oct. |  | 101.5 | 70.6 | 5.6 | 112.7 | 129.5 | 5.5 | 112.4 | 83.4 | 0.5 |
| Nov. | (Prelim.) | 90.4 | 82.9 | 7.3 | 106.9 | 129.3 | 5.7 | 109.1 | 84.8 | 0.5 |

(1) S indicates index of shipments, Dec. 1952=100.0

0 indicates index of outstanding orders, Dec. 1952-100.0
$R$ indicates ratio of orders to shipments, i.e. numbers of current month's shipments in outstanding orders.

Table 4 (Cont'd) - INDEX NUMBERS OF VALUE OF SHIPMENTS AND OUTSTANDING ORDERS POR FIRMS REPORTING ORDERS BACKLOGS IN INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES AND SELECTED GROUPS (1)

|  | INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | September, 1953 |  |  | October, 1953 |  |  |
|  | S | 0 | R | S | 0 | R |
| Fish Processing | 117.3 | 74.2 | 0.7 | 128.7 | 166.1 | 1.4 |
| Fruit \& Vegetable Preparations | 138.8 | 160.0 | 0.9 | 153.1 | 126.3 | 0.8 |
| Flour Mills | 87.1 | 64.9 | 0.6 | 109.4 | 64.9 | 0.4 |
| Rubber Products | 117.6 | 96.2 | 0.9 | 106.9 | 81.5 | 0.7 |
| Boots and Shoes | 152.6 | 44.4 | 0.9 | 110.3 | 51.7 | 1.4 |
| Leather Tanneries | 81.8 | 104.8 | 1.7 | 81.0 | 109.1 | 1.7 |
| Cotton Yarn and Cloth | 90.8 | 61.4 | 1.7 | 86.8 | 60.5 | 1.7 |
| Wollen and Worsted Wovon Goods | 110.3 | 48.5 | 1.5 | 86.5 | 46.5 | 1.8 |
| Wollen and Worsted Iarn | 99.3 | 110.8 | 1.8 | 78.5 | 87.2 | 1.8 |
| Miscellaneous Woollen Goods | 110.3 | 84.2 | 1.2 | 108.0 | 79.1 | 1.1 |
| Cotton and Jute Bags | 104.9 | 73.8 | 0.9 | 112.8 | 82.6 | 0.9 |
| All Other Textile Industries | 94.4 | 47.9 | 1.1 | 99.9 | 58.9 | 1.4 |
| Hosiery | 97.0 | 91.3 | 1.3 | 110.2 | 63.2 | 0.8 |
| Other Knit Goods | 157.0 | 124.9 | 1.7 | 141.7 | 87.7 | 1.3 |
| Corsets | 169.1 | 99.7 | 0.5 | 159.3 | 90.5 | 0.5 |
| All Other Clothing | 136.9 | 72.2 | 1.1 | 130.9 | 50.0 | 0.8 |
| Plywood and Veneer Mills | 109.1 | 110.2 | 0.7 | 110.0 | 88.5 | 0.6 |
| Saw and Planing Mills | 104.9 | 67.1 | 1.3 | 98.8 | 69.0 | 1.5 |
| Furniture | 108.5 | 81.4 | 1.2 | 106.7 | 76.2 | 1.1 |
| Paper, Boxes and Bags | 117.0 | 53.0 | 1.7 | 122.3 | 48.3 | 1.5 |
| Boilers and Plate Work | 63.4 | 71.8 | 7.1 | 103.3 | 80.2 | 4.9 |
| Hardware and Tools | 103.7 | 53.7 | 1.2 | 96.8 | 57.9 | 1.4 |
| Heating and Cooking Apparatus | 151.3 | 126.0 | 1.0 | 152.4 | 134.4 | 1.1 |
| Office, Household and Store Machinery | 104.4 | 94.0 | 1.7 | 115.2 | 93.4 | 2.5 |
| Iron Castings | 105.3 | 51.0 | 1.8 | 115.8 | 45.5 | 1.5 |
| Machine Tools | 117.2 | 72.3 | 4.0 | 114.4 | 65.4 | 3.7 |

(1) See footnote page 31.
(2) For data on individual industries back to January, 1952, see July 1953 report.

Table 4 - (Concl'd.) - INDEX NUMBERS OF VALUE OF SHIPMENTS AND OUTSTANDING ORDERS FOR FIRMS REPORTING ORDERS BACKLOGS IN INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES AND SELECTED GROUPS (1)

|  | INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | September, 1953 |  |  | October, 1953 |  |  |
|  | S | 0 | R | S | 0 | R |
| Industrial Machinery | 97.0 | 105.1 | 4.6 | 96.9 | 121.3 | 5.0 |
| Primary Iron and Steel | 97.7 | 92.7 | 2.9 | 96.2 | 72.3 | 2.3 |
| Sheet Metal Products | 166.3 | 98.6 | 1.3 | 131.8 | 96.1 | 1.6 |
| Wire and Wire Goods | 101.6 | 86.2 | 2.5 | 99.1 | 75.7 | 2.3 |
| Miscellaneous Iron and Steel | 66.4 | 101.6 | 4.7 | 74.0 | 93.0 | 5.0 |
| Motor Vehicles (3) | 107.0 | 82.9 | 2.0 | 107.8 | 78.0 | 1.8 |
| Alrcraft and Parts | 65.3 | 57.4 | 15.1 | 63.6 | 52.8 | 14.3 |
| Motor Vohicle Parts | 107.8 | 81.5 | 3.0 | 102.1 | 78.0 | 3.1 |
| Railroad Rolling Stock | 88.1 | 66.0 | 6.0 | 55.5 | 80.8 | 11.7 |
| Shipbuilding | 86.9 | 99.4 | 11.4 | 78.8 | 64.2 | 11.9 |
| Brass and Copper Products | 91.2 | 90.3 | 1.9 | 96.6 | 89.2 | 1.8 |
| All Other Non-Ferrous |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Metal Products | 98.5 | 72.9 | 6.9 | 102.6 | 69.7 | 6.4 |
| Batteries | 117.3 | 218.7 | 1.3 | 134.5 | 198.1 | 1.0 |
| Heavy Electrical Apparatus | 86.7 | 167.9 | 7.1 | 93.8 | 171.4 | 6.7 |
| Radios | 149.2 | 140.8 | 8.1 | 169.7 | 138.9 | 7.0 |
| Refrigerators and Appliances | 153.0 | 46.0 | 0.8 | 128.0 | 58.7 | 1.2 |
| Miscellaneous Electrical Apparatus | 96.2 | 99.8 | 5.5 | 103.2 | 98.2 | 5.0 |
| Abrasive Products | 94.3 | 105.3 | 0.7 | 87.3 | 94.3 | 0.7 |
| All other Non-motallic Mineral Products | 138.5 | 98.4 | 1.4 | 137.5 | 93.9 | 1.5 |
| Paints and Varnishes | 138.7 | 122.9 | 0.3 | 130.7 | 115.3 | 0.3 |
| Soaps and Washing Compounds | 126.6 | 638.3 | 0.4 | 132.5 | 579.6 | 0.3 |
| All Other Chemical Products | 104.2 | 68.0 | 0.6 | 100.8 | 67.1 | 0.7 |
| Brooms, Brushes and Mops | 109.3 | 52.8 | 0.5 | 114.4 | 67.7 | 0.7 |
| Musical Instruments | 87.0 | 89.8 | 4.7 | 107.3 | 89.9 | 3.8 |

(1) See footnote page 31.
(2) For data on individual industries back to January, 1952, see July 1953 report.
(3) 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.

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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 backward 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 total
coverage. The present samples are based on total coverage only. Because 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 clas= sification, 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 held, 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 cornmodities 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 quartity 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.

Historical Data: All individual industry inventory and shipments series, on a monthTy 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.

Outstanding Orders: This 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 950 plants in the Monthly Inventory Survey. These plants accounted for approximately 30 percent of total production value in 1950. The data bave been grouped according to the Standard Industrial Classification, as well as into larger significant groupings; the groupings represent reporting firms only, with no firm or industry weightings since no knowledge exists for establishment of such a weighting pattern. The basefor the indexes is December, 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 negligible. Within industries included, the coverage of firms is smaller than in the inventory series because a number of firms do not keep value records of unfilled orders. Separate shipments indexes for firms reporting orders have, therefore, been included, thus giving data comparable with the orders indexes.
"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. These backlogs have been reduced by the total value of progress payments received, since these progress receipts are included in shipments in the month received.


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[^0]:    (1) $S$ indicates index of shipments, Dec. 1952 $=100.0$

    0 indicates index of outstanding orders, Dec. $1952=100.0$.
    $R$ indicates ratio of orders to shipments i.e. numbers of current month's shipments in outstanding orders.

