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## DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS

there have been important gains in **construction activity** and the momentum has carried forward through the first quarter of 1937. Improvement during the early part of the recovery came almost entirely from funds supplied by the Federal Government, but more recently private work, and particularly residential building, has accounted for an increasingly large proportion of the total.\*\*\* Total construction in 1936 was much higher than in 1935, approximating three-fourths of the average annual volume during the period 1920 to 1930.

The article on page 15 presents a summary of developments in the industry, with special emphasis on the present position of construction work and the need for additional buildings, particularly of the residential and educational types.

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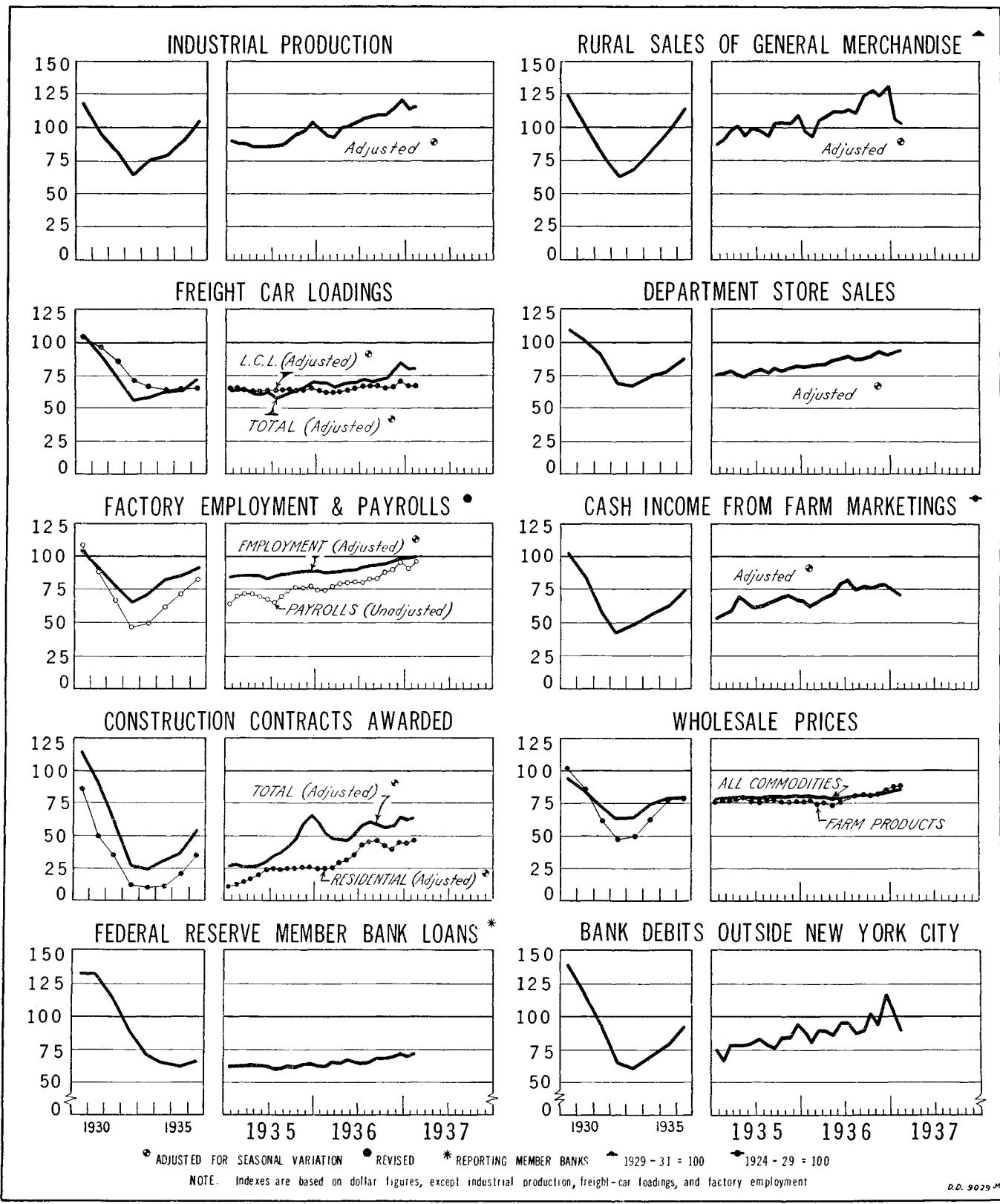
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# Business Indicators

1923-25 = 100, except as noted



# Business Situation Summarized

**B**USINESS activity expanded during March after having changed very slightly from January to February. For the first quarter of the year business has shown marked improvement over the opening quarter of 1936 as is clearly indicated by the much larger volume of industrial output, freight traffic, construction activity, retail sales, and foreign trade. Industrial production, for example, was more than one-fifth larger this year than in the opening quarter of 1936, although it was approximately the same as in the final quarter of 1936 on a seasonally adjusted basis.

The available weekly statistics indicate that the movement of production, seasonally corrected, was downward in January and upward during February and March.

Steel production moved steadily upward during March, with production reaching 90 percent of capacity toward the close of the month under the influence of rising orders and the pressure for deliveries. Textile mills operated throughout March at an unusually high level, with orders again rising sharply under the stimulus of a further advance in prices. With these two key industries operating at such high rates, it is apparent that the vigor of the upward movement which has extended over a period of nearly 2 years is still unimpaired. Production of other industrial products—bituminous coal, petroleum, lumber, machinery and railroad equipment, paper, and automobiles—has either increased during March or held close to the rates

in effect during February. Automobile assemblies did not experience as large an improvement as was anticipated at the beginning of the month as sit-down strikes adversely affected the output of several companies.

Cash farm income during the first quarter was considerably larger than in the opening quarter of 1936, largely because of higher prices. The seasonally adjusted index has, however, moved lower since the final quarter of 1936. The Department of Agriculture's report on acreage intentions as of March 1 indicate that farmers are planning material increases in the spring sowing of nearly all crops. After the short crops of last year, increased production is needed to replenish supplies and meet the demands arising from a further expansion of consumer income.

The number at work and the volume of pay rolls increased materially during February. The seasonally adjusted index of factory employment has now advanced for 12 successive months, and the disparity between the factory employment and pay-roll indexes (on the 1923-25 basis) has been reduced to about 3 percent. Widespread wage increases were a factor in the February change, and additional increases of this nature, plus the March rise in factory output, will no doubt be reflected in a further gain in the pay-roll total reported for the succeeding month.

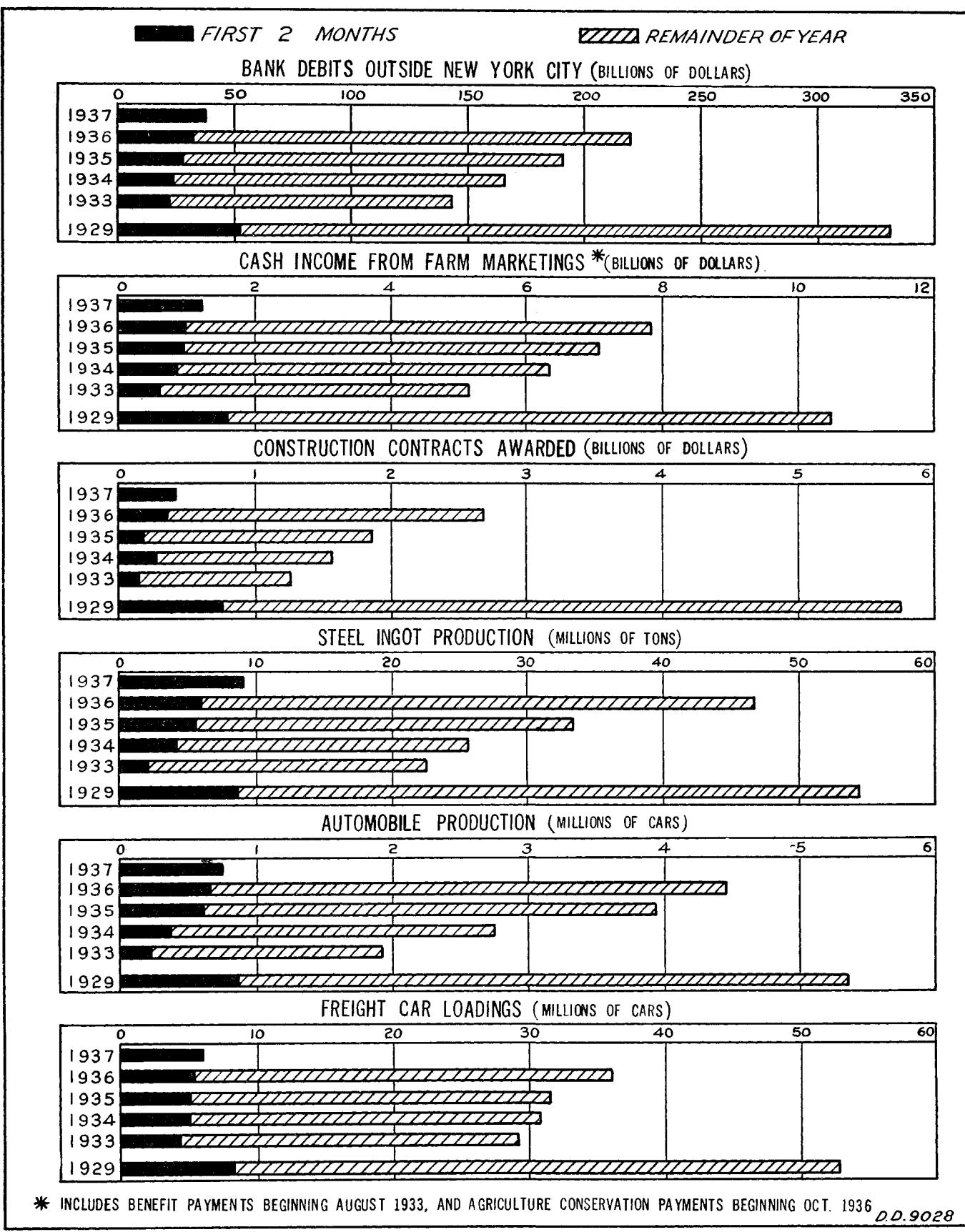
The seasonally adjusted index of freight loadings advanced during March, with the indexes for all groups except miscellaneous freight and ore moving upward.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS INDEXES

Year and month	Industrial production						Factory em- ployment and pay rolls	Freight-car loadings		Retail sales, value, adjusted <sup>1</sup>		Foreign trade, value, adjusted <sup>2</sup>		Cash farm income <sup>3</sup>		Wholesale price Index, 784 commodities			
	Unadjusted <sup>1</sup>			Adjusted <sup>2</sup>				Total	Mer- chandise, l. c. l.	Department stores	Rural, general mer- chandise	Exports	Imports	Bank debits, outside New York City	Construction contracts, all types, value, adjusted <sup>2</sup>	Unadjusted	Adjusted <sup>2</sup>		
	Total	Manufactures	Minerals	Total	Manufactures	Minerals		Number of employ- ees, adjusted <sup>1</sup>	Amount of pay rolls unadjusted	Adjusted <sup>1</sup>	Adjusted <sup>2</sup>	Exports	Imports	Bank debits, outside New York City	Construction contracts, all types, value, adjusted <sup>2</sup>	Unadjusted	Adjusted <sup>2</sup>		
	Monthly average, 1923-25=100																		
1929: February	121	122	116	118	118	119	103.6	109.3	107	104	110	117.8	128	116	124.1	118	85.5	101.0	95.4
1930: February	109	110	104	107	107	108	97.8	98.6	99	101	108	104.8	101	88	109.0	104	81.0	95.0	91.4
1931: February	87	88	84	86	86	87	50.8	74.1	80	89	99	84.2	65	55	86.6	79	56.5	67.0	76.8
1932: February	71	70	75	69	68	78	70.6	54.8	62	78	79	67.2	45	41	65.2	27	45.0	55.5	66.3
1933: February	64	62	77	63	61	80	64.1	41.0	54	66	62	56.1	29	26	52.7	19	30.5	37.0	59.8
1934: February	83	82	89	81	80	92	81.4	61.3	64	67	73	80.7	47	42	59.7	44	45.5	54.0	73.6
1935: February	91	91	93	90	88	97	85.3	70.0	65	65	77	90.6	47	48	66.5	28	47.5	56.5	79.5
1936:																			
January	96	95	100	97	96	104	88.8	73.8	70	64	81	96.3	51	57	88.7	62	65.0	66.5	80.6
February	95	93	107	94	92	111	87.4	73.7	70	62	83	93.0	53	60	80.0	52	53.0	63.0	80.6
March	96	97	90	93	93	97	87.7	77.6	66	62	84	106.7	51	55	90.6	47	59.5	67.5	79.6
April	104	105	95	101	100	106	88.6	79.3	69	63	84	109.9	53	58	88.7	47	68.5	69.5	79.7
May	105	105	101	101	101	102	89.8	80.8	70	64	87	113.3	56	58	86.2	46	64.0	72.5	78.6
June	104	105	101	104	105	100	90.4	81.1	70	66	87	112.4	55	62	95.7	52	69.5	80.0	79.2
July	105	105	102	108	109	101	92.8	80.2	73	67	91	114.7	54	65	94.4	59	84.0	88.0	80.5
August	106	106	104	108	110	99	93.4	83.5	70	67	86	111.9	51	62	86.7	62	75.0	74.5	81.6
September	108	107	110	109	110	102	93.8	83.6	72	67	88	123.6	55	70	89.1	59	89.0	77.5	81.6
October	111	110	115	110	111	105	94.4	89.0	73	66	90	127.1	57	64	102.1	57	104.0	76.0	81.5
November	115	115	115	114	115	112	96.2	90.7	80	67	93	122.6	52	61	93.7	58	88.5	77.5	82.4
December	114	114	111	121	121	117	98.6	95.1	86	71	92	131.0	57	76	117.8	66	86.0	78.5	84.2
1937:																			
January	112	113	105	114	115	109	98.8	90.6	80	68	93	106.7	57	74	103.3	63	75.5	75.0	85.9
February	117	118	110	116	116	114	99.6	95.7	80	68	95	103.7	57	74	89.3	64	59.5	70.5	86.3

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted for number of working days.<sup>2</sup> Adjusted for seasonal variation.<sup>3</sup> From marketings of farm products.

# Graphic Comparison of Principal Data



# Commodity Prices

INCREASING attention has been focused on the commodity markets by the rapid advance in prices during recent weeks. This advance is an extension of a general rise in prices which dates from the final quarter of 1936, although the current upward movement may be considered to have extended back to May 1936 when it became apparent that the trans-Mississippi drought would materially reduce agricultural output. Thus, the upward movement over about half of the period subsequent to May 1936 reflected, primarily, rising agricultural prices; the more recent phase has been the result of broader influences, of which the following are important but not all-inclusive: Increasing business activity, mounting costs of production, and the heavy demands for raw materials resulting from increased production of finished manufactures as well as to widespread armament programs in Europe and elsewhere. Undoubtedly some speculation has been present.

From the beginning of the year to March 20 the Bureau of Labor Statistics' index of wholesale prices rose 3.4 percent. While higher prices prevailed in practically all groups, the most pronounced increases were recorded for metals and metal products (6.8 percent), building materials (6.7 percent), house-furnishing goods (6.5 percent), miscellaneous (5.2 percent), and farm products (4.4 percent). Spectacular advances of individual commodities in the first quarter, which are

concealed in the group totals, were in prices of such basic commodities as steel scrap and the nonferrous metals—copper, lead, tin, and zinc. Other prices rising somewhat less sharply were those for cotton and cotton clothing, rubber, furniture, pulp and paper, meats, shoes, fruits, and vegetables. On the other hand, declines have occurred during the quarter in prices of anthracite, raw silk, wool, hogs, eggs, sugar, lard, cottonseed oil, and oats (the latter three, however, showed upturns in March).

The extent of the rise experienced since May 1936 may be more readily appreciated when it is stated that the Bureau of Labor Statistics' index of 784 commodities or price series has advanced 12 percent, with raw materials and semifinished products up 20 percent on the average. Copper and lead have advanced more than 60 percent, wheat and hides over 40 percent, and cotton nearly 30 percent.

The advances in primary markets have been reflected only partially in the retail price and cost of living indexes available through February. Food prices, generally, changed very little during that month after having advanced 2 percent in January, but a further rise occurred in March. Fairchild's retail price index has moved upward each month since last June, and during the past 6 months the advance has averaged about 1 percent each month.

## INDEXES OF COMMODITY PRICES

Year and month	Wholesale Prices (Department of Labor)												Cost of living (National Industrial Conference Board) <sup>1</sup>	Retail Prices								
	Economic classes			Groups and subgroups																		
	Finished products	Raw materials	Semi-manufactures	Farm products	Grains	Foods	Meats	Other than farm products and foods	Building materials	Chemicals and drugs	Fuel and lighting	Hides and leather	House-furnishing goods	Metals and metal products	Textile products	Miscellaneous						
Monthly average, 1926=100																						
1929: February.....	95.4	94.3	98.1	94.6	105.4	102.0	98.1	102.3	91.9	95.9	95.7	82.9	108.9	93.8	100.6	92.3	82.7	99.7	145	102.3	-----	
1930: February.....	91.4	91.5	91.8	89.4	98.0	89.0	95.8	105.1	89.0	94.0	92.3	80.9	103.9	93.6	96.9	86.4	81.2	99.0	140	103.4	96.3	
1931: February.....	76.8	80.3	70.6	73.0	70.1	60.4	78.0	83.6	78.3	82.5	83.3	72.5	86.9	88.1	86.5	70.9	71.5	90.1	95	86.0	96.3	
1932: February.....	66.3	71.4	56.9	61.9	50.6	46.1	62.5	59.5	71.3	73.4	75.5	68.3	78.3	77.5	80.9	59.5	64.7	80.3	68	70.5	80.1	
1933: February.....	59.8	65.7	48.4	56.3	40.9	32.7	53.7	50.2	66.0	69.8	71.3	63.6	68.0	72.3	77.4	51.2	59.2	72.2	55	60.1	69.9	
1934: February.....	73.6	77.0	66.0	74.8	61.3	63.2	66.7	53.3	78.7	86.6	75.5	72.4	89.6	81.0	87.0	76.9	68.5	78.5	83	72.5	89.5	
1935: February.....	79.5	81.5	77.4	71.7	79.1	87.4	82.7	87.9	77.4	85.0	80.4	72.5	86.0	80.7	85.8	70.1	70.1	82.0	111	79.7	86.6	
1936:																						
January.....	80.6	82.4	78.1	74.8	78.2	78.9	83.5	94.9	78.8	85.7	80.5	75.1	97.1	81.4	86.7	71.7	67.8	83.9	109	81.7	88.3	
February.....	80.6	82.2	79.1	74.6	79.5	78.3	83.2	92.1	79.0	85.5	80.1	76.1	96.1	81.5	86.7	71.0	68.1	83.5	109	80.6	88.3	
March.....	79.6	81.3	77.4	74.4	76.5	75.6	80.1	89.7	78.9	85.3	79.3	76.2	94.9	81.4	86.6	70.8	68.3	83.2	104	79.5	88.1	
April.....	79.7	81.6	77.0	74.5	76.9	73.9	80.2	91.0	79.9	85.7	78.5	76.4	94.6	81.5	86.6	70.2	68.6	83.4	105	79.7	88.1	
May.....	78.6	80.5	75.8	74.1	75.2	70.6	78.0	85.1	78.8	85.8	77.7	76.0	94.0	81.5	86.3	69.8	69.2	83.8	103	79.9	88.1	
June.....	79.2	80.7	77.6	73.9	78.1	73.0	79.9	85.1	78.8	85.8	78.0	76.1	93.8	81.4	86.2	69.7	69.7	85.1	107	83.8	87.9	
July.....	80.5	81.6	79.8	75.2	81.3	88.9	81.4	84.9	79.5	86.7	79.4	76.2	93.4	81.2	86.9	70.5	71.0	85.2	115	84.0	88.1	
August.....	81.6	82.4	81.5	75.6	83.8	102.4	83.1	86.4	79.7	86.9	79.8	76.3	93.6	81.4	87.1	70.9	71.5	85.6	124	84.0	88.5	
September.....	81.6	82.3	81.8	75.9	84.0	102.0	83.3	87.3	78.9	87.1	81.7	76.1	94.6	81.7	86.8	70.9	71.3	85.9	124	84.3	89.3	
October.....	81.5	82.0	82.1	76.2	84.0	102.1	82.6	84.4	80.1	87.3	82.2	76.8	95.6	82.0	86.9	71.6	71.5	85.7	121	82.8	90.0	
November.....	82.4	82.6	83.1	78.6	85.1	102.9	83.9	85.2	81.0	87.7	82.5	76.8	97.0	82.3	87.9	73.5	73.4	85.8	120	82.5	90.8	
December.....	84.2	83.8	85.6	82.3	88.5	109.0	85.5	87.2	82.2	89.5	85.3	76.5	99.7	83.2	89.6	76.3	74.5	86.1	126	82.9	91.7	
1937:																						
January.....	85.9	84.9	88.1	85.4	91.3	113.0	87.1	90.6	83.4	91.3	87.7	76.6	101.7	86.5	90.9	77.5	76.2	86.9	131	84.6	93.0	
February.....	86.3	85.4	88.3	85.5	91.4	111.5	87.0	90.3	84.1	93.3	87.8	76.8	102.7	87.9	91.7	77.5	77.3	87.2	127	84.5	93.7	

<sup>1</sup> Middle of month.<sup>2</sup> Index is as of the 1st of the following month.

# Domestic Trade

**R**ETAIL trade during March was stimulated by the advent of the spring buying period and the early date of Easter. Preliminary reports indicate that sales during the month were well above last year's level, but sufficient data are not yet available to indicate whether the increase over February was more than seasonal. For the first quarter of the year, total retail sales were more than 10 percent in excess of those in the opening quarter of 1936.

The rise in prices has been a factor contributing to the increase in dollar volume during the opening quarter. Quotations for the first 3 months of 1937 of nonfood items, as measured by the Fairchild retail price index, averaged more than 5 percent higher than in the corresponding period of 1936. The retail food index of the United States Department of Labor shows an increase of similar proportions.

In February, department store sales increased by more than the seasonal amount, the adjusted index advancing 2 points to 95. Variety store sales also experienced a more-than-seasonal gain from January to February. General merchandise sales in rural regions in February did not keep pace with the gain in city sales, the seasonally adjusted index moving lower for the second successive month.

Dollar sales of new passenger cars in February were lower than in January because of the drop in General Motors' sales. That corporation no doubt will report a good increase for March which, together with the seasonal increase for other makes, should be reflected in a marked recovery in total sales for that month.

In view of the widespread interest in the amount of inventories held by industrial concerns, it is pertinent to review the information now available from the balance sheets of leading corporations. The data on stocks presented regularly in the Survey, e. g., the indexes of domestic commodity stocks and department store stocks, do not indicate a general increase of the physical volume of commodity stocks during the past year.

Recently the Division of Economic Research undertook the tabulation from the available corporate balance sheets of the inventory figures as of the end of 1936 and 1935. Taking the companies in groups of 100 it was found that the increase for each group tended to approximate 12 percent. Standard Statistics, Inc., has now issued an independent tabulation for about 700 companies (about 250 more than was included in the Division's tabulation) and this larger number also yields a percentage increase in aggregate inventories of 12 percent. This rise is no more than would be expected from the increased volume of sales and the increase in prices during the year. For 339 companies which reported both sales and inventory data, Standard Statistics found that the ratio of year-end inventories to the preceding year's sales was identical for both 1935 and 1936.

The data carried monthly in the Survey do, however, indicate a large increase in the volume of new and unfilled orders in many lines during the past 6 months of sharply rising prices, which may reflect some anticipatory purchasing by industrial concerns with a consequent increase in inventories since the end of 1936.

## DOMESTIC TRADE STATISTICS

Year and month	Retail trade												Wholesale trade		Commercial failures	
	Department stores				Chain-store sales				Rural sales of general merchandise		New passenger-car sales		Employment	Pay rolls	Failures	Liabilities
	Sales		Stocks <sup>3</sup>		Combined index (Chain Store Age)		Variety stores		Unad-just-ed <sup>1</sup>	Ad-just-ed <sup>2</sup>	Unad-just-ed <sup>1</sup>	Ad-just-ed <sup>2</sup>				
	Unad-just-ed <sup>1</sup>	Ad-just-ed <sup>2</sup>	Unad-just-ed <sup>1</sup>	Ad-just-ed <sup>2</sup>	Unad-just-ed <sup>1</sup>	Ad-just-ed <sup>2</sup>	Unad-just-ed <sup>1</sup>	Ad-just-ed <sup>2</sup>	Unad-just-ed <sup>1</sup>	Ad-just-ed <sup>2</sup>	Unad-just-ed <sup>1</sup>	Ad-just-ed <sup>2</sup>	Monthly average, 1929-31=100		Monthly average, 1929-31=100	
	Avg. same mo. 1929-31=100												Monthly average, 1929-31=100		Number	Thousands of dollars
1929: February	91	110	95	100	86.2	103.2	106.6	117.8	111.4	136.5	96.9	96.4				
1930: February	89	108	93	98	84.3	100.9	98.1	108.4	94.6	114.5	98.4	98.1				
1931: February	81	99	81	86	78.9	94.4	76.2	84.2	59.7	72.5	87.6	87.1				
1932: February	64	79	69	73	89.8	72.6	86.9	60.8	67.2	36.8	44.0	79.7	70.1			
1933: February	49	62	54	57	79.4	65.6	78.5	50.8	56.1	27.8	33.0	72.4	55.1	2,367	63,694	
1934: February	59	73	63	66	90.7	73.0	87.5	73.1	80.7	45.7	54.5	81.2	61.0	1,017	16,772	
1935: February	61	77	61	64	95.8	75.8	90.8	82.0	90.6	72.7	86.5	84.6	64.6	956	15,217	
1936:																
January	63	81	58	66	96.5	67.7	90.8	79.9	96.3	69.3	102.0	85.6	66.6	1,077	18,104	
February	66	83	62	65	90.4	73.5	88.0	84.2	93.0	65.5	89.5	85.0	66.6	856	14,089	
March	77	84	67	65	101.2	80.3	93.3	99.2	106.7	117.8	101.0	85.6	69.0	946	16,271	
April	85	84	68	65	102.0	95.7	95.2	105.5	109.9	142.3	93.5	85.7	67.9	830	14,157	
May	59	87	67	65	103.0	96.8	96.8	106.5	113.3	138.6	93.5	84.6	68.2	832	15,376	
June	84	87	62	64	108.0	98.8	104.0	106.2	112.4	139.3	109.5	84.6	68.4	773	9,177	
July	63	91	59	63	109.6	97.2	109.2	88.3	114.7	117.3	104.5	85.4	69.0	639	9,904	
August	68	86	65	67	109.0	88.5	97.7	96.2	111.9	92.9	92.0	86.3	69.7	655	8,271	
September	94	88	71	68	110.0	97.8	102.4	122.3	71.0	83.0	88.0	70.5	886	9,819		
October	99	90	76	69	109.5	100.4	98.9	155.1	127.1	56.5	85.5	89.0	71.5	611	8,266	
November	105	93	80	71	111.0	104.5	103.0	150.8	122.6	113.1	151.0	89.7	73.1	688	11,532	
December	161	92	66	71	113.0	195.7	106.1	186.1	131.0	130.4	175.0	91.0	72.8	692	12,288	
1937:																
January	73	93	66	74	106.4	70.3	91.4	88.6	106.7	90.1	129.5	90.8	72.7	811	8,661	
February	76	95	72	76	109.0	81.3	97.4	93.8	103.7	87.5	143.0	92.2	74.0	721	9,771	

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted for number of working days.

<sup>2</sup> Adjusted for seasonal variation.

<sup>3</sup> End of month.

# Employment

**E**MPLOYMENT and pay rolls in the manufacturing and nonmanufacturing industries surveyed monthly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics recorded a marked increase in February. Approximately 225,000 more workers were employed in these industries than in the preceding month, and the gain in comparison with February 1936 amounted to about 1,560,000 workers. Total weekly pay rolls were more than \$12,700,000 higher than in January and nearly \$62,600,000 higher than a year ago.

In manufacturing industries the increase in employment in February more than offset the decline recorded in the preceding month, so that the number at work reached the highest total since December 1929. The rise was larger than is usual for this period, the adjusted index advancing 0.8 of a point to 99.6 (1923-25=100). This was the twelfth consecutive monthly gain in the adjusted factory employment index.

Of the 89 manufacturing industries reporting, 76 reported an increased number of workers and an equal number had larger pay rolls in February. Both durable and nondurable goods industries contributed to the rise in employment, although those in the former group recorded the largest relative gains. Increases of much more than seasonal proportions were reported for the following industries: Steam and electric railroad car building (17 percent); stoves (13 percent); locomotives (12 percent); engines-turbines-tractors (8 percent); and agricultural implements (7 percent).

Ten of the 16 nonmanufacturing industries from which data are collected each month showed employ-

ment gains in February as compared with January. The largest absolute gain was that reported for wholesale trade, in which the number at work increased 1.6 percent. Metal mines expanded their forces again in February, the gain over the preceding month continuing the almost unbroken succession of monthly increases which have been registered since July 1935. Employment in retail trade followed the usual seasonal pattern in February, a decline of six-tenths of 1 percent from January being recorded. In private building construction, employment declined by less than the usual seasonal amount.

Wage rate increases in recent months have added materially to weekly pay rolls. According to data based on the returns of practically all firms reporting regularly to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, wage rate increases were reported for approximately 250,000 factory workers and 25,500 employees in nonmanufacturing industries between January 15 and February 15. The largest proportion of employees in the latter group were in the metalliferous mining industry, in which wage increases affected about 15,800 workers.

Industrial disputes have been frequent of late as the sit-down technique spread to include all types of industry—from retail stores to large manufacturing enterprises. While the aggregate number of persons involved, outside of the motor industry and the Michigan area generally, at any one time has not been particularly large, the strikes have in most instances resulted in a complete halt of the operations of individual business enterprises.

## STATISTICS OF EMPLOYMENT, PAY ROLLS, AND WAGES

Year and month	Factory employment and pay rolls		Nonmanufacturing employment and pay rolls (U. S. Department of Labor)										Trade-union members employed	Wages					
	Employment		Pay rolls		Anthracite mining		Bituminous coal mining		Electric light and power and manufactured gas		Telephone and telegraph			Retail trade		Factory (National Industrial Conference Board)		Common labor rates (road building)	
	Unadjusted	Adjusted <sup>1</sup>	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Employment	Pay rolls	Employment	Pay rolls	Employment	Pay rolls	Employment	Pay rolls	Employment	Pay rolls	Average weekly earnings	Average hourly earnings	Cents per hour		
	Monthly average, 1923-25=100										Monthly average, 1929=100								
1929: February-----	102.9	103.6	109.3		106.0	122.1	107.7	116.6	92.6	91.8	95.3	93.0	95.4	95.1	85	28.84	.587	37	
1930: February-----	97.1	97.8	98.6		106.9	121.5	102.4	102.1	98.8	100.4	100.2	101.9	97.3	97.7	78	27.68	.592	39	
1931: February-----	80.1	80.8	74.1		89.5	101.9	91.5	68.3	97.8	99.7	89.2	94.8	89.3	86.4	73	24.15	.573	36	
1932: February-----	70.3	70.6	54.8		71.2	57.3	77.4	47.0	87.2	86.0	82.0	89.6	78.3	69.1	69	19.63	.527	33	
1933: February-----	63.7	64.1	41.0		58.7	56.8	69.3	37.2	77.4	71.6	73.9	71.9	70.4	51.8	66	16.23	.462	32	
1934: February-----	81.1	81.4	61.3		63.2	65.8	76.1	54.6	81.2	74.4	69.8	67.9	79.6	58.8	74	19.86	.558	42	
1935: February-----	85.1	85.3	70.0		64.4	64.3	81.1	66.1	82.2	78.3	70.0	72.9	79.2	59.3	76	22.14	.595	39	
1936:																			
January-----	86.8	88.8	73.8		59.1	54.4	79.8	70.6	86.1	84.8	70.1	75.0	80.4	62.1	78	23.40	.608	40	
February-----	86.9	87.4	73.7		61.2	76.7	78.4	86.1	84.7	69.9	76.2	79.7	61.6	78	23.14	.608	38		
March-----	87.9	87.7	77.6		52.5	42.6	80.4	70.2	86.8	85.9	70.2	77.2	81.9	63.5	79	23.67	.611	37	
April-----	89.1	88.6	79.3		49.8	28.6	77.5	62.6	88.0	86.2	70.8	76.0	85.2	65.3	82	24.33	.613	38	
May-----	89.8	89.8	80.8		54.9	56.3	76.2	62.2	89.0	87.0	71.6	78.5	85.0	65.8	83	24.41	.616	42	
June-----	90.1	90.4	81.1		51.2	42.0	75.7	61.5	90.4	88.1	72.1	77.4	85.5	66.4	83	24.45	.617	42	
July-----	91.2	92.8	80.2		48.4	37.2	75.5	62.6	91.7	89.8	73.1	79.9	83.2	65.1	83	24.23	.617	42	
August-----	93.5	93.4	83.5		41.1	31.4	76.9	65.4	93.1	89.8	73.5	81.2	82.4	64.4	86	24.66	.616	41	
September-----	95.5	93.8	83.6		47.6	34.9	78.2	71.0	93.5	91.4	73.7	78.8	86.6	66.6	87	25.11	.619	42	
October-----	96.7	94.4	89.0		49.9	48.5	81.1	79.2	94.0	92.7	73.8	83.1	88.7	68.3	88	25.51	.619	42	
November-----	96.9	96.2	90.7		51.5	40.3	82.3	80.7	93.5	91.8	73.7	81.6	90.1	70.1	88	25.83	.624	41	
December-----	98.1	98.6	95.1		54.8	55.4	83.9	84.9	93.2	94.1	73.6	82.4	100.0	75.6	86	26.64	.636	39	
1937:																			
January-----	96.5	98.8	90.6		54.1	42.7	84.4	80.0	92.1	92.1	74.4	84.0	86.3	68.0	85	26.11	.638	39	
February-----	98.9	99.6	95.7		52.7	41.0	84.8	82.4	91.9	92.5	74.8	82.2	84.9	67.7	86	26.64	.643	39	

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted for seasonal variation.

# Finance

THE combined circumstance of sharply rising commodity prices and weakness in Government bond prices has during recent weeks directed the attention of financial markets to the prospects of rising long-term money rates. A series of precautionary statements, begun by President Roosevelt on March 9, when he warned against the possible recurrence of the dangers of 1929, found a summary appraisal in a statement issued on March 15 by Chairman Eccles, of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Viewing recent price rises in certain basic commodities as due to nonmonetary factors, Mr. Eccles suggested the need for nonmonetary controls instead of restrictive credit policies. He indicated that "with the ample reserves of the Federal Reserve banks, additional supplies of money can be made available when needed to finance expanded production at reasonable rates by the purchase of Government securities in the open market."

Although the weekly reporting member banks in 101 leading cities have steadily diminished their holdings of direct Government obligations since the early part of January, the volume and assumed purpose of such liquidations were not such as to attract unusual attention until the week ended March 17 when this class of assets declined \$196,000,000 from the total for the preceding week. The volume of liquidation, together with sharp gains in the prices of several basic commodities and the evidence of firming long-term money rates in Great Britain resulting from the rearmament program, directed attention rather sharply to the dangers of inflation, and at once made the subject one of critical appraisal in both official and private quarters.

In the 4-week period ended March 17, the total loans and investments of the reporting member banks increased \$109,000,000. Loans to business, or the so-called "other loans", increased \$188,000,000, while security loans and investments in other securities increased \$155,000,000 and \$16,000,000, respectively. For the reporting member banks in New York City, the total of loans and investments rose \$153,000,000, indicating that loans and investments for the reporting member banks outside of New York City showed a net decline for the period. The decrease in the holdings of Government securities (direct and fully guaranteed) of \$276,000,000 by the reporting member banks reflected in the main (1) the necessity of meeting the increased reserve requirements of 16½ percent that became effective on March 1, (2) the anticipation of the March 15 tax payments, and (3) a decline in the high-grade bond market and a general readjustment in values to a higher yield basis.

Prices of Government securities dropped steadily during March as did the prices of other high-grade bonds. The average prices of the 40 bonds in the Dow-Jones index had been falling steadily since February. In the stock market railroad shares showed exceptional strength, partly in reflection of the agreements reached between management and labor. Industrial shares continued to move higher until the close of the first week of the month, and then broke sharply; the public utility shares continued their lethargic decline.

## FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Year and month	Bank debits outside New York City	Reporting member banks, Wednesday closest to end of month			Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding, end of month	Excess reserves of member banks, end of month	Net gold imports including gold released from earmark <sup>1</sup>	Money in circulation	Savings deposits		Stock prices (419) Standard Statistics	Bond prices, New York Stock Exchange (domestic)	New capital issues	Average dividend per share (600 companies)	Interest rates, commercial paper (4-6 months)
		Loans on securities	"Other" loans	Investments					New York State	Postal Savings					
		Millions of dollars													
1929: February -----	24,489	7,573	-----	5,972	1,510	-----	25.4	4,399	4,423	155	186.5	97.02	869,743	-----	5½
1930: February -----	21,508	7,641	-----	5,575	1,140	-----	60.0	4,267	4,436	168	165.5	97.27	469,880	3.05	4½-5
1931: February -----	17,084	7,313	-----	7,183	926	-----	18.6	4,311	4,928	292	119.8	96.67	201,460	2.64	2½-2¾
1932: February -----	12,870	5,440	-----	6,935	1,709	-3	-64.2	5,340	5,242	693	56.5	82.02	73,932	1.76	3¾-4
1933: February -----	10,401	4,234	-----	8,196	2,794	317	-169.4	5,605	5,269	1,007	44.9	79.07	19,650	1.16	1½-1½
1934: February -----	11,784	3,715	-----	9,785	2,567	1,146	521.2	5,339	5,076	1,200	80.9	90.12	81,060	1.15	1½-1½
1935: February -----	13,111	3,105	3,270	11,520	2,465	2,199	123.0	5,439	5,147	1,205	68.0	93.35	50,118	1.29	¾
1936:															
January -----	17,499	3,128	3,364	12,996	2,470	3,084	43.9	5,757	5,177	1,208	100.1	96.16	124,004	1.42	¾
February -----	15,766	3,117	3,281	13,047	2,482	2,986	-26.1	5,779	5,177	1,214	106.1	97.22	107,030	1.45	¾
March -----	17,867	3,313	3,495	13,220	2,473	3,205	6.4	5,857	5,204	1,216	108.7	97.26	129,543	1.46	¾
April -----	17,497	3,304	3,488	13,452	2,475	2,664	27.9	5,892	5,175	1,215	108.9	96.69	176,677	1.47	¾
May -----	16,998	3,486	3,586	13,522	2,474	2,866	166.7	5,918	5,165	1,214	101.0	97.38	112,587	1.50	¾
June -----	18,882	3,319	3,619	14,159	2,473	2,717	253.0	6,062	5,210	1,232	105.6	97.63	219,686	1.51	¾
July -----	18,617	3,173	3,600	14,084	2,462	3,029	17.7	6,203	5,197	1,244	109.2	98.19	103,164	1.58	¾
August -----	17,106	3,177	3,749	13,809	2,470	1,950	55.5	6,191	5,197	1,249	113.0	98.81	218,074	1.64	¾
September -----	17,586	3,242	3,949	13,929	2,473	1,840	143.0	6,258	5,223	1,251	114.1	99.27	179,487	1.67	¾
October -----	20,142	3,179	4,033	13,796	2,476	2,175	207.6	6,321	5,210	1,255	118.7	99.41	189,512	1.70	¾
November -----	18,475	3,205	4,068	13,647	2,453	2,236	78.8	6,401	5,201	1,257	124.2	100.55	158,071	1.98	¾
December -----	23,238	3,326	4,290	13,742	2,500	1,984	56.3	6,563	5,246	1,200	123.1	100.76	265,850	2.03	¾
1937:															
January -----	20,383	3,238	4,100	13,638	2,497	2,152	73.0	6,400	5,244	1,266	126.4	100.05	248,526	2.04	¾
February -----	17,620	3,280	4,191	13,597	2,465	2,078	120.3	6,369	5,248	1,270	129.5	99.83	165,188	2.04	¾

<sup>1</sup> Net exports of gold and deficiencies in reserves indicated by (-).

# Foreign Trade

THE unusual increase in both imports and exports in February was in part the result of the resumption of normal shipping operations on the west coast following the settlement of the 3-month-old maritime strike late in January. The value of imports was 16 percent larger in February than in January, while the value of exports was 5 percent larger; the increases over the corresponding month of 1936 were 44 and 28 percent, respectively.

Commodity price increases, of course, have exercised an important influence on the value of our foreign trade in recent months. This situation is particularly true in the case of imports. Adjusted for price changes, the increase in February imports over those of February 1936 was 24 percent and that for exports 21 percent.

In addition to the increases in exports of Pacific coast products such as fish, fruits, and lumber in February, raw cotton exports were 18 percent larger in quantity than in February 1936. For the first 7 months of the crop year (August–February, inclusive) cotton exports were considerably less in quantity than in the corresponding period of the preceding year, but the drop in value was not so large owing to the higher average price realized.

Exports of finished manufactures continue to record marked gains. The value of such products in February exceeded that of the same month a year ago by 33 percent, and was the highest for any month since February 1931.

With the exception of inedible vegetable products, all major groups of exports recorded gains in value in comparison with the corresponding totals in 1936. The metals and manufactures group showed the largest relative increase—73 percent. Iron and steel products increased from \$9,387,000 to \$15,751,000, and copper from \$3,699,000 to \$7,329,000. In the machinery and vehicles group, which in the aggregate increased 26 percent in value, electrical machinery and apparatus rose from \$6,170,000 in February 1936 to \$8,003,000 in February 1937; industrial machinery from \$12,288,000 to \$14,965,000; agricultural machinery and implements from \$2,748,000 to \$4,522,000; and automobiles, including parts and accessories, from \$22,139,000 to \$25,974,000.

All classes of imports showed pronounced increases in value in February as compared with the corresponding month in 1936. Those in the crude materials and crude foodstuffs groups were the largest. Vegetable food products and beverages increased 27 percent, principally as a result of larger imports of grains and preparations, and the higher prices of cocoa and coffee. Both of these latter commodities, however, were imported in smaller quantity. A marked increase in imports of textile fibers and manufactures occurred over the year interval. The inedible vegetable products group reflected the sharply higher imports of rubber and flaxseed, while the gain in inedible animals and animal products resulted from larger imports of furs and manufactures.

## EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

Year and month	Indexes		Exports, in- clud- ing reex- ports	Exports of United States merchandise								Imports <sup>1</sup>				
	Value of total exports, adjusted	Value of total imports, adjusted		Crude materials		Food-stuffs, total	Semi-manufactures	Finished manufactures			Total	Crude materials	Food-stuffs	Semi-manufactures	Fin- ished man- ufac- tures	
				Total	Raw cotton			Total	Machinery	Auto-mo-biles, parts and accessories						
Monthly average, 1923-25=100																
1929: February-----	128	116	441.8	434.5	92.3	64.1	63.7	61.0	217.5	46.0	59.8	369.4	137.8	86.9	69.9	74.8
1930: February-----	101	88	348.9	342.9	67.7	38.8	46.8	45.2	183.2	57.1	31.1	281.7	98.6	59.8	59.0	64.3
1931: February-----	65	55	224.3	220.7	47.7	25.4	29.5	27.4	116.1	43.9	16.2	174.9	56.4	45.9	31.5	41.2
1932: February-----	45	41	154.0	151.0	52.6	37.3	22.8	18.3	57.3	13.7	7.4	131.0	37.3	37.8	24.1	31.8
1933: February-----	29	26	101.5	99.4	31.8	20.6	12.8	13.2	41.5	8.5	6.3	83.7	21.1	30.0	13.6	19.1
1934: February-----	47	42	162.8	159.6	54.1	37.6	19.6	24.5	61.4	14.6	13.2	125.0	37.0	38.3	22.2	27.5
1935: February-----	47	48	163.0	160.3	45.0	27.1	16.3	25.5	73.6	18.8	20.5	152.2	45.1	51.8	29.1	26.3
1936:																
January-----	51	57	198.0	195.1	59.8	35.7	15.9	28.6	90.8	25.5	22.1	186.4	58.4	55.3	39.7	33.0
February-----	53	60	181.8	179.2	50.1	26.6	14.8	28.3	86.1	24.6	22.1	189.6	58.6	60.3	40.1	30.6
March-----	51	55	194.8	192.1	44.5	26.3	16.8	32.1	98.7	27.9	24.0	194.3	57.7	63.6	36.1	36.8
April-----	53	58	192.6	186.4	40.4	22.8	14.2	33.8	101.0	30.7	23.0	199.8	62.1	65.7	37.6	34.4
May-----	56	58	200.7	196.9	42.6	22.9	15.9	35.1	103.2	29.6	22.5	188.4	55.1	55.8	38.5	39.1
June-----	55	62	184.9	180.6	39.3	19.7	14.5	34.1	92.7	26.0	19.1	193.6	54.6	59.0	43.1	37.0
July-----	54	65	179.8	176.4	30.4	10.8	15.0	33.3	97.7	29.3	16.9	196.5	56.0	59.3	42.7	38.6
August-----	51	62	178.3	175.6	38.1	12.4	19.7	32.3	85.5	25.2	12.4	200.1	61.7	56.3	40.8	41.4
September-----	55	70	220.1	217.5	72.8	38.2	23.3	31.9	89.5	27.3	12.5	218.4	69.4	64.2	40.8	43.9
October-----	57	64	264.7	262.0	100.4	58.4	24.9	36.7	100.0	31.8	15.8	213.2	62.8	61.3	40.5	48.6
November-----	52	61	225.8	223.3	82.2	47.0	13.7	32.8	94.6	26.4	21.2	200.4	61.2	58.3	40.6	40.2
December-----	57	76	229.7	226.6	67.4	40.2	13.1	34.9	111.2	30.8	28.8	239.8	75.4	73.3	49.0	42.2
1937:																
January-----	57	74	221.6	217.9	60.6	37.5	13.1	34.2	110.1	31.5	27.6	228.7	77.0	68.4	46.5	36.7
February-----	67	87	232.5	229.1	54.4	34.1	22.5	37.9	114.2	31.5	26.0	260.3	90.9	76.3	52.2	40.9

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted for seasonal variation.<sup>2</sup> General imports through December 1933; imports for consumption thereafter.

# Transportation

**L**OADINGs of revenue freight customarily increase during March, but the rise this year has been somewhat more than seasonal, despite the adverse influence of industrial disputes in some areas. The adjusted index of carloadings for March will show a gain of several points over the February figure of 80 (1923-25=100).

The gain in March loadings represents an acceleration of the upward tendency which has been in effect since the end of January, when traffic began to recover from the effects of the flood and the General Motors strike. The increase in loadings over the corresponding period of 1936 has widened sharply in recent weeks, but this has been partly a result of the drop in loadings in March 1936 caused by floods and the decline in coal shipments with the advent of milder temperatures in that month. The coal movement this year has been unusually heavy, reflecting to some degree the building up of stocks in the hands of distributors and large consumers.

During the first 20 days of March, the only declines in daily average loadings from those of February occurred in coke, and in grain and grain products. The adjusted index of coal loadings rose to the highest level since early in 1930. The advance in l. c. l. loadings approximated the usual seasonal amount, while miscellaneous loadings gained slightly less than is customary.

Gross revenues of the railroads increased in March with the improvement in traffic volume, thus reversing the downward tendency noted during the first 2 months of the year when revenues were cut by flood losses and

the elimination of the freight rate surcharges. In February, the gain in revenues over those of a year ago narrowed to approximately 6 percent, as compared with 11 percent in January and 26 percent in December 1936, according to data for roads which in February last year accounted for about four-fifths of all operating revenues. In February, the Eastern District recorded a gain of only 2.2 percent in revenues over the corresponding month of 1936, while the Southern Region showed a gain of 10 percent and the Western District a rise of 12 percent.

The railroads continued to order a large volume of equipment during March. Locomotive orders for the first 3 weeks totaled 34, about the same as for the full month of February. For the year to date, freight-car orders have totaled 27,000, the largest first-quarter business in any year since 1930.

On March 16 it was announced that the railroads and the railroad unions had reached an agreement to seek old-age pension legislation to supersede the acts now being contested in the Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. Among other differences, the proposed new legislation, which has yet to be submitted to Congress, will provide for pay-roll taxes shared equally by employer and employee starting at 5 percent per year and increasing at the rate of an additional half of 1 percent each 3 years to 7 percent at the end of 12 years. Under the old plan, a tax of 7 percent was applied from the inception of the plan.

## RAIL AND WATER TRAFFIC

Year and month	Freight-car loadings									Freight-car surplus	Pullman passengers carried	Financial statistics, class I railways		Canal traffic			
	F. R. index		Total	Coal and coke	Forest products	Grain and products	Livestock	Merchandise l. c. l.	Ore			Oper-ating re-venes	Net rail-way op-erating income	Sault Ste. Marie	New York State	Pana-ma <sup>1</sup>	
	Unad-justed <sup>2</sup>	Ad-justed <sup>3</sup>	Monthly aver-age, 1923-25=100	Thousands of cars <sup>4</sup>								Thou-sands	Thousands of dollars	Thousands of short tons	Thous-and of long tons		
				949.3	220.2	61.4	46.4	25.9	245.0	9.7	340.8	217	2,555	470,419	83,287	0	0
1929: February	99	102	949.3	220.2	61.4	46.4	25.9	245.0	9.7	340.8	217	2,555	470,419	83,287	0	0	1,138
1930: February	91	107	876.7	177.4	57.7	43.9	25.2	238.1	8.6	325.8	440	2,379	423,194	58,401	0	0	1,058
1931: February	74	99	709.6	143.1	34.0	41.2	20.9	211.8	5.5	253.0	651	1,919	332,839	27,022	0	0	864
1932: February	59	80	557.2	112.4	19.8	34.2	18.3	184.0	2.7	185.8	722	1,424	264,224	21,614	0	0	628
1933: February	51	62	491.4	127.4	14.0	26.0	14.9	154.7	1.9	152.6	650	952	212,154	10,134	0	0	623
1934: February	61	54	588.7	161.6	22.2	29.5	14.9	156.9	3.2	200.5	375	1,132	248,457	29,421	0	0	979
1935: February	61	64	582.6	147.3	25.5	26.4	12.0	153.1	3.8	214.5	320	1,204	254,928	26,296	0	0	708
1936:																	
January	63	70	594.9	162.0	26.5	30.2	12.8	142.8	5.6	214.9	231	1,533	299,058	35,729	0	0	775
February	65	70	628.0	183.6	26.4	30.1	10.3	145.1	5.7	216.8	171	1,359	300,459	33,595	0	0	813
March	62	66	604.7	112.5	30.5	34.0	11.9	155.6	6.0	254.2	205	1,312	308,304	35,206	0	0	981
April	66	69	636.2	118.2	30.3	30.6	12.4	161.8	8.9	274.0	179	1,353	313,410	41,548	37	228	1,023
May	71	70	670.4	119.6	32.3	31.1	12.3	158.9	37.4	278.7	185	1,295	320,966	41,842	8,710	568	940
June	72	70	606.8	114.9	34.7	34.9	11.8	162.2	50.5	287.9	170	1,430	330,602	50,313	9,835	616	989
July	75	73	706.4	117.2	32.7	52.9	12.9	157.0	52.3	281.3	147	1,516	349,744	61,774	10,951	738	976
August	76	70	740.2	129.7	36.1	43.3	15.4	165.6	64.9	295.2	146	1,565	350,585	64,681	10,699	605	1,058
September	82	72	765.3	142.4	34.7	31.8	18.2	165.8	56.4	315.9	125	1,519	357,207	70,166	11,041	821	1,054
October	84	73	819.1	168.7	35.7	32.2	21.9	171.2	52.8	336.7	112	1,469	391,457	89,851	10,789	722	962
November	80	80	753.4	167.4	34.0	32.8	19.2	162.7	28.3	308.9	121	1,351	358,548	72,411	7,094	717	485
December	74	86	693.9	167.4	33.0	32.5	14.8	158.1	8.3	279.7	133	1,407	372,265	70,520	373	0	214
1937:																	
January	70	80	663.4	163.4	29.7	29.6	13.6	152.7	9.9	264.4	131	1,605	331,685	38,437	0	0	281
February	72	80	694.6	169.2	34.9	29.3	11.3	160.1	10.5	279.4	113	1,291	321,927	38,359	0	0	467

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted for number of working days.

<sup>2</sup> Adjusted for seasonal variation.

<sup>3</sup> American vessels, both directions.

<sup>4</sup> Average weekly basis.

# Automobiles and Rubber

PRODUCTION of automobiles increased rapidly in the early part of March and then slowed as strikes again halted some assembly lines. For the month the seasonally adjusted index of production will probably be lower than in February since the seasonal factors allow for a large increase.

While General Motors Corporation continued to expand its assemblies after having resumed production on a major scale in February, complete shut-downs in effect in the plants of the Chrysler Corporation, Hudson Motor Car Company, and Reo Motor Car Company for a portion of the month prevented the realization of expectations of the industry that a new production record for March would be established.

Production of about 50,000 units more this March than in the same month a year ago was indicated as General Motors' weekly production reached 50,000 units in mid-March, but the Chrysler Corporation experienced a drop from almost 30,000 units assembled the first week of the month to around 5,000 the second week. A week later assemblies of this company ceased entirely as their last domestic plant closed for lack of parts.

Retail sales of passenger cars and trucks fell off about 10 percent in February from the total for the preceding month, although unit sales were higher than in February 1936. Deliveries of cars for the 2-month period are estimated at 565,000 units, or 12 percent more than the January-February sales record of 1929. General Motors' sales to consumers fell from 92,998 in

January to 51,600 in February. Sales to United States dealers were 70,901 and 49,674 in the 2 months, respectively. Total sales of General Motors cars, including exports, were in excess of the corporation's production during the first 2 months of the year, the difference representing the depletion of field stocks of cars accumulated before the strike.

The statistics on crude rubber consumption and the employment and pay-roll data reflect a higher level of operations in the rubber manufacturing industry during February. In general, the fluctuation in the output of some of the principal automobile producers has not caused a corresponding variation in tire manufacturing, although in March one company went on a 4-day week as a result of the stop order on Chrysler shipments. Current data are not available to indicate the extent of increase in manufacturers' stocks so far this year, although these have increased very materially in the past 6 months.

Tire prices were advanced on March 13 for the second time this year, and higher quotations on mechanical rubber goods have also been announced. Crude rubber has moved up above 25 cents a pound, as the Rubber Regulation Committee at its meeting in London on March 16 left the production quotations for the first and second quarters of 1937 unchanged. The quota for the second half of the year was raised to 90 percent, which compares with 75 percent for the first quarter and 85 percent for the second quarter.

## AUTOMOBILE AND RUBBER STATISTICS

Year and month	Automobile production				Automobile exports		Registrations		New passenger-car sales		Pneumatic tires <sup>1</sup>		Crude rubber			
	United States		Canada						Unadjusted	Adjusted <sup>2</sup>	Production	Domestic shipments	Domestic consumption, total <sup>1</sup>	Imports	World stocks, end of month	
	F. R. index, ad-justed:	Total	Pas-sen-ger cars	Trucks	Total	Pas-sen-ger cars	Trucks	New pas-sen-ger cars	New com-mercial cars	Unadjusted	Adjusted <sup>2</sup>	Production	Domestic shipments	Domestic consumption, total <sup>1</sup>	Imports	World stocks, end of month
	Monthly av., 1923-25=100	Thousands			Thousands		Number			Monthly average, 1929-31=100	Thousands	Long tons				
1929: February	143	466	406	60,247	31,287	33,218	19,806	235,266	32,652	111.4	136.5	6,577	4,758	41,382	64,286	303,247
1930: February	102	330	280	50,398	15,548	18,732	6,750	211,908	31,846	94.6	114.5	4,683	4,053	32,490	42,998	409,381
1931: February	68	220	180	39,521	9,871	9,187	4,187	134,133	23,475	59.7	72.5	4,018	3,251	28,880	34,374	516,123
1932: February	35	117	94	23,308	5,477	4,936	2,113	82,813	14,558	36.8	44.0	3,891	2,478	31,821	28,398	611,819
1933: February	32	105	90	15,319	3,298	5,521	3,136	69,471	9,707	27.8	33.0	2,343	2,209	21,578	22,969	626,227
1934: February	71	230	187	43,482	8,571	8,872	6,039	94,887	24,476	45.7	54.5	4,335	3,202	40,585	35,220	663,308
1935: February	103	332	274	58,655	18,115	15,067	6,765	170,615	34,797	72.7	86.5	4,330	3,237	42,902	47,844	685,195
1936:																
January	108	364	298	65,730	13,302	15,867	9,787	215,782	43,760	69.3	102.0	4,579	3,802	48,506	33,921	600,479
February	93	288	225	62,790	13,268	16,046	9,913	176,668	40,301	65.5	89.5	3,577	3,142	36,746	34,339	599,355
March	107	421	344	77,448	18,021	18,921	9,999	301,272	51,817	117.8	101.0	3,638	3,784	42,703	34,874	574,594
April	122	503	417	85,642	24,951	17,723	8,330	397,190	57,000	142.3	93.5	4,854	4,836	51,897	45,830	558,583
May	117	461	386	75,058	20,006	17,727	10,848	392,750	62,183	138.6	93.5	4,971	5,752	50,482	37,050	533,411
June	118	453	378	77,061	16,400	14,987	9,055	369,423	56,000	139.3	109.5	5,610	5,711	52,636	38,273	511,931
July	124	441	372	68,597	10,475	12,714	9,811	357,490	63,695	117.3	104.5	5,465	5,678	48,127	39,843	510,373
August	111	271	210	61,537	4,660	8,323	7,405	262,912	59,222	92.9	92.0	5,014	4,911	46,657	41,788	492,439
September	107	135	91	44,533	4,655	4,564	6,375	208,896	54,611	71.0	83.0	4,981	3,768	46,330	50,033	485,488
October	93	225	191	33,940	5,361	9,894	6,826	171,319	41,207	56.5	85.5	5,125	4,012	49,509	40,965	478,190
November	105	395	341	53,434	10,812	20,032	7,396	223,580	30,222	113.1	151.0	4,969	4,162	50,303	38,414	458,637
December	122	499	426	72,702	20,411	24,788	10,501	327,303	42,208	130.4	175.0	5,308	4,925	49,626	51,382	485,414
1937:																
January	120	380	310	70,249	19,583	20,099	12,592	280,615	47,609	90.1	129.5	-----	-----	48,744	43,339	446,087
February	120	364	296	67,443	19,707	17,014	10,514	206,000	41,000	87.5	143.0	-----	-----	50,282	44,715	436,103

<sup>1</sup> Data are raised to industry totals; see note in the 1936 Supplement.

<sup>2</sup> Adjusted for seasonal variation.

<sup>3</sup> Adjusted for number of working days.

# Forest Products

**A**CCORDING to a recent report from the Lumber Survey Committee to the Department of Commerce, estimated lumber consumption, including exports, during the second quarter of the present year will total 6,848 million feet, consisting of 5,763 million feet of softwoods and 1,085 million feet of hardwoods. The estimate for the first half of the year is 12,627 million feet, or 13 percent more than in the first half of 1936. Increased consumption is expected from all the major wood-consuming industries, but the larger part of the gain is expected to result from increased use by the construction industry. The recent floods have also stimulated the demand for lumber for rehabilitation purposes.

Stocks of softwoods as of April 1 will approximate 5,138 million feet, or 8.5 percent less than on January 1. This reduction is due in part to the effects of the maritime strike (which ended Feb. 3, 1937), when production was at a low ebb and the practice of intermill exchange was in force to meet the current demand. Although mill stocks of various items are inadequate in some regions, the committee suggested that production be limited to current actual demand and further reliance be put on intermill exchanges to relieve such shortages as may become apparent.

Lumber output has been moving upward slowly in recent weeks, but has continued well below the level of shipments. Production so far this year has been below last year's output in the corresponding period, while the volume of orders has exceeded last year's total and

shipments have run ahead by nearly one-fourth. Production may be expected shortly to assume a more normal relationship to shipments in view of the suggestions of the Committee outlined above.

Wholesale prices of lumber advanced to 99 percent of the 1926 average in February, according to the United States Department of Labor. This represents an increase of 6.5 percent over the January average and of 20 percent over February 1936 prices. In the week ended March 13 the index revealed prices to be higher than the 1926 average.

The paper industry is at present operating at almost record levels, the February rate being 89.8 percent of capacity, which is only fractionally lower than the January rate. This high operating rate, judging from the weekly reports of the present month, has been maintained during March. Paperboard mills are also working at peak levels, the operating rate for February averaging 86 percent of capacity, the highest on record.

Newspaper production in both Canada and the United States declined in February, but Canadian production was the largest on record for the month. A price increase in excess of 15 percent has recently been announced by the International Paper Co. to apply on contracts for the first 6 months of 1938. The increase amounted to \$7.50 a ton, bringing the new figure to \$50. This is the third advance in a little more than a year from the low of \$40 a ton in effect for more than 2½ years prior to 1936.

## FOREST PRODUCTS STATISTICS

Year and month	Lumber production					Car- load- ings of forest prod- ucts, ad- justed <sup>2</sup>	Furniture industry			Paper production					News- print  Con- sump- tion by pub- lishers	
	Total <sup>1</sup>	Total soft- woods <sup>1</sup>	South- ern pine <sup>1</sup>	Calif- ornia red- wood	West coast woods		Factory em- ploy- ment, ad- justed <sup>2</sup>	Fac- tory pay rolls	Plant operations, all dis- tricts	Total	Book paper, un- coated	News- print <sup>3</sup>	Paper board	Wrap- ping paper		
	Millions of feet, board measure						Monthly average, 1923-25=100			Percent of normal	Short tons					
1929: February				33	—	84	110	113.2	—	—	103,644	—	—	—	—	170,864
1930: February				37	—	78	99	92.4	—	—	111,598	—	—	—	—	171,889
1931: February				24	—	48	77	65.0	45.0	—	88,707	—	—	—	—	150,403
1932: February				12	—	27	69	44.4	46.0	—	87,685	—	—	—	—	142,883
1933: February			208	15	—	19	53	29.5	27.0	—	67,607	205,871	—	—	—	116,307
1934: February	1,192	944	366	23	374	30	62	40.1	30.0	632,229	71,233	227,140	119,634	—	153,958	
1935: February	1,238	1,001	405	23	373	35	67	46.6	43.0	709,055	86,989	251,870	135,078	—	169,816	
1936:																
January	1,614	1,337	523	31	552	42	74	51.3	60.0	819,300	101,223	79,336	271,210	160,822	161,185	
February	1,469	1,207	487	32	461	36	73	53.8	58.0	753,581	96,068	72,249	271,107	130,719	182,213	
March	1,718	1,423	548	37	521	40	72	55.1	58.0	776,471	101,669	76,500	285,257	132,887	183,974	
April	2,005	1,711	580	38	666	40	74	55.6	59.0	867,931	107,533	76,504	295,899	165,537	183,399	
May	2,052	1,735	591	38	559	44	75	56.1	59.0	798,060	97,369	75,719	289,527	140,120	227,216	
June	2,052	1,725	586	39	513	46	76	58.7	65.0	797,826	86,676	79,820	288,682	144,615	178,396	
July	2,218	1,881	634	35	594	48	79	59.9	68.0	846,434	89,210	73,361	299,033	163,588	170,884	
August	2,171	1,829	628	39	515	47	81	68.4	74.0	833,038	93,988	74,338	310,391	147,142	168,289	
September	2,151	1,800	640	39	516	47	82	71.1	81.0	843,417	95,793	72,206	328,519	150,952	175,811	
October	2,352	2,001	671	42	679	48	81	76.9	86.0	984,744	103,417	81,076	359,849	195,874	203,198	
November	1,816	1,502	661	35	336	51	84	77.6	85.0	864,309	98,939	79,848	321,624	155,605	223,813	
December	1,827	1,516	671	31	444	57	86	78.3	82.0	956,779	112,689	80,048	328,773	196,998	198,264	
1937:																
January	1,537	1,290	640	35	354	48	89	71.4	81.5	911,696	109,396	79,362	331,386	166,074	183,106	
February	1,651	1,381	650	35	422	48	87	74.8	81.5	104,708	72,072	—	—	—	200,362	

<sup>1</sup> Data revised for 1935 and 1936, see p. 20 of this issue.

<sup>2</sup> Adjusted for seasonal variations.

<sup>3</sup> See note marked "1" on p. 52.

## Iron and Steel

**D**EVELOPMENTS in the iron and steel industry during the past month included a general wage increase, a broad advance in prices, and a steady upward movement of production. In addition to the general wage advance, the largest steel manufacturer extended recognition to the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel, and Tin Workers and entered into a 1-year contract with the union covering wages, a reduction in the hours of work per week to 40, vacations with pay, arbitration, and a number of other issues. Since hourly rates of pay in the steel industry were higher prior to this latest action than they were in 1929, they are now considerably above the pre-depression figure. The number employed in the industry has recently exceeded a half million persons, establishing an all-time record.

The extent to which prices have risen recently is not fully indicated in the accompanying table which includes only the monthly averages through February. The iron and steel composite price for the week ended March 20 was reported as \$40.10, up nearly 10 percent from the February figure shown in the table. The finished steel composite price reported by "Steel" has advanced from \$55.80 per ton in February to \$60.70 in March. These higher prices will not be effective generally until the second quarter. Steel scrap prices have continued to advance under the stimulus of both domestic and foreign demand.

With the heavy volume of orders on hand, a considerable part of which was placed before the most recent

advances became effective, mill operations moved steadily upward during March. Ingot production toward the close of the month approximated 90 percent of capacity and for the month averaged about 88 percent, or 4 points above the February rate. Total output for the first quarter, as calculated on the basis of the tonnage reported for the first 2 months and the weekly operating rate for March, was higher than that of 1929, heretofore the best record for the quarter. The operating rate was higher, however, in 1929 since the open-hearth and Bessemer capacity in that year was 60,990,000 tons, whereas today it is 68,291,000 tons. It is of interest to note that the steel tonnage produced during the first quarter of 1937 was in excess of the total for the full year 1932 when the industry operated at only one-fifth of rated capacity.

While price considerations undoubtedly influenced the placement of orders for a large amount of tonnage prior to the price increases, the consumption of steel has continued to expand and the mills have been under pressure to make deliveries. The construction, machinery, and railroad industries are among the important users of steel which are continuing to expand and, despite the disputes in the automobile industry, the assembly of cars during the first quarter has required more steel than in the corresponding period of 1935. Machine tool orders, a sensitive indicator of change in the machinery industries, exceeded the 1929 average in February, although the volume was under the December-January average.

### IRON AND STEEL STATISTICS

Year and month	General operations			Iron and steel		Pig iron		Steel ingots		Steel sheets		United States Steel Corporation, finished products, shipments	Prices						
	Production, adjusted <sup>1</sup>	Employment, adjusted <sup>1</sup>	Pay rolls, unadjusted <sup>1</sup>	Exports	Imports	Production	Furnaces in blast	Production	Percent of capacity <sup>4</sup>	New orders	Shipments		Dollars per long ton		Iron and steel, composite	Steel billets, rerolling (Pittsburgh)	Steel scrap (Chicago)	Finished steel, composite	
													Thousands of long tons		Thousands of short tons				
Monthly average, 1923-25=100													Long tons		Dollars per long ton		Dollars per 100 pounds		
1929: February.....	128	100.7	108.1	260	58	3,206	207	4,329	92	389	326		35.96	33.25	15.88	2.55			
1930: February.....	118	97.5	100.5	197	43	2,829	179	4,035	84	203	241	1,141,912	34.92	33.00	13.31	2.43			
1931: February.....	74	75.0	66.1	91	28	1,707	108	2,547	50	169	129	762,522	31.64	30.00	10.06	2.22			
1932: February.....	42	61.8	37.9	40	27	964	64	1,481	27	108	117	413,001	29.24	27.00	7.16	2.11			
1933: February.....	31	54.2	26.9	64	20	554	45	1,073	21	81	73	275,929	27.94	26.00	5.25	2.10			
1934: February.....	64	73.4	48.7	181	25	1,264	89	2,212	42	184	147	385,500	31.30	26.00	11.00	2.31			
1935: February.....	80	79.1	63.9	229	29	1,009	96	2,774	52	183	201	583,137	32.54	27.00	11.25	2.44			
1936:																			
January.....	86	86.4	69.6	242	50	2,026	117	3,046	51	175	207	721,414	33.34	29.00	13.38	2.43			
February.....	83	84.7	70.3	214	43	1,824	120	2,964	54	138	176	676,315	33.48	29.00	14.19	2.43			
March.....	83	85.3	75.4	264	57	2,040	126	3,343	59	252	210	783,552	33.21	28.20	14.75	2.37			
April.....	100	87.1	79.7	302	49	2,404	144	3,942	69	190	252	979,907	33.10	28.00	14.34	2.36			
May.....	105	89.0	83.0	315	59	2,648	146	4,046	71	192	210	984,097	32.92	28.00	12.88	2.36			
June.....	113	90.8	84.6	295	60	2,586	145	3,985	70	261	204	886,065	32.79	28.00	12.85	2.36			
July.....	119	93.5	81.8	297	48	2,504	146	3,923	69	193	213	950,851	33.49	30.00	13.38	2.43			
August.....	121	95.3	86.8	295	61	2,712	148	4,195	74	208	197	923,703	33.88	30.00	15.19	2.43			
September.....	119	96.8	87.1	236	60	2,730	155	4,161	73	256	204	961,808	34.15	30.40	16.15	2.41			
October.....	127	98.4	93.2	262	65	2,992	161	4,545	77	223	224	1,007,417	34.63	32.00	16.25	2.46			
November.....	138	99.6	95.8	203	62	2,947	164	4,337	79	294	212	882,643	34.65	32.00	16.50	2.46			
December.....	143	101.0	102.0	214	52	3,115	170	4,432	78	337	244	1,067,365	35.15	32.40	17.15	2.52			
1937:																			
January.....	139	102.3	99.4	202	43	3,212	170	4,737	83	(5)	(5)	1,149,918	36.55	34.00	18.06	2.57			
February.....	129	103.8	103.8	291	42	2,999	176	4,425	84	(5)	(5)	1,133,724	36.74	34.00	19.44	2.58			

<sup>1</sup> Black, blue, galvanized, and full finished.

<sup>2</sup> See footnote marked "¶" on p. 48.

<sup>3</sup> With adjustment for seasonal variation.

<sup>4</sup> See footnote marked "¶" on p. 49.

<sup>5</sup> Without adjustment for seasonal variation.

# Textile Industries

ACTIVITY in textile mills continued at near record levels during February and the first half of March. The high rate of operations has been accompanied by further increases in raw-cotton and cotton-fabric prices, and some improvement in woolen-goods prices. Raw wool prices have tended lower in recent weeks, while raw silk prices dipped lower in February but regained a large part of the loss by the third week of March.

Although mill operations have been exceptionally high for several months, trade reports indicate that manufacturers' stocks are at low levels, a condition which does not necessarily mean that all goods currently being produced are moving into the hands of consumers. Accurate data on manufacturers' stocks are available only for the rayon industry, and in this industry such stocks were exhausted some months ago. The capacity output of this fiber is thus moving promptly from the plants of producers.

According to the Federal Reserve index, textile output in February was at a new all-time high on a daily average basis, although the seasonally corrected index of output was below last December's figure. The adjusted index advanced 2 points in February, the rise in actual production being larger than is usually experienced. In the first 2 months of the year output was about 20 percent larger than in the corresponding period of 1936.

All textile lines have contributed to the almost uninterrupted rise in aggregate output which started last summer. Comparing February with the low months of the past summer, daily average cotton consumption has advanced about one-third, while wool consumption is up approximately 60 percent and deliveries of nonacetate rayon about 30 percent. Silk deliveries have also recorded a marked gain in recent months.

While the gain in cotton consumption in February as compared with January was small, it served to lift the daily average to a new record high. Weekly data for the first half of March indicate that a further gain in consumption has taken place. Daily average wool consumption was about 10 percent larger in February than in January but was still about 12 percent below the record month of December.

A further indication of the high level of operations in the textile industries is obtained from the data on employment and pay rolls. According to the figures compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which are available back to the beginning of 1923, employment in textile fabric and apparel mills in February was at the highest level on record, except for 1 month in 1923. If the data on rayon are included (these are classified under chemicals and allied products by the Bureau of Labor Statistics), the level of employment would be even higher. Pay rolls have also recorded marked gains, although they are still below the level of the 1925-29 period.

## TEXTILE STATISTICS

Year and month	Production index, ad-justed <sup>1</sup>	Cotton, raw	Cotton manufactures			Wool	Wool manufactures			Silk	Rayon	Ho-siery				
			Mill con-sumption	Cotton cloth, finishing			Con-sumption <sup>2</sup>	Whole-sale price, woolen and worsted goods								
				Plain bleach-ed	Print goods			Spinning spindles	Looms							
Month-ly aver-age, 1923-25=100	Run-ning bales	Mil-lions of spindle hours	Thousands of yards	Month-ly aver-age, 1926=100	Thou-sands of pounds	Month-ly aver-age, 1926=100	Percent of active hours to total reported	Bales of 133 pounds	Dollars per pound	Daily average, 1923-25=100	Deliv-eries from mills	Un-ad-justed <sup>1</sup>				
											Un-ad-justed <sup>1</sup>	Ad-justed <sup>1</sup>				
1929: February.....	114	594,720	8,223	99.8	30,800	82	69	59	69	91.3	46,228	5,096				
1930: February.....	100	494,396	7,087	92.8	24,000	61	59	41	52	84.2	49,852	4,433				
1931: February.....	95	433,376	6,122	73.1	23,100	66	54	30	59	73.5	54,242	2,709				
1932: February.....	86	451,239	6,567	56.4	20,200	58	51	22	61	63.1	45,909	1,891				
1933: February.....	83	441,203	6,256	49.1	18,900	60	57	36	68	53.2	32,665	1,201				
1934: February.....	91	477,046	6,692	132,287	104,818	88.6	22,100	76	49	39	69	84.3				
1935: February.....	100	480,339	6,567	137,116	117,757	83.3	25,300	91	70	31	88	73.6				
1936:																
January.....	105	590,484	7,709	97,435	100,528	80.4	36,345	93	63	47	89	81.4				
February.....	102	515,977	6,735	92,807	91,860	78.1	32,023	94	70	43	89	82.8				
March.....	100	550,641	7,254	107,893	95,274	77.1	27,633	85	59	38	80	83.8				
April.....	100	576,762	7,313	104,837	91,074	76.2	29,346	82	60	36	76	82.2				
May.....	100	530,894	6,896	105,062	89,518	75.5	24,333	87	57	34	76	82.2				
June.....	107	555,449	7,320	104,630	90,328	75.4	27,302	87	57	36	74	82.6				
July.....	118	607,058	7,855	101,904	91,273	78.7	33,963	90	59	36	69	82.0				
August.....	120	574,289	7,573	104,667	91,157	79.5	31,627	97	68	43	73	81.2				
September.....	120	629,727	8,088	107,706	86,514	80.0	30,639	88	65	41	66	80.9				
October.....	114	646,499	8,328	121,419	88,890	82.0	37,760	90	74	46	72	80.5				
November.....	121	626,695	7,997	105,188	83,760	85.5	33,990	96	83	42	82	84.3				
December.....	139	692,921	8,679	123,125	91,839	90.3	39,504	110	92	52	94	90.5				
1937:																
January.....	124	678,064	8,587	115,127	93,082	91.9	41,616	105	88	56	97	91.9				
February.....	126	664,439	8,353	110,442	83,896	91.3	38,536	111	89	59	100	93.1				

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted for seasonal variation.

<sup>2</sup> Scoured basis, total; see note marked "P" on p. 54.

# The Position of the Construction Industry

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DURING the past 3 years there have been important gains in construction activity and the improvement carried forward through the first quarter of 1937. The expansion in 1934 was due almost entirely to increases in public construction resulting from funds supplied by the Federal Government—largely loans and grants by the Public Works Administration. In 1935 public construction changed only slightly while private work increased substantially, particularly in residential building. In 1936 further increases in both private and public work resulted in a volume of construction for the year, approximating three-fourths of the average annual volume during the period from 1920 to 1930. The trends in public, private, and total construction activity since 1923 are indicated by figure 1.

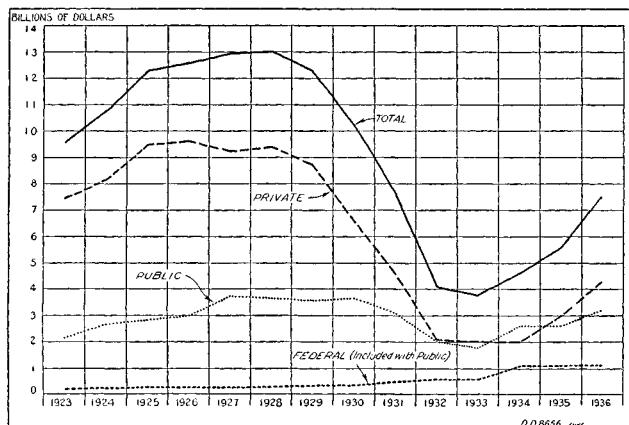


Figure 1.—Estimated Value of Total, Private, and Public Construction in the United States, 1923-36. (National Bureau of Economic Research and the United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.)

NOTE.—Total, private, and public construction, 1923-32, National Bureau of Economic Research (Gayer); figures for later years are preliminary estimates of the United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce which are in the process of revision.

The variations in the amount of construction expenditures, which are discussed briefly in the following paragraphs, are of major significance because of the large number of persons employed directly and indirectly by construction, and also because of the effect of the expansion or curtailment of such activity upon general purchasing power. Outlays for durable goods may be expanded or contracted over long periods to a degree impossible in the case of nondurable goods such as food and clothing.

## Residential Building.

Over long periods of time residential building averages one-fourth to one-third of the total volume of construction, but the proportion has been much less than this figure in recent years. The number of family units

built during the period from 1920 to 1930 was approximately 700,000 annually in urban and rural nonfarm areas. The total dollar volume of residential work, including alterations, repairs, and maintenance, for the same period averaged between 3 and 4 billions of dollars annually. In 1933 and 1934 the number of new units built declined to approximately 60,000 annually, considerably less than the estimated requirements for replacements. As indicated in figure 2, this number has gradually increased during the past 2 years and may be estimated for 1936 to have been approximately 250,000 units. The expenditure for residential building, including alterations, repairs, and maintenance, as well as new construction in 1936, was probably in excess of 1½ billions of dollars.

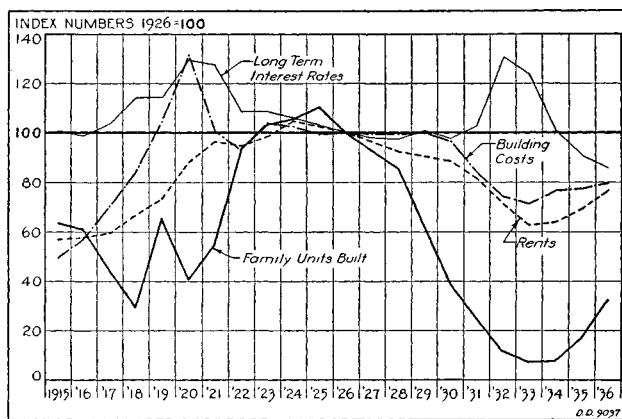


Figure 2.—Family Units Built, Rents, Building Costs, and Long Term Interest Rates, 1915-36. (Family Units Built, Construction Economic Section, United States Department of Commerce; Rents, National Industrial Conference Board; Building Costs, American Appraisal Company; and Long Term Interest Rates, Average of Yields on 15 Industrial and 15 Public Utility Bonds, Standard Statistics Company, Inc.)

The rent index in figure 2 is computed by the National Industrial Conference Board on the basis of month-to-month changes in new rentals, at present in 173 cities, and is particularly responsive to rent changes. This index reached a low point in January 1934 and has been rising steadily during the past 3 years.

Vacancy statistics, which are also an important measure of the residential market, began to record improvement somewhat earlier than rents. In 1932 vacancies in many cities were as much as 8 percent of the total number of dwelling units. This rate has been steadily declining, and in the latter part of 1936 was very low. The results of studies made in the fall and winter of 1936-37 are now available for several cities. These studies indicate substantial reductions from the preceding year. For all types of dwelling units percentage

vacancies, for example, in Denver declined during the past year from 1.8 to 1 percent, in Cleveland from 3 to 1.8 percent, in Seattle from 2.1 cent to 1.7 percent, and in Columbus from 2.7 to 1.7 percent. These changes are not unusual but are typical of the recent developments throughout the country. As a result of this increased demand a housing shortage is in prospect in many cities.

The present period of active demand for housing is in that respect similar to the years from 1919 through 1923. During the earlier period increases in interest rates and construction costs to high levels, as may be observed in figure 2, were accompanied by a curtailment of residential building. The trends in 1920 and 1921 should be noted particularly in this connection.

#### Commercial Building.

Commercial building improved slightly in 1934 and 1935 and advanced somewhat more rapidly in 1936. The gain in this type of construction in 1936 over the preceding year, according to the F. W. Dodge Corporation data covering 37 States, was over 50 percent. Commercial building, however, is still at comparatively low levels, 27 percent of the 1926 value, and vacancies are still high, 20.5 percent in January 1937, according to the reports of the National Association of Building Owners and Managers covering more than 2,000 buildings in 90 cities. The corresponding vacancy in 1924 to 1927 was approximately 9 percent; during this period commercial building was very active.

#### Factory Construction.

Factory building reached its low in 1932 at 9 percent of the 1926 value, according to the Dodge Corporation reports. The percentage increase in 1933 was large but this type of construction showed a slight decline in 1934 and no further important increases until 1936, in which year the Dodge figures indicated that factory building contracts were 82 percent larger than in the preceding year. In spite of these advances, the total dollar volume of factory construction in 1936 was only 42 percent of the 1926 average.

Table 1.—Construction Contract and Building Permit Relatives

[Dollar value 1926=100]

	1929	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936
<b>Contracts awarded, F. W. Dodge Corporation:<sup>1</sup></b>						
Residential building.....	71.7	10.5	9.3	9.3	17.9	30.0
Factory building.....	115.8	9.2	27.1	24.6	23.1	42.0
Commercial building.....	100.9	13.3	10.8	16.4	17.9	27.1
Educational building.....	100.2	21.6	10.5	30.8	45.5	59.3
Public utility construction <sup>2</sup> .....	92.9	13.4	18.3	22.3	19.8	36.5
<b>Building permits granted, Bureau of Labor Statistics:<sup>3</sup></b>						
Residential.....	63.5	4.6	4.0	3.4	9.4	21.0
Nonresidential.....	88.2	21.2	14.1	12.7	20.0	25.5
<b>Contracts awarded, Engineering News-Record:</b>						
Streets and roads.....	111.5	78.5	59.6	71.3	67.2	99.9
Sewers and waterworks.....	82.4	35.8	54.1	92.9	109.2	129.1

<sup>1</sup> Data are for 37 Eastern States.

<sup>2</sup> Includes municipal waterworks and governmental power plants.

<sup>3</sup> Data are for 257 identical cities.

#### Educational Building.

Public construction activity for the most part experienced a much smaller decline during the depression years than did private work. Educational building, however, although predominantly public, suffered a severe reaction in volume during 1932 and 1933, reaching a low in 1933 of 10.5 percent of the 1926 dollar total, according to the F. W. Dodge Corporation statistics. Public Works Administration funds in the 3 years following were responsible for a considerable revival in this type of construction. In spite of these gains, contracts awarded for educational buildings were slightly less in 1936 than in 1931 and were far short of the volume required to meet current needs. The increased responsibilities of educational institutions resulting from a larger number of children of school age than at any previous period in our history, as well as from a prolonged period of early education and increasing adult education, have greatly increased educational building and other equipment needs which have not been met even with the increased activity of the past 3 years.

#### Public Utility and Public Works Construction.

Total public utility construction of all types, including railroad, telephone, telegraph, and electric light and power construction, as well as waterworks which are included in this category by the F. W. Dodge Corporation, was, in 1936, approximately 36 percent of the 1926 average. The two major items which represent the largest part of the totals for utility construction are electric light and power plants and railroad construction (including transportation terminals). In each of these categories there was a substantial increase in the dollar value of contracts awarded in 1936 over the preceding year; light and power plants having more than doubled and railroad construction of all types having increased more than 80 percent. The outlays for electric light and power plants and distributing systems, although showing this striking increase in 1936 over the preceding year, are still at low levels, approximately 23 percent of the figure for 1926, which was a year of full activity, although considerably lower than the peak years of 1924 and 1930. The production of electrical energy, on the other hand, declined only moderately from 1930 to 1932 and at the present time is increasing rapidly. In 1936 it was larger than in any previous year.

As is well known the total volume of public construction has been maintained during the years from 1931 to date to a much larger degree than has private work. This is true in spite of the fact that the outlays of municipalities for construction declined greatly during the years from 1931 to 1933.

Total outlays of municipalities for all purposes, as measured by the reports to the Bureau of the Census from 146 cities, declined gradually from the peak in 1925 to 1930, then decreased very sharply to 1933, in

which year the total was approximately one-third of the 1930 volume. This decline has not been due to any substantial decrease in the net revenue receipts of municipalities but rather to the proportion of the receipts devoted to permanent outlays. As a matter of fact the revenue receipts for the 146 cities just mentioned were in 1931 slightly in excess of those for 1930 and have been maintained at fairly high levels during subsequent years. In the past municipal construction has usually constituted approximately one-half of the total of public construction. The sharp decline in this type of work from 1930 to 1933 has been offset in part by Federal Government construction.

In 1930 and 1931 public building was especially large. During the past 3 years there has been a substantial increase in the construction of highways, grade crossing eliminations, sewerage systems, dams for flood control, water supply systems, and governmental power plants and distributing systems. The two types of work which have been undertaken in the largest volume are streets and roads, and sewers and water works.

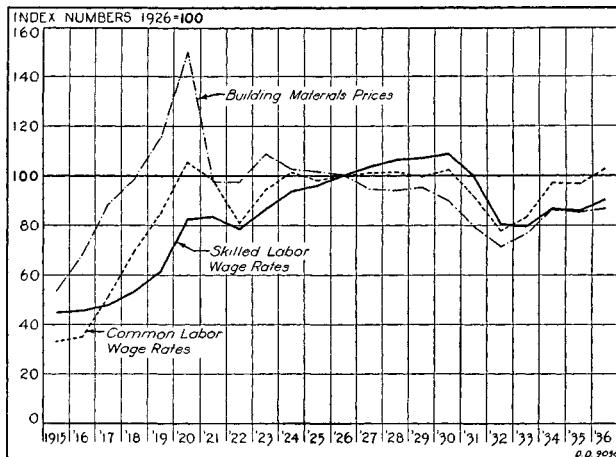
In 1936 the value of contracts awarded for the construction of streets and roads, as reported by the Engineering News-Record, was nearly 50 percent greater than during 1935 and was approximately equal to the 1926 level for this type of work. Sewers and waterworks experienced a moderate increase in 1936 over 1935 and appear to have been somewhat higher in the former year than in 1926. It should be observed, however, that both population and public responsibilities for the construction and maintenance of works of various kinds for public use have substantially increased during the past decade, and that 1926 should be considered only as a base for relative comparison rather than as having been a year of normal activity.

#### Construction Costs, Material Prices, and Wage Rates.

Construction costs appear to have risen rapidly in the fall of 1933 from the low levels of 1932 and early 1933. They were then fairly steady during 1934, 1935, and the early part of 1936. During the last few months of 1936, however, costs of all major elements of construction advanced. The wholesale prices of building materials, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, increased from 85.8 percent of the 1926 average in June to 89.5 percent in December 1936. Wage rates of both skilled and unskilled labor reported to the Engineering News-Record as actually paid by contractors in 20 cities, also rose appreciably, the latter to slightly above predepression levels. These movements are shown in figure 3.

Actual construction costs include many other items in addition to those shown in figure 3, such as the current charges on equipment, insurance, general overhead, and contractors' profits. The cost of materials plus labor, however, represents somewhat more than 80 percent of the total cost of most types of construction and usually dominates the year-to-year

changes. Improvements in technical methods also affect important long-time trends in construction costs.



**Figure 3.—Skilled Labor Wage Rates, Common Labor Wage Rates, and Building Material Prices, 1915-36. (Skilled and Common Labor Wage Rates, Engineering News-Record; and Building Material Prices, United States Department of Labor.)**

Improved methods of construction have in the past tended to some extent to offset the increases in the basic costs of materials plus labor. This has been especially true in the construction of highways, levees, dams, and similar earth-handling projects, and has made possible many public works which could hardly have been undertaken without modern mechanical equipment. There has been some prospect that similar technical developments might influence residential building and thus offset the present upward trend in basic costs. Considerable experimentation was undertaken in 1935 and 1936 and some progress made. Residential building costs, however, have not thus far been greatly affected by technical factors tending to lowest costs and consequently have risen rapidly in recent months.

#### Recent Changes in Contracts and Costs.

In the opening quarter of 1937, several important developments in the construction field have occurred, notably a rapid advance in private construction and a further sharp increase in construction costs. The first 2 months of 1937 showed an increase in private construction of 96 percent over the corresponding 2 months of 1936, according to the reports of contracts awarded by the F. W. Dodge Corporation covering 37 Eastern States. Factory building recorded a particularly large gain—120 percent—and residential contracts more than doubled. Contracts for commercial buildings also increased substantially, although not so conspicuously as did those for factory and residential building. Public works contracts on the contrary declined 29 percent for the first 2 months of 1937 as compared with the corresponding period of 1936. In February they were valued at slightly more than \$27,000,000 which was lower than in any month since the summer of 1933, with the exception of February and May 1935. Public

utilities showed some important gains, particularly in electric light and power plants and railroad construction.

Both building material prices and wage rates have risen even more rapidly so far this year than they did in 1936. The index of wholesale prices of building materials, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, has risen from 89.5 for December 1936 to 95.7 in the middle of March 1937. Both skilled and common labor wage rates reported by the Engineering News-Record

as actually paid have also increased sharply during the past 2 months, common labor wage rates as of March 1, 1937, being 110 percent of the 1926 average, and skilled labor rates, 98 percent of the 1926 average. A rapid and sustained rise in costs might very well have important adverse effects upon some types of construction activity.

The current statistics on construction and real estate usually presented in the table on p. 9 are given in table 2.

Table 2.—Building Materials, Construction, and Real Estate

Year and month	Construction contracts awarded					Building-material shipments				Construction costs, Eng. News-Rec. <sup>2</sup>	Loans outstanding			Real-estate foreclosures (non-farm)
	Federal Reserve index ad-justed <sup>1</sup>	All types of construction	Residential building		Public utilities	Public works	Common brick	Lumber	Oak flooring	Cement	Federal savings and loan associations <sup>3</sup>	Home-loan banks	Home Owners' Loan Corp. <sup>4</sup>	
	Monthly average, 1923-25=100	Number of projects	Mil-lions of dollars	Mil-lions of square feet	Mil-lions of dollars	Millions of dollars	Thous-and-sands	Mills. of ft. b. m.	Thous-and-sands of barrels	Month-ly av-erage, 1913=100	Thousands of dollars	Thousands of dollars	Thousands of dollars	
1929: February	118	9,749	361	27.3	129.5	37.6	29.7	-----	31,128	5,448	210.4	-----	-----	-----
1930: February	104	8,560	317	15.2	74.8	44.3	58.0	-----	29,986	7,012	206.5	-----	-----	-----
1931: February	79	7,620	236	16.6	77.9	19.8	59.2	-----	21,713	5,074	196.6	-----	-----	-----
1932: February	27	5,208	89	6.1	24.4	12.6	15.6	-----	11,359	3,118	161.8	-----	-----	-----
1933: February	19	3,884	53	3.1	11.8	4.7	12.5	-----	6,074	2,278	159.3	-----	9,184	-----
1934: February	44	5,507	97	3.6	14.5	6.4	46.7	32,469	1,123	8,112	194.0	90,531	285,564	88.5
1935: February	28	6,135	75	4.6	16.6	3.9	23.9	33,291	1,389	9,015	2,951	107,980	76,355	2,468,744
1936:											196.0			95.7
January	62	7,724	215	10.3	37.4	17.9	68.9	56,471	1,700	20,395	3,917	199.5	329,643	102,745
February	52	6,442	142	9.1	31.2	11.9	36.3	44,736	1,585	23,081	3,177	201.2	330,154	102,887
March	47	10,514	199	15.6	55.2	18.1	44.2	109,641	1,853	28,479	7,186	201.2	366,405	103,354
April	47	13,338	235	19.7	67.2	23.8	49.7	154,473	2,093	29,483	9,182	202.2	390,810	105,969
May	46	13,243	216	20.5	70.3	12.8	50.8	171,418	1,962	28,579	11,240	203.4	404,722	110,871
June	52	13,352	233	20.6	73.6	9.3	71.1	172,892	1,972	31,617	12,521	204.6	442,027	118,580
July	58	13,890	295	20.5	72.0	27.5	99.1	170,135	2,056	30,123	11,823	204.4	465,682	122,094
August	62	12,912	275	24.4	100.5	17.9	76.4	172,748	2,008	30,408	12,624	208.1	497,852	125,211
September	59	12,056	234	21.2	80.7	15.7	68.8	173,723	2,122	33,432	12,619	208.1	505,574	129,752
October	57	12,966	226	21.6	79.7	14.2	52.9	189,104	2,327	33,935	13,089	211.5	532,064	134,929
November	58	11,269	208	20.0	68.4	18.0	55.8	163,246	1,751	29,988	8,942	212.7	531,078	137,250
December	66	9,605	200	19.0	65.5	19.1	42.1	141,080	1,899	35,878	6,246	220.7	544,107	145,394
1937:														84.4
January	63	8,731	243	18.4	78.4	21.8	46.7	107,777	1,722	38,847	4,078	223.5	576,299	143,738
February	64	9,746	188	18.7	63.0	32.4	27.3	-----	2,047	34,391	5,163	223.5	588,038	141,198
														68.1
														2,680,230

<sup>1</sup> Based on 3-month moving average of values and adjusted for seasonal variation.<sup>2</sup> Index is as of 1st of month; Mar. 1, 1937, 223.3.<sup>3</sup> Data for 1935 and 1936 revised. See p. 20 of this issue.<sup>4</sup> See footnote marked \* on p. 25.



Table 16.—LUMBER<sup>1</sup>

[Millions of feet, board measure]

Month	Production, all types						Shipments, all types						Stocks, end of month, all types					
	Total		Softwoods		Hardwoods		Total		Softwoods		Hardwoods		Total		Softwoods		Hardwoods	
	1935	1936	1935	1936	1935	1936	1935	1936	1935	1936	1935	1936	1935	1936	1935	1936	1935	1936
January	1,189	1,614	968	1,337	221	277	1,402	1,700	1,165	1,406	237	294	7,663	7,239	5,606	5,323	2,057	1,916
February	1,238	1,469	1,001	1,207	237	262	1,389	1,585	1,141	1,294	248	291	7,506	7,114	5,460	5,232	2,046	1,882
March	1,355	1,718	1,089	1,423	266	295	1,488	1,853	1,218	1,502	269	351	7,379	7,018	5,339	5,160	2,040	1,888
April	1,499	2,005	1,227	1,711	272	294	1,605	2,093	1,327	1,755	277	338	7,254	6,927	5,221	5,111	2,033	1,816
May	1,495	2,052	1,215	1,735	280	318	1,825	1,962	1,532	1,644	293	318	6,939	7,031	4,919	5,205	2,020	1,826
June	1,478	2,052	1,214	1,725	264	328	1,573	1,972	1,251	1,663	322	309	6,838	7,113	4,879	5,268	1,959	1,845
July	1,798	2,218	1,519	1,881	279	337	1,790	2,056	1,469	1,742	320	315	6,850	7,265	4,932	5,399	1,918	1,866
August	2,007	2,171	1,700	1,823	307	348	1,946	2,005	1,648	1,674	298	331	6,912	7,419	4,980	5,536	1,932	1,883
September	1,937	2,151	1,621	1,800	316	351	1,834	2,122	1,527	1,781	307	342	7,010	7,438	5,063	5,562	1,947	1,876
October	2,156	2,352	1,842	2,001	314	351	1,996	2,327	1,667	1,972	330	356	7,162	7,463	5,235	5,593	1,927	1,870
November	1,779	1,816	1,499	1,502	280	314	1,643	1,751	1,361	1,411	282	340	7,292	7,512	5,367	5,670	1,925	1,842
December	1,603	1,827	1,353	1,516	255	311	1,482	1,899	1,234	1,581	247	319	7,335	7,432	5,402	5,616	1,933	1,816
Total	19,539	23,445	16,248	19,660	3,291	3,785	19,971	23,325	16,540	19,424	3,431	3,901	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Monthly av.	1,628	1,954	1,354	1,638	274	315	1,664	1,944	1,378	1,619	286	325	7,178	7,248	5,200	5,390	1,978	1,888

<sup>1</sup> Compiled by the National Lumber Manufacturers Association from reports of the regional lumber associations. The revisions were made for the purpose of incorporating revisions in some of the regional statistics and to adjust the totals to the 1935 census returns. This latter adjustment necessitated revisions in both the 1935 and 1936 figures, but the 1936 figures are subject to further revision when the census data for that year become available. That portion of the footnote on page 174 of the 1936 Supplement reading, "These data are based on reports received from regional associations and are corrected to the trend shown by the annual production figures reported by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, that is, the production figures through 1934 were corrected, etc." was partly incorrect. An exception should have been made of the 1932 and 1933 data which were not adjusted to the Bureau of Census totals by the National Lumber Manufacturers Association because the reports to the Association showed larger totals than the census figures and were considered by the Association to be more complete. For 1937 data see p. 47 of this issue.

Table 17.—SOUTHERN AND WESTERN PINE LUMBER<sup>1</sup>

[Millions of feet, board measure]

Month	Southern Pine						Western Pine						Stocks, end of month					
	Production		Shipments		New orders		Production		Shipments		Stocks, end of month		1935		1936			
	1935	1936	1935	1936	1935	1936	1935	1936	1935	1936	1935	1936	1935	1936	1935	1936	1935	1936
January	413	523	449	521	459	566	89	158	212	254	1,293	1,561	1,293	1,561	1,293	1,561	1,293	1,561
February	405	487	430	494	433	499	112	150	202	230	1,203	1,481	1,203	1,481	1,203	1,481	1,203	1,481
March	437	548	491	593	488	613	151	224	218	282	1,136	1,423	1,136	1,423	1,136	1,423	1,136	1,423
April	456	580	482	600	501	560	219	322	247	319	1,108	1,427	1,108	1,427	1,108	1,427	1,108	1,427
May	477	591	628	596	716	556	359	432	353	363	1,114	1,495	1,114	1,495	1,114	1,495	1,114	1,495
June	499	586	581	591	529	561	403	466	330	384	1,187	1,577	1,187	1,577	1,187	1,577	1,187	1,577
July	553	634	588	609	559	604	444	491	340	381	1,291	1,687	1,291	1,687	1,291	1,687	1,291	1,687
August	550	628	585	633	577	693	493	516	365	397	1,419	1,806	1,419	1,806	1,419	1,806	1,419	1,806
September	529	640	530	655	530	645	429	477	316	424	1,532	1,859	1,532	1,859	1,532	1,859	1,532	1,859
October	579	671	569	691	564	691	426	471	349	454	1,609	1,876	1,609	1,876	1,609	1,876	1,609	1,876
November	540	661	525	641	530	676	305	365	263	362	1,651	1,879	1,651	1,879	1,651	1,879	1,651	1,879
December	522	671	472	696	497	796	225	264	219	351	1,657	1,792	1,657	1,792	1,657	1,792	1,657	1,792
Total	5,960	7,220	6,330	7,320	6,383	7,460	3,655	4,336	3,414	4,201	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Monthly average	497	602	528	610	532	622	305	361	285	350	1,350	1,655	1,350	1,655	1,350	1,655	1,350	1,655

<sup>1</sup> See footnote for table 16.Table 18.—FORECLOSURES—METROPOLITAN CITIES AND NONFARM REAL ESTATE<sup>1</sup>

Year	Index	Month	Metropolitan cities					Nonfarm real estate					Stocks, end of month		
			1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936			
1926	100	January	326	416	359	431	287	January	99.7	110.2	78.9	-----	-----	-----	-----
1927	137	February	306	391	323	352	266	February	88.5	95.7	77.6	-----	-----	-----	-----
1928	180	March	347	384	368	412	302	March	99.8	109.8	83.2	-----	-----	-----	-----
1929	212	April	348	335	357	398	302	April	95.6	107.7	83.9	-----	-----	-----	-----
1930	235	May	355	445	375	405	279	May	101.7	111.4	82.6	-----	-----	-----	-----
1931	300	June	418	469	376	395	280	June	100.4	106.7	81.7	-----	-----	-----	-----
		July	385	395	371	368	279	July	95.1	97.2	82.7	-----	-----	-----	-----
		August	413	419	370	365	259	August	97.3	96.3	78.3	-----	-----	-----	-----
		September	438	352	378	337	278	September	101.8	91.1	85.7	-----	-----	-----	-----
		October	374	361	389	333	259	October	104.3	94.3	77.8	-----	-----	-----	-----
		November	420	381	309	235	268	November	109.3	84.4	75.1	-----	-----	-----	-----
		December	421	391	377	304	268	December	106.6	88.2	84.4	-----	-----	-----	-----
		Monthly average	382	395	370	366	274	Monthly average	100.0	99.4	81.0	-----	-----	-----	-----

<sup>1</sup> Computed by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. The index of foreclosures in metropolitan cities represents the trend of foreclosures in practically all cities of over 100,000 population, the number of cities reporting in 1926 and in 1932 through August 1934 being identical. Since August 1934 the number of reporting cities has varied. To obtain the September 1934 index, the percentage change between the cities reporting in that month and a comparable number of cities in the previous month was applied to the August 1934 index. This method was followed for each month thereafter. For the years 1927 through 1931, data were received from only 13 cities; these cities reporting also in 1926 and in 1932 and thereafter. Index numbers for the 13 cities, based on 1926 as 100, were computed for the years 1927 through 1932. These indexes for 1927 through 1931 were computed also to compare with the more complete indexes by applying them a percentage adjustment factor. Indexes for 1927 through 1931 were computed only on an annual basis.

The index of nonfarm foreclosures is a simple relative computed from specified county reports from all States throughout the country, data representing approximately 60 percent of all nonfarm foreclosures. Monthly figures are percentages of the estimated monthly totals to the estimated average monthly number of foreclosures in 1934, while annual data represent percentages of the estimated total annual number of foreclosures to the estimated 1934 total. The foreclosures included in the index for metropolitan cities are also included in the index of nonfarm foreclosures. For 1937 figures see p. 25 of this issue.



# Monthly Business Statistics

The following table represents a continuation of the statistical series published in the 1936 Supplement to the Survey of Current Business. That volume contains monthly data for the years 1932 to 1935, inclusive, and monthly averages for earlier years back to 1913 insofar as available; it also provides information as to the sources of the data and sufficient descriptive material for a proper interpretation of each series. These notes also indicate the source from which monthly figures prior to 1932 may be obtained. It is essential that all users of the SURVEY have this base book which may be secured from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for 35 cents per copy.

A few series have been added or revised since the 1936 Supplement went to press. These are indicated by an asterisk (\*) for the added series and by a dagger (†) for the revised series. A brief footnote accompanying each of these series provides a reference to the source where the descriptive note may be found.

The terms "unadjusted" and "adjusted" used to designate index numbers refer to the adjustment for seasonal variation. Data subsequent to February will be found in the Weekly Supplement to the SURVEY.

Monthly statistics through December 1935, together with explanatory notes and references to the source of the data may be found in the 1936 Supplement to the Survey.	1936												1937
	February	Februa-	March	April	May	June	July	August	Septem-	October	Novem-	December	
	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	
<b>BUSINESS INDEXES</b>													
<b>BUSINESS ACTIVITY (Annalist)</b>													
Combined index—computed normal=100—	106.1	* 89.0	* 89.5	94.1	* 95.9	97.6	* 102.4	102.5	* 102.9	* 103.3	* 107.1	110.5	* 104.8
Automobile production—do—	116.9	89.8	109.9	117.6	112.6	112.5	118.9	107.3	91.7	98.3	100.6	115.7	103.1
Boot and shoe production—do—	119.8	119.9	114.8	115.0	108.1	129.2	128.1	132.5	128.4	138.1	162.4	156.8	
Car loadings, freight—do—	103.1	89.2	87.4	91.0	93.1	92.3	95.1	93.0	94.7	97.2	102.8	101.3	98.1
Cement production—do—	75.5	42.9	52.8	63.3	66.2	* 62.9	64.2	71.8	69.9	75.7	82.3	80.3	80.1
Cotton consumption—do—	139.6	104.9	107.6	112.4	105.4	118.8	141.5	133.3	137.2	124.3	129.2	151.0	133.9
Electric power production—do—	105.9	97.4	96.2	98.3	100.0	99.7	102.1	104.9	104.9	104.1	104.7	105.3	* 107.0
Lead production—do—	81.4	71.6	71.5	79.7	82.6	84.7	87.3	71.3	70.9	78.3	86.1	94.4	85.0
Lumber production—do—	71.0	73.8	77.6	75.3	82.8	82.7	84.6	86.6	87.7	86.6	74.5	80.7	68.0
Pig iron production—do—	115.1	67.5	68.0	80.8	85.7	91.3	95.5	100.0	107.5	114.1	117.2	121.2	119.8
Rayon consumption—do—	98.7	109.4	96.3	105.3	104.5	129.8	145.4	126.7	100.3	107.3	121.9	133.5	* 106.1
Silk consumption—do—	76.0	59.8	65.8	70.2	68.6	70.3	77.2	83.2	87.2	79.2	82.8	88.6	78.5
Steel ingot production—do—	102.5	67.0	70.2	95.6	91.3	97.0	100.3	108.9	108.9	112.4	121.6	121.9	109.9
Wool consumption—do—	110.0	117.3	107.2	86.2	89.3	108.4	112.9	112.1	112.1	98.2	127.2	169.6	111.8
Zinc production—do—	73.7	68.1	74.1	81.7	84.3	88.0	89.8	83.4	81.1	84.2	84.2	84.1	71.6
<b>INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (Federal Reserve)</b>													
Combined index, unadjusted—1923-25=100—	* 117	95	96	104	105	104	105	106	108	111	115	114	112
Manufactures, unadjusted—do—	* 118	93	97	105	105	105	105	107	110	115	114	113	
Automobiles—do—	120	93	124	140	142	134	128	82	42	65	127	147	120
Cement—do—	51	29	42	70	88	93	91	100	101	99	95	71	52
Food products—do—	86	82	86	85	82	87	90	87	90	95	104	101	91
Glass, plate—do—	244	174	194	235	231	196	198	226	236	242	164	89	77
Iron and steel—do—	136	87	94	111	114	113	111	118	118	124	127	126	134
Leather and products†—do—	* 137	115	112	116	104	99	113	128	130	123	112	114	126
Petroleum refining—do—	172	168	178	179	181	182	186	189	192	192	189	192	189
Rubber tires and tubes—do—	89	85	113	121	130	124	119	122	118	126	123		
Shipbuilding—do—													
Textiles—do—	* 134	108	103	103	100	101	107	113	120	118	126	132	130
Tobacco manufactures—do—	153	135	132	140	147	161	167	158	173	157	153	149	156
Minerals, unadjusted†—do—	* 110	107	90	95	101	101	102	104	110	115	115	111	* 105
Anthracite†—do—	* 54	* 107	* 44	* 72	* 77	* 62	* 67	* 51	* 58	* 67	* 71	72	61
Bituminous coal—do—	* 102	* 97	* 71	71	* 67	66	72	75	87	94	106	103	93
Iron-ore shipments—do—													
Lead—do—	72	64	60	69	73	70	68	58	57	73	77	81	77
Petroleum, crude—do—	* 163	140	145	150	149	147	152	150	153	150	156	156	* 158
Silver—do—	100	99	97	88	101	85	88	106	118	106	114	100	100
Zinc—do—	89	82	90	95	95	99	97	93	93	98	100	100	85
Combined index, adjusted—do—	* 116	94	93	101	101	104	108	108	109	110	114	121	* 114
Manufactures, adjusted—do—	* 116	92	93	100	101	105	109	110	110	111	115	121	115
Automobiles—do—	120	93	107	122	117	118	124	111	107	93	105	122	120
Cement—do—	85	49	58	72	74	75	75	77	81	87	91	91	86
Food products—do—	87	84	87	90	84	88	92	91	90	93	98	99	89
Glass, plate—do—	244	174	184	213	220	218	220	226	236	242	164	89	77
Iron and steel—do—	129	83	83	100	105	113	119	121	119	127	138	143	139
Leather and products†—do—	* 134	113	108	112	113	103	114	115	112	112	116	134	* 136
Petroleum refining—do—	172	168	178	180	181	183	186	189	191	191	188	191	189
Rubber tires and tubes—do—	89	85	113	121	130	124	119	122	118	126	123		
Shipbuilding—do—													
Textiles—do—	* 126	102	100	100	100	107	116	120	120	114	121	130	124
Tobacco manufactures—do—	168	148	140	152	145	147	154	147	157	146	150	183	165
Minerals, adjusted†—do—	* 114	111	97	106	102	100	101	99	102	105	112	117	* 109
Anthracite†—do—	* 50	100	54	69	77	72	69	51	58	52	69	73	56
Bituminous coal—do—	* 97	92	71	84	76	74	79	76	82	86	95	97	83
Iron-ore shipments—do—													
Lead—do—	70	62	59	70	75	69	71	60	60	71	74	80	76
Petroleum, crude—do—	* 166	143	146	150	149	146	144	149	146	152	152	161	* 164
Silver—do—	93	90	96	91	103	101	88	111	119	99	113	99	99
Zinc—do—	84	77	85	91	94	103	104	100	98	101	100	98	80

\* Preliminary.

† Revised.

‡ Data revised for 1936. For revisions of the Annalist index, boot and shoe production, Federal Reserve indexes, leather and leather products, unadjusted and adjusted, combined index of minerals unadjusted and adjusted, and anthracite, unadjusted, and adjusted, see p. 22 of the March 1936 issue.















Monthly statistics through December 1935, together with explanatory notes and references to the source of the data may be found in the 1936 Supplement to the Survey

	1937	1936										1937
	February	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December

## EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS AND WAGES—Continued

## PAY ROLLS

Factory unadjusted (B. L. S.)†...1923-25=100..	95.7	73.7	77.6	79.3	80.8	81.1	80.2	83.5	83.6	89.0	90.7	95.1	90.6
Durable goods group†.....do.....	92.5	66.6	71.8	76.0	78.5	79.0	75.9	77.0	77.2	85.3	88.9	93.1	86.5
Iron and steel products†.....do.....	103.8	70.3	75.4	79.7	83.0	84.6	81.8	86.8	87.1	93.2	95.8	102.0	99.4
Blast furnaces, steel works, and rolling mills.....1923-25=100.....	118.2	76.8	83.1	89.1	92.9	94.5	92.5	98.1	97.7	101.8	105.0	115.4	115.9
Structural and ornamental metal work.....1923-25=100.....	66.7	41.6	46.3	50.7	56.3	60.4	61.3	65.5	66.0	68.5	65.5	65.7	63.3
Tin cans, etc.....do.....	98.3	82.7	90.8	90.6	94.8	98.1	98.4	108.8	112.5	97.2	92.2	93.5	94.4
Lumber and products.....do.....	58.1	45.8	50.3	52.3	54.4	55.8	54.5	58.9	60.3	63.5	60.8	65.6	54.0
Furniture.....do.....	74.8	53.8	55.1	55.6	56.1	58.7	59.9	68.4	71.1	76.9	77.6	78.3	71.4
Millwork.....do.....	50.5	34.4	37.6	39.5	42.0	44.0	42.3	46.9	46.5	49.8	49.6	50.7	47.3
Sawmills.....do.....	39.6	35.2	40.4	42.9	45.1	45.4	43.3	44.8	45.8	47.1	42.7	41.6	37.1
Machinery†.....do.....	118.3	83.5	86.8	91.2	94.7	95.8	92.8	93.9	94.7	102.7	105.6	113.6	110.0
Agricultural implements†.....do.....	141.1	138.5	143.9	145.9	142.4	131.4	108.3	91.5	87.1	105.9	102.0	121.5	130.6
Electric machinery, etc.....do.....	108.5	69.6	72.7	78.3	81.1	83.3	82.9	82.6	84.3	92.7	96.8	103.1	97.0
Foundry and machine shop products.....1923-25=100.....	104.7	71.9	75.4	79.4	82.5	83.7	81.4	83.9	85.0	90.2	93.3	100.2	98.7
Radios and phonographs.....do.....	123.0	109.0	104.9	112.8	135.6	154.9	143.3	164.7	160.9	177.9	169.4	167.5	145.4
Metals, nonferrous.....do.....	103.5	76.0	77.6	77.8	79.0	79.9	77.4	82.9	88.0	99.7	102.0	105.5	97.1
Aluminum mfrs.....do.....	121.7	89.4	93.2	91.8	94.3	96.1	100.4	98.8	110.6	114.9	114.7	114.7	114.7
Brass, bronze, and copper products.....1923-25=100.....	120.1	80.5	80.0	81.1	83.9	83.8	82.8	89.4	95.2	102.9	103.8	111.6	113.1
Stamped and enameled ware.....do.....	155.4	114.4	121.5	127.4	122.6	124.6	115.9	123.5	123.0	154.4	155.0	146.2	148.4
Railroad repair shops.....do.....	63.9	55.9	60.9	58.6	59.5	60.1	56.0	57.7	62.2	63.9	65.2	65.5	61.2
Electric railroads.....do.....	66.0	62.5	63.6	62.5	62.7	61.9	61.7	61.3	61.3	63.5	65.5	67.4	64.5
Steam railroads.....do.....	63.9	55.5	60.8	58.4	59.4	60.1	55.7	57.5	59.1	64.0	65.4	66.6	61.1
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	59.7	42.4	48.2	52.4	55.6	55.8	55.3	58.2	62.5	61.1	59.1	52.5	52.5
Brick, tile, and terra cotta.....do.....	37.5	24.2	28.0	32.3	36.9	39.3	39.1	40.3	39.4	41.3	41.1	40.9	36.2
Cement.....do.....	51.5	29.4	39.3	47.3	54.5	56.3	58.0	60.2	61.0	62.0	63.1	58.8	49.6
Glass.....do.....	107.3	82.5	87.7	90.7	91.6	90.5	87.7	92.8	91.2	103.0	99.4	95.1	83.8
Transportation equipment†.....do.....	112.0	77.1	87.0	99.9	101.6	98.7	92.6	81.0	76.3	95.8	113.4	120.9	100.6
Automobiles.....do.....	121.3	83.9	94.4	109.1	111.1	107.1	99.5	83.4	77.3	101.5	125.8	135.7	108.1
Cars, electric and steam railroad†.....do.....	67.0	39.7	46.0	52.4	51.6	54.0	50.5	55.3	52.6	59.7	57.6	59.9	58.8
Shipbuilding.....do.....	98.2	80.5	90.9	102.2	102.3	98.1	99.0	97.8	99.4	103.2	97.3	90.6	96.1
Nondurable goods group†.....do.....	99.7	82.7	84.9	83.5	83.8	83.9	85.6	91.8	91.6	93.7	92.9	97.6	95.9
Chemicals and products.....do.....	123.8	99.9	104.5	103.8	105.4	105.4	106.4	108.1	112.0	114.4	114.7	118.3	119.5
Chemicals.....do.....	134.2	103.9	107.1	109.1	111.3	113.3	114.9	117.7	120.1	124.7	127.5	132.5	131.8
Druggists' preparations.....do.....	119.1	100.3	105.6	104.3	102.1	99.4	100.8	105.2	107.2	112.6	112.7	112.5	113.1
Paints and varnishes.....do.....	126.7	106.0	108.7	114.2	120.2	120.9	113.8	114.0	114.0	119.6	116.8	121.6	120.3
Petroleum refining.....do.....	124.3	104.8	109.6	108.2	110.0	112.3	114.7	112.2	116.3	115.9	119.1	119.5	119.5
Rayon and products.....do.....	344.5	275.1	282.0	269.0	273.3	276.8	287.8	300.1	304.2	307.6	298.2	323.3	338.1
Food and products.....do.....	101.3	87.4	90.2	90.3	95.7	98.9	107.0	114.0	116.5	111.5	108.3	105.7	100.4
Baking.....do.....	122.3	108.4	109.5	108.9	112.9	115.1	116.1	116.2	117.9	119.0	120.4	119.8	118.4
Beverages.....do.....	187.5	159.3	180.5	186.7	220.7	220.7	206.4	237.1	227.1	198.9	191.3	187.6	186.9
Slaughtering and meat packing.....do.....	88.2	74.8	75.0	74.6	78.6	81.2	86.7	87.5	85.1	88.7	99.8	101.5	95.8
Leather and products.....do.....	90.9	77.4	73.1	67.7	63.8	64.6	74.2	80.3	75.7	74.0	67.3	78.3	85.8
Boots and shoes.....do.....	88.1	74.1	69.2	62.0	56.5	57.8	70.3	77.2	70.7	67.4	58.2	71.4	81.8
Leather.....do.....	101.1	91.7	89.0	89.7	91.0	88.9	89.9	94.0	95.5	99.0	100.8	105.0	102.5
Paper and printing.....do.....	100.2	87.7	89.3	89.8	90.7	89.2	86.6	89.4	92.0	96.5	98.6	102.6	98.7
Paper and pulp.....do.....	112.9	92.8	94.2	95.5	96.3	95.1	92.5	96.9	95.2	101.9	104.5	108.6	109.9
Rubber products.....do.....	104.0	74.9	66.7	82.8	86.4	89.0	87.1	90.8	92.0	96.8	101.2	104.8	99.0
Rubber tires and tubes.....do.....	100.4	70.6	55.6	79.8	80.1	89.5	88.5	91.6	91.9	93.8	98.9	99.7	93.9
Textiles and products.....do.....	100.0	82.3	85.7	81.3	78.2	76.8	77.3	87.4	83.9	88.5	87.2	94.6	94.7
Fabrics.....do.....	97.4	78.5	78.7	77.2	75.2	75.2	77.1	83.0	80.5	85.1	86.7	96.8	96.0
Wearing apparel.....do.....	101.0	86.5	96.0	86.2	80.9	76.6	74.3	92.4	87.0	91.5	84.6	86.3	88.2
Tobacco manufactures.....do.....	51.0	44.9	46.5	44.0	48.5	50.1	51.0	53.5	53.3	54.7	54.8	55.4	47.2
Factory, unadjusted, by cities and States:													
City or industrial area:													
Baltimore.....1929-31=100.....	108.6	80.3	80.9	85.4	91.3	92.9	92.7	85.3	90.9	99.8	101.9	104.0	104.0
Chicago.....1925-27=100.....	68.4	51.1	52.2	52.3	54.2	55.7	56.4	58.5	58.3	61.2	62.7	65.0	65.8
Milwaukee.....do.....	108.2	81.2	87.0	89.3	80.5	91.5	87.6	89.5	90.3	103.1	103.6	103.9	104.6
New York.....do.....	75.5	63.9	69.1	65.0	63.4	61.2	62.4	68.1	69.0	71.5	70.9	72.4	72.2
Philadelphia.....1923-25=100.....	98.9	78.7	80.6	77.4	80.5	82.0	83.0	88.2	88.8	94.1	94.3	96.9	97.1
Pittsburgh.....do.....	115.3	73.9	75.5	88.7	90.3	94.4	93.3	96.8	98.3	105.1	101.0	110.9	106.6
Wilmington.....do.....	98.6	76.5	76.5	76.5	79.1	82.9	84.8	89.8	90.5	93.6	96.4	98.9	97.1
State:													
Delaware.....do.....	91.3	70.5	69.9	70.8	73.5	76.9	79.4	86.9	90.5	87.3	89.2	91.4	89.4
Illinois.....1925-27=100.....	78.2	58.3	60.8	61.3	62.8	64.4	63.8	66.4	66.9	70.4	71.9	74.6	74.7
Maryland.....1929-31=100.....	110.3	83.3	84.4	88.4	93.2	94.3	94.2	89.4	100.2	103.1	103.0	106.0	106.4
Massachusetts.....1925-27=100.....	82.0	65.9	65.3	66.0	65.4	64.0	66.6	70.1	70.3	71.4	73.6	79.9	80.3
New Jersey.....1923-25=100.....	65.0	66.4	67.4	68.8	70.0	69.4	72.0	71.8	75.5	77.3	81.6	79.1	79.1
New York.....1925-27=100.....	80.9	64.5	67.2	66.4	66.6	66.3	67.5	71.0	72.3	75.2	75.1	79.1	78.6
Pennsylvania.....1923-25=100.....	93.7	67.3	60.1	73.0	74.6	78.4	76.8	78.7	81.7	82.6	87.7	86.4	88.9
Wisconsin.....1925-27=100.....	100.7	74.0	79.2	79.0	80.4	81.8	79.7	82.6	82.7	91.7	92.7	93.7	93.0
Nonmanufacturing, unadjusted (B. L. S.):													
Mining:													
Anthracite.....1929=100.....	41.0	76.7	42.6	28.6	56.3	42.0	37.2	31.4	34.9	48.5	40.3	55.4	42.7
Bituminous coal.....do.....	82.4	78.4	70.2	62.6	62.2	61.5	62.6	65.4	71.0	79.2	80.7	85.0	80.0
Metalliferous.....do.....	63.9	42.8	45.1	45.5	47.7	48.2	46.1	48.2	50.0	53.7	54.6	57.7	57.9
Petroleum, crude, producing.....do.....</													

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## EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS AND WAGES—Continued

PAY ROLLS—Continued												
Nonmanufacturing—Continued.												
Trade:												
Retail, total.....1929=100.....	67.7	61.6	63.5	65.3	65.8	66.4	65.1	64.4	66.6	68.3	70.1	76.0
General merchandising.....do.....	82.6	73.9	77.3	81.0	80.8	81.3	77.3	76.4	82.8	87.2	91.4	116.8
Other than general merchandising do.....	64.6	59.1	60.7	62.1	62.7	63.3	62.6	61.9	63.3	64.4	65.7	67.5
Wholesale.....do.....	74.0	66.6	69.0	67.9	68.2	68.4	69.0	69.7	70.5	71.5	73.1	72.8
Miscellaneous:												
Dyeing and cleaning.....do.....	54.3	49.0	56.4	64.1	72.2	69.2	64.8	63.2	66.1	66.7	60.2	57.3
Laundries.....do.....	76.2	67.8	69.9	70.9	75.6	75.8	70.0	76.7	76.6	75.3	74.5	76.1
Year round hotels.....do.....	72.3	66.5	66.0	66.3	67.0	66.6	66.0	66.1	67.5	69.6	69.6	69.8
WAGES—EARNINGS AND RATES												
Factory, weekly earnings (25 industries) (N. I. C. B.):												
All wage earners.....dollars.....	26.64	23.14	23.67	24.33	24.41	24.45	24.23	24.66	25.11	25.51	25.83	26.64
Male:												
Skilled and semiskilled.....do.....	30.05	26.05	26.43	27.18	27.32	27.31	26.88	27.49	28.16	28.55	29.03	30.27
Unskilled.....do.....	21.96	18.68	19.14	19.60	19.67	19.74	19.56	20.04	20.25	20.72	21.20	21.88
Female.....do.....	17.01	15.38	15.24	15.15	14.98	15.00	15.14	15.93	15.87	16.06	16.23	16.72
All wage earners.....1923=100.....	100.1	87.0	89.0	91.4	91.7	91.9	91.1	92.7	94.4	95.9	97.1	100.1
Male:												
Skilled and semiskilled.....do.....	97.5	84.6	85.8	88.2	88.7	88.6	87.2	89.2	91.4	92.7	94.2	98.2
Unskilled.....do.....	98.6	83.8	85.9	88.0	88.3	88.6	87.8	89.9	90.9	93.0	95.2	98.2
Female.....do.....	98.7	89.2	88.4	87.9	86.9	87.0	87.8	92.4	92.1	93.2	94.1	98.1
Factory av. hourly earnings (25 industries) (N. I. C. B.):												
All wage earners.....dollars.....	.643	.608	.611	.613	.616	.617	.617	.616	.619	.619	.624	.636
Male:												
Skilled and semiskilled.....do.....	.718	.674	.676	.680	.684	.685	.684	.683	.687	.689	.696	.711
Unskilled.....do.....	.518	.489	.493	.496	.498	.496	.498	.495	.496	.498	.505	.515
Female.....do.....	.440	.430	.429	.430	.432	.429	.428	.429	.430	.431	.431	.438
Factory, weekly earnings, by States:												
Delaware.....1923-25=100.....	83.4	83.1	84.6	85.8	85.8	85.8	84.4	82.3	80.5	86.9	89.0	91.6
Illinois.....1925-27=100.....	92.6	81.9	84.2	83.5	84.2	84.1	84.4	83.1	87.2	88.0	89.8	90.9
Massachusetts.....do.....	96.1	87.4	87.2	88.5	88.3	87.0	88.1	89.4	87.9	88.6	90.0	95.3
New Jersey.....1923-25=100.....	95.4	97.1	97.9	99.0	98.6	98.5	99.5	99.5	101.4	101.9	103.5	107.6
New York.....1925-27=100.....	92.9	85.6	87.0	85.7	85.9	86.3	87.2	89.0	87.0	88.9	88.7	92.1
Pennsylvania.....1923-25=100.....	85.9	87.7	91.9	92.6	93.2	91.5	95.0	93.4	97.5	97.3	101.3	99.4
Wisconsin.....1925-27=100.....	98.8	83.4	88.4	87.9	87.7	88.0	83.2	89.4	86.3	94.0	95.1	95.8
Miscellaneous wage data:												
Construction wage rates (E. N. R.):\$												
Common labor.....dol. per hour.....	.603	.547	.547	.552	.558	.564	.554	.569	.569	.583	.583	.603
Skilled labor.....do.....	1.24	1.12	1.13	1.13	1.14	1.14	1.15	1.16	1.16	1.18	1.18	1.24
Farm wages, without board (quarterly).....dol. per month.....				30.87			32.21			32.84		31.37
Railways, wages (average).....dol. per hour.....		.695	.676	.670	.663	.664	.665	.672	.667	.686	.683	.688
Road-building wages, common labor, on public works projects:												
United States.....dol. per hour.....	.39	.38	.37	.38	.42	.42	.42	.41	.42	.42	.41	.39
East North Central.....do.....	.65	.60	.62	.57	.56	.54	.56	.54	.58	.60	.63	.65
East South Central.....do.....	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.31	.33	.30	.30
Middle Atlantic.....do.....	.53	.46	.48	.46	.45	.46	.46	.47	.47	.48	.50	.53
Mountain States.....do.....	.60	.54	.55	.55	.57	.56	.56	.57	.56	.55	.53	.60
New England.....do.....	.40	.50	.50	.52	.48	.47	.50	.49	.48	.51	.47	.45
Pacific States.....do.....	.57	.57	.59	.57	.55	.55	.54	.51	.56	.53	.52	.57
South Atlantic.....do.....	.31	.33	.32	.33	.34	.33	.33	.32	.32	.33	.31	.31
West North Central.....do.....	.50	.49	.47	.46	.48	.49	.49	.50	.50	.50	.51	.50
West South Central.....do.....	.36	.36	.36	.37	.36	.36	.36	.34	.34	.34	.32	.36
Steel industry wages:												
U. S. Steel Corporation 1.....do.....	.525	.485	.485	.485	.485	.485	.485	.485	.485	.505	.525	.525
Youngstown district.....percent base scale.....	125.0	115.0	115.0	115.0	115.0	115.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	125.0	125.0	125.0

## FINANCE

BANKING												
Acceptances and com'l paper outstanding:												
Bankers' acceptances, total.....mills. of dol.....	401	377	359	344	331	316	316	308	315	330	349	373
Held by Federal Reserve banks: <sup>2</sup>												
For own account.....mills. of dol.....												
For foreign correspondents.....do.....												
Held by group of accepting banks:												
Total.....mills. of dol.....	341	340	321	310	297	276	278	279	276	296	309	315
Own bills.....do.....	161	172	150	143	155	129	131	140	139	150	157	154
Purchased bills.....do.....	180	168	171	167	142	147	147	139	137	147	152	171
Held by others.....do.....	61	37	38	34	34	40	37	29	39	40	57	62
Com'l paper outstanding:												
Grand total.....do.....	268	176	180	174	184	169	188	205	197	199	191	215
Agricultural loans outstanding:												
Farm mortgage loans, total.....dol.....	3,351	3,317	3,337	3,362	3,374	3,381	3,385	3,382	3,379	3,376	3,369	3,361
Federal land banks.....do.....	2,896	2,869	2,878	2,885	2,890	2,891	2,899	2,902	2,903	2,902	2,901	2,898
Land bank commissioner.....do.....	2,060	2,059	2,060	2,062	2,063	2,064	2,065	2,067	2,068	2,068	2,066	2,061
Loans to cooperatives, total.....dol.....	836	811	818	823	827	827	829	832	834	835	836	837
Federal intermediate credit (direct).....mills. of dol.....	114	89	87	85	82	84	88	89	105	123	130	120
Banks for cooperatives incl. Central Bank.....mills. of dol.....	1	2	2	2	1	(e)	(e)	(e)	1	1	2	1
Agricultural Marketing Act revolving fund.....mills. of dol.....	60	43	41	40	40	40	43	44	56	71	73	64
Revised.												
Less than 1 million dollars.												
Basic rate for common labor.												
Construction wage rates as of Mar. 1, 1937—common labor, \$0.612; skilled labor, \$1.25.												
Since April 1935, Federal Reserve banks have held no bankers' acceptances.												





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## FINANCE—Continued

## MONETARY STATISTICS—Continued

Silver:												
Exports.....	611	141	237	535	203	197	138	143	204	268	411	236
Imports.....	14,080	17,536	8,115	4,490	4,989	23,981	6,574	16,637	8,363	28,931	4,451	2,267
Price at New York.....	448	448	448	449	449	448	448	448	448	448	454	454
Production, world.....	20,652	21,259	19,497	19,772	21,374	20,008	21,504	21,846	21,614	21,329	19,576	19,576
Canada.....	1,414	1,845	1,499	1,276	1,450	1,662	1,543	1,726	2,083	1,357	1,619	1,252
Mexico.....	7,150	6,840	5,783	6,710	7,157	6,457	7,850	7,078	5,417	6,400	3,748	3,748
United States.....	5,056	5,329	5,046	4,754	5,293	4,616	4,733	6,524	6,391	5,561	6,165	5,409
Stocks refinery, end of month:												
United States.....	do.....	1,873	1,757	1,834	1,316	1,151	1,101	1,535	779	1,247	985	1,050
Canada.....	do.....	730	755	638	601	409	345	317	510	403	1,023	1,347

## CORPORATION PROFITS

(Quarterly)

Federal Reserve Bank of New York:												
Industrial corporations, total (168 cos.)												
mills. of dol.												
Autos, parts, and accessories (28 cos.)	170.9					260.2				216.9		
Chemicals (13 cos.)	73.0					123.7				54.7		
Food products and beverages (19 cos.)	32.0					41.4				42.6		
Machinery and machine manufacturers (17 cos.)	16.1					20.1				24.3		
Metals and mining (12 cos.)	8.2					10.9				10.8		
Oil (13 cos.)	3.7					3.0				3.5		
Steel (11 cos.)	9.1					15.6				18.4		
Miscellaneous (55 cos.)	7.3					25.3				28.5		
Railways, class I (net income)†	21.5					29.2				34.1		
Telephones (net op. income)‡	27.9					4.2				66.5		
Other public utilities (net income) (53 cos.)	54.2					57.3				56.4		
Standard Statistics Co., Inc.:†												
Combined index, unadjusted (161 cos.)												
1926=100	61.2					89.3				79.8		
Industrials (120 cos.)	71.2					109.1				90.3		
Railroads (26 cos.)	10.5					10.9				27.1		
Utilities (15 cos.)	110.4					106.5				103.3		
Combined index, adjusted (161 cos.)	68.3					84.2				74.4		
Industrials (120 cos.)	76.7					97.9				84.1		
Railroads (26 cos.)	15.8					19.5				5.4		
Utilities (15 cos.)	102.6					108.8				117.2		

## PUBLIC FINANCE (FEDERAL)

Debt, gross, end of month.....	mills. of dol.	34,601	30,520	31,459	31,425	31,636	33,779	33,444	33,380	33,833	33,794	34,407	34,502
Obligations fully guaranteed by the U. S. Government:													
Amount outstanding by agencies, total	mills. of dol.	4,667	4,630	4,654	4,676	4,703	4,718	4,724	4,669	4,667	4,667	4,669	4,687
Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation	do.....	1,407	1,407	1,411	1,422	1,422	1,422	1,422	1,422	1,422	1,422	1,422	1,422
Home Owners' Loan Corporation	do.....	2,993	2,970	2,995	3,013	3,029	3,044	3,050	2,995	2,993	2,993	2,993	3,013
Reconstruction Finance Corporation	do.....	252	253	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252
Expenditures, total (incl. emergency)	thous. of dol.	645,053	517,044	643,098	681,507	500,006	2,406,077	457,656	657,703	712,560	739,975	591,016	684,821
Revenues, total.....	do.....	339,310	250,705	779,521	258,759	274,415	564,167	322,726	306,426	528,120	301,968	259,963	552,007
Customs.....	do.....	41,726	33,087	35,342	32,226	30,268	32,122	31,580	34,763	35,554	41,342	35,452	38,698
Internal revenue, total.....	do.....	237,826	185,001	691,051	202,780	182,119	478,229	288,327	251,026	467,642	199,248	176,526	478,633
Income tax.....	do.....	64,035	43,610	404,201	35,127	34,517	303,087	40,118	29,656	284,421	31,634	28,034	281,178
Taxes from:													
Admissions to theaters, etc.	do.....	1,473	1,405	1,255	1,266	1,319	1,532	1,568	1,384	1,670	1,797	1,606	2,195
Capital stock transfers, etc.	do.....	3,743	4,033	3,911	2,992	2,357	1,565	1,654	2,346	1,932	2,182	2,954	3,367
Sales of produce (future delivery)	do.....	500	202	165	174	230	185	233	511	457	309	271	325
Sales of radio sets, etc.	do.....	465	424	330	321	221	423	596	496	633	869	640	906
Reconstruction Finance Corporation loans outstanding end of month:	tbous. of dol.	2,145,957	2,705,734	2,649,851	2,632,263	2,507,293	2,421,604	2,226,026	2,215,165	2,205,564	2,201,209	2,181,322	2,168,160
Section 5 as amended, total.....	do.....	600,932	905,253	852,120	846,269	836,510	818,426	769,261	763,294	748,411	739,643	718,650	712,982
Bank and trust companies including receivers.....	do.....	184,530	335,672	285,504	276,109	267,001	258,287	246,523	236,860	228,451	218,889	208,669	201,432
Building and loan associations.....	do.....	2,214	6,028	5,557	5,194	4,919	4,026	3,814	3,653	3,378	2,902	2,714	2,483
Insurance companies.....	do.....	3,935	5,852	5,747	5,207	5,180	5,115	4,972	4,890	4,429	4,284	4,147	4,030
Mortgage loan companies.....	do.....	129,710	125,346	124,547	125,124	126,534	123,175	124,804	129,632	129,108	128,368	127,439	131,181
Railroads incl. receivers.....	do.....	345,447	390,199	389,239	394,163	393,027	388,432	350,841	349,261	353,810	345,190	345,950	345,502
All others under section 5.....	do.....	25,096	42,156	41,643	40,572	39,974	39,301	38,247	37,311	35,784	31,390	30,521	27,876
Total Emergency Relief Construction Act, as amended.....	do.....	630,918	771,248	775,237	760,567	648,518	628,682	504,487	570,670	577,607	584,069	587,863	588,997
Self-liquidating projects.....	do.....	204,839	155,321	159,670	163,597	172,538	168,489	174,249	180,045	184,418	189,068	192,516	193,252
Financing of exports of agricultural surpluses.....	do.....	47	14,027	13,584	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47
Financing of agricultural commodities and livestock.....	do.....	130,678	305,276	305,546	300,487	179,517	163,732	93,777	94,355	97,147	99,195	99,643	100,043
Amounts made available for relief and work relief.....	do.....	295,354	296,625	296,436	296,416	296,414	296,414	296,223	295,995	295,759	295,657	295,655	295,354
Total, Bank Conservation Act, as amended	thous. of dol.	640,363	887,636	877,327	877,035	872,194	821,704	722,910	706,395	702,151	695,987	691,987	684,046
Other loans and authorizations	do.....	183,744	141,598	145,167	148,392	150,071	152,792	169,368	174,806	177,395	181,510	182,792	181,245

• Number varies.

† Deficit.

‡ Preliminary.

\* Revised.

† Latest quarter estimated.



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<b>SECURITY MARKETS—Continued</b>													
<b>Bonds—Continued</b>													
Value, issues listed on N. Y. S. E.:													
Par, all issues—millions of dol.	46,572	43,015	44,255	44,223	42,255	44,164	43,981	44,279	45,211	45,018	45,026	46,280	46,592
Domestic issues—do—	41,593	35,934	37,196	37,150	37,242	39,128	38,947	39,241	40,178	39,988	40,038	41,301	41,630
Foreign issues—do—	4,979	7,082	7,059	7,073	5,013	5,036	5,034	5,038	5,033	5,031	4,988	4,979	4,961
Market value, all issues—do—	45,007	40,625	41,807	41,525	39,648	41,619	41,685	42,236	43,305	43,180	43,680	45,054	45,113
Domestic issues—do—	41,521	34,936	36,177	35,922	36,266	38,201	38,242	38,776	39,883	39,751	40,257	41,613	41,651
Foreign issues—do—	3,486	5,688	5,630	5,603	3,382	3,418	3,443	3,460	3,422	3,429	3,423	3,411	3,462
Yields:													
Standard statistics:													
Corporate issues (45 bonds)—percent	4.24	4.25	4.24	4.28	4.34	4.34	4.35	4.32	4.24	4.21	4.18	4.18	4.16
Industrial (15 bonds)—do—	4.36	4.27	4.32	4.38	4.45	4.44	4.45	4.42	4.40	4.40	4.33	4.30	4.29
Public utilities (15 bonds)—do—	4.09	4.04	4.01	4.00	4.04	4.03	4.02	4.02	4.00	4.01	4.00	4.00	4.02
Railroads (15 bonds)—do—	4.26	4.43	4.37	4.45	4.52	4.56	4.58	4.52	4.33	4.24	4.22	4.24	4.17
Municipals (15 bonds)—do—	2.57	2.86	2.78	2.76	2.76	2.72	2.70	2.68	2.62	2.58	2.45	2.31	2.38
Bond Buyer domestic municipals (20 bonds)—percent	2.90	3.04	3.03	3.12	3.00	2.99	2.95	2.91	2.86	2.85	2.69	2.62	2.74
U. S. Treasury bonds—do—	2.31	2.62	2.54	2.51	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.43	2.41	2.42	2.29	2.27	2.29
<b>Cash Dividend Payments and Rates</b>													
Dividend payments (N. Y. Times):													
Total—thous. of dol.	358,909	273,649	200,042	162,174	409,552	263,830	226,196	331,918	231,730	233,697	880,262	437,541	233,330
Industrials and misc.—do—	332,406	259,487	192,324	155,519	375,035	237,655	215,093	317,088	226,612	226,269	814,406	407,957	212,837
Railroads—do—	26,503	14,102	7,718	6,655	34,517	26,175	21,193	14,830	5,088	7,428	65,856	29,554	20,493
Dividend payments and rates (Moody's):													
Annual payments at current rates (600 companies)—millions of dol.	1,886.9	1,337.2	1,345.5	1,355.8	1,385.2	1,397.4	1,457.2	1,517.4	1,539.6	1,568.2	1,825.6	1,876.2	1,884.0
Number of shares, adjusted—millions	923.50	923.92	923.92	923.92	923.92	923.92	923.94	923.94	923.99	923.99	923.99	923.50	923.50
Dividend rate per share (weighted average) (600 cos.)—dollars	2.04	1.45	1.46	1.47	1.50	1.51	1.58	1.64	1.67	1.70	1.98	2.03	2.04
Banks (21)—do—	3.07	2.98	2.98	2.98	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.04	3.04	3.04	3.07	3.07
Industrials (492 cos.)—do—	2.02	1.32	1.33	1.34	1.38	1.41	1.48	1.56	1.58	1.62	1.96	2.01	2.02
Insurance (21 cos.)—do—	2.25	2.39	2.39	2.39	2.39	2.03	2.09	2.09	2.13	2.14	2.14	2.21	2.25
Public utilities (30 cos.)—do—	2.69	1.86	1.86	1.86	1.86	1.86	1.95	1.96	1.99	2.01	2.04	2.09	2.09
Railroads (36 cos.)—do—	1.77	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.21	1.55	1.77	1.77
<b>Stocks</b>													
Prices:													
Dow-Jones:													
Industrials (30 stocks)—dol. per share	188.0	151.8	155.9	155.8	149.3	155.2	162.3	165.9	167.8	175.0	182.1	180.1	183.5
Public utilities (20 stocks)—do—	35.0	32.5	30.9	31.7	30.0	32.3	34.6	34.7	34.5	35.1	34.9	34.9	36.4
Railroads (20 stocks)—do—	57.4	48.5	48.0	47.2	44.5	47.0	51.5	54.0	55.8	58.7	56.7	53.9	55.1
New York Times (50 stocks)—do—	138.67	120.00	120.95	121.63	119.46	124.28	130.74	131.55	133.48	138.39	141.46	136.46	139.48
Industrials (25 stocks)—do—	231.77	201.17	203.97	206.14	203.36	211.69	221.15	220.56	222.54	230.40	238.88	231.11	235.41
Railroads (25 stocks)—do—	45.58	38.84	37.94	37.12	35.57	36.88	40.33	42.55	44.42	46.38	44.04	41.81	43.56
Standard Statistics:													
Combined index (419 stocks) 1926=100	129.5	106.1	108.7	108.9	101.0	105.6	109.2	113.0	114.1	118.7	124.2	123.1	126.4
Industrials (347 stocks)—do—	151.7	120.9	124.6	125.3	116.2	120.6	124.3	128.4	130.2	136.0	144.3	143.0	146.8
Public utilities (40 stocks)—do—	110.7	102.8	102.8	101.5	94.7	102.0	105.8	108.8	107.7	109.1	108.9	110.6	113.8
Railroads (32 stocks)—do—	57.9	49.1	49.2	48.9	45.0	47.7	50.7	53.9	55.4	58.4	57.9	54.4	55.9
Banks N. Y. (19 stocks)—do—	90.6	65.8	66.4	64.1	62.6	65.0	72.1	76.5	75.1	75.3	70.4	70.6	78.9
Fire insurance (18 stocks)—do—	98.4	106.8	102.1	96.8	94.2	95.2	96.1	94.1	93.8	96.1	98.3	98.3	98.7
Sales:													
Market value of shares sold (S. E. C.):													
On all registered exchanges, total thous. of dol.	2,701,226	2,503,129	2,429,960	1,936,202	1,223,444	1,164,147	1,765,391	1,435,776	1,504,411	2,241,462	2,530,464	2,358,956	2,663,064
On New York Stock Exchange—do—	2,332,408	2,140,084	2,082,308	1,679,839	1,077,672	1,002,190	1,526,176	1,248,924	1,387,439	1,948,171	2,188,579	2,025,678	2,246,887
Number of shares sold:													
On all registered exchanges, total (S. E. C.) thous. of shares	107,061	120,963	101,923	78,137	46,756	43,937	64,728	50,937	59,627	79,992	94,299	99,756	117,097
On N. Y. S. E., total (S. E. C.)—do—	72,004	85,305	75,532	56,935	35,943	31,897	48,272	37,109	44,535	60,019	68,306	71,123	81,687
Exclusive of odd lot and stopped sales (N. Y. Times)—thous. of shares	50,255	60,871	51,025	39,616	20,615	21,428	34,787	26,364	30,872	43,998	50,470	48,605	58,676
Shares listed, N. Y. S. E.:													
Market value all listed shares—millions of dol.	62,618	50,202	51,668	47,774	49,998	50,912	54,067	54,532	55,105	58,507	60,020	59,878	61,912
Number of shares listed—millions	1,374	1,323	1,330	1,337	1,339	1,340	1,341	1,344	1,348	1,349	1,360	1,367	
Yields:													
Common stocks (200)*—percent	3.8	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.9	4.0	3.9
Industrials (25 stocks)*—do—	3.8	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.9	4.0	3.8
Rails (25 stocks)*—do—	3.3	2.7	2.8	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.2	3.0	3.5	3.5
Utilities (25 stocks)*—do—	4.7	4.4	4.5	4.9	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.6
Banks (15 stocks)*—do—	2.8	3.7	3.7	4.0	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.1
Insurance (10 stocks)*—do—	3.1	3.5	3.7	4.1	3.9	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.1
Preferred stocks, Standard Statistics:													
Industrials, high grade (20)—do—	4.96	5.05	5.02	5.04	5.06	5.04	5.03	5.02	5.03	5.06	5.04	4.99	4.94
<b>Stockholders (Common Stock)</b>													
American Tel. & Tel. Co., total—number					653,435			649,876			645,457		
Foreign—do—					7,859			7,804			7,540		
Pennsylvania Railroad Co., total—do—					225,120			223,844			221,327		
Foreign—do—					3,101			3,087			3,076		
U. S. Steel Corporation, total—do—					181,493			177,758			173,633		
Foreign—do—					3,870			3,941			3,866		
Shares held by brokers—percent of total					21.75			22.72			23.51		

\* Revised.

\* New series. For data for period June 1929–July 1936, and a description of the series on yields of 200 common stocks, see p. 18 of the Sept. 1936 issue.















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	February	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January
<b>FOODSTUFFS AND TOBACCO—Continued</b>													
<b>POULTRY AND EGGS</b>													
Eggs:													
Receipts, 5 markets...thous. of cases...	924	811	1,798	2,022	2,088	1,727	1,247	981	782	652	482	687	1,076
Stocks, cold storage, end of month:													
Case.....thous. of cases...	322	13	807	3,039	5,707	7,058	7,335	7,006	5,817	3,788	1,755	651	469
Frozen.....thous. of lb...	34,426	46,367	45,848	69,172	94,014	111,725	115,485	108,614	96,660	82,029	66,309	51,837	39,104
Poultry:													
Receipts, 5 markets...do...	17,318	15,654	15,098	15,122	18,979	22,740	22,683	26,400	27,580	34,434	77,297	72,999	23,122
Stocks, cold storage, end of mo...do...	157,932	85,792	69,494	49,324	41,926	43,050	49,220	65,488	82,096	104,981	149,391	187,887	178,304
<b>TROPICAL PRODUCTS</b>													
Cocoa:													
Imports.....long tons...	26,500	32,601	28,549	31,206	9,696	7,174	15,570	18,129	22,816	23,012	22,564	40,268	28,788
Price, spot, Accra (N. Y.)....dol. per lb...	.0550	.0536	.0533	.0558	.0617	.0641	.0667	.0750	.0843	.0954	.0954	.1134	-----
Exports from the Gold Coast and Nigeria, Africa.....long tons...	57,266	59,819	40,114	17,025	11,063	14,331	20,795	20,158	17,241	28,074	38,263	54,571	47,744
Coffee:													
Clearances from Brazil, total. thous. of bags...	948	1,360	1,201	1,094	1,150	998	1,097	1,174	1,090	1,192	1,230	1,447	1,289
To United States.....do...	523	854	692	549	511	437	568	669	603	642	684	889	687
Imports into United States.....do...	1,563	1,575	1,450	1,138	879	940	901	904	970	920	798	1,454	1,370
Price, wholesale, Rio No. 7 (N. Y.)....dol. per lb...	.093	.068	.065	.063	.066	.070	.078	.082	.081	.081	.085	.088	.089
Receipts at ports, Brazil.....thous. of bags...	1,166	1,496	1,444	1,027	1,009	947	1,115	1,016	1,238	1,124	1,293	1,459	1,437
Stocks, world total, incl. interior of Brazil, end of month.....thous. of bags...	(*)	(*)	30,650	29,606	(*)	28,918	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Visible supply, total, excl. interior of Brazil, thous. of bags...	7,993	7,846	8,116	8,128	8,103	8,111	8,030	7,884	7,754	7,905	7,815	7,822	7,954
United States.....do...	969	1,010	1,056	995	998	1,015	903	889	853	862	690	768	851
Sugar:													
Raw sugar:													
Cuba:													
Stocks, total, end of month.....thous. of long tons...	1,336	1,108	1,991	2,002	1,886	1,566	1,375	1,209	1,009	844	741	376	489
United States:													
Meltings, 8 ports.....long tons...	313,517	331,296	419,096	460,316	326,152	406,144	371,268	307,639	277,352	260,661	230,213	215,168	220,650
Price, wholesale, 96° centrifugal (New York)....dol. per lb...	.036	.034	.036	.038	.037	.037	.037	.037	.036	.034	.036	.038	.039
Receipts:													
From Hawaii and Puerto Rico.....long tons...		144,017	197,386	176,391	171,070	158,756	146,418	111,968	128,439	70,839	76,682	45,159	50,615
Imports.....do...	222,734	315,164	279,852	325,379	274,287	305,937	268,453	103,264	217,897	82,527	102,207	95,883	189,647
Stocks at refineries, end of month.....do...	220,147	228,493	240,659	301,105	401,669	402,960	450,122	390,794	323,843	273,200	215,600	123,253	160,119
Refined sugar (United States):													
Exports, including maple.....long tons...	6,137	1,895	4,391	3,710	3,981	3,545	4,968	5,971	5,647	7,198	5,185	3,696	4,567
Price, retail, gran. (N. Y.)....dol. per lb...	.055	.053	.053	.053	.053	.054	.055	.054	.054	.054	.054	.053	.054
Price, wholesale, gran. (N. Y.)....do...	.049	.052	.048	.049	.049	.049	.047	.047	.047	.046	.046	.047	.049
Receipts:													
From Hawaii & Puerto Rico.....long tons...	15,021	14,213	17,924	15,910	16,445	11,016	2,180	4,896	3,872	1,116	4,498	6,117	
Imports:													
From Cuba.....do...	16,583	28,707	42,877	37,988	41,628	37,503	30,251	17,615	21,539	12,735	8,104	19,542	10,834
From Philippine Islands.....do...	2,966	2,902	9,371	14,501	4,602	2,661	5,668	2,108	2,393	1,121	91	2,866	560
Shipments, 2 ports.....do...		58,820	65,722	43,725									
Stocks, end of month, 2 ports.....do...	13,203	11,080	19,816										
Tea:													
Imports.....thous. of lb...	9,370	5,915	8,159	6,776	5,449	5,172	5,906	6,312	9,036	9,727	5,710	8,158	7,544
Price, wholesale, Formosa, fine (N. Y.)....dol. per lb...	.275	.275	.275	.275	.275	.275	.275	.275	.275	.275	.275	.275	.275
Stocks in the United Kingdom.....thous. of lb...	189,496	244,200	232,000	218,900	208,500	199,200	186,200	194,500	200,900	206,500	215,300	214,800	207,633
<b>MISCELLANEOUS FOOD PRODUCTS</b>													
Candy, sales by manufacturers....thous. of dol...	24,468	23,192	22,123	21,399	17,703	20,638	12,064	17,603	30,033	31,163	30,328	30,567	25,068
Fish:													
Landings, fresh fish, prin. ports.....thous. of lb...		20,016	39,029	42,560	43,355	45,563	44,351	45,390	42,812	45,074	41,131	32,776	24,256
Salmon, canned, shipments.....thous. ....	436,976	494,790	273,242	514,664	325,882	565,701	1,195,502	1,747,020	596,139	66,100	45,597	352,432	
Stocks, total, cold storage, 15th of month.....thous. of lb...	69,654	45,129	31,270	26,102	34,256	46,230	62,551	76,076	84,698	86,145	92,702	94,695	87,503
Gelatin, edible: <sup>a</sup>													
Monthly report for 7 companies:													
Production.....thous. of lb...		1,202	1,318	1,301	1,296	1,270	980	477	763	1,078	1,417	1,297	1,386
Shipments.....do...		1,031	1,159	1,143	1,280	1,243	1,223	1,163	1,114	1,280	982	1,175	1,183
Stocks.....do...		5,880	6,038	6,286	6,301	6,328	6,080	5,393	5,042	4,840	5,275	5,397	5,599
Quarterly report for 11 companies:													
Production.....thous. of lb...		5,597				5,656			3,701			5,368	
Stocks.....do...		8,590				8,853			7,317			7,958	
<b>TOBACCO</b>													
Leaf:													
Exports.....thous. of lb...	24,652	35,137	13,877	24,235	18,485	20,477	20,887	26,946	48,167	66,238	49,453	41,463	35,921
Imports, unmanfrd., incl. scrap.....do...	6,057	5,726	4,553	5,883	4,120	5,815	5,793	5,977	6,231	6,129	4,697	4,162	5,877
Production (crop estimate).....do...												1,167,068	
Stocks, total, incl. imported types, end of quarter.....thous. of lb...			2,421,162				2,175,266						2,205,874
Flue-cured, fire-cured, and air-cured.....do...			1,949,418				1,717,132						1,827,624
Cigar types.....do...			374,720				371,956						312,135
Manufactured products:													
Consumption (tax-paid withdrawals):													
Small cigarettes.....millions...	12,328	10,766	11,193	11,869	12,025	14,009	14,801	13,430	14,342	13,204	11,557	13,246	13,430
Large cigars.....thousands...	362,935	356,624	377,167	411,606	419,369	452,312	452,448	445,976	489,293	551,114	489,180	371,231	356,996
Manufactured tobacco and snuff.....thous. of lb...	26,444	27,919	30,315	29,254	28,100	29,474	31,326	26,756	30,096	32,046	26,611	26,302	25,759
Exports, cigarettes.....thousands...	499,483	320,394	351,679	428,572	398,683	366,128	380,153	452,731	371,146	297,358	361,836	513,538	463,017
Prices, wholesale:													
Cigarettes.....dol. per 1,000...	5,513	5,380	5,380	5,380	5,380	5,380	5,380	5,380	5,380	5,380	5,380	5,380	5,435
Cigars.....do...	45,996	45,996	45,996	45,996	45,996	45,996	45,996	45,996	45,996	45,996	45,996	45,996	45,996

\* The quarterly report is complete for the industry; the new monthly data are for 7 companies, for data for period 1930-36, see table 8, p. 20 of the February 1937 issue.

<sup>b</sup> Dec. 1 estimate.

<sup>c</sup> Not available.

<sup>d</sup> Revised.

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	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January

## FUELS AND BYPRODUCTS

<b>COAL</b>												
Exports . . . . . thous. of long tons . . . . .												
107	188	80	101	189	100	91	96	120	139	126	129	122
Prices, composite, chestnut: do per short ton . . . . .			11.61									
Retail* . . . . . do	9.824	10.015	10.001	9.707	9.283	9.327	9.452	9.564	9.721	9.857	9.914	11.81
Wholesale . . . . . do												
Production† . . . . . thous. of short tons . . . . .	3,368	6,975	3,061	4,773	5,121	4,305	3,925	3,503	3,874	4,608	4,334	9,827
Shipments . . . . . do	3,042	5,934	2,429	4,217	4,274	3,516	3,345	2,917	3,440	3,942	3,783	4,317
Stocks, end of month:												
In producers' storage yards . . . . . do	1,299	528	458	369	853	1,240	1,556	1,992	2,347	2,473	2,515	2,259
In selected retail dealers' yards number of days' supply . . . . .		19	31	38	77	50	57	77	62			1,833
Bituminous:												
Industrial consumption, total thous. of short tons . . . . .	30,262	27,670	25,821	25,217	24,442	24,052	24,950	25,427	26,063	(1)	(1)	31,409
Beehive coke ovens . . . . . do	468	242	174	140	134	148	177	205	262	(1)	(1)	435
Byproduct coke ovens . . . . . do	5,738	4,522	4,088	4,993	5,408	5,325	5,332	5,548	5,499	(1)	(1)	6,242
Cement mills . . . . . do	302	130	198	341	454	472	507	550	534	(1)	(1)	327
Coal-gas retorts . . . . . do	145	182	182	164	162	154	148	149	153	(1)	(1)	157
Electric power utilities . . . . . do	3,323	3,195	2,896	2,711	2,801	3,153	3,564	3,662	3,654	(1)	(1)	3,586
Railways (class I) . . . . . do	7,728	8,118	7,392	6,841	6,596	6,255	6,501	6,546	6,782	(1)	(1)	8,140
Steel and rolling mills . . . . . do	1,218	1,181	1,091	1,157	1,077	1,045	1,011	1,037	1,059	(1)	(1)	1,222
Other industrial . . . . . do	11,340	10,100	9,200	8,870	7,810	7,500	7,710	7,730	8,120	(1)	(1)	11,490
Other consumption:												
Vessels (bunker) . . . . . thous. of long tons . . . . .	106	87	101	88	116	122	124	134	134	164	151	132
Coal mine fuel . . . . . thous. of short tons . . . . .	348	366	276	268	252	260	283	294	329	(1)	(1)	341
Exports . . . . . thous. of long tons . . . . .	392	321	308	462	1,103	914	1,035	1,174	954	1,201	1,222	344
Prices:												
Retail, composite, 38 cities dol. per short ton . . . . .				8.57			8.13		8.31			8.53
Wholesale:												
Mine run, composite . . . . . do	4,236	4,359	4,347	4,303	4,289	4,289	4,227	4,217	4,229	4,224	4,228	4,233
Prepared sizes, composite . . . . . do	4,510	4,683	4,612	4,340	4,302	4,303	4,346	4,428	4,498	4,557	4,551	4,548
Production‡ . . . . . thous. of short tons . . . . .	41,740	41,154	31,527	30,454	28,084	29,217	32,005	33,086	37,192	43,321	41,879	45,756
Stocks, industrial and retail dealers, end of month, total thous. of short tons . . . . .	46,785	29,542	28,083	26,596	28,073	28,753	30,126	32,071	34,604	(1)	(1)	43,499
Industrial, total . . . . . do	38,785	23,342	22,133	21,446	22,573	22,953	23,726	25,171	27,235	(1)	(1)	35,026
Byproduct coke ovens . . . . . do	8,687	3,845	3,431	3,515	4,064	4,565	5,302	5,982	6,362	(1)	(1)	8,031
Cement mills . . . . . do	357	238	236	256	251	250	236	257	241	(1)	(1)	307
Coal-gas retorts . . . . . do	267	380	350	211	228	245	275	267	283	(1)	(1)	295
Electric power utilities . . . . . do	8,047	5,637	5,509	5,613	5,645	5,548	5,473	5,744	5,933	(1)	(1)	7,162
Railways (class I) . . . . . do	8,674	4,774	4,840	4,674	4,521	4,351	4,354	4,304	4,963	(1)	(1)	6,847
Steel and rolling mills . . . . . do	1,603	858	817	807	874	874	916	947	973	(1)	(1)	1,264
Other industrial . . . . . do	11,150	7,590	6,950	6,370	6,990	7,120	7,270	7,670	8,280	(1)	(1)	10,660
Retail dealers, total . . . . . do	8,000	6,200	5,950	5,150	5,500	5,800	6,400	6,900	7,340	(1)	(1)	8,473
<b>COKE</b>												
Exports . . . . . thous. of long tons . . . . .	26	44	24	20	34	62	67	69	67	66	60	27
Price, beehive, Connellsville (furnace) dol. per short ton . . . . .	4,000	3,575	3,575	3,575	3,575	3,575	3,550	3,575	3,875	3,875	3,938	4,000
Production:												
Beehive . . . . . thous. of short tons . . . . .	292	154	110	91	86	93	111	128	164	237	240	272
Byproduct . . . . . do	3,991	3,141	3,257	3,466	3,753	3,695	3,718	3,866	3,831	4,071	4,048	4,358
Petroleum coke . . . . . do	108	105	109	113	122	120	121	123	123	117	111	102
Stocks, end of month:												
Byproduct plants, total . . . . . do	1,307	1,274	1,444	1,586	1,695	1,702	1,816	1,986	2,034	1,886	1,806	1,533
At furnaces . . . . . do	446	614	632	567	581	597	651	670	650	578	519	464
At merchant plants . . . . . do	861	660	812	1,020	1,114	1,104	1,165	1,316	1,383	1,308	1,287	1,069
Petroleum coke . . . . . do		334	360	367	382	382	399	409	423	408	400	384
<b>PETROLEUM AND PRODUCTS</b>												
Crude petroleum:												
Consumption (run to stills) . . . . . thous. of bbl . . . . .	81,523	85,286	84,545	90,637	89,003	91,709	93,444	90,872	93,146	89,142	93,051	94,179
Imports . . . . . do	606	2,758	2,183	2,865	2,661	2,872	2,591	2,871	2,629	2,956	2,662	3,001
Price (Kansas-Oklahoma) at wells dol. per bbl . . . . .	1.160	1.040	1.040	1.040	1.040	1.040	1.040	1.040	1.040	1.040	1.040	1.125
Production . . . . . thous. of bbl . . . . .	82,120	90,568	90,479	93,739	90,185	92,078	95,090	90,972	95,795	91,018	97,652	98,567
Refinery operations . . . . . pct. of capacity . . . . .	76	75	76	79	80	80	81	80	80	79	80	80
Stocks, end of month:												
California:												
Heavy crude and fuel . . . . . thous. of bbl . . . . .	63,536	63,341	63,729	63,792	63,717	64,382	64,825	64,564	64,745	64,836	65,481	64,884
Light crude . . . . . do	40,275	39,856	39,338	38,878	37,856	36,781	35,476	34,123	33,901	33,815	34,189	33,535
East of California, total . . . . . do	263,436	266,092	268,560	268,650	265,554	262,013	258,685	253,969	250,724	247,452	246,409	245,168
Refineries . . . . . do	47,686	51,741	53,053	53,989	53,628	53,221	51,691	50,469	49,604	48,503	49,823	49,008
Tank farms and pipe lines . . . . . do	215,750	214,351	215,507	214,661	211,926	208,792	206,994	203,500	201,120	198,949	196,586	206,160
Wells completed . . . . . number . . . . .	r 1,018	r 1,309	r 1,580	r 1,522	r 1,612	r 1,718	r 1,583	r 1,708	r 1,545	r 1,448	r 1,580	r 1,580
Refined petroleum products:												
Gas and fuel oils:												
Consumption:												
Electric power plants . . . . . thous. of bbl . . . . .	1,342	1,124	975	995	1,014	1,156	1,228	1,313	1,256	1,280	1,343	r 1,374
Railways (class I) . . . . . do	3,795	3,878	3,810	3,864	3,811	4,006	3,919	4,058	4,627	4,522	4,846	5,077
Vessels (bunker) . . . . . do	2,829	2,690	3,005	2,643	3,184	3,193	2,992	2,897	3,248	2,724	1,868	2,375
Price, fuel oil (Oklahoma) . . . . . dol. per bbl . . . . .	.844	.800	.800	.800	.785	.763	.750	.750	.765	.765	.775	.775
Production:												
Residual fuel oil . . . . . thous. of bbl . . . . .	23,751	23,667	23,062	23,925	22,499	23,144	23,287	23,154	25,285	23,671	25,670	25,453
Gas oil and dist. fuels . . . . . do	11,125	10,262	9,553	10,169	9,567	10,323	10,627	10,095	10,266	11,201	11,875	13,319
Stocks, end of month:												
Residual fuel oil, east of California thous. of bbl . . . . .	18,027	17,529	16,996	18,293	18,506	19,525	20,379	20,182	20,536	20,255	18,718	18,392
Gas oil and dist. fuels . . . . . do	15,322	15,746	17,031	19,910	22,475	24,814	27,645	27,371	27,659	26,414	22,719	19,088
Gasoline:												
Consumption, domestic . . . . . thous. of bbl . . . . .	27,216	35,871	38,825	42,007	44,630	46,638	46,081	44,346	44,253	39,919	39,393	33,696
Exports . . . . . do	2,356	1,435	1,404	2,140	1,755	2,167	2,029	2,126	1,768	2,121	1,768	2,505
Price, wholesale:												
Drums, delivered (New York) dol. per gal . . . . .	.130	.165	.165	.165	.165	.165	.155	.150	.150	.150	.150	.142
Refinery (Oklahoma) . . . . . do	.058	.061	.060	.060	.060	.060	.059	.056	.056	.057	.	

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## FUELS AND BYPRODUCTS—Continued

### PETROLEUM AND PRODUCTS—Con.

Refined petroleum products—Continued.

#### Gasoline—Continued.

##### Production:

At natural gas plants	thous. of bbl	3,196	3,378	3,265	3,275	3,217	3,355	3,507	3,584	3,830	3,816	3,965	3,732
At refineries	do	37,176	38,764	39,902	41,951	41,612	43,600	44,568	44,024	45,887	43,138	44,658	43,630
Retail distribution	thous. of gal	1,087,799	1,447,765	1,559,036	1,716,365	1,809,046	1,942,000	1,886,424	1,812,215	1,790,901	1,643,946	1,622,903	1,372,436

##### Stocks, end of month:

Finished gasoline, total	thous. of bbl	65,061	67,128	66,552	64,675	60,519	55,922	53,040	51,394	51,238	52,509	56,353	64,293
At refineries	do	44,612	45,799	44,361	42,527	39,050	35,062	33,417	31,230	31,936	33,242	37,057	44,144
Natural gasoline	do	4,218	4,553	5,058	5,664	5,829	5,846	5,653	4,945	4,555	4,153	4,055	4,032

##### Kerosene:

Consumption, domestic	thous. of bbl	4,785	4,098	3,914	4,035	3,075	3,019	3,218	4,305	4,370	4,943	6,148	5,297
Exports	do	805	455	435	512	380	664	474	607	690	565	841	666

##### Price, water white 47, refinery, (Pennsylvania)

Production	dol. per gal	.053	.055	.055	.056	.056	.055	.052	.049	.050	.050	.050	.052
Stocks, refinery, end of month	do	4,445	4,741	4,953	4,626	4,376	4,455	4,297	4,428	4,712	4,788	5,500	5,923

##### Lubricants:

Consumption, domestic	do	1,520	1,863	2,197	2,028	1,969	2,123	1,851	2,059	1,911	1,938	1,821	1,763
Price, cylinder, refinery (Pennsylvania)	dol. per gal	.173	.126	.135	.139	.149	.154	.155	.155	.155	.151	.150	.155

##### Production

Stocks, refinery, end of month	do	2,204	2,515	2,687	2,768	2,509	2,626	2,668	2,567	2,632	2,653	2,767	2,649
Asphalt:													

##### Imports

Production	thous. of short tons	5	1	1	1	4	3	1	1	3	2	1	0
Stocks, refinery, end of month	do	179	261	319	377	407	426	491	468	475	344	244	226

##### Wax:

Production	thous. of lb	36,120	42,280	39,480	40,320	38,920	34,720	35,000	34,440	42,840	42,840	41,160	41,720
Stocks, refinery, end of month	do	118,312	119,684	121,857	121,416	117,362	118,257	116,888	113,359	113,049	115,307	115,434	* 107,490

## LEATHER AND PRODUCTS

### HIDES AND SKINS

Imports, total hides and skins	thous. of lb	27,500	26,255	28,963	28,116	25,216	27,690	26,050	23,013	22,442	20,617	23,838	29,722	23,363
Calf and kip skins	do	1,725	2,035	1,354	1,215	2,336	1,434	2,015	1,068	1,967	1,571	1,421	2,393	1,575
Cattle hides	do	11,622	13,498	13,063	12,613	10,296	13,145	10,869	12,004	9,429	7,325	12,465	14,142	10,554
Goatskins	do	7,143	5,573	8,506	7,911	8,292	5,690	6,452	5,024	5,183	5,503	4,368	6,552	5,791
Sheep and lamb skins	do	4,291	3,265	4,668	4,809	2,549	5,989	4,792	3,521	4,354	4,077	4,172	4,705	2,375

#### Livestock (inspected slaughter):

Calves	thous. of animals	437	405	483	525	503	517	523	541	553	585	477	494	484
Cattle	do	708	742	763	812	786	853	928	1,012	1,071	1,124	988	987	867
Hogs	do	2,842	2,319	2,617	2,559	2,579	2,759	2,692	2,254	2,403	3,492	4,292	4,681	3,519
Sheep	do	1,315	1,314	1,374	1,267	1,213	1,309	1,352	1,395	1,593	1,742	1,544	1,573	1,700

#### Prices, wholesale (Chicago):

Packers, heavy steers	dol. per lb	.160	.146	.130	.130	.123	.126	.124	.131	.147	.149	.153	.156	.162
Calfskins, packers', 8 to 15 lb	do	.213	.180	.181	.188	.171	.177	.170	.174	.172	.177	.201	.215	.228

### LEATHER

Exports:														
Sole leather	thous. of lb	224	210	310	410	368	110	241	144	176	300	296	133	284
Upper leather	thous. of sq. ft	6,408	5,044	5,234	5,107	5,566	4,180	4,846	4,787	5,973	6,116	4,872	6,807	6,385
Production:														
Calf and kip	thous. of skins	1,002	960	1,046	998	1,199	1,289	1,158	1,051	1,083	966	1,180	982	
Cattle hides	thous. of hides	1,856	1,918	1,844	1,692	1,657	1,834	1,866	1,306	2,051	2,007	2,154	2,091	
Goat and kid	thous. of skins	3,757	3,786	4,018	3,900	4,055	3,989	3,900	3,947	3,862	3,663	4,315	3,810	
Sheep and lamb	do	3,125	2,824	2,925	2,897	2,849	3,237	3,391	3,059	3,692	3,314	3,494	3,144	

#### Prices, wholesale:

Sole, oak, scoured backs (Boston)	dol. per lb	.410	.365	.360	.360	.355	.330	.330	.330	.350	.360	.370	.390	.400
Upper chrome calf B grade, black, composite	dol. per sq. ft	.419	.380	.378	.380	.380	.378	.370	.372	.378	.379	.383	.390	.416

#### Stocks of cattle hides and leather, end of month,

total	thous. of equiv. hides	17,786	17,797	17,845	17,827	17,941	17,687	17,456	17,198	17,190	17,436	17,173	17,084
In process and finished	do	11,568	11,655	11,734	11,779	11,874	11,676	11,417	11,118	11,245	11,522	11,294	11,365
Raw	do	6,218	6,14										

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<b>LUMBER AND MANUFACTURES</b>													
<b>LUMBER—ALL TYPES</b>													
Exports (boards, planks, etc.) M ft. b. m.	84,644	66,073	90,328	96,053	86,904	83,255	95,230	85,813	82,409	89,934	62,036	51,803	63,169
National Lumber Mfrs. Assn.†													
Production, total mill. ft. b. m.	1,651	1,469	1,718	2,005	2,052	2,052	2,218	2,171	2,151	2,352	1,816	1,827	1,537
Hardwoods do.	270	262	295	294	318	328	337	348	351	351	314	311	246
Softwoods do.	1,381	1,207	1,423	1,711	1,735	1,725	1,881	1,823	1,800	2,001	1,502	1,516	1,290
Shipments, total do.	2,047	1,585	1,853	2,093	1,962	1,972	2,056	2,008	2,122	2,327	1,751	1,899	1,722
Hardwoods do.	377	291	351	338	318	309	315	331	342	356	340	319	294
Softwoods do.	1,669	1,294	1,502	1,755	1,644	1,663	1,742	1,674	1,781	1,972	1,411	1,581	1,428
Stocks, gross, end of month, total do.	6,854	7,114	7,018	6,927	7,031	7,113	7,265	7,419	7,438	7,463	7,512	7,432	7,256
Hardwoods do.	1,654	1,882	1,858	1,816	1,826	1,845	1,866	1,883	1,876	1,870	1,842	1,816	1,777
Softwoods do.	5,200	5,232	5,160	5,111	5,205	5,268	5,399	5,536	5,562	5,593	5,670	5,616	5,479
Retail movement (yard):													
Ninth Federal Reserve District:													
Sales M ft. b. m.	2,765	2,187	4,329	7,210	10,227	13,192	11,827	12,042	12,842	14,355	10,726	4,785	4,264
Stocks, end of month do.	86,554	77,713	81,490	81,851	79,392	72,456	77,794	74,909	72,208	67,785	63,934	67,976	79,170
Tenth Federal Reserve District:													
Sales do.	1,990	2,168	3,752	4,191	3,627	3,437	3,840	4,137	3,836	4,648	3,991	3,408	2,047
Stocks, end of month do.	32,811	32,069	32,396	32,143	32,426	32,459	31,894	31,445	31,349	30,756	30,197	31,299	32,079
<b>FLOORING</b>													
Maple, beech, and birch:													
Orders:													
New M ft. b. m.	9,600	7,900	12,700	5,900	4,300	6,500	7,050	8,300	10,100	7,400	6,800	15,500	8,900
Unfilled, end of month do.	21,000	14,300	20,100	18,500	15,500	14,600	13,000	12,400	13,600	12,600	12,900	19,700	21,300
Production:													
do. 7,600	5,400	5,900	7,200	5,550	6,200	7,000	7,900	8,600	9,000	7,350	8,100	7,300	
Shipments:													
do. 9,300	5,450	6,900	7,500	7,300	7,850	9,000	8,500	8,500	9,000	7,050	8,900	8,100	
Stocks, end of month:													
Oak:	19,600	27,550	26,550	25,400	24,000	22,350	20,500	21,000	21,000	21,500	22,500	21,700	20,800
Orders:													
New do.	26,409	40,675	19,381	19,211	23,622	30,576	29,463	32,953	40,671	39,210	56,471	41,589	30,569
Unfilled, end of month do.	57,856	52,892	43,793	33,521	28,564	27,523	26,563	29,408	36,647	41,922	68,405	74,116	65,838
Production:													
do. 31,853	21,831	27,607	30,761	30,273	32,031	32,980	30,872	32,378	33,864	31,752	35,489	34,012	
Shipments:													
do. 34,391	23,081	28,479	29,483	28,570	31,617	30,123	30,408	33,432	33,935	29,988	35,878	38,847	
Stocks, end of month:													
do. 58,267	60,115	58,683	59,961	61,655	62,069	64,926	65,390	64,336	64,266	66,029	65,640	60,805	
<b>SOFTWOODS</b>													
Fr. Douglas:													
Exports:													
Lumber M ft. b. m.	12,750	19,542	23,498	40,462	28,714	27,331	32,063	27,670	28,920	21,248	2,509	3,505	1,723
Timber do.	8,522	19,455	12,985	23,371	14,612	18,312	23,629	19,456	31,776	22,625	1,465	62	
Prices, wholesale:													
No. 1, common boards dol. per M ft. b. m.	21,560	18,498	18,620	19,600	19,845	20,090	20,090	19,845	19,502	19,600	19,600	20,286	20,825
Flooring, 1 x 4, "B" and better, v. g. dol. per M ft. b. m.	45,080	43,978	44,100	43,855	43,120	42,728	41,160	40,180	40,964	41,160	41,160	42,532	43,610
Southern pine:†													
Exports:													
Lumber M ft. b. m.	32,184	18,506	28,913	22,893	21,487	22,826	25,463	19,836	19,955	24,797	25,322	17,822	25,265
Timber do.	4,978	10,261	6,184	7,506	6,890	6,358	5,137	4,224	6,587	4,213	4,310	5,573	5,163
Orders:													
New mill. ft. b. m.	655	499	613	560	556	561	604	693	645	691	676	796	740
Unfilled, end of month do.	549	419	439	399	359	329	324	384	374	374	409	509	574
Price, wholesale, flooring dol. per M ft. b. m.													
do. 44.56	37.01	36.78	37.63	37.40	37.37	36.52	36.61	37.29	38.31	38.59	39.28	41.68	
Production mill. ft. b. m.													
do. 650	487	548	580	591	586	634	628	640	671	661	671	640	
Shipments do.													
do. 680	494	593	600	596	591	609	633	655	691	641	696	675	
Stocks, end of month do.													
do. 1,465	1,625	1,580	1,560	1,555	1,550	1,575	1,570	1,555	1,535	1,555	1,530	1,495	
Western pine:†													
Orders:													
New do.	334	224	334	321	401	382	379	468	428	455	393	429	327
Unfilled, end of month do.	423	271	302	306	340	324	335	361	321	325	329	442	445
Price, wholesale, Ponderosa pine, 1 x 8 no. 2, common (f. o. b. mills) dol. per M ft. b. m.													
do. 26.80	23.71	23.89	23.83	23.77	23.82	23.78	23.79	23.92	23.91	24.28	24.46	25.77	
Production mill. ft. b. m.													
do. 164	150	224	322	432	466	491	516	477	471	365	264	179	
Shipments do.													
do. 311	230	282	319	363	384	381	397	424	424	362	351	314	
Stocks, end of month do.													
do. 1,509	1,481	1,423	1,427	1,495	1,577	1,687	1,806	1,859	1,876	1,879	1,792	1,687	
West Coast woods:†													
Orders:													
New mill. ft. b. m.	424	424	498	645	491	469	572	558	530	726	418	642	440
Unfilled end of month do.	926	563	547	509	470	415	393	462	452	520	661	907	1,021
Production:													
do. 422	461	521	666	559	513	504	515	516	477	365	444	354	
Shipments:													
do. 519	466	498	684	530	524	594	490	539	688	277	397	328	
Stocks, end of month:													
do. 1,260	1,176	1,199	1,181	1,210	1,199	1,199	1,225	1,202	1,223	1,282	1,329	1,357	
Redwood, California:													
Orders:													
New M ft. b. m.	32,142	24,054	32,979	41,535	31,157	29,813	30,003	32,201	34,426	34,327	32,668	45,013	48,393
Unfilled, end of month do.	80,281	44,489	43,049	49,143	44,213	39,251	37,172	36,608	33,781	33,000	39,873	60,503	81,663
Production:													
do. 34,791	32,185	37,318	37,584	37,763	38,700	35,434	38,939	38,928	41,884	34,564	31,119	35,108	
Shipments:													
do. 33,435	24,711	34,327	35,562	35,207	37,433	30,992	33,477	36,390	33,814	25,998	24,382		
<b>FURNITURE</b>													

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## METALS AND MANUFACTURES

IRON AND STEEL		1936											1937	
Foreign trade, iron and steel:		February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	
Exports (domestic).....	long tons	291,079	213,802	264,337	301,987	314,950	294,951	296,738	295,341	235,764	261,882	203,297	244,173	201,512
Imports.....	do	41,628	43,358	56,720	49,277	59,391	59,910	47,940	60,697	59,993	64,509	61,970	52,484	43,063
Price, iron and steel, composite	dol. per long ton	36.74	33.48	33.21	33.10	32.92	32.79	33.49	33.88	34.15	34.63	34.65	35.15	36.55
Ore														
Iron ore (Lake Superior dist.):														
Consumption by furnaces														
thous. of long tons		4,443	2,632	2,898	3,485	3,882	3,763	3,826	3,969	4,027	4,385	4,269	4,551	4,694
Shipments from upper lake ports	do	0	0	0	19	5,050	6,608	7,160	7,444	7,481	7,301	3,758	0	0
Receipts:														
Lake Erie ports and furnaces	do	0	0	0	0	2,651	4,692	5,064	5,120	5,383	5,388	3,014	62	0
Other lower lake ports	do	0	0	0	9	1,409	1,931	2,148	2,005	1,904	1,989	1,430	37	0
Stocks, end of month, total	do	22,418	25,809	22,933	19,370	19,242	23,107	25,211	28,158	31,978	35,156	35,378	31,402	26,747
At furnaces	do	19,081	20,904	18,199	15,240	15,269	18,017	21,194	24,008	27,555	30,377	30,460	27,022	22,986
Lake Erie docks	do	3,337	4,904	4,734	4,130	3,974	4,045	4,017	4,150	4,422	4,780	4,918	4,380	3,761
Imports	do	210	125	132	177	199	170	198	234	258	193	204	189	186
Manganese ore, imports (manganese content)	thous. of long tons	20	30	23	19	38	29	21	41	36	40	37	48	29
Pig Iron and Iron Manufactures														
Castings, malleable:														
Orders, new	short tons	60,187	38,278	48,008	47,933	44,136	42,848	41,031	45,179	44,361	55,521	58,152	67,035	54,070
Production	do	57,295	40,611	45,536	50,954	45,027	43,766	44,413	42,253	46,552	51,778	50,934	61,674	53,638
Percent of capacity		72.0	49.9	55.9	62.6	55.3	53.9	53.3	52.0	57.0	61.9	62.3	73.5	67.4
Shipments	short tons	55,742	39,384	46,823	51,840	48,854	46,489	46,158	35,554	40,194	48,338	50,041	57,609	51,754
Pig iron:														
Furnaces in blast, end of month:														
Capacity	long tons per day	108,720	64,550	68,395	84,915	86,030	85,405	83,720	88,075	94,140	97,740	99,205	102,195	104,060
Number		176	120	126	144	146	145	146	148	155	161	164	170	170
Prices, wholesale:														
Basic (valley furnace) dol. per long ton		20.75	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	20.00	20.50
Composite	do	21.44	19.95	19.96	19.96	19.96	19.96	19.96	19.86	19.80	19.80	19.80	20.00	21.30
Foundry, no. 2, northern (Pitts.)	do													
dol. per long ton		23.14	21.39	21.39	21.39	21.39	21.39	21.39	21.39	21.39	21.39	21.39	22.39	22.89
Production	thous. of long tons	2,999	1,824	2,040	2,404	2,048	2,586	2,394	2,712	2,730	2,992	2,947	3,115	3,212
Cast-iron boilers and radiators:														
Boilers, round:														
Production	thous. of lb.	3,689	3,343	3,954	3,456	3,639	3,339	3,066	3,020	4,793	4,256	2,748	2,584	3,123
Shipments	do	1,897	2,437	1,664	1,683	2,243	3,195	3,905	3,634	5,309	8,633	5,202	3,562	2,244
Stocks, end of month	do	31,857	35,053	37,738	35,429	44,882	41,160	40,314	39,723	38,706	34,338	31,681	29,965	30,090
Boilers, square:														
Production	do	24,497	18,454	17,957	18,176	19,043	21,625	24,867	27,265	29,062	32,748	22,992	23,821	24,084
Shipments	do	11,306	11,955	8,984	11,129	13,552	19,523	20,200	24,658	33,549	45,960	28,642	19,765	13,616
Stocks, end of month	do	148,420	121,258	129,933	127,274	150,558	143,991	139,619	142,225	137,671	123,005	122,143	125,090	135,356
Radiators:														
Convection type:														
Sales, incl. heating elements, cabinets, and grilles	thous. sq. ft. heating surface	478	223	229	278	551	613	803	755	750	789	656	633	427
Ordinary type:														
Production	do	7,692	4,951	5,046	6,345	6,253	5,931	6,821	7,487	7,917	9,914	7,111	7,689	7,180
Shipments	do	3,613	3,086	2,720	3,549	4,175	5,590	8,027	7,785	9,190	12,452	9,475	7,444	4,572
Stocks, end of mo.	do	41,210	32,224	34,779	36,997	40,368	40,179	39,223	39,246	38,216	35,990	34,032	33,020	37,069
Boilers, range, galvanized:														
Orders:														
New	number of boilers	60,149	62,143	62,649	57,631	66,598	73,967	115,834	89,192	91,142	151,230	91,317	129,644	122,930
Unfilled, end of mo., total	do	56,498	25,382	26,094	20,177	25,581	27,279	64,671	50,084	44,518	57,842	39,310	83,949	103,694
Production	do	106,168	65,658	64,227	65,773	60,352	74,240	80,036	96,757	133,848	111,534	91,451	100,364	
Shipments	do	107,345	62,306	61,937	63,548	61,194	72,921	78,442	103,799	96,688	137,906	109,849	85,028	103,185
Stocks, end of month	do	39,622	41,042	43,332	45,557	44,715	38,161	39,755	39,164	39,233	35,175	36,860	43,326	40,505
Boiler and pipe fittings:														
Cast iron:														
Production	short tons	8,693	5,107	5,721	6,032	5,768	5,981	6,414	7,160	8,211	9,989	8,902	9,193	8,818
Shipments	do	8,719	5,217	5,325	5,940	5,923	6,132	7,690	9,529	9,613	10,170	8,134	7,365	8,542
Malleable:														
Production	do	5,922	3,982	3,817	4,296	4,196	4,173	4,233	4,225	5,200	5,639	5,270	5,601	5,544
Shipments	do	6,338	3,475	3,663	4,201	4,442	4,202	4,404	5,697	5,454	5,794	4,618	4,584	5,952
Sanitary Ware														
Plumbing and heating equipment, wholesale price (8 pieces) dollars		224.82	212.25	212.31	212.19	212.10	212.11	221.80	221.80	221.95	222.12	222.35	222.47	223.36
Porcelain enameled flatwear:														
Orders, new, total	do	786,380	877,598	1,088,105	1,005,791	951,022	1,027,198	1,105,921	1,119,943	1,139,842	1,025,742	1,255,817	940,668	
Signs	do	223,994	206,115	265,338	265,199	284,068	292,762	257,132	235,617	201,245	257,344	319,452	224,042	
Table tops	do	196,817	154,201	238,447	187,662	210,834	204,246	355,827	287,987	325,894	240,369	306,329	228,077	
Shipments, total	do	727,162	908,433	1,076,233	1,002,735	978,254	1,055,713	1,057,682	1,192,520	1,298,152	911,011	1,109,110	1,003,919	
Signs	do	189,453	220,427	315,558	281,205	284,574	298,549	285,935	310,116	295,440	214,742	1285,187	203,992	
Table tops	do	187,073	178,295	205,747	189,980	234,884	310,063	310,583	338,500	385,569	221,318	1320,743	260,120	
Steel, Crude and Semimanufactured														
Castings, steel:														
Orders, new, total	short tons	51,701	71,341	83,188	63,950	94,345	74,011	59,393	56,877	59,431	76,394	159,430	114,950	
Percent of capacity		43.4	59.8	69.8	53.6	79.1	62.1	49.8	47.7	49.8	64.1	133.7	96.4	
Railway specialties	short tons	16,650	32,542	45,942	25,755	52,466	34,443	21,455	16,686	17,962	35,714	85,076	62,102	
Production, total	do	47,954	51,674	63,087	64,246	70,323	78,654	81,574	76,617	74,775	68,874	83,615	89,649	
Percent of capacity		40.2	43.3	52.9	53.9	59.0	66.0	68.4	64.2	62.7	57.8	70.1	75.2	
Railway specialties	short tons	15,830	17,385	24,712	25,857	30,802	34,858</td							

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## METALS AND MANUFACTURES—Continued

<b>IRON AND STEEL—Continued</b>													
<b>Steel, Crude and Semimanufactured—Continued</b>													
<b>Prices, wholesale:</b>													
Composite, finished steel.....	dol. per lb.	0.0258	0.0243	0.0237	0.0236	0.0236	0.0236	0.0243	0.0243	0.0241	0.0246	0.0252	0.0257
Steel billets, rerolling (Pittsburgh)	do. per long ton	34.00	29.00	28.20	28.00	28.00	28.00	30.00	30.00	30.40	32.00	32.40	34.00
Structural steel (Pittsburgh).....	dol. per lb.	.0205	.0180	.0180	.0180	.0180	.0181	.0190	.0190	.0190	.0190	.0205	.0205
Steel scrap (Chicago).....	dol. per gross ton	19.44	14.19	14.75	14.34	12.88	12.88	13.38	15.19	16.15	16.25	16.50	18.06
U. S. Steel Corporation:													
Earnings, net.....	thous. of dol.												
Shipments, finished products.....	long tons	1,133,724	676,315	783,552	979,907	984,097	886,065	950,851	923,703	961,803	1,007,417	882,643	1,067,365
<b>Steel, Manufactured Products</b>													
Barrels, steel:													
Orders, unfilled, end of month.....	number	623,803	349,752	341,248	299,745	400,184	452,386	499,838	427,583	456,682	343,347	351,888	800,546
Production.....	do.	622,338	476,465	578,705	650,028	636,449	626,599	677,462	515,380	697,783	835,177	653,971	804,526
Percent of capacity.....	do.	46.3	35.6	43.3	48.5	47.5	46.8	50.6	38.4	51.9	62.1	48.6	61.2
Shipments.....	number	627,755	471,481	577,240	658,657	643,841	627,065	672,974	518,795	694,331	836,983	658,103	793,670
Stocks, end of month.....	do.	21,750	34,155	35,260	26,991	19,599	19,133	23,621	20,206	23,658	21,852	17,720	28,500
Boilers, steel, new orders:													
Area.....	thous. of sq. ft.	872	810	590	784	712	1,131	1,110	1,081	892	969	937	1,872
Quantity.....	number	758	705	594	687	720	1,049	1,091	1,233	1,201	837	915	682
Furniture, steel:													
Office furniture:													
Orders:													
New.....	thous. of dol.		1,427	1,667	1,583	1,514	1,565	1,511	1,517	1,587	1,841	1,734	2,227
Unfilled, end of month.....	do.		882	964	913	975	1,070	918	996	1,033	1,097	1,186	1,363
Shipments.....	do.		1,484	1,586	1,634	1,451	1,470	1,511	1,439	1,550	1,777	1,646	2,113
Shelving:													
Orders:													
New.....	do.		325	419	378	414	448	394	448	433	436	459	670
Unfilled, end of month.....	do.		198	235	229	262	294	358	386	394	395	418	429
Shipments.....	do.		371	382	384	381	416	393	420	425	435	436	571
Safes:													
Orders:													
New.....	do.		189	227	251	228	224	204	205	195	250	238	287
Unfilled, end of month.....	do.		173	190	197	218	216	208	204	178	194	192	228
Shipments.....	do.		185	210	244	207	226	205	209	220	234	240	203
Spring washers, shipments.....	do.		289	219	232	313	251	246	267	199	201	242	299
Plate, fabricated steel, new orders, total													
short tons		30,340	27,863	30,437	30,018	51,443	52,937	60,324	31,990	35,033	33,701	40,465	51,017
Oil storage tanks.....	do.	9,041	5,940	3,620	5,678	9,311	21,861	9,968	8,604	9,446	6,632	6,368	9,320
Sheets, black, blue, galvanized, and full finished:													
Orders:													
New.....	short tons	(1)	138,244	251,818	190,269	191,511	261,439	192,873	207,781	255,557	223,195	294,080	336,758
Unfilled, end of month.....	do.	(1)	231,660	280,493	221,950	217,531	276,551	263,531	237,029	287,746	281,226	372,497	456,811
Production, total.....	do.	(1)	191,359	207,820	217,975	224,056	210,448	217,651	202,456	213,706	235,057	224,031	230,581
Percent of capacity.....	do.	(1)	62.9	68.3	71.6	73.6	69.2	71.5	66.5	70.2	52.6	78.7	84.7
Shipments.....	short tons	(1)	175,702	209,673	252,441	210,127	203,853	213,372	197,156	204,285	223,874	212,130	244,409
Stocks end of month, total.....	do.	(1)	168,572	141,916	124,239	138,510	136,605	138,884	141,328	137,556	133,370	128,906	132,432
Unsold stocks.....	do.	(1)	86,971	70,648	65,783	72,333	75,912	72,603	79,451	71,367	69,355	62,938	59,325
Track work, shipments.....	do.	8,153	4,116	6,258	7,031	7,314	6,507	6,216	6,401	5,722	5,547	4,756	5,579
<b>MACHINERY AND APPARATUS</b>													
Air-conditioning equipment:													
Orders, new:													
Fan group.....	thous. of dol.		690	954	948	1,059	1,106	1,336	1,154	983	1,078	1,044	960
Unit-heater group.....	do.		715	501	576	564	626	763	871	1,013	1,624	1,279	1,141
Electric overhead cranes:													
Orders:													
New.....	do.		921	349	363	572	889	281	404	539	479	416	529
Unfilled, end of month.....	do.		3,427	1,676	1,723	2,026	2,641	2,242	2,085	2,275	1,908	1,999	2,472
Shipments.....	do.		387	373	317	277	268	566	416	412	783	436	664
Electrical equipment. (See Nonferrous metals.)													
Exports, machinery. (See Foreign trade.)													
Foundry equipment:													
Orders:													
New.....	1922-24=100		249.5	110.4	115.0	134.0	165.4	141.4	159.6	145.4	161.0	174.4	200.4
Unfilled, end of month.....	do.		380.0	130.4	94.4	123.2	142.6	130.8	144.5	152.1	162.8	174.0	223.4
Shipments.....	do.		201.8	114.5	124.0	105.1	146.7	153.0	145.7	137.2	150.5	162.9	150.9
Fuel equipment:													
Oil burners:													
Orders:													
New.....	number		7,384	9,431	10,541	12,730	16,038	16,413	22,347	35,252	33,355	15,437	11,135
Unfilled, end of month.....	do.		1,534	2,034	2,365	2,739	4,078	3,041	4,224	4,071	3,467	2,557	3,451
Shipments.....	do.		7,314	8,931	10,210	12,356	14,699	17,450	21,164	35,405	33,959	16,347	11,300
Stocks, end of month.....	do.		14,061	15,109	16,944	18,890	19,341	21,577	23,608	16,538	14,102	15,174	16,082
Pulverizers, orders, new.....	do.		15	29	24	41	27	48	23	34	22	23	38
Mechanical stokers, sales \$:													
Classes 1, 2, and 3.....	do.		2,680	2,652	3,180	3,773	4,712	5,952	9,123	16,139	17,909	8,687	5,513
Classes 4 and 5:													
Number.....													
Horsepower.....													
Machine tools, orders, new	av. mo. shipments 1926=100		165.2	112.1	105.3	125.7	118.9	128.8	150.1	127.5	118.5	136.5	147.1
Pumps:													
Domestic, water, shipments:													
Pitcher, other hand, and windmill units.....													
36,400	43,233	40,679	42,407	52,236	60,054	55,762	47,454	47,548	33,022	32,602	63,722	1,244	
663	976	968	1,250	1,198	1,326	1,412	826	1,306	1,320	1,134			
Power, horizontal type.....													
Measuring and dispensing, shipments: ¶													
Gasoline:													
Hand-operated.....	units		595	630	871	834	621	786	729	886	836	748	767
Power.....	do.		4,001	5,229	8,725	8,937	8,785	9,347	8,971	9,320	8,630	8,306	9,035
Oil, grease, and other:													
Hand-operated.....	do.		6,850	13,798	11,329	11,894	10,706	14,341	10,511	10,563	14,785	15,841	12,884
Power.....	do.		2,019	5,224	3,450	3,936	3,564	3,282					

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Water-softening apparatus, shipments—units—do—	1,002	737	980	1,031	1,014	1,052	845	1,016	954	1,001	990	1,018
Water systems, shipments—do—	7,030	12,059	13,067	13,718	17,295	16,815	14,990	15,537	13,112	11,074	10,864	15,340
Woodworking machinery:												
Orders:												
Canceled—thous. of dol.—	3	5	7	9	9	12	16	9	10	14	7	21
New—do—	412	417	377	439	445	474	571	652	561	737	744	744
Unfilled, end of month—do—	581	632	610	604	597	610	657	819	816	1,050	1,195	1,339
Shipments:												
Quantity—machines—	201	224	217	247	267	280	300	358	314	280	367	314
Value—thous. of dol.—	365	358	383	444	445	439	494	490	557	470	619	571

#### NONFERROUS METALS AND PRODUCTS

##### Metals

Aluminum:												
Imports, bauxite—long tons—	41,603	18,997	19,938	21,685	28,003	41,043	29,113	40,506	22,836	19,178	27,496	29,744
Price, scrap, cast (N. Y.)—dol. per lb—	.1281	.1257	.1263	.1257	.1207	.1188	.1165	.1163	.1198	.1222	.1263	.1274
Babbitt metal (white-base antifriction-bearing metals):												
Production, total—thous. of lb—	2,290	2,013	2,064	2,414	2,312	2,374	2,540	2,495	2,654	2,491	2,362	2,706
For own use—do—	579	524	453	549	420	495	563	772	678	695	570	602
Sales—do—	1,712	1,489	1,612	1,865	1,893	1,879	1,976	1,723	1,977	1,796	1,204	1,846
Copper: <sup>1</sup>												
Exports, refined and mfrs.—short tons—	29,099	19,840	17,874	17,250	20,421	24,516	22,148	24,622	22,737	28,577	24,560	23,490
Imports, total—do—	21,952	16,723	16,428	11,311	15,700	14,670	18,071	15,574	14,639	9,516	23,589	16,702
For smelting, refining and export—do—	18,358	15,700	11,988	10,111	12,926	14,561	14,788	12,980	11,225	8,093	22,321	12,399
Product of Cuba and the Philippine Islands—short tons—	2,133	42	2,938	9	1,467	9	1,512	2	13	24	25	2,974
All other—do—	1,460	981	1,502	1,191	1,307	100	1,771	2,592	3,401	1,399	1,243	1,129
Price, electrolytic (N. Y.)—dol. per lb—	.1343	.0903	.0903	.0917	.0928	.0928	.0935	.0953	.0953	.0956	.1016	.1076
Lead:												
Imports of ore, concentrates, pigs, bars, etc.—short tons—	402	742	946	718	2,967	1,027	1,192	2,997	382	1,742	698	1,073
Ore:												
Receipts, lead content of domestic ore—do—	28,195	29,341	29,535	30,547	31,828	34,137	31,314	30,892	30,910	31,096	32,052	35,760
Shipments, Joplin district—do—	5,398	6,467	4,550	2,950	4,540	3,500	5,880	3,180	2,970	4,880	6,390	4,722
Refined:												
Price, wholesale, pig, desilverized (N. Y.)—dol. per lb—	.0624	.0452	.0460	.0460	.0460	.0460	.0460	.0460	.0460	.0463	.0511	.0555
Production from domestic ore—short tons—	34,986	32,221	32,184	36,175	38,588	36,756	36,883	31,117	29,788	39,317	40,273	41,223
Shipments, reported—do—	50,375	33,086	36,743	40,467	33,125	37,736	38,996	46,388	50,685	59,210	50,313	52,032
Stocks, end of month—do—	156,832	225,010	223,388	220,991	220,409	230,481	231,081	218,233	200,517	183,430	176,960	171,856
Tin:												
Consumption in manufacture of tin and terneplate—long tons—	2,400	2,350	2,850	3,300	3,520	3,260	3,050	3,300	3,300	2,940	3,200	3,070
Deliveries—do—	7,675	5,600	5,620	6,235	5,235	7,795	7,120	5,385	6,200	6,005	5,345	6,930
Imports, bars, blocks, etc.—do—	7,238	6,525	6,104	4,994	5,493	8,134	6,674	6,069	5,626	6,327	5,098	8,339
Price, Straits (N. Y.)—dol. per lb—	.5194	.4792	.4799	.4694	.4630	.4222	.4297	.4257	.4474	.4494	.5131	.5185
Stocks, end of month:												
World, visible supply—long tons—	23,774	17,562	18,664	16,889	18,380	16,448	16,759	17,642	18,898	19,048	23,148	23,787
United States—do—	4,956	3,523	3,968	2,713	2,941	3,054	2,151	3,095	2,860	3,315	3,030	5,095
Zinc:												
Ore, Joplin district:												
Shipments—short tons—	43,837	36,770	38,640	40,060	40,900	29,420	22,060	35,810	35,780	46,500	40,830	44,245
Stocks, end of month—do—	25,130	26,930	28,070	33,560	39,240	41,270	37,180	30,590	31,200	29,990	23,085	-----
Price, prime, western (St. L.)—dol. per lb—	.0647	.0436	.0490	.0490	.0488	.0478	.0480	.0485	.0485	.0497	.0527	.0585
Production, slab, at primary smelters—short tons—	38,010	36,228	42,483	43,252	44,905	44,947	45,553	43,614	42,283	46,297	45,742	47,050
Retorts in operation, end of mo.—number—	42,786	38,004	37,922	41,400	41,048	40,700	41,308	41,672	41,733	43,103	42,965	40,285
Shipments, total—short tons—	47,591	39,918	38,159	42,311	43,977	41,654	41,891	46,085	51,847	54,035	57,107	59,821
Domestic—do—	47,591	39,918	38,159	42,311	43,977	41,654	41,891	46,085	51,847	54,035	57,107	59,821
Stocks, refinery, end of mo.—do—	24,562	75,517	79,841	80,782	81,710	85,003	88,665	86,194	76,630	68,892	57,527	44,756

#### Electrical Equipment

Furnaces, electric, new orders:												
Unit—kilowatts—	3,262	3,903	2,992	3,246	3,637	3,631	2,262	4,391	3,203	2,757	3,365	3,161
Value—thous. of dol.—	215	242	200	253	358	230	168	329	221	146	236	255
Electrical goods, new orders (quarterly):												
thous. of dol.—												
Laminated phenolic products, shipments:												
thous. of dol.—												
Motors (1-200 H. P.):												
Billings (shipments):												
A. C.—thous. of dol.—												
D. C.—do—	1,770	1,815	2,158	2,248	2,513	2,536	2,319	2,466	2,735	2,243	3,266	2,476
Orders, new:												
A. C.—do—	534	425	518	525	554	524	607	661	727	558	811	634
D. C.—do—	1,876	2,134	2,194	2,539	2,915	2,636	2,628	2,691	2,508	2,563	3,955	3,274
Power cables, paper insulated:												
Shipments—thous. of ft—	955	419	446	408	533	536	672	664	655	677	577	732
Value—thous. of dol.—	1,023	328	561	626	697	613	610	734	671	672	607	815
Power switching equipment, new orders:												
Indoor—dollars—												
63,163	57,981	68,080	77,795	72,425	118,256	85,758	75,906	99,621	89,517	124,562	77,303	
Outdoor—do—	156,313	166,011	214,250	162,163	143,868	203,674	165,245	222,832	267,098	192,967	284,308	311,395
Ranges, electric, billed sales—thous. of dol.—	1,699	1,142	2,190	2,213	2,311	2,272	1,678	1,468	1,746	1,708	1,425	1,840
Refrigerators, household, sales—number—												
179,056	272,139	304,089	329,140	237,371	205,098	106,975	80,050	44,380	78,265	123,208	171,405	
Vacuum cleaners, shipments:												
Floor cleaners—do—	112,787	86,084	114,001	104,559	105,275	80,649	71,628	84,108	104,944	109,636	100,983	114,892
Hand-type cleaners—do—	38,477	23,769	35,878	29,588	32,175	22,295	18,765	22,101	39,118	32,944	38,860	40,921
Vulcanized fiber:												
Consumption of fiber paper—thous. of lb—	2,321	1,635	1,830	2,129	2,248	2,116	2,179	2,210	2,185	2,382	2,235	2,446
Shipments—thous. of dol.—	633	417	492	470	471	489	525	485	517	579	510	640

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

Monthly data on copper production, shipments, and stocks for months of 1936, comparable with those shown in the 1936 supplement through 1935, are not available. Classifications changed starting in January 1937, but for all practical purposes the series shown are comparable. Classes 4 and 5 are practically equivalent to former class 4; changes made in classes 1,

Monthly statistics through December 1935, together with explanatory notes and references to the source of the data may be found in the 1936 Supplement to the Survey	1936											1937	
	February	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January

## METALS AND MANUFACTURES—Continued

NONFERROUS METALS AND PRODUCTS—Continued													
<b>Miscellaneous Products</b>													
Brass and bronze (ingots and billets):													
Deliveries..... net tons	9,433	5,645	5,897	6,012	5,747	5,996	6,339	6,379	6,783	8,025	7,773	7,939	10,022
Orders, unfilled, end of mo..... do	30,286	19,761	18,914	22,238	19,288	17,379	25,289	23,717	23,796	32,411	30,436	33,077	29,309
Plumbing fixtures, brass:													
Shipments..... number of pieces	1,878,903	1,155,921	1,210,393	1,275,836	1,274,888	1,345,454	1,502,900	1,428,850	1,561,410	1,657,418	1,539,774	1,804,702	1,929,150
Radiators, convection type:													
Sales:													
Heating elements only, without cabinets or grilles..... thous. of sq. ft. heating surf.	33	62	63	51	74	84	101	140	106	141	103	168	47
Including heating elements, cabinets, & grilles..... thous. of sq. ft. heating surf.	236	121	117	202	233	349	441	415	448	459	426	328	343
Sheets, brass, price, mill..... dol. per lb.	.189	.146	.146	.148	.151	.151	.152	.154	.155	.157	.162	.168	.178
Wire cloth (brass, bronze, and alloy):													
Orders:													
New..... thous. of sq. ft.	215	370	413	369	416	408	384	423	455	505	517	689	1,191
Unfilled, end of mo..... do	1,362	495	516	412	441	500	478	469	528	567	672	774	1,355
Production..... do	488	406	424	450	387	413	413	408	433	501	428	521	535
Shipments..... do	477	416	411	439	386	379	416	406	442	457	418	508	512
Stocks, end of month..... do	781	689	709	702	706	740	718	698	740	764	771	749	774

## PAPER AND PRINTING

WOOD PULP													
<b>Consumption and shipments:<sup>†</sup> <sup>‡</sup></b>													
Total, all grades..... short tons	504,081	428,104	442,488	484,223	476,628	473,075	463,804	483,154	481,745	529,035	504,627	511,019	526,747
Groundwood..... do	122,003	111,841	117,280	127,121	129,305	128,242	120,955	120,403	120,190	137,945	132,914	134,639	131,041
Sulphate..... do	160,859	133,250	140,989	140,867	152,811	151,003	148,729	150,542	157,116	168,533	161,442	158,782	172,386
Sulphite, total..... do	165,613	139,112	137,153	166,413	149,149	148,742	150,673	155,813	156,131	169,416	157,897	161,912	165,192
Bleached..... do	99,373	85,235	85,952	109,146	93,911	95,594	97,032	100,809	98,355	106,994	98,008	99,946	100,255
Unbleached..... do	66,240	53,877	51,201	57,267	55,238	53,148	53,641	55,004	57,776	62,422	59,889	61,966	64,937
Soda..... do	55,556	43,901	47,066	49,822	45,363	45,088	43,447	47,396	48,308	53,141	52,374	56,286	58,128
Production: <sup>†</sup>													
Total, all grades..... do	513,703	433,356	455,842	483,432	490,802	473,980	452,394	475,360	464,735	519,909	501,810	512,057	540,822
Groundwood..... do	130,067	115,419	126,379	137,726	138,146	126,471	111,582	108,962	109,463	130,383	130,436	138,470	139,109
Sulphate..... do	161,343	134,868	140,567	141,860	152,354	151,914	149,027	150,702	154,947	167,030	161,604	159,420	172,559
Sulphite, total..... do	166,958	138,680	143,378	153,572	154,060	150,280	147,855	158,870	151,381	170,089	159,265	158,161	170,968
Bleached..... do	104,713	86,270	89,254	99,951	99,799	96,268	94,850	100,910	94,120	105,935	98,402	106,380	103,676
Unbleached..... do	62,245	52,410	54,124	53,521	54,261	54,012	53,005	57,960	57,261	64,154	60,863	61,781	67,292
Soda..... do	55,335	44,389	45,518	50,274	46,242	45,315	43,930	47,826	48,944	52,407	50,505	56,006	58,186
Stocks, end of month: <sup>†</sup>													
Total, all grades..... do	78,586	93,141	105,476	104,234	116,514	117,402	107,266	100,707	85,310	77,656	75,722	76,614	71,712
Groundwood..... do	27,970	33,524	41,479	50,727	58,396	58,830	48,616	58,646	29,280	22,742	20,600	24,634	22,926
Sulphate..... do	6,435	6,843	6,440	7,471	7,085	7,912	8,232	8,384	6,203	4,784	4,985	5,474	6,014
Sulphite, total..... do	41,640	49,218	55,080	43,239	47,624	49,104	46,529	49,478	45,170	45,999	47,317	43,867	40,091
Bleached..... do	28,489	33,570	36,593	28,276	33,631	34,260	32,304	32,389	28,565	27,651	28,047	24,868	24,246
Unbleached..... do	13,151	15,648	14,872	14,963	13,993	14,844	14,225	17,109	16,605	18,348	19,270	18,999	15,845
Soda..... do	2,541	3,556	2,477	2,797	3,409	3,556	3,889	4,199	4,657	4,131	2,820	2,639	2,681
Imports:													
Chemical..... do	214,115	180,649	143,576	122,060	168,048	235,129	207,444	222,320	208,933	201,284	198,195	215,612	192,788
Groundwood..... do	17,093	13,796	13,905	21,437	14,529	25,628	19,850	28,183	23,572	27,031	26,333	20,735	20,735
Price, sulphite, unbleached..... dol. per 100 lb.	3.01	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.91	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.94	1.98	2.06	2.06	2.06
PAPER													
Total paper:													
Paper, incl. newsprint and paperboard:													
Production <sup>†</sup> ..... short tons	753,581	776,471	867,931	798,060	797,826	846,434	833,038	843,417	984,744	864,309	956,779	911,696	
Paper, excl. newsprint and paperboard:													
Orders, new..... short tons	401,523	483,983	485,208	415,828	406,228	466,482	428,549	459,373	560,150	505,593	613,669	528,764	
Production..... do	410,225	414,714	496,498	432,814	429,324	474,040	439,309	442,692	543,763	462,837	547,958	500,948	
Shipments..... do	400,525	413,778	485,666	424,261	415,506	480,156	426,057	449,087	538,340	457,044	563,997	514,513	
Book paper:													
Coated paper:													
Orders, new..... do	21,746	23,570	31,096	18,610	17,097	16,502	16,876	18,531	18,895	20,554	28,287	28,119	26,676
Orders, unfilled, end of mo..... do	9,257	11,519	17,314	11,336	9,108	8,218	6,578	7,407	6,634	12,659	12,783	11,116	
Production..... do	23,043	22,403	24,697	23,525	21,409	19,260	19,226	20,103	19,239	22,225	22,761	26,835	27,210
Percent of potential capacity.....	103.0	66.5	76.0	79.0	71.0	68.0	66.3	69.4	77.7	83.4	91.0	94.0	
Shipments..... short tons	22,863	23,297	25,998	23,734	21,308	18,497	18,885	20,387	18,983	22,048	22,531	28,952	27,939
Stocks, end of month..... do	11,029	15,349	12,528	11,992	12,093	12,245	12,878	13,284	12,157	12,334	12,336	12,785	11,884
Uncoated paper:													
Orders, new..... do	111,112	100,909	128,902	85,548	72,890	77,313	82,107	85,004	91,452	101,413	115,477	127,834	114,643
Orders, unfilled, end of mo..... do	69,703	43,929	65,508	49,939	37,369	35,013	33,058	33,831	34,208	34,270	54,829	66,230	64,372
Price, eased, machine finished, at mills..... dol. per 100 lb.	5.75	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.38	5.50	5.75
Production..... short tons	104,795	97,893	101,669	107,533	97,369	86,676	89,210	93,988	95,793	103,417	98,939	112,689	111,733
Percent of potential capacity.....	95.7	73.4	80.0	85.4	77.5	71.6	73.4	76.0	83.2	83.5	84.3	86.2	90.6
Shipments..... short tons	103,829	98,299	107,116	105,689	90,507	83,718	86,040	92,611	94,141	101,648	98,448	119,231	114,085
Stocks, end of month..... do	84,191	82,762	73,349	76,033	82,280	83,644	87,036	88,970	94,548	99,724	92,607	86,067	80,267
Fine paper:													
Orders, new..... do	36,999	39,086	44,620	30,922	31,641	37,073	31,516	31,865	30,578	40,033	53,679	48,460	
Orders, unfilled, end of mo..... do	12,813	16,121	16,169	13,194	12,274	10,941	9,084	9,995					

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	February	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
<b>PAPER AND PRINTING—Continued</b>												
<b>PAPER—Continued</b>												
Newsprint:												
Canada:												
Exports.....short tons..	222,945	184,079	256,564	192,894	258,288	283,589	234,050	257,577	278,368	280,733	295,633	286,233
Production.....do.....	275,532	221,325	243,811	258,688	267,753	270,709	272,762	270,363	269,074	301,096	286,235	289,312
Shipments from mills.....do.....	251,256	206,121	240,164	267,263	287,131	263,512	269,929	278,529	268,908	307,250	293,539	316,723
Stocks, at mills, end of mo.....do.....	73,769	91,607	94,204	85,618	66,107	72,597	73,960	65,896	65,718	59,439	51,986	24,506
United States:												
Consumption by publishers.....do.....	200,362	182,313	183,974	183,399	227,216	178,396	170,884	168,289	175,811	203,198	223,813	198,264
Imports.....do.....	204,689	157,456	220,641	203,590	262,580	222,187	205,704	246,186	238,317	260,135	249,153	278,991
Price, rolls, contract, destination (N. Y. basis).....dol. per short ton..	42.50	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	42.50
Production.....short tons..	72,072	72,249	76,500	76,504	75,719	79,820	73,361	74,338	72,206	81,076	79,848	80,048
Shipments from mills.....do.....	74,821	70,650	74,482	77,714	74,838	74,760	72,645	75,599	81,771	80,469	81,910	75,046
Stocks, end of month:												
At mills.....do.....	15,995	15,956	18,163	17,249	15,907	21,031	19,907	20,647	16,878	16,400	15,988	14,239
At publishers.....do.....	241,926	219,685	202,833	189,034	191,162	193,761	201,731	220,145	232,204	236,743	214,568	251,091
In transit to publishers.....do.....	54,213	39,519	40,924	48,663	45,563	40,553	48,099	42,309	42,881	42,106	56,425	54,294
Paperboard:												
Consumption, waste paper.....do.....	226,216	237,601	245,738	241,895	241,656	249,402	268,770	281,046	306,878	274,332	279,068	287,266
Orders, new.....do.....	268,843	290,854	207,984	280,899	290,098	304,747	332,553	353,197	357,783	308,732	350,452	369,950
Orders, unfilled, end of mo.....do.....	91,917	96,202	99,796	92,784	96,402	101,557	117,443	135,732	138,830	127,193	130,472	182,676
Production.....do.....	271,107	285,257	295,899	289,527	288,682	299,033	319,391	328,519	359,849	321,624	328,773	331,386
Percent of capacity.....	68.4	69.4	71.8	70.5	70.5	69.4	76.7	79.1	82.7	79.6	75.6	80.4
Stocks of waste paper, end of month:												
At mills.....short tons..	193,919	204,376	204,353	213,435	218,330	219,042	207,886	191,408	189,590	182,822	199,404	208,259
In transit and unshipped purchases.....short tons..	39,983	38,167	44,306	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
<b>PAPER PRODUCTS</b>												
Abrasive paper and cloth, shipments:												
Domestic.....reams..	80,294	59,936	67,405	77,561	90,064	76,084	69,709	76,191	79,469	85,824	69,952	74,713
Foreign.....do.....	9,972	4,575	9,769	10,241	7,864	9,479	7,306	10,176	7,455	9,377	7,327	11,492
Paperboard shipping boxes:												
Shipments, total.....mills. of sq. ft..	2,434	1,846	2,010	2,095	2,268	2,188	2,249	2,698	2,809	2,650	2,281	2,488
Corrugated.....do.....	2,203	1,653	1,804	1,873	2,035	1,945	1,994	2,382	2,485	2,392	2,092	2,276
Solid fiber.....do.....	231	194	215	233	242	255	317	324	258	189	212	164
<b>PRINTING</b>												
Blank forms, new orders.....thous. of sets..	149,194	84,853	95,189	101,805	96,677	100,725	107,837	104,349	107,421	129,034	140,638	166,970
Book publication, total.....no. of editions..	1,011	842	953	884	990	729	723	880	809	1,195	841	1,074
New books.....do.....	815	676	801	718	795	602	575	731	690	966	732	868
New editions.....do.....	196	166	152	136	195	127	148	159	119	229	109	87
Operations (productive cap.).....1923-25=100.	83	82	84	86	81	80	86	94	98	101	98	99
Sales books, new orders.....thous. of books..	16,057	13,033	15,778	15,031	15,581	17,485	18,384	16,683	16,920	18,513	16,166	19,139
<b>RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS</b>												
<b>CRUDE AND SCRAP RUBBER</b>												
Crude:												
Consumption, total†.....long tons..	50,282	36,746	42,703	51,897	50,482	52,636	48,127	46,657	46,330	49,500	50,303	49,626
For tires and tubes†.....do.....	25,264	26,385	35,390	36,442	38,168	38,380	35,823	35,093	36,520	37,215	37,179	43,330
Imports, total, including latex.....do.....	44,715	34,339	34,874	45,830	37,050	38,273	39,843	41,788	50,163	40,965	38,414	51,382
Price, smoked sheets (N. Y.).....dol. per lb..	213	154	159	159	156	159	165	163	165	180	200	214
Shipments, world.....long tons..	65,000	63,353	68,671	59,261	67,718	65,756	82,355	70,249	71,342	80,552	77,000	71,000
Stocks, world, end of month.....do.....	436,103	599,355	574,594	558,583	533,411	511,931	510,873	492,439	485,488	478,190	458,637	448,414
Afloat, total.....do.....	93,000	85,000	90,000	83,000	89,000	90,000	106,000	99,000	96,600	106,000	106,000	98,000
For United States.....do.....	53,538	46,532	58,935	47,678	48,860	47,228	60,343	63,597	62,240	67,825	73,691	55,567
London and Liverpool.....do.....	63,700	157,028	147,712	140,404	130,590	122,255	113,386	108,215	103,962	96,625	88,781	78,462
British Malaya.....do.....	86,478	72,580	61,045	66,290	50,866	62,426	63,838	63,138	60,287	59,534	60,230	62,114
United States.....do.....	192,565	284,797	275,837	268,888	253,955	237,220	227,649	222,086	225,239	216,031	203,626	204,838
Reclaimed rubber†.....												
Consumption.....do.....	13,485	7,366	8,768	10,333	10,396	11,548	11,816	10,993	11,171	12,606	12,020	12,984
Production.....do.....	15,192	10,188	10,712	11,352	11,512	11,935	12,330	12,856	12,959	14,737	14,357	15,938
Stocks, end of month.....do.....	31,903	28,267	21,774	22,256	22,852	22,634	22,521	23,749	24,950	26,389	28,135	30,572
Scrap rubber:												
Consumption by reclaimers (quar.).....do.....			28,994				31,033			33,741		
<b>TIRES AND TUBES;</b>												
Pneumatic casings:												
Production.....thousands..		3,577	3,638	4,854	4,971	5,610	5,465	5,014	4,981	5,125	4,969	5,308
Shipments, total.....do.....		3,211	3,856	4,903	5,832	5,792	5,744	4,976	3,836	4,081	4,232	5,015
Domestic.....do.....		3,142	3,784	4,836	5,752	5,711	5,678	4,911	3,768	4,012	4,162	4,925
Stocks, end of month.....do.....		9,265	9,087	9,034	8,176	7,833	7,746	7,703	9,005	10,089	10,814	11,105
Inner tubes:												
Production.....do.....		3,556	3,787	4,824	4,819	5,035	5,177	5,039	5,161	5,397	4,739	5,121
Shipments, total.....do.....		3,446	3,796	4,746	4,919	5,504	5,758	5,130	4,231	4,108	3,995	4,819
Domestic.....do.....		3,393	3,737	4,681	4,853	5,442	5,544	5,093	4,031	4,055	3,948	4,754
Stocks, end of month.....do.....		8,699	8,692	8,758	8,719	8,105	7,725	7,621	9,977	10,732	10,985	10,985
Raw material consumed:												
Crude rubber. (See Crude rubber.)												
Fabrics.....thous. of lb..		14,888	16,564	20,458	21,110	22,833	22,532	21,175	20,974	21,690	21,744	22,649
<b>MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS</b>												
Single and double texture proofed fabrics:												
Production.....thous. of yd..		4,342	2,759	3,268	3,869	3,268	3,526	3,667	4,145	4,849	4,650	3,672
Rubber and canvas footwear†:												
Production, total.....thous. of pairs..			5,231	5,905	5,876	5,227	5,659	4,571	5,588	6,003	6,751	6,496
Tennis.....do.....			2,498	2,937	2,888	2,058	2,018	1,244	1,377	1,150	1,250	1,461
Waterproof.....do.....			2,732	2,969	2,988	3,170	3,611	3,327	4,212	4,853	5,471	5,035
Shipments, total.....do.....			4,818	5,041	4,970	4,429	4,334	5,431	6,877	8,063	7,897	6,502
Tennis.....do.....			1,929	3,019	3,519	2,791	2,034	1,443	1,481	796	588	1,295
Waterproof.....do.....			2,800	2,022	1,451	1,096	1,543	3,397	5,435	6,582	7,102	5,914
Shipments, domestic, total.....do.....			4,788	5,011	4,928	4,309	4,200	5,407	6,851			

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	1937	1936											1937
		February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	

## STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS

<b>BRICK</b>													
Common brick:													
Price, wholesale, composite, f. o. b. plant dol. per thous.		11.941	11.599	11.685	11.691	11.738	11.777	11.779	11.775	11.813	11.788	11.777	11.818
Shipments.....thous. of brick		44,736	109,641	154,473	171,418	172,892	170,135	172,748	173,723	189,104	163,246	141,080	107,777
Stocks, end of month.....do		405,866	363,932	322,719	335,768	368,638	398,870	417,660	419,872	433,730	450,194	456,543	442,209
Face brick: <sup>*</sup>													
Shipments.....do		9,940	36,475	51,642	65,694	67,340	63,049	58,946	58,797	60,877	46,991	36,970	30,435
Stocks, end of month.....do		297,175	288,835	278,152	269,004	264,056	264,335	270,048	269,206	269,085	276,793	289,657	298,784
Vitrified paving brick:													
Shipments.....do		2,052	4,856	7,858	8,972	11,476	10,920	8,724	10,800	11,614	9,738	5,099	3,146
Stocks, end of month.....do		79,677	79,408	76,073	75,447	71,800	68,380	70,683	71,400	68,319	64,034	62,554	61,369
<b>PORTLAND CEMENT</b>													
Price, wholesale, composite.....dol. per bbl.		1.667	1.667	1.667	1.667	1.667	1.667	1.667	1.667	1.667	1.667	1.667	1.667
Production.....thous. of bbl.		5,837	3,475	5,311	8,612	11,104	11,377	11,503	12,599	12,347	12,470	10,977	8,971
Percent of capacity.....		29.6	16.4	23.4	39.2	48.9	52.3	51.3	56.2	56.0	50.9	40.3	30.4
Shipments.....thous. of bbl.		5,163	3,177	7,186	9,182	11,240	12,521	11,823	12,624	12,619	13,089	8,942	6,246
Stocks, finished, end of month.....do		25,069	22,971	21,126	20,571	20,431	19,281	18,975	18,920	18,738	18,079	20,117	22,441
Stocks, clinker, end of month.....do		6,795	5,590	5,625	5,328	5,071	4,912	5,079	4,931	4,838	4,980	5,180	5,564
<b>CLAY PRODUCTS</b>													
Bathroom accessories:													
Production.....number of pieces		652,251	290,290	361,790	426,292	482,953	555,949	722,763	677,152	792,220	938,135	973,750	726,183
Shipments.....do		633,059	235,499	321,106	377,971	461,334	550,875	716,715	650,883	747,459	908,603	964,479	679,623
Stocks, end of month.....do		415,324	395,041	425,365	455,938	458,916	443,222	431,774	428,162	441,989	434,296	427,509	416,742
<b>GLASS PRODUCTS</b>													
Glass containers:													
Production.....thous. of gross		3,880	3,047	3,339	3,604	3,810	3,898	3,844	4,403	3,994	4,250	3,880	4,033
Percent of capacity.....		73.8	55.4	58.4	63.0	69.3	68.1	67.2	77.0	72.6	72.2	74.2	71.3
Shipments.....do		3,767	3,031	3,434	3,604	3,996	3,999	4,179	4,346	4,345	4,310	3,611	3,675
Stocks, end of month.....thous. of gross		7,459	8,410	8,270	8,224	7,942	7,792	7,488	7,422	7,015	6,828	7,006	7,291
Illuminating glassware:													
Orders:													
New and contract.....number of turns		2,473	1,853	2,110	2,381	2,193	2,355	2,356	2,594	2,899	3,433	3,150	2,926
Unfilled, end of month.....do		2,894	1,883	1,904	2,109	2,189	2,274	2,474	2,620	2,783	3,057	3,102	2,953
Production.....do		2,849	2,148	1,866	2,039	2,085	2,171	2,138	2,154	2,591	3,106	3,037	3,354
Shipments.....do		2,688	1,978	1,913	2,127	2,086	2,250	1,996	2,374	2,684	3,095	2,980	3,075
Stocks, end of month.....do		3,935	4,045	3,887	3,916	3,954	4,009	4,135	3,123	3,056	3,103	3,236	3,421
Plate glass, production.....thous. of sq. ft.		18,670	13,857	16,057	19,455	19,192	16,244	16,428	18,710	19,553	20,843	13,084	7,371
<b>GYPSUM (QUARTERLY)</b>													
Crude:													
Imports.....short tons			7,735										
Production.....do			355,875										
Shipments.....do			93,338										
Calcinced, production.....do			310,448										
Calcinced products, shipments:													
Board, plaster, and lath.....thous. of sq. ft.			57,818										
Board, wall.....do			60,361										
Cement, Keene's.....short tons			5,768										
Plasters, neat, wood fiber, sanded gauging finish, etc.....short tons			205,353										
For pottery, terra cotta, plate glass, mixing plants, etc.....short tons			38,834										
Tile, partition.....thous. of sq. ft.			2,716										
<b>TERRA COTTA</b>													
Orders, new:													
Quantity.....short tons		3,612	1,105	1,050	1,945	1,390	1,706	975	1,507	1,120	982	1,492	1,372
Value.....thous. of dol.		243	138	146	215	159	202	110	189	134	120	128	171
<b>TILE</b>													
Hollow building tile:													
Shipments.....short tons		21,952	48,330	68,536	78,774	89,415	90,521	95,106	89,264	92,643	71,919	62,418	51,297
Stocks, end of month.....do		327,112	318,059	310,262	312,141	311,830	306,998	303,043	309,960	315,242	333,108	344,131	349,103

## TEXTILE PRODUCTS

<b>CLOTHING</b>													
Hosiery:													
Production.....thous. of dozen pairs		9,252	9,832	10,201	9,270	9,479	9,983	10,111	10,828	11,566	10,716	11,280	11,364
Shipments.....do		8,662	10,420	10,176	9,379	8,847	9,322	11,156	12,117	12,235	10,846	11,084	9,845
Stocks, end of month.....do		19,951	19,464	19,589	19,581	20,314	21,182	20,344	19,263	18,801	18,879	19,312	20,830
<b>COTTON</b>													
Consumption.....thous. of bales		664	516	551	577	531	555	607	574	630	646	627	603
Exports (excluding linters).....do		463	406	405	353	352	298	156	182	570	861	690	594
Ginnings (total crop to end of month indicated).....thous. of bales													
Imports (excluding linters).....do		23	18	16	13	20	12	20	13	41	6,031	9,431	11,705
Prices:													
To producer.....dol. per lb.		.124	.110	.109	.112	.112	.114	.126	.122	.125	.122	.120	.124
Wholesale, middling (New York).....do		.131	.116	.114	.117	.117	.120	.132	.123	.123	.123	.122	.130
Production (crop estimate).....thous. of bales													
Receipts into sight.....do		652	601	496	437	381	310	201	808	2,910	3,510	2,236	1,149
Stocks, end of month:													
Domestic, total.....do		8,022	8,653	7,907	7,179	6,329	5,514	4,834	5,089	7,655	9,431	10,211	9,790
Mills.....do		2,056	1,405	1,337	1,190	1,090	989	897	752	849	1,403	1,792	2,001
Warehouses.....do		5,966	7,248	6,570	5,990	5,239	4,524	3,938	4,337	6,806	8,028	8,418	6,778
World visible supply, total.....do		7,457	7,385	6,825	6,540	6,025	5,423	4,899	4,748	6,378	7,67		

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<b>TEXTILE PRODUCTS—Continued</b>														
<b>COTTON MANUFACTURES</b>														
Cotton cloth:														
Exports.....	thous. of sq. yd.	15,892	15,392	21,745	19,685	18,840	16,843	18,527	24,412	14,387	15,359	12,843	13,750	14,502
Imports.....	do	19,278	8,799	12,316	9,836	8,680	14,624	4,705	5,802	7,098	8,034	9,648	15,123	15,591
Prices, wholesale:														
Print cloth, 64 x 60.....	dol. per yd.	.076	.056	.055	.053	.051	.054	.059	.059	.060	.068	.077	.080	.081
Sheeting, brown, 4 x 4.....	do	.086	.071	.070	.067	.065	.068	.072	.075	.075	.077	.080	.086	.086
Cotton cloth finishing:														
Production:														
Bleached, plain.....	thous. of yd.	110,442	92,807	107,893	104,837	105,062	104,630	101,904	104,667	107,706	121,419	105,188	123,125	115,127
Dyed, colors.....	do	88,711	90,390	101,739	103,305	98,345	90,398	91,620	100,061	100,042	105,698	88,383	101,301	* 98,409
Dyed, black.....	do	4,457	4,118	4,140	4,087	4,364	4,675	6,357	7,690	6,420	5,831	4,767	5,670	* 5,117
Printed.....	do	83,896	91,860	95,274	91,074	89,518	90,338	91,273	91,157	86,514	88,890	83,760	91,839	* 93,082
Stocks, end of month:														
Bleached and dyed.....	do	180,796	198,508	183,292	187,333	191,956	188,124	135,548	154,264	171,340	166,771	172,559	183,108	179,435
Printed.....	do	78,715	103,179	99,684	93,275	103,419	105,782	94,557	88,815	86,798	80,328	79,152	83,691	79,109
Spindle activity:														
Active spindles.....	thousands	24,536	23,348	23,182	23,119	22,833	23,021	23,252	23,434	23,514	23,638	23,806	24,090	24,365
Active spindle hrs., total.....	millions of hrs.	8,353	6,735	7,254	7,313	6,896	7,320	7,855	7,573	8,088	8,328	7,997	8,679	8,587
Average per spindle in place.....	hours	308	233	251	255	242	259	279	270	289	298	288	313	315
Operations.....	per. of capacity	144.8	105.2	107.9	110.7	105.2	111.0	119.8	115.8	123.8	123.3	129.9	134.5	137.7
Cotton yarn:														
Prices, wholesale:														
22/lb, cones (Boston).....	dol. per lb	.344	.290	.278	.274	.271	.271	.295	.301	.303	.304	.311	.341	.347
40/lb, southern spinning.....	do	.482	.450	.435	.426	.426	.413	.426	.430	.444	.448	.452	.483	.513
<b>RAYON AND SILK</b>														
Rayon:														
Deliveries, Index:														
Unadjusted.....	1923-25=100	549	517	422	433	428	498	614	633	537	504	538	562	* 537
Adjusted.....	do	482	454	399	416	446	623	808	586	387	475	611	662	* 548
3-mo. moving average.....	do	447	423	420	495	628	672	594	483	494	583	607	564	
Imports.....	thous. of lb	2,095	611	346	551	683	699	1,242	2,441	2,072	1,113	1,513	1,540	1,494
Price, wholesale, 150 denier, "A" grade (N. Y.).....	dol. per lb	.60	.57	.57	.57	.57	.68	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60
Stocks, producers, end of mo.	no. of months' supply	0.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
Silk:														
Deliveries (consumption).....	bales	38,484	32,053	36,000	34,564	32,087	31,437	36,658	42,016	45,709	43,093	40,401	41,627	44,198
Imports, raw.....	thous. of lb	6,472	5,518	3,480	4,647	4,066	4,143	4,753	6,315	6,900	6,953	7,214	7,275	7,413
Price, wholesale, raw, Japanese, 13-15 (N. Y.)	dol. per lb	1.993	1.784	1.733	1.682	1.600	1.597	1.714	1.791	1.698	1.756	1.935	1.968	2.051
Stocks, end of month:														
Total visible supply†.....	bales	152,808	179,380	167,689	161,498	150,266	135,609	145,439	156,125	155,253	157,500	165,713	180,114	100,944
United States (warehouses).....	do	49,408	64,680	53,689	46,098	40,066	35,409	30,139	29,825	29,553	30,300	40,713	44,414	50,544
<b>WOOL</b>														
Consumption of scoured wool:¶														
Apparel class.....	thous. of lb	25,722	24,666	20,209	20,554	17,297	20,075	24,785	23,030	21,477	25,861	23,927	27,851	28,814
Carpet class.....	do	12,814	7,357	7,424	8,792	6,945	7,191	9,058	8,539	9,207	11,880	9,937	11,355	12,802
Imports, unmanufactured.....	do	46,292	21,212	25,298	23,883	17,207	17,541	16,079	17,546	19,639	23,550	25,548	29,037	46,890
Operations, machinery activity:														
Combs	percent of active hours to total reported	123	* 116	88	74	72	93	93	106	95	97	109	123	116
Looms:														
Carpet and rug.....	do	72	52	50	50	48	48	47	56	61	66	64	67	64
Narrow.....	do	59	* 43	38	36	34	36	36	43	41	46	42	52	56
Broad.....	do	100	* 89	80	76	76	74	69	73	66	72	82	94	97
Spinning spindles:														
Woolen.....	do	111	* 94	85	82	87	87	90	97	88	90	96	110	105
Worsted.....	do	89	* 70	59	60	57	57	59	68	65	74	83	92	88
Prices, wholesale:														
Raw, territory, fine, scoured.....	dol. per lb	1.07	.92	.93	.88	.87	.90	.89	.89	.89	.90	.98	1.06	1.11
Raw, Ohio and Penn, fleeces.....	do	.50	.42	.42	.37	.37	.38	.39	.38	.38	.39	.43	.49	.52
Suiting, unfinished worsted, 13 oz. (at factory).....	dol. per yd	2,005	1,733	1,742	1,782	1,782	1,782	1,745	1,634	1,652	1,782	1,955	1,955	
Women's dress goods, French serge, 54" (at mill).....	dol. per yd	1,188	1,101	1,114	1,114	1,114	1,114	1,114	1,074	1,064	1,101	1,139	1,151	
Worsted yarn, 32's, crossbred stock (Boston).....	dol. per lb	1.50	1.33	1.33	1.30	1.28	1.30	1.29	1.28	1.26	1.25	1.34	1.47	1.49
Receipts at Boston, total.....	thous. of lb	38,618	18,581	22,258	20,495	25,599	54,421	66,708	21,694	16,156	15,478	20,280	18,911	28,602
Domestic.....	do	2,407	4,576	4,845	6,071	21,761	50,424	64,300	20,101	13,153	12,060	15,515	6,139	5,126
Foreign.....	do	36,212	14,006	17,413	14,424	3,838	3,997	2,408	1,592	3,004	3,418	4,766	12,772	23,476
Stocks, scoured basis, end of quarter, total	thous. of lb		105,096			147,057				126,846			128,134	
Woolen, total.....	do		44,667			48,747				44,574			44,076	
Domestic.....	do		32,003			38,024				35,350			33,711	
Foreign.....	do		12,664			10,723				9,224			10,365	
Worsted, total.....	do		60,429			98,310				82,272			84,058	
Domestic.....	do		28,470			72,874				65,161			44,201	
Foreign.....	do		31,959			25,436				17,111			39,857	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS</b>														
Buttons, fresh-water pearl:														
Production.....	pct. of capacity	64.7	53.7	53.4	51.9	51.2	50.5	42.6	55.2	56.0	81.0	62.2	66.3	58.4
Stocks, end of month.....	thous. of gross	6,612	7,956	7,989	8,003	8,046	8,061	7,690	7,660	7,550	7,461	7,395	7,349	* 6,725
Fur, sales by dealers.....	thous. of dol.	* 4,316	3,761	4,045	4,053	3,857	3,133	3,433	3,575	2,808	2,297	2,850	3,941	* 3,983
Pyroxylin-coated textiles (artificial leather):														
Orders, unfilled, end of mo. thous. linear yd.....		4,731	1,943	2,475	2,459	2,273	2,000	2,460	2,612	2,668	2,410	2,684	3,633	4,110
Pyroxylin spread.....	thous. of lb	6,498	3,894	5,121	5,647	5,423	4,930	4,686	5,375	6,087	6,081	5,321	5,648	5,965
Shipments, billed.....	thous. linear yd.	5,806	3,876	4,689	5,118	5,013	4,608	4,501	4,972	5,232	5,408	5,094	5,495	5,618

\*Preliminary.

† Revised.

† Revised series. For data for period July 1930-December 1936 see table 11, p. 20 of the February 1937 issue.

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	February	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
<b>TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT</b>												
<b>AIRPLANES</b>												
Production, total † number	151	209	233	308	394	263	366	212	247	207	267	—
Commercial (licensed) † do	75	99	106	201	240	136	260	124	120	99	107	—
Military (deliveries) † do	41	86	95	72	73	59	45	68	96	76	95	—
For export † do	35	24	32	35	81	68	61	20	31	32	65	—
<b>AUTOMOBILES</b>												
Exports: Canada:												
Assembled, total number	4,424	4,573	7,603	3,726	5,222	4,424	4,545	3,414	3,514	2,886	5,132	3,904
Passenger cars do	2,339	3,537	1,607	3,108	3,945	3,438	3,367	2,335	2,153	1,822	4,715	2,772
United States:												
Assembled, total do	27,528	25,959	28,920	26,053	28,575	24,042	22,525	15,728	10,939	16,720	27,428	35,289
Passenger cars do	17,014	16,046	18,921	17,727	14,987	12,714	8,323	4,564	9,894	20,032	24,788	20,099
Trucks do	10,514	9,913	9,999	8,330	10,848	9,055	9,811	7,405	6,375	6,826	7,396	10,501
Financing:												
Retail purchasers, total thous. of dol	87,169	143,515	172,982	176,316	186,550	168,685	140,436	122,158	100,696	107,837	141,036	102,021
New cars do	55,232	94,664	116,297	116,569	125,916	112,795	91,206	76,563	58,486	70,572	94,075	61,437
Used cars do	31,432	48,044	55,705	58,695	59,606	54,980	48,368	44,768	41,580	36,598	46,055	40,045
Unclassified do	505	807	980	1,051	1,028	910	881	828	630	667	806	539
Wholesale (mftrs. to dealers) do	113,830	154,147	189,481	180,665	174,277	162,404	127,032	55,341	72,086	129,829	180,422	154,260
Fire-extinguishing equipment, shipments:												
Motor-vehicle apparatus number	58	42	52	53	48	56	67	69	59	64	71	50
Hand-type do	39,654	23,531	30,639	32,430	32,496	35,110	38,560	36,573	31,105	34,309	31,440	35,106
Production:												
Automobiles:												
Canada, total do	19,707	13,268	18,021	24,951	20,006	16,400	10,475	4,660	4,655	5,361	10,812	20,411
Passenger cars do	14,415	10,853	14,488	20,247	16,389	13,126	8,192	3,051	2,481	4,592	10,086	16,542
United States, total do	363,930	287,606	420,971	502,775	460,565	452,955	440,999	271,291	135,130	224,628	394,890	498,721
Passenger cars do	296,487	224,816	343,523	417,133	385,507	375,894	372,402	209,754	90,597	190,688	341,456	426,019
Trucks do	67,443	62,790	77,448	85,642	75,058	77,061	68,597	61,537	44,533	33,940	53,434	72,702
Automobile rims thous. of rims	2,022	1,261	1,841	2,258	2,959	1,876	1,716	935	1,104	1,847	2,173	1,942
Registrations:												
New passenger cars number	206,000	176,668	301,272	397,190	392,750	369,423	357,490	262,912	208,896	171,319	223,560	327,303
New commercial cars do	41,000	40,301	52,430	64,957	62,183	56,851	63,095	59,222	54,611	41,207	30,222	42,205
Sales (General Motors Corporation):												
To consumers in U. S. do	51,600	96,134	181,782	200,117	194,628	189,756	163,459	133,804	85,201	44,274	155,552	173,472
To dealers, total do	74,567	144,874	196,721	229,467	226,603	217,931	204,693	121,943	19,288	90,764	191,720	239,114
To U. S. dealers do	49,674	116,762	162,418	194,695	187,119	186,146	177,436	99,775	4,669	69,334	156,041	197,065
Accessories and parts:												
Shipments, combined index Jan. 1925=100	123	149	162	150	157	136	110	114	138	150	164	154
Accessories for original equip do	127	160	181	163	166	145	108	108	144	167	198	178
Accessories to wholesalers do	160	120	130	110	112	88	75	98	99	96	83	93
Replacement parts do	116	109	125	130	151	148	147	153	158	139	113	116
Service equipment do	84	97	104	113	115	109	106	105	109	103	91	99
<b>RAILWAY EQUIPMENT</b>												
(Association of American Railroads)												
Freight cars owned & on order, end of mo.:												
Owned:												
Capacity mills. of lb.	160,892	172,939	172,820	172,460	172,341	172,156	172,033	171,934	171,700	171,710	171,586	170,410
Number thousands	1,738	1,784	1,780	1,778	1,776	1,772	1,769	1,767	1,763	1,762	1,759	1,741
In bad order number	201,960	254,598	249,296	253,125	260,013	254,447	258,198	256,903	241,573	226,095	217,243	205,146
Percent in bad order	11.7	9.556	14.5	14.2	14.5	14.9	14.6	14.8	13.9	13.0	12.5	11.9
Orders, unfilled cars	39,729	12,629	13,478	15,633	22,964	25,311	24,373	20,530	18,434	13,291	16,579	23,421
Equipment manufacturers do	31,214	4,052	5,471	7,035	14,646	15,907	15,092	12,924	11,787	7,251	10,974	17,755
In railroad shops do	8,515	8,577	8,007	8,648	8,318	9,404	9,281	7,606	6,647	6,040	5,605	5,686
Locomotives owned and on order, end of mo.:												
Owned:												
Tractive effort mills. of lb.	2,164	2,197	2,194	2,193	2,189	2,186	2,185	2,182	2,179	2,176	2,173	2,166
Number	43,879	45,088	45,009	44,966	44,835	44,743	44,682	44,564	44,451	44,314	44,208	44,035
Awaiting classified repairs number	7,142	9,556	9,642	9,610	9,389	9,119	8,906	8,736	8,369	7,929	7,782	7,350
Percent of total	16.3	21.2	21.4	21.4	21.0	20.4	19.9	19.6	18.8	17.9	17.6	16.5
Installed number	30	46	53	60	65	91	60	53	106	57	58	95
Retired do	132	138	132	103	196	184	124	171	215	223	157	250
Orders, unfilled do	375	37	52	52	58	67	65	43	50	67	111	297
Equipment manufacturers do	352	30	40	40	49	59	57	35	44	64	102	279
In railroad shops do	23	7	12	12	9	8	8	6	3	9	18	23
Passenger cars:												
Owned by railroads do			40,199			39,912			39,705		39,602	
Unfilled orders do			65			139			183		177	
(U. S. Bureau of the Census)												
Locomotives:												
Orders, unfilled, end of mo., total do	416	84	95	101	106	114	115	106	113	125	330	368
Domestic do	412	78	90	95	100	111	112	101	102	117	321	384
Electric do	31	33	33	33	33	35	37	35	39	36	34	30
Steam do	381	45	57	62	67	76	75	66	63	81	287	334
Shipments, domestic, total do	9	1	0	4	5	11	12	18	13	7	9	21
Electric do	0	1	0	3	0	2	3	2	2	4	3	3
Steam do	9	0	0	1	5	9	9	16	11	3	6	18
Industrial electric (quarterly):												
Shipments, total do			58			104			79		109	
Mining use do			58			103			79		104	
(American Railway Car Institute)												
Shipments:												
Freight cars, total do	2,644	430	189	2,168	2,514	2,172	1,930	3,854	4,064	5,205	3,799	3,513
Domestic do	2,615	430	186	2,066	2,299	2,056	1,924	3,804	4,963	5,205	3,799	3,433
Passenger cars, total do	28	0	4	5	5	12	0	2	1	40	16	2
Domestic do	28	0	4	5	5	12	0	2	1	40	16	12
(Railway Age)												
New orders:												
Freight cars do	10,532	7,236	627	3,650	9,677	4,320	4,469	3,225	3,100	1,310	1,550	17,230
Locomotives do	33	46	13	15	10	24	9	3	24	22	174	88
Passenger cars do	154	37	0	50	0	20	34	0	0	5	50	70

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† Revised.

† Revised series. For 1936 revisions see p. 55 of the March 1937 issue.

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	February	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January		
<b>TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT—Continued</b>															
<b>RAILWAY EQUIPMENT—Continued</b> <i>(U. S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce)</i>															
Exports of locomotives, total.....number.....	3	1	4	1	3	6	8	3	2	7	3	9	4		
Electric.....do.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	3	0		
Steam.....do.....	3	1	4	1	3	6	8	1	2	6	2	6	4		
<b>INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC TRUCKS AND TRACTORS</b>															
Shipments, total.....number.....	142	75	89	112	91	88	113	125	112	124	111	129	152		
Domestic.....do.....	126	71	86	99	86	84	110	115	101	113	103	122	146		
Exports.....do.....	16	4	3	13	5	4	3	10	11	11	8	7	8		
<b>SHIPBUILDING</b>															
United States:															
Vessels under construction, all types thous. gross tons.....	133	137	154	154	154	213	221	210	201	223	248	237			
Steam and motor.....do.....	76	78	86	91	94	132	169	159	151	153	180	163			
Unrigged.....do.....	57	59	68	63	60	81	52	51	50	70	68	73			
Vessels launched, all types.....gross tons.....	12,277	10,543	26,929	25,507	5,161	3,911	9,999	23,282	24,007	12,298	24,048	21,600			
Powered:															
Steam.....do.....	7,500	0	7,300	8,850	0	0	0	9,300	7,451	9,874	16,614	17,571			
Motor.....do.....	100	1,699	905	576	125	475	1,441	0	810	250	297	0			
Unrigged.....do.....	4,677	8,844	18,724	16,081	5,036	3,436	8,558	13,982	15,746	2,174	7,137	4,029			
Steel.....do.....	12,277	10,543	26,929	25,161	5,036	3,436	9,758	23,282	24,007	12,098	24,048	21,600			
Vessels officially numbered, all types gross tons.....	66,628	18,429	20,898	21,321	24,442	22,040	15,949	14,118	5,953	44,091	31,871	44,737	36,591		
Steel.....do.....	17,557	17,297	13,356	8,024	15,442	12,885	11,407	3,992	2,857	33,423	22,607	14,879	20,791		
World (quarterly):															
Launched:															
Number.....ships.....		148				230			258			253			
Tonnage.....thous. gross tons.....		394				467			516			684			
Under construction:															
Number.....ships.....		537				588			581			618			
Tonnage.....thous. gross tons.....		1,820				1,951			2,111			2,251			

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Physical volume of business: †															
Combined index.....1926=100.....	115.0	104.8	104.0	111.0	107.6	111.1	110.8	113.5	120.0	121.5	118.0	118.4	116.9		
Industrial production:															
Combined index.....do.....	117.7	105.0	105.2	113.1	108.5	113.0	112.0	115.8	123.9	125.5	121.7	121.1	119.4		
Construction.....do.....	45.5	44.5	52.4	39.3	39.5	48.2	43.7	37.9	44.5	44.0	42.7	40.8	37.7		
Electric power.....do.....	225.3	196.3	210.4	223.0	210.3	215.8	215.8	212.4	211.0	225.7	215.6	219.3	223.5		
Manufacturing.....do.....	116.4	100.8	102.2	110.7	106.4	111.3	109.5	114.8	126.5	129.0	125.5	123.1	122.8		
Forestry.....do.....	138.1	111.2	116.0	125.6	116.3	124.1	124.2	121.9	128.2	132.4	133.0	150.4	149.9		
Mining.....do.....	170.1	165.6	142.9	174.1	165.5	160.6	169.0	180.8	171.7	163.0	157.2	168.5	156.8		
Distribution:															
Combined index.....do.....	107.2	104.2	100.5	104.8	104.9	105.6	107.3	106.9	108.5	109.9	107.4	110.6	109.8		
Carloading.....do.....	77.7	75.2	72.2	74.6	71.8	73.6	79.3	79.5	81.6	78.0	74.4	85.0	79.4		
Exports (volume).....do.....	97.9	92.9	87.8	109.8	106.5	104.3	107.9	117.5	108.7	115.8	106.1	107.6	107.4		
Imports (volume).....do.....	84.4	82.5	74.5	87.6	82.9	88.7	85.7	79.0	85.3	96.6	95.7	93.5	93.3		
Trade employment.....do.....	130.5	127.3	124.2	125.1	128.5	127.8	128.0	127.2	129.1	130.2	129.0	129.5	131.2		
Agricultural marketings:															
Combined index.....do.....	31.4	59.1	77.1	81.1	149.5	45.1	77.5	117.6	116.6	90.3	72.7	51.0	42.0		
Grain.....do.....	17.9	51.3	73.5	77.9	163.5	32.4	74.8	124.5	120.1	89.9	67.9	40.1	29.6		
Livestock.....do.....	91.7	94.3	93.0	95.0	86.7	101.8	89.2	86.9	90.9	92.2	94.0	99.6	97.2		
Commodity prices:															
Cost of living.....do.....	81.8	80.1	80.4	79.6	80.0	80.0	80.4	81.0	81.1	81.1	81.4	81.7	81.6		
Wholesale prices.....do.....	82.9	72.5	72.4	72.2	71.8	72.3	74.4	76.2	76.4	77.1	79.7	81.3	81.1		
Employment (first of month):															
Combined index.....do.....	98.4	98.9	97.4	99.5	102.0	104.6	105.6	107.1	110.1	111.0	110.1	103.8			
Construction and maintenance.....do.....	74.4	78.2	71.8	79.4	87.0	97.4	102.9	109.0	103.9	99.6	80.1	61.2			
Manufacturing.....do.....	98.5	99.5	101.1	102.7	103.4	104.7	104.9	105.9	109.0	107.7	107.0	102.4			
Mining.....do.....	129.4	129.1	128.2	127.4	132.1	131.4	137.9	140.2	147.9	151.8	150.3	145.6			
Service.....do.....	116.4	117.5	118.5	120.4	123.0	131.7	135.8	137.5	127.4	124.9	122.4	124.8			
Trade.....do.....	121.6	123.1	121.0	123.3	127.1	127.3	126.3	126.3	129.6	132.0	136.0	136.9			
Transportation.....do.....	78.2	78.9	78.5	82.8	85.4	87.1	88.7	89.4	88.3	87.1	86.5	81.4			
Finance:															
Banking:															
Bank debits.....mill. of dol.....	2,732	2,767	2,599	2,774	2,979	3,136	2,804	2,619	3,134	3,328	3,303	3,405	3,227		
Interest rates.....1926=100.....	80.7	77.3	78.5	76.6	73.3	72.0	71.2	69.9	72.2	71.8	69.7				
Commercial failures.....number.....	131	103	91	100	104	87	88	94	94	94					
Life insurance, new paid for ordinary thous. of dol.....	30,240	31,664	30,147	28,977	32,277	32,573	25,011	26,966	30,092	37,813	36,904	28,764			
Security issues and prices:															
New bond issues, total.....do.....	138,853	123,332	103,186	47,826	190,179	70,692	26,791	177,870	124,665	51,018	94,279	207,282			
Bond yields.....percent.....	3.56	3.86	3.70	3.76	3.67	3.51	3.45	3.41	3.35	3.46	3.41	3.37			
Common stock prices.....1926=100.....	120.7	117.4	115.9	112.8	113.8	114.3	114.7	119.5	126.9	131.8	129.2	137.4			
Foreign trade:															
Exports, total.....thous. of dol.....	75,691	62,798	74,582	57,964	84,515	79,942	84,968	93,530	89,582	113,003	122,866	99,407	83,416		
Imports.....do.....	48,681	41,597	52,681	42,217	59,121	57,598	53,821	50,258	52,983	65,159	66,169	52,996	51,883		
Exports:															
Wheat.....thous. of bu.....	14,241	13,146	6,752	27,317	25,764	25,913	21,157	20,720	26,917	33,309	20,428	9,759			
Wheat flour.....thous. of bbl.....	340	477	281	449	430	445	388	378	464	409	475	314			
Railways:															
Carloading.....thous. of cars.....	186	180	192	193	190	201	203	222	251	263	220	206	192		
Financial results:															
Operating revenues.....thous. of dol.....	22,597	25,535	26,050	27,022	26,049	27,301	28,637	33,103	33,840	29,034	30,108				
Operating expenses.....do.....	21,187	22,465	22,320	23,789	24,049	25,335	26,026	25,574	24,700	22,160	22,579				
Operating income.....do.....	339	1,914	2,586	1,953	832	890	1,615	6,609	8,255	5					

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