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SUMMARY OF BUSINESS TRENDS

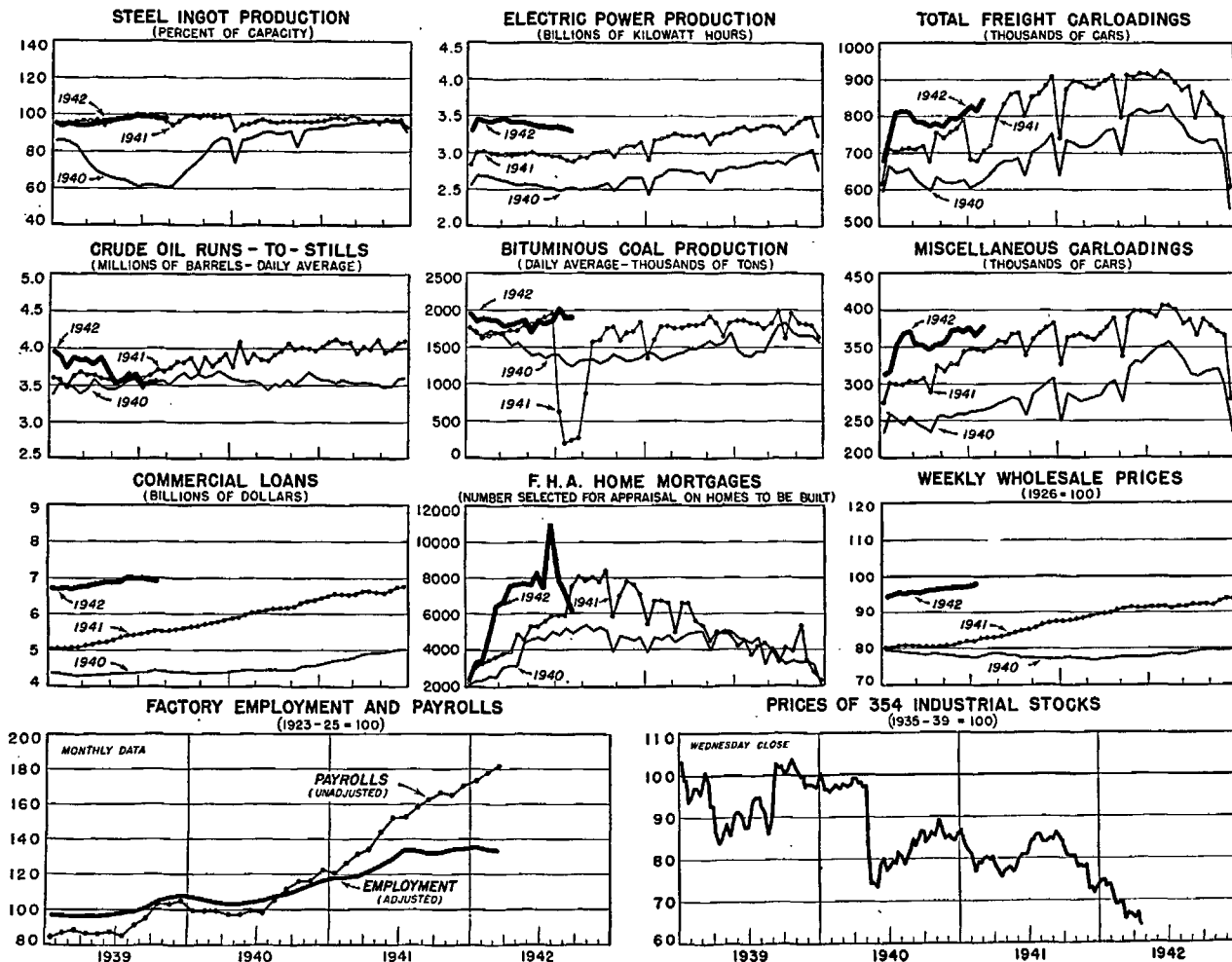
THE War Production Board took additional steps last week designed further to conserve critical materials and convert the economy to the war effort. Complete control was established over nickel scrap by requiring segregation of scrap containing more than one-half of one percent nickel by weight and by permitting its melting only for specifically authorized uses. The Board also ordered the entire stock and production of heavy-weight sole leather set aside for military and Lend-Lease requirements. Output of sewing machines was limited to three-fourths the 1940 rate until June 15, at which time production must cease altogether. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation was authorized to increase synthetic rubber capacity to 700,000 tons per years not later than the end of 1943.

Over half the Nation's radio manufacturers last week stopped the production of radios for civilian use in order to make their facilities available for war work. Of the 55 companies producing civilian sets, 30 have ceased civilian production completely and 2 have ceased civilian production in plants representing 80 percent of their total production. These 32 companies have war contracts totaling \$780 million. In 1941 they produced approximately 57 percent of all civilian sets by value, their sales amounting to \$151 million. The remaining radio producers will stop civilian output next June.

Factory employment continues to be maintained at a relatively high level as the production of war materials steadily increases. The index of employment now available for March for all manufacturing industries advanced slightly to 134.5 (1923-25=100) from 133.6 for February. Although the increase is somewhat less than the usual seasonal advance, employment has held up remarkably well in view of the curtailment and limitation orders. In fact, it is up 12 percent compared with March of last year. The number of workers engaged in the vital industries manufacturing machinery and transportation equipment increased roughly 2 and 3 percent, respectively, over the preceding months despite a moderately lower employment by the automobile industry which was undergoing extensive realignment of facilities to war production. On the other hand, employment in the food products industry and paper and printing industry as well as in wholesale trade fell to some extent.

As a result of the increase in factory employment, higher hourly earnings, and overtime payments, pay rolls continue to rise. The unadjusted index of wage payments for March increased to 181.9 (1923-25=100) from 178.2 for February, up 2.1 percent for the month and 39 percent since March 1941. Pay rolls increased nearly 3 percent in durable goods industries—more than double the increase in the nondurable goods industries.

SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS



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Earlier data are available in monthly issues of the Survey and the 1940 Supplement	1942		1941		1942	
	March	March	January	February	January	February
BUSINESS INDEXES						
Cash income from farm marketings:						
Crops and livestock, combined index:						
Unadjusted.....1924-29=100.....	99.5	68.0	110.0	90.5		
Adjusted.....do.....	125.5	88.5	131.5	127.0		
Crops.....do.....	104.0	79.5	119.0	105.5		
Livestock and products.....do.....	145.0	97.0	143.0	146.5		
Dairy products.....do.....	126.0	87.5	124.5	132.0		
Meat animals.....do.....	157.5	100.0	154.0	156.0		
Poultry and eggs.....do.....	141.0	82.0	143.5	144.5		
Industrial production (Federal Reserve):†						
Unadjusted:						
Combined index.....1935-39=100.....						
Manufactures.....do.....	168	144	165	166		
Durable manufactures.....do.....	177	149	172	174		
Iron and steel.....do.....	225	178	215	219		
Lumber and products*.....do.....	138	134	131	133		
Furniture*.....do.....	129	123	122	128		
Lumber*.....do.....	148	133	142	146		
Machinery*.....do.....	119	118	112	118		
Nonferrous metals*.....do.....	284	185	248	255		
Stone, clay, and glass products*.....do.....	186	179	192	191		
Polished plate glass.....do.....	138	125	137	131		
Transportation equipment*.....do.....	43	41	68	47		
Nondurable manufactures.....do.....	323	214	302	308		
Chemicals*.....do.....	138	126	137	138		
Leather and products.....do.....	165	129	153	158		
Shoes*.....do.....	127	123	124	131		
Manufactured food products*.....do.....	128	130	119	126		
Meat packing.....do.....	124	107	123	123		
Paper and products*.....do.....	132	122	173	135		
Paper and pulp*.....do.....	(*)	136	150	152		
Petroleum and coal products*.....do.....	(*)	137	153	159		
Coke.....do.....	(*)	119	132	129		
Petroleum refining.....do.....	159	154	161	161		
Printing and publishing*.....do.....	(a)	114	128	124		
Textiles and products.....do.....	130	121	125	126		
Cotton consumption*.....do.....	152	147	158	157		
Rayon deliveries*.....do.....	169	156	169	174		
Wool textile production*.....do.....	175	150	180	174		
Tobacco products.....do.....	(a)	152	161	155		
Minerals.....do.....	117	110	126	121		
Fuels*.....do.....	118	116	126	125		
Anthracite.....do.....	122	120	131	130		
Bituminous coal.....do.....	116	105	104	121		
Crude petroleum.....do.....	142	144	141	141		
Metals.....do.....	115	114	129	127		
Copper*.....do.....	95	92	92	94		
Adjusted:	166	151	158	160		
Combined index.....do.....						
Manufactures.....do.....	172	147	171	172		
Durable manufactures.....do.....	180	151	178	179		
Iron and steel.....do.....	228	180	222	225		
Lumber and products*.....do.....	198	184	191	193		
Furniture*.....do.....	134	128	143	144		
Lumber*.....do.....	147	132	153	146		
Machinery*.....do.....	127	125	138	143		
Nonferrous metals*.....do.....	294	185	248	255		
Stone, clay, and glass products*.....do.....	185	179	193	191		
Polished plate glass.....do.....	167	150	197	188		
Transportation equipment*.....do.....	41	35	65	49		
Nondurable manufactures.....do.....	323	207	302	308		
Chemicals*.....do.....	140	125	143	142		
Leather and products.....do.....	100	125	154	158		
Shoes*.....do.....	119	115	126	120		
Manufactured food products*.....do.....	115	117	124	117		
Meat packing.....do.....	140	121	139	141		
Paper and products*.....do.....	146	134	148	141		
Paper and pulp*.....do.....	(*)	132	153	149		
Petroleum and coal products*.....do.....	(*)	133	160	154		
Coke.....do.....	(*)	123	135	131		
Petroleum refining.....do.....	159	154	161	161		
Printing and publishing*.....do.....	(*)	118	131	126		
Textiles and products.....do.....	125	116	127	125		
Cotton consumption*.....do.....	152	146	158	157		
Rayon deliveries*.....do.....	169	156	169	174		
Wool textile production*.....do.....	175	150	180	174		
Tobacco products.....do.....	(*)	152	161	155		
Minerals.....do.....	125	117	132	130		
Fuels*.....do.....	127	125	131	129		
Anthracite.....do.....	122	121	128	125		
Bituminous coal.....do.....	113	102	89	110		
Crude petroleum.....do.....	146	148	129	120		
Metals.....do.....	114	112	132	128		
Copper*.....do.....	153	148	149	152		
Commodity prices.....do.....	163	148	161	158		

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	March	March	January	February	January	February
CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE						
New dwelling units provided and permit valuation of building construction (based on bldg. permits), U. S. Dept. of Labor indexes:						
Number of new dwelling units provided.....1935-39=100.....						
Permit valuation:	186.0	204.1	121.5	223.5		
Total building construction.....do.....	103.4	142.2	85.7	129.9		
New residential buildings.....do.....	145.5	180.1	99.6	168.0		
New nonresidential buildings.....do.....	68.6	114.9	65.6	104.2		
Additions, alterations, and repairs.....do.....	95.8	108.7	88.5	74.8		
Construction cost indexes:						
Federal Home Loan Bank Board: †						
Standard 6-room frame house:						
Combined index.....do.....	122.0	110.4	120.6	121.2		
Materials.....do.....	121.1	108.0	118.6	119.3		
Labor.....do.....	125.7	115.3	124.5	125.0		
DOMESTIC TRADE						
Retail trade:						
Grocery chain-store sales:†						
Unadjusted.....1935-39=100.....	169.1	134.0	170.5	169.6		
Adjusted.....do.....	167.5	132.6	175.8	168.8		
Variety-store sales, combined sales, 7 chains: †						
Unadjusted.....1935-39=100.....	116.3	94.8	97.0	108.1		
Adjusted.....do.....	133.8	113.1	132.3	136.1		
Mail-order and store sales:						
Total sales, 2 companies.....thous. of dol.....						
Montgomery Ward & Co.....do.....	131,894	110,866	111,481	99,640		
Sears Roebuck & Co.....do.....	55,856	44,485	41,854	37,969		
	76,038	66,381	69,627	61,671		
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES						
Employment:						
Employment estimates (U. S. Dept. of Labor):						
Civil nonagri. empl., total.....thousands.....						
Employment in nonagri. estab., total.....do.....	40,302	37,761	39,871	39,933		
Manufacturing.....do.....	34,159	31,618	33,728	33,790		
Mining.....do.....	12,784	11,457	12,598	12,710		
Construction.....do.....	859	864	876	860		
Transportation and public utilities.....do.....	1,747	1,631	1,658	1,645		
Trade.....do.....	3,274	3,050	3,255	3,250		
Financial, service, and misc.....do.....	6,707	6,578	6,757	6,686		
Government.....do.....	4,194	4,097	4,180	4,180		
Manufacturing, unadjusted (U. S. Dept. of Labor)†.....1923-25=100.....	134.5	119.9	132.3	133.6		
Durable goods†.....do.....	147.0	123.7	143.2	145.1		
Iron and steel, etc., not incl. mech. do.....	136.1	127.2	136.3	136.0		
Blast fur., steel wks., and roll. mills.....do.....	150.3	135.0	148.7	149.3		
Hardware.....do.....	95.1	117.1	98.6	94.3		
Struc'l and ornam'l metal work.....do.....	109.9	97.2	105.7	107.2		
Tin cans and other tinware.....do.....	121.7	107.1	136.6	131.3		
Lumber and allied products.....do.....	73.7	72.6	74.0	74.2		
Furniture.....do.....	100.7	96.7	101.8	102.3		
Lumber, sawmills.....do.....	63.7	63.7	63.6	63.8		
Machinery, excl. transp. equip.....do.....	193.3	147.7	185.0	189.7		
Agric'l implements (incl. tractors).....do.....	167.9	132.6	164.1	166.3		
Foundry and machine-shop prod.....do.....	157.3	123.6	152.1	154.8		
Radio and phonographs.....do.....	210.5	149.1	209.4	206.5		
Metals, nonferrous, and products.....do.....	146.6	137.0	144.3	145.7		
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	94.1	89.7	95.2	95.7		
Brick, tile, and terra cotta.....do.....	65.7	65.4	68.8	67.5		
Glass.....do.....	125.0	119.5	127.7	126.0		
Transportation equipment.....do.....	228.0	161.2	210.2	215.6		
Automobiles.....do.....	86.4	131.5	100.2	88.8		
Nondurable goods†.....do.....	122.6	116.3	121.8	122.7		
Chemical, petroleum, and coal prod.....do.....	153.7	131.6	149.4	153.0		
Chemicals.....do.....	185.9	159.3	155.9	188.1		
Paints and varnishes.....do.....	140.8	132.9	140.9	141.1		
Petroleum refining.....do.....	130.0	119.5	129.1	129.6		
Rayon and allied products.....do.....	312.5	312.2	315.9	312.6		
Food and kindred products.....do.....	131.7	120.3	135.3	133.4		
Baking.....do.....	150.4	145.0	149.5	150.0		
Slaughtering and meat packing.....do.....	133.8	110.7	143.8	137.8		
Leather and its manufactures.....do.....	100.9	98.7	98.9	100.2		
Boots and shoes.....do.....	97.5	97.0	95.4	96.6		
Paper and printing.....do.....	121.7	118.1	124.7	123.2		
Paper and pulp.....do.....	129.3	118.5	129.5	129.5		
Rubber products.....do.....	99.3	102.8	99.6	99.0		
Rubber tires and inner tubes.....do.....	74.6	80.0	75.2	73.6		
Textiles and their products†.....do.....	113.3	111.6	110.8	112.7		
Fabrics.....do.....	104.9	102.7	104.8	104.6		
Wearing apparel.....do.....	127.3	127.0	119.5	126.2		
Tobacco manufactures.....do.....	65.5	63.3	63.4	65.5		
Manufacturing, adjusted (Fed. Res.)†.....do.....	134.2	119.4	135.6	134.9		
Durable goods†.....do.....	146.5	123.0	146.8	146.8		
Iron and steel, etc., not incl. mech. do.....	135.1	126.2	139.8	136.5		
Blast fur., steel wks., and roll. mills.....1923-25=100.....	148	133	150	149		
Hardware.....do.....	94	116	110	94		
Struc'l and ornam'l metal work.....do.....	113	100	108	112		
Tin cans and other tinware.....do.....	128	113	147	141		
Lumber and allied products.....do.....	75.0	74.0	79.1	77.8		
Furniture.....do.....	102	98	105	104		
Lumber, sawmills.....do.....	65	65	70	68		
Machinery, excl. transp. equipment.....do.....	193.8	148.1	187.4	190.8		
Agric'l implements (incl. tractors).....do.....	159	126	161	161		
Foundry and machine-shop prod.....do.....	157	124	153	155		
Radio and phonographs.....do.....	251	178	222	235		
Metals, nonferrous, and products.....do.....	145.7	136.2	146.8	146.2		
Stone, clay, and glass products.....do.....	96.7	92.3	104.5	99.9		
Brick, tile, and terra cotta.....do.....	75	71	80	78		
Glass.....do.....	123	118	134	126		
Transportation equipment.....do.....	216.8	154.1	209.8	214.6		
Automobiles.....do.....	81	123	96	84		

* Revised.
† Preliminary.

* Not available.

* New series. See note on corresponding item in the April 1942 SURVEY.
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EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES—Con.					FINANCE				
Employment—Continued:					Commercial failures:†				
Manufacturing adjusted—Continued.					Grand total..... number.....				
Nondurable goods†.....1923-25=100..					Commercial service, total..... do.....				
Chemical, petroleum, and coal products..... do.....	122.5	115.9	124.9	* 123.5	48	1,211	962	916	
Chemicals..... do.....	150.9	129.0	150.0	* 152.7	77	58	53	59	
Paints and varnishes..... do.....	188	161	189	191	188	158	155	141	
Petroleum refining..... do.....	142	134	145	143	188	159	159	141	
Rayon and allied products..... do.....	131	121	130	* 131	650	800	604	589	
Food and kindred products..... do.....	308	308	33	308	85	105	81	70	
Baking..... do.....	144.5	131.3	148.1	* 147.5	12,011	13,444	9,016	9,631	
Slaughtering and meat packing..... do.....	152	146	153	152	1,194	855	589	927	
Leather and its manufactures..... do.....	137	113	139	* 138	896	765	851	920	
Boots and shoes..... do.....	96.4	94.3	98.7	* 96.3	3,739	3,647	3,550	2,525	
Paper and printing..... do.....	92	92	95	* 92	4,813	6,128	3,641	4,232	
Paper and pulp..... do.....	122.1	118.5	125.2	* 123.4	1,369	2,049	1,255	1,027	
Rubber products..... do.....	129	119	130	130	ELECTRIC POWER				
Rubber tires and inner tubes..... do.....	98.5	102.0	99.9	98.7	Electric power, production, total..... mil. of kw.-hr.....				
Textiles and their products†..... do.....	75	80	76	* 74	15,053	13,095	15,646	* 14,102	
Fabrics†..... do.....	109.3	107.6	111.7	* 109.6	By source:				
Wearing apparel..... do.....	102.5	100.4	103.7	* 101.9	Fuel..... do.....	9,444	8,706	11,050	* 9,664
Tobacco manufactures..... do.....	119.7	119.3	124.9	* 122.5	Water power..... do.....	5,609	4,388	4,595	* 4,438
Nonmfg., unadj. (U. S. Dept. of Labor):	66.2	64.0	69.2	* 66.7	By type of producer:				
Mining:					Privately and municipally owned electric utilities..... mils. of kw.-hr.....	13,322	12,061	14,110	12,612
Anthracite..... 1929=100.....	48.5	50.2	* 49.0	48.8	Other producers..... do.....	1,731	1,034	1,536	* 1,491
Bituminous coal..... do.....	93.6	91.1	* 95.1	94.4	METALS AND MANUFACTURES				
Metalliferous..... do.....	81.4	74.3	* 80.7	80.7	Boilers and radiators, cast-iron:				
Crude petroleum producing..... do.....	59.5	60.2	* 61.3	60.5	Boilers, round:				
Quarrying and nonmetallie..... do.....	47.5	44.2	* 46.8	46.3	Production..... thous. of lb.....	1,012	2,252	732	754
Public utilities:					Shipments..... do.....	1,083	1,092	1,484	1,408
Electric light and power†..... do.....	89.6	90.3	92.0	90.6	Stocks, end of month..... do.....	9,421	13,256	10,146	9,493
Street railways and busses†..... do.....	71.3	68.2	* 70.4	70.5	Boilers, square:				
Telephone and telegraph†..... do.....	90.2	81.8	* 90.4	89.7	Production..... do.....	16,214	22,647	18,756	17,773
Services:					Shipments..... do.....	15,789	13,489	17,044	19,081
Dyeing and cleaning..... do.....	114.0	104.4	109.8	109.6	Stocks, end of month..... do.....	93,950	106,938	94,832	93,252
Laundries..... do.....	107.9	102.5	* 108.8	107.4	Radiators and convectors:				
Year-round hotels..... do.....	93.6	94.2	94.2	94.2	Production.....				
Trade:					thous. of sq. ft. heating surface.....	6,445	6,871	6,717	6,199
Retail, total†..... do.....	94.2	92.5	* 95.5	94.3	Shipments..... do.....	5,856	4,371	6,175	6,781
General merchandising†..... do.....	104.8	96.6	* 105.5	105.4	Stocks, end of month..... do.....	18,313	27,890	18,106	17,524
Wholesale..... do.....	94.0	91.8	94.9	94.3	Lead:				
Pay rolls (U. S. Department of Labor):					Ore, shipments, Joplin district..... short tons.....	4,011	3,778	3,231	3,690
Manufacturing, unadjusted†..... 1923-25=100..	181.9	131.2	* 173.4	* 178.2	Refined:				
Durable goods†..... do.....	216.3	144.6	* 204.4	* 210.9	Production from domestic ore..... do.....	50,919	46,748	43,307	45,633
Iron and steel and their products, not including machinery 1923-25=100..	181.6	141.2	* 173.7	* 178.4	Shipments (reported)..... do.....	57,590	62,090	53,037	45,920
Blast fur., steel wks., and roll. mills..... do.....	194.2	140.0	* 184.5	* 190.5	Stocks, end of month..... do.....	27,160	45,996	20,531	24,830
Hardware..... do.....	137.0	138.1	* 133.4	* 132.0	Steel products, production for sale:				
Struct' and ornam'l metal work..... do.....	139.9	97.1	125.0	* 133.5	Total..... thous. of short tons.....	5,273	5,046	5,170	4,762
Tin cans and other tinware..... do.....	152.7	121.8	180.9	* 164.6	Merchant bars..... do.....	563	463	511	485
Lumber and allied products..... do.....	86.2	72.8	81.8	* 86.0	Pipe and tube..... do.....	465	436	446	419
Furniture..... do.....	115.4	93.9	110.9	* 115.6	Plates..... do.....	838	454	700	726
Lumber, sawmills..... do.....	72.4	62.7	67.5	* 72.1	Percent of capacity*.....	139.5	87.0	118.2	134.8
Machinery, excl. transp. equip..... do.....	304.9	186.2	* 284.2	* 294.8	Rails..... thous. of short tons.....	171	177	133	122
Agric'l implements (incl. tractors)..... do.....	246.5	162.0	228.8	* 240.9	Sheets, total..... do.....	857	1,177	895	765
Foundry and machine shop prods..... do.....	227.5	143.6	211.2	* 219.3	Percent of capacity.....	77.7	107.3	81.7	77.5
Radios and phonographs..... do.....	290.2	157.2	* 270.6	* 279.0	Strip:				
Metals, nonferrous, and products..... do.....	206.6	* 155.5	* 198.0	* 201.6	Cold rolled..... thous. of short tons.....	82	102	101	83
Stone, clay, and glass products..... do.....	105.5	86.2	* 89.4	* 103.7	Hot rolled..... do.....	119	155	138	119
Brick, tile, and terra cotta..... do.....	83.7	56.1	* 65.2	* 66.8	Structural shapes, heavy..... do.....	392	374	403	354
Glass..... do.....	172.7	140.5	163.1	* 171.2	Tin plate..... do.....	264	252	317	261
Transportation equipment†..... do.....	347.9	197.2	* 329.3	* 337.0	Wire and wire products..... do.....	403	431	407	361
Automobiles..... do.....	130.9	163.1	153.6	* 135.0					
Nondurable goods†..... do.....	143.4	116.4	138.7	* 141.8					
Chemicals, petroleum, and coal products..... do.....	211.0	149.1	202.0	* 205.8					
Chemicals..... do.....	275.8	201.7	275.7	* 278.3					
Paints and varnishes..... do.....	179.2	147.4	172.5	* 176.4	METALS AND MANUFACTURES				
Petroleum refining..... do.....	179.2	133.4	171.1	* 178.3	Domestic appliances, sales billed.				
Rayon and allied products..... do.....	393.0	332.9	392.4	* 391.3	Combined index, excluding refrigerators:*				
Food and kindred products..... do.....	150.2	122.4	154.6	* 150.6	Unadjusted index..... 1936=100..	136.0	157.7	142.8	109.9
Baking..... do.....	160.5	140.0	158.2	* 159.6	Adjusted index..... do.....	145.0	169.0	207.4	138.1
Slaughtering and meat packing..... do.....	150.4	114.2	* 182.3	* 162.6	Electrical products:				
Leather and its manufactures..... do.....	115.5	96.1	* 107.3	* 113.4	Industrial materials, sales billed..... do.....	247.0	194.5	252.8	264.6
Boots and shoes..... do.....	110.1	94.2	* 101.0	* 107.8	Motors and generators, new orders..... do.....	343.0	275.9	425.2	493.8
Paper and printing..... do.....	134.0	120.3	136.5	* 135.1	Transmission and distribution equipment, new orders..... 1936=100..	294.0	355.8	283.7	286.4
Paper and pulp..... do.....	175.2	136.4	171.9	* 174.0	Motors (1-200 hp.):				
Rubber products..... do.....	134.7	119.5	* 127.4	* 127.4	Polyphase induction, billings, thous. of dol.....	6,417	4,353	6,957	6,061
Rubber tires and inner tubes..... do.....	107.1	* 102.8	* 103.1	* 101.8	Polyphase induction, new orders..... do.....	7,409	5,829	8,176	7,086
Textiles and their products†..... do.....	129.2	107.0	119.8	* 127.1	Direct current, billings..... do.....	2,294	1,381	2,552	2,140
Fabrics†..... do.....	124.7	101.1	122.0	* 123.8	Direct current, new orders..... do.....	3,056	2,738	4,602	3,974
Wearing apparel..... do.....	130.1	112.2	* 108.1	* 125.7	PAPER AND PRINTING				
Tobacco manufactures..... do.....	70.2	62.7	* 72.6	* 72.3	Paper:				
Nonmanufacturing, unadjusted:					Total paper, incl. newsprint and paperboard:				
Mining:					Production..... short tons.....	1,129,069	932,791	1,177,426	1,246,158
Anthracite..... 1929=100.....	51.0	42.4	* 39.4	49.7	Paper, excl. newsprint and paperboard:†				
Bituminous coal..... do.....	116.6	93.8	* 117.1	118.2	Orders, new..... short tons.....	490,753	456,521	523,096	674,497
Metalliferous..... do.....	98.8	72.7	* 94.3	98.5	Production..... do.....	522,226	426,652	550,698	581,471
Crude petroleum producing..... do.....	63.3	56.1	* 61.8	63.9	Shipments..... do.....	520,471	433,372	557,951	577,078
Quarrying and nonmetallie..... do.....	54.3	40.3	* 48.9	51.7	Fine paper:†				
Public utilities:					Orders, new..... do.....	53,267	48,699	51,948	66,828
Electric light and power†..... do.....	114.2	106.1	* 114.6	113.0	Production..... do.....	55,601	42,604	60,176	61,687
Street railways and busses†..... do.....	85.1	72.5	* 80.5	83.5	Shipments..... do.....	57,759	44,032	60,881	62,492
Telephone and telegraph†..... do.....	122.4	106.4	* 120.9	120.8	Stocks, end of month..... do.....	37,517	65,041	41,318	39,674
Services:					Wrapping paper:†				
Dyeing and cleaning..... do.....	92.9	77.2	* 86.5	85.8	Orders, new..... do.....	181,150	167,135	195,773	205,436
Laundries..... do.....	104.2	90.9	* 103.8	102.2	Production..... do.....	187,990	157,757	197,408	211,630
Year-round hotels..... do.....	92.0	85.7	* 91.5	92.1	Shipments..... do.....	185,348	158,726	196,880	211,889
Trade:					Stocks, end of month..... do.....	70,039	84,075	70,422	70,680
Retail, total†..... do.....	93.9	86.2	* 94.7	93.5					
General merchandising†..... do.....	105.1	88.3	* 106.5	105.0					
Wholesale..... do.....	93.9	82.0	* 91.8	93.2					

* Revised.

*New series. See note on corresponding item in the April 1942 SURVEY.

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