

in the personal utilities group needs some explanation. The production of musical instruments, which is included in this group, has been decreasing steadily during the past few years, the output of pianos, phonographs and phonograph records becoming smaller and smaller. The main product of the musical instruments industry, namely, the radio, is now produced in the electrical apparatus industry. This industry, however, is credited to the industrial equipment group, as by far the largest part of its output consists of industrial equipment.

All groups shared in the improvement which occurred in 1934 and 1935. Only one of the major groups, *viz.*, "food", exceeded its 1929 production figure. The only other exceptions were two minor groups, "books and stationery" and "miscellaneous".

The index of the physical volume of production dropped from 122.9 in 1929 to 82.0 in 1933 and then rose to 106.5 in 1935, making a net decrease of 13.3 p.c. This decrease is significant when compared with a decrease of 31.3 p.c. in the net value of production and 20.1 p.c. in the number of wage-earners employed.

6.—Indexes of the Volume of Manufacturing Production for the Groups of the Purpose Classification, 1923, 1929, and 1932-35.

(1926=100.)

Group and Class.	1923.	1929.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.
Food	84.7	102.8	92.7	91.9	101.0	104.1
Breadstuffs.....	90.8	110.6	97.4	94.5	103.0	103.8
Fish.....	74.1	77.9	57.2	59.2	70.0	66.7
Fruit and vegetable preparations.....	59.3	127.5	109.4	116.2	137.3	147.6
Meats.....	90.1	97.3	90.6	94.4	106.5	107.0
Milk products.....	87.4	96.7	100.8	98.5	106.5	113.3
Oils and fats.....	111.5	87.8	101.9	89.9	101.9	119.9
Sugar.....	74.3	83.0	84.1	77.4	78.7	86.1
Infusions.....	97.0	112.9	114.8	124.2	136.3	142.6
Miscellaneous.....	82.9	120.2	111.6	118.7	132.2	150.4
Clothing	82.9	114.8	93.2	97.9	105.1	110.5
Boots and shoes.....	79.8	110.0	83.0	87.4	92.5	97.2
Fur goods.....	48.3	114.6	89.3	95.1	97.6	101.2
Garments and personal furnishings.....	90.6	113.3	87.8	96.5	107.9	115.7
Gloves and mittens.....	93.9	133.3	97.7	121.1	145.6	145.9
Hats and caps.....	67.1	109.2	87.0	85.1	100.6	107.9
Knitted goods.....	83.9	111.4	103.2	107.5	113.4	116.4
Waterproofs.....	78.4	143.8	107.9	105.2	112.1	140.5
Miscellaneous.....	97.7	138.0	128.1	120.4	118.4	122.4
Drink and Tobacco	76.0	140.5	101.7	96.2	110.3	125.2
Beverages, alcoholic.....	69.2	148.0	94.0	84.6	101.0	119.7
Beverages, non-alcoholic.....	86.0	146.8	137.4	131.5	143.4	155.9
Tobacco.....	81.3	133.3	108.8	113.4	121.9	129.3
Personal Utilities	85.4	101.9	70.6	71.0	79.8	87.9
Jewellery and timepieces.....	92.4	104.2	78.3	79.7	89.1	103.1
Recreational supplies.....	93.0	85.0	28.0	23.2	32.5	35.6
Personal utilities.....	78.6	111.7	104.1	109.3	116.6	127.0
House Furnishings	78.9	137.7	89.9	87.3	100.5	109.2
Books and Stationery	93.1	131.5	127.6	122.0	138.7	154.9
Producers Materials	84.9	124.7	75.0	77.9	94.7	105.6
Farm materials (fertilizers).....	78.3	130.8	381.1	505.8	609.1	675.3
Manufacturers materials.....	82.9	124.4	82.9	91.0	111.2	123.7
Building materials.....	88.0	123.1	54.1	47.3	57.7	65.4
General materials.....	95.4	133.4	79.2	76.8	88.0	96.0
Industrial Equipment	76.3	129.5	75.6	70.2	87.5	100.5
Farming equipment.....	66.8	98.9	25.4	29.6	41.2	59.0
Manufacturing equipment.....	86.2	131.4	65.0	58.2	79.5	101.8
Trading equipment.....	83.3	116.4	120.2	120.6	133.6	137.3
Service equipment.....	96.3	107.9	103.7	103.1	113.3	157.6
Light, heat and power equipment.....	66.2	149.0	100.3	87.7	106.7	122.8
General equipment.....	84.3	130.0	68.2	66.4	85.1	93.8
Vehicles and Vessels	71.4	131.6	52.4	53.3	70.7	83.5
Miscellaneous	85.0	125.1	99.4	113.3	137.5	148.6
Totals, All Manufactures ¹	81.8	122.9	81.9	82.0	96.5	106.5

¹ Exclusive of central electric stations.