

index for this group falling 36.2 p.c. to 58.1 towards the end of June, while a similar utility series declined 24.6 p.c. to 68.2, and an index for 8 banks, 14.7 p.c. to 87.9. Subsequent recovery was gradual and failed to extend beyond the early part of September. Thereafter market averages fluctuated narrowly until the end of the year. The Dec. 31 index of common stocks at 70.6 showed an increase of 13.1 p.c. from mid-year lows, but indicated a net decline of approximately 23.4 p.c. when compared with the final 1939 index of 92.2. Among group indexes, declines for the year were led by a 38.9 p.c. drop in pulp and paper; the smallest decrease of 1.1 p.c. was registered by beverage stocks.

### 12.—Investors Index Numbers of Common Stocks, by Months, 1940

(1935-39=100)

Month	Grand Total	Banks, Total	Types of Stocks									
			Industrials									
			Indus- tri-als, Total	Ma- chinery and Equip- ment	Pulp and Paper	Milling	Oils	Tex- tiles and Cloth- ing	Food and Allied Pro- ducts	Bever- ages	Build- ing Ma- terials	Indus- trial Mines
January.....	90.9	103.3	80.1	107.4	122.0	116.5	78.2	128.0	113.9	107.9	108.3	92.2
February....	90.2	103.0	88.6	103.8	116.5	116.0	79.4	134.4	114.8	106.8	105.5	90.2
March.....	90.3	104.0	87.5	107.2	114.0	113.7	78.0	135.4	115.6	107.9	105.3	88.3
April.....	88.4	102.4	85.1	105.9	122.4	113.0	74.1	135.7	115.0	109.9	105.2	84.9
May.....	73.3	97.4	69.2	82.0	81.1	91.5	62.6	119.3	102.7	94.0	83.2	65.0
June.....	65.5	91.3	61.2	74.5	65.2	74.1	50.3	104.2	89.7	85.2	74.3	62.7
July.....	66.1	85.5	62.6	73.5	69.2	79.1	50.8	110.4	90.8	91.0	73.5	65.8
August.....	69.3	88.1	65.8	78.7	76.2	80.6	52.4	114.0	93.5	95.9	77.5	71.2
September..	75.8	92.9	73.1	85.5	82.1	95.5	60.7	121.4	101.6	99.5	87.0	77.4
October....	74.2	91.9	71.3	84.0	80.1	93.5	56.2	120.8	101.4	99.5	88.9	77.7
November..	74.5	92.7	71.3	86.0	82.6	81.4	54.5	121.5	100.7	105.8	91.2	77.8
December..	70.3	94.6	65.9	78.6	76.7	75.2	48.7	116.8	99.6	106.5	87.6	71.4

Month	Types of Stocks			
	Public Utilities			
	Public Utilities, Total	Trans- portation	Telephone and Telegraph	Power and Traction
January.....	90.7	69.9	107.4	92.3
February....	89.9	71.2	107.1	90.8
March.....	93.4	84.0	107.7	92.0
April.....	93.4	82.7	106.1	93.2
May.....	78.2	57.1	99.3	78.3
June.....	71.0	47.3	95.6	70.8
July.....	70.4	49.0	91.4	70.9
August.....	73.6	55.0	95.3	73.2
September..	78.0	60.1	99.5	77.2
October....	77.0	55.4	100.2	76.9
November..	78.2	62.2	101.4	76.2
December..	76.4	55.8	101.3	75.6

**Preferred Stocks.**—Preferred-stock price movements during 1940 closely paralleled those of industrials and utilities. From 110.1 in December, 1939, this index dropped to a 1940 low of 86.9 in June, a level unequalled since October, 1935. From this point the index moved generally upward to reach 101.7 in December; it recorded a net loss of 7.6 p.c. during 1940, or about one-third that noted for industrials and utilities.