Leading Branches of Production.—With the exception of trapping, each of the nine industrial groups shown in Table 1 reached an all-time high in 1947. High building activity and record prices for construction materials resulted in a 47 p.c. increase in the net value of construction over 1946, the most outstanding increase of all the groups. Higher prices and greater physical output also caused forestry and mining to attain their highest positions in history in terms of net value. The former rose more than 34 p.c. over 1946 and the latter, after a four-year recession, nearly 31 p.c. Relatively minor increases were recorded for agriculture, fisheries, electric power and custom and repair. Trapping declined 46 p.c. to its lowest point since 1941. Total manufactures surpassed even the wartime peak in 1944, advancing nearly 24 p.c. over 1946 to a record \$4,292,000,000.

Table 1 classifies industry into primary and secondary production, but naturally many stages of manufacturing are closely connected with primary resources. Fish-curing and -packing plants, for instance, are operated in close relationship to the fishing fleets, sawmills with forest operations and smelters and refineries with metal mining. The gross and net values of production of such processing industries are given separately in Table 2, which indicates the degree of duplication between primary industries and manufactures eliminated in Table 1.

1.—Gross and Net Values of Production, by Industries, 1942-47

Note.—Net production represents total value under a particular heading, less the cost of materials, fuel, purchased electricity and supplies consumed in the production process,

Industry	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
	GROSS VALUES					
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	s
Agriculture Forestry Fisheries Trapping Mining Electric power Less duplication in forest production ¹	1,635,529,000 763,988,245 103,118,177 23,801,213 946,021,397 203,835,365 46,974,440	810, 154, 089 118, 610, 634 21, 579, 615 974, 414, 921 204, 801, 508	887, 973, 532 123, 705, 565 23, 988, 773 897, 407, 212 215, 246, 391	166,144,381 21,505,447 766,721,126 215,105,473	1,228,994,287 177,024,678 31,077,867 754,386,422 226,096,273	1,628,909,054 174,279,465 16,842,966 1,010,643,735 239,116,247
Totals, Primary Production				3,732,393,873		
Custom and repair Manufactures	635,649,570 208,379,000 7,553,794,972	213,622,000	243,424,000		314,310,000	
Totals, Secondary Production	8,397,823,542	9,518,909,550	9,766,954,578	9,056,569,699	9,218,663,874	11,701,703,257
Less duplication in manufactures ²	1,071,237,766	1,148,896,816	1,160,974,424	1,115,088,513	1,266,379,183	1,719,695,805
Grand Totals	10,955,904,733	11,981,224,887	12,594,654,627	11,673,875,059	12,213,235,218	15,073,563,919

For footnotes, see end of table, p. 386.