According to the corporation profits survey, results of which are given in Table 15, profits before taxes declined from \$2,580,000,000 in 1953 to \$2,390,000,000 in 1954, a decrease of 7·4 p.c. Five of the 18 industrial groups included showed increases and 13 recorded decreases. The greatest decrease occurred in the iron and steel industry. Profits after taxes followed approximately the same trend, with a decline of 9·2 p.c.

## 15.—Corporation Profits by Industry, before and after Income Taxes 1952-54

(Millions of dollars)

Note.—The figures in this table are for all corporations and are adjusted to calendar-year and to National Accounts concepts.

Industry	Net Income before Income Taxes			Net Income after Income Taxes		
	1952	1953	1954	1952	1953	1954
Mining, quarrying and oil wells. Food and beverages. Textile products. Wood and paper products. Iron and steel products. Iron and steel products. Electrical apparatus and supplies. Non-metallic mineral products. Products of petroleum and coal. Chemical products. Other manufacturing industries'. Transportation, storage and communications. Public utility operation.	244 177 37 320 402 66 75 62 102 95 74 204	199 191 31 324 344 62 85 71 111 87 79 197	231 169 23 331 266 51 58 66 115 84 65	145 81 13 152 185 30 36 29 49 46 34 101 25	124 78 12 172 180 32 44 37 57 49 42 104 29	141 83 6 174 117 26 28 35 59 45 35 100
Wholesale trade Retail trade Finance, insurance and real estate. Service. Other non-manufacturing <sup>2</sup> .	236 184 212 55 73	192 174 240 52 86	161 142 262 45 72	112 93 102 27 32	102 96 127 30 39	79 69 135 25 40
Total Profits, All Corporations	2,670	2,580	2,390	1,292	1,354	1,230
Adjustments to National Accounts Estimates3			+30			+26
Total Profits, National Accounts Estimates	2,670	2,580	2,420	1,292	1,354	1,256

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes tobacco, rubber, leather and miscellaneous manufacturing industries.

<sup>2</sup> Includes agriculture, forestry, fishing and construction.

<sup>3</sup> Revisions made to the estimates in the corporation profits survey which have not yet been carried forward in the National Accounts. See Table 14.

## Section 4.—Federal Incorporation of Companies

During the year ended Mar. 31, 1954 letters patent were granted incorporating 840 companies under Part I and 36 corporations without share capital under Part II of the Companies Act. Supplementary letters patent were granted to 409 existing companies and to eight existing corporations without share capital; seven certificates were issued to existing companies increasing the amount of the consideration to be received for the issuance of shares without nominal or par value. Under Part IV of the Act one licence was issued to a mining company to carry on mining operations.

Compilation of the capitalization of the companies incorporated under the Companies Act is no longer available. Figures for 1943-52 are given at p. 1123 of the 1954 Year Book and those for 1900-1942 in previous issues.