Beginning in 1952 the Bureau of Statistics changed its policy with regard to the collection of statistics on the production of manufactured goods. Firms in several industries where year-end inventory changes were known to be insignificant were requested to report value of shipments f.o.b. plant instead of gross value of products. Under the "value of products" concept, establishments were asked to report the factory selling value of the products made whether sold or not, the unsold portion being assigned the average selling value of similar articles sold during the year. Under the "value of shipments" concept, establishments are required to report their sales during the year regardless of when the products were made, an item usually readily available from the firms' records. The changeover was made to provide increased ease in reporting for the majority of plants and at the same time to produce more reliable and useful statistics.

1.—Summary Statistics of Manufactures 1917-55

NOTE.—Statistics of manufacturing from 1870 have been published but between that year and 1917 figures are not on a comparable basis to the series given below. Statistics for significant years appear in the 1943-44 Year Book, p. 363. Figures of the non-ferrous metal smelting industries were first included with manufactures in 1925.

Year	Estab- lish- ments	Employees	Earnings	Cost at Plant of Materials Used	Value Added by Manufacture ¹	Gross Value of Products ²
	No.	No.	\$	8	8	\$
1917 1918 1919 1920 1921	21,845 21,777 22,083 22,532 20,848	606, 523 602, 179 594, 066 598, 893 438, 555	497,801,844 567,991,171 601,715,668 717,493,876 497,399,761	1,539,678,811 1,827,631,548 1,779,056,765 2,085,271,649 1,365,292,885	1,281,131,980 1,399,794,849 1,442,400,638 1,621,273,348 1,123,694,263	2,820,810,791 3,227,426,397 3,221,457,403 3,706,544,997 2,488,987,148
1922 1923 1924 1925 ³ 1926 ³	21,016 21,080 20,709 20,981 21,301	456, 256 506, 203 487, 610 522, 924 559, 161	489,397,230 549,529,631 534,467,675 569,944,442 625,682,242	1,272,651,585 1,456,595,367 1,422,573,946 1,571,788,252 1,712,519,991	1,103,266,106 1,206,332,107 1,075,458,459 1,167,936,726 1,305,168,549	2,375,917,691 2,662,927,474 2,570,561,931 2,816,864,958 3,100,604,637
1927 ³ 1928 ³ 1929 ³ 1930 ³	21,501 21,973 22,216 22,618 23,083	595,052 631,429 666,531 614,696 528,640	662,705,332 721,471,634 777,291,217 697,555,378 587,566,990	1,741,128,711 1,894,027,188 2,029,670,813 1,664,787,763 1,221,911,982	1,427,649,292 1,597,887,676 1,755,386,937 1,522,737,125 1,252,017,248	3,257,214,876 3,582,345,302 3,883,446,116 3,280,236,603 2,555,126,448
1932	23,102 23,780 24,209 24,034 24,202	468,833 468,658 519,812 556,664 594,359	473,601,716 436,247,824 503,851,055 559,467,777 612,071,434	954,381,097 967,788,928 1,229,513,621 1,419,146,217 1,624,213,996	955,960,724 919,671,181 1,087,301,742 1,153,485,104 1,289,592,672	1,980,417,543 1,954,075,785 2,393,692,729 2,653,911,209 3,002,403,814
1937. 1938. 1939. 1940.	24,834 25,200 24,805 25,513 26,293	660,451 642,016 658,114 762,244 961,178	721,727,037 705,668,589 737,811,153 920,872,865 1,264,862,643	2,006,926,787 1,807,478,028 1,836,159,375 2,449,721,903 3,296,547,019	1,508,924,867 1,428,286,778 1,531,051,901 1,942,471,238 2,605,119,788	3,625,459,500 3,337,681,366 3,474,783,528 4,529,173,316 6,076,308,124
1942		1,152,091 1,241,068 1,222,882 1,119,372 1,058,156	1,682,804,842 1,987,292,384 2,029,621,370 1,845,773,449 1,740,687,254	4,037,102,725 4,690,493,083 4,832,333,356 4,473,668,847 4,358,234,766	3,309,973,758 3,816,413,541 4,015,776,010 3,564,315,899 3,467,004,980	7,553,794,972 8,732,860,999 9,073,692,519 8,250,368,866 8,035,692,471
1947. 1948. 19494. 1950.	32,734 33,420 35,792 35,942 37,021	1,131,750 1,155,721 1,171,207 1,183,297 1,258,375	2,085,925,966 2,409,368,190 2,591,890,657 2,771,267,435 3,276,280,917	5,534,280,019 6,632,881,628 6,843,231,064 7,538,534,532 9,074,526,353	4,292,055,802 4,938,786,981 5,330,566,434 5,942,058,229 6,940,946,783	10,081,026,580 11,875,169,685 12,479,593,300 13,817,526,381 16,392,187,132
1952 1953 1954 1955.	37,929 38,107 38,028 38,182	1,288,382 1,327,451 1,267,966 1,298,461	3,637,620,160 3,957,018,348 3,896,687,691 4,142,409,534	9,146,172,494 9,380,558,682 9,241,857,554 10,338,202,165	7,443,533,199 7,993,069,351 7,902,124,137 8,753,450,496	16,982,687,035 17,785,416,854 17,554,527,504 19,513,933,811

¹ For 1924-51, inclusive, the value added by manufacture is computed by subtracting the cost of fuel, electricity and materials from the gross value of products; for 1952 and 1953 the deduction is made from value of factory shipments and for 1954 and 1955 from the calculated value of production. Figures prior to 1924 are not comparable because statistics for cost of electricity are not available.

2 In 1952 gross value of products was replaced by value of factory shipments; see text immediately preceding this table.

3 A change in the method computing the number of wage earners in the years 1925 to 1930, inclusive, increased the number somewhat over that which the method otherwise used would have given. In 1931, however, the method in force prior to 1925 was re-adopted.

4 Newfoundland included from 1949 but fish processing in that Province was excluded in 1949 and 1950.