

to expand after the War, although at a slower rate. Unlike durable goods, non-durable commodities are mostly consumer goods and are less influenced by sudden changes in the international situation or the capital investment programs of producers and governments. By 1951, the non-durables index of output had reached 214.0 and, by 1952, 215.2, the highest on record.

7.—Indexes of the Volume of Manufacturing Production of the Groups Comprised within the Non-durable Manufactures Classification, 1943-52

(1935-39=100)

NOTE.—Indexes for the years 1935-42 are given in the 1954 Year Book, p. 629.

Year	Foods	Beverages	Tobacco and Tobacco Products	Rubber Products	Leather Products	Textile Products (except Clothing)
1943.....	156.0	162.0	183.8	147.0	151.1	172.1
1944.....	171.1	190.5	200.6	149.0	149.6	162.0
1945.....	170.0	205.1	230.2	180.2	155.0	160.5
1946.....	177.2	234.4	204.4	158.0	167.9	161.7
1947.....	181.5	249.4	211.9	230.7	148.7	172.9
1948.....	183.0	270.9	215.8	227.6	129.6	180.2
1949.....	180.3	285.7	224.4	208.5	133.5	186.0
1950.....	183.6	282.9	227.5	251.9	126.8	212.4
1951.....	188.7	297.7	212.2	264.3	117.0	208.6
1952.....	195.5	323.6	242.3	246.4	128.0	184.1
	Clothing (Textile and Fur)	Paper Products	Printing, Publishing and Allied Trades	Products of Petroleum and Coal	Chemicals and Allied Products	
1943.....	156.7	140.0	111.7	150.0	369.3	
1944.....	147.1	149.1	114.9	171.8	390.4	
1945.....	146.6	161.2	125.8	167.5	292.8	
1946.....	152.9	188.9	143.8	167.4	237.7	
1947.....	147.7	207.4	163.3	181.2	245.5	
1948.....	156.0	217.7	177.2	199.0	243.2	
1949.....	159.4	213.7	183.8	218.0	239.5	
1950.....	155.7	230.4	195.3	243.5	253.7	
1951.....	149.7	247.8	194.7	274.9	267.8	
1952.....	154.4	235.5	192.4	295.1	272.4	

Durable Manufactures.—The tremendous increase in physical output during the war years was mostly concentrated in the durable goods sector. When war was declared in September 1939, there were virtually no armament works, no production of large ships and large aircraft, no guns and no tanks. Within a few years Canadian plants were turning out naval and merchant ships, war aircraft, military vehicles, ammunition and hundreds of other war items. The new volume index of durable manufactures reached a peak of 340.1 in 1944, declined sharply to 205.1 in 1946 and increased again to 294.8 in 1952.