



CHART 2a—NET EARNING POWER OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

A small number of cases, one-tenth of one per cent of the total, show net losses of about ten per cent. At the other extreme (see Chart 1a) another small number of cases, about six-tenths of one per cent, show net gains in the neighborhood of ten per cent.

The impressions created by examining the chart will be made more definite by further analysis of the figures. Out of more than 1500 cases only 11.5 per cent showed a net loss, and in most of these cases (6.8 per cent) the loss was less than 2 per cent. Almost 90 per cent (89.5) of the cases show a net gain and by far the larger proportion of the total cases (74.9 per cent) show net earnings between 0 and 5 per cent.

Chart 1a shows graphically the strong tendency of the ratios to concentrate. Slightly over one-fifth (20.5 per cent) of the total cases are