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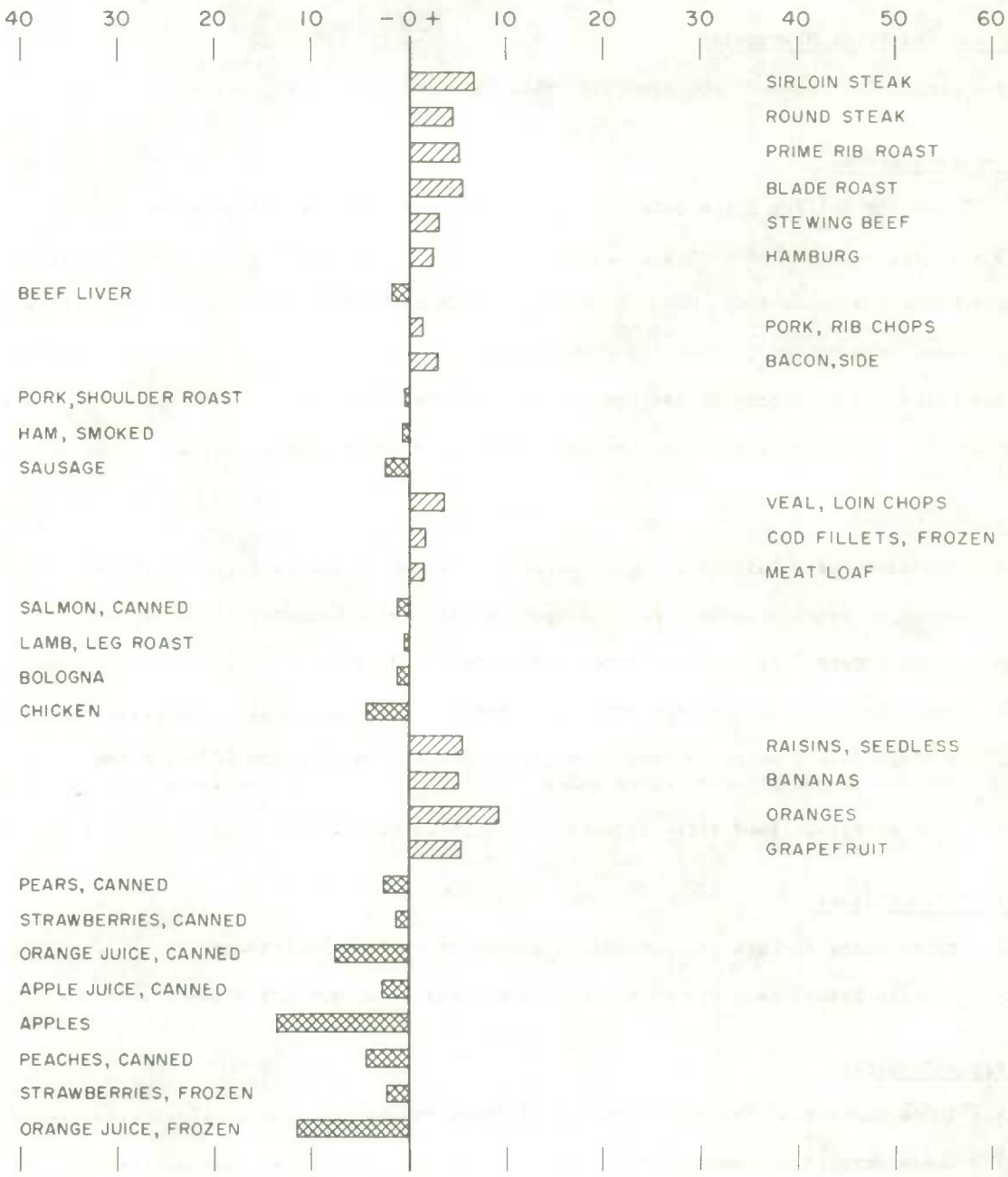
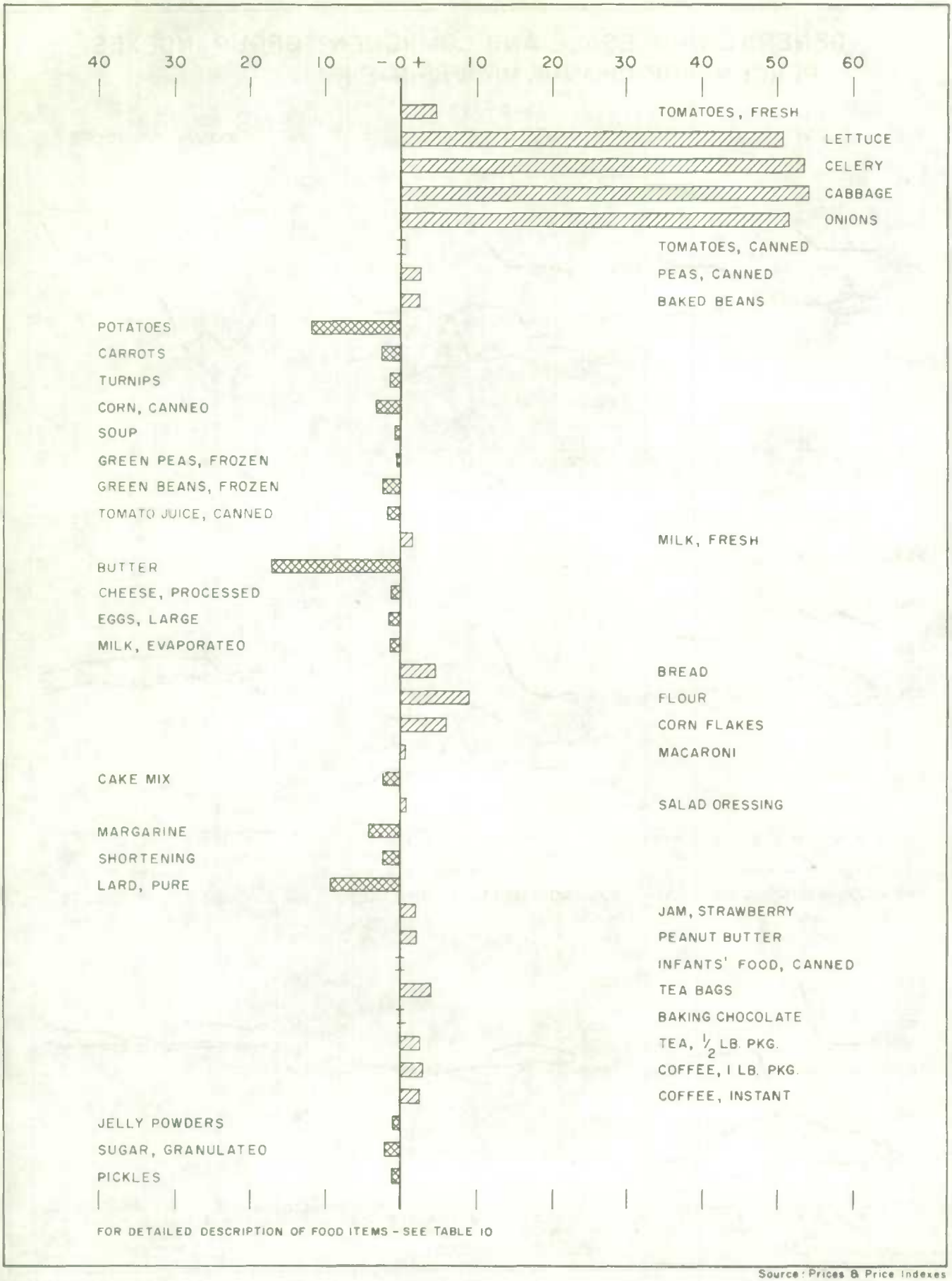
PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES FOR CANADA - SELECTED FOOD ITEMS

BETWEEN MAY 1962 AND MAY 1961





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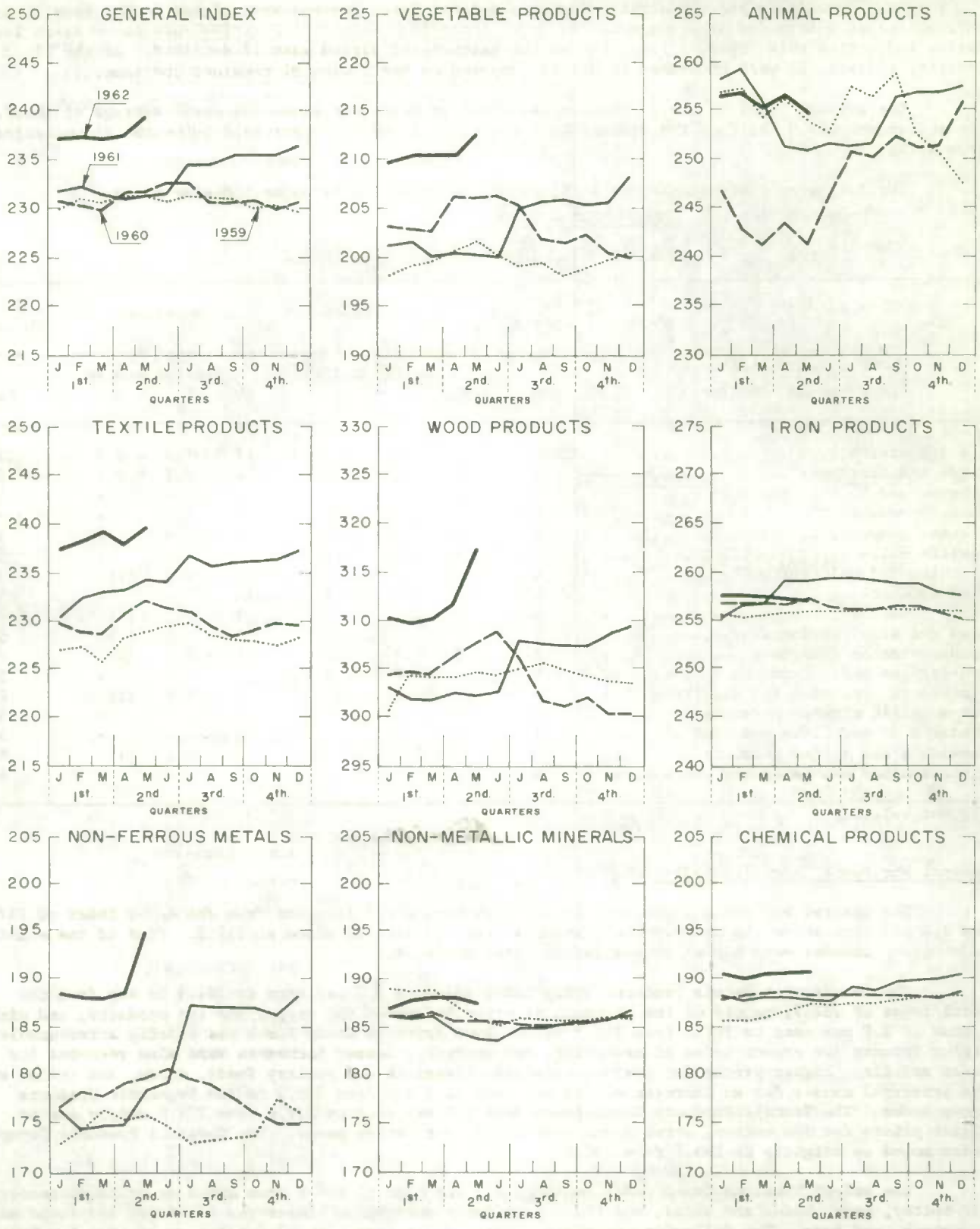
GENERAL WHOLESALE AND COMPONENT GROUP INDEXES

MONTHLY JANUARY 1959—MAY 1962

1935–39=100



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NOTES ON PRICES AND PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

Industry Selling Price Indexes (1956=100)

In 33 manufacturing industries, Industry Selling Price Indexes were higher in May than in April, an increase of 4 from the previous month-to-month comparison when 29 industries rose above March levels. Twelve industries were lower, 5 less than in the March-April period when 17 declined. Of the 97 industry indexes, 52 were unchanged in May as compared to April when 51 remained the same.

The average level of the 97 indexes was 103.9 in May, just above the April average of 103.7. The median was 104.2 (half of the indexes were above 104.2 and the other half below 104.2) unchanged from April.

The following table summarizes April-May price movements by major industry group:

April to May Changes in Industry Indexes

Major industry group	Total industries	Increases			Decreases			Unchanged
			Average	Median		Average	Median	
	No.	No.	%	%	No.	%	%	No.
All industries	97	33	1.1	0.6	12	- 1.0	- 0.2	52
Foods and beverages	19	8	1.0	0.6	4	- 2.3	- 2.1	7
Tobacco and tobacco products	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Rubber products	1	1	0.1	(1)	-	-	-	-
Leather products	4	2	0.2	(1)	-	-	-	2
Textile mills	9	6	0.6	0.4	-	-	-	3
Clothing and knitting mills	4	-	-	-	1	- 0.1	(1)	3
Wood products	7	4	2.2	1.2	-	-	-	3
Paper products	5	3	1.7	1.5	2	- 0.1	(1)	-
Iron and steel products	9	2	0.2	(1)	1	- 0.9	(1)	6
Transportation equipment	3	2	0.7	(1)	1	- 0.2	(1)	-
Non-ferrous metal products	5	3	2.2	1.8	-	-	-	2
Electrical apparatus and supplies	5	1	0.3	(1)	2	- 0.8	(1)	2
Non-metallic mineral products	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Products of petroleum and coal	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Chemicals and allied products	11	1	2.2	(1)	1	- 0.1	(1)	9
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6

(1) Not relevant.

General Wholesale Index (1935-39=100)

The General Wholesale Index rose to 239.1 in May up 0.7 per cent from the April index of 237.4, and 3.4 per cent above the corresponding month a year ago when it stood at 231.2. Five of the eight major group indexes were higher in May, while three declined.

The Non-ferrous Metals Products Group index advanced 3.2 per cent to 194.8 in May from the April index of 188.7, mainly on the strength of price increases for copper and its products, and nickel. A rise of 1.7 per cent to 317.0 from 311.7 in the Wood Products Group index was chiefly attributable to higher returns for export sales of newsprint, and woodpulp; lesser increases were also recorded for cedar and fir. Higher prices for grains, potatoes, livestock and poultry feeds, cocoa, and coffee were the principal causes for an increase of 1.1 per cent to 212.5 from 210.2 in the Vegetable Products Group index. The Textile Products Group index rose 0.7 per cent to 239.6 from 237.9 mainly due to higher prices for raw cotton, worsted and wool cloth, and cotton yarns. The Chemical Products Group index moved up slightly to 190.4 from 190.3.

The Animal Products Group index declined 0.7 per cent to 254.4 from 256.2 as price decreases for butter, eggs, hides and skins, and fishery products outweighed increases for fresh and cured meats, livestock, and furs. The following two major group indexes eased down 0.2 per cent or less in May: Non-metallic Minerals to 187.4 from 187.8, and Iron Products to 256.9 from 257.1.

The following table shows some of the more noteworthy changes:

Commodity group and sub-group	Percentage changes		
	May 1962 / April 1962	May 1961 / April 1961	May 1962 / May 1961
Non-ferrous metals products group	+ 3.2	+ 2.1	+ 9.2
Nickel	+ 4.5	-	+ 18.5
Copper and its products	+ 3.7	+ 6.8	+ 5.8
Tin	- 0.6	+ 1.2	+ 14.8
Wood products group	+ 1.7	- 0.1	+ 4.9
Cedar	+ 3.6	- 0.2	+ 8.3
Woodpulp	+ 3.0	-	+ 7.1
Newsprint	+ 2.7	- 0.1	+ 8.6
Fir	+ 1.4	+ 0.1	+ 4.9
Vegetable products group	+ 1.1	- 0.1	+ 6.2
Potatoes	+ 15.2	- 2.4	- 21.0
Livestock and poultry feeds	+ 5.1	- 6.8	+ 18.3
Rubber, raw	+ 4.9	+ 3.5	- 0.6
Grains	+ 2.9	- 0.3	+ 19.8
Tea, coffee and cocoa	+ 1.8	- 0.1	+ 5.3
Sugar and its products	+ 1.2	+ 4.2	- 5.7
Fruits, fresh	- 15.2	- 2.9	+ 2.3
Textile products group	+ 0.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.3
Cotton, raw	+ 4.3	+ 1.9	+ 11.7
Worsted and wool cloth	+ 1.5	+ 0.7	+ 0.1
Cotton yarns	+ 0.8	-	+ 7.8
Animal products group	- 0.7	- 0.1	+ 1.5
Butter	- 18.7	- 0.3	- 18.6
Eggs	- 10.1	+ 7.0	- 7.4
Hides and skins	- 5.6	+ 2.9	+ 8.3
Fishery products	- 0.7	- 3.0	+ 2.9
Furs	+ 14.8	+ 0.5	+ 13.5
Meats, fresh	+ 4.9	- 0.7	+ 7.2
Livestock	+ 3.0	+ 1.3	+ 7.9
Meats, cured	+ 2.4	- 0.4	+ 0.4

Canadian Farm Products Price Index (1935-39=100)

The price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets moved up 1.6 per cent, from 219.2 to 222.8 between April and May. The Animal Products index advanced 1.7 per cent from 272.0 to 276.7 reflecting higher prices for hogs and steers on both Eastern and Western markets, poultry in the East, and cheesemilk and raw wool in the West. Showing lower were raw wool in the East, fluid milk in the West and eggs and calves both East and West. The Field Products index edged up 1.5 per cent from 166.4 to 168.9, as a sharp increase occurred for potatoes on Eastern markets, with lesser increases for corn, wheat and oats in the East, and for potatoes in the West. Prices were lower for rye in the West and for hay on both markets.

Thirty Industrial Materials Price Index (1935-39=100)

The index of thirty industrial materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, advanced 1.7 per cent between April and May, from 247.6 to 251.8. Prices for sixteen commodities

advanced and three declined, while eleven remained unchanged. Increases occurred for raw wool, hogs, raw cotton, domestic copper, raw rubber, sisal, domestic wheat, bleached sulphite pulp, iron ore, crude oil, fir timber, raw sugar, beef hides, steers, oats and linseed oil. Showing lower prices were bituminous coal, rosin and tin.

Security Price Indexes

The Investors Index of common stock prices (1935-39=100) moved down 4.5 per cent between April and May from 325.0 to 310.3. The three major groups declined with Industrials down 4.9 per cent from 340.2 to 323.7, Banks down 4.1 per cent from 404.0 to 387.4 and Utilities down 2.7 per cent from 225.2 to 219.2. In Industrials, decreases for all nine sub-groups were led by Oils, Building Materials, Machinery and Equipment, and Milling and Grains. In Utilities, two of the three sub-groups, Telephone and Transportation declined, while Power and Traction remained almost unchanged.

The Mining Stock Indexes (1935-39=100) advanced 1.8 per cent from 134.1 to 136.5 reflecting an increase of 8.6 per cent for Golds from 81.5 to 88.5 and a decrease of 3.2 per cent for Base Metals from 254.5 to 246.4.

The four supplementary indexes (1956=100) declined as follows: Investment and Loan 8.5 per cent from 185.6 to 169.9, Primary Oils and Gas 8.3 per cent from 67.8 to 62.2, Pipelines 3.6 per cent from 150.0 to 144.6 and Uraniums 1.8 per cent from 81.2 to 79.7.

The Preferred Stock Index (1935-39=100) advanced 0.4 per cent between April and May from 168.9 to 169.6.

The Consumer Price Index (1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index declined 0.2 per cent from 130.3 to 130.1 between the beginning of April and May 1962. Declines in the Food and Clothing indexes offset increases in the Housing, Transportation, Health and Personal Care, and Recreation and Reading indexes. The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged.

The Food index declined 1.0 per cent from 125.8 to 124.5 as butter prices dropped from seventy to fifty-eight cents per pound and lower prices were also reported for eggs, fats, chicken, and some fresh and canned fruits and vegetables, particularly cabbage. Prices were higher for beef, some pork, lamb, veal, apples, fresh tomatoes and flour.

The Housing index rose 0.4 per cent from 134.0 to 134.5 as the shelter component moved to a higher level but the household operation component was unchanged. In shelter, rents were unchanged while the home-ownership index was higher. In household operation, lower prices for fuel and furniture balanced higher prices for floor coverings, textiles, utensils and equipment and household services.

The Clothing index declined 0.4 per cent from 113.2 to 112.8. Somewhat higher prices for men's wear and footwear were more than balanced by lower prices for women's and children's wear, and piece goods.

The Transportation index rose 0.1 per cent from 140.2 to 140.4 as a result of price increases in both the automobile operation and local transportation components. In automobile operation higher automobile insurance premiums offset lower prices for new passenger cars. Higher bus fares moved the local transportation index.

The Health and Personal Care index increased 0.1 per cent from 158.1 to 158.2. The health care component was unchanged but the personal care component rose as price increases occurred for both men's haircuts and women's hairdressing.

The Recreation and Reading index moved from 146.6 to 147.1, an increase of 0.3 per cent. Prices were higher for motion picture admissions, bicycles and toys in the recreation component. The reading component was unchanged.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged at 117.9 as minor price changes for cigarettes and cigarette tobacco failed to move the tobacco index.

TABLE 1. Summary of Current Price Indexes

	Indexes				Percentage changes		
	May 1962	April 1962	May 1961	April 1961	May 1962 / April 1962	May 1961 / April 1961	May 1962 / May 1961
Wholesale price indexes:							
Industry selling price indexes (1956=100)(See textual table page 7)							
General wholesale index (1935-39=100)(1)	239.1	237.4	231.2	230.9	+ 0.7	+ 0.1	+ 3.4
Vegetable products	212.5	210.2	200.1	200.4	+ 1.1	- 0.1	+ 6.2
Animal products	254.4	256.2	250.7	251.0	- 0.7	- 0.1	+ 1.5
Textile products	239.6	237.9(2)	234.2	233.3	+ 0.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.3
Wood products	317.0	311.7	302.1	302.3	+ 1.7	- 0.1	+ 4.9
Iron products	256.9	257.1	259.1	259.1	- 0.1	-	- 0.8
Non-ferrous metals	194.8	188.7	178.3	174.7	+ 3.2	+ 2.1	+ 9.2
Non-metallic minerals	187.4	187.8	183.8	184.4	- 0.2	- 0.3	+ 2.0
Chemical products	190.4	190.3	187.7	188.0	(3)	- 0.2	+ 1.4
Canadian farm products(1)	222.8	219.2	225.8	225.1	+ 1.6	+ 0.3	- 1.3
Eastern total	236.9	231.7	232.9	231.2	+ 2.2	+ 0.7	+ 1.7
Western total	208.6	206.7	218.8	219.0	+ 0.9	- 0.1	(4)
Field	168.9	166.4	187.3	188.5	+ 1.5	- 0.6	(4)
Animal	276.7	272.0	264.4	261.7	+ 1.7	+ 1.0	+ 4.7
Selected price indexes:(1)							
Thirty industrial materials	251.8	247.6	244.0	241.7	+ 1.7	+ 1.0	+ 3.2
Residential building materials (1949=100)	129.7	129.1	128.2	128.6	+ 0.5	- 0.3	+ 1.2
Non-residential building materials (1949=100)	131.6	131.6	130.5	131.4	-	- 0.7	+ 0.8
Consumer price indexes (1949=100):							
All-items index	130.1	130.3	129.0	129.1	- 0.2	- 0.1	+ 0.9
Food	124.5	125.8	123.2	123.9	- 1.0	- 0.6	+ 1.1
Housing	134.5	134.0	132.9	133.2	+ 0.4	- 0.2	+ 1.2
Clothing	112.8	113.2	112.4	111.9	- 0.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
Transportation	140.4	140.2	141.8	141.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.6	- 1.0
Health and personal care	158.2	158.1	155.3	155.3	+ 0.1	-	+ 1.9
Recreation and reading	147.1	146.6	146.0	145.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
Tobacco and alcohol	117.9	117.9	115.8	115.8	-	-	+ 1.8
Security price indexes (1935-39=100):							
Total investors index	310.3	325.0	317.6	304.8	- 4.5	+ 4.2	- 2.3
Total industrials	323.7	340.2	333.4	319.6	- 4.9	+ 4.3	- 2.9
Machinery and equipment	621.1	657.3	809.3	801.0	- 5.5	+ 1.0	- 23.3
Pulp and paper	1,397.7	1,429.3	1,282.5	1,283.2	- 2.2	- 0.1	+ 9.0
Milling and grains	225.8	237.0	241.0	226.0	- 4.7	+ 6.6	- 6.3
Oils	221.3	237.1	231.7	227.8	- 6.7	+ 1.7	- 4.5
Textiles and clothing	251.9	260.5	210.4	202.2	- 3.3	+ 4.1	+ 19.7
Food and allied products	292.3	304.8	322.6	303.0	- 4.1	+ 6.5	- 9.4
Beverages	982.2	1,023.8	855.6	806.8	- 4.1	+ 6.0	+ 14.8
Building materials	516.3	553.0	490.9	491.3	- 6.6	- 0.1	+ 5.2
Industrial mines	300.3	313.7	311.7	280.1	- 4.3	+11.3	- 3.7
Total utilities	219.2	225.2	220.7	208.8	- 2.7	+ 5.7	- 0.7
Transportation	329.8	336.7	321.7	297.4	- 2.1	+ 8.2	+ 2.5
Telephone	148.3	154.5	145.4	134.6	- 4.0	+ 8.0	+ 2.0
Power and traction	204.0	203.9	221.8	220.2	+ 0.05	+ 0.7	- 8.0
Banks	387.4	404.0	383.4	377.6	- 4.1	+ 1.5	+ 1.0
Mining stocks:							
General index	136.5	134.1	122.5	116.6	+ 1.8	+ 5.1	+ 11.4
Golds	88.5	81.5	73.6	72.1	+ 8.6	+ 2.1	+ 20.2
Base metals	246.4	254.5	234.4	218.2	- 3.2	+ 7.4	+ 5.1
Security price indexes (1956=100):							
Pipelines	144.6	150.0	142.1	137.9	- 3.6	+ 3.0	+ 1.8
Investment and loan	169.9	185.6	175.9	164.8	- 8.5	+ 6.7	- 3.4
Uraniums	79.7	81.2	71.6	70.0	- 1.8	+ 2.3	+ 11.3
Primary oils and gas	62.2	67.8	60.2	59.9	- 8.3	+ 0.5	+ 3.3

(1) Indexes for 1962 are subject to revision.
(2) Corrected.
(3) Change of 0.05 per cent or less.
(4) Percentages not shown since indexes are not comparable. See notes page 50 for details of Western grain prices.

TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry and Selected Commodities

(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961	Apr. 1961	1961	1960	1959
Foods and beverages industries:							
Slaughtering and meat packing industry	116.1	111.9	112.2	112.7	113.5	108.3	112.8
Pork, fresh or frozen	108.0	99.0	105.6	100.4	107.7	103.1	99.6
Sausage, fresh	110.5	112.0	113.7	114.7	113.5	105.5	105.4
Weiners and bologna	130.9	129.8	132.4	135.6	132.6	127.8	130.6
Margarine	88.9	88.1	93.3	90.2	91.1	88.3	93.4
Concentrated milk products industry	98.3	97.7	101.0	102.6	101.0	103.1	105.4
Milk, whole, evaporated	107.8	107.6	109.6	109.6	109.6	109.0	107.8
Milk, whole, powder, spray process	101.4	101.4	102.4	104.4	103.0	107.0	107.5
Milk, skim, powder, spray process	60.4	58.1	68.0	75.5	67.4	78.8	95.1
Cheese, processed, industry	108.0	108.0	108.0	108.0	108.3	108.8	107.2
Dairy products, other, industry	100.9	106.0	107.0	106.6	107.1	107.0	105.8
Fish processing industry	126.3	131.7	125.0	127.6	127.4	120.1	113.7
Cod, fillets, frozen	122.3	123.9	118.6	118.6	119.1	110.9	117.8
Salmon, canned, sockeye	119.1	118.1	129.4	129.4	124.7	122.5	109.6
Fruit and vegetable preparations industry ..	103.4	103.5	104.5	104.0	104.0	104.8	102.9
Peaches, canned	100.6	100.6	114.9	114.2	109.7	112.5	97.3
Corn, creamed, whole grain, canned	117.2	117.2	118.4	118.4	118.1	121.5	119.3
Peas, canned	106.8	106.8	103.6	103.6	105.0	100.8	93.4
Tomato juice, canned	98.8	95.7	95.3	95.3	97.0	97.4	99.0
Feed mills industry	114.6	112.9	102.3	103.0	104.6	103.5	103.6
Feeds, dairy and cattle	111.5	110.1	98.8	99.1	100.6	97.7	99.4
Flour mills industry	118.4	118.1	105.4	106.0	108.4	104.4	103.6
Wheat flour, Spring, No. 2 patent	122.4	122.4	108.4	108.4	111.8	109.3	108.3
Wheat flour, Spring, No. 3 patent	119.1	119.1	106.1	106.1	108.4	104.7	104.3
Wheat flour, Ontario winter	113.8	113.8	113.5	111.9	110.9	114.3	103.4
Shorts and middlings	108.3	108.3	90.9	94.0	99.5	87.9	92.7
Breakfast foods industry	119.6	119.6	113.2	113.2	113.4	111.8	111.4
Biscuits industry	106.3	106.3	108.9	109.5	108.7	109.4	107.7
Bread and other bakery products industry ...	116.3	116.3	115.6	115.6	115.2	114.3	112.9
Rolls and buns, plain	123.3	123.3	123.3	123.3	123.3	120.4	116.6
Pies, cakes, cookies and pastries	110.9	110.9	113.1	112.9	112.6	109.8	108.3

TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry and Selected Commodities - Continued

(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961	Apr. 1961	1961	1960	1959
Foods and beverages industries - Concluded							
Carbonated beverages industry	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.0	106.5	105.1
Distilled liquors industry	107.8	107.1	106.1	106.1	106.4	106.4	106.6
Breweries industry	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	104.8
Beer in small bottles	105.1	105.1	105.1	105.1	105.1	105.1	104.2
Wines industry	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	100.0	100.8
Confectionery industry	113.6	113.7	115.0	115.1	114.3	114.8	115.4
Chewing gum	97.7	98.4	101.6	102.4	101.9	102.7	102.8
Chocolate bars	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.1	108.2	109.0
Chocolate, in packages	116.0	116.0	116.0	116.0	116.0	118.0	117.3
Sugar confectionery, in bulk	128.0	128.0	129.8	129.8	129.3	128.0	128.9
Sugar refining industry	95.6	94.8	101.1	97.2	95.1	95.6	93.6
Sugar, granulated, cane and beet	95.6	94.8	101.4	97.5	95.4	95.9	94.0
Sugar, yellow or brown, cane and beet	93.5	92.8	96.2	92.2	90.9	91.6	88.8
Sugar, icing, cane and beet	98.1	96.8	103.4	99.6	97.5	98.5	94.4
Miscellaneous food preparations industry	85.0	84.8	82.9	82.9	83.8	82.2	82.5
Coffee, roasted	64.4	64.0	62.2	62.2	63.7	62.4	63.2
Jelly powders	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9
Tea, blended, packaged	100.5	100.5	96.6	96.6	98.2	96.6	96.6
Macaroni and kindred products industry	119.6	119.1	112.6	112.6	114.8	110.1	108.1
Tobacco and tobacco products industries:							
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes industry	102.3	102.3	102.2	102.2	102.2	101.4	101.1
Tobacco, smoking, fine cut	109.5	109.5	109.0	109.0	109.2	105.8	105.1
Cigarettes	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.2	99.9
Rubber products industries:							
Rubber goods, including footwear, industry	88.8	88.7	103.1	103.1	100.8	102.5	99.3
Tires, balloon, passenger cars, standard	86.2	86.2	102.1	102.1	98.8	101.1	98.5
Hose, fire, garden, etc.	100.0	100.0	100.3	100.3	100.2	103.0	99.9

TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry and Selected Commodities - Continued

(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961	Apr. 1961	1961	1960	1959
Leather products industries:							
Footwear, leather industry	110.8	110.7	109.6	109.6	110.0	109.6	105.6
Men's goodyear welts	114.1	114.1	111.7	111.7	112.5	111.6	108.2
Misses' stitchdowns	105.8	105.8	102.4	102.4	103.5	105.3	104.3
Children's and little gents' stitchdowns	116.0	116.0	113.1	113.1	113.8	115.2	109.0
Babies' and infants' stitchdowns	111.6	111.6	109.1	109.1	109.2	110.8	107.4
Gloves and mittens, leather, industry	101.9	101.9	101.9	101.9	102.0	109.2	102.9
Gloves and mittens, dress, men's lined	93.1	93.1	90.5	90.5	90.6	93.9	92.3
Gloves and mittens, work, men's unlined	107.4	107.4	109.1	109.1	109.1	118.8	109.3
Leather tanning industry	127.0	126.6	118.0	117.0	119.3	119.2	130.8
Upper leather, cattle hides	131.0	130.5	121.7	120.0	123.1	118.8	133.1
Upper leather, chrome splits	111.0	111.0	111.8	111.8	113.3	124.9	124.6
Sole leather, shoulders	120.6	118.0	110.8	110.0	112.1	113.0	117.6
Belting, leather, industry	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4
Textile mills industries:							
Cotton yarn and cloth industry	99.1	99.0	95.8	95.7	96.8	96.0	96.4
Woollen cloth industry	100.9	100.3	101.7	101.5	101.4	100.4	98.6
Woollen yarn industry	100.6	99.4	100.0	98.3	98.5	97.6	96.9
Miscellaneous woollen goods industry	96.4	96.4	96.3	96.2	96.3	97.1	97.5
Synthetic textiles and silk industry	96.1	96.0	95.5	95.9	96.2	96.2	99.0
Woven fabrics, continuous filament rayon	103.9	103.6	102.6	103.0	103.8	102.9	100.6
Cordage, rope and twine industry	99.4	99.4	102.7	102.7	102.5	99.5	93.8
Twine, all sisal	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	107.0	95.7
Bags, cotton and jute, industry	115.6	115.3	113.5	113.9	112.7	101.6	95.7
Bags, cotton	106.6	106.0	100.4	100.4	101.1	99.8	97.0
Bags, jute	123.5	123.6	125.2	125.9	123.0	103.1	94.6
Oilcloth, linoleum and other coated fabrics industry	108.8	107.7	103.5	103.5	103.7	101.8	100.9
Automobile accessories, fabric, industry	84.9	84.9	88.4	88.4	87.2	91.4	86.6

TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry and Selected Commodities - Continued

(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961	Apr. 1961	1961	1960	1959
Clothing and knitting mills industries:							
Clothing, men's factory, industry	105.8	105.8	103.6	103.6	103.8	103.2	102.3
Jackets, separate, civilian	116.8	116.8	111.3	111.3	112.7	109.2	107.3
Shirts, cotton, fine	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.1	99.0
Shirts, cotton, work	96.2	96.2	96.5	96.5	96.4	99.2	97.4
Pyjamas	100.6	100.6	100.6	100.6	100.6	100.6	100.6
Hosiery industry	87.7	87.7	87.8	87.8	87.8	88.1	92.0
Socks, wool and wool mixtures, men's, seamless, fine	89.7	89.7	92.0	92.0	92.0	93.2	95.0
Socks, wool and wool mixtures, men's, seamless, work	99.5	99.5	97.8	97.8	97.8	97.8	97.8
Other knitted goods industry	91.8	91.9	91.3	91.3	91.4	93.7	96.7
Knitted goods, infants', all kinds	97.4	97.4	96.8	96.8	96.7	96.2	99.5
Linings, glove and shoe	100.0	103.0	100.2	100.2	101.0	101.0	100.6
Hats and caps industry	103.3	103.3	103.9	103.9	103.9	102.7	102.2
Wood products industries:							
Veneers and plywoods industry	85.8	85.8	87.0	83.8	83.4	87.5	93.3
Veneer, yellow birch	85.7	85.7	90.9	90.9	88.4	95.9	90.7
Plywood, Douglas fir	83.0	83.0	82.8	77.2	77.8	81.4	92.9
Plywood, yellow birch	93.3	93.3	94.6	94.6	93.6	96.9	96.4
Doors, veneer and plywood, slab-type	89.1	89.1	87.8	87.5	87.7	89.4	94.6
Sash, door and planing mills industry	100.1	99.8	100.2	100.2	100.4	100.4	100.9
Sash and doors	112.0	112.0	111.3	111.3	111.3	109.4	105.0
Lumber, matched	101.9	99.2	96.2	96.3	97.2	96.0	100.5
Lumber, planed	90.4	90.4	92.3	92.2	92.4	94.2	97.6
Mouldings	104.1	104.1	103.2	103.2	103.4	104.3	104.4
Flooring, hardwood, industry	94.6	93.9	94.3	94.3	93.9	95.6	97.8
Flooring, birch	96.4	96.4	97.6	97.6	97.0	100.5	100.4
Flooring, red oak	92.8	91.4	91.0	91.0	90.7	90.8	95.1
Lumber mills industry	97.1	95.6	92.5	92.4	92.0	95.0	98.6
Pine, white	103.2	103.2	105.9	105.9	105.7	105.9	103.7
Pine, jack and lodge-pole	88.0	86.4	87.2	86.4	87.7	90.1	94.2
Birch, yellow	109.1	107.9	106.9	106.9	106.2	104.2	104.2
Maple, hard	97.9	96.6	94.8	94.9	95.4	93.8	95.2

TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry and Selected Commodities - Continued

(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961	Apr. 1961	1961	1960	1959
Wood products industries - Concluded							
Shingle mills industry	95.7	90.0	87.2	86.5	87.2	91.3	102.6
Furniture industry	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.1	106.0	105.2
Bedroom furniture, wooden, not upholstered	108.5	108.5	107.2	107.2	107.4	106.4	106.0
Office furnishings and fixtures, wooden	115.2	115.2	114.6	114.6	115.0	113.2	104.6
Office and store furnishings and fixtures, metal	108.6	108.6	106.9	106.9	107.3	105.8	104.5
Mattresses, spring filled	96.4	96.4	98.4	98.4	98.2	100.9	100.2
Boxes and baskets, wood, industry	117.0	117.0	116.8	116.8	116.8	116.1	113.8
Paper products industries:							
Boxes and bags, paper, industry	104.5	104.6(1)	104.2	104.1	104.0	103.9	103.4
Boxes, folding	105.2	105.2	104.4	104.4	104.3	103.3	104.2
Boxes, corrugated, including wrappers	101.8	101.8	101.8	101.8	101.8	102.8	102.0
Bags, self-opening, square	111.0	112.2	107.2	107.2	107.0	105.1	107.1
Pulp mills industry	98.5	95.3	91.9	92.0	93.7	96.4	98.0
Sulphite, bleached, paper grade, domestic market	89.1	89.1	91.0	91.0	90.9	100.4	102.3
Groundwood pulp, export market	100.0	98.2	96.3	96.3	97.2	93.7	97.3
Sulphite, unbleached, strong, export market	105.6	101.2	95.0	95.1	97.6	101.7	100.8
Sulphate, bleached, export market	100.1	96.5	93.4	93.5	95.7	99.1	99.4
Paper mills industry	107.9	106.3	104.3	104.4	105.2	103.7	102.8
Paper, book	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	110.0	107.8
Paper, fine	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	110.0	107.8
Box board, for folding cartons	107.6	107.6	107.9	107.9	107.8	107.8	107.7
Building board	99.2	99.2	103.9	103.9	103.1	105.4	104.2
Roofing paper industry	85.2	85.3	93.8	97.0	91.6	92.8	94.0
Roll roofing, smooth surfaced	91.0	91.0	104.0	108.5	100.3	96.4	92.2
Roll roofing, felt, mineral surfaced	83.5	83.5	95.0	99.0	91.5	91.2	90.8
Felts, tar and asphalt saturated	84.2	84.2	85.2	93.5	87.3	94.3	91.9
Floor tiles, asphalt	103.0	105.0	104.0	104.0	106.1	103.4	103.0
Miscellaneous paper goods industry	103.6	103.5	103.8	103.8	104.2	105.5	105.7
Envelopes	99.3	99.3	98.3	98.3	98.5	104.0	106.5
Paper, toilet, packaged	104.6	103.2	104.8	104.9	106.7	107.0	104.8
Paper, waxed, including bread wrappers	102.0	102.0	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.8	104.2
Tissues, facial	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	95.3	98.5	100.0

(1) Corrected.

TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry and Selected Commodities - Continued

(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961	Apr. 1961	1961	1960	1959
Iron and steel products industries:							
Agricultural implements industry	115.1	115.1	113.2	113.2	113.3	111.2	110.1
Drills, grain and fertilizer, combination	120.4	120.4	120.0	120.0	120.0	117.4	115.6
Harrow-ploughs, one-way discs, tiller combines	113.5	113.5	111.2	111.2	111.1	107.7	106.9
Combines, reaper-threshers and stationary threshers	115.2	115.2	113.4	113.4	113.5	111.5	110.7
Swathers or windrowers	115.9	115.9	113.2	113.2	113.4	109.4	106.0
Hardware, tools and cutlery industry	114.3	114.3	114.0	113.1	113.7	-	-
Heating and cooking apparatus industry	94.0	94.9	94.7	95.4	95.0	97.1	98.1
Furnaces, oil, gravity or forced air circulation	95.2	95.2	94.4	95.0	94.8	94.4	94.7
Stoves and ranges, cooking, gas	98.5	98.5	98.2	98.2	98.2	102.5	101.9
Machinery, household, office and store, industry	97.3	97.0	99.7	99.7	99.5	99.3	99.3
Castings, iron, industry	107.1	107.0	107.1	107.1	107.2	105.6	104.1
Soil pipe and fittings, cast iron	95.6	95.8	100.0	101.1	99.3	102.0	103.0
Pipe fittings, malleable iron, all kinds	117.0	117.0	110.3	110.3	114.2	109.5	100.1
Pig iron industry	106.2	106.2	106.2	104.1	105.5	105.6	105.4
Steel ingots and castings industry	119.6	119.6	121.1	121.1	121.1	119.6	115.7
Rolled iron and steel products industry	106.7	106.7	107.3	107.3	107.0	107.6	107.2
Hot-rolled products, rails	108.2	108.2	108.2	108.2	108.2	108.2	109.1
Hot-rolled products, bars, all grades excluding concrete reinforcing bars	102.6	102.6	106.3	106.3	104.4	106.5	107.6
Bars, cold-rolled and cold-drawn	108.7	108.7	108.7	108.0	108.5	108.0	108.0
Sheets, cold-rolled, reducing mill production	113.4	113.4	113.4	113.5	113.4	113.5	113.5
Wire and wire goods industry	105.5	105.5	106.3	106.3	106.2	106.0	105.6
Nails, wire, iron and steel	101.6	101.6	102.0	102.0	102.0	102.0	103.2
Woven wire, farm fence, steel	108.2	108.2	112.5	112.5	111.6	113.2	114.5
Wire cloth, Fourdrinier	103.6	103.6	106.7	106.7	106.7	105.9	102.0
Rope, steel wire	100.6	100.6	103.3	103.3	102.3	103.3	103.3
Transportation equipment industries:							
Boatbuilding industry	127.7	126.0	128.3	125.3	125.4	124.3	118.9

TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry and Selected Commodities - Continued

(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961	Apr. 1961	1961	1960	1959
Transportation equipment industries - Concluded							
Motor vehicles industry	119.0	119.3	116.4	116.6	116.8	116.3	115.2
Passenger cars, 2-door sedan	122.0	122.2	119.0	119.1	119.4	118.7	117.5
Passenger cars, 4-door sedan	119.4	119.7	116.4	116.5	116.8	116.2	115.3
Trucks, 5,000 lbs. or less, gross vehicle weight	116.2	116.6	115.0	115.1	115.0	115.0	114.4
Trucks, 5,001-10,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight	116.3	116.7	114.6	114.7	114.8	114.3	112.4
Motor vehicles parts industry	106.7	106.6(1)	106.0	106.0	106.0	104.6	103.4
Non-ferrous metal products industries:							
Aluminum products industry	103.0	103.0	102.8	102.6	102.8	101.8	100.2
Sheets	104.9	104.9	105.9	105.9	105.7	104.4	100.7
Utensils, cooking	120.7	120.7	115.4	114.8	116.3	115.4	116.4
Brass and copper products industry	85.8	84.3	81.9	80.6	83.0	83.4	82.3
Ingots, brass and bronze	86.7	86.3	81.1	78.3	82.0	74.5	74.8
Faucets and combinations, sink, bath and lavatory	100.1	100.1	95.4	95.4	97.2	94.4	94.6
Jewellery and silverware industry	114.0	112.3	101.3	101.4	103.1	100.0	99.1
Gold alloys	108.4	105.5	101.4	101.6	103.2	100.7	99.9
Flatware and cutlery, silver-plated	105.4	105.4	96.9	96.9	96.9	96.9	96.1
Non-ferrous metal smelting and refining industry	100.8	97.7	93.2	92.8	95.4	93.4	90.7
White metal alloys industry	88.5	88.5	87.8	87.6	88.5	88.1	86.1
Lead, antimonial	69.6	69.6	68.5	68.5	69.5	72.1	72.0
Solders	100.6	100.7	92.0	90.4	96.6	89.9	90.3
Type and type metals	93.3	93.3	93.3	93.3	93.4	93.3	93.4
Electrical apparatus and supplies industries:							
Batteries industry	96.8	98.1(1)	99.2	99.2	99.2	98.6	99.6
Batteries, storage, automotive	81.6	85.0	85.5	85.5	85.6	84.8	88.0
Batteries, drycell, radio, non-portable	108.7	108.7	108.7	108.7	108.7	108.7	107.8
Batteries, drycell, flashlight	128.0	128.0	128.2	128.2	128.2	128.1	126.7

(1) Corrected.

TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry and Selected Commodities - Continued

(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961	Apr. 1961	1961	1960	1959
Electrical apparatus and supplies industries - Concluded							
Machinery, heavy electrical, industry	90.0	90.3	90.0	89.6	89.7	96.7	97.7
Industrial control equipment	100.6	101.2	100.1	100.8	99.0	107.8	110.3
Generators	89.7	89.7	93.0	93.0	91.7	94.7	95.0
Motors a-c	95.2	95.2	98.8	98.9	97.0	100.4	99.1
Motors d-c	107.5	106.2	105.3	105.3	105.3	106.0	103.1
Transformers	82.0	82.1	78.1	74.9	77.8	90.2	94.0
Refrigerators, vacuum cleaners and appliances industry	82.8	82.8	84.7	84.2	83.9	89.2	94.8
Stoves or ranges, cooking, domestic, over 35 amps.	82.9	82.7	85.7	84.7	85.3	92.1	99.4
Irons, automatic, flat	93.8	93.8	97.7	101.5	97.2	100.0	99.8
Washing machines, electric, domestic, automatic type	92.7	92.9	-	-	-	-	-
Refrigerators, household	75.6	75.6	77.9	76.8	76.6	83.5	91.1
Miscellaneous electrical apparatus and supplies industry	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.6	100.6	102.2	103.1
Lamps, incandescent, standard	122.5	122.5	116.1	116.1	118.2	116.1	112.1
Lamps, fluorescent	105.8	105.8	102.8	102.8	103.8	102.8	103.6
Lighting fixtures, fluorescent, commercial	103.6	103.6	102.9	102.9	103.0	103.1	102.4
Wires and cables industry	86.9	86.6	84.5	82.6	85.0	86.2	85.5
Conductors, un-insulated: Copper, copperweld, including trolley wires	84.0	83.0	80.4	78.4	81.3	81.9	80.5
Conductors, insulated: Weatherproof wires, all types	79.9	77.2	74.8	72.5	75.6	77.6	76.6
Rubber-insulated and braided	87.4	91.3	90.2	85.1	88.6	92.2	92.3
Magnet wires, enamelled	91.6	89.8	88.1	86.5	88.7	90.1	89.2
Non-metallic mineral products industries:							
Abrasives, artificial, industry	114.2	114.2	113.1	113.1	113.5	113.0	111.6
Alumina, fused, crude	112.4	112.4	111.9	111.9	112.2	111.9	111.8
Silicon carbide, crude	113.8	113.8	110.1	110.2	110.9	110.2	109.3
Clay products from imported clay industry	106.8	106.8	107.4	107.4	107.4	108.0	103.0
Gypsum products industry	106.2	106.2	105.6	105.6	105.6	105.0	105.2
Lath, gypsum	106.1	106.1	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4

TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry and Selected Commodities - Continued

(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961	Apr. 1961	1961	1960	1959
Non-metallic mineral products industries: - Concluded							
Concrete products industry	96.1	96.1	96.4	96.2	96.1	96.9	98.9
Blocks, gravel, building	91.6	91.6	94.6	93.6	94.1	96.0	99.4
Concrete, ready-mixed	106.8	106.8	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.2
Clay products from domestic clay industry	108.3	108.3	105.2	110.5	106.9	109.8	106.8
Brick, dry press, face	97.9	97.9	96.8	104.6	99.4	105.6	106.3
Tile, structural, hollow blocks	118.0	118.0	112.0	112.0	112.6	111.4	104.7
Products of petroleum and coal industries:							
Coke and gas products industry	111.0	111.0	106.2	106.2	106.6	106.6	106.5
Petroleum refining and products industry	99.0	99.0	99.0	99.1	99.5	99.7	100.4
Fuel oil, stove, No. 1	98.8	98.8	98.8	98.8	98.8	98.8	98.6
Diesel fuel	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.7
Fuel oil, light	94.6	94.6	94.6	94.6	94.6	98.0	99.6
Fuel oil, heavy	87.8	87.8	88.7	88.7	88.7	88.7	88.6
Lubricating oils and greases industry	114.8	114.8	114.1	114.1	114.2	113.0	111.5
Chemicals and allied products industries:							
Acids, alkalies and salts industry	104.2	104.2	104.2	104.3	104.0	104.6	105.2
Chlorine, liquid	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7
Sodium hydroxide (caustic soda)	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5
Fertilizers industry	100.9	100.9	102.7	102.7	101.7	101.5	101.8
Medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations industry	99.6	99.6	101.4	101.4	100.2	102.1	102.2
Patent medicines	114.4	114.4	118.6	118.6	115.6	112.0	107.4
Ethical preparations for human use	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.2	104.7	104.5
Vitamin preparations	100.3	100.3	103.5	103.5	101.7	104.1	103.6
Paints, varnishes and lacquers industry	107.2	107.2	106.5	106.5	106.7	105.9	105.8
Lacquers, clear	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	102.5	103.0	103.7
Enamels, ready-mixed, oil and synthetic	107.2	107.2	106.3	106.3	106.6	106.1	106.1
Thinners, lacquer, paint and enamel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.2

TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry and Selected Commodities - Concluded

(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961	Apr. 1961	1961	1960	1959
Chemicals and allied products industries - Concluded							
Soaps, washing compounds and cleaning preparations industry	113.5	113.6	113.4	113.6	113.7	113.4	111.4
Vegetable oils industry	106.0	103.7	103.3	107.5	101.3	87.5	92.5
Soya bean oilcake	123.9	115.2	120.6	124.5	111.8	96.3	100.8
Linseed oil, raw	109.0	108.3	82.3	88.7	95.0	83.7	91.5
Primary plastics industry	88.5	88.5	90.3	90.3	89.8	93.0	94.2
Synthetic resins, phenol-formaldehyde type	88.0	88.0	94.3	94.3	92.1	93.0	94.5
Inks, printing, industry	99.9	99.9	104.2	104.2	104.2	104.1	103.8
Polishes and dressings industry	114.5	114.5	111.6	111.0	111.5	107.9	106.6
Wax, liquid, self-polishing	113.4	113.4	110.4	110.4	110.4	107.7	106.7
Gases, compressed, industry	110.0	110.0	111.4	111.4	111.4	112.4	110.5
Adhesives industry	106.9	106.9	108.8	108.2	108.2	108.2	106.9
Glue, synthetic resin	102.5	102.5	107.8	107.8	106.5	107.8	107.0
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries:							
Typewriter supplies industry	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3
Fountain pens and pencils industry	103.4	103.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4
Clocks, watches and watch cases industry	107.6	107.6	103.0	103.0	104.1	101.4	101.6
Buttons, buckles and fasteners industry	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.1
Candles industry	103.9	103.9	103.8	103.8	104.1	103.4	103.0
Pipes, lighters and smokers' supplies industry	95.2	95.2	95.7	95.7	95.7	103.6	100.9

TABLE 3. Selected Price Indicators (1935-39=100)

General Wholesale Index and Principal Components

Date	General wholesale index	Vegetable products	Animal products	Textile products	Wood products	Iron products	Non-ferrous metals products (1)	Non-metallic minerals products	Chemical products
1952	226.0	210.3	248.2	251.5	291.0	219.0	172.9	173.9	180.1
1953	220.7	199.0	241.7	239.0	288.6	221.4	168.6	176.9	175.7
1954	217.0	196.8	236 0	231.1	286.8	213.4	167.5	177.0	176 4
1955	218.9	195.1	226.0	226.2	295.7	221.4	187.6	175.2	177.0
1956	225.6	197.3	227.7	230.2	303.7	239.8	199.2	180.8	180.1
1957	227.4	197.0	238.4	236.0	299.4	252.7	176.0	189.3	182.3
1958	227.8	198.1	250.7	229.0	298.5	252.6	167.3	188.5	183.0
1959	230.6	199.5	254.3	228.0	304.0	255.7	174.6	186.5	187.0
1960	230.9	203.0	247.6	229.8	303.8	256.2	177.8	185.6	188.2
1961	233.3	203.1	254.7	234.5	305.1	258.1	181.6	185.2	188.7
1960 Jan.	230.7	203.0	246.5	229.7	304.4	256.7	176.5	186.0	187.9
Feb.	230.2	202.8	242.6	228.8	304.6	256.7	178.2	186.0	188.3
Mar.	229.8	202.6	240.9	228.7	304.4	256.7	177.6	186.4	188.5
Apr.	231.5	206.0	243.4	230.6	306.2	256.6	179.0	185.5	188.6
May	231.6	205.9	241.1	231.9	307.6	257.0	179.7	185.5	188.4
June	232.4	206.0	246.0	231.2	308.8	256.2	180.4	185.3	188.4
July	232.4	205.2	250.5	230.8	306.0	255.9	179.7	185.2	188.4
Aug.	230.5	201.5	250.0	229.1	301.4	255 9	178.9	185.1	188.2
Sept.	230.5	201.4	252.1	228.2	300.8	256.0	177.4	185.2	188.1
Oct.	230.6	202.0	251.0	228.9	301.8	256.0	175.9	185.3	187.9
Nov.	229.9	200.2	251.1	229.8	300.1	255.6	174.9	185.7	187.9
Dec.	230.4	199.9	255.8	229.6	300.1	255.0	174.9	185.8	188.1
1961 Jan.	231.7	201.0	258.3	230.1	302.9	255.1	176.2	186.0	188.1
Feb.	232.1	201.4	259.4	232.4	301.7	256.6	174.4	185.8	187.8
Mar.	231.3	200.0	256.2	233.0	301.6	256.7	174.6	186.2	188.0
Apr	230.9	200.4	251.0	233.3	302.3	259.1	174.7	184.4	188.0
May	231.2	200.1	250.7	234.2	302.1	259.1	178.3	183.8	187.7
June	231.4	200.0	251.5	234.0	302.4	259.3	179.0	183.7	187.6
July	234.5	205.0	251.1	236.6	307.8	259.3	187.1	184.9	189.1
Aug.	234.5	205.4	251.6	235.6	307.6	259.1	187.0	184.9	188.6
Sept	235.3	205.7	256.1	235.8	307.4	258.8	187.0	185.3	189.7
Oct.	235.3	205.2	256.5	235.9	307.4	258.8	186.9	185.4	189.8
Nov	235.3	205.3	256.5	236.2	308.4	257.9	186.2	185.7	189.9
Dec.	236.5	208.0	257.1	237.2	309.4	257.5	188.1	186.7	190.2
1962 (2) Jan.	237.0	209.6	256.4	237.3	310.2	257.6	188.4	186.9	190.3
Feb.	237.2	210.2	256.6	238.2	309.8	257.6	188.1	187.7	189.9
Mar.	237.1	210.5	255.0	239.1	310.0	257.5	188.0	187.8	190.2
Apr.	237.4	210.2	256.2	237.9(3)	311.7	257.1	188.7	187.8	190.3
May	239.1	212.5	254.4	239.6	317.0	256.9	194.8	187.4	190.4
June									
July									
Aug.									
Sept.									
Oct.									
Nov.									
Dec.									

(1) Includes gold.
(2) Indexes for 1962 are subject to revision.
(3) Corrected.

TABLE 3. Selected Price Indicators (1935-39=100) - Continued

Special Groupings of Components of General Wholesale Index

Date	Non-farm products(1)	Raw and partly mfg. goods(2)	Fully and chiefly mfg. goods(2)	Iron and non-ferrous metals(3)	Fully and chiefly manufactured goods		
					Iron and non-ferrous metals(4)	Iron	Non-ferrous metals(4)
1952	226.0	218.7	230.7	225.0	213.3	212.1	233.0
1953	223.3	207.0	228.8	223.1	216.5	215.5	233.4
1954	219.6	204.8	224.2	217.9	212.6	211.3	233.4
1955	225.9	209.7	224.5	237.2	218.2	215.4	263.8
1956	235.7	215.8	231.5	256.6	232.7	229.3	287.8
1957	236.0	209.4	237.9	247.6	245.2	244.4	257.6
1958	233.0	209.3	238.3	240.8	249.0	249.3	245.5
1959	236.0	210.9	241.6	248.3	251.6	251.0	261.2
1960	237.0	209.6	242.2	250.6	253.5	252.6	269.1
1961	239.1	212.6	244.5	253.3	254.4	253.4	270.0
1960 Jan.	237.1	209.0	242.4	250.5	253.0	252.3	265.0
Feb.	237.3	208.6	241.4	251.8	253.2	252.3	268.1
Mar.	237.2	208.1	241.2	251.5	253.2	252.3	268.1
Apr.	238.0	211.0	242.4	252.0	253.4	252.2	272.0
May	238.8	211.0	242.5	252.3	253.8	252.6	272.0
June	238.9	213.1	242.8	252.1	253.8	252.6	272.0
July	237.9	212.6	243.0	251.6	253.8	252.6	272.0
Aug.	236.3	209.3	241.8	251.5	253.8	252.6	272.0
Sept.	235.8	209.0	242.1	250.3	253.7	252.8	269.6
Oct.	236.0	208.8	242.2	248.9	253.5	252.8	266.1
Nov.	235.5	207.4	242.1	247.9	253.6	252.8	266.1
Dec.	235.3	207.5	242.7	247.5	253.6	252.8	266.6
1961 Jan.	236.4	208.8	244.0	248.1	253.6	252.8	266.5
Feb.	236.4	208.8	244.5	247.7	253.7	253.0	264.6
Mar.	236.6	207.8	243.8	248.0	253.7	253.0	264.6
Apr.	237.2	207.2	243.6	249.5	254.1	253.5	264.1
May	237.8	208.4	243.4	252.2	254.3	253.5	267.8
June	238.0	209.3	243.2	252.6	254.9	253.9	272.3
July	241.3	215.7	244.7	257.3	255.0	253.9	273.5
Aug.	241.0	215.5	244.7	257.2	254.7	253.6	273.5
Sept.	241.0	216.9	245.2	257.1	254.6	253.4	273.5
Oct.	241.0	217.1	245.3	257.0	254.6	253.4	273.5
Nov.	241.1	217.2	245.2	255.9	254.5	253.4	273.0
Dec.	241.8	219.2	246.0	256.8	254.5	253.4	273.0
1962(5) Jan.	242.2	219.3	246.6	256.9	254.0	252.9	273.0
Feb.	242.3	220.2	246.2	256.6	254.0	252.9	272.6
Mar.	242.4	219.6	246.4	256.5	254.3	253.2	272.6
Apr.	242.8	220.3	246.9	256.7	254.3	253.2	272.6
May	245.2	224.3	247.5	259.9	254.5	253.2	275.7
June							
July							
Aug.							
Sept.							
Oct.							
Nov.							
Dec.							

(1) Consists of General Wholesale Index less Animal products and Vegetable products component groups (see preceding page).
(2) These two series comprise the General Wholesale Index.
(3) Consists of Iron products and non-ferrous metals products component groups less gold (see preceding page).
(4) Excludes gold.
(5) Indexes for 1962 are subject to revision.

TABLE 3. Selected Price Indicators - Concluded

Date	Industrial materials	Building materials		Canadian farm products(2)		
		Residential(1)	Non-residential	Field	Animal	Total
	(1935-39=100)	(1949=100)		(1935-39=100)		
1952	252.6	124.9	123.2	223.0	277.5	250.2
1953	232.3	123.9	124.4	179.4	263.8	221.6
1954	223.7	121.7	121.8	170.9	256.2	213.6
1955	236.0	124.3	123.4	180.1	245.1	212.6
1956	248.2	128.5	128.0	181.6	246.9	214.2
1957	240.3	128.4	130.0	169.2	258.0	213.6
1958	229.8	127.3	129.8	171.4	274.5	222.9
1959	240.2	130.0	131.7	176.1	271.6	223.9
1960	240.4	129.2	132.3	189.1	264.1	226.6
1961	243.2	128.3	131.1	179.6	270.0	224.8
1960 Jan.	243.2	129.6	132.0	184.9	257.7	221.3
Feb.	241.8	129.6	132.1	185.2	252.0	218.6
Mar.	240.4	129.6	132.2	188.2	252.2	220.2
Apr.	241.7	129.8	132.5	193.7	256.2	224.9
May	243.2	129.6	132.4	195.4	257.8	226.6
June	242.2	129.6	132.6	198.4	265.0	231.7
July	240.5	129.5	132.8	186.7	270.1	228.4
Aug.	240.8	128.7	132.7	186.7	271.7	229.2
Sept.	241.0	128.6	132.3	186.5	273.6	230.1
Oct.	238.5	128.1	132.3	187.7	267.8	227.8
Nov.	236.0	128.5	132.0	187.5	269.7	228.6
Dec.	235.2	128.9	132.3	188.4	275.0	231.7
1961 Jan.	235.4	128.3	132.0	189.3	277.1	233.2
Feb.	238.1	128.2	131.7	189.0	276.3	232.7
Mar.	240.2	128.9	131.7	188.2	268.6	228.4
Apr.	241.7	128.6	131.4	188.5	261.7	225.1
May	244.0	128.2	130.5	187.3	264.4	225.8
June	239.7	128.5	130.7	192.5	264.7	228.6
July	247.7	128.5	130.9	191.3	265.3	228.3
Aug.	247.1	128.0	130.9	168.5	265.4	216.9
Sept.	247.8	127.9	130.7	165.7	272.3	219.0
Oct.	246.6	127.7	130.6	165.3	275.3	220.3
Nov.	244.6	128.2	130.6	164.2	275.0	219.6
Dec.	245.7	128.2	131.2	165.8	274.2	220.0
1962(3) Jan.	245.2	128.7	131.5	166.7	271.0	218.9
Feb.	246.2	128.4	131.5	167.5	270.8	219.2
Mar.	247.1	128.9	131.6	167.1	267.5	217.3
Apr.	247.6	129.1	131.6	166.4	272.0	219.2
May	251.8	129.7	131.6	168.9	276.7	222.8
June						
July						
Aug.						
Sept.						
Oct.						
Nov.						
Dec.						

(1) Converted from the base 1935-39=100. See Table 6.
(2) Final to July 1961. See page 50 for details on Western grain prices and specific publications wherein final indexes for earlier years may be found.
(3) Indexes for 1962 are subject to revision.

TABLE 4. Wholesale Price Index Numbers showing Component Detail(1)

(1935-39=100)

Commodity group and sub-group	Months				Annual averages		
	May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961	Apr. 1961	1961	1960	1959
General wholesale index	239.1	237.4	231.2	230.9	233.3	230.9	230.6
Total vegetable products	212.5	210.2	200.1	200.4	203.1	203.0	199.5
Grains	215.7	209.6	180.1	180.6	190.5	179.8	179.1
Cereal foods, milled	179.9	179.8	160.3	160.3	164.8	160.1	157.2
Feeds, livestock and poultry	214.4	203.9	181.2	194.4	191.4	180.2	191.6
Bakery products	232.9	232.9	225.0	225.0	227.5	221.9	215.4
Fruits, fresh	191.4	225.8	187.1	192.7	193.8	190.6	167.9
Fruits, dried	218.4	217.6	210.3	210.3	216.4	222.4	230.7
Fruits, canned	175.6	171.0	187.0	181.3	182.1	181.5	170.6
Vegetable oils and products	278.4	279.0	268.3	273.2	267.7	268.7	300.5
Rubber and its products	201.5	199.9	212.9	211.8	208.7	218.7	208.4
Sugar and its products	144.8	143.0	153.5	147.3	144.1	147.5	143.9
Tea, coffee and cocoa	327.8	322.0	311.3	311.6	317.5	328.0	351.2
Potatoes	145.9	126.6	184.6	189.2	174.7	279.4	219.0
Onions	404.0	406.7	193.1	253.9	248.8	194.8	302.6
Vegetables, canned	189.5	189.5	190.1	190.1	191.1	212.1	198.9
Raw leaf tobacco	215.4	215.7	219.5	219.5	219.4	221.4	205.0
Total animal products	254.4	256.2	250.7	251.0	254.7	247.6	254.3
Fishery products	358.8	361.4	348.6	359.4	352.8	339.6	326.4
Furs, raw	95.1	82.8	83.8	83.4	83.4	91.0	86.3
Hides and skins	194.7	206.2	179.7	174.6	189.8	155.4	206.8
Leather, unmanufactured	229.6	229.2	220.0	215.8	224.8	226.2	263.9
Boots and shoes	250.3	250.3	247.2	247.2	248.2	248.5	239.6
Livestock	320.7	311.4	297.1	293.2	303.3	292.4	307.1
Steers	410.5	399.9	368.8	369.4	377.3	376.1	415.0
Meats, fresh	319.4	304.4	298.0	300.0	302.0	300.5	315.7
Beef and veal carcass	382.8	370.0	348.6	359.7	354.5	358.2	390.6
Meats, cured	201.6	196.9	200.8	201.6	206.7	176.8	190.0
Fowl, dressed	137.8	136.8	150.6	159.6	146.0	162.9	131.7
Milk and its products	225.0	247.6	245.9	247.5	247.2	246.3	247.3
Butter	201.7	248.2	247.0	247.7	247.3	247.9	249.0
Oils and fats	130.6	131.5	151.5	158.9	145.3	129.8	114.0
Eggs	125.7	139.8	135.8	126.9	150.6	143.2	143.7
Total textile products	239.6	237.9(2)	234.2	233.3	234.5	229.8	228.0
Cotton, raw	312.6	299.6	279.9	274.6	282.4	266.4	284.4
Cotton yarns	253.5	251.6	235.2	235.2	238.6	235.2	236.2
Cotton fabrics	240.5	240.5	234.2	234.2	237.0	234.2	230.7
Cotton knit goods	240.7	240.7	236.5	236.5	238.2	236.5	232.4
Miscellaneous fibre products	230.1	230.1	240.4	240.4	234.0	213.2	200.1
Silk and nylon thread	184.7	184.7	184.7	184.7	184.7	184.7	184.2
Rayon fabrics	166.9	166.9	161.8	161.8	163.6	161.9	163.1
Rayon yarns	195.1	195.1	195.1	195.1	195.1	191.1	191.1
Raw wool, domestic	216.2	216.0	215.9	208.6	203.2	200.1	187.5
Raw wool, imported	215.0	217.2	218.0	216.9	213.9	198.9	193.7
Yarns, worsted	220.1	218.3	217.1	213.4	214.8	215.2	210.8
Hosiery and knit goods, chiefly wool	236.7	236.7	235.7	235.7	235.7	235.8	235.6
Wool blankets	302.7	302.7	302.7	302.7	302.7	302.7	276.8
Worsted and wool cloth	241.3	237.7(2)	241.0	239.3	238.9	235.7	232.1
Carpets	231.1	230.3	226.3	226.3	227.3	217.1	215.1

(1) Indexes for 1962 are subject to revision.
(2) Corrected.

TABLE 4. Wholesale Price Index Numbers showing Component Detail(1) - Continued

(1935-39=100)

Commodity group and sub-group	Months				Annual averages		
	May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961	Apr. 1961	1961	1960	1959
General wholesale index - Continued:							
Total wood products	317.0	311.7	302.1	302.3	305.1	303.8	304.0
Lumber and timber	432.1	427.2	420.5	420.6	418.2	430.8	442.3
Spruce	396.0	396.0	395.1	395.9	395.5	396.2	395.8
Hardwoods	333.7	333.7	341.9	341.9	337.8	333.2	328.8
Hemlock	360.9	359.4	371.8	371.8	367.4	395.3	395.3
Fir	521.2	514.2	497.0	496.3	492.5	511.9	522.5
Cedar	424.0	409.1	391.6	392.6	390.8	410.5	463.7
Woodpulp	220.6	214.2	206.0	206.1	209.9	218.9	220.6
Newsprint	327.3	318.7	301.4	301.7	308.9	297.2	292.6
Wrapping paper, No. 1 Kraft	257.3	257.3	257.3	257.3	257.3	256.8	250.8
Total iron products	256.9	257.1	259.1	259.1	258.1	256.2	255.7
Pig iron	295.3	295.3	295.3	295.3	295.3	295.3	295.3
Rolling mill products	251.7	251.7	251.7	251.7	251.7	251.8	249.2
Pipe and tubing	272.0	272.0	270.6	270.6	269.9	268.3	265.0
Hardware	276.4	276.4	277.5	277.5	278.0	273.8	271.3
Wire	294.2	294.2	294.2	294.2	294.2	294.2	293.7
Scrap iron and steel	291.1	295.0	333.2	333.2	313.4	288.5	307.4
Tin plate and galvanized sheet	238.3	238.3	238.3	238.3	238.3	238.4	240.7
Total non-ferrous metals products:							
(including gold)	194.8	188.7	178.3	174.7	181.6	177.8	174.6
(excluding gold)	264.2	256.2	242.5	236.0	246.5	242.9	238.0
Antimony	199.7	199.7	196.2	191.1	191.6	167.5	163.9
Copper and its products	302.7	291.9	286.0	267.7	282.9	291.4	285.0
Lead and its products	214.8	214.8	209.6	209.6	213.5	224.0	222.6
Silver	285.3	275.2	233.3	233.6	241.6	228.9	225.8
Tin	252.0	253.5	219.6	216.9	229.4	196.8	196.0
Zinc and its products	262.9	262.9	279.2	279.2	272.9	291.1	266.0
Solder	223.5	223.5	208.6	208.6	218.6	200.6	199.3
Total non-metallic minerals products	187.4	187.8	183.8	184.4	185.2	185.6	186.5
Clay and allied material products	244.7	244.7	241.6	253.3	245.6	255.8	253.2
Pottery	204.9	200.5	198.1	198.1	196.0	185.8	185.8
Coal	194.7	198.9	187.1	187.3	192.3	191.9	193.0
Coal tar	235.7	235.7	235.7	235.7	235.7	214.5	242.8
Coke	255.2	255.2	241.0	241.0	241.9	241.6	241.3
Window glass	272.7	272.7	272.7	272.7	272.7	272.7	272.1
Plate glass	218.8	218.8	218.8	218.8	218.8	218.8	218.4
Petroleum products	161.0	160.0	160.8	161.3	160.8	162.2	164.2
Crude oil	185.9	183.0	186.8	187.6	184.4	187.1	190.1
Gasoline	133.9	133.9	132.7	133.4	134.6	135.8	138.0
Coal oil	134.4	134.4	134.4	134.4	134.4	134.4	134.4
Asphalt	192.3	192.3	192.3	198.9	194.5	199.5	203.7
Asphalt shingles	107.4	107.4	126.4	128.7	116.6	116.3	127.2
Sulphur	227.5	219.3	206.5	206.7	211.6	201.8	199.6
Plaster	142.7	142.7	141.4	141.4	141.2	138.1	137.5
Lime	211.3	211.0	212.1	212.1	212.1	212.0	211.2
Cement	164.3	163.9	163.9	163.9	163.8	162.6	160.6
Sand and gravel	149.4	149.4	145.3	145.3	144.5	145.2	145.4
Crushed stone	170.7	170.7	171.4	171.4	171.2	171.4	171.4
Building stone	174.0	174.0	183.3	183.3	185.4	208.8	208.8
Asbestos and its products	302.3	302.3	302.3	302.3	302.2	302.2	304.3

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TABLE 4. Wholesale Price Index Numbers showing Component Detail(1) - Concluded

(1935-39=100)

Commodity group and sub-group	Months				Annual averages		
	May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961	Apr. 1961	1961	1960	1959
General wholesale index - Concluded:							
Total chemical products	190.4	190.3	187.7	188.0	188.7	188.2	187.0
Inorganic chemicals	150.7	150.5	150.2	150.3	150.4	151.8	152.4
Organic chemicals	160.8	160.8	169.0	169.0	169.0	172.2	169.4
Coal tar products	177.3	177.3	187.3	189.6	187.0	188.5	187.4
Dyeing and tanning materials	229.7	229.7	205.2	205.2	213.8	205.0	211.9
Explosives	158.6	158.6	158.6	158.6	158.6	158.0	149.8
Paint, prepared	233.4	233.4	225.2	225.2	227.9	222.6	222.4
Fertilizer materials	163.2	163.2	160.4	161.8	159.8	160.4	158.1
Industrial gases	152.8	152.8	145.0	145.0	146.8	150.3	151.0
Soaps and detergents	229.5	229.6	227.8	227.8	228.5	227.8	227.0

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TABLE 5. Wholesale Prices of Selected Commodities

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity	Months				Annual averages		
	May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961	Apr. 1961	1961	1960	1959
					dollars		
Vegetable products:							
Barley, No. 1 feed, bu.	1.36	1.38	.93	.94	1.10	.97	.96
Coffee beans, Green Santos 2/3's, lb.	.41	.40	.40	.40	.40	.39	.39
Flour, first patent, Toronto, 100-lb. bag	7.00	7.00	6.35	6.35	6.49	6.35	6.16
Linseed oil, raw, Montreal, gal.	1.62	1.60	1.21	1.32	1.40	1.24	1.36
Oats, No. 2 C.W., bu.	.97	.96	.79	.78	.88	.83	.79
Potatoes, No. 1 Saint John, 75-lb. bag	1.60	1.50	1.76	1.75	1.85	2.78	2.12
Sugar, granulated, std., Montreal, 100-lb. bag	7.10	7.00	7.50	7.20	7.04	7.12	6.86
Wheat, No. 2, Manitoba Northern, bu.	1.96	1.90	1.64	1.64	1.72	1.62	1.64
Animal products:							
Butter, prints, 1st. grade, Montreal, lb.	.53	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65	.65
Eggs, grade "A", large, Montreal, doz.	.40	.44	.44	.44	.51	.49	.49
Hides, packer, light native steers, lb.	.19	.19	.18	.18	.19	.18	.23
Hogs, Toronto (bonus excluded) 100-lb.	26.92	26.23	26.05	24.38	27.36	24.00	23.76
Steers, good, Toronto, 100 lb.	24.27	24.13	22.25	22.26	22.85	22.72	25.09

TABLE 5. Wholesale Prices of Selected Commodities - Concluded

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity	Months				Annual averages		
	May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961	Apr. 1961	1961	1960	1959
					dollars		
Textile products:							
Cotton, raw, middling, 1", New York, lb. ...	.38	.37	.33	.33	.35	.32	.32
Cotton yarn, 10's, white, lb.	.75	.75	.69	.69	.71	.69	.70
Cotton, grey Osnaburg, clean, 7 1/8 oz., yd.	.34	.34	.34	.34	.33	.33	.34
Rayon yarn, 36 filament, 150 denier, lb. ...	.91	.91	.91	.91	.91	.89	.89
Wool, raw, Australian, 64's, clean, lb.	1.19	1.19	1.21	1.21	1.17	1.08	-
Wool, raw, Eastern, domestic, lb.	.43	.44	.44	.43	.42	.41	.38
Wood products:							
Newsprint paper, standard, Quebec, 2000-lb. ton	127.17	122.60	115.41	115.52	118.29	113.78	112.04
Pine, white, No. 1, 1" x 8", 8' - 16', 1000-bd. ft.	185.00	185.00	185.00	185.00	185.00	187.00	184.67
Shingles, asphalt, 12" x 36", 100 sq. ft. ..	6.05	6.05	7.12	7.25	6.57	6.55	7.16
Spruce, merchantable, 1" x 6"/7", 1000-bd. ft.	85.50	85.50	85.50	85.50	85.50	85.50	85.50
Iron products:							
Cast iron scrap, 2240-lb. ton	50.00	50.00	48.00	48.00	48.50	49.67	49.67
Steel scrap, heavy melting, No. 1, 2240-lb. ton	31.16	31.91	36.65	36.65	34.42	31.25	33.74
Pig iron, foundry, silicon 2.01-2.25, 2240-lb. ton	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00
Non-ferrous metals products:							
Copper, electrolytic, domestic, 100-lb.	30.92	30.25	29.34	27.52	29.16	30.24	29.60
Lead, pig, electrolytic, domestic, 100-lb.	10.25	10.24	10.00	10.00	10.21	10.68	10.62
Tin, ingots, 99.8%, Montreal, lb.	1.34	1.35	1.16	1.14	1.22	1.05	1.04
Zinc, high grade, electrolytic, 100-lb.	12.10	12.10	12.85	12.85	12.58	13.35	11.65
Non-metallic minerals products:							
Cement, Portland, Calgary, 350-lb.	3.54	3.54	3.54	3.54	3.54	3.36	3.19
Cement, Portland, Toronto, 350-lb.	3.26	3.26	3.26	3.26	3.26	3.26	3.12
Coal, anthracite, U.S., stove size, 2000-lb. ton	22.05	21.26	18.65	19.65	20.08	19.46	20.45
Chemical products:							
Sodium carbonate, (soda ash) 58 p.c., 100-lb.	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05
Sulphuric acid, 66° Baume, 2000-lb. ton	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.45	25.35

TABLE 6. Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials

(1935-39=100)

Date	Total index	Principal components								
		Cement, sand and gravel	Brick, tile and stone	Lumber and its products	Lath, plaster and insulation	Roofing materials	Paint and glass	Plumbing and heating equipment	Electrical equipment and fixtures	Other materials
1952	284.8	149.5	195.3	415.7	128.5	217.7	194.9	215.6	212.0	226.3
1953	282.6	151.8	205.8	410.6	128.5	218.6	203.8	209.0	211.4	229.5
1954	277.5	151.3	207.4	400.5	128.8	233.4	208.9	202.8	207.7	226.6
1955	283.4	149.4	209.5	409.4	125.3	244.5	219.7	207.2	229.2	230.3
1956	292.9	149.7	218.8	420.2	130.8	259.6	226.9	217.9	243.7	243.7
1957	292.8	153.6	223.8	415.2	136.9	253.3	225.4	227.6	209.2	253.8
1958	290.2	156.8	224.6	409.8	139.8	235.4	226.6	229.8	186.9	254.0
1959	296.3	153.8	227.8	421.1	140.9	239.3	229.3	231.6	201.6	256.9
1960	294.5	154.6	229.3	415.9	142.4	214.5	230.5	235.2	198.2	262.3
1961	292.5	153.0	218.9	412.3	144.8	204.0	235.6	236.1	194.2	261.8
1960 Jan.	295.5	154.7	228.3	419.3	139.8	213.8	230.0	234.5	199.7	261.8
Feb.	295.4	154.7	228.3	418.7	140.2	217.6	230.0	234.5	199.5	261.8
Mar.	295.6	154.7	229.7	419.0	140.2	217.6	230.0	234.5	199.5	261.8
Apr.	295.9	154.7	229.7	419.9	140.2	214.4	230.0	234.5	199.8	261.8
May	295.4	154.1	229.7	418.7	140.2	208.5	230.0	236.0	198.4	261.8
June	295.4	154.1	229.7	417.7	143.5	212.3	230.0	235.6	198.8	262.3
July	295.2	155.0	229.7	417.3	143.5	212.3	230.0	235.6	195.9	262.3
Aug.	293.5	155.0	229.7	413.6	142.7	212.3	230.0	235.6	197.3	262.3
Sept.	293.2	155.0	229.7	412.6	142.7	212.3	230.0	235.5	198.0	262.6
Oct.	292.1	154.3	229.0	409.9	143.1	217.3	230.0	235.5	197.7	262.8
Nov.	292.9	154.3	229.0	410.6	146.8	219.5	230.0	235.5	197.7	263.1
Dec.	293.8	154.3	229.0	413.0	145.6	215.6	235.6	235.5	195.7	263.1
1961 Jan.	292.6	156.6	229.0	411.0	142.3	216.5	235.6	234.9	194.7	261.9
Feb.	292.3	155.0	230.2	410.4	142.3	215.2	235.6	235.8	193.4	261.9
Mar.	293.9	155.0	230.2	414.4	142.3	213.3	235.6	235.8	192.0	261.9
Apr.	293.3	153.2	230.2	413.1	142.3	212.8	235.6	236.2	191.8	261.9
May	292.3	153.2	213.4	412.8	142.9	210.2	235.6	236.2	192.7	261.9
June	293.0	153.2	213.4	414.3	144.9	202.6	235.6	236.2	193.7	261.9
July	292.9	153.2	213.4	414.0	144.9	201.2	235.6	236.2	195.2	261.9
Aug.	291.9	151.9	213.4	411.9	144.9	201.2	235.6	236.2	195.4	261.9
Sept.	291.5	150.7	213.4	411.0	147.8	193.9	235.6	236.2	195.4	261.5
Oct.	291.2	150.7	213.4	410.2	147.8	193.9	235.6	236.2	195.0	261.5
Nov.	292.3	151.8	213.4	412.4	147.8	193.9	235.6	236.5	195.5	261.5
Dec.	292.4	151.8	213.4	412.6	147.8	193.9	235.6	236.5	195.2	261.5
1962(1) Jan. ...	293.5	152.9	218.6	415.1	147.7	189.2	235.6	236.5	195.3	258.6
Feb. ...	292.8	152.9	218.6	415.6	148.4	189.2	235.6	231.3	194.9	258.6
Mar. ...	293.9	152.9	216.4	418.0	149.2	192.4	235.6	231.4	195.0	258.9
Apr. ...	294.3	152.9	216.4	418.1	149.1	200.5	235.6	231.4	197.3	258.9
May ...	295.8	153.1	216.4	421.1	149.1	206.9	235.6	231.4	197.1	258.9
June ...										
July ...										
Aug. ...										
Sept. ..										
Oct. ...										
Nov. ...										
Dec. ...										

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TABLE 7. Price Index Numbers of Non-Residential Building Materials

(1949=100)

Date	Total index	Principal components					
		Aggregate, cement, and concrete mix	Blocks, brick, and building stone	Tile	Lumber and lumber products	Plumbing, heating, and other equipment	Electrical equipment and fixtures
1952	123.2	117.4	119.7	115.5	127.9	121.3	121.7
1953	124.4	120.2	125.9	117.1	127.8	119.2	119.6
1954	121.8	120.9	127.0	120.6	124.5	115.2	117.6
1955	123.4	120.3	127.0	120.3	127.5	118.0	121.3
1956	128.0	117.0	130.3	120.8	131.5	123.4	123.6
1957	130.0	119.4	134.0	118.5	128.7	124.1	118.4
1958	129.8	119.6	135.7	118.2	126.8	123.8	114.0
1959	131.7	118.6	137.4	118.3	131.3	126.0	119.2
1960	132.3	119.8	139.1	121.0	129.0	126.7	119.5
1961	131.1	119.8	133.0	123.9	127.6	126.3	113.8
1960 Jan.	132.0	121.7	138.5	118.6	130.8	126.5	117.6
Feb.	132.1	121.7	138.5	118.2	130.6	126.7	118.0
Mar.	132.2	121.7	139.7	118.2	130.4	126.7	117.7
Apr.	132.5	119.4	139.5	118.2	130.5	126.9	122.7
May	132.4	117.2	139.5	122.1	129.4	127.0	122.1
June	132.6	117.3	139.5	122.1	129.1	127.0	122.1
July	132.8	118.8	139.3	122.3	129.1	127.0	122.1
Aug.	132.7	118.8	139.3	122.3	128.3	126.9	122.1
Sept.	132.3	118.8	139.3	122.3	127.4	126.6	120.3
Oct.	132.3	118.6	138.6	122.1	127.1	126.4	119.7
Nov.	132.0	120.3	138.6	122.1	127.1	126.4	114.7
Dec.	132.3	122.9	138.6	123.2	127.9	126.4	114.6
1961 Jan.	132.0	122.9	138.7	123.7	127.6	125.7	114.6
Feb.	131.7	122.5	136.7	123.0	126.9	125.9	114.1
Mar.	131.7	122.5	137.0	123.0	127.2	125.8	114.1
Apr.	131.4	120.0	136.8	122.8	128.0	126.0	113.1
May	130.5	118.3	130.5	122.8	128.3	126.6	112.7
June	130.7	118.3	130.4	124.4	128.3	126.7	113.1
July	130.9	118.3	130.4	124.4	128.1	126.7	114.3
Aug.	130.9	118.3	130.5	124.7	127.6	126.7	114.4
Sept.	130.7	118.0	131.1	124.5	127.4	126.3	114.4
Oct.	130.6	117.4	131.1	124.5	127.0	126.5	114.1
Nov.	130.6	119.3	131.3	124.6	127.2	126.6	112.3
Dec.	131.2	121.6	131.3	124.6	127.7	126.6	114.3
1962(1) Jan.	131.5	124.0	131.5	124.7	128.5	126.9	114.6
Feb.	131.5	124.0	130.9	124.7	129.0	127.1	114.2
Mar.	131.6	124.0	130.9	124.6	130.2	127.1	114.2
Apr.	131.6	121.6	130.9	124.8	130.6	127.1	113.4
May	131.6	120.1	130.9	124.9	131.0	127.1	114.0
June							
July							
Aug.							
Sept.							
Oct.							
Nov.							
Dec.							

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TABLE 7. Price Index Numbers of Non-Residential Building Materials - Concluded

(1949=100)

Date	Principal components					
	Steel and metal work	Hard-ware	Lath, plaster, and insulation	Roofing materials	Paint and glass	Miscel-laneous materials
1952	131.3	125.9	109.7	134.5	115.6	106.4
1953	134.7	129.3	110.0	133.6	125.3	103.8
1954	128.2	125.4	109.7	132.8	128.2	100.9
1955	129.9	132.6	108.1	127.3	133.3	97.4
1956	139.0	145.4	112.7	137.3	141.6	93.6
1957	147.8	151.9	115.5	140.0	144.2	93.8
1958	150.9	155.1	118.5	123.3	145.3	93.7
1959	152.6	156.2	119.5	121.8	146.3	93.7
1960	152.9	157.6	119.6	126.5	146.4	97.2
1961	153.2	160.1	119.0	119.2	148.6	100.2
1960 Jan.	152.9	157.5	118.6	118.4	146.2	93.7
Feb.	153.0	157.5	118.6	118.5	146.2	93.7
Mar.	153.0	157.5	119.3	118.5	146.2	93.7
Apr.	152.9	157.5	119.3	118.5	146.2	93.7
May	152.9	157.5	119.3	122.8	146.2	93.7
June	152.9	157.5	120.1	128.9	146.2	93.7
July	152.9	157.5	120.2	129.0	146.2	100.6
Aug.	152.9	157.5	119.4	129.0	146.2	100.6
Sept.	152.8	157.9	119.4	129.0	146.2	100.6
Oct.	152.8	157.9	119.3	135.8	146.2	100.6
Nov.	152.8	157.9	121.2	137.7	146.2	100.6
Dec.	153.1	157.9	120.1	131.6	148.5	100.6
1961 Jan.	153.1	157.9	117.1	128.7	148.5	100.1
Feb.	153.2	158.5	117.0	128.7	148.5	100.1
Mar.	153.2	158.5	117.0	128.7	148.5	100.1
Apr.	153.2	159.8	116.9	124.3	148.4	100.1
May	153.2	159.8	117.4	116.7	148.4	100.1
June	153.3	160.9	119.8	116.7	148.4	100.1
July	153.3	160.9	119.8	116.7	148.4	100.7
Aug.	153.3	160.9	119.8	116.7	148.4	100.7
Sept.	153.3	160.9	120.7	113.2	148.8	100.7
Oct.	153.3	160.9	120.6	113.2	148.8	100.7
Nov.	153.3	160.9	120.7	113.3	148.8	99.7
Dec.	153.3	160.9	120.7	113.3	148.8	99.7
1962(1) Jan.	153.3	159.1	120.7	109.5	148.8	99.5
Feb.	153.3	159.1	121.1	109.5	148.8	99.5
Mar.	153.3	159.1	121.5	109.5	148.8	99.5
Apr.	153.3	159.1	121.9	119.6	148.8	99.5
May	153.3	159.1	121.9	119.6	148.8	100.3
June						
July						
Aug.						
Sept.						
Oct.						
Nov.						
Dec.						

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TABLE 8. Consumer Price Indexes

(1949=100)

	All-items	Food	Housing	Clothing	Trans-portation	Health and personal care	Recreation and reading	Tobacco and alcohol
1950	102.9	102.6	104.1	99.7	105.4	101.8	102.0	102.7
1951	113.7	117.0	113.7	109.8	113.0	111.0	109.7	111.5
1952	116.5	116.8	118.0	111.8	117.4	117.8	115.7	113.3
1953	115.5	112.6	120.0	110.1	119.2	120.1	116.7	108.0
1954	116.2	112.2	121.6	109.4	120.0	124.5	119.5	107.3
1955	116.4	112.1	122.4	108.0	118.5	126.7	122.6	107.4
1956	118.1	113.4	124.2	108.6	123.3	130.0	125.3	107.7
1957	121.9	118.6	126.7	108.5	129.9	138.2	129.8	109.4
1958	125.1	122.1	129.0	109.7	133.8	145.4	138.4	110.6
1959	126.5	121.1	131.4	109.9	138.4	150.2	141.7	114.0
1960	128.0	122.2	132.7	110.9	140.3	154.5	144.3	115.8
1961	129.2	124.0	133.2	112.5	140.6	155.3	146.1	116.3
1960 Jan.	127.5	121.6	132.3	110.2	139.6	153.4	143.1	115.8
Feb.	127.2	120.8	132.3	109.8	139.6	153.8	143.1	115.8
Mar.	126.9	119.4	132.4	110.4	139.8	153.7	143.1	115.8
Apr.	127.5	120.9	132.6	110.8	139.7	154.4	142.7	115.8
May	127.4	120.2	132.5	110.8	140.4	154.6	144.4	115.7
June	127.6	120.8	132.6	110.9	140.7	154.8	144.4	115.7
July	127.5	120.5	132.6	110.8	140.2	154.8	144.5	115.8
Aug.	127.9	121.7	132.7	110.3	140.5	154.7	144.8	115.8
Sept.	128.4	123.3	132.9	110.5	140.0	154.7	144.8	115.8
Oct.	129.4	125.8	133.1	111.2	140.0	155.2	144.9	115.8
Nov.	129.6	125.5	133.2	112.5	141.5	154.8	146.2	115.8
Dec.	129.6	125.3	133.2	112.6	141.4	155.0	146.1	115.8
1961 Jan.	129.2	124.4	133.2	111.6	141.1	155.0	146.3	115.8
Feb.	128.9	124.0	133.1	111.5	141.1	154.6	146.7	115.7
Mar.	129.1	124.0	133.2	111.8	141.0	154.4	146.6	115.7
Apr.	129.1	123.9	133.2	111.9	141.0	155.3	145.5	115.8
May	129.0	123.2	132.9	112.4	141.8	155.3	146.0	115.8
June	129.0	123.5	132.9	112.5	141.2	155.0	145.8	115.8
July	129.0	124.9	132.9	112.2	138.7	155.1	145.0	115.8
Aug.	129.1	125.3	132.9	112.1	139.0	154.6	145.4	116.1
Sept.	129.1	123.2	133.5	113.1	140.0	155.0	146.7	117.3
Oct.	129.2	123.3	133.6	113.6	140.0	155.3	146.2	117.3
Nov.	129.7	123.6	133.7	114.0	141.5	156.7	146.3	117.3
Dec.	129.8	124.5	133.8	113.7	141.1	156.8	146.3	117.3
1962 Jan.	129.7	124.8	134.0	111.6	140.6	156.8	146.6	117.3
Feb.	129.8	125.0	134.0	111.8	140.7	157.2	146.7	117.2
Mar.	129.7	124.4	134.0	112.9	139.9	157.2	146.7	117.5
Apr.	130.3	125.8	134.0	113.2	140.2	158.1	146.6	117.9
May	130.1	124.5	134.5	112.8	140.4	158.2	147.1	117.9
June								
July								
Aug.								
Sept.								
Oct.								
Nov.								
Dec.								

TABLE 9. Consumer Price Indexes - Main Groups, Selected Components and Supplementary Classifications

(1949=100)

	May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961	Apr. 1961	1961	1960	1959
All-items index	130.1	130.3	129.0	129.1	129.2	128.0	126.5
Food	124.5	125.8	123.2	123.9	124.0	122.2	121.1
Food at home	124.3	125.8	123.0	123.8	123.9	122.2	121.1
Dairy products	131.0	131.0	130.3	130.3	130.2	131.2	129.7
Cereal products	146.4	146.4	143.1	143.0	143.8	141.4	138.8
Miscellaneous groceries	117.5	117.3	117.6	117.7	118.1	117.3	118.4
Restaurant meals(1)	107.1	107.1	106.0	106.0	106.1	104.2	103.6
Housing	134.5	134.0	132.9	133.2	133.2	132.7	131.4
Shelter	147.3	146.2	144.8	144.8	145.1	143.7	141.4
Tenant costs	143.5	143.5	143.2	143.2	143.3	142.8	142.0
Home-ownership costs	151.5	149.5	147.1	146.9	147.4	145.0	140.6
Property taxes	153.5	153.5	146.6	146.6	148.4	143.4	137.6
Mortgage interest	114.1	109.3	109.3	109.3	109.3	109.3	109.3
Repairs	162.4	162.0	162.8	162.3	162.2	159.4	154.2
New houses	157.9	157.0	154.2	154.0	154.2	152.6	148.4
Personal property insurance	126.1	126.1	126.1	126.9	126.4	124.6	117.3
Household operation	123.3	123.3	122.6	123.3	123.0	123.3	122.7
Fuel (excluding electricity)	115.1	115.5	115.3	118.3	116.3	118.1	118.5
Coal	124.8	126.9	121.4	124.0	123.9	123.5	125.2
Fuel oil	101.7	101.7	103.0	106.7	103.8	107.9	108.6
Domestic gas	112.0	112.0	111.0	111.0	111.3	111.0	106.5
Electricity	115.4	115.4	117.6	117.6	117.6	117.2	116.8
Home furnishings	116.9	116.9	116.1	116.4	116.3	116.9	117.0
Appliances	84.7	84.7	86.6	86.6	86.2	90.5	94.6
Furniture	124.0	124.4	122.7	122.9	123.0	121.8	122.2
Floor coverings	134.3	134.1	130.3	131.3	131.7	130.9	130.9
Textiles	117.3	116.4	113.4	113.9	113.4	112.8	112.0
Utensils and equipment	145.4	145.0	140.9	142.0	142.1	140.5	135.7
Supplies and services	140.4	140.0	137.6	137.7	138.2	137.0	134.8
Supplies	133.0	133.1	130.9	131.1	131.7	130.4	127.6
Services	145.7	145.1	142.5	142.6	143.0	141.9	140.8
Telephone rates	151.8	150.7	148.6	148.6	149.2	148.0	147.6
Household help	169.0	169.0	160.9	160.9	161.1	159.3	156.6
Household effects insurance	113.1	113.1	113.1	114.1	113.4	113.0	109.6
Clothing	112.8	113.2	112.4	111.9	112.5	110.9	109.9
Men's wear	121.2	121.1	118.8	118.8	119.4	117.5	117.3
Suit	126.9	126.8	123.4	123.4	124.0	120.7	119.7
Business shirt	116.6	116.1	115.6	116.0	115.4	115.7	115.8
Hat	127.7	126.8	123.8	123.5	124.0	117.5	114.4
Women's wear	96.8	97.5	98.4	97.3	97.8	96.4	96.5
Winter coat	101.4	102.2	102.4	102.4	104.4	99.4	101.7
Spring coat	87.9	95.3	91.3	92.8	87.9	89.0	91.1
Cotton street dress	100.9	101.1	104.2	89.7	97.4	89.6	86.8
Slip	99.4	99.4	99.0	99.0	99.2	98.6	98.7
Hosiery	77.2	77.6	80.4	80.4	79.4	80.4	80.6

See footnotes at end of tables.

TABLE 9. Consumer Price Indexes - Main Groups, Selected Components and Supplementary Classifications - Continued

(1949=100)

	May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961	Apr. 1961	1961	1960	1959
Clothing - Concluded							
Children's wear	106.3	107.4	106.3	106.5	106.7	104.9	105.0
Boys							
Slacks	116.4	116.0	115.4	115.5	115.5	114.4	114.2
T-Shirt	120.1	119.3	118.9	118.2	118.5	116.9	115.3
Sweater	116.6	116.6	113.4	113.4	114.6	113.2	113.9
Parka	94.3	95.3	93.5	93.5	95.9	94.2	90.8
Girls							
Spring coat	116.6	123.7	119.9	121.3	119.9	116.9	115.3
Cotton dress	90.3	93.2	91.1	91.1	91.4	90.4	89.7
Snow suit	93.9	94.9	95.5	95.5	96.1	91.4	92.8
Infants							
Diapers	120.3	122.9	112.8	112.8	111.9	114.0	117.1
Overalls	115.0	115.0	113.9	113.9	113.9	112.3	112.9
Footwear	149.0	148.2	146.7	146.5	147.2	144.2	137.6
Men's oxfords	158.6	156.7	152.6	152.4	153.1	149.3	139.4
Women's street shoes	147.9	147.5	144.4	144.4	145.3	141.2	135.5
Children's shoes	149.2	149.2	148.7	148.7	148.7	148.7	135.9
Women's overshoes	131.8	131.1	138.3	138.3	138.8	137.4	141.7
Piece goods	116.9	117.3	114.0	114.0	114.2	113.2	112.0
Cotton dress print	110.8	113.1	106.4	106.4	106.2	104.8	104.6
Wool dress material	96.4	94.2	96.3	96.3	96.3	95.7	94.6
Clothing services	142.2	142.2	141.4	141.4	142.0	140.9	138.0
Laundry	154.0	154.0	151.8	151.8	152.3	149.9	146.7
Dry cleaning	131.5	131.5	131.2	131.2	131.8	131.8	130.2
Shoe repairs	149.2	149.2	147.3	147.3	147.8	145.3	140.3
Jewellery(1)	108.1	108.1	106.9	106.9	107.3	105.3	104.4
Transportation	140.4	140.2	141.8	141.0	140.6	140.3	138.4
Automobile operation	121.8	121.7	123.7	122.8	122.5	123.1	122.9
New passenger car	121.6	121.9	125.5	126.4	124.2	128.0	127.1
Gasoline	104.7	104.7	104.7	103.7	104.2	103.6	107.6
Tires	140.6	140.6	146.8	146.8	144.8	139.8	134.2
Automobile insurance	152.6	150.0	150.0	140.4	146.8	140.0	138.3
Fender repair	185.3	185.3	179.9	179.9	181.7	180.4	171.8
Brake relining	148.0	148.0	148.1	148.1	149.2	154.4	150.8
Battery	99.5	99.5	99.7	99.7	99.4	98.7	100.0
Local transportation	196.6	195.9	195.3	195.3	194.9	190.6	185.6
Street car and bus fares	206.4	205.7	205.1	205.1	204.6	199.8	194.3
Taxi fare	132.3	132.3	131.6	131.6	131.4	130.2	128.4
Travel	126.4	126.4	120.4	120.4	120.5	119.0	115.1
Train fare	119.2	119.2	119.2	119.2	119.2	117.4	112.7
Bus fare	128.0	128.0	124.0	124.0	124.5	124.0	122.4
Plane fare(1)	109.8	109.8	95.2	95.2	95.2	101.5	101.0

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TABLE 9. Consumer Price Indexes - Main Group, Selected Components and Supplementary Classifications - Continued

(1949=100)

	May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961	Apr. 1961	1961	1960	1959
Health and personal care	158.2	158.1	155.3	155.3	155.3	154.5	150.2
Health care	162.7	162.7	160.2	160.2	159.6	158.7	154.5
Doctors' fees	150.4	150.4	146.3	146.3	146.0	143.6	141.7
Office call	158.1	158.1	154.1	154.1	153.6	150.8	149.7
Confinement	166.8	166.8	161.6	161.6	161.0	155.4	150.5
Appendectomy	119.7	119.7	119.1	119.1	119.1	118.9	118.1
Dentists' fees	162.7	162.7	158.7	158.7	158.6	154.8	149.6
Filling	163.7	163.7	159.7	159.7	159.4	155.2	148.3
Dentures	139.9	139.9	137.9	137.9	138.0	136.1	133.2
Extraction	196.1	196.1	189.1	189.1	189.0	183.7	178.2
Optical care	139.1	139.1	134.0	134.0	134.0	131.6	129.6
Prepaid medical care	176.8	176.8	176.2	176.2	176.0	172.6	168.5
Pharmaceuticals	123.1	123.1	123.8	123.8	122.2	127.3	124.1
Headache tablets	125.1	125.1	124.0	124.0	124.7	118.8	114.2
Vitamins	105.6	105.6	107.1	107.1	107.0	107.1	107.0
Bandages	172.8	172.8	170.1	170.1	170.8	169.4	162.6
Prescriptions	101.8	101.8	103.1	103.1	100.6	112.9	111.6
Personal care	148.1	147.6	144.6	144.3	145.4	144.7	140.0
Supplies	128.4	128.4	126.5	126.1	127.4	127.7	126.4
Toilet soap	125.9	125.9	122.8	121.8	124.6	123.1	121.3
Toothpaste	127.9	127.9	129.2	129.2	129.5	133.8	134.4
Face powder	142.3	142.3	137.9	137.9	139.5	135.7	129.8
Cleansing tissues	117.3	117.3	115.9	115.9	116.3	118.2	116.0
Services	177.4	176.2	171.7	171.4	172.2	170.2	160.6
Men's haircut	187.3	185.9	179.4	179.2	180.1	178.4	169.1
Women's hairdressing ..	162.6	161.6	159.2	158.6	159.4	156.6	146.6
Recreation and reading	147.1	146.6	146.0	145.5	146.1	144.3	141.7
Recreation	144.1	143.5	143.4	142.7	143.5	141.6	138.6
Theatre admission	180.6	179.7	179.1	176.6	178.4	173.2	165.3
Radio	98.1	98.1	103.1	103.1	101.9	104.2	107.7
Television(1)	98.4	98.4	101.1	100.6	100.8	105.4	105.1
Camera film	158.5	158.5	157.0	157.0	157.2	147.6	145.3
Phonograph record	128.8	128.8	139.0	139.0	138.9	136.6	141.4
Bicycle	116.4	115.6	112.0	112.0	112.4	115.4	118.3
Sports equipment(1) ...	100.8	100.8	100.7	100.7	99.7	100.7	100.0
Toys(1)	103.4	100.8	100.7	100.4	100.8	100.4	100.4
Reading	155.9	155.9	153.8	153.8	153.5	151.9	150.6
Newspapers	171.9	171.9	169.0	169.0	168.9	166.3	163.6
Magazines	114.2	114.2	113.1	113.1	112.7	113.1	115.7
Tobacco and alcohol	117.9	117.9	115.8	115.8	116.3	115.8	114.0
Tobacco	110.3	110.4	109.3	109.2	109.8	109.5	107.1
Cigarettes	104.6	104.7	103.7	103.7	104.2	104.4	101.7
Cigarette tobacco	135.5	135.4	133.1	132.2	133.5	129.3	128.0
Alcohol	123.2	123.2	120.4	120.3	120.8	120.0	118.6
Beer	122.0	122.0	120.1	120.0	120.4	119.8	118.5
Liquor	125.7	125.7	121.0	120.9	121.7	120.8	118.7

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TABLE 9. Consumer Price Indexes - Main Groups, Selected Components and Supplementary Classifications - Concluded

(1949=100)

	May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961	Apr. 1961	1961	1960	1959
Supplementary classifications							
Commodities							
Total	120.2	120.7	119.8	119.9	120.0	119.4	118.4
Total excluding food	117.8	118.0	117.8	117.9	117.8	117.7	117.0
Durable	114.9	115.1	116.6	117.0	116.1	118.2	118.5
Household equipment	114.5	114.5	114.6	114.9	114.7	116.0	116.6
Appliances(2)	87.7	87.7	90.0	89.9	89.6	93.8	97.8
Other	132.7	132.7	130.1	130.6	130.8	129.5	128.1
Transportation equipment	119.9	120.2	123.6	124.3	122.3	125.2	124.6
Non-durable	121.2	121.7	120.3	120.4	120.7	119.5	118.4
Non-durable excluding food	118.8	119.0	118.2	118.2	118.3	117.6	116.6
Textiles ("use" classification)	107.8	108.2	107.5	107.0	107.4	106.0	105.8
Garments	106.4	107.0	106.6	105.9	106.4	104.9	104.9
Household furnishings and piece goods	117.2	116.7	113.6	114.0	113.7	112.9	112.0
Textiles (chief component material classification)	107.8	108.2	107.5	107.0	107.4	106.0	105.8
Wool	117.3	118.4	116.7	117.0	117.0	114.3	114.2
Cotton	115.0	115.1	113.4	111.2	112.4	110.4	110.4
Synthetic	99.0	99.0	99.3	99.4	99.2	99.1	99.2
Fur	78.9	79.5	81.4	81.4	82.2	82.4	81.4
Footwear	149.0	148.2	146.7	146.5	147.2	144.2	137.6
Leather	151.3	150.7	148.0	147.8	148.5	145.4	136.8
Rubber and plastic	131.8	131.1	138.3	138.3	138.8	137.4	141.7
Other non-durable	121.8	121.9	121.0	121.2	121.2	120.9	120.0
Services							
Total	157.6	157.0	155.5	154.8	155.4	153.4	150.1
Total excluding shelter	165.9	165.2	162.6	161.5	162.5	159.4	154.8
Supplementary food indexes							
Beef	136.0	134.2	129.7	130.8	130.7	131.6	137.4
Pork	109.6	109.4	108.9	111.5	113.3	103.9	105.1
Fresh pork	109.0	108.8	108.7	112.0	113.9	107.8	107.2
Cured pork	109.4	109.0	108.2	110.4	112.0	99.4	102.6
Other meats	112.9	112.4	113.2	113.8	113.7	112.6	114.4
Fish	138.3	137.7	135.5	135.4	135.1	129.3	124.4
Poultry	70.1	72.8	74.0	77.5	72.7	80.9	79.1
Eggs	78.7	84.1	79.9	80.2	91.5	88.6	88.4
Dairy products including butter	119.5	124.4	124.0	124.0	123.8	124.4	123.3
Fats and oils including butter	92.5	105.8	106.6	106.6	106.2	104.4	104.5
Fats and oils excluding butter	99.1	99.7	101.7	101.3	100.9	94.3	95.5
Total fruit	145.3	143.0	144.8	140.5	140.8	128.7	120.8
Fresh fruit	159.3	154.5	155.5	147.8	149.0	132.1	121.2
Canned fruit	114.4	116.0	118.6	118.6	118.4	113.0	108.6
Total vegetables	145.3	146.0	132.3	131.3	129.1	135.0	127.2
Fresh vegetables	153.7	154.5	134.4	132.4	129.3	140.0	128.4
Canned vegetables	129.1	129.7	128.7	129.5	129.2	127.6	125.6
Direct imports	141.7	140.9	136.0	133.7	135.2	125.8	123.8

(1) 1957=100.
(2) Includes television and radio.

TABLE 10. Average Retail Prices for Canada - Selected Food Items (1)

Item	May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961	Apr. 1961	1961	1960	1959	1962 price relative 1949=100
					¢			
Beef:								
Sirloin steak, lb.	100.9	99.4	94.6	96.8	97.1	97.7	101.0	
Round steak, lb.	92.2	90.6	88.1	88.1	88.4	88.9	93.0	
Prime rib roast, lb. (2)	92.7	91.6	88.2	88.9	88.4	88.1	90.4	
Blade roast, lb. (3)	64.8	64.6	61.5	62.2	61.6	61.5	65.1	
Stewing beef, lb.	67.3	67.5	65.3	60.0	65.6	65.2	67.0	
Hamburg, lb.	47.6	47.1	46.4	46.3	46.2	47.1	49.8	
Liver, sliced, lb.	54.1	53.8	55.1	56.4	55.3	56.7	59.4	
Pork:								
Shoulder roast, Boston butt, fresh, lb.	53.9	54.5	54.1	56.2	56.6	53.5	53.3	
Rib chops, fresh, lb.	69.1	68.7	68.2	70.5	72.8	69.8	67.6	
Ham, smoked, boneless, to be cooked, lb. (5)	94.6	96.6	95.4	95.2	97.8	92.3	89.3	
Bacon, side, fancy, sliced, rind off, 1/2 lb.	47.4	46.6	46.0	46.8	48.5	40.5	43.1	
Sausage, pure pork, lb.	56.3	56.5	57.6	58.4	57.7	54.1	55.3	
Other meats:								
Veal, loin chops, rib end, lb.	91.9	90.9	88.5	88.3	90.9	91.8	93.2	
Lamb, leg roast, lb.	72.2	71.2	72.5	74.0	73.5	76.2	76.6	
Bologna, sliced, lb.	44.2	44.1	44.7	45.0	44.6	43.4	44.3	
Meat loaf, canned, mainly pork, ready to eat, 12 oz.	47.4	47.2	46.6	46.2	45.6	36.1	48.1	
Weiners or frankfurters, lb.	52.6	52.8	54.6	55.0	54.2	..	..	
Fish:								
Salmon, canned, fancy pink, 8 oz.	35.6	35.5	36.0	36.0	35.9	33.4	30.9	
Cod fillets, frozen, lb. (7)	38.6	38.4	37.9	37.8	37.5	37.7	36.7	
Poultry:								
Chicken, grade A eviscerated (1 1/2 - 3 lb.), lb. (7)	42.2	44.3	44.1	46.4	43.5	47.9	46.8	
Fruits:								
Bananas, yellow, lb.	18.9	19.5	18.0	18.1	18.7	19.3	20.3	
Oranges, California, medium size (138's), doz.	65.0	65.3	59.6	61.4	58.2	52.2	45.2	
Apples, volume seller, lb.	17.1	16.0	19.8	18.2	17.8	15.7	13.1	
Grapefruit, white, 96's, 1/2 doz.	48.9	48.7	46.5	46.1	53.9	56.1	52.6	
Peaches, canned, choice, halves, 15 oz.	23.0	23.1	24.0	24.0	23.8	23.8	21.8	
Pears, canned, choice, 15 oz.	21.2	21.4	21.8	21.8	21.8	21.8	21.0	
Strawberries, canned, choice, 15 oz.	32.5	32.5	32.9	33.2	33.1	33.4	33.0	
Orange juice, unsweetened, 20 oz.	20.6	21.4	22.3	22.4	22.2	19.6	22.3	
Apple juice, choice, 20 oz.	16.9	16.9	17.4	17.3	17.4	16.0	15.8	
Raisins, California and Australia, lb.	31.2	30.8	29.6	29.5	29.8	30.6	31.1	
Strawberries, frozen, fancy, pkg., 15 oz.	42.1	42.6	43.1	43.0	42.9	42.1	41.9	
Orange juice, concentrate, frozen, fancy, 6 oz. (8)	23.1	23.7	26.1	26.8	25.8	23.3	27.2	
Pineapple, Hawaiian, sliced, 20 oz.	43.2	43.3	41.6	41.3	42.0	..	..	
Vegetables:								
Potatoes, No. 1 table, 10 lb.	44.0	42.7	49.9	48.6	47.8	58.0	48.9	
Tomatoes, fresh, lb.	28.5	24.1	27.2	27.7	25.1	27.0	24.8	
Lettuce, head, fresh, lb.	25.9	26.5	17.2	17.0	18.3	19.0	18.7	
Carrots, lb.	15.1	14.9	15.5	15.3	13.4	11.7	11.7	
Celery stalks, green, lb.	22.9	24.4	14.9	14.8	15.5	16.6	16.3	
Cabbage, lb.	15.1	19.4	9.8	9.5	8.9	9.4	9.4	
Onions, No. 1, cooking, lb.	15.9	16.4	10.5	10.2	11.1	10.0	11.4	
Turnips, Canada No. 1, lb.	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.1	7.8	7.3	6.9	
Tomatoes, canned, choice, 28 oz.	26.7	26.5	26.7	27.1	27.0	27.8	27.3	

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TABLE 10. Average Retail Prices for Canada - Selected Food Items(1) - Concluded

Item	May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961	Apr. 1961	1961	1960	1959	1962 price relative
					¢			1949=100
Vegetables - Concluded:								
Peas, canned, choice, 15 oz.	18.1	18.1	17.6	17.6	17.7	17.2	16.8	
Corn, canned, cream, choice, 20 oz.	21.3	21.4	22.0	21.8	22.0	21.7	21.4	
Beans, with pork and tomato sauce, 15 oz.	19.4	19.3	18.9	19.0	19.0	18.7	18.5	
Soup, vegetable, 10 oz.	14.9	14.9	15.0	15.1	15.0	15.1	15.1	
Green peas, frozen, fancy, pkg., 12 oz.	23.4	23.5	23.5	23.6	23.4	22.8	23.0	
Green beans, French cut, frozen, pkg., 10 oz. (8)	26.1	26.1	26.7	26.8	26.8	26.7	27.2	
Tomato juice, fancy, 20 oz.	16.0	16.5	16.3	16.8	16.4	16.0	16.2	
Tomato catsup, bottle, 11 oz.	24.1	24.0	23.6	23.5	23.7	..	..	
Dairy products:								
Milk, fresh, qt.	23.8	23.8	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.7	23.4	
Milk, evaporated, 16 oz.	16.0	16.0	16.2	16.1	16.1	16.0	16.0	
Butter, creamery, first grade, lb.	58.2	69.8	70.1	70.2	69.9	69.8	69.6	
Cheese, plain, processed, 1/2 lb.	36.2	35.9	36.6	36.2	36.5	36.6	36.5	
Powdered skim milk, pkg., 3 lb.	103.1	102.4	107.1	107.3	105.9	..	..	
Cereal products:								
Bread, plain, white, wrapped, sliced, lb.	16.4	16.4	15.7	15.7	15.9	15.6	15.2	
Flour, white, all purpose, lb.	9.7	9.6	8.9	8.9	9.0	8.8	8.4	
Cake mix, white, only liquid to be added, pkg., 14-16 oz.	31.8	31.7	32.5	32.7	32.4	32.3	32.1	
Corn flakes, pkg., 8 oz.	21.2	21.1	20.0	20.0	20.0	19.9	19.8	
Macaroni, dry, pkg., lb.	19.7	20.0	19.6	19.6	19.8	18.4	18.3	
Soda crackers, pkg., lb.	37.8	37.9	37.8	37.6	37.8	..	..	
Fats:								
Margarine, lb.	30.1	30.1	31.4	31.3	31.0	30.0	31.3	
Shortening, lb.	34.8	35.1	35.7	35.4	35.4	33.1	33.1	
Lard, pure, lb.	21.7	21.9	23.9	24.5	23.1	20.0	18.8	
Salad dressing, jar, 16 oz.	42.2	42.5	41.9	41.8	42.1	41.8	44.5	
Eggs:								
Eggs, fresh, grade A large, doz.	48.4	51.7	49.1	49.3	56.3	54.5	54.4	
Eggs, fresh, grade A medium, doz. (8)	43.3	48.1	44.9	44.5	49.1	48.7	..	
Miscellaneous groceries:								
Sugar, granulated, lb.	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.4	9.4	
Jam, strawberry, 2 lb. jar (24 fl. oz.) with pectin & pure, lb.	27.0	27.0	26.5	27.1	27.0	27.0	27.1	
Peanut butter, plain, jar, 16 oz.	40.8	40.4	40.0	39.7	40.0	39.3	38.5	
Pickles, sweet, mixed, jar, 16 oz.	34.5	34.5	34.9	34.9	34.8	34.7	34.5	
Infants' food, vegetable, tin, 5 oz.	10.8	10.7	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.7	
Tea, black, pkg., 1/2 lb.	61.4	61.4	59.9	59.8	60.3	59.6	59.6	
Tea bags, orange pekoe, pkg., 60-bag	83.8	84.3	80.6	80.7	81.6	80.5	80.3	
Coffee, medium quality, pkg., lb.	75.3	75.3	73.2	73.0	74.0	73.2	74.8	
Coffee, instant, dried, jar, 6 oz.	101.5	103.1	99.0	98.4	100.7	106.6	116.1	
Jelly powders, flavoured, pkg., 3 oz.	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.0	
Baking chocolate, unsweetened, bar, 8 oz. (8)	61.2	61.3	61.2	61.2	61.3	61.5	61.0	
Honey, No. 1, white, 2 lb.	60.5	60.4	60.6	60.6	60.6	..	..	

(1) For detailed explanations on methods of pricing, calculation techniques, coverage and price collection, refer to "Prices and Price Indexes, October 1957". Tear sheets of this material are available on request. (2) Includes cuts with bone-in and boned and rolled. (3) Includes cuts with blade-in and blade removed. (4) July 1960=100. (5) Average prices based on chain store prices in 7 cities. (6) 1956=100. (7) Average prices based on prices in 15 cities. (8) Average prices based on prices in 16 cities. .. Figures not available.

TABLE 11. Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities

Note: Indexes shown in this table measure percentage changes in prices over time, and should not be used to compare actual levels of prices as between cities.

	St. John's Nfld.	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Ottawa	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon Regina	Edmonton Calgary	Vancouver
	June 1951=100	1949=100								
1950		102.1	103.3	103.7	103.1	104.1	103.8	102.2	103.9	103.6
1951		112.1	114.1	116.1	115.3	115.4	114.6	111.7	113.5	114.3
1952	103.5	115.3	117.4	117.6	116.8	117.5	116.1	112.8	114.8	117.4
1953	102.2	113.2	115.3	116.3	115.0	116.8	114.4	113.1	114.0	116.1
1954	102.8	114.1	116.6	116.8	116.2	118.3	115.3	114.2	114.9	117.4
1955	104.2	114.8	117.7	116.9	117.2	118.8	115.9	114.6	114.6	117.9
1956	106.8	116.1	118.8	118.4	119.2	120.6	117.2	115.8	115.7	119.6
1957	109.4	119.8	122.6	121.8	123.2	125.2	120.0	119.1	118.8	122.6
1958	112.0	122.9	125.3	125.5	125.5	128.6	123.0	122.0	121.4	125.6
1959	114.3	125.9	127.7	126.9	126.9	128.9	123.7	123.1	123.0	127.9
1960	115.5	127.2	129.2	127.9	128.6	130.4	125.6	124.4	124.1	129.0
1961	116.7	128.5	130.2	129.3	130.2	131.2	127.5	125.4	125.0	129.4
1960 Jan.	114.7	127.1	129.1	127.8	128.1	129.7	124.7	123.8	123.6	129.3
Feb.	114.8	127.0	129.1	127.5	127.6	129.7	124.1	123.5	123.2	129.1
Mar.	114.5	126.7	128.9	126.5	127.4	129.2	124.0	123.4	123.3	128.7
Apr.	115.6	127.0	129.1	127.6	128.0	129.7	124.7	123.6	123.4	128.2
May	115.9	126.8	128.6	127.2	127.7	129.8	124.8	123.4	123.3	128.1
June	116.2	127.0	128.6	127.8	128.6	130.2	125.0	123.7	123.2	127.7
July	116.5	126.4	128.6	127.2	128.2	130.1	125.4	124.0	123.6	127.5
Aug.	116.1	126.7	129.0	127.5	128.3	130.3	125.8	124.8	124.3	128.3
Sept.	114.8	127.1	129.2	127.7	129.0	130.7	126.2	125.6	125.1	129.2
Oct.	115.0	128.1	130.0	129.1	130.2	132.1	127.1	125.7	125.6	130.5
Nov.	115.9	128.4	130.0	129.7	130.2	131.9	127.7	125.5	125.7	130.8
Dec.	116.3	128.4	130.3	129.7	130.1	131.8	127.8	125.4	125.3	130.7
1961 Jan.	116.2	127.9	130.0	129.4	129.7	131.2	127.3	125.1	125.1	130.3
Feb.	116.2	128.0	129.8	129.4	129.4	131.0	126.9	124.5	124.7	129.9
Mar.	116.5	128.0	129.7	129.0	130.1	130.9	127.0	124.8	124.5	129.6
Apr.	116.8	128.5	129.9	128.7	129.6	130.4	127.0	124.8	124.5	129.9
May	116.7	128.0	129.7	127.9	129.0	130.2	126.6	124.6	124.2	129.1
June	117.0	127.8	129.7	128.3	129.0	130.2	126.7	124.7	124.2	128.4
July	116.9	127.8	129.7	128.5	129.1	130.5	126.9	125.2	124.4	128.2
Aug.	117.9	128.7	131.2	128.8	129.8	130.9	127.3	126.0	125.0	128.5
Sept.	116.7	128.8	130.8	129.5	131.2	132.3	127.9	126.4	125.5	129.0
Oct.	116.5	129.2	130.8	130.4	132.1	132.5	128.7	126.8	126.0	129.6
Nov.	116.4	129.7	130.8	130.8	131.8	131.9	128.9	126.4	125.7	130.1
Dec.	116.5	129.5	130.7	130.9	131.6	131.9	128.9	126.1	125.8	130.1
1962 Jan.	116.4	129.3	130.5	130.2	130.9	131.6	128.7	126.5	125.7	130.1
Feb.	116.6	129.6	130.7	130.1	131.0	131.7	128.1	126.7	125.1	129.6
Mar.(1)	116.7	129.7	130.8	130.1	131.0	131.7	128.3	126.7	125.0	129.2
Apr.	117.4	130.0	131.1	130.5	131.7	132.1	128.9	127.3	125.5	129.2
May	117.6	129.2	130.8	130.2	131.2	131.7	128.7	126.9	125.5	129.1
June										
July										
Aug.										
Sept.										
Oct.										
Nov.										
Dec.										

(1) 1957 weighted.

TABLE 11. Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities - Continued

(1949=100)

	St. Johns' Nfld. (1)	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Ottawa	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon Regina	Edmonton Calgary	Vancouver
Food index										
1959 Jan.	109.7	117.7	120.9	127.0	120.8	120.5	121.7	120.8	119.4	124.1
Feb.	110.7	117.6	121.0	126.3	119.6	119.3	120.4	119.7	118.7	122.8
Mar.	111.3	116.6	120.2	125.5	118.6	117.9	118.7	117.9	117.6	121.2
Apr.	111.9	116.0	119.2	123.6	117.4	117.1	117.7	117.2	116.7	121.2
May	111.8	115.0	117.8	122.6	117.0	117.3	117.2	117.1	115.8	119.8
June	112.8	115.2	118.0	122.5	117.3	117.4	117.9	117.9	116.1	120.6
July	113.6	114.5	118.0	122.8	118.3	117.7	117.6	118.5	117.0	119.4
Aug.	116.3	117.1	121.4	124.8	120.4	119.0	117.9	120.3	117.5	120.3
Sept.	112.8	116.5	121.7	127.8	121.4	120.9	118.7	122.3	119.1	123.2
Oct.	111.7	118.4	124.0	127.4	123.9	123.8	120.7	123.4	120.6	125.8
Nov.	111.6	119.6	124.0	129.0	123.0	122.2	121.3	121.8	119.6	125.7
Dec.	111.5	117.7	122.9	128.7	122.0	120.6	120.0	119.4	117.8	124.4
1960 Jan.	111.5	117.3	122.6	126.9	121.6	120.3	119.4	119.3	116.6	123.5
Feb.	111.7	117.5	122.6	126.3	120.2	119.8	117.3	117.7	114.9	122.8
Mar.	111.5	115.9	120.9	123.4	119.0	118.2	116.8	117.1	114.8	120.3
Apr.	113.3	117.3	122.1	125.6	120.9	119.8	118.8	117.8	114.7	119.7
May	113.9	116.3	120.7	124.6	119.7	119.3	118.3	117.0	114.3	120.0
June	114.6	116.7	120.1	125.9	121.5	120.3	119.1	117.7	113.6	118.7
July	113.2	114.9	119.9	124.4	120.7	120.4	120.0	118.9	115.1	118.3
Aug.	112.1	115.4	121.4	125.0	121.3	121.1	120.9	121.4	117.6	121.5
Sept.	108.5	116.5	122.4	125.6	123.0	122.8	122.1	124.1	120.0	124.7
Oct.	109.1	119.8	124.7	129.3	126.8	126.6	123.7	124.5	121.3	126.7
Nov.	108.9	119.9	124.4	130.0	125.9	125.8	124.2	123.0	120.4	126.3
Dec.	109.8	119.5	124.9	129.7	125.3	125.6	124.5	122.2	119.5	126.1
1961 Jan.	109.9	118.7	124.5	129.5	124.8	124.0	123.7	121.6	119.2	125.2
Feb.	109.4	118.9	123.4	129.4	123.6	123.2	122.5	119.6	118.2	123.6
Mar.	110.4	118.7	122.9	127.8	123.5	122.9	123.1	119.3	117.7	122.5
Apr.	111.4	118.4	122.5	126.6	122.0	122.1	122.7	118.9	117.2	122.9
May	111.2	117.3	121.7	124.4	120.2	120.6	121.8	117.7	115.8	122.3
June	112.0	116.2	121.0	125.0	121.0	120.5	121.5	118.5	116.0	120.4
July	112.0	116.4	121.5	126.2	121.9	122.2	122.5	120.5	117.2	120.4
Aug.	115.1	119.2	126.2	126.9	124.1	123.2	123.6	122.9	119.0	121.3
Sept.	112.0	119.8	125.1	128.7	125.0	124.1	125.7	125.0	120.7	123.2
Oct.	111.1	120.8	125.4	130.5	127.5	125.3	127.7	126.2	122.1	125.0
Nov.	110.5	121.6	125.2	131.1	125.4	123.4	127.2	124.4	120.3	124.9
Dec.	110.4	120.7	124.3	131.7	124.8	123.5	126.9	123.0	120.4	125.1
1962 Jan.	110.4	120.7	123.8	130.8	123.7	123.5	126.8	122.6	120.2	125.7
Feb.	110.6	121.4	124.1	130.2	124.0	123.5	125.1	122.0	118.7	124.1
Mar.(2)	110.7	121.5	124.1	129.7	123.1	122.8	125.7	121.9	118.4	122.9
Apr.	112.2	121.9	125.0	130.3	125.1	123.7	127.9	123.7	119.7	124.7
May	112.5	119.6	123.7	129.3	123.6	122.3	126.5	122.3	118.9	124.3
June										
July										
Aug.										
Sept.										
Oct.										
Nov.										
Dec.										

(1) St. John's Index on the base June 1951=100.
(2) 1957 weighted.

TABLE 11. Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities - Continued

(1949=100)

	St. John's Nfld.(1)	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Ottawa	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon Regina	Edmonton Calgary	Vancouver
Housing index										
1961 Jan.	113.3	131.7	130.1	132.8	135.9	138.9	127.9	125.5	126.6	136.7
Feb.	113.5	131.8	130.2	132.8	135.9	138.8	127.9	125.6	126.5	136.7
Mar.	113.3	132.1	130,3	133.0	136.2	138.7	127.6	125.6	126.6	136.6
Apr.	113.2	132.6	130.3	133.1	136.3	138.8	127.6	125.4	126.5	136.6
May	113.1	132.8	130.5	132.7	136.3	138.6	127.6	125.5	126.5	135.0
June	113.1	133.0	130.6	132.9	135.8	138.6	128.2	125.7	126.5	134.9
July	112.9	133.1	130.6	132.8	135.7	138.6	128.0	125.5	126.7	134.7
Aug.	112.7	133.1	130.8	133.0	135.7	138.6	128.2	125.5	126.7	134.8
Sept.	112.4	133.3	130.8	133.1	136.8	139.7	128.2	125.5	126.7	134.8
Oct.	112.6	133.4	130.7	133.9	136.8	139.5	128.4	125.6	126.8	134.9
Nov.	113.0	133.5	130.8	133.9	136.7	139.5	128.6	125.7	126.9	136.3
Dec.	113.3	133.7	131.0	134.0	136.8	139.5	128.6	125.7	126.9	136.1
1962 Jan.	113.4	133.7	130.9	134.1	136.7	139.4	128.6	126.7	127.1	136.1
Feb.	113.5	133.8	131.2	133.9	137.0	139.2	128.6	126.9	127.0	136.0
Mar.(2)	113.4	133.8	131.2	133.9	137.1	139.3	128.7	126.8	126.9	136.1
Apr.	113.3	133.8	131.1	133.9	137.3	139.5	128.8	126.9	126.9	134.2
May	113.3	133.9	131.2	134.0	137.0	139.5	129.0	126.9	127.0	133.9
June										
July										
Aug.										
Sept.										
Oct.										
Nov.										
Dec.										
Clothing index										
1961 Jan.	110.3	121.2	120.7	107.2	115.0	114.2	117.3	124.0	121.1	116.0
Feb.	110.6	121.2	120.7	107.3	114.7	114.5	116.0	124.0	120.5	116.2
Mar.	110.7	121.1	120.8	107.5	115.0	114.7	116.9	124.3	120.6	117.0
Apr.	110.7	122.9	120.8	107.9	115.1	114.8	116.9	124.3	120.7	117.1
May	110.7	123.1	120.8	107.9	114.7	114.7	116.9	124.3	120.7	116.6
June	110.7	123.1	121.0	108.0	114.6	114.7	117.1	124.1	120.7	116.2
July	110.7	122.9	121.0	107.8	113.9	114.6	116.6	124.1	120.6	115.8
Aug.	110.4	122.7	121.0	107.8	114.3	114.4	116.7	124.1	120.5	115.1
Sept.	110.4	122.6	120.9	107.9	117.0	117.3	116.6	123.5	120.3	114.9
Oct.	110.5	122.8	120.9	107.9	118.3	117.5	117.5	123.5	121.3	115.7
Nov.	110.5	123.4	120.9	108.1	119.4	117.5	119.0	123.5	121.6	116.4
Dec.	110.7	123.3	121.0	107.7	118.7	117.2	119.0	123.9	121.7	116.5
1962 Jan.	109.7	121.7	121.0	104.0	116.2	115.2	116.8	125.3	120.7	114.8
Feb.	110.3	121.9	121.0	104.6	115.8	116.0	116.7	125.3	119.5	115.2
Mar.(2)	111.0	123.3	121.3	106.1	117.8	117.1	118.0	126.9	120.3	116.3
Apr.	111.8	123.3	121.3	106.7	118.4	117.6	117.7	126.9	120.1	116.7
May	111.6	123.2	121.3	106.0	118.0	117.5	117.7	126.9	120.4	116.7
June										
July										
Aug.										
Sept.										
Oct.										
Nov.										
Dec.										

(1) St. John's Index on the base June 1951=100.
(2) 1957 weighted.

TABLE 11. Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities - Continued

(1949=100)

	St. John's Nfld.(1)	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Ottawa	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon Regina	Edmonton Calgary	Vancouver
Transportation index										
1961 Jan.	122.4	138.4	142.7	161.8	144.8	135.3	132.4	130.8	131.7	139.1
Feb.	122.4	138.4	142.7	161.8	144.8	135.3	132.4	130.6	131.7	139.0
Mar.	122.6	138.5	142.6	161.6	153.9	134.7	132.4	135.6	131.0	138.7
Apr.	122.6	139.5	143.6	161.6	153.9	132.9	132.5	135.4	132.4	140.2
May	122.6	139.5	143.0	161.9	154.1	135.3	133.6	135.3	132.4	139.8
June	122.6	140.4	143.0	161.9	154.1	134.7	133.6	135.3	132.4	139.8
July	122.6	139.1	142.2	160.9	152.9	133.6	131.5	134.1	130.5	138.5
Aug.	122.6	139.1	142.2	161.1	152.8	134.2	131.5	134.1	130.5	138.8
Sept.	122.3	139.0	142.1	160.9	153.9	134.9	131.1	132.4	130.4	138.2
Oct.	122.3	139.0	142.1	160.9	153.8	134.9	130.8	132.6	130.5	138.2
Nov.	122.3	140.3	143.1	161.5	154.1	134.7	132.4	134.0	132.3	139.2
Dec.	122.3	140.3	143.1	161.5	154.1	134.2	132.4	134.0	132.3	139.2
1962 Jan.	122.3	140.1	142.7	161.0	154.0	133.6	132.2	135.4	132.5	138.5
Feb.	122.3	140.1	142.7	161.3	154.1	134.0	132.4	135.6	132.5	138.5
Mar.(2)	122.2	138.8	143.1	160.7	153.8	134.0	131.9	135.5	130.0	137.1
Apr.	123.1	139.3	143.6	160.8	154.1	134.3	132.5	135.7	130.2	137.3
May	124.3	138.9	143.5	160.5	154.0	134.7	132.5	135.5	130.3	137.4
June										
July										
Aug.										
Sept.										
Oct.										
Nov.										
Dec.										
Health and personal care index										
1961 Jan.	154.3	156.9	178.0	159.2	160.2	151.7	167.7	140.8	160.3	149.0
Feb.	154.0	156.9	177.9	158.9	160.1	151.9	168.0	140.6	160.2	148.8
Mar.	154.0	157.1	177.9	158.7	160.1	151.7	168.0	140.5	160.2	148.8
Apr.	154.1	157.6	177.9	160.5	160.3	151.4	168.3	143.5	160.5	150.0
May	154.1	158.3	178.0	160.5	160.1	151.5	168.6	143.5	160.3	150.1
June	154.0	158.3	178.4	160.3	160.0	152.0	168.3	143.4	160.1	150.1
July	154.0	158.3	178.4	160.6	160.0	152.2	168.3	143.5	160.5	150.4
Aug.	154.2	158.2	178.3	160.8	159.7	151.9	168.6	143.6	160.4	150.2
Sept.	154.2	158.2	178.4	160.7	161.1	153.0	168.6	143.7	160.4	150.2
Oct.	154.2	158.4	178.3	161.0	162.0	153.6	168.6	144.0	160.5	150.1
Nov.	154.3	159.4	178.6	162.8	162.7	153.5	168.5	144.3	160.6	150.6
Dec.	154.3	159.3	178.7	162.9	162.7	153.5	171.2	144.2	160.6	150.6
1962 Jan.	154.3	159.1	178.8	162.9	162.7	153.6	171.3	144.7	160.5	150.6
Feb.	154.3	159.1	179.1	162.7	162.3	155.0	171.7	144.3	160.8	150.2
Mar.(2)	154.3	159.2	179.1	162.6	162.2	155.0	171.6	144.3	160.8	150.2
Apr.	154.3	160.1	179.9	164.2	162.7	156.0	172.0	144.3	161.1	150.1
May	155.0	160.1	179.9	164.4	163.0	155.7	172.0	144.3	162.4	150.1
June										
July										
Aug.										
Sept.										
Oct.										
Nov.										
Dec.										

(1) St. John's Index on the base June 1951=100.
(2) 1957 weighted.

Table 11. Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities - Concluded

(1949=100)

	St. John's Nfld. (1)	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Ottawa	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon Regina	Edmonton Calgary	Vancouver
Recreation and reading index										
1961 Jan	151.2	168.3	148.1	138.0	140.5	184.2	140.2	146.5	138.1	148.2
Feb.	151.2	168.5	150.1	138.5	140.8	184.6	140.5	147.1	138.2	149.1
Mar.	151.2	168.5	150.1	138.5	140.3	184.6	140.5	147.1	138.2	149.1
Apr.	151.2	169.4	150.2	138.2	139.7	183.6	140.1	147.1	137.9	149.1
May	151.2	163.3	150.2	140.7	139.7	184.9	139.4	147.1	139.8	149.1
June	151.2	163.3	150.1	140.7	139.7	184.4	139.7	145.8	139.8	149.1
July	151.2	163.5	150.2	140.4	140.3	184.4	139.7	145.8	139.3	148.4
Aug.	150.7	163.5	150.2	140.4	139.6	184.4	139.6	145.8	139.3	148.4
Sept.	150.5	163.3	150.1	140.3	140.8	185.5	139.5	145.7	139.4	148.3
Oct.	150.5	163.2	149.8	139.8	140.3	183.4	139.5	145.7	139.4	146.9
Nov.	150.5	163.2	149.8	139.8	141.8	184.1	139.4	146.5	139.4	147.2
Dec.	150.5	163.2	149.8	139.8	142.3	184.1	139.4	146.5	139.4	147.2
1962 Jan.	150.5	163.0	149.7	141.7	142.3	182.3	139.4	147.1	139.4	147.0
Feb.	150.5	163.0	149.7	141.7	142.3	182.4	139.4	147.1	139.4	146.9
Mar.(2).....	150.5	162.9	149.7	141.6	142.4	182.6	139.4	146.7	139.3	146.8
Apr.	151.4	163.1	150.1	141.0	142.6	182.2	138.7	146.3	141.4	146.4
May	152.1	163.1	150.1	141.6	142.6	182.2	139.3	146.7	141.9	146.5
June										
July										
Aug.										
Sept.										
Oct.										
Nov.										
Dec.										
Tobacco and alcohol index										
1961 Jan.	98.6	123.5	120.8	116.6	120.2	120.0	120.0	115.6	115.4	120.4
Feb.	98.2	123.6	120.8	117.0	120.6	119.0	120.0	115.6	115.7	121.1
Mar.	98.2	123.6	120.8	117.0	120.6	119.0	120.0	115.6	115.7	121.1
Apr.	98.2	123.6	124.3	117.0	120.6	119.0	120.0	115.6	115.7	121.1
May	98.2	123.9	124.3	117.0	120.6	119.3	120.0	117.0	115.7	121.1
June	98.2	123.9	124.3	117.0	120.6	119.3	120.0	117.0	115.7	121.1
July	98.2	123.9	124.3	117.0	120.6	119.3	120.0	117.0	115.7	121.1
Aug.	98.6	123.9	124.3	117.7	120.5	119.6	120.6	117.0	115.5	121.1
Sept.	98.6	123.9	124.3	117.7	124.0	123.1	120.6	117.0	115.5	121.1
Oct.	98.6	123.9	124.3	117.7	124.0	123.1	120.6	117.0	115.5	121.1
Nov.	98.6	124.0	123.9	117.7	124.2	123.1	120.6	117.0	115.5	121.1
Dec.	98.6	124.0	123.9	117.7	124.2	123.1	120.6	117.0	115.5	121.1
1962 Jan.	98.6	124.0	123.9	117.7	124.2	123.1	120.6	117.0	115.5	121.1
Feb.	98.9	123.9	124.3	117.7	124.4	122.5	120.6	119.5	115.7	121.0
Mar.(2).....	98.9	123.9	124.3	117.7	124.4	122.5	120.6	119.5	119.5	121.0
Apr.	98.9	123.9	124.3	118.7	124.4	122.5	120.6	119.5	119.5	121.0
May	98.9	123.9	124.3	118.7	123.9	122.4	120.6	119.6	119.6	121.0
June										
July										
Aug.										
Sept.										
Oct.										
Nov.										
Dec.										

(1) St. John's Index on the base June 1951=100.
(2) 1957 weighted.

TABLE 12. Average Weekly Wages in Manufacturing in Current Dollars and Adjusted for Changes in the Consumer Price Index(1)
1955 - 1962

Year and month	Weekly wages in current dollars	Index numbers of weekly wages in current dollars (1949=100)	Weekly wages in 1949 dollars	Index numbers of weekly wages in 1949 dollars
	$		$	
1955 - Average	59.45	142.4	51.07	122.4
1956 - Average	62.40	149.5	52.70	126.3
1957 - Average	64.96	155.6	53.20	127.4
1958 - Average	66.77	160.0	53.30	127.7
1959 - Average	70.16	168.1	55.42	132.8
1960 - Average	71.96	172.4	56.14	134.5
1961 - Average				
1961 - Jan.	72.76	174.3	56.45	135.2
Feb.	73.40	175.9	56.86	136.2
Mar.	73.64	176.4	57.04	136.7
Apr.	74.56	178.6	57.80	138.5
May	74.44	178.3	57.71	138.3
June	75.02	179.7	58.16	139.3
July	73.95	177.2	57.28	137.2
Aug.	74.26	177.9	57.52	137.8
Sept.	75.00	179.7	58.05	139.1
Oct.	75.69	181.3	58.36	139.8
Nov.	75.64	181.2	58.27	139.6
Dec.	72.85	174.5	56.17	134.6
1962 - Jan.	75.46	180.8	58.14	139.3
Feb.	75.99	182.1	58.59	140.4
Mar.	75.96P	182.0P	58.30P	139.7P
Apr.				
May				
June				
July				
Aug.				
Sept.				
Oct.				
Nov.				
Dec.				

(1) For detailed explanation, see page 54.
P Preliminary figures.

TABLE 13. Spatial Retail Food Price Indexes, 1956-61(1)

Winnipeg = 100

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Halifax	99	100	99	102	101	99
Saint John	101	102	100	102	103	101
Montreal	98	99	98	98	100	98
Ottawa	97	99	98	99	99	98
Toronto	97	98	97	97	99	97
Winnipeg	100	100	100	100	100	100
Regina	104	104	103	105	103	101
Saskatoon	105	104	104	105	104	102
Calgary	101	101	100	102	100	98
Edmonton	100	101	100	101	98	97
Vancouver	105	105	104	106	104	102

(1) For detailed explanation, see page 55.

TABLE 14. Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers

(1935-39=100)

	Composite index exclusive of living component(1)	Farm machinery	Equipment and materials	Taxes and interest rates(1)	Farm wage rates	Farm family living	Composite index inclusive of living component(1)
				All Canada			
1926	130.6	97.6	119.9	135.5	164.5	121.1	126.8
1939	99.3	103.6	95.7	101.1	110.3	99.5	99.4
1959	269.5	248.4	219.1	204.7	538.2	220.1	249.8
1960	276.7	254.2	222.7	214.5	555.3	221.7	254.8
1961	282.2	261.4	226.7	220.6	566.0	224.2	259.0
1959 - January ...	260.4	248.2	218.2	204.7	487.2	219.4	244.0
1960 - January ...	268.7	251.8	221.9	214.5	510.4	220.6	249.5
1961 - January ...	273.0r	260.8	223.5	220.6r	522.9	223.9	253.4r
April	284.7r	260.8	226.6	220.6r	581.0	224.4	260.6r
August	289.0r	262.7	230.0	220.6r	594.1	224.3	263.1r
1962 - January ...	281.8	267.9	233.6	220.6	537.9	226.4	259.7
				Eastern Canada			
1926	129.5	97.0	122.8	128.4	151.1	120.2	125.8
1939	98.7	104.3	94.8	99.2	110.6	99.5	99.0
1959	273.3	252.0	215.1	201.3	524.1	219.2	251.7
1960	280.6	257.5	217.8	214.3	540.6	221.4	257.0
1961	286.8	265.5	221.9	223.6	550.2	223.7	261.6
1959 - January ...	267.8	251.8	214.3	201.3	498.8	218.2	248.0
1960 - January ...	276.7	254.3	217.3	214.3	522.3	220.2	254.1
1961 - January ...	281.6r	264.8	219.1	223.6r	532.2	223.4	258.3r
April	287.4r	264.8	222.9	223.6r	550.3	223.8	262.0r
August	291.3r	266.8	223.6	223.6r	568.0	224.0	264.4r
1962 - January ...	291.1	271.9	229.1	223.6	549.8	226.2	265.1
				Western Canada			
1926	131.8	97.8	117.1	141.6	183.5	121.9	127.8
1939	99.8	103.3	96.6	102.7	109.9	99.5	99.7
1959	265.8	247.0	222.8	207.5	558.3	220.9	247.8
1960	272.9	252.8	227.5	214.6	576.2	222.1	252.6
1961	277.8	259.8	231.3	218.0	588.5	224.7	256.5
1959 - January ...	253.1	246.8	221.8	207.5	470.8	220.5	240.0
1960 - January ...	260.7	250.8	226.4	214.6	493.5	221.1	244.9
1961 - January ...	264.5r	259.2	227.7	218.0r	509.7	224.4	248.5r
April	282.0r	259.2	230.1	218.0r	624.6	225.0	259.2r
August	286.8r	261.1	236.2	218.0r	631.3	224.6	261.9r
1962 - January ...	272.6	266.3	237.9	218.0	521.0	226.7	254.2

(1) 1962 indexes are subject to revision, since tax and interest rate figures are preliminary.
r Revised figures.

TABLE 15. Average Retail Feed Prices for Canada and Five Geographical Areas

First of the Month Prices - Dollars per cwt

Item	Canada			Maritimes			Quebec		
	May 1962	April 1962	May 1961	May 1962	April 1962	May 1961	May 1962	April 1962	May 1961
	dollars								
Corn, cracked	3.73	3.72	3.67	4.08	4.18	4.08	3.62	3.63	3.53
Oats, unground	3.39	3.37	2.99	3.68	3.63	3.27	3.42	3.43	3.01
Barley, ground	3.46	3.42	2.87	3.80	3.74	3.08	3.42	3.39	2.89
Wheat, unground	3.69	3.66	3.26	4.03	4.00	3.55	3.77	3.78	3.26
Bran	2.96	2.98	2.81	2.91	2.92	2.77	2.91	2.92	2.77
Shorts	3.09	3.13	2.87	3.05	3.09	2.81	3.06	3.11	2.83
Middlings	3.30	3.33	3.00	3.32	3.33	2.94	3.26	3.27	2.95
Linseed oil meal	4.98	4.95	4.84	5.35	5.34	5.13	4.81	4.79	4.72
Soybean oil meal	5.20	5.18	5.14	5.54	5.53	5.56	5.10	5.08	4.95
Calf starter (20-24%)	5.31	5.30	5.15	5.21	5.18	4.99	5.16	5.16	4.87
Dairy ration (16%)	3.83	3.83	3.56	3.87	3.87	3.54	3.72	3.73	3.48
Dairy supplement (24%) (East)	4.48	4.45	4.36	4.59	4.47	4.34	4.42	4.39	4.34
Dairy supplement (32%) (West)	5.24	5.21	5.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pig starter mash	4.86	4.85	4.53	4.92	4.89	4.63	4.87	4.88	4.42
Hog concentrate (35%)	5.96	5.95	5.65	5.84	5.84	5.54	6.28	6.27	5.62
Hog grower mash	4.07	4.05	3.68	4.30	4.29	3.81	4.02	4.00	3.62
Chick starter mash (18-20%)	5.04	5.04	4.74	5.30	5.32	5.05	4.88	4.87	4.59
Growing mash	4.48	4.48	4.20	4.58	4.60	4.31	4.53	4.54	4.27
Laying mash (17-20%)	4.54	4.54	4.27	4.71	4.71	4.45	4.56	4.55	4.29
Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	5.24	5.24	4.97	5.41	5.35	5.07	5.39	5.43	5.16
Turkey growing mash	4.89	4.90	4.62	5.16	5.12	4.92	5.03	5.05	4.95

Item	Ontario			Prairies			British Columbia		
	May 1962	April 1962	May 1961	May 1962	April 1962	May 1961	May 1962	April 1962	May 1961
	dollars								
Corn, cracked	3.43	3.38	3.35	4.98	4.98	4.86	3.96	3.95	4.03
Oats, unground	3.30	3.30	3.00	2.98	2.98	2.36	3.52	3.48	3.12
Barley, ground	3.43	3.42	2.90	2.96	2.95	2.34	3.66	3.58	2.96
Wheat, unground	3.65	3.61	3.22	3.21	3.20	2.70	3.64	3.57	3.36
Bran	3.01	3.03	2.89	2.97	2.97	2.76	3.00	3.06	2.79
Shorts	3.12	3.15	2.95	3.11	3.11	2.83	3.11	3.17	2.89
Middlings	3.38	3.43	3.10	3.02	3.02	2.74	3.39	3.43	3.10
Linseed oil meal	4.76	4.76	4.61	4.91	4.87	4.73	5.60	5.56	5.38
Soybean oil meal	4.76	4.73	4.82	5.36	5.36	5.52	5.78	5.80	5.55
Calf starter (20-24%)	5.28	5.28	5.09	5.09	5.05	4.88	6.04	6.10	6.15
Dairy ration (16%)	3.85	3.84	3.68	3.82	3.81	3.33	3.95	3.96	3.68
Dairy supplement (24%)	4.48	4.49	4.38	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dairy supplement (32%)	-	-	-	5.11	5.08	4.90	5.58	5.56	5.22
Pig starter mash	4.90	4.89	4.67	4.91	4.89	4.56	4.67	4.67	4.36
Hog concentrate (35%)	5.94	5.95	5.80	5.73	5.73	5.48	5.90	5.85	5.59
Hog grower mash	3.93	3.90	3.68	3.95	3.93	3.38	4.29	4.26	3.93
Chick starter mash (18-20%)	5.15	5.15	4.95	4.99	5.00	4.60	5.04	5.04	4.65
Growing mash	4.49	4.48	4.28	4.41	4.41	4.01	4.39	4.36	4.10
Laying mash (17-20%)	4.55	4.55	4.37	4.45	4.44	4.07	4.50	4.50	4.18
Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	5.27	5.26	5.06	5.14	5.15	4.70	5.10	5.08	4.81
Turkey growing mash	5.09	5.09	4.86	4.81	4.84	4.22	4.63	4.62	4.46

Note: Mash includes pellets, crumbles, cubes, etc.

TABLE 16. Index Numbers of Common and Preferred Stock Prices(1)

(1935-39=100)

Number of stocks 1962	Investors index									
	Investors total (86)	Total industrials (66)	Machinery and equipment (8)	Pulp and paper (6)	Milling and grains (3)	Oils (5)	Textiles and clothing (7)	Food and allied products (13)	Beverages (7)	Building materials (13)
1952	173.1	176.6	428.3	515.2	131.0	155.1	277.2	108.6	365.7	283.6
1953	160.3	160.1	394.8	501.6	131.2	131.0	222.5	120.7	399.3	279.5
1954	181.2	182.3	480.1	692.9	141.9	144.4	161.7	136.2	479.6	326.1
1955	232.7	239.6	696.0	995.1	190.6	164.0	177.8	180.4	566.2	434.9
1956	269.0	282.7	818.8	1,109.9	176.1	221.1	163.0	187.0	548.8	482.1
1957	258.2	271.0	765.1	924.5	135.1	241.0	155.3	193.1	489.9	436.8
1958	239.4	247.6	615.7	901.5	151.9	207.8	166.4	241.9	566.6	451.8
1959	265.4	272.2	728.6	1,126.9	213.1	192.6	213.0	271.7	672.6	536.6
1960	249.6	256.6	673.8	1,111.6	194.3	172.9	186.6	234.2	644.7	448.9
1961	312.2	325.9	735.6	1,298.2	239.9	226.9	219.0	314.4	875.5	497.8
1960 Sept.	248.9	254.2	645.6	1,127.2	200.0	175.5	180.7	245.4	646.7	425.2
Oct.	241.7	246.5	634.9	1,083.3	201.0	169.8	171.6	245.4	634.4	416.0
Nov.	251.1	258.0	642.5	1,093.0	210.9	180.9	181.0	248.8	674.2	417.4
Dec.	260.2	268.0	681.9	1,121.6	210.3	183.2	181.9	258.9	697.7	420.0
1961 Jan.	276.6	286.0	727.7	1,190.1	211.7	200.4	189.5	272.3	720.1	456.4
Feb.	285.3	295.7	741.4	1,223.8	219.2	208.9	193.0	280.1	756.3	470.3
Mar.	294.6	307.4	758.9	1,277.7	227.4	217.3	195.9	287.7	793.0	486.8
Apr.	304.8	319.6	801.0	1,283.2	226.0	227.8	202.2	303.0	806.8	491.3
May	317.6	333.4	809.3	1,282.5	241.0	231.7	210.4	322.6	855.6	490.9
June	316.4	330.9	781.6	1,294.0	247.8	229.4	213.5	321.4	872.1	499.4
July	319.3	335.0	749.8	1,341.9	249.2	223.0	222.8	320.8	879.1	500.7
Aug.	327.6	344.1	738.4	1,381.0	252.6	232.3	234.5	338.6	929.4	508.6
Sept.	325.9	341.4	700.6	1,364.1	247.8	233.4	228.0	334.5	952.0	513.4
Oct.	319.2	332.0	665.0	1,271.7	256.9	230.8	236.0	327.1	949.3	512.0
Nov.	326.3	339.3	673.2	1,323.4	249.7	240.6	250.5	331.3	998.5	521.0
Dec.	333.3	346.4	679.8	1,344.5	249.6	246.8	251.8	332.8	993.6	522.7
1962 Jan.	331.3	345.6	691.4	1,322.6	240.8	249.2	259.0	318.6	995.6	534.8
Feb.	329.8	344.4	682.2	1,370.8	238.7	246.6	267.3	316.8	1,014.2	535.4
Mar.	331.6	347.4	690.0	1,422.7	236.6	243.9	268.5	316.8	1,048.5	555.9
Apr.	325.0	340.2	657.3	1,429.3	237.0	237.1	260.5	304.8	1,023.8	553.0
May	310.3	323.7	621.1	1,397.7	225.8	221.3	251.9	292.3	982.2	516.3
June										
July										
Aug.										
Sept.										
Oct.										
Nov.										
Dec.										
Weekly index:										
May 3	324.0	339.1	640.0	1,470.9	233.7	231.4	259.5	303.3	1,019.8	545.0
May 10	318.5	332.5	620.5	1,441.9	230.1	222.5	261.5	296.2	1,010.2	530.5
May 17	314.4	328.2	637.2	1,412.5	228.9	220.7	260.0	295.7	992.1	518.8
May 24	300.4	312.6	603.4	1,342.7	216.8	214.2	242.7	288.8	965.4	501.4
May 31	294.3	306.1	604.5	1,320.3	219.4	217.8	235.9	277.5	923.6	485.7

(1) See page 52 concerning changes in the list of stocks.

TABLE 16. Index Numbers of Common and Preferred Stock Prices(1) - Concluded

(1935-39=100)

Number of stocks 1962	Investors index						Mining index(2)			Preferred stocks
	Industrial mines (4)	Total utilities (14)	Transportation (4)	Telephone (3)	Power and traction (7)	Banks (6)	Mining total (25)	Golds (17)	Base metals (8)	(26)
1952	139.7	168.3	378.6	94.6	139.8	148.4	103.6	73.9	171.5	160.1
1953	118.1	157.2	297.5	99.2	142.4	168.9	92.1	66.2	151.3	162.3
1954	123.2	165.0	291.6	111.0	150.2	208.0	91.3	64.8	151.9	170.2
1955	184.3	197.0	365.8	125.5	181.2	246.3	116.9	72.3	219.0	177.2
1956	218.6	206.3	375.0	123.8	208.1	275.8	134.4	75.8	268.7	166.2
1957	195.9	199.8	352.0	108.6	230.9	263.8	114.0	70.5	213.5	151.3
1958	166.9	189.1	314.7	107.9	216.7	273.2	103.8	72.4	175.8	160.6
1959	193.7	197.3	332.7	112.1	224.8	355.8	118.7	85.0	195.9	157.8
1960	209.4	189.1	287.3	121.0	194.3	320.0	104.9	75.6	172.0	152.6
1961	302.5	218.3	314.0	144.8	218.1	392.1	125.4	79.3	230.8	162.5
1960 Sept.	206.1	191.7	277.8	124.8	197.2	329.3	104.0	73.5	173.8	157.5
Oct.	195.8	187.8	262.4	123.7	193.8	318.6	107.4	79.9	170.3	157.5
Nov.	213.8	188.2	261.4	125.4	191.1	328.5	110.2	81.2	176.9	157.3
Dec.	228.6	193.0	266.9	126.9	200.4	338.1	108.5	78.1	178.2	156.8
1961 Jan.	243.5	200.7	276.5	130.7	212.1	358.7	115.5	83.9	188.0	157.9
Feb.	252.1	205.9	289.3	131.8	220.8	364.8	110.8	75.9	190.8	158.2
Mar.	264.2	206.2	290.0	132.1	221.1	371.8	112.3	72.4	203.6	157.7
Apr.	280.1	208.8	297.4	134.6	220.2	377.6	116.6	72.1	218.2	159.6
May	311.7	220.7	321.7	145.4	221.8	383.4	122.5	73.6	234.4	161.4
June	306.5	223.2	324.9	148.7	220.0	385.5	121.9	73.8	232.1	162.3
July	328.4	219.7	320.2	147.2	214.3	391.4	129.0	77.2	247.4	163.5
Aug.	336.1	220.7	322.3	147.8	214.8	409.3	135.8	85.3	251.5	163.4
Sept.	332.7	224.0	326.8	150.4	217.3	406.2	131.2	83.3	241.0	165.4
Oct.	321.3	226.8	333.0	153.2	216.0	404.0	131.1	82.5	242.4	167.4
Nov.	319.2	230.7	330.9	157.2	218.7	417.0	138.2	86.0	257.6	167.2
Dec.	334.5	232.3	334.8	158.2	220.0	436.0	139.3	85.6	262.4	166.0
1962 Jan.	328.4	228.9	336.2	155.4	215.3	424.2	139.3	85.1	263.3	167.8
Feb.	320.8	230.0	340.6	157.5	210.4	415.8	136.4	83.2	257.9	167.7
Mar.	318.0	227.9	334.8	157.9	204.5	413.9	135.6	82.9	256.4	168.3
Apr.	313.7	225.2	336.7	154.5	203.9	404.0	134.1	81.5	254.5	168.9
May	300.3	219.2	329.8	148.3	204.0	387.4	136.5	88.5	246.4	169.6
June										
July										
Aug.										
Sept.										
Oct.										
Nov.										
Dec.										
Weekly index:										
May 3	317.9	225.5	337.9	152.9	209.6	400.9	139.4	88.4	256.3	..
May 10	316.3	223.2	335.6	151.5	206.7	399.4	137.7	86.9	254.1	..
May 17	307.7	221.4	331.6	148.5	211.1	391.3	137.8	88.0	251.9	..
May 24	285.9	215.2	325.4	145.1	201.0	375.5	136.1	91.5	238.3	..
May 31	273.5	210.6	318.7	143.5	191.8	369.7	131.4	87.8	231.2	..

(1) See page 52 concerning changes in list of stocks.
(2) Mining stocks are not included in Investors total index.
.. Figures not available.

TABLE 17. Index Numbers of Common Stock Prices(1)

(1956=100)

Number of stocks 1962	Utilities (14)	Pipelines (5)	Banks (6)	Investment and loan (8)	Mining (25)	Uraniums (6)	Industrial oils (5)	Primary oils and gas (9)
1956	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1957	96.9	132.6	95.7	93.8	84.8	118.7	109.0	107.0
1958	91.7	105.5	99.1	109.1	77.3	95.0	94.0	84.2
1959	95.6	117.2	129.0	127.8	88.3	82.6	87.1	76.0
1960	91.6	106.2	116.0	119.8	78.0	59.1	78.2[r]	48.2
1961	105.8	136.4	142.2	177.1	93.3	71.8	102.6	59.1
1960 Mar.	89.4	109.6	110.9	110.5	79.9	58.8	77.3	55.0
Apr.	91.2	107.2	112.1	114.6	78.2	58.9	78.3	53.4
May	91.2	102.9	112.0	115.8	72.9	57.3	76.0	47.3
June	92.4	99.5	115.2	119.9	71.5	53.9	74.8	44.6
July	90.8	96.4	113.0	119.2	71.0	55.4	73.2	42.2
Aug.	92.9	99.8	117.1	123.3	75.4	55.1	77.8	44.4
Sept.	92.9	106.0	119.4	128.2	77.4	57.4	79.4	46.1
Oct.	91.0	105.7	115.5	123.1	79.9	59.5	76.8	44.1
Nov.	91.2	109.7	119.1	123.8	82.0	62.0	81.8	43.0
Dec.	93.6	109.7	122.6	129.9	80.7	59.8	82.9[r]	40.8
1961 Jan.	97.3	116.4	130.1	136.7	86.0	65.2	90.6	46.4
Feb.	99.8	121.0	132.2	145.3	82.5	65.8	94.5	55.0
Mar.	99.9	127.6	134.8	154.4	83.5	68.6	98.3	60.0
Apr.	101.2	137.9	137.0	164.8	86.7	70.0	103.0	59.9
May	107.0	142.1	139.0	175.9	91.1	71.6	104.8	60.2
June	108.2	137.8	139.8	179.6	90.7	71.5	103.7	58.2
July	106.5	133.8	141.9	185.2	96.0	71.8	100.9	53.8
Aug.	107.0	133.9	148.4	189.3	101.1	73.5	105.1	58.1
Sept.	108.6	139.9	147.3	191.6	97.6	72.8	105.6	58.6
Oct.	110.0	142.4	146.5	193.0	97.6	76.0	104.4	59.5
Nov.	111.8	149.2	151.2	204.8	102.9	78.9	108.8	66.7
Dec.	112.6	154.8	158.0	204.6	103.7	75.3	111.6	72.4
1962 Jan.	110.9	155.0	153.8	197.6	103.6	75.9	112.7	69.4
Feb.	111.5	154.1	150.8	196.4	101.4	78.2	111.5	73.9
Mar.	110.5	154.2	150.1	194.7	100.9	79.6	110.3	72.6
Apr.	109.2	150.0	146.5	185.6	99.8	81.2	107.2	67.8
May	106.2	144.6	140.4	169.9	101.6	79.7	100.1	62.2
June								
July								
Aug.								
Sept.								
Oct.								
Nov.								
Dec.								
Weekly index:								
May 3	109.3	148.2	145.4	182.0	103.7	81.4	104.7	67.1
May 10	108.2	147.4	144.8	172.7	102.5	82.5	100.6	64.2
May 17	107.3	147.7	141.9	168.9	102.5	80.7	99.8	62.5
May 24	104.3	141.2	136.1	164.9	101.3	78.8	96.9	58.5
May 31	102.1	138.5	134.0	160.8	97.8	75.0	98.5	58.9

(1) Four indexes on the base 1956=100, pipelines, investment and loan, uraniums, and primary oils and gas, were introduced May 1960. Indexes of utilities, banks, mining and industrial oils from Table 16 have been converted to the base 1956=100 for comparison.

[r] Revised figures.

Explanation of Methods Used and Additional Sources for Price Series Appearing in this Bulletin

Wholesale Price Indexes

Industry Selling Price Indexes (1956=100)

Industry Selling Price Indexes are published for most of the manufacturing industries and as such are the first Canadian "wholesale" price indexes to be organized according to an industry classification. Because of their common form of organization these indexes may be used in conjunction with a whole array of related statistics such as shipments, employment and inventories, to name a few, which also conform to the Standard Industrial Classification. Thus, Industry Selling Price Indexes have a clearly defined conceptual basis which fits into a common framework of analytical statistics. For this reason and because of their relatively high standard of representativeness they are recommended over their counterpart commodity series of the General Wholesale Index for purposes relating to output of manufacturing industries. However, because Industry Selling Price Indexes are available only since 1956 (in a few cases since 1949) the General Wholesale Index and its components must still be relied upon for earlier periods.

A complete description of these indexes is contained in:

Industry Selling Price Indexes 1956-59

Catalogue No. 62-515

General Wholesale Index (1935-39=100)

The General Wholesale Index is a commodity classified index of prices. The index is "general" inasmuch as it incorporates a diverse selection of both primary and processed commodities. It is called "wholesale" because its ingredient prices relate to that broad and heterogeneous area of commodity distribution which excludes only retail trade. In fact, the term "wholesale" has more of a connotation of bulk trading than of any homogeneous level of distribution. Thus, though the index mainly includes prices of producers, it also covers transactions of "middle men" who trade in commodities of a type or in quantities characteristic of primary marketing functions.

Though general wholesale price indexes have been calculated by many countries for years there is no precise answer to the question of what such an index measures. This is so because the index cannot be associated with any adequately definable value aggregate. Unlike a consumer price index which can be identified with expenditures of household consumers, a general wholesale index covers a host of overlapping transactions sometimes involving the same ingredient in as many as three different stages of processing. Yet, conceptually, it is not a measure of the purchasing power of money because it omits significant areas of monetary transactions such as prices of land, labour, securities and services, except in so far as prices of these things are implicit in commodity prices. As a conventional summary figure, its use has tended towards a reference level against which to observe the behaviour of particular price groups such as farm products, industrial materials, building materials and the various other groupings for which indexes are published. And as an indicator of general business conditions it is usually included in the group which is regarded as approximately coincident with the business cycle. However, its main attribute now lies in its long historical continuity.

For further details about the General Wholesale Index please consult:

Wholesale Price Indexes 1913-1950 (Reference Paper No. 24)

Prices and Price Indexes 1949-1952 (Vol. 23) (Catalogue No. 62-501)

Canadian Farm Products

Wheat prices used in this index are buying prices of the Canadian Wheat Board, for Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Manitoba Northern at Fort William-Port Arthur. The initial payment price is first used and revised as further payments are announced.

Final wheat participation payments for the crop year August 1960-July 1961 were announced April 2, 1962. The price of No. 1 Manitoba Northern was adjusted to $1.791 per bushel, No. 2 to $1.759 and No. 3 to $1.743, and the indexes revised accordingly. An interim payment on all grades of wheat was announced November 2, 1961 for the crop year August 1960-July 1961 bringing the price of Manitoba Northern No. 1 to $1.50. Subsequent indexes are based on an initial payment of $1.50 for Manitoba Northern No. 1.

Commencing August 1, 1949, Western oats and barley were brought under control of the Canadian Wheat Board. Prices used for Canadian Farm Products since that time have been initial payments to farmers, with participation payments included whenever they are announced. For the crop year 1960-1961 final payment announced December 11, 1961 brought the price to $.741 per bushel for No. 2 C.W. oats; final payment announced January 10, 1962 brought the price to $.949 per bushel for No. 1 Feed barley. Initial payment for the crop year 1961-1962 was $.60 for No. 2 C.W. oats and $.87 for No. 1 Feed barley.

For final revised indexes August 1945 to July 1952 see Prices and Price Indexes, May 1953, Table 21. For subsequent years see Table 4 of February 1954, May 1955 and 1956, and Table 2 of May 1958, July 1959, June 1960 and June 1961. Indexes subsequent to July 1961 are subject to revision.

The Non-Residential Building Materials Price Index (1949=100)

A second special purpose price index related to the construction industry entitled "Non-Residential Building Materials Price Index" is shown in Table 8. This index has been constructed specifically to measure the price change of materials used in non-residential building construction. It supplements a price index applicable to materials used in residential construction which has been available for some years. The new index has been constructed on the base 1949=100, using weights obtained from data on cost of building materials provided by general and trade contractors for a sample of buildings constructed in Canada during the years 1948-1950.

The methods of constructing the index are explained in some detail in D.B.S. Reference Paper No. 43, entitled "Non-Residential Building Materials Price Index, 1935-1952", which was released on August 21, 1953 and which is available for the sum of 25 cents on request to the Dominion Statistician. This publication also comments on the uses and limitations of the index, and provides the total index by years from 1935 to 1952, and by months for the period January 1949-July 1953. Price indexes for twelve principal component material groups have been calculated by months from January 1949 to July 1953 and these indexes are also contained in the above mentioned publication.

The Residential Building Materials Price Index (1935-1939=100)

This index, which was first published in 1949, was developed to meet the need for a measurement of the price change of that part of housing costs represented by materials. In addition to the composite index which measures the price change of all materials used in residential construction, price indexes are published for nine component material groups. The weights for individual material items and groups of items within the index were based on the estimated material requirement for a national housing target for the year 1946, and the index was calculated on the base 1935-1939=100. However, to facilitate comparisons of its movements with those of the new non-residential series, Table 2 shows it arithmetically converted to the base 1949=100. Additional information concerning this index may be found in the special bulletin "Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials, 1926 to 1948", obtainable for 10 cents on request to the Dominion Statistician.

As a first step in a revision program, the structure of the Residential Electrical Equipment and Fixtures index has been revised. Both items priced and weights have been brought into line with latest available data on current building practices. The price reference base will continue as 1935-1939=100. For the new weighting diagram effective from July 1959 see "Prices and Price Indexes, August 1959".

Retail Price Indexes

Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index was constructed to replace the Cost-of-Living Index and was first published October 23, 1952, on a time base 1949=100 and weights based on family expenditure patterns of 1947-48. A revision of the Consumer Price Index on the basis of 1957 expenditures while retaining the time base 1949=100, was released in an occasional paper on March 21, 1961 and the revised 1957-weighted index became the official measurement of price change forward from January 1961. The purpose of this latest revision was to bring the items included in the index, and their weights, into line with current family spending patterns.

The Consumer Price Index measures the percentage change through time in the cost of purchasing a constant "basket" of goods and services representing the purchases made by a particular population group in a specified time period. The basket is a constant or equivalent quantity and quality of goods and services but only items for which there is a continually measurable market price over time, corresponding to a specific quantity of the item, are included in the basket.

The index relates to a broad but specific group of urban families and reflects the price changes experienced by that "target group". The index is unlikely to represent closely the experience of any one family within the group nor should it be expected to reflect price change for other population groups for which income, family size and place of residence are characteristically different. The target group to which the revised index relates is composed of families - (a) living in cities with over 30,000 population, (b) ranging in size from two adults to two adults with four children, and (c) with annual incomes during 1957 ranging from $2,500 to $7,000.

To measure the influences of price change on the cost of goods and services purchased by such families, the Consumer Price Index contains some 300 items.

Full details on the revised index are available in the occasional paper "The Consumer Price Index for Canada (1949=100) - Revision Based on 1957 Expenditures", D.B.S. Catalogue Number 62-518.

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities: Consumer Price Indexes are published monthly in this bulletin for the following cities or city combinations: St. John's, Halifax, Saint John, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Saskatoon-Regina, Edmonton-Calgary and Vancouver. With the exception of the index for St.John's, Newfoundland, which is constructed on the base June 1951 = 100, all indexes are on the base 1949 = 100. The regional indexes with the exception of the one for St. John's, are patterned after the Consumer Price Index for Canada. They are similar to this index in terms of family coverage, item content and weighting system.

These indexes fulfill the same purpose as the cost-of-living series which they replace, viz.: each index is designed to measure the influence of changes in retail prices taking place in the localities specified, upon the cost of a fixed basket of goods and services representing the level of consumption of a representative group of families in those particular areas.

In using the city indexes, it should be remembered that they are not indicators of comparative levels of prices as between the cities. That is, they do not in any way indicate whether prices are higher or lower in one city than in another. This fact may be illustrated by reference to temperature changes occurring in two cities. Suppose that in city A the temperature increases by 20 per cent from Time 1 to Time 2, and that in city B it increases 30 per cent during the same interval. In this instance an index of temperature change for City A would be 120 at Time 2 when Time 1 = 100, and the corresponding index for city B would be 130. From these indexes, it is obviously impossible to say whether or not it is warmer or colder in city A or city B. While the indexes form valid measurements of temperature change, they do not in any way indicate the comparative levels of temperature.

Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers: The index of Commodities and Services used by Farmers is designed to measure the change in retail prices of farm operating costs and farm living costs. It is calculated thrice yearly, viz.: January, April and August, and is on the base 1935-39=100. For an explanation of method of construction and an historical record, please refer to "Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers, 1913 to 1948 (Revised 1948)." A special bulletin giving total and group index detail is released subsequent to each pricing date.

Security Price Indexes

Price index numbers of industrial, utility, bank and mining common stocks, and preferred stocks are calculated from Montreal and Toronto exchange quotations. The indexes are designed to reflect weekly and monthly changes of interest to the investor, rather than day-to-day changes of more speculative interest. Individual stock prices are weighted by the number of shares outstanding in January of each year. The list is reviewed completely in January of each year, when new series are introduced and series of declining importance are discontinued. The Investors Index of 86 Common Stocks and the Mining Stocks Index are based on the average of the Thursday closing prices. The Preferred Stock Index is a monthly average of daily quotations.

A revision of the security price indexes is nearing completion. The June issue of this bulletin will present the revised indexes on their new base 1956 = 100, together with a description of revision procedures. While the list of stocks included in the indexes, and their weights, are normally revised annually, the present revision will incorporate two additional principal changes, viz., a shift of the price reference base from 1935-39 to 1956 and the classification of stocks within the index according to the Standard Industrial Classification. For those groups or sub-groups which will continue without major change, the list of stocks (see below) and weights were revised effective May 3rd. Additional groups which are new or are substantially altered will appear in the June issue of this publication.

Revised List of Stocks for Selected Groups, Index Numbers of Security Price Indexes, 1935-39 = 100, effective May 3, 1962

Investors Index

Beverages (7)
- H. Corby Distillery Ltd. "A"
- Distillers Corp. Seagrams, Ltd.
- H. Walker-Gooderham & Worts Ltd.
- Canadian Breweries Ltd.
- John Labatt Ltd.
- Molson Breweries Ltd. "A"

Added:
- Alberta Distillers Ltd.

Deleted:
- Chateau Gai Wines
- Dow Brewery

Textiles and Clothing (7)
- Bruck Mills, Ltd. "A"
- Canadian Celanese Ltd.
- Cosmos Imperial Mills Ltd.
- Dominion Oilcloth & Linoleum Co. Ltd.
- Dominion Textile Co. Ltd.
- Harding Carpets Ltd.

Added:
- Phantom Industries Ltd. "B"

Deleted:
- Penmans Ltd.

Pulp and Paper (6)
- Abitibi Power & Paper Co. Ltd.
- Fraser Companies Ltd.
- Great Lakes Paper Co. Ltd., The
- MacMillan, Bloedel & Powell River Ltd.
- Price Bros. & Co. Ltd.

Added:
- Dominion Tar & Chemical Co. Ltd.

Deleted:
- Bathurst Power & Paper Co. Ltd. "A"
- Hinde & Dauch Ltd.
- The Moore Corporation

Industrial Mines (4)
- Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. of Canada Ltd.
- International Nickel Co. of Canada Ltd.

Added:
- Falconbridge Nickel Mines Ltd.
- Noranda Mines Ltd.

Oils (5)
- British American Oil Co. Ltd., The
- Canadian Oil Companies Ltd.
- Imperial Oil Ltd.
- Texaco (Canada) Ltd.

Added:
- Canadian Husky Oil Ltd.

Transportation (4)
- Canada Steamship Lines Ltd.
- Canadian Pacific Railway Co.
- Greyhound Lines of Canada Ltd.

Added:
- Algoma Central & Hudson Bay Railway Co.

Investment and Loan (8)
- Argus Corp. Ltd. "A"
- Laurentide Financial Corp. Ltd. "A"
- Industrial Acceptance Corp. Ltd.
- Traders Finance Corp. Ltd. "A"
- United Corporations Ltd. "B"

Added:
- Canada Permanent Mortgage Corp.
- Huron and Erie Mortgage Corp.
- Investors Syndicate of Canada Ltd. "A"

Revised List of Stocks for Selected Groups, Index Numbers of Security Price Indexes, 1935-39 = 100, effective May 3, 1962 - Concluded

Mining Index

Golds (17)
- Barnat Mines Ltd.
- Bralorne Pioneer Mines Ltd.
- Campbell Red Lake Mines Ltd.
- Cariboo Gold Quartz Mining Co. Ltd.
- Cochenour Willans Gold Mines Ltd.
- Consolidated Discovery Yellowknife Mines Ltd.
- Giant Yellowknife Mines Ltd.
- Kerr-Addison Gold Mines Ltd.
- Lake Shore Mines Ltd.
- Lamaque Gold Mines Ltd.
- Leitch Gold Mines Ltd.
- Madsen Red Lake Gold Mines Ltd.
- Malartic Gold Fields Ltd.
- Pickle Crow Gold Mines Ltd.
- San Antonio Gold Mines Ltd.
- Upper Canada Mines Ltd.
- Dickenson Mines

Deleted:
- East Malartic Mines Ltd.

Golds (17) - Concluded

Deleted - Concluded:
- MacLeod Cockshutt Gold Mines Ltd.
- McIntyre Porcupine Mines Ltd.
- Wright Hargreaves Mines Ltd.

Base Metals (8)
- Campbell Chibougamau Mines Ltd.
- Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting Co. Ltd.
- New Calumet Mines Ltd.
- Sherritt-Gordon Mines Ltd.

Added:
- Craigmont Mines Ltd.
- Steep Rock Iron Mines Ltd.
- United Keno Hill Mines Ltd.
- Willroy Mines Ltd.

Deleted:
- Falconbridge Nickel Mines Ltd.
- Noranda Mines Ltd.

Four additional indexes of common stock prices, relating to important categories of stocks not covered by existing series, were introduced May 1960. These will be published as interim indexes pending complete revision of the security price indexes. The price reference date for the new series is 1956; construction and weighting methods conform to those of existing indexes.

Reference Papers and Special Publications	Price $
The Consumer Price Index for Canada (1949=100) - Revision Based on 1957 Expenditures	.75
Wholesale Price Indexes, 1913-1950 (Reference Paper No. 24)	.75
Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers, 1913 to 1948 (Revised, 1948)	.10
Wholesale Price Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Products (Base, 1935-39=100)	.25
Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials, 1926 to 1948 (Base, 1935-39=100)	.10
Non-Residential Building Materials Price Index, 1935-1952 (Reference Paper No. 43)	.25
Prices and Price Indexes, 1949-1952 (Vol. 23) (Catalogue No. 62-501)	1.50
Industry Selling Price Indexes, 1956-59 (Reference Paper, Catalogue No. 62-515)	1.50

Measuring the Purchasing Power of Earnings

Changing consumer price levels affect the amounts of goods and services which a dollar will buy, and average earnings, of course, will be affected in the same way. An earnings measurement which takes the change of consumer prices into account, can be calculated by reducing actual earnings averages by the percentage amounts consumer price levels rise, or increasing them by the amount price levels fall. The adjusted averages may be used to indicate the comparative quantities of goods and services which could be purchased by average earnings if consumer price levels had remained constant. The following illustration shows how this kind of adjustment can be made.

Suppose that a series of weekly average wages rises from $50.00 in week A to $60.00 in week B, and that in the same interval a consumer price index advances from 100.0 to 110.0. Because of the 10 per cent rise in consumer prices, $1.00 will not buy as much in week B as it would in week A. Likewise, the 20 per cent rise from $50.00 to $60.00 will overstate the increase which has occurred in the purchasing power of average weekly wages. This overstatement can be removed by reducing the figure of $60.00 by the amount of the consumer price increase. An adjusted average of $55.00 ($60.00/110.0 x 100.0), may be referred to as a weekly wage average for week B, expressed in the dollars of period A, or it may be said to indicate the level of real weekly wages relative to week A.

The foregoing calculation can be carried a step further to express in index number form the relationship between the week A average of $50.00 and the week B figure of $55.00. Taking the week A average of $50.00 as equal to 100.0, the week B index becomes 110.0 ($55.00/50.00 x 100.0). Such an index may be called an index of weekly real wages. It indicates that average wages for week B will buy 10 per cent more goods and services than those received in week A, in spite of a 10 per cent rise in consumer prices. This 10 per cent increase in real wages compares with the rise of 20 per cent in money wages ($60.00/50.00 x 100.0).

It should be noted that while the estimates of average real wages may reflect the experience of broad groups of workers fairly well, their applicability to individual wage earners depends upon a number of considerations. For example, individual earnings will differ significantly from the group average, depending upon occupation, industry, geographical location, or the sex of the wage earner. Moreover, individual spending habits differ widely, while the consumer price index which is used to adjust the earnings data is based on the average consumption pattern of a large group of urban population. Also, group-spending patterns change over periods of time. To the extent that this occurs, the earnings data adjusted by the consumer price index (which has a "fixed" consumption pattern), will gradually be rendered less valid. Finally, some part of income is saved, and it should be borne in mind that it is not appropriate to reduce savings to a constant dollar basis by using a price which reflects consumption patterns.

It should also be kept in mind that measures of change in real earnings calculated from averages of gross earnings may differ from changes in the purchasing power of "take-home" pay, due to such factors as changes in personal income tax and pay deductions for such things as social insurance and pension plans. Neither do they take into account other family income, or changes in the savings position of families. Thus index numbers of real wages should not be interpreted as measuring fluctuations in the levels of consumption of wage-earners or wage-earners' families; they are intended to show only the trend in purchasing power of wages over the items covered by the price index.

In Table 12, page 43 figures for 1949 are used as reference levels for indexes of both actual and real wages, since this is the year selected by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for general post-war index number comparisons. However, the adjustment made in the foregoing illustration can be applied to any reference level, and it should not be inferred that the 1949 reference period has any special validity for earnings comparisons. Percentage change between any two periods will be the same regardless of the reference period selected.

Weekly Wages in Current Dollars relate to the last pay periods in the month, while the Consumer Price Index relates to the beginning of the month. In calculating Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars, the Weekly Wages in Current Dollars for any month are therefore adjusted by the Consumer Price Index for the following month as being more representative of the period in which the wages are spent.

Spatial Retail Food Price Indexes for Selected Canadian Cities

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For some years the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has been investigating the problems of calculating indexes which will indicate, with some precision, the extent of the differences in the average level of retail prices between major Canadian cities. In commodities and services other than food, problems of comparability of items are of major significance and it has not yet been possible to cover these areas of family budgets.

In foods, however, the problem of comparability of items between cities is at a minimum, and it has been possible to calculate indexes which are considered to indicate the extent of the difference in the average level of retail food prices between Winnipeg and 10 other major Canadian cities with sufficient reliability. These have been calculated annually for 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959 and 1960, and will be maintained on an annual basis in the future.

These indexes have been calculated on the basis of prices collected in each of the eleven cities, weighted in accordance with average urban food expenditures as contained in the weighting diagram of the Canada Consumer Price Index. Because of the differences in food purchases between cities it is impossible to calculate entirely accurate measurements. The closest approximation would be derived, for example, from the use of both Winnipeg and Vancouver weights in the calculation of the Winnipeg-Vancouver comparison, rather than the use of average urban food expenditures. However, the calculation of a number of indexes using weights relating to each city did not produce indexes significantly different from those which appear in Table 13 on page 43. This reflects the fact that while differences in food purchases exist, the magnitude of the differences in the cities covered is not such as to affect spatial comparisons significantly.

In addition to the problem of weights, the difficulty of obtaining prices for identically the same description of each food item in each city is of some consequence. While considerable care is taken to minimize differences due to variations in quality of the items priced, it is impossible to completely eliminate all such variations. This is particularly true in the case of beef items, where variations in consumption by grades as between cities undoubtedly affect the resultant price comparisons.

While these indexes have been expressed in terms of Winnipeg = 100, the selection of Winnipeg as the base city has no significance, and the indexes may be expressed on the base of any of the eleven cities included.

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