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Prices and Price Indexes, July 1923.

The Wholesale prices index number (weighted) compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics was 153.6 in July showing a fall of 1.5 as compared with June when the index was 155.1. The year 1913<sup>1</sup> is reckoned as 100.

The index numbers for six of the main groups indicate a fall as compared with June and in the two remaining groups a slight rise. Vegetable Products (grains, fruits, etc.) fell from 150.6 to 146.7 the drop of almost four points being mainly accounted for by the decline in grain prices. Animals and Their Products fell from 126.4 to 125.7; Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products from 202.1 to 198.7; Wood and Wood Products from 179.8 to 178.6; Iron and Its Products from 171.5 to 169.9; Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products from 101.7 to 99.0; Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products rose slightly, being 184.0 in July as compared with 183.1 in June; Chemicals and Allied Products were 165.7, an advance of 1.1 points.

Consumers' Goods as a whole were practically stationary being 148.2 in July and 148.5 in June. Producers' Goods (i.e. materials used in manufactures) showed a decline of almost 3 points, being 147.3 in July as compared with 150.2 in June.

Raw or Partly Manufactured Goods, the index for which was 147.2 in June had an index of 144.4 in July, while that for Fully or Chiefly Manufactured Goods declined from 158.4 to 157.7. The index for Domestic Farm Products fell from 128.3 in June to 123.7 in July.

A further and more detailed examination and analysis of the principal changes of the month reveals the following outstanding features.

The index for Food, Beverages and Tobacco fell from 143.9 in June to 143.3 in July. In this group Fresh whitefish fell from .25¢ to .15½¢ per lb. while Cod, dry-salted, rose from \$5.00 to \$6.00 per quintal. Lemons were \$5.75 per ~~case~~ as compared with \$5.00 in June. Veal was .1¢ per lb. cheaper being .15¢ as compared with .16¢ in June. Butter prices were slightly easier, Creamery prints at Toronto being .35¢ per lb. as compared with .37¢ and Creamery solids .34½¢ in July and .36½¢ in June. Canadian Old Cheese rose from .29¢ to .30¢ per lb. Granulated sugar declined from \$10.165 per cwt. in June to \$9.975 in July.

The chief changes in the prices of Other Consumers' Goods were Men's boots, heavy grain, which were \$2.75 per pair as compared with \$2.90 in June, and bo. calf \$3.70 instead of \$3.75. Spool Silk rose from .75¢ to 78¢ per dozen. Dinner sets declined from \$15.75 to \$15.00.

The Index for Building and Construction Materials fell slightly. In July it was 169.8 and in June 171.0. This group showed a few changes in lumber prices. Spruce Siding at St. John was \$27.00 in July as compared with \$28.00 in June. Cedar flooring in B.C. was \$50.00 having declined \$5.00 since June. Other changes in this group were ~~pure~~ linseed oil putty which rose from \$6.00 to \$6.25 per cwt. Linseed Oil fell from \$1.38 to \$1.20 per gal. Pressed bricks #1 rose from \$28.50 to \$30.00 per M. and common plastics from \$15.68 to \$16.50.



In Manufacturers' Materials several sub-groups again recorded change. The index for Textiles was 206.6 in July and 210.6 in June. Raw Cotton was .29½¢ per lb. at Hamilton as compared with .30 5/8 ¢ in June. Raw jute dropped from \$8.66 to \$7.94 per cwt. Raw Silk, Kansai No. 1, was \$8.35 per lb. in July .60¢ lower than the June price Hessians dropped from \$10.25 to \$8.25 per 100 yds. The index of materials for the Leather Industry was 95.9 in July as compared with 98.7 in June. Beef hides were .10¢ -.11¢ as compared with .11¢-.12¢ per lb. Calfskins rose .1¢ per lb. being .15¢-.16¢ instead of .14¢-.15¢. Manufacturers' green hide crops were .44¢ per lb. as compared with .43¢. The index of Materials for the Metal-Working Industries dropped to 119.9 from 122.6. Pig Iron, basic, was \$30.00 against \$33.00 in June. Steel billets were \$46.50 - \$52.00 as compared with \$46.50-\$54.00. Lead was \$6.50 per cwt. in July and \$6.90 in June. Spelter rose from \$7.95 to 8.00 per cwt. Car axles rose from \$74.00 to \$80.00 per ton. Solid bare copper wire fell from .21½¢ to .20½¢ per lb., Brass sheets from .32¢ to .30¢ per lb., Copper Sheets from .23½¢ to .22¾¢, Silver from .67½¢ to .63 1/5 ¢ per oz., tin ingots from .46¢ to .45¢ per lb., Solder from .28¢ to 26½¢ per lb. and zinc sheet from .10¢ to .09½¢. The index of Materials for Chemical using Industries rose to 178.8 from 174.4. Alum was down to \$2.90 from \$3.10 but Sulphur rose from \$3.00 to \$3.25 per cwt. The index of Live Animals for the Meat Packing Industries was 105.1 in July and 110.0 in June. Western cattle dropped from \$7.05 to \$6.95 per cwt. Choice Steers at Toronto from \$8.00 to \$7.60. Hogs, thick smooth, from \$8.77 to \$8.65 and choice sheep from \$6.75 to \$5.60 per cwt. The index of grains for the Milling and other Industries fell from 131.9 to 124.4. Barley #3 C.W. dropped from .53¢ to .50¢ per bushel. Oats #2 C.W. from .48¢ to .45¢, Rye #2 Ont. from .79¢ to .77¢ and Wheat #1 Manitoba Northern from \$1.15 to \$1.03. Miscellaneous Producers' Materials were practically stationary, the index from July being 155.1 and for June 155.6. Shorts fell from \$29.50 to \$27.00 per ton. Raw rubber, ribbed, smoked sheets, was .26¢ as compared with .27¢ in June. Turpentine fell from \$1.85 to \$1.60 per gallon. Tallow from .08½¢ to .07½¢ per lb. Flaxseed #1 N.W.C., was \$ 2.23 in July and \$2.36 in June. Raw Sugar was \$7.15 per cwt. as compared with \$7.03 in June.

# S U M M A R Y   T A B L E S

Commodity	No. of Commod- ities	Avg. 1922	May 1923	June 1923	July 1923
Prices 1913 = 100					
Total Index 238 Commodities	238	150.4	155.0	155.1	153.6
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIAL					
1. Vegetable Products (grains, fruits, etc)	67	148.3	152.5	150.6	146.7
11. Animals and their Products	50	135.1	126.9	126.4	125.7
111. Fibres: Textiles and Textile Products	28	173.2	198.4	202.1	198.7
1V. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	21	166.4	175.1	179.8	178.6
V. Iron and Its Products	26	149.7	170.7	171.5	169.9
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	15	99.0	102.7	101.7	99.0
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals & Their Products	17	139.3	183.1	183.1	184.0
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	14	166.7	164.7	164.4	165.7
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PURPOSE.					
1. Consumers' Goods	98	153.5	149.0	148.5	148.2
Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	74	145.9	144.9	143.9	143.3
Other Consumers' Goods	24	163.8	154.1	154.3	154.3
11. Producers' Goods	148	146.5	151.6	150.2	147.3
Producers' Equipment	16	139.0	184.5	184.5	184.4
Producers' Materials	132	142.0	148.1	146.6	143.4
Building & Construction Materials	32	162.0	167.3	171.0	169.8
Manufacturers' Materials	100	137.5	143.8	141.1	137.5
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO ORIGIN.					
Total Raw or Partly Manufactured	108	145.5	147.9	147.2	144.4
Total Fully or Chiefly Manufactured	130	154.9	160.0	158.4	157.7
1. Articles of Farm Origin (Domestic & Foreign)					
A. Vegetables (grains, fruits, cotton, etc.)					
(a) Raw or Partly Manufactured	46	147.7	152.7	150.4	145.4
(b) Fully or Chiefly Manufactured	42	159.1	175.5	172.4	169.8
(c) Total	88	152.6	160.4	159.0	155.2
B. Animal					
(a) Raw or Partly Manufactured	25	131.3	119.9	118.3	117.9
(b) Fully or Chiefly Manufactured	28	141.7	138.7	136.7	135.9
(c) Total	53	136.0	128.5	128.1	127.6
C. Canadian Farm Products					
(1) Vegetables (grains, etc)	20	144.3	140.6	139.3	132.5
(2) Animal	16	130.4	118.4	109.3	108.7
(3) Total	36	139.2	132.4	128.3	123.7
11. Articles of Marine Origin					
(a) Raw or Partly Manufactured	2	114.7	166.4	156.3	119.8
(b) Fully or Chiefly Manufactured	6	150.7	129.9	129.9	135.1
(c) Total	8	142.7	138.0	135.7	130.1
111. Articles of Forest Origin					
(a) Raw or Partly Manufactured	16	158.3	166.7	172.6	171.1
(b) Fully or Chiefly Manufactured	5	199.1	203.6	208.6	203.6
(c) Total	21	166.4	175.1	179.8	178.6
IV. Articles of Mineral Origin					
(a) Raw or Partly Manufactured	19	161.2	164.9	164.3	161.9
(b) Fully or Chiefly Manufactured	49	153.3	151.6	151.6	152.3
(c) Total	68	155.5	157.8	157.7	157.5



# INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES

(Classified According to Chief Component Material).

1913 = 100.

Commodity	No. of Commod- ities	Avge. 1922	May 1923	June 1923	July 1923
Total Index of all Commodities	238	150.4	155.0	155.1	153.6
I. Vegetable Products	67	148.3	132.5	150.6	146.7
Fruits	8	216.1	209.3	209.4	216.4
Fresh, Domestic	1	213.2	241.1	241.1	241.1
Fresh, Foreign	3	215.8	180.7	192.9	208.9
Dried	4	223.2	214.3	183.2	182.2
Grains	9	138.4	134.7	131.8	124.3
Flour and Milled Products	6	143.7	139.1	131.8	130.6
Bakery Products	4	161.8	154.9	154.9	154.9
Vegetable Oils	2	162.0	190.9	190.9	173.8
Rubber and Its Products	3	35.2	51.0	49.3	47.7
Sugar and Its Products & Glucose	4	158.1	239.7	240.0	235.6
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa & Spices	8	178.1	199.7	198.3	198.0
Tobacco	3	183.8	183.9	183.9	183.9
Vegetables	10	143.1	163.3	170.0	164.3
Miscellaneous	10	158.2	131.0	131.1	129.6
II. Animals and Their Products	50	135.1	126.9	126.4	125.7
Live Stock	4	102.4	107.2	113.6	108.5
Fishery Products	8	142.7	138.0	135.8	131.7
Furs	2	194.2	203.2	194.3	206.7
Hides and Skins	2	88.6	86.8	79.8	73.0
Leather, Unmanufactured	4	116.8	104.6	102.6	103.6
Boots and Shoes	4	146.4	145.3	145.3	143.2
Meats and Poultry	11	141.9	130.3	138.4	138.4
Milk and Its Products	11	136.0	132.8	126.6	128.5
Fats	2	111.3	118.5	114.1	110.4
Eggs	2	133.9	104.5	98.1	92.2
III. Fibres, Textiles & Textile Products	28	178.2	198.4	202.1	198.7
Cotton, Raw	2	173.5	205.4	227.6	219.3
Cotton Yarn and Thread	2	165.3	202.8	202.8	202.8
Cotton Fabrics	6	193.7	221.2	221.2	219.2
Cotton Hosiery	1	263.8	295.2	295.2	295.2
Sash Cord	1	183.7	230.5	236.6	230.5
Flax, Hemp & Jute Products	4	145.0	141.1	142.4	117.1
Silk and Its Products	3	211.2	239.0	239.0	233.1
Wool and Yarns	4	164.6	176.4	176.4	176.4
Woollen Cloth, Hosiery & Underwear	3	221.1	230.2	235.5	235.5
Miscellaneous	2	131.5	125.2	123.1	123.1
IV. Wood & Wood Products & Paper	21	166.4	175.1	179.8	178.6
Newsprint Paper Rolls	1	189.9	200.0	200.0	200.0
Lumber and Timber	14	160.3	165.7	170.6	168.9
Pulp	2	142.7	174.6	183.5	188.5
Furniture	3	220.4	229.1	229.1	229.1
Matches	1	331.2	332.4	332.4	332.4

Commodity	No. of				
	Commod- ities	Avge. 1922	May 1923	June 1923	July 1923
V. Iron & Its Products	26	149.7	170.7	171.5	169.9
Iron Ore	1	143.4	149.4	149.4	149.4
Cast Iron Pipe	1	177.9	194.0	194.0	194.0
Hardware (Chain, Bench Screws, Hinges Wire Nails)	4	175.2	188.6	188.6	188.9
Rolling Mill Products	9	146.2	164.6	164.6	166.6
Scrap Iron	1	101.0	121.0	151.2	151.2
Smelted Products	3	145.4	180.0	176.4	164.4
Tools & Hand Implements	3	196.7	214.8	214.8	214.8
Wire	2	179.4	181.2	181.2	181.2
Miscellaneous	2	169.5	172.1	176.5	176.5
Vl. Non-Ferrous Metals & Their Products	15	99.0	102.7	101.7	99.0
Aluminium	1	81.6	106.2	106.2	106.2
Antimony	1	85.1	89.6	89.6	89.6
Brass Sheets	1	147.5	133.3	133.3	125.0
Copper & Its Products	4	101.1	117.5	114.6	110.6
Lead & Its Products	2	139.4	151.2	155.1	147.5
Nickel Andes	1	84.9	82.1	82.1	82.1
Silver	1	114.1	113.8	112.5	105.7
Tin Ingots	1	78.1	101.1	98.9	96.8
Zinc & Its Products	2	128.2	144.1	135.7	139.0
Soldier	1	81.8	105.5	101.8	96.0
Vll. Non-Metallic Minerals & Their Products.	17	189.3	183.1	183.1	184.0
Bricks	2	157.0	160.5	160.5	169.0
Pottery	2	391.0	326.3	326.3	311.4
Coal & Its Products	5	213.8	216.5	216.5	216.9
Glass & Its Products	2	163.7	181.8	181.8	181.8
Petroleum Products	2	129.2	102.9	102.9	102.9
Lime & Cement	2	173.4	156.0	159.3	159.3
Miscellaneous	2	226.3	201.5	193.1	201.5
Vlll. Chemicals & Allied Products	14	166.7	164.7	164.4	165.7
Coal Tar, Crude	1	212.5	212.5	212.5	231.3
Sulphuric Acid 660	1	180.8	180.8	180.8	180.8
White Lead, Putty & Shellac	3	178.4	192.8	193.8	194.4
Soap	1	153.4	157.9	157.9	157.9
Miscellaneous Inorganic Chemicals	5	172.2	159.4	158.6	157.8
Other Chemicals	3	116.0	119.2	116.3	114.8



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Commodity	No. of Commod- ities	Avge. 1922	May 1923	June 1923	July 1923
Total Index of all Commodities	238	150.4	155.0	155.1	153.6
1. CONSUMERS' GOODS (GROUPS A & B)	98	153.5	149.0	148.5	148.2
A. <u>Food, Beverages and Tobacco</u>	74	145.9	144.9	143.9	143.3
Beverages	4	193.9	220.2	218.8	218.8
Breadstuffs	8	149.0	142.2	136.2	136.1
Chocolate	1	98.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
Fish	8	142.7	138.0	135.8	131.7
Fruits	8	216.1	209.3	209.4	216.4
Meats, Poultry & Lard	12	140.0	129.4	136.8	136.8
Milk & Milk Products	11	136.0	132.8	126.6	128.5
Sugar, refined	2	159.5	243.5	243.5	238.9
Vegetables	10	143.1	163.3	170.0	164.3
Eggs	2	133.9	104.5	98.1	92.2
Tobacco	2	206.5	206.5	206.5	206.5
Miscellaneous	6	173.0	162.7	161.4	161.5
B. <u>Other Consumers' Goods</u>	24	163.8	154.1	154.3	154.3
Clothing, (Boots, shoes, rubbers, Hosiery & underwear)	11	161.8	165.6	166.1	164.7
Household Equipment	13	163.5	150.5	150.5	151.0
Furniture	3	220.5	229.1	229.1	229.1
Glassware & Pottery	3	381.0	317.1	317.1	302.9
Miscellaneous	7	161.9	149.0	149.0	149.6
11. PRODUCERS' GOODS (GROUPS C & D.)	148	146.5	151.6	150.2	147.3
C. <u>Producers' Equipment</u>	16	189.0	184.5	184.5	184.4
Tools	4	199.5	216.0	216.0	216.0
Light, Heat, & Power Equipment & Supplies	8	189.2	183.8	183.8	184.2
Miscellaneous	4	180.8	197.1	197.1	183.2
D. <u>Producers' Materials</u>	132	142.0	148.1	146.6	143.4
Building & Construction Materials	32	162.0	167.3	171.0	169.8
Lumber	14	160.3	165.7	170.6	168.9
Painters' Materials	4	177.4	215.3	215.9	200.9
Miscellaneous	14	165.1	167.3	168.0	169.4
Manufacturers' Materials	100	137.5	143.8	140.1	137.5
For Textile & Clothing Industries	21	182.0	206.1	210.6	206.6
For Fur Industry	2	194.2	203.2	194.3	206.7
For Leather Industry	6	102.9	103.3	98.7	95.9
For Metal Working Industries	27	111.2	122.9	122.6	119.9
For Chemical Using Industries	7	192.1	181.4	174.4	178.8
For Meat Packing Industries	4	112.0	113.1	110.0	105.1
For Milling & Other Industries	7	138.6	134.8	131.9	124.4
Miscellaneous Producers' Materials	24	151.4	161.3	155.6	155.1



WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES.

Commodity	Unit	Aver. 1913	Aver. 1922	June	July
OATS, # 2 C.W.					
Ft.Wm. & Pt.Arthur basis	bus.	.340	.482	.461	.449
WHEAT, #1, Man. Northern					
Ft.Wm. & Pt.Arthur basis	"	.882	1.235	1.149	1.08
FLOUR, first patents	2-98's				
Toronto	jute	5.368	7.65	6.90	6.90
SUGAR, raw 96° centrif.					
Montreal	cwt.	2.995	5.054	7.03	7.15
SUGAR, granulated					
Montreal	"	4.198	6.672	10.165	9.975
RUBBER, ribbed, smoked sheets					
New York	lb.	.666	.175	.256	.261
RUBBER, para, upriver, fine					
New York	"	.872	.199	.281	.266
CATTLE, choice steers					
Toronto	cwt.	6.893	7.176	8.00	7.60
HOGS, thick smooth					
Toronto	"	9.029	12.66	8.77	8.65
BEEF HIDES, #1 city cured					
Toronto	lb.	.144	.128	.11-.12	.10-.11
SOLE LEATHER, mfr's, green hide crops					
Toronto	"	.40	.441	.43	.44
BOX SIDES, B.					
Mill	ft.	.203	.262	.27	.27
BUTTER, creamery, finest					
Montreal	lb.	.274	.36	.315	.311
CHEESE, Canadian, old large					
Montreal	"	.17	.227	.30	.30
EGGS, fresh, specials and extras					
Montreal	doz.	.35	.47	.33-.36	.31-.36
COTTON, raw 1 - 1 1/16"					
Hamilton	lb.	.135	.233	.306	.295
COTTON YARNS, 10's white, single					
hosiery cops, Mill	"	.244	.404	.50	.50
SAKONY, 4.15 yds. to lb.					
Montreal	"	.441	.83	.872	.872
GINGHAM, amoskeag, 6.37 yds. to lb.					
Toronto	yd.	.995	.187	.20	.20
SILK, raw, jap. filature, Kansai #1					
New York	lb.	3.80	7.40	8.95	8.35
WOOL, eastern bright 1/4 blood,					
domestic, Toronto	"	.165	.217	.32-.33	.32-.33
WOOL, western range, semi-bright					
1/4 blood, domestic, Toronto	"	.215	.276	.38-.40	.38-.40
PULP, groundwood #1					
Mill	ton	15.90	27.58	35.40	37.-38
PIG IRON, basic					
Mill	"	19.00	28.08	33.00	30.00
STEEL MERCHANT BARS					
Mill	"	37.92	43.67	55.00	55.00
ELECTROLYTIC COPPER					
Montreal	cwt.	15.72	16.04	17.75	17.25
LEAD					
Montreal	"	4.57	6.22	6.90	6.50
TIN INGOTS, straits					
Toronto	lb.	.465	.363	.46	.45
SPALTER					
Montreal	cwt.	5.80	7.40	7.75	8.00
COAL, anthracite, egg					
Toronto	ton	5.879	11.73	11.72	11.82
GASOLINE					
Toronto	gal.	.25	.327	.25	.25
SULPHURIC ACID, 66°					
Montreal & Toronto	cwt.	1.30	2.35	2.35	2.35



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