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The Wholesale prices index number compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics was 155.0 in May as compared with 150.9 in January and 156.3 in April, the year 1913 being reckoned as 100. As compared with April the indexes for four of the main groups rose; there was a fall in the case of three others and one remained stationary. Grains, Fruits, etc. rose from 150.9 to 152.5; Wood and Wood Products from 173.5 to 175.1; Iron and Its Products from 166.3 to 170.7; Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products from 102.3 to 102.7; Animals and Their Products, on account of seasonal price changes, fell from 136.0 to 126.9; Textiles fell from 202.1 to 198.4; Non Metallic Minerals from 187.0 to 183.1 and Chemicals and Allied Products were unchanged, the index being 164.7.

Consumers' Goods as a whole were 146.8 in May as compared with 150.4 in January and 152.1 in April. Producers' Goods (i.e. material used in manufactures) rose from 143.3 in January to 151.4 in May. Raw or Partly Manufactured Goods rose from 142.7 in January to 147.9 in May. Fully or Chiefly Manufactured Goods were 160.0 in May as compared with 156.5 in January and 164.3 in April. The index for Domestic Farm Products rose from 128.2 in January to 132.4 in May.

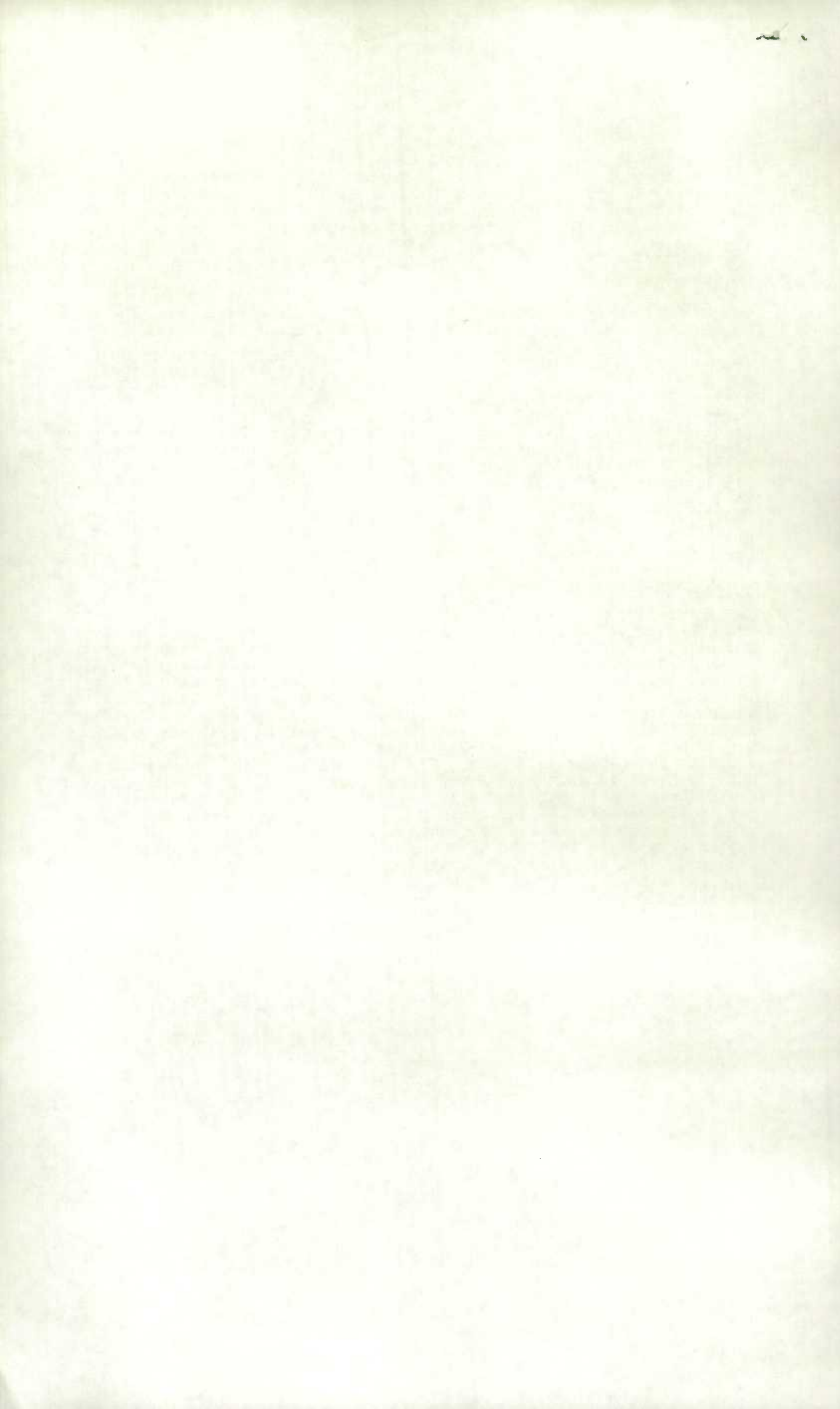
A further and more detailed examination and analysis of the principal changes of the month reveals the following salient features

The index for Food, Beverages and Tobacco rose from 148.1 in January to 150.0 in April but dropped to 144.9 in May. In this group Ceylon and India Pekoe Tea had risen from 47½¢ per pound in January to 51¢ in April and May and Japan Tea from 51½¢ to 53½¢. First Patent Flour rose from \$7.10 to \$7.30 per barrel. No. 1 Spy Apples, which were \$7.15 per barrel in January were \$8.50 in April and in May \$10.50. Granulated Sugar was \$10.15 in May as compared with \$7.75 in January. Potatoes showed a rising tendency. Quebec grades were \$1.25 per bag as compared with 97½¢ in January. Ontario Potatoes were 80¢ in January but \$1.22½ in May. These advances were more than offset by declines in several important commodities. Oatmeal dropped from \$4.25 per sack in January to \$3.90 in May, Codfish from \$6.25 to \$5.00 per quintal, and Salt Herring from \$4.00 to \$3.00. Smoked Bacon was 30¢ in May as compared with 33¢ in January. The price of Milk dropped at some points. In Halifax it was 40¢ in January and 36¢ in May. Butter prices were considerably lower. Finest Creamery in Montreal rose from 40¢ in January to 50¢ in March but dropped to 31½¢ in May. Creamery Prints at Toronto were 44¢ in January, 56¢ in March and 36¢ in May. New Cheese was 24¢ in May as compared with 30¢ in January. New Laid Eggs, specials and extras dropped from 58½¢ to 35¢.

The chief changes in Other Consumers' Goods were - Thread rose from \$9.12 per gross in January to \$10.32 in May; Extension Tables from \$13.70 to \$14.40 and Single Door Stands from \$6.50 to \$6.80; Tank Glass Tumblers fell from \$5.50 to \$4.00. Coal Oil declined from 21¢ to 18¢ per gallon.

Building and Construction Materials rose from 163.7 in January to 167.3 in May; the chief causes for the rise being the increase in the price of Linseed Oil from \$1.10 to \$1.38 per gallon; White Lead from \$14.20 to \$14.60 per cwt; Cast Iron Pipe from \$60.00 to \$65.00 per ton; Wire Nails from \$4.00 to \$4.10 per keg; Steel Rails from \$50.00 to \$52.00 per ton; Lead Pipe from \$12.60 to \$13.05 per cwt; Bash Cord from 61¢ to 68¢ per pound and Window Glass from \$6.00 to \$6.60 per box.

In Manufacturers' Materials several sub-groups showed considerable changes. The index for Textiles which was 193.4 in January, had risen to 213.8 in March but fell to 205.3 in May. Raw Cotton rose from 30¢ in January to 33½¢ in March and dropped to 27-5/8¢ in May. Raw Jute was \$8.66 per cwt. in May as compared with \$10.27 in January. Western Wool, semi-bright, 3/8 blood, rose from 30¢ to 37¢. Cotton Yarns rose from 48¢ to 50¢. Four lines of cotton textiles showed a considerable rise, for example, Shirting rose from 77¢ to 87¢ per pound. Hessian fell from \$11.25 per cwt. to \$10.25. Materials for the Metal-working industries rose more than 7 points, the index in January being 115.1 and in May 122.9. Basic Pig Iron rose from \$31.00 to \$34.00 per ton, Mild Steel Billets from \$39.50-45.00 to \$44.15-\$56.00 per ton. Electrolytic Copper was \$16.95 per cwt. in January, \$19.40 in March but \$17.80 in May. Pig Lead rose from \$7.20 in January to \$7.80 in March and fell to \$6.70 in May. Spelter rose to \$9.70 in March from \$8.60 in January and then slumped to \$8.30 in May. Car Axles were \$74.00 per ton as compared with \$62.50 in January. Tin Plate rose from \$4.75 to \$5.50. Galvanized Sheets from \$4.35 to \$5.00 and Tin Ingots from 42¢ to 47¢ per pound. The index for Live Animals for the Meat Packing Industries rose from 100.3 in January to 113.1 in May, Choice Steers at Toronto were \$7.25 per cwt. in May as compared with \$6.55 in January. Hogs, Thick, Smooth, were 10.55 in January and 11.10 in May. Grains for the Milling and Other Industries rose from 124.4 in January to 137.9 in April but fell to 134.8 in May. No. 1 Manitoba Northern Wheat was \$1.17 per bushel in May as compared with \$1.20½ in April and \$1.08 in January. American No. 3 Yellow Corn which was 88¢ per bushel in January had risen to 99¢ per bushel in May. Oats, No. 2 C.W. were 46-7/8¢ in January, 52¢ in April and 49¢ in May. No. 2 Ontario Rye fell from 83½¢ to 79½¢. Miscellaneous Producers' Materials increased from 147.8 to 161.3. In this group, Shorts were \$26.20 per ton in January and \$31.00 in May. Timothy Hay, extra No. 2 baled, was \$12.58 per ton in January and \$14.80 in May. Straw was \$9.32 in May as compared with \$9.50 in January. Unbleached Sulphite Pulp, Newsgrade, fell from \$60.00 in January to \$57.50 in May and Groundwood Pulp, No.1 from \$45.00 to \$35.00. Raw Rubber, Ribbed smoked sheets, was 30¢ per pound in January, increased to 36¢ in February but declined to 29¢ in May. Flaxseed was \$2.15½ in January, \$2.85½ in April and \$2.48½ in May. Raw Sugar 96° centrifugal rose from \$5.51 per cwt. in January to \$7.98 in April and was \$7.94 in May.



SUMMARY TABLES

Commodity	No. of Commodities	Jan. 1922	Jan. 1923	1924	1925
Total Index 238 Commodities	238	150.4	150.9	150.3	151.7
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THEIR CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIAL.					
I. Vegetable Products (grains, fruits, etc.)	67	148.3	136.8	150.9	152.5
II. Animals and Their Products	50	135.1	141.0	136.0	126.9
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	28	178.2	183.2	202.1	198.4
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	21	166.4	175.7	173.5	175.1
V. Iron and Its Products	25	149.7	157.3	166.3	170.7
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	15	99.0	99.9	102.3	102.7
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals & Their Products	17	189.3	186.4	187.0	183.1
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	14	166.7	166.7	164.8	164.7
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO PURPOSE.					
I. Consumers' Goods	98	149.5	150.4	152.1	146.8
Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	74	145.9	148.1	150.0	144.9
Other Consumers' Goods	24	163.8	159.2	159.8	154.1
II. Producers' Goods	148	146.5	143.3	151.2	151.4
Producers' Equipment	16	189.0	188.3	188.8	184.5
Producers' Materials	132	142.0	138.6	147.2	148.0
Building & Construction Materials	32	162.0	163.7	166.1	167.3
Manufacturers' Materials	100	137.5	132.9	143.0	143.6
INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO ORIGIN.					
Total Raw or Partly Manufactured	108	145.5	142.7	148.0	147.9
Total Fully or Chiefly Manufactured	130	154.9	156.5	164.3	160.0
I. Articles of Farm Origin (Domestic & Foreign)					
A. Vegetable (grains, fruits, cotton, etc.)					
(a) Raw or Partly Manufactured	46	147.7	134.5	152.8	152.7
(b) Fully or Chiefly Manufactured	42	159.1	159.6	174.7	175.5
(c) Total	88	152.6	145.4	159.6	160.4
B. Animal					
(a) Raw or Partly Manufactured	25	131.3	132.5	121.8	119.6
(b) Fully or Chiefly Manufactured	28	141.7	151.9	157.4	138.3
(c) Total	53	136.0	142.4	138.0	128.2
C. Canadian Farm Products					
(1) Vegetable (grains, etc.)	20	144.3	124.3	139.8	140.6
(2) Animal	16	130.4	135.0	119.6	118.4
(3) Total	36	139.2	128.2	132.3	132.4
II. Articles of Marine Origin					
(a) Raw or Partly Manufactured	2	114.7	111.3	124.0	166.4
(b) Fully or Chiefly Manufactured	6	150.7	138.3	129.9	129.9
(c) Total	8	142.7	132.3	128.6	138.0
III. Articles of Forest Origin					
(a) Raw or Partly Manufactured	16	158.3	167.6	164.8	166.7
(b) Fully or Chiefly Manufactured	5	199.1	208.5	208.5	208.6
(c) Total	21	166.4	175.7	173.5	175.1
IV. Articles of Mineral Origin					
(a) Raw or Partly Manufactured	19	161.2	161.2	165.2	164.9
(b) Fully or Chiefly Manufactured	49	153.3	151.2	154.0	151.6
(c) Total	68	155.5	156.4	159.0	157.8

INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES

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Commodity	No. of Commodities	Avg. 1922	Jan. 1923	Apr. 1923	May 1923
Total Index of all Commodities	238	150.4	150.9	156.3	155.0
1. Vegetable Products	67	143.3	136.8	150.9	152.5
Fruits	3	216.1	180.9	187.2	209.3
Fresh, Domestic	1	213.2	164.2	195.2	241.1
Fresh, Foreign	3	215.8	182.9	175.5	180.7
Dried	4	223.2	211.8	199.7	214.3
Grains	9	138.4	124.3	137.7	134.7
Flour and Milled Products	3	143.7	134.0	137.9	139.1
Bakery Products	4	161.8	154.9	154.9	154.9
Vegetable Oils	2	162.0	173.3	190.9	190.9
Rubber and Its Products	3	153.2	231.9	56.1	51.2
Sugar and Its Products & Glucose	4	158.1	183.3	235.4	239.7
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa & Spices	8	178.1	190.3	200.0	199.7
Tobacco	3	183.8	183.9	183.9	183.9
Vegetables	10	143.1	126.8	151.4	163.3
Miscellaneous	10	158.2	118.1	129.0	131.0
11. Animals and Their Products	50	135.1	141.0	136.0	126.9
Live Stock	4	102.4	93.3	95.1	107.2
Fishery Products	8	142.7	132.3	128.6	138.0
Furs	2	194.2	169.4	199.2	203.2
Hides and Skins	2	88.6	100.7	93.7	86.8
Leather, Unmanufactured	4	116.8	120.2	119.8	104.6
Boots and Shoes	4	146.4	145.0	145.3	145.3
Meats and Poultry	11	141.9	137.4	133.1	130.3
Milk and Its Products	11	136.0	148.9	157.3	132.8
Eats	2	111.3	119.8	117.4	118.5
Eggs	2	133.9	160.9	108.2	104.5
111. Fibres, Textiles & Textile Products	23	178.2	188.2	202.1	198.4
Cotton Raw	2	173.5	223.0	228.6	205.4
Cotton Yarn and Thread	2	165.3	193.2	200.6	202.8
Cotton Fabrics	6	193.7	196.5	221.5	221.2
Cotton Hosiery	1	263.8	295.2	295.2	295.2
Sash Cord	1	183.7	206.8	230.5	230.5
Flax, Hemp & Jute Products	4	145.0	153.5	153.8	141.1
Silk & Its Products	3	222.7	226.9	227.4	229.1
Wool and Yarns	4	164.6	154.9	168.7	176.4
Woollen Cloth, Hosiery & Underwear	3	221.1	230.2	230.2	230.2
Miscellaneous	2	131.5	121.7	123.1	125.2
1V. Wood & Wood Products & Paper	21	166.4	175.7	173.5	175.1
Newsprint Paper Rolls	1	189.9	200.0	200.0	200.0
Lumber and Timber	14	160.3	163.2	163.9	165.7
Pulp	2	142.7	201.6	171.3	174.6
Furniture	3	220.4	219.6	219.6	229.1
Matches	1	331.2	332.4	332.4	332.4

Commodity	No. of Commod- ities	Avg. 1922	Jan. 1923	Apr. 1923	May 1923
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V. Iron & Its Products	26	149.7	157.3	166.3	170.7
Iron Ore	1	143.4	137.3	149.4	149.4
Cast Iron Pipe	1	177.9	179.1	194.0	194.0
Hardware (Chain, Bench, Screws, Hinges, Wire Nails)	4	175.2	184.9	188.6	188.6
Rolling Mill Products	9	146.2	149.9	156.6	164.6
Scrap Iron	1	101.0	121.0	121.0	121.0
Smelted Products	3	145.4	161.0	179.7	180.0
Tools & Hand Implements	3	196.7	208.1	208.1	214.8
Wire	2	179.4	181.2	181.2	181.2
Miscellaneous	2	169.5	167.0	167.7	172.1
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VI. Non-Ferrous Metals & Their Products	15	99.0	99.9	102.3	102.7
Aluminium	1	81.6	95.8	105.0	106.2
Antimony	1	85.1	100.8	106.4	89.6
Brass Sheets	1	147.5	133.3	137.5	133.3
Copper & Its Products	4	101.1	107.8	122.4	117.5
Lead & Its Products	2	139.4	160.1	162.8	151.2
Nickel Anodes	1	84.9	83.0	75.5	82.1
Silver	1	114.1	108.0	115.5	113.8
Tin Ingots	1	78.1	90.3	110.8	101.1
Zinc & Its Products	2	128.2	148.5	159.0	144.1
Solder	1	81.8	92.7	109.1	105.5
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VII. Non-Metallic Minerals & Their Products	17	189.3	186.4	187.0	183.1
Bricks	2	157.0	160.5	160.5	160.5
Pottery	2	391.0	333.3	331.3	326.3
Coal & Its Products	5	213.3	215.6	216.5	216.5
Glass & Its Products	2	163.7	165.8	181.8	181.8
Petroleum Products	2	129.2	119.6	119.6	102.9
Lime & Cement	2	173.4	156.2	156.0	156.0
Miscellaneous	2	226.3	201.5	201.5	201.5
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VIII. Chemicals & Allied Products	14	166.7	166.7	164.8	164.7
Coal Tar, crude	1	212.5	212.5	212.5	212.5
Sulphuric Acid 66°	1	180.8	180.8	180.8	180.8
White Lead, Putty & Shellac	3	178.4	183.8	193.8	192.8
Soap	1	158.4	157.9	157.9	157.9
Miscellaneous Inorganic Chemicals	5	172.2	168.4	159.4	159.4
Other Chemicals	3	116.0	119.2	119.2	119.2

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Commodity	No. of Commodities	Commod-Avg. 1922	Jan. 1923	Apr. 1923	May 1923
Total Index of all Commodities	238	150.4	150.9	156.3	155.0
1. CONSUMERS' GOODS (GROUPS A & B)	98	149.5	150.4	152.1	146.8
A. <u>Food, Beverages and Tobacco</u>	74	145.9	148.1	150.0	144.9
Beverages	4	196.9	208.6	220.2	220.2
Breadstuffs	8	149.0	139.4	142.3	142.2
Chocolate	1	98.8	96.0	100.0	100.0
Fish	8	142.7	132.3	128.6	138.0
Fruits	8	216.1	180.8	187.2	209.2
Meats, Poultry & Lard	12	140.0	136.2	132.0	129.4
Milk & Milk Products	11	136.0	148.9	157.3	132.8
Sugar, refined	2	159.5	185.2	238.9	243.5
Vegetables	10	143.1	126.8	151.4	163.3
Eggs	2	133.9	160.9	168.2	104.5
Tobacco	2	206.5	206.5	206.5	206.5
Miscellaneous	6	173.0	167.1	162.8	162.7
B. <u>Other Consumers' Goods</u>	24	163.8	159.2	159.8	154.1
Clothing, (boots, shoes, rubbers, hosiery & underwear)	11	161.8	164.1	165.3	165.6
Household Equipment & Supplies	13	163.5	157.6	158.1	150.5
Furniture	3	220.5	219.6	219.6	229.1
Glassware & Pottery	3	381.0	325.3	322.1	317.1
Miscellaneous	7	161.9	156.2	156.8	149.0
11. PRODUCERS' GOODS (GROUPS C & D.)	148	146.5	143.3	151.2	151.4
C. <u>Producers' Equipment</u>	16	189.0	188.3	188.8	184.5
Tools	4	199.5	209.6	209.6	216.0
Light, Heat & Power Equipment & Supplies,	8	189.2	187.9	188.2	183.8
Miscellaneous	4	180.8	193.9	199.5	197.1
D. <u>Producers' Materials</u>	132	142.0	138.6	147.2	148.6
Building & Construction Materials	32	162.0	163.7	166.1	167.3
Lumber	14	160.3	163.2	163.9	165.7
Painters' Materials	4	177.4	189.6	215.9	215.3
Miscellaneous	14	165.1	162.8	167.3	167.3
Manufacturers' Materials	100	137.5	132.9	143.0	143.6
For Textile & Clothing Industries	21	182.0	193.4	210.0	205.3
For Fur Industry	2	194.2	169.4	199.2	203.2
For Leather Industry	6	102.9	110.6	107.0	103.3
For Metal Working Industries	27	111.2	115.1	120.2	122.9
For Chemical Using Industries	7	192.1	182.2	181.4	181.4
For Meat Packing Industries	4	112.0	100.3	103.9	113.1
For Milling & Other Industries	9	138.6	124.4	137.9	134.8
Miscellaneous Producers' Materials	24	151.4	147.8	160.4	161.3

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