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SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE MOVEMENTS

WHOLESALE PRICES (1926=100)

Note: 1949 Wholesale Price Indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision.

	Apr. 1949	May 1949	Point Change	Principal Price Changes, April to May Increases	Decreases
General Index	157.5	156.4	- 1.1		
Vegetable products	140.3	141.5	+ 1.2	Fresh fruits, cocoanut oil, potatoes, pepper.	Cocoa beans, tobacco.
Animal products ..	167.2	166.4	- 0.8	Livestock, eggs.	Fresh fish, hides and skins, lard, fowl.
Textile products .	162.3	162.0	- 0.3		Worsted yarns, jute and burlap bags, raw wool.
Wood products	189.5	186.9	- 2.6		Cedar shingles, groundwood pulp, cedar shiplap.
Iron products	171.5	173.2	+ 1.7	Wire, wire nails.	Cast iron scrap.
Non-Ferrous metals	149.0	134.7	- 14.3		Zinc, copper, lead.
Non-Metallic minerals	136.7	134.5	- 2.2	Fuel oil, brick.	Coal, imported bituminous.
Chemical products.	125.2	124.0	- 1.2	Tartaric acid, creosote oil.	Soap, paint materials.
Farm Products	147.6	148.0	+ 0.4		
Field	126.1	126.8	+ 0.7	Potatoes, rye, onions, hay.	Tobacco.
Animal	183.5	183.4	- 0.1	Livestock, eggs.	Hides and skins, fowl, wool.

COST OF LIVING (1935-39=100)

	Apr. 1949	May 1949	Point Change	Principal Price Changes, April to May Increases	Decreases
General Index	159.3	159.5	+ 0.2		
Foods	198.5	199.5	+ 1.0	Meats, vegetables, fruits.	
Rent	122.4	122.4			
Fuel	131.0	129.1	- 1.9		Coal, coke.
Clothing	183.2	183.3	+ 0.1		
Homefurnishings and Services ..	168.0	168.1	+ 0.1	Hardware, furnishings.	Cleaning supplies.
Miscellaneous	128.4	128.4			

SECURITY PRICES (1935-39 = 100)

COMMON STOCKS	May 1949	April 1949	Point Change	Principal Price Changes, April to May, 1949 Increases	Decreases
General Index	105.3	106.4	- 1.1		
Industrials	98.8	99.8	- 1.0		
Machinery & equip.	208.4	211.9	- 3.5	Page-Hersey.	Can. Car & Foundry; Cockshutt Plow.
Pulp and paper	227.4	234.2	- 6.8	Hinde and Dauch.	St. Lawrence Corp; Dryden Paper; Great Lakes Paper.
Milling	84.2	88.4	- 4.2	Lake of the Woods.	Maple Leaf; Ogilvie.
Oils	70.2	70.8	- 0.6	B.A. Oil.	Int. Petroleum; McColl-Frontenac.
Textiles and clothing.	204.2	205.7	- 1.5	Bruck Mills "B".	Can. Celanese; Mercury Mills.
Foods	112.8	111.9	+ 0.9	Weston; Silverwood Dairies "B".	Cons. Bakeries; Gen. Bakeries.
Beverages	275.7	274.4	+ 1.3	Molson's Brewery.	Can. Ind. Alcohol "A" & "B".
Building materials	136.3	139.6	- 3.3	Standard Paving & Mat.	United Steel; Asbestos Corp.
Industrial mines	88.3	89.5	- 1.2		Cons. Smelters; Int. Nickel.
Utilities	113.5	115.7	- 2.2		
Transportation	145.7	150.6	- 4.9		C.P.R.
Telephone and telegraph	106.1	106.6	- 0.5		Bell Telephone.
Power and traction	107.4	109.7	- 2.3	Ottawa Power.	Shawinigan; Brazilian; B.C. Power "B".
Banks	132.4	132.4	=	Imperial; Dominion.	Toronto; Nova Scotia.
MINING STOCKS					
General Index	82.5	86.0	- 3.5		
Golds	69.4	72.3	- 2.9	Bralorne.	Central Patricia; Siscoe; Little Long Lac; Buffalo-Ankerite; Hollinger.
Base Metals	107.5	112.1	- 4.6		Sherritt-Gordon; New Calumet.

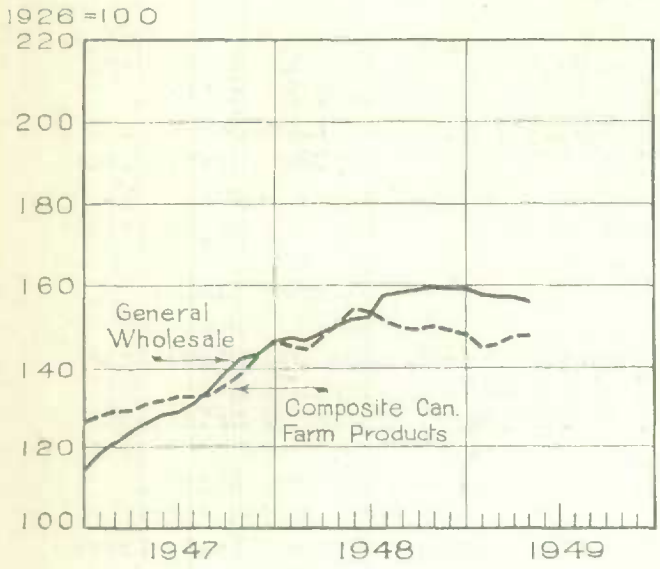
WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES (1926=100)

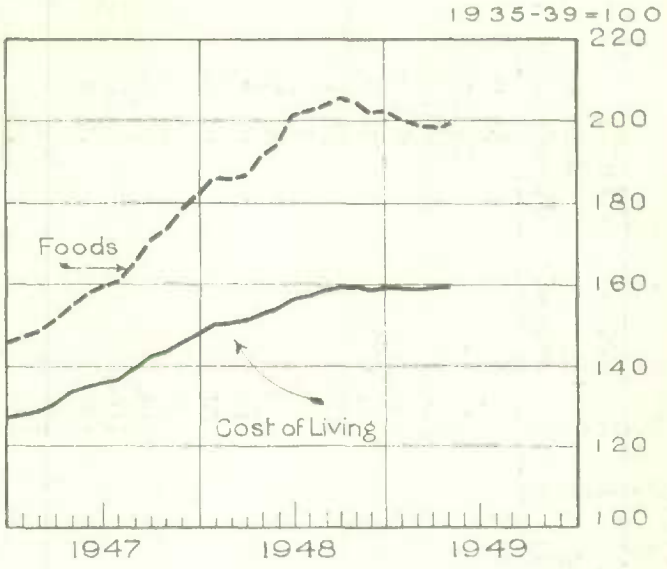
	* Industrial Materials				Canadian Farm Products			
	1949				1949			
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
1st week	160.7	158.7	156.3	151.2	146.4	145.1	146.5	147.8
2nd week	160.4	158.1	155.6	150.0	146.0	145.6	147.3	147.2
3rd week	160.0	157.3	153.0	149.8	145.5	145.6	147.4	147.6
4th week	159.9	156.7	152.5	148.6	145.1	145.4	148.0	147.8
5th week			151.9				148.0	

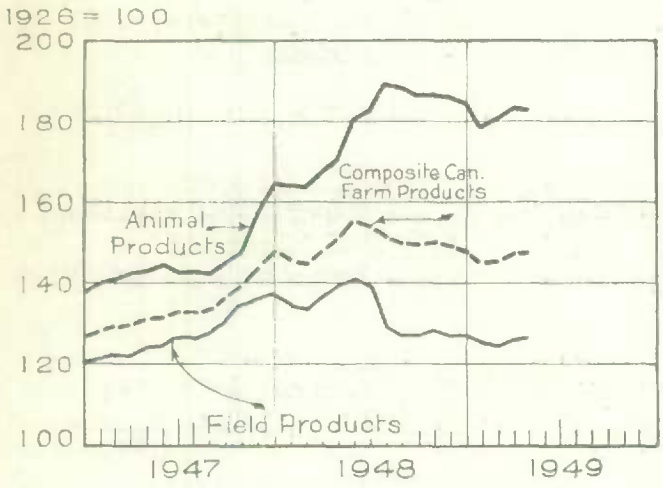
* February, March and April revised.

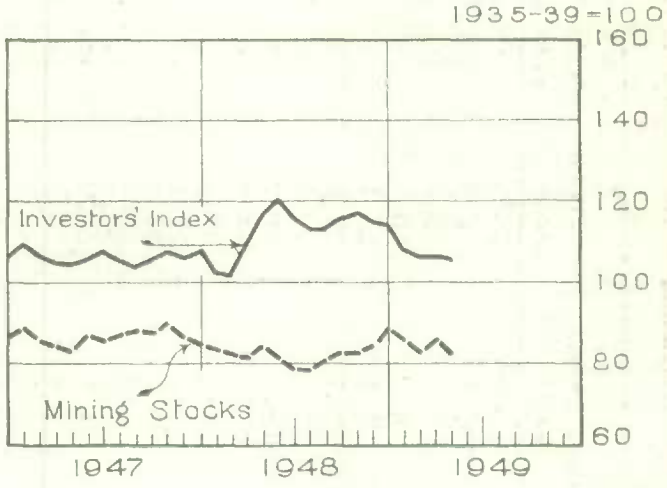
PRICE INDEX GRAPHS

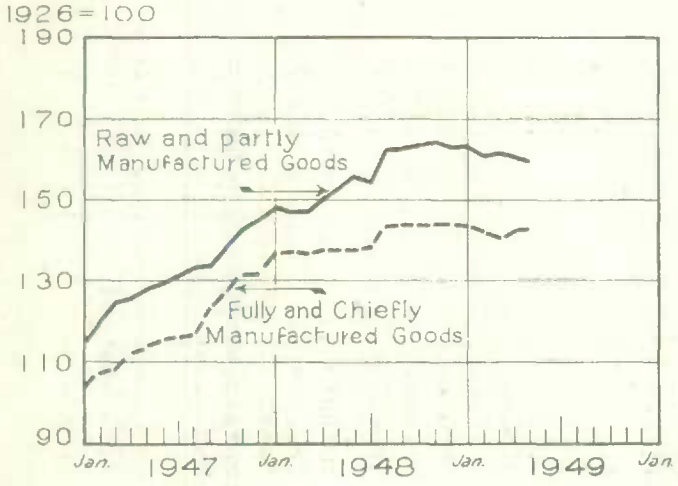
1947-1949

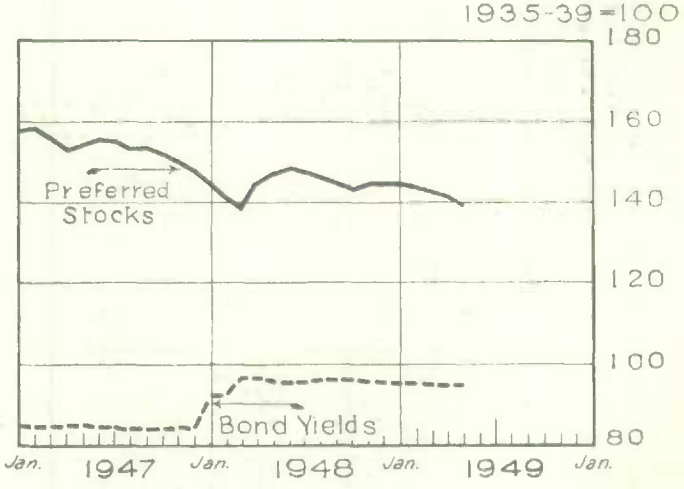












WHOLESALE PRICE GROUPS (1926=100)

	General Wholesale Price	Consumers' Goods	Producers' Goods	General Building Materials	Raw and Partly Manufactured	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	Industrial Materials
1913	64.0	62.0	67.7	67.0	63.8	64.8	-
1920	155.9	136.1	164.3	144.0	154.1	156.5	-
1926	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1929	95.6	94.7	96.1	99.0	97.5	93.0	91.8
1933	67.1	71.1	63.1	78.3	56.6	70.2	54.1
1935-39 Average	77.1	76.2	74.8	87.9	72.3	76.1	69.1
1939	75.4	75.9	70.4	89.7	67.5	75.3	69.0
1940	82.9	83.4	78.7	95.6	75.3	81.5	79.0
1941	90.0	91.1	83.6	107.3	81.8	88.8	87.3
1942	95.6	95.6	88.3	115.2	90.1	91.9	94.2
1943	100.0	97.0	95.1	121.2	99.1	93.1	97.6
1944	102.5	97.4	99.9	127.3	104.0	93.6	99.8
1945	103.6	98.1	100.7	127.3	105.6	94.0	99.8
1946	108.7	101.1	105.7	134.8	109.5	98.8	103.6
1947	129.1	117.3	129.3	166.4	130.7	117.4	130.4
1948	153.4	140.8	153.9	195.7	156.2	140.3	155.2
1939 August	72.3	72.7	66.7	90.2	62.8	72.6	65.3
1945 December	103.9	98.4	101.1	127.3	106.0	94.3	99.6
1946 December	112.0	103.1	108.9	141.7	113.6	101.7	106.4
1948 - May	150.4	139.3	149.5	193.5	152.6	138.1	151.6
June	152.1	141.1	151.0	194.7	155.9	138.1	155.2
July	152.2	141.2	151.3	195.4	155.1	138.9	155.3
August	158.3	143.2	161.5	200.1	163.2	143.4	162.6
September	158.4	143.8	161.7	200.2	162.8	143.8	162.4
October	159.3	144.1	162.0	205.9	163.9	144.1	162.1
November	159.4	144.0	162.5	203.7	164.2	143.9	162.2
December	159.6	144.3	162.8	203.5	163.8	143.9	162.3
1949 - January	159.3	144.0	162.5	204.3	163.4	143.3	162.0(r)
February	158.1	142.8	161.1	204.3	161.1	142.1	160.1(r)
March	157.6	142.7	160.6	205.4	161.7	140.9	157.8(r)
April	157.5	143.6	160.3	204.3	160.8	142.0	153.8(r)
May	156.4	143.5	157.8	202.8	159.5	142.3	149.9

(r) revised

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS

	1926=100			1935-39=100		
	Field	Animal	Total	Field	Animal	Total
1913	56.4	77.0	64.1	-	-	-
1920	166.5	150.8	160.6	-	-	-
1926	100.0	100.0	100.0	158.5	130.2	144.4
1929	93.8	112.5	100.8	137.2	144.4	140.8
1933	45.8	59.7	51.0	69.3	69.2	69.3
1935-39 Average	66.9	79.4	71.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
1939	54.2	81.2	64.3	83.7	101.5	92.6
1940	56.8	85.8	67.6	85.4	106.7	96.1
1941	59.0	95.9	72.8	88.9	124.4	106.6
1942	70.6	109.2	85.0	109.7	144.6	127.1
1943	84.7	120.0	97.9	129.0	161.8	145.4
1944	98.6	121.3	107.1	144.5	166.1	155.3
1945	110.1	123.0	114.9	160.4	170.2	165.3
1946	121.1	130.1	124.4	172.9	181.2	177.0
1947	126.4	143.9	132.9	179.1	200.2	189.7
1948	133.0	177.6	149.7	195.6	263.7	229.6
1946 - December	120.3	137.0	126.5	167.6	187.7	177.6
1948 - April	136.5	167.6	148.1	198.8	245.5	222.1
May	139.0	171.2	151.0	205.8	251.2	228.4
June	140.3	180.1	155.2	213.3	265.1	239.1
July	137.1	182.7	154.2	209.9	270.3	240.0
August	128.5	189.3	151.2	190.7	285.8	238.2
September	126.6	188.4	149.7	184.6	287.9	236.2
October	126.9	186.8	149.3	184.4	280.9	232.7
November	128.0	186.5	149.9	186.2	278.4	232.4
December	126.6	186.3	148.9	186.7	280.4	233.6
1949 - January	126.8	184.0	148.2	187.7	276.7	232.2
February	125.3	178.3	145.1	186.1	266.3	226.2
March	124.8	180.9	145.8	183.7	264.7	224.2
April	126.1	183.5	147.6	184.9	264.1	224.5
May	126.8	183.4	148.0	186.1	264.3	225.2

Note: The wheat price used in these indexes is the initial payment to farmers for Manitoba 1, 2 and 3 Northern at Ft. William. Participation payments are included and the series revised whenever such payments are announced. The last announcement was made effective March 31, 1949, at which time a 20 cent payment retroactive to August 1945 was put into the indexes. This brought the price up to $1.75 for Manitoba No. 1 Northern, and this is the price included in the above indexes at the present time. The current domestic price of No. 1 Northern is $2.05 per bushel.

WHOLESALE COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION (1926=100)

Commodity Group	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1948	May 1948	March 1949	April 1949	May 1949
Total	497	153.4	150.4	157.6	157.5	156.4
I. Vegetable Products	109	135.4	133.4	136.0	140.3	141.5
Fruits	14	127.2	121.6	148.4	147.4	153.8
Fresh	4	131.8	124.3	160.5	159.2	167.6
Dried	4	124.8	120.7	125.2	125.2	126.1
Canned	6	102.3	106.4	98.8	98.8	98.8
Grains	21	135.4	127.6	145.7	146.9	147.2
Flour and Other Milled Products	12	127.9	126.6	127.8	146.4	147.5
Bakery Products	2	118.1	117.6	120.8	128.0	129.6
Vegetable Oils	4	273.6	242.9	235.8	215.0	221.2
Rubber and Its Products	5	72.6	72.5	72.1	76.2	76.0
Sugar and Its Products and Glucose	8	140.9	141.7	139.9	139.2	139.2
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	12	213.9	205.6	189.1	185.9	185.7
Vegetables (Raw and Canned)	12	129.3	158.2	97.4	99.8	104.2
Canned	3	118.2	120.3	119.9	119.9	119.9
II. Animals and Their Products	73	168.7	162.3	167.7	167.2	166.4
Fishery Products	16	179.4	168.4	188.1	190.3	184.8
Furs	9	65.1	60.9	50.5	51.1	51.5
Hides and Skins	6	154.2	145.9	144.6	148.0	143.6
Leather, Unmanufactured	9	182.5	179.9	179.1	177.8	177.8
Boots and Shoes	2	164.3	164.0	162.7	162.7	162.7
Livestock	4	243.8	227.2	255.7	264.0	265.8
Meats and Poultry	8	186.1	178.2	199.0	202.8	201.8
Milk and Its Products	11	168.7	166.4	161.1	155.5	155.2
Fats	5	145.7	128.5	94.0	83.5	79.9
Eggs	3	115.0	105.3	106.7	108.7	110.0
III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	60	157.0	155.7	162.4	162.3	162.0
Cotton Fabrics	19	160.4	159.1	163.8	163.8	163.8
Cotton Knit Goods	3	178.9	180.1	188.0	188.0	188.0
Miscellaneous Fibre Products	6	158.0	159.7	149.5	146.4	144.3
Rayon Fabrics	2	96.8	97.1	98.8	98.8	98.8
Rayon Yarns	2	62.4	63.6	63.6	63.6	63.6
Wool, Raw	3	137.0	137.4	147.1	145.8	144.1
Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods Chiefly Wool	4	171.3	171.2	184.1	184.1	184.1
Wool Cloth	6	190.4	185.5	205.8	205.8	205.8
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper	48	186.2	183.5	191.9	189.5	186.9
Newsprint and Wrapping Paper	2	131.9	129.3	133.9	133.9	133.9
Lumber	32	268.7	264.4	284.2	283.3	281.3
Pulp	3	195.7	195.8	193.0	179.3	165.8

Commodity Group	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1948	May 1948	March 1949	April 1949	May 1949
V. Iron and Its Products	43	159.2	156.7	171.6	171.5	173.2
Pig Iron and Steel Billets	3	166.6	156.7	186.9	186.9	186.9
Rolling Mill Products	14	157.7	155.9	169.8	169.6	169.5
Hardware	16	133.1	126.4	150.4	150.4	154.5
Wire	3	151.9	144.1	164.6	164.6	181.4
Scrap	4	173.9	190.5	171.6	168.4	160.3
VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	16	149.6	143.5	161.6	149.0	134.7
Brass and Copper Products	5	157.8	152.5	165.8	159.2	133.4
Lead and Its Products	2	200.8	194.6	218.6	178.3	162.3
Tin Ingots	1	151.4	144.2	156.8	156.8	156.8
Zinc and Its Products	2	144.3	127.7	184.5	157.2	131.2
Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products (V and VI above)	59	156.0	152.3	168.3	164.0	160.4
VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	80	133.5	133.2	137.9	136.7	134.5
Clay and Allied Products	11	133.0	129.7	139.2	139.2	140.2
Coal	12	157.0	156.5	164.9	164.6	156.6
Coke	3	203.1	193.7	219.2	219.2	219.2
Manufactured Gas	3	113.0	115.1	116.3	116.3	116.3
Glass and Its Products	6	114.7	113.4	118.4	118.4	118.4
Petroleum Products	5	110.7	110.9	109.7	106.5	108.2
Asphalt	2	151.7	152.3	152.3	152.2	152.2
Salt	4	162.0	160.5	179.0	179.0	179.0
Lime	4	134.4	134.3	147.0	147.0	147.0
Cement	1	123.2	123.8	126.1	127.9	127.9
Sand and Gravel	8	123.3	127.4	131.1	125.2	125.8
Crushed Stone	3	101.2	98.5	111.2	102.2	102.2
Building Stone	3	81.7	80.2	88.9	88.9	88.9
Asbestos	8	126.7	129.1	132.2	132.2	132.2
VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products	68	120.1	115.9	127.4	125.2	124.0
Inorganic Chemicals	22	92.8	91.5	98.8	99.2	99.2
Organic Chemicals	5	139.3	139.6	126.1	110.6	110.6
Coal Tar Products	2	134.6	138.3	139.5	138.3	139.5
Dyeing and Tanning Materials	19	163.4	158.6	187.3	187.3	187.3
Explosives	2	84.5	82.6	85.8	85.8	85.8
Paints, Prepared	1	112.8	112.8	112.8	112.8	112.8
Drugs and Pharmaceuticals	8	102.1	105.3	94.9	93.0	97.4
Fertilizer Materials	5	103.8	101.2	109.7	109.7	109.7
Industrial Gases	2	101.9	100.2	107.4	108.0	110.7

WHOLESALE PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION (1926=100)

Commodity Group	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1948	May 1948	March 1949	April 1949	May 1949
I. CONSUMERS' GOODS Groups (A and B)	203	140.8	139.3	142.7	143.6	143.5
A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	112	152.3	150.2	151.5	154.5	154.8
B. Other Consumers' Goods	91	133.2	132.1	136.9	136.4	136.0
II. PRODUCERS' GOODS	358	153.9	149.5	160.6	160.3	157.8

WHOLESALE ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION (1926=100)

Commodity Group	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1948	May 1948	March 1949	April 1949	May 1949
Total Raw and Partly Manufactured	206	156.2	152.6	161.7	160.8	159.5
Farm Origin - Field	71	131.4	128.9	134.7	135.5	136.3
Farm Origin - Animal	33	171.7	165.3	176.9	179.3	178.7
Marine	7	146.5	127.0	148.7	146.9	130.9
Forest	36	246.8	243.6	256.5	251.7	246.2
Mineral	59	148.4	146.2	157.7	152.3	144.9
Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	294	140.3	138.1	140.9	142.0	142.3
Farm Origin - Field	80	135.8	133.8	135.5	141.0	141.5
Farm Origin - Animal	50	155.1	152.1	149.7	146.2	146.0
Marine	9	184.3	179.6	192.7	196.0	196.0
Forest	20	130.2	128.0	132.2	131.9	131.9
Mineral	135	134.5	132.8	141.6	140.4	141.1

PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS, 1926 - 1949

(1935 - 1939 = 100)

Year	Composite 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
1926	109.6	105.5	103.2	110.9	101.4	104.3	156.8	110.2	91.6	112.0
1929	112.4	107.6	107.4	116.7	94.4	108.8	151.5	108.5	130.1	106.1
1932	87.5	103.7	101.8	72.7	85.0	95.5	111.7	108.1	79.1	89.5
1939	102.3	94.0	97.2	104.9	99.4	104.1	97.2	103.0	102.4	104.6
1940	110.3	94.6	98.0	119.1	99.7	110.4	115.2	106.5	107.1	109.2
1941	122.6	99.1	105.1	139.2	102.8	118.7	136.2	114.6	109.0	112.5
1942	130.9	100.8	109.0	153.2	104.8	123.4	146.9	120.0	110.3	117.6
1943	139.1	101.2	113.1	171.3	104.8	130.1	149.4	120.0	110.3	117.9
1944	146.6	101.8	114.9	188.4	104.8	136.0	146.6	120.0	110.3	117.9
1945	148.3	102.1	116.4	191.3	104.8	135.5	142.2	122.2	111.4	118.0
1946	154.5	102.0	121.0	202.1	104.2	146.2	144.2	127.2	116.9	126.4
1947	180.4	109.7	133.4	242.0	107.3	172.3	169.6	145.2	147.4	143.0
1948	217.5	122.3	143.1	305.8	116.7	201.6	183.1	168.3	169.8	162.3
1948 - April	211.0	120.5	138.9	293.9	116.5	204.3	184.5	165.9	157.2	156.6
May	214.6	123.4	138.9	300.1	116.5	204.4	183.2	167.5	168.1	156.6
June	216.5	123.9	140.3	303.8	118.7	204.4	182.7	167.6	168.1	156.6
July	216.6	123.9	143.0	303.8	118.7	204.4	183.2	167.6	168.1	156.6
August	219.7	123.9	143.0	308.3	118.7	204.4	183.0	168.6	180.9	166.4
Sept.	221.6	125.4	148.6	308.3	118.7	204.4	182.5	175.7	180.9	170.6
Oct.	228.9	125.4	149.2	325.1	118.7	204.4	184.7	175.7	180.9	171.4
Nov.	229.2	125.4	149.2	325.1	118.7	200.3	184.7	177.9	180.8	171.9
Dec.	229.0	125.9	149.2	325.1	118.7	193.6	183.0	177.9	180.8	171.9
1949 - Jan.	230.0	126.1	149.2	325.1	118.7	193.6	184.7	182.1	180.9	175.1
Feb.	230.4	126.1	149.2	325.1	118.7	193.6	185.5	182.1	180.9	175.1
Mar.	229.7	126.1	149.2	324.2	118.7	193.6	184.2	182.1	180.9	177.1
Apr.	229.5	126.6	149.2	324.2	118.7	193.6	184.2	180.8	180.9	176.1
May	229.1	127.1	151.1	324.2	118.1	190.4	184.2	180.5	169.1	178.1

WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES
(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity[x]	Unit	Yearly Average 1948	May 1948	March 1949	April 1949	May 1949
		$	$	$	$	$
WHEAT, No. 1 Manitoba Northern	bu.	1.779	1.585	2.050	2.050	2.050
OATS, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	.852	.959	.761	.809	.785
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed	bu.	1.136	1.184	1.076	1.136	1.165
RYE, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	2.846	4.476	1.145	1.188	1.259
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto	bbl.	8.425	8.350	8.500	10.700	10.800
SUGAR, Granulated, Montreal	cwt.	7.893	7.893	7.893	7.893	7.893
LINSEED OIL, Raw Montreal	gal.	2.177	2.280	1.850	1.750	1.750
POTATOES, No. 1 Saint John	75 lb.bag	2.195	2.960	1.400	1.330	1.081
STEERS, Toronto	cwt.	19.147	17.940	19.890	21.080	21.180
HOGS, Toronto, (Bonus not included)	cwt.	30.165	28.720	31.050	30.090	29.850
PACKER HIDES, steers, Toronto	lb.	.261	.238	.230	.230	.225
LEATHER, Packer Crops, No. 1 and 2	lb.	.718	.710	.730	.710	.710
BOX SIDES, D.	ft.	.407	.380	.410	.390	.390
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade Montreal	lb.	.698	.687	.644	.594	.585
EGGS, "A" Large, Montreal	doz.	.560	.468	.478	.493	.502
RAW COTTON, Middling 15/16" New York	lb.	.346	.386	.334	.339	.337
COTTON YARNS, 10's white	lb.	.621	.620	.645	.630	.630
WOOL, Eastern Bright, ¼ blood	lb.	.388	.380	.410	.410	.400
NEWSPRINT, Canadian Mill	ton	86.547	84.600	87.916	87.916	87.916
PIG IRON, Foundry, No. 1	gross ton	42.167	39.500	47.500	47.500	47.500
STEEL, Bars, mild	cwt.	3.396	3.250	3.500	3.500	3.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic	cwt.	/22.330	21.500	23.500	22.330	18.226
LEAD, Domestic	cwt.	/17.259	16.750	18.550	15.100	13.702
TIN INGOTS	lb.	1.018	.970	1.055	1.055	1.055
ZINC, Domestic Electrolytic	cwt.	/13.943	12.500	17.670	15.050	12.548
COAL, Anthracite	ton	15.833	15.380	17.000	16.430	16.430
COAL, Bituminous, N.S.	ton	6.980	6.980	6.980	6.980	6.980
GASOLENE, Standard Toronto	gal.	.210	.210	.210	.210	.210
SULPHURIC ACID, 66 Baume	ton	17.500	17.000	18.000	18.000	18.000

x For complete description and basis of quoting, see February 1944 issue.
/ New basis for quoting in 1948.

COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES (1935 - 39 = 100)

	Percentage Increase Since August 1939	Total Index[x]	Food Index	Rent Index	Fuel and Lighting Index	Clothing Index	Home Furnishings and Services Index	Miscellaneous Index	Retail Prices Index (Commodities only)
1939	0.7	101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940	4.8	105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1942	16.1	117.0	127.2	111.3	112.8	120.0	117.9	107.1	122.4
1943	17.5	118.4	130.7	111.5	112.9	120.5	118.0	108.0	124.5
1944	18.0	118.9	131.3	111.9	110.6	121.5	118.4	108.9	125.2
1945	18.6	119.5	133.0	112.1	107.0	122.1	119.0	109.4	126.2
1946	22.6	123.6	140.4	112.7	107.4	126.3	124.5	112.6	132.1
1947	34.4	135.5	159.5	116.7	115.9	143.9	141.6	117.0	148.8
1948	53.8	155.0	195.5	120.7	124.8	174.4	162.6	123.4	177.4
1939 - August 1	-	100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
1941 - October 1	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
1945 - December 1	19.1	120.1	134.3	112.3	107.1	122.5	119.5	109.6	127.0
1946 - December 2	26.1	127.1	146.4	113.4	109.2	131.2	129.4	114.1	137.2
1948 - May 1	52.1	153.3	191.2	120.9	122.7	173.6	161.9	122.9	174.6
June 1	53.1	154.3	193.9	120.9	124.3	174.8	162.0	122.7	176.4
July 2	55.7	156.9	201.3	120.9	124.5	175.4	162.8	123.1	180.4
August 2	56.3	157.5	202.6	120.9	127.7	175.9	161.4	123.4	181.3
September 1	57.6	158.9	203.9	121.0	128.5	179.9	164.2	124.4	183.5
October 1	58.3	159.6	205.4	121.0	128.8	181.0	165.1	124.4	184.6
November 1	58.3	159.6	204.7	121.0	129.0	181.5	166.0	124.6	184.5
December 1	57.6	158.9	202.0	121.7	129.1	181.5	166.2	124.6	183.2
1949 - January 3	58.3	159.6	202.2	121.7	130.0	181.9	167.0	126.6	183.5
February 1	58.2	159.5	200.4	121.7	130.8	181.8	167.8	128.1	183.3
March 1	57.9	159.2	199.1	121.7	131.0	182.7	167.9	128.1	182.8
April 1	58.0	159.3	198.5	122.4	131.0	183.2	168.0	128.4	182.6
May 2	58.2	159.5	199.5	122.4	129.1	183.3	168.1	128.4	183.0

x Since June 24, 1942, additional taxes on tobacco products have not been reflected in the above indexes originally established for cost of living bonus calculations. The May 2, 1949 index, inclusive of all such additional taxes, is 160.3.

REGIONAL CITIES - COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES

N.B. Indexes below measure percentage changes in prices but should not be used to compare actual levels of prices as between cities.

	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver	¥ St. John's Nfld.
Base Period				August 1939					Oct.'38
1944 - Year	118.3	118.8	120.7	117.1	115.7	119.4	116.3	117.9	160.7
1945 - Year	119.3	119.4	122.0	117.7	116.8	120.2	117.5	119.2	160.4
1946 - Year	122.5	122.7	126.0	121.8	120.4	124.4	121.3	123.0	163.1
1947 - Year	132.7	133.3	138.1	133.7	130.9	137.1	131.9	134.9	172.0
1948 - Year	148.9	152.7	158.3	151.7	148.8	157.4	149.9	155.6	184.4
1946 - March	119.6	119.9	122.4	118.5	117.6	120.7	117.9	119.5	162.9
April	120.3	120.6	123.1	119.3	118.4	121.7	119.1	120.4	163.3
May	121.1	121.4	124.2	120.2	118.9	122.7	119.3	122.0	163.5
June	122.4	122.5	125.8	121.9	120.9	125.3	121.2	123.7	163.0
July	123.7	123.8	127.4	123.0	122.1	126.1	122.9	124.6	163.7
August	125.0	124.6	128.3	123.5	122.1	126.1	123.2	124.7	164.9
September .	124.4	124.4	128.2	123.6	121.7	125.9	123.0	124.5	162.0
October ...	125.0	124.9	129.5	124.9	122.7	127.2	123.9	125.9	163.3
November ..	125.0	125.2	129.2	125.1	123.1	127.9	124.7	126.3	164.1
December ..	125.1	125.1	129.1	125.0	123.2	128.2	124.8	126.6	164.5
1947 - January ...	125.3	125.3	129.1	125.1	123.2	128.5	124.6	126.1	165.6
February ..	125.6	125.9	129.6	126.0	124.0	129.0	124.9	127.7	167.6
March	126.7	126.9	130.8	126.9	124.8	130.2	126.0	129.0	167.6
April	127.9	128.5	132.7	128.8	126.1	131.7	127.5	130.1	168.0
May	129.4	130.6	136.4	131.2	128.4	135.1	129.6	132.6	169.7
June	131.0	132.1	137.7	133.3	129.7	136.2	131.3	134.3	170.5
July	132.6	133.5	138.5	135.1	131.5	138.4	132.6	135.1	174.5
August	135.1	134.9	138.9	135.0	132.0	138.6	134.0	135.6	174.4
September .	137.0	137.4	142.6	137.3	134.1	140.6	135.8	138.2	172.1
October ...	138.9	139.5	145.5	140.0	137.4	144.0	137.7	141.3	176.0
November ..	140.6	141.4	146.3	141.5	139.2	145.3	138.7	143.4	178.8
December ..	141.8	143.9	148.6	144.0	140.8	147.5	139.9	146.0	179.5
1948 - January ...	143.2	146.8	151.3	145.8	142.8	151.1	143.8	147.8	181.6
February ..	144.3	147.7	152.8	147.8	144.4	151.9	145.1	148.7	182.1
March	145.5	148.9	154.0	148.1	145.6	153.1	145.9	149.7	184.1
April	146.2	149.3	154.9	148.6	146.3	153.7	146.5	151.0	185.1
May	148.3	151.5	157.4	150.5	147.6	156.5	148.1	153.5	183.0
June	149.1	152.3	158.4	151.6	148.6	157.2	149.0	154.3	181.9
July	151.1	155.3	161.6	153.6	150.5	158.4	151.2	159.2	183.7
August	151.7	156.0	160.6	154.3	150.6	159.5	153.5	159.5	190.2
September .	151.9	156.0	162.1	154.5	151.6	161.3	154.2	160.6	184.8
October ...	152.2	156.4	163.1	155.4	152.8	161.8	153.9	161.3	185.5
November ..	152.0	156.2	162.5	155.2	153.0	162.3	154.2	161.1	185.1
December ..	150.8	155.5	161.5	154.5	152.2	161.6	153.6	160.8	185.1
1949 - January ...	152.3	156.2	162.3	155.0	153.4	162.0	154.5	160.8	186.7
February ..	152.1	156.2	162.4	154.7	153.8	162.0	154.4	160.8	186.3
March	152.3	155.8	162.0	154.6	153.8	161.6	154.2	160.7	184.9
April	152.3	155.9	161.9	154.8	153.8	161.8	154.3	160.5	179.0
May	152.4	156.0	161.7	155.0	154.7	161.7	155.1	161.1	

¥ The St. John's series, as published by the Department of Supply, Newfoundland, covers approximately the same range of commodities and rents as the indexes of other Canadian cities but has a less complete coverage of service rates. Differences in construction methods are also fairly considerable.

Eight Regional Cities - Cost of Living Group Indexes (August 1939=100)
N.B. Indexes below measure percentage changes for index groups since August 1939, but should not be used to compare actual levels of prices as between cities.

		Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver
Food Index	1945 - Year	141.8	133.5	140.3	130.6	132.0	136.3	134.5	136.0
	1946 - Year	147.1	139.0	148.4	137.2	139.3	144.5	143.0	142.2
	1947 - Year	164.7	157.6	169.0	155.9	157.4	166.0	162.4	161.9
	1948 - Year	194.6	191.5	205.7	190.7	191.1	203.3	198.5	198.7
	1948 - May 1	192.7	188.7	204.0	187.8	187.3	199.2	192.5	193.7
	June 1	195.2	189.7	206.9	190.6	189.8	201.4	194.9	195.5
	July 2	201.6	198.5	216.2	196.3	195.7	205.8	202.6	207.1
	Aug.3	203.7	200.2	213.1	197.6	195.7	209.3	209.3	207.1
	Sept. 1	201.1	198.0	212.5	196.2	197.0	213.2	210.7	209.3
	Oct. 1	201.4	198.1	215.1	198.1	200.2	213.3	207.8	210.9
	Nov. 1	200.2	197.0	213.0	197.0	200.7	214.0	208.1	210.0
	Dec. 1	195.9	194.8	209.8	194.5	197.8	211.4	206.0	208.8
	1949 - Jan. 3	200.3	195.0	211.2	195.2	199.7	212.0	205.9	207.4
	Feb. 1	198.7	193.3	209.8	192.8	200.3	211.0	204.3	206.7
	Mar. 1	198.4	191.9	208.2	191.3	199.6	209.3	203.4	206.4
	Apr. 1	197.6	191.8	206.4	190.9	198.9	208.7	202.7	205.2
	May 2	198.0	191.8	206.5	192.1	201.5	209.4	205.6	206.8
Rent Index	1945 - Year	105.7	107.8	108.8	111.1	104.6	113.2	103.5	104.8
	1946 - Year	105.7	107.8	108.8	111.1	105.0	114.5	104.5	106.2
	1947 - Year	106.9	109.7	113.1	113.7	109.3	117.6	106.4	109.4
	1948 - Year	108.8	112.9	116.8	117.4	114.4	121.9	107.9	112.1
	1948 - May 1	109.1	113.8	117.0	117.7	114.4	121.9	107.7	112.1
	June 1	109.1	113.8	117.0	117.7	114.4	121.9	107.7	112.1
	July 2	109.1	113.8	117.0	117.7	114.4	121.9	107.7	112.1
	Aug. 3	109.1	113.8	117.0	117.7	114.4	121.9	107.7	112.1
	Sept. 1	109.1	113.8	117.0	117.7	114.4	121.9	107.7	112.1
	Oct. 1	109.1	113.8	117.4	118.2	114.4	121.9	108.7	112.1
	Nov. 1	109.1	113.8	117.4	118.2	114.4	121.9	108.7	112.1
	Dec. 1	109.1	113.8	117.4	118.2	114.4	121.9	108.7	112.1
	1949 - Jan. 3	109.1	113.8	117.4	118.2	114.4	121.9	108.7	112.1
	Feb. 1	109.1	113.8	117.4	118.2	114.4	121.9	108.7	112.1
	Mar. 1	109.1	113.8	117.4	118.2	114.4	121.9	108.7	112.1
	Apr. 1	109.4	113.9	117.8	119.3	115.1	123.2	109.4	113.2
	May 2	109.4	113.9	117.8	119.3	115.1	123.2	109.4	113.2
Fuel and Lighting Index	1945 - Year	106.7	113.1	109.6	114.9	109.0	110.4	103.6	114.2
	1946 - Year	107.8	115.2	109.7	116.3	109.8	111.7	98.8	116.1
	1947 - Year	116.0	120.3	116.7	125.9	116.3	123.2	105.3	128.6
	1948 - Year	130.6	131.8	122.5	139.3	119.3	132.5	110.4	135.1
	1948 - May 1	131.5	129.1	120.1	136.9	120.5	135.9	111.0	137.5
	June 1	131.5	134.4	121.5	139.7	120.5	135.9	111.0	137.5
	July 2	131.5	134.4	121.5	139.7	120.5	135.9	111.0	137.9
	Aug. 3	131.5	134.4	125.0	144.5	120.5	135.9	114.6	138.9
	Sept. 1	131.5	135.1	126.5	145.0	120.5	135.9	114.6	138.9
	Oct. 1	131.5	135.1	126.5	145.0	120.5	139.4	114.6	138.9
	Nov. 1	131.5	135.1	126.5	145.0	120.5	139.4	114.6	138.9
	Dec. 1	132.5	135.1	126.5	145.0	120.5	139.4	114.6	138.9
	1949 - Jan. 3	131.5	135.1	126.5	145.0	120.6	139.4	114.6	138.9
	Feb. 1	131.5	136.6	127.7	146.6	120.6	139.4	114.6	138.9
	Mar. 1	133.4	136.6	127.7	146.6	121.2	140.4	114.6	138.9
	Apr. 1	133.4	136.6	127.7	146.2	121.2	140.4	114.6	139.7
	May 2	133.4	136.6	123.6	144.2	121.2	137.0	114.6	139.7

Eight Regional Cities - Cost of Living Group Indexes (August 1939=100)

N.B. Indexes below measure percentage changes for index groups since August 1939, but should not be used to compare actual levels of prices as between cities.

		Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver
Clothing Index	1945 - Year	118.7	122.3	124.6	118.8	119.6	120.4	124.3	125.5
	1946 - Year	124.7	126.7	127.3	125.6	121.9	123.5	127.4	128.9
	1947 - Year	145.5	146.0	141.0	147.5	136.4	142.3	145.0	146.6
	1948 - Year	180.1	179.5	168.1	177.7	165.5	178.2	176.7	182.5
	1948 - May 1	178.5	178.9	167.0	178.6	165.7	178.3	176.4	178.8
	June 1	180.0	179.2	167.9	179.4	167.6	178.5	177.9	180.9
	July 2	181.1	180.1	167.9	179.2	167.0	179.0	178.5	186.8
	Aug. 3	181.8	181.2	168.4	179.9	167.1	179.8	179.3	187.6
	Sept. 1	188.4	186.2	173.6	181.2	169.5	183.7	181.4	190.7
	Oct. 1	189.5	186.9	174.4	182.6	170.1	184.2	182.8	192.3
	Nov. 1	189.8	188.2	174.5	182.9	170.9	185.7	184.5	192.3
	Dec. 1	189.6	188.5	174.5	182.6	171.3	186.1	185.2	192.3
	1949 - Jan. 3	189.7	189.1	174.6	182.6	173.0	185.9	185.7	192.9
	Feb. 1	189.5	189.5	174.6	182.3	172.7	186.4	185.9	193.3
	Mar. 1	189.6	189.6	175.5	183.7	174.4	186.4	186.3	193.3
	Apr. 1	190.7	191.0	177.0	183.0	174.5	187.0	186.7	192.3
	May 2	190.7	191.3	177.0	183.1	174.5	186.8	186.7	192.9
Home-furnishings and Services Index	1945 - Year	115.5	116.8	119.3	114.6	116.7	119.9	117.2	115.7
	1946 - Year	118.6	119.6	123.9	120.8	120.5	123.9	121.3	122.1
	1947 - Year	131.9	133.1	142.8	138.7	137.9	141.3	137.1	137.0
	1948 - Year	151.4	152.3	167.8	157.2	166.3	166.9	158.6	157.4
	1948 - May 1	151.1	151.5	168.1	155.3	166.0	166.4	157.1	155.3
	June 1	151.2	151.5	168.1	155.4	166.5	166.6	157.6	155.9
	July 2	151.5	151.7	168.2	155.8	167.3	167.4	159.1	159.9
	Aug. 3	150.8	151.9	165.9	155.4	163.8	166.7	159.7	160.6
	Sept. 1	153.1	154.1	168.9	160.2	169.1	169.0	161.0	161.0
	Oct. 1	153.9	154.8	169.5	160.6	169.5	170.4	161.3	161.0
	Nov. 1	154.4	154.9	170.3	162.0	169.7	171.7	162.2	162.1
	Dec. 1	154.5	155.2	170.3	162.4	169.9	172.2	162.9	162.6
	1949 - Jan. 3	155.3	155.8	171.0	163.1	171.0	172.7	163.5	162.6
	Feb. 1	155.1	155.9	171.6	164.7	171.6	172.7	163.7	162.5
	Mar. 1	155.7	156.4	171.3	164.8	171.5	172.8	163.4	162.4
	Apr. 1	156.0	156.8	172.7	164.3	171.5	172.8	163.3	161.8
	May 2	156.2	156.8	172.8	164.3	171.5	173.1	163.1	161.8
Miscellaneous Index	1945 - Year	109.8	110.0	107.6	109.3	108.1	107.9	109.1	108.8
	1946 - Year	112.7	112.6	110.2	112.5	111.0	111.1	111.6	111.1
	1947 - Year	116.2	115.7	112.9	117.9	114.2	115.1	114.9	115.8
	1948 - Year	118.9	123.0	119.7	123.3	118.6	119.5	120.8	126.2
	1948 - May 1	118.9	122.9	119.1	122.7	117.8	120.1	121.2	125.8
	June 1	118.7	122.8	118.2	122.7	118.0	120.1	121.2	125.8
	July 2	118.6	122.6	118.6	124.0	118.1	119.0	120.3	126.7
	Aug. 3	118.6	122.6	118.6	124.0	119.5	119.0	120.3	127.1
	Sept. 1	118.8	122.7	121.5	124.2	119.6	119.0	120.4	127.2
	Oct. 1	118.9	123.5	121.5	124.2	119.8	119.0	120.9	127.3
	Nov. 1	119.0	123.5	121.5	124.2	119.8	119.1	120.8	127.3
	Dec. 1	119.1	123.5	121.5	124.2	119.8	118.8	120.1	127.3
	1949 - Jan. 3	120.2	125.8	123.0	125.2	121.2	119.9	123.1	128.9
	Feb. 1	121.5	127.7	124.9	126.0	122.0	121.0	124.3	129.8
	Mar. 1	121.5	127.7	124.9	126.4	122.3	121.0	124.6	129.8
	Apr. 1	121.7	127.7	125.4	127.4	122.6	121.3	125.0	130.3
	May 2	121.8	127.7	125.4	127.4	122.6	121.3	125.0	130.4

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN CANADA (1935-39=100)

	Beef Sirloin	Beef Blade	Veal: Roast	Lamb Roast	Pork Fresh	Bacon	Lard Pure	Eggs Grade "A"	Milk Fresh	Butter Creamery
1939 - August 1	110.7	111.4	105.5	109.3	105.8	97.4	73.4	91.5	100.0	88.7
1945 - December 2	171.2	180.4	184.3	166.5	152.3	138.5	117.5	165.7	95.4	131.1
1948 - May 1	228.2	262.2	252.6	213.4	215.8	212.6	178.9	154.4	158.7	233.9
June 1	249.2	283.2	255.1	224.5	222.4	209.6	177.6	154.7	158.7	230.0
July 2	269.8	310.5	271.4	250.6	236.8	214.4	176.3	166.7	159.6	231.3
August 2	277.0	319.6	279.6	260.2	245.0	219.3	184.7	200.8	159.6	235.9
September 1	286.1	335.0	305.9	262.9	258.2	225.7	230.6	191.4	159.6	236.9
October 1	286.5	335.0	313.4	257.1	259.8	226.9	236.4	209.0	159.6	237.2
November 1	278.2	330.1	318.4	252.1	250.5	226.9	239.6	222.8	160.5	237.2
December 1	274.6	328.7	320.9	252.9	242.7	225.7	240.2	194.3	160.5	237.2
1949 - January 3	277.8	335.0	330.3	260.2	241.9	225.1	238.3	183.4	161.5	236.9
February 1	275.8	335.0	335.4	267.5	239.6	223.9	207.3	160.3	162.4	236.9
March 1	270.6	330.1	339.7	270.5	239.2	222.4	167.9	158.5	162.4	236.5
April 1	273.8	334.3	339.1	272.1	243.8	223.3	155.6	158.2	164.2	203.4
May 2	278.9	339.2	332.2	280.5	242.7	223.3	144.7	159.1	164.2	201.2

	Cheese	Potatoes	Tomatoes Canned	Bread White	Flour House-hold	Raisins	Jam Straw-berry	Sugar Granulated	Tea	Weighted Food Index
1939 - August 1	98.2	126.4	91.3	98.4	78.4	100.0	96.5	101.6	105.6	99.3
1945 - December 2	162.4	188.5	125.7	104.8	97.6	108.3	108.9	134.4	138.7	134.3
1948 - May 1	211.0	265.1	228.1	147.0	147.6	144.6	148.7	151.6	183.5	191.2
June 1	213.2	282.8	229.8	148.6	145.2	143.9	146.9	151.6	183.5	193.9
July 2	214.6	328.2	230.7	148.6	145.2	142.6	144.6	151.6	183.5	201.3
August 2	216.8	249.3	231.6	148.6	147.6	140.6	143.5	151.6	183.5	202.6
September 1	219.8	195.8	230.7	148.6	147.6	137.3	142.9	151.6	183.9	203.9
October 1	222.0	181.2	217.8	148.6	147.6	134.7	142.3	151.6	183.5	205.4
November 1	223.4	177.8	209.2	148.6	147.6	130.7	142.3	151.6	183.5	204.7
December 1	224.9	177.0	204.9	148.6	147.6	128.7	142.3	151.6	183.5	202.0
1949 - January 3	225.7	178.1	202.3	150.1	147.6	127.4	142.3	153.1	183.9	202.2
February 1	226.4	180.5	198.8	150.1	147.6	126.7	141.8	153.1	184.9	200.4
March 1	226.4	182.2	194.5	150.1	147.6	126.7	141.2	153.1	185.3	199.1
April 1	224.9	185.6	188.5	161.1	164.3	126.7	140.6	153.1	185.7	198.5
May 2	224.2	188.5	183.4	162.6	171.4	126.7	140.0	153.1	186.0	199.5

INVESTORS INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES (1935-1939=100)

(Number of Series)	GENERAL TOTAL (106)	INDUSTRIALS						
		Total (82)	Machinery and Equipment (10)	Pulp and Paper (10)	Milling (4)	Oils (5)	Textiles and Clothing (10)	Food and Allied Products (15)
1939	91.6	91.2	100.9	81.7	100.6	83.6	95.0	109.6
1940	77.4	74.2	88.9	90.7	94.2	62.2	121.8	103.3
1941	67.5	63.9	75.6	68.8	70.6	50.0	105.4	91.0
1942	64.2	60.4	76.5	62.9	69.4	47.1	104.0	77.6
1943	83.5	78.6	103.9	92.6	90.5	73.8	121.4	89.5
1944	83.8	78.8	112.8	125.0	99.3	73.1	124.8	97.5
1945	99.6	93.7	134.5	167.3	113.3	78.7	148.7	110.3
1946	115.7	108.6	183.8	255.5	132.4	73.9	193.9	129.1
1947	106.0	99.3	182.6	258.4	120.3	65.9	182.4	125.8
1948	112.5	107.2	220.1	264.0	107.4	74.0	207.5	114.0
1939 - August	85.8	84.8	86.8	55.3	89.6	74.2	89.1	112.4
1945 - December.....	112.5	105.8	155.1	226.6	127.5	81.5	173.8	116.7
1946 - December	106.4	99.3	180.2	250.0	123.9	63.6	181.8	123.3
1948 - April	109.1	103.7	209.1	256.5	109.5	70.1	197.3	115.2
May	116.5	110.9	228.0	274.1	113.1	76.6	215.7	114.0
June	120.3	114.9	247.7	279.8	111.7	79.5	220.2	115.9
July	116.3	111.0	234.9	275.9	111.2	75.1	221.9	115.5
August	113.6	108.1	234.8	272.2	108.3	72.8	214.8	113.2
September	113.4	108.2	231.3	269.4	107.9	74.9	211.5	111.5
October	116.4	111.6	234.6	266.9	103.5	78.4	212.9	112.8
November	117.8	113.5	233.5	267.6	100.3	79.6	217.8	116.6
December	115.8	111.1	232.2	256.9	98.8	78.9	217.8	114.1
1949 - January	114.3	109.3	234.1	257.1	96.4	75.9	214.3	115.2
February	108.1	102.2	222.4	244.1	89.8	68.7	203.1	113.6
March	106.4	100.4	217.5	236.7	85.9	69.5	205.9	112.0
April	106.4	99.8	211.9	234.2	88.4	70.8	205.7	111.9
May	105.3	98.8	208.4	227.4	84.2	70.2	204.2	112.8
Weekly Index Numbers								
May 5th	106.4	100.2	214.4	232.1	85.5	71.6	209.2	112.2
" 12th	105.7	99.3	210.2	228.3	84.6	71.2	204.8	113.9
" 19th	105.8	99.3	206.9	227.7	83.2	70.0	200.4	113.0
" 26th	103.1	96.5	202.0	221.3	83.6	68.1	202.5	112.2

INVESTORS' INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES (1935-1939=100)

	INDUSTRIALS - Concl'd.			UTILITIES				BANKS
(Number of Series)	Beverages (10)	Building Materials (16)	Industrial Mines (2)	Total (16)	Transportation (2)	Telephone Telegraph (2)	Power and Traction (12)	Total (8)
1939	98.1	98.3	98.9	86.1	56.0	109.3	88.9	102.5
1940	100.8	90.6	77.1	80.9	62.5	101.0	80.6	95.6
1941	95.9	78.3	69.5	70.7	61.4	96.4	65.8	90.5
1942	97.8	74.5	66.5	70.4	65.7	89.2	66.1	81.2
1943	131.0	89.1	74.8	101.3	112.8	97.2	99.1	80.5
1944	153.3	92.7	69.2	100.8	125.2	100.1	93.3	82.0
1945	222.2	116.0	86.9	120.2	178.2	108.8	105.5	95.7
1946	363.9	149.6	98.0	132.5	203.5	125.2	114.0	130.0
1947	302.3	137.4	90.0	117.3	147.9	117.1	109.1	130.8
1948	308.5	135.7	100.5	120.2	180.6	108.3	104.7	129.3
1939 - August	93.8	87.4	95.4	81.1	39.6	110.7	85.5	103.0
1945 - December	305.3	138.5	99.0	135.9	221.2	117.5	114.7	107.5
1946 - December	317.1	138.4	92.1	118.3	148.7	118.9	110.3	133.5'
1948 - April	312.6	132.0	96.5	116.5	172.3	105.7	102.5	127.7'
May	331.8	142.4	102.4	127.8	213.8	105.4	107.8	128.4'
June	324.3	144.1	108.0	132.2	225.0	110.5	108.7	128.5
July	315.3	139.5	105.1	126.2	204.4	108.7	106.6	127.8
August	300.3	137.1	102.6	123.2	190.2	108.6	106.7	127.9
September	297.6	136.7	101.9	121.2	181.3	110.1	105.7	128.3
October	305.7	139.6	106.6	123.2	180.5	112.2	108.8	128.4
November	315.4	140.9	108.8	121.3	175.2	111.3	107.8	132.6
December	302.8	139.6	105.6	120.2	175.0	109.3	106.9	132.4
1949 - January	294.5	143.0	103.8	119.2	175.8	104.0	108.2	132.6
February	281.5	139.7	95.8	115.1	162.6	102.9	105.7	131.0
March	276.1	137.4	91.7	113.7	154.0	103.2	106.4	131.0
April	274.4	139.6	89.5	115.7	150.6	106.6	109.7	132.4
May	275.7	136.3	88.3	113.5	145.7	106.1	107.4	132.4
Weekly Index Numbers								
May 5th	277.7	138.6	88.9	114.1	147.1	106.1	108.1	132.3
" 12th	274.7	137.0	88.2	114.0	147.1	105.7	108.1	132.2
" 19th	277.4	135.0	90.3	114.2	147.1	106.2	108.2	133.3
" 26th	273.0	134.7	85.8	111.6	141.7	106.2	105.0	131.6

INDEX NUMBERS OF MINING STOCK PRICES (1935-39=100)

(Number of Series)	Total Index (30)	Golds (25)	Base Metals (5)
1939	104.5	95.6	121.7
1940	81.2	73.7	95.6
1941	72.4	65.1	87.0
1942	52.3	40.8	75.1
1943	70.1	61.4	86.8
1944	81.3	74.1	94.2
1945	95.2	91.0	101.1
1946	97.8	87.6	116.1
1947	86.7	76.0	106.1
1948	82.0	65.0	115.8
1939 - August	105.6	95.8	124.2
1945 - December	108.2	104.0	113.8
1946 - December	83.7	70.9	107.6
1948 - August	78.7	60.7	114.8
September	80.4	63.0	115.1
October	82.5	62.2	123.4
November	82.7	60.5	127.9
December	84.2	63.0	127.1
1949 - January	88.9	69.1	128.6
February	85.9	68.8	119.5
March	82.8	67.1	113.7
April	86.0	72.3	112.1
May	82.5	69.4	107.5
Weekly Index Numbers			
Week ending May 5th	84.2	70.5	110.5
" " " 12th	82.6	69.8	107.0
" " " 19th	82.7	69.0	109.1
" " " 26th	80.4	68.3	103.3

INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, (1935-39=100)

	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
January	98.8	97.3	96.7	90.0	84.9	92.1	95.4
February	98.5	97.3	96.6	85.9	84.7	92.1	95.4
March	97.6	97.3	96.3	83.8	84.8	96.7	95.2
April	97.3	97.3	96.0	84.3	84.9	96.5	95.1
May	97.3	97.2	96.0	85.1	84.6	95.3	95.1
June	97.3	97.0	95.6	84.9	84.3	95.4	
July	97.3	97.0	94.6	85.1	83.8	95.6	
August	97.3	97.0	94.4	85.0	83.9	96.2	
September	97.3	97.0	94.6	84.9	84.0	96.1	
October	97.3	97.0	94.4	85.0	84.2	96.3	
November	97.3	97.0	93.9	85.0	84.4	95.7	
December	97.3	96.9	92.2	85.0	84.8	95.5	

INDEX NUMBERS OF 37 PREFERRED STOCK PRICES (1935-39=100)

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ave.
1926	121.1	122.3	121.7	120.1	118.6	119.1	119.5	119.9	120.6	120.9	121.8	122.3	120.7
1929	129.6	130.4	125.8	128.5	125.8	126.4	126.4	127.4	126.8	124.1	120.4	121.1	126.1
1935	88.7	89.0	85.9	83.5	82.5	82.5	84.0	85.5	83.5	83.8	87.5	89.0	85.5
1936	90.3	93.1	92.0	91.7	90.0	91.9	95.9	97.2	101.1	104.7	109.9	113.3	97.6
1937	119.7	121.1	123.8	124.4	120.9	119.8	119.9	122.4	109.8	99.2	98.9	97.7	114.8
1938	100.6	99.0	93.5	94.3	96.6	98.7	105.2	104.7	98.1	106.2	105.5	104.8	100.6
1939	102.5	101.8	101.2	95.2	95.3	98.8	100.0	97.7	100.5	107.4	108.7	110.0	101.6
1940	110.7	109.7	108.8	108.9	96.7	86.9	89.0	93.9	99.1	100.7	103.0	101.7	100.8
1941	101.4	97.6	98.7	97.9	96.3	96.8	98.5	100.0	103.2	102.2	102.6	100.7	99.7
1942	99.6	96.8	95.6	94.5	95.4	96.5	95.7	95.8	95.6	96.2	97.5	100.4	96.6
1943	102.7	105.5	106.4	108.2	110.1	113.3	117.3	117.8	118.0	118.2	115.3	115.8	112.4
1944	118.3	118.6	119.2	118.7	118.5	122.2	124.7	125.9	126.3	126.7	128.8	129.8	123.1
1945	131.8	132.1	130.9	130.3	132.4	137.2	138.0	137.8	139.4	142.5	145.0	146.6	137.0
1946	152.1	154.1	154.5	157.8	159.7	161.6	157.5	157.9	151.4	153.6	154.7	156.0	155.9
1947	157.5	158.5	156.0	153.1	154.3	155.8	155.4	153.5	153.6	152.0	150.2	148.1	154.0
1948	144.5	141.0	138.9	144.2	147.0	148.2	147.5	146.4	144.8	143.7	144.6	144.6	144.6
1949	144.7	144.0	142.8	140.9*139.9									

INDEX NUMBERS OF UNITED STATES STOCK PRICES, 1939-1949
(Issued by Standard and Poor's Trade Securities)
(1935-39=100)

	Composite	Industrials	Railroads	Utilities
1939	94.2	94.8	74.7	98.6
1940	88.1	87.9	71.1	95.8
1941	80.0	80.4	70.6	81.0
1942	69.4	71.3	66.1	61.2
1943	91.9	94.1	88.7	82.1
1944	99.8	101.7	101.0	89.9
1945	121.5	123.3	136.9	106.1
1946	139.9	143.3	143.0	120.2
1947	123.0	128.0	105.3	102.9
1948	124.4	130.6	114.8	96.3
1948 - April	124.6	130.8	115.2	96.2
May	130.2	136.9	122.6	99.2
June	135.1	142.7	125.6	100.6
July	131.9	138.9	124.7	99.5
August	127.1	133.5	119.7	97.3
September	125.7	131.7	120.4	97.3
October	127.8	134.3	120.9	97.4
November	120.4	126.4	108.8	94.2
December	119.4	125.5	105.8	92.9
1949 - January	121.0	127.3	105.9	94.2
February	117.2	122.7	99.6	94.4
March	118.0	123.7	97.4	95.3
April	118.5	124.2	97.1	96.1
May	117.7	123.5	95.8	95.3

* Revised

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES
(Canadian Dollars)

Country	Unit	1946 Average	1947 Average	1948 Average	1948 May	1949 April	1949 May
		$	$	$	$	$	$
United States (New York funds)	dollar	1.0524	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
United Kingdom (sterling at London)	pound	4.2397	4.0300	4.0300	4.0300	4.0300	4.0300
Argentina (free)	peso	.2579	.2457	.2275	.2499	.2085	.2085
Australia	pound	3.3880	3.2240	3.2240	3.2240	3.2240	3.2240
Belgium & Belgian Empire	franc	.0240	.0228	.0228	.0228	.0228	.0228
Brazil	cruzeiro	.0555	.0544	.0544	.0544	.0544	.0544
Chile (export)	peso	.0419	.0323	.0323	.0323	.0323	.0323
Denmark	krone	.2193	.2084	.2084	.2084	.2084	.2084
Egypt	pound	4.3483	4.1330	4.1330	4.1330	4.1330	4.1330
France & North Africa (official)	franc	.0088	.0084	.0047	.0047	.0031	.0037
Hongkong	dollar	.2647	.2519	.2519	.2519	.2519	.2519
India	rupee	.3180	.3023	.3023	.3023	.3023	.3023
Italy	lira	.0062	.0037	.0018	.0017	.0018	.0018
Mexico	peso	.2166	.2060	.2060	.2060	.1429	.1263
Netherlands	florin	.3969	.3770	.3770	.3770	.3770	.3770
New Zealand	pound	3.4087	3.2402	3.5317	3.2402	4.0150	4.0150
Norway	krone	.2121	.2015	.2015	.2015	.2015	.2015
Portugal	escudo	.0424	.0403	.0403	.0403	.0403	.0403
[1]Singapore	dollar	.4946	.4702	.4702	.4702	.4702	.4702
Sweden	krona	.2694	.2783	.2783	.2783	.2783	.2783
Switzerland	franc	.2447	.2334	.2337	.2337	.2337	.2337
Turkey	lira	-	-	.3571	.3571	.3571	.3571
Union of South Africa	pound	4.2397	4.0300	4.0300	4.0300	4.0300	4.0300
Venezuela	bolivar	-	.2985	.2985	.2985	.2985	.2985

1 Straits Settlement prior to 1948.

Nominal quotations based on rates available in London or New York and converted into Canadian terms at the midrate for sterling or par for United States dollar. Source: Bank of Canada.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES AND COST OF LIVING IN OTHER COUNTRIES

Description of Index	UNITED STATES		UNITED KINGDOM		SWITZERLAND		AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND	
	Bureau of Labor Statistics		Board of Trade	Ministry of Labour	Federal Labour Department		Commonwealth Statistician		Government Statistician	
	Whole-sale	Consumers' Price Index	Whole-sale	Cost of Living	Whole-sale	Cost of Living	Whole-sale	Cost of Living	Whole-sale	Retail Prices
No. of Commodities	889		200		78		80		168	
Base Period	1926	1935-39	1930	Sept. 1939	July 1914	June 1914	1936-39	1936-39	1926-30	Dec. 1942
1939	77.1	99.4	102.8	102	111.2	138	(a) 101.1	(a) 102.9	107.1	(c) 99.0
1942	98.8	116.5	159.4	129	209.6	193	124.2	117.6	141.6	110.9
1943	103.1	123.6	162.8	128	218.2	203	137.3	126.7	131.3	100.2
1944	104.0	125.5	166.2	130	222.6	207	139.6	127.0	135.8	100.3
1946	121.1	139.3	175.2	131	214.7	208	141.2	127.8	159.0	100.8
1947	152.1	159.2	191.7	-	223.8	217	142.9	130.9	165.4	103.9
1948	164.9	171.2	219.3	108	232.5	224	158.7	139.2	-	110.5
1939 - August	75.0	98.6	98.1	100 (b)	107.4	137	97.9	103.4	108.4	-
1948 - April	162.8	169.3	219.3	108	234.0	223	164.2	-	185.3	-
May	163.9	170.5	220.4	108	233.4	223	165.8	-	186.0	-
June	166.2	171.7	222.2	110	233.1	224	166.4	144.1	186.6	111.0
July	168.7	173.7	221.8	108	232.4	223	169.6	-	187.2	-
August	169.5	174.5	221.1	108	231.0	223	174.3	-	189.0	-
September	168.7	174.5	220.0	108	229.9	223	174.8	147.9	187.2	109.8
October	165.2	173.6	219.8	108	229.7	223	174.5	-	187.1	-
November	164.0	172.2	220.5	109	232.0	226	180.5 (r)	-	-	-
December	162.3	171.4	220.8	109	231.4	225	182.5	151.2	-	110.7
1949 - January	160.6	170.9	221.3	109	230.2	224	183.7	-	-	-
February	158.1	169.0	221.1	109	229.3	223	-	-	-	-
March	158.4	169.5	220.5	109	227.4	222	-	-	-	-
April	156.9	169.7	226.5	109	224.0	221	-	-	-	-

(a) Yearly indexes for period from July of preceding year to June of year specified. (b) New series, June 17, 1947=100, cf. Interim Index of Retail Prices (H.M.S.O. June, 1947). Estimate of increase to June, 1947, placed at 160 on base 1938=100, by R.G.D. Allen in London and Cambridge Economic Service, February, 1948. (c) Old price series on base 1926-30=100. December, 1942, old series was 112.8. (r) Revised.

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

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

Approximately five hundred selected and carefully specified wholesale commodity prices are entered each month. They are obtained directly from buyers or sellers in the majority of cases, and secondary or published sources such as trade journals are consulted only in exceptional cases. Terminal markets, organized produce or livestock exchanges and other established pricing points are consulted in a number of important cases. The price as at the fifteenth of each month is taken for most items, with monthly averages being used to represent the more sensitive commodity markets. These prices are then weighted and combined to give the various groupings shown in the tables. The weighting system is representative of quantities of domestic production marketed or exported, plus imports, with modifications to present duplication at various stages of processing.

A short explanation of the weighting system and the method of treatment of subsidies is available in Wholesale Prices Annual Supplement, 1946, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, 1947.

COST OF LIVING

The Dominion Cost-of-Living Index measures the effect of price changes upon the living costs of urban wage-earner families. Approximately 60,000 prices are obtained, at the first of each month, directly from retail and service outlets or suppliers, covering 150 commodities entering the index. Each commodity price average is weighted in accordance with its importance in the average annual expenditure of the urban wage-earner typical family, as determined by the 1938 survey of Family Income and Expenditure in Canada. The complete weighting system at present in use was published as a supplement to Prices and Price Indexes, (Monthly) in January, 1947. It will be mailed by the Prices Section of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, upon request. Further detail on methods of construction appeared in the Labour Gazette, November, 1946, reprints of which are available upon request. A farm cost-of-living index appears thrice yearly in Prices of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers.

SECURITY PRICES

Price index numbers of industrial, utility, bank and mining common stocks, and preferred stocks are calculated from data received from the Montreal and Toronto exchanges. 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 the 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 100 Common Stocks is an average of the Thursday closing prices. The Preferred Stock Index is a monthly average of daily quotations.

"Prices and Price Indexes, 1944-1947" is now available for the sum of twenty-five cents. It contains an historical record from 1913 to December, 1947 of the major index series shown in this publication.

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