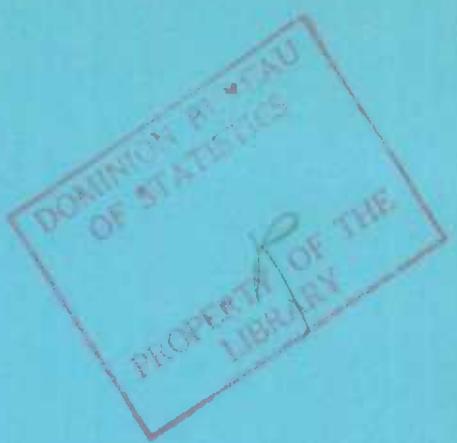


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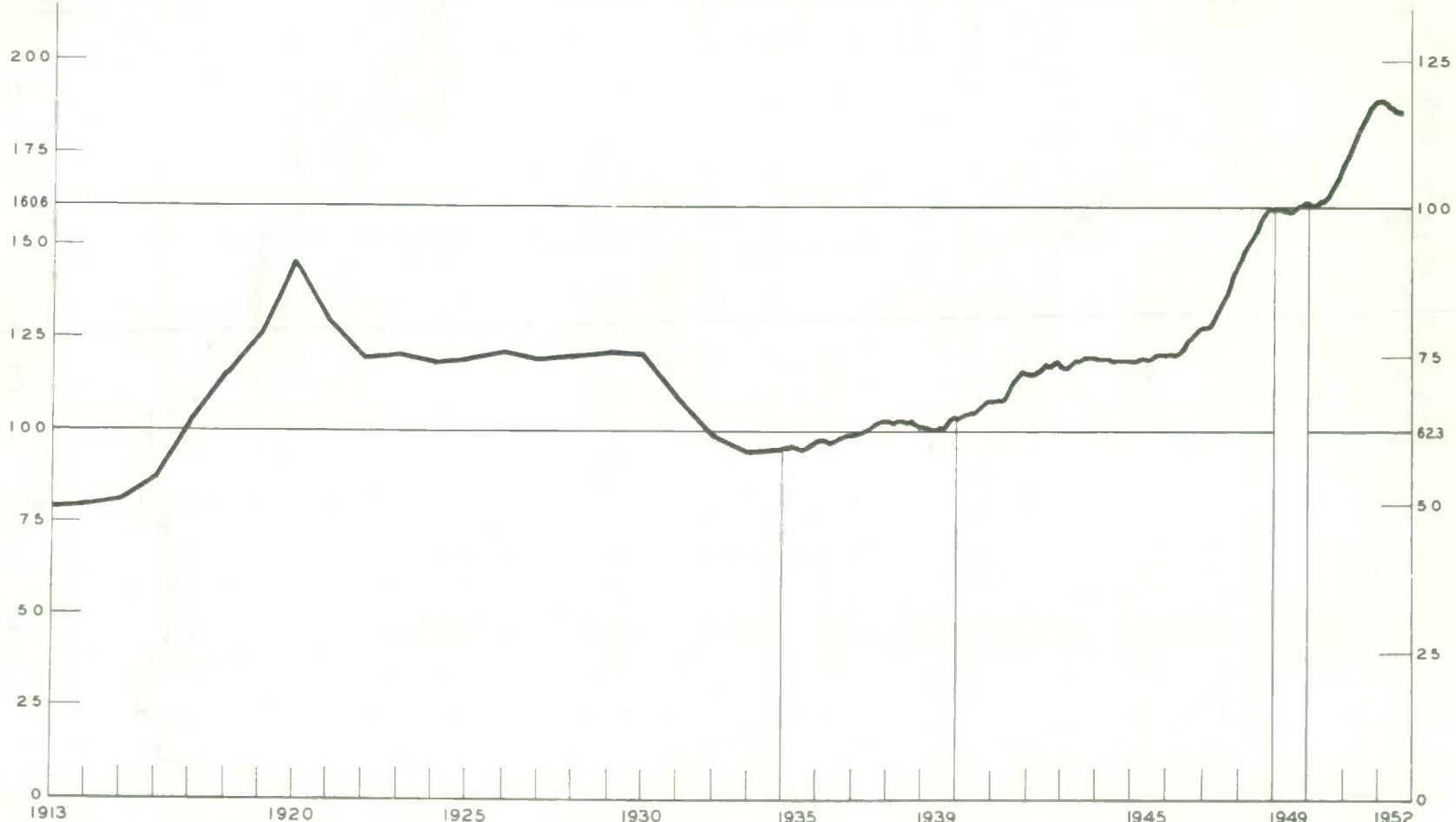
THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX*

ANNUALLY, 1913-1934

MONTHLY, 1935 - OCTOBER 1952

1935-39=100

1949=100



* THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX PRIOR TO JANUARY 1949 IS THE COST-OF-LIVING INDEX INCLUSIVE OF ALL TOBACCO TAXES, LINKED TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

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**THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
AND
THE COST-OF-LIVING INDEX**
JANUARY 1949 – OCTOBER 1952
1949 = 100

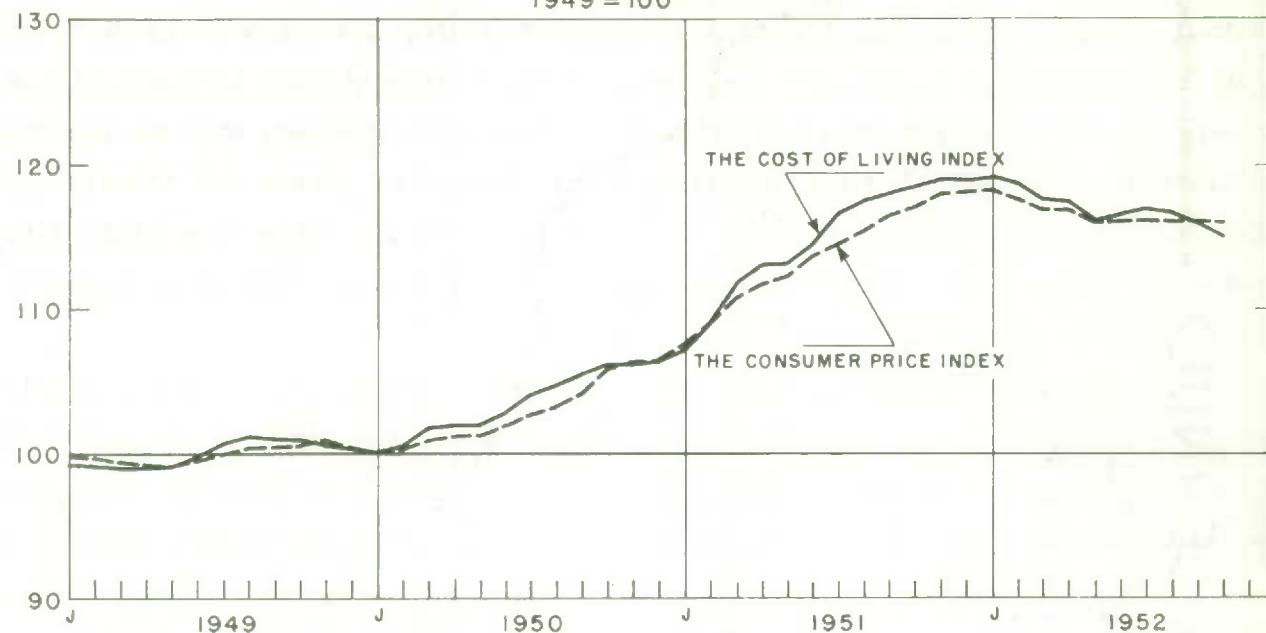
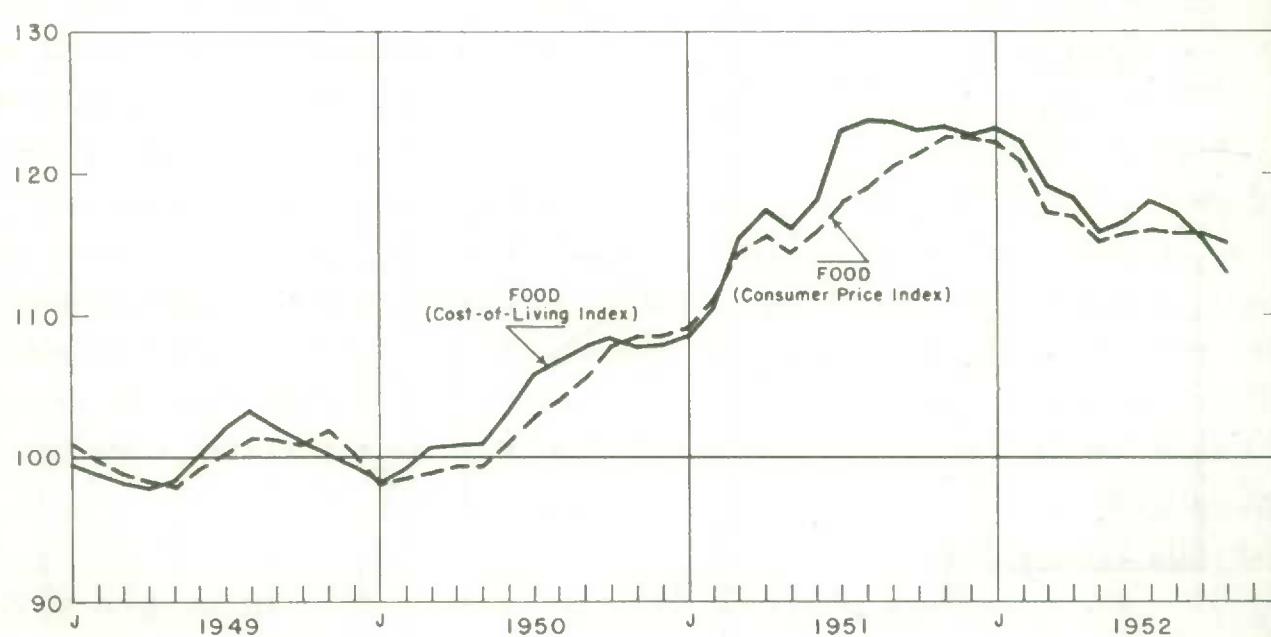


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FOOD INDEXES
THE FOOD INDEX COMPONENT OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND THE COST-OF-LIVING
INDEX, JANUARY 1949 – OCTOBER 1952
1949 = 100



Report Content

Commencing with this issue it is planned to include comments on price index behaviour as a regular feature of "Prices and Price Indexes". This marks a return to textual material which was discontinued during the war, and which it is felt would again be of interest to subscribers. Some of the text contained in the bulletin "Price Movements", in which the Consumer Price Index is first released, will be repeated, and additional analysis will be presented as the behaviour of prices and indexes appears to warrant. It is also planned to use this space from time to time to explain various features, such as the construction, limitation and uses, of price index numbers contained in this bulletin.

September "Prices and Price Indexes" contained tables comparing movements of the Cost-of-Living Index and the Consumer Price Index, and provided an historical record of the latter series on both the 1949 and 1935-39 base periods. Those are not repeated in this issue. Instead, Table 8, "The Consumer Price Index", will be shown each month. Table 9, which provides the total and main components of the Cost-of-Living Index will be continued for several months. As was previously announced, the Cost-of-Living Index will be published for six months beyond the commencement of regular monthly publication of the Consumer Price Index which began in November. Thus, the last Cost-of-Living Index to be published will be the index for March 2, 1953, to be released early in April.

The present report also contains additional tables not previously included, and others have been revised. Table 10 marks the first publication of index components of the Consumer Price Index below the level of group indexes. This table will be continued, as will Table 13, which provides a record of the series, Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers. The latter series is calculated three times a year and published separately. However, its inclusion in this bulletin consolidates into one publication all price indexes compiled by the Prices Section of the Bureau. Table 11, "Price Relatives For Specified Foods Included in the Consumer Price Index", has been modified by the addition of items contained in the Consumer Price Index and not in the Cost-of-Living Index, and the dropping of other items where the reverse situation exists. The series provided in this table has been placed on the base 1949 = 100.

Wholesale Price Indexes

The general wholesale price index declined a further 0.5 per cent to 221.0 between September and October. With one exception (June, 1952) this marked the fifteenth consecutive month of lower levels for this index. Seven of the eight major

groups moved down between September and October. A decrease in animal products of 2.3 per cent to 233.1 reflected further weakness in livestock prices as well as fresh and cured meats. These outweighed firmness for milk and its products, eggs and footwear. Further decreases for lead and zinc accounted for a drop of 1.1 per cent to 168.1 for non-ferrous metals. Other group changes were relatively small. Iron and its products, moving against the trend, advanced 1.3 per cent to 221.1 reflecting advances in rolling mill products, pig iron and wire.

Canadian farm product prices at terminal markets declined from 225.5 to 221.3 between September and October following lower prices for both field and animal products. Lower livestock prices outweighed increases for eggs, butterfat, and fluid milk to reduce the animal products series 2.3 per cent to 263.0. Field products declined 1.2 per cent to 179.7 reflecting seasonally lower prices for potatoes.

Residential building material prices have fallen slowly over the past twelve months from 290.8 in October 1951 to 284.3 for October of this year. Most of the drop has been in relatively few groups, notably lumber, paint and glass, electrical equipment, and plumbing and heating. In contrast, brick, tile and stone, lath plaster and insulation materials, cement, sand and gravel and miscellaneous building materials have moved somewhat higher. Between September and October the composite index declined from 284.6 to 284.3 due to further weakness in lumber.

The Consumer Price Index

The October 1 index of 116.0, down 0.1 points from 116.1 at September 2, marked the sixth month of a plateau during which the index moved between 115.9 and 116.1. Between May 1 and October 1, food and clothing prices moved down, but their lower levels were counterbalanced by higher indexes for shelter and other commodities and services.

Reverse movements were in evidence between September 2 and October 1, as over the past six months, both within the major components and between group indexes. The decline of 0.1 points followed decreases in food and clothing which outweighed increases in the other group indexes. A decrease of 0.6 per cent in the food index was the result of substantial declines in the price of meat and potatoes which were partially offset by increases among other foods, notably fruits and vegetables. The price decreases of the above mentioned foods were also partially offset by reflection in the index of normal seasonal increases in their consumption. This factor of varying seasonal weights for a large proportion of the total food weight is one of the more important differences between the Consumer Price Index and the Cost-of-Living Index, and accounts for a substantial part of the differences in their behaviour.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE MOVEMENTS

TABLE 1. - WHOLESALE PRICES (1935-1939 = 100)

Note: 1952 Wholesale Price Indexes appearing in this bulletin are subject to revision.

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
			Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.
	1950	1951	1952	1952	1950	1951	1952
GENERAL INDEX							
Vegetable Products	206.9	218.8	204.1	203.9	- 1.4	- 6.8	- 0.1
Animal Products	260.8	294.8	238.6	233.1	- 10.6	- 20.9	- 2.3
Textile Products	277.2	269.0	246.6	245.6	- 11.4	- 8.7	- 0.4
Wood Products	263.3	301.7	292.2	290.8	+ 10.4	- 3.6	- 0.5
Iron Products	190.2	215.7	218.2	221.1	+ 16.2	+ 2.5	+ 1.3
Non-ferrous Metals	168.8	184.8	170.0	168.1	- 0.4	- 9.0	- 1.1
Non-metallic Minerals	165.1	171.0	173.7	173.4	+ 5.0	+ 1.4	- 0.2
Chemical Products	169.9	190.3	177.2	175.9	+ 3.5	- 7.6	- 0.7
FARM PRODUCTS							
Field	187.8	188.1	181.9	179.7	- 4.3	- 4.5	- 1.2
Animal	286.8	330.4	269.1	263.0	- 8.3	- 20.4	- 2.3

WHOLESALE PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED COMMODITIESBETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1952

	<u>INCREASES</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>	
	p.c.	p.c.	
Cocoanut oil	23.0	Lambs, Winnipeg	17.3
Milk, Saskatoon	14.6	Beef carcass, good steer, Montreal	15.4
Lard, Montreal	14.3	Spruce scantling (export)	13.7
Lambskins, pickled	14.3	Linen thread	13.6
Milk, Halifax	13.7	Tartaric acid	12.5
Eggs, Grade A large, Toronto	13.1	Bananas, Montreal	10.7
Potatoes, Charlottetown	10.4	Steers, good, Winnipeg	10.2
Prunes, 40's - 50's	9.7	Zinc, sheet	10.0
Potatoes, Winnipeg	8.5	Lead, domestic	9.5
Jute bags	7.9	Litharge	9.1
Raw wool, New Zealand	6.8	Corn, Ontario yellow	8.8
Wire, galvanized, No. 9	5.3	Potatoes, Saint John	8.2
Butter, Regina	5.0	Cotton yarns, 30's	7.9
Printed percale	4.5	Alcohol, cologne spirits	7.9
Structural steel bars	3.9	Evaporated milk	7.6

TABLE 2. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1949 = 100)

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	Oct.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.
	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
<u>Total Index</u>	105.9	117.1	116.1	116.0	+ 9.5	- 0.9	- 0.1
Food	107.6	121.3	115.8	115.1	+ 7.0	- 5.1	- 0.6
Shelter	109.0	117.2	121.2	121.5	+ 11.5	+ 3.7	+ 0.2
Clothing	100.6	114.1	110.9	109.9	+ 9.2	- 3.7	- 0.9
Household Operation	104.6	115.8	116.0	116.2	+ 11.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
Other Commodities and Services	105.2	114.1	115.8	116.4	+ 10.6	+ 2.0	+ 0.5

RETAIL PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED ITEMS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 1952

	<u>INCREASES</u>				<u>DECREASES</u>		
	p.c.				p.c.		
Lettuce	38.0		Potatoes			17.5	
Oranges	8.1		Onions			14.7	
Tomatoes, fresh	8.1		Cabbage			13.3	
Street car fares	6.5		Lamb, leg roast			11.0	
Ice	4.8		Round Steak			8.4	
Grapefruit	3.2		Turnips			8.3	
Pork Loin	2.6		Sirloin Steak			8.2	
Antiseptic liquid	2.2		Girl's Winter Coat			7.4	
Eggs	2.0		Canned Tomatoes			6.6	
Radio	1.5		Fur Coat			6.4	

TABLE 3. - SECURITY PRICE INDEXES (1935-39 = 100)

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	Oct.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.
	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
<u>Total Investors' Index</u>	145.4	183.3	171.6	163.6	+ 12.5	- 10.7	- 4.7
<u>Total Industrials</u>	143.7	189.5	174.3	164.9	+ 14.8	- 13.0	- 5.4
Machinery & Equipment	358.0	462.5	434.7	407.5	+ 13.8	- 11.9	- 6.3
Pulp & Paper	431.1	595.5	499.1	471.9	+ 9.5	- 20.8	- 5.4
Milling	91.7	122.6	145.4	143.4	+ 56.4	+ 17.0	- 1.4
Oils	106.5	162.6	146.6	138.1	+ 29.7	- 15.1	- 5.8
Textiles & Clothing	290.7	346.3	286.8	271.9	- 6.5	- 21.5	- 5.2
Foods	123.4	114.2	109.7	110.2	- 10.7	- 3.5	+ 0.5
Beverages	428.0	445.9	363.8	350.4	- 18.1	- 21.4	- 3.7
Building Materials	212.5	305.8	290.7	277.5	+ 30.6	- 9.3	- 4.5
Industrial Mines	108.2	141.0	141.2	132.2	+ 22.2	- 6.2	- 6.4
<u>Total Utilities</u>	138.6	174.0	166.5	162.1	+ 17.0	- 6.8	- 2.6
Transportation	230.1	378.4	367.4	346.8	+ 50.7	- 8.4	- 5.6
Telephone & Telegraph	102.6	99.2	95.0	94.8	- 7.6	- 4.4	- 0.2
Power & Traction	129.0	149.1	139.6	138.1	+ 7.1	- 7.4	- 1.1
Banks	153.4	141.5	155.2	153.7	+ 0.2	+ 8.6	- 1.0
<u>Mining Stocks</u>							
General Index	91.7	107.5	106.6	99.1	+ 8.1	- 7.8	- 7.0
Golds	64.0	75.3	74.4	69.5	+ 8.6	- 7.7	- 6.6
Base Metals	147.6	181.2	180.2	166.9	+ 13.1	- 7.9	- 7.4

TABLE 4. - PRINCIPAL WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX GROUPS
(1935-39 = 100)

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Date	General	General	Raw and	Fully	Indust-	Canadian Farm		
	Whole- sale Price Index	Building Mate- rials	Partly Manu- factured	Chiefly and Manu- factured	Mate- rials	Field	Animal	Total
	(1)							
1913	83.4	76.2	85.1	86.2	-	-	-	-
1920	203.2	163.8	194.7	208.2	-	-	-	-
1926	130.3	113.8	129.1	133.0	-	158.5	130.2	144.4
1929	124.6	112.6	126.1	123.7	-	137.2	144.4	140.8
1933	87.4	89.1	79.3	93.3	-	69.3	69.2	69.3
1938	102.0	101.4	99.4	103.5	95.8	100.9	104.8	102.9
1939	99.2	102.0	94.9	101.9	99.0	83.7	101.5	92.6
1940	108.0	108.8	103.1	109.9	113.3	85.4	106.7	96.1
1941	116.4	122.1	114.4	118.8	125.2	88.9	124.4	106.6
1942	123.0	131.1	123.0	123.7	135.1	109.7	144.6	127.1
1943	127.9	137.9	131.1	126.9	140.0	129.0	161.8	145.4
1944	130.6	144.8	134.4	129.1	143.1	144.5	166.1	155.3
1945	132.1	144.8	136.2	129.8	143.2	162.5	170.2	166.4
1946	138.9	153.4	140.1	138.0	148.6	177.9	181.2	179.5
1947	163.3	189.3	164.3	162.4	187.0	184.1	200.2	192.2
1948	193.4	222.6	196.3	192.4	222.7	200.6	263.7	232.1
1949	198.3	229.2	197.1	199.2	218.0	191.9	265.4	228.7
1950	211.2	249.9	212.8	211.0	244.6	191.9	281.4	236.7
1951	240.2	289.8	237.9	242.4	296.1	193.4	336.9	265.1
1951 Apr.	242.4	293.9	239.2	244.8	307.0	199.2	331.6	265.4
May	241.9	294.0	239.3	244.3	306.1	194.6	336.1	265.3
June	243.0	290.2	244.0	243.6	304.0	192.0	353.1	272.6
July	243.7	289.8	242.5	245.6	297.0	195.4	358.9	277.1
Aug.	241.4	290.4	237.1	245.0	287.4	178.3	348.3	263.3
Sept.	240.0	291.1	235.7	243.7	285.8	181.7	339.2	260.5
Oct.	239.6	291.4	236.3	242.7	289.4	188.1	330.4	259.3
Nov.	239.1	289.3	237.1	241.5	287.5	201.4	328.5	264.9
Dec.	237.7	289.5	236.0	239.8	284.6	204.4	328.9	266.7
1952 Jan.	236.8	289.3	233.3	239.7	281.4	208.0	318.2	263.1
Feb.	232.6	289.6	227.8	236.2	270.7	205.1	297.3	251.2
Mar.	230.8	288.1	225.5	234.6	265.1	213.3	283.3	248.3
Apr.	226.9	286.2	221.3	230.7	258.4	217.1	273.7	245.4
May	224.8	286.9	220.2	228.1	251.0	223.2	265.4	244.3
June	226.5	286.7	220.6	230.6	248.5	227.6	271.4	249.5
July	225.5	287.5	218.5	230.0	248.0	213.3	275.3	244.3
Aug.	223.9	288.4	216.3	228.8	244.7	195.3	277.2	236.2
Sept.	222.1	288.3	212.5	228.0	241.0	181.9	269.1	225.5
Oct.	221.0	289.4	209.9	227.7	239.7	179.7	263.0	221.3

(1) 1926=100 arithmetically converted to 1935-39=100.

(2) Please see note Page 30

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL
(1935-39=100)

Date	- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS -										
	General Whole- sale Index	Total	Live								
		Vege- table Products	Milled Grains	Cereal Foods	Stock and Poultry	Bakery Pro- ducts	Fruits, Fresh	Fruits, Dried	Fruits, Canned		
					Feeds						
1951 Average ..	240.2	218.6	217.3	201.0	235.3	172.8	170.8	197.7	159.7		
1951 July	243.7	216.1	213.3	199.3	231.0	174.8	150.4	203.2	158.4		
Aug.	241.4	215.9	215.1	201.3	236.6	174.8	167.6	206.8	159.3		
Sept.	240.0	217.1	217.6	202.0	245.5	174.8	174.3	202.0	159.9		
Oct.	239.6	218.8	220.6	202.9	245.5	176.4	171.3	202.0	161.0		
Nov.	239.1	220.9	223.3	203.7	262.8	176.4	167.1	199.5	161.0		
Dec.	237.7	221.0	219.7	202.9	277.1	176.4	171.6	199.5	161.0		
1952 Jan.	236.8	220.2	216.7	199.8	273.7	177.0	176.9	198.1	160.8		
Feb.	232.6	218.2	213.5	198.1	274.1	177.0	165.6	197.9	157.7		
Mar.	230.8	218.2	212.4	198.2	262.8	177.0	170.0	196.3	157.7		
Apr.	226.9	214.0	207.8	195.3	262.8	177.0	163.9	191.5	157.7		
May	224.8	212.4	206.1	193.9	251.5	177.0	150.7	192.7	144.5		
June	226.5	212.2	205.9	193.8	240.2	177.0	153.1	170.4	144.5		
July	225.5	208.1	201.2	195.3	221.3	177.0	163.2	170.5	140.2		
Aug.	223.9	206.4	201.7	195.9	228.9	177.0	158.0	170.5	140.2		
Sept.	222.1	204.1	202.5	196.1	228.9	177.0	162.7	170.8	140.2		
Oct.	221.0	203.9	202.4	194.7	221.3	177.0	165.5	174.7	140.2		

Date	- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS - Concluded							
	Vege- table Oils and Pro- ducts	Rubber	Sugar	Tea, Coffee	Pota- toes	Onions	Canned Veg- e- tables	Raw Leaf To- bacco
		and Its Pro- ducts	and Its Pro- ducts	and Cocoa				
1951 Average ..	383.7	236.7	212.3	360.3	194.1	182.1	166.9	182.0
1951 July	343.7	230.1	230.6	353.2	187.7	216.9	156.6	181.4
Aug.	345.1	230.1	214.5	357.8	175.8	172.0	163.9	181.4
Sept.	341.4	232.2	211.6	353.0	192.0	228.8	168.0	181.4
Oct.	347.3	231.9	211.3	347.8	234.3	220.2	173.1	181.4
Nov.	327.6	230.3	204.8	337.2	348.6	282.8	200.9	181.8
Dec.	324.4	228.0	203.7	346.0	374.3	322.1	200.9	181.8
1952 Jan.	316.7	226.5	203.7	346.1	407.7	363.8	200.9	181.8
Feb.	302.6	222.3	200.7	358.5	395.1	411.3	200.9	180.6
Mar.	281.8	220.0	197.2	362.6	474.7	495.1	200.9	180.6
Apr.	274.8	202.9	186.1	355.9	523.0	507.2	200.9	180.6
May	253.2	199.7	180.6	359.4	588.4	507.2	200.9	180.6
June	271.3	193.5	180.2	355.3	628.9	507.2	200.9	180.2
July	271.8	189.1	180.3	358.3	526.7	330.7	200.9	180.2
Aug.	260.7	192.2	175.1	346.7	472.1	316.9	206.8	180.2
Sept.	266.9	189.9	175.1	341.9	341.6	269.5	206.8	180.2
Oct.	283.7	189.2	173.3	345.2	327.8	238.2	204.7	180.2

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL. - Continued
(1935=39=100)

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -								
Date	Total Animal Products	Fishery Products	Raw Furs	Hides and Skins	Leather, Unmanufactured	Boots and Shoes	Live-stock	Steers
1951 Average	297.7	283.7	128.0	313.4	297.6	216.5	407.8	545.6
1951 July	312.7	286.6	128.6	312.7	312.6	223.4	438.6	565.4
Aug.	305.4	281.4	128.6	256.5	298.8	223.7	422.6	555.0
Sept.	300.9	281.9	115.8	257.2	274.3	222.8	410.3	557.1
Oct.	294.8	280.9	115.8	274.6	274.3	218.8	397.5	557.2
Nov.	289.4	284.4	115.8	208.2	245.0	216.3	393.8	556.5
Dec.	285.8	290.4	115.8	201.7	234.1	209.3	397.5	565.2
1952 Jan.	282.2	301.4	115.8	191.1	230.7	209.6	383.1	537.0
Feb.	264.8	299.6	110.0	144.9	212.0	209.1	347.4	475.2
Mar.	259.1	305.1	104.8	130.9	205.6	207.5	323.0	423.9
Apr.	248.4	295.1	104.8	114.5	199.2	207.1	310.0	404.6
May	242.1	286.1	105.6	133.4	200.8	199.5	307.0	402.3
June	245.7	284.9	105.8	126.3	204.9	199.5	313.9	424.3
July	247.1	273.1	108.1	133.8	204.9	199.5	317.4	434.9
Aug.	244.9	272.1	108.1	136.6	205.0	199.5	316.5	431.9
Sept.	238.6	258.4	104.9	138.9	206.9	199.5	303.0	400.5
Oct.	233.1	257.1	104.9	139.6	210.3	202.7	285.2	361.9

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded								
	Meats, Fresh	Beef and Veal Carcass	Meats, Fowl, Cured Dressed	Milk and Its Products	Butter	Oils and Fats	Eggs	
1951 Average	423.1	521.2	223.1	262.0	235.8	246.5	199.6	217.0
1951 July	453.4	548.4	234.0	295.2	235.6	245.8	180.2	255.4
Aug.	438.8	530.9	239.7	271.1	235.7	245.9	181.7	253.7
Sept.	435.5	535.5	249.7	234.9	234.5	246.2	190.4	253.5
Oct.	421.9	526.5	238.5	222.9	235.3	245.8	198.1	243.2
Nov.	413.2	519.7	226.7	210.8	240.9	252.6	165.9	229.1
Dec.	420.2	528.6	190.9	228.9	244.8	257.2	149.4	176.2
1952 Jan.	416.4	527.6	194.2	216.9	247.1	260.6	140.0	153.2
Feb.	374.8	468.2	179.6	204.8	246.3	258.8	115.0	151.0
Mar.	378.4	473.4	182.1	210.8	244.1	255.8	100.0	146.5
Apr.	357.4	439.6	174.3	186.7	234.9	245.0	93.3	141.2
May	345.3	421.4	163.9	198.8	224.9	223.8	91.2	139.9
June	353.3	431.1	169.8	192.8	223.0	221.2	105.6	161.0
July	353.8	432.1	170.9	186.7	223.4	221.0	100.2	188.8
Aug.	340.7	412.5	166.4	186.7	224.2	222.0	90.6	193.1
Sept.	319.3	385.3	167.4	177.7	225.5	225.8	94.5	194.5
Oct.	291.5	342.3	162.8	180.7	230.5	235.9	101.7	211.0

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued
(1935-39=100)

- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS -									
Date	Total Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	Raw Cotton	Cotton Yarn	Cotton Fabrics	Cotton Knit Goods	Miscel- laneous Fibre Products	Silk and Nylon	Rayon Fabrics	
1951 Average.	295.9	377.9	299.4	269.6	252.0	361.3	160.1	203.2	
1951 July ...	293.5	408.0	304.8	275.8	253.4	368.0	163.3	203.7	
Aug. ...	282.4	334.2	304.8	275.8	253.4	356.4	163.3	199.4	
Sept. ...	269.6	316.2	293.0	266.3	250.2	373.4	163.3	199.4	
Oct. ...	269.0	327.1	289.1	257.2	249.0	373.4	163.3	199.4	
Nov. ...	270.6	362.1	289.1	257.2	249.0	372.5	163.3	210.1	
Dec. ...	268.8	367.3	289.1	257.2	249.0	372.5	169.5	210.1	
1952 Jan. ...	266.4	354.7	289.1	257.2	252.1	368.1	169.5	210.1	
Feb. ...	260.4	344.7	289.1	257.2	252.1	359.2	169.5	210.1	
Mar. ...	255.7	344.3	285.6	257.2	245.8	335.1	169.5	193.0	
Apr. ...	253.9	340.4	285.6	257.2	245.8	335.1	169.5	182.2	
May	251.8	327.5	285.6	256.2	236.8	305.5	169.5	177.3	
June ...	252.8	340.7	285.6	256.2	236.8	307.4	169.5	177.3	
July ...	252.6	334.3	285.6	256.2	236.8	307.4	169.5	177.3	
Aug. ...	248.9	335.9	280.6	250.3	236.8	299.6	169.5	177.3	
Sept. ...	246.6	320.6	280.6	250.3	236.8	295.9	169.5	177.3	
Oct. ...	245.6	301.8	269.7	251.0	236.8	301.7	169.5	177.3	

- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS - Concluded

					Hosiery			
	Rayon Yarns	Raw Wool Do- mestic	Raw Wool Im- ported	Yarns, Worsted	and Knit Goods, Chiefly Wool	Wool Blan- kets	Wool Cloth	Carpets
1951 Average.	190.5	485.8	395.8	309.0	279.0	345.7	364.5	256.7
1951 July ...	195.8	470.0	355.0	228.9	286.6	403.8	337.1	285.6
Aug. ...	195.8	390.2	272.1	233.3	286.6	403.8	328.0	238.0
Sept. ...	195.8	310.0	217.0	208.3	286.6	318.8	292.2	238.0
Oct. ...	195.8	310.0	285.8	233.7	286.0	318.8	280.0	238.0
Nov. ...	195.8	313.2	256.3	214.7	286.0	318.8	283.7	238.0
Dec. ...	195.8	304.5	250.9	199.6	271.3	318.8	283.5	238.0
1952 Jan. ...	195.8	295.2	239.3	198.7	271.2	293.8	285.4	238.0
Feb. ...	176.9	277.7	225.9	199.3	271.2	268.8	264.2	226.1
Mar. ...	176.9	271.6	190.4	186.8	271.2	268.8	258.2	226.1
Apr. ...	176.9	214.2	173.8	183.6	271.2	268.8	255.9	226.1
May	176.9	237.3	210.8	196.1	267.9	268.8	255.9	226.1
June ...	176.9	250.8	214.4	203.8	266.3	252.5	255.9	226.1
July ...	176.9	260.3	230.0	203.2	266.3	252.5	255.9	225.1
Aug. ...	176.9	252.9	228.3	203.2	255.4	252.5	251.9	225.1
Sept. ...	176.9	237.3	209.2	197.1	255.4	252.5	251.9	224.9
Oct. ...	176.9	233.0	219.1	201.3	255.4	252.5	252.4	224.9

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued
(1935=39=100)

- WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER -												
Date	Total Wood Products	Lumber and Timber	Spruce	Hard-woods	Hem-lock	Fir	Cedar	Wood-pulp	News-print	Wrapping Paper No. 1	Kraft	
1951 Average	295.5	457.3	389.7	373.4	400.6	571.2	490.0	249.7	267.6	208.1		
1951 July	303.7	458.1	395.5	387.6	398.2	576.8	466.1	257.3	283.8	215.9		
Aug.	302.9	456.4	392.4	387.6	415.3	576.8	450.7	255.7	282.3	215.9		
Sept.	302.4	457.4	392.4	387.6	415.3	576.8	457.0	255.6	280.7	215.9		
Oct.	301.7	456.1	392.4	387.6	415.3	576.8	448.8	255.0	279.9	215.9		
Nov.	299.0	449.5	390.7	387.6	409.6	570.0	426.5	253.2	277.8	215.9		
Dec.	295.2	445.4	390.7	387.6	409.6	570.0	399.9	248.2	272.6	215.9		
1952 Jan.	294.6	451.1	422.9	370.1	409.6	570.0	395.7	244.0	268.8	215.9		
Feb.	294.1	452.8	421.3	370.1	409.6	570.0	408.4	242.6	267.2	215.9		
Mar.	291.9	448.3	421.3	370.1	409.6	559.6	402.7	239.9	265.3	215.9		
Apr.	287.1	441.9	421.3	370.1	409.6	545.3	393.2	236.7	262.4	215.9		
May	286.2	439.1	427.8	344.2	409.6	531.0	386.8	237.5	261.6	215.9		
June	295.9	438.8	428.0	344.2	409.6	531.0	384.3	235.7	285.3	215.9		
July	293.5	439.8	428.0	344.2	409.6	531.0	391.0	221.6	283.1	215.9		
Aug.	292.3	441.7	428.0	344.2	409.6	531.0	403.1	218.6	280.2	215.9		
Sept.	292.2	441.4	428.0	344.2	409.6	531.0	401.7	218.4	280.0	215.9		
Oct.	290.8	435.6	404.1	344.2	403.9	531.0	403.1	212.6	281.9	215.9		
- IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS -												
Total Iron Products	Pig Iron	Rolling Mill Products	Pipe and Tubing	Hard-ware	Wire	Scrap Iron and Steel	Tin Plate and Galvanized Sheet					
1951 Average	208.7	245.2	192.3	236.4	209.0	227.4	304.2	205.7				
1951 July	210.8	255.6	194.5	237.6	208.7	225.6	314.3	208.7				
Aug.	212.0	255.6	197.3	237.6	209.6	225.6	314.3	208.7				
Sept.	214.5	255.6	198.2	246.0	215.0	234.9	317.0	208.7				
Oct.	215.7	255.6	200.4	246.0	217.2	234.9	317.0	208.7				
Nov.	216.8	255.6	202.2	246.0	217.2	234.9	317.0	210.2				
Dec.	216.8	255.6	202.2	246.0	217.2	234.9	317.0	210.2				
1952 Jan.	218.6	255.6	202.2	246.0	217.9	234.9	317.0	220.5				
Feb.	218.1	255.6	202.2	246.0	217.9	234.9	318.2	220.5				
Mar.	218.2	255.6	202.2	246.0	217.9	234.9	318.2	220.5				
Apr.	218.7	255.6	202.2	246.0	217.9	234.9	318.2	224.4				
May	218.3	255.6	202.2	246.0	217.9	234.9	318.2	224.4				
June	218.2	255.6	202.2	246.0	217.9	234.9	315.9	224.4				
July	218.2	255.6	202.2	246.0	217.9	234.9	315.9	224.4				
Aug.	218.2	255.6	202.2	246.0	217.9	234.9	315.9	224.4				
Sept.	218.2	255.6	202.2	246.0	217.9	234.9	315.9	224.4				
Oct.	221.1	260.1	209.1	246.0	217.9	238.3	315.9	224.4				

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued
(1935-39=100)

- NON-FERROUS METALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -										Combined Index
	Total	Copper Lead				Zinc			Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals (2)	
	Non-Ferrous Metals	Anti-mony	and Its Pro-ducts	and Its Pro-ducts	Silver	Tin	Its Pro-ducts	Solder		
(1)	(1)									
1951	Average	180.6	401.3	261.6	381.5	243.0	270.9	429.6	293.8	222.4
1951	July	184.2	437.2	275.5	376.8	247.0	220.5	423.5	258.0	226.0
	Aug.	183.4	399.3	274.5	374.2	245.7	215.1	421.2	242.0	226.2
	Sept.	183.6	392.5	274.7	374.2	245.7	230.4	421.7	258.0	227.9
	Oct.	184.8	392.5	273.7	392.6	239.3	244.8	443.0	258.0	229.7
	Nov.	185.7	371.8	271.9	406.5	237.2	242.2	459.7	258.0	231.2
	Dec.	183.8	371.8	268.1	406.5	233.1	223.3	459.7	258.0	230.4
1952	Jan.	180.9	371.8	263.2	406.5	228.4	231.9	459.7	242.7	230.0
	Feb.	179.7	351.1	262.0	396.2	227.4	237.0	449.4	258.6	228.9
	Mar.	179.1	320.2	260.8	395.7	226.4	234.5	449.0	258.6	228.7
	Apr.	176.0	309.8	257.1	389.3	223.0	227.4	442.3	242.0	227.2
	May	173.1	261.6	257.7	325.3	217.1	227.0	443.1	240.4	224.6
	June	171.5	234.1	270.1	313.6	209.3	225.9	366.1	240.4	223.4
	July	172.5	216.9	278.6	325.3	214.2	225.5	344.5	240.4	224.6
	Aug.	170.2	216.9	278.6	321.6	207.0	219.0	325.4	229.3	223.2
	Sept.	170.0	206.6	278.6	321.2	206.2	222.4	322.9	229.3	223.0
	Oct.	168.1	206.6	278.4	286.4	207.5	222.3	308.5	229.3	223.1

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -								Window Glass	
	Total	Clay and Allied Material Products	Pottery	Coal	Coal Tar	Coke	Manufactured Gas		
	Non-Metallic Products								
1951	Average	169.8	190.1	146.8	172.4	207.1	222.2	120.2	194.0
1951	July	169.5	189.6	146.8	172.1	209.6	224.1	120.5	197.8
	Aug.	170.7	195.3	146.8	172.3	209.6	224.1	120.5	197.8
	Sept.	170.8	195.3	146.8	172.7	209.6	224.1	120.5	197.8
	Oct.	171.0	195.3	146.8	172.7	213.7	224.1	120.5	197.8
	Nov.	171.0	195.3	146.8	172.7	213.7	224.1	120.5	197.8
	Dec.	171.6	195.3	146.8	173.6	213.7	224.1	120.5	197.8
1952	Jan.	173.8	195.3	146.8	175.2	213.7	224.1	120.5	197.8
	Feb.	174.2	195.3	146.8	176.7	213.7	224.1	120.5	204.6
	Mar.	174.4	204.7	146.8	176.7	213.7	227.3	120.5	204.6
	Apr.	174.3	208.7	146.8	176.8	213.7	227.3	120.5	204.6
	May	174.4	210.0	146.8	175.9	213.7	227.3	138.5	204.6
	June	173.8	210.0	146.8	173.7	213.7	227.3	138.5	204.6
	July	173.9	210.0	146.8	174.6	213.7	227.3	138.5	193.8
	Aug.	173.5	210.0	146.8	174.8	213.7	227.3	138.5	193.8
	Sept.	173.7	210.0	146.8	175.3	213.7	227.3	138.5	193.8
	Oct.	173.4	210.0	146.8	176.2	213.7	227.3	138.5	193.8

(1) Includes Gold.

(2) Excludes Gold.

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued
(1935-39=100)

NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Continued								
Date	Plate Glass	Petroleum Products	Gasoline	Coal Oil	Asphalt	Asphalt Shingles	Salt	Sulphur
1951 Average	162.5	164.6	140.2	125.0	178.8	147.4	263.5	179.9
1951 July	157.6	164.2	141.0	123.6	179.2	150.4	257.2	181.2
Aug.	170.7	166.2	141.3	123.8	180.3	150.4	257.2	180.0
Sept.	170.7	166.3	141.3	123.8	180.3	150.4	257.2	182.7
Oct.	170.7	166.3	141.3	123.8	180.3	150.4	282.4	182.2
Nov.	170.7	166.2	141.3	131.3	180.3	150.4	282.4	180.8
Dec.	170.7	166.2	141.3	131.3	180.3	150.4	282.4	176.9
1952 Jan.	170.7	166.2	141.3	131.3	180.3	150.4	282.4	174.3
Feb.	170.7	165.9	141.3	131.3	182.5	150.4	282.4	173.2
Mar.	170.7	165.0	141.3	131.3	182.5	150.4	282.4	172.0
Apr.	170.7	164.9	141.3	131.3	182.5	150.4	282.4	169.9
May	170.7	162.5	137.4	128.9	180.7	150.4	282.4	177.3
June	170.7	162.5	137.4	128.9	180.7	150.4	282.4	176.1
July	170.7	162.4	137.4	128.9	180.7	150.4	282.4	174.5
Aug.	170.7	160.8	137.4	128.9	180.7	150.4	282.4	172.7
Sept.	170.7	160.8	137.4	128.9	180.7	150.4	282.4	172.6
Oct.	170.7	159.4	134.9	126.9	180.7	150.4	282.4	173.7

NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded							
	Plaster	Lime	Cement	Sand and Gravel	Crushed Stone	Building Stone	Asbestos and Its Products
1951 Average	124.7	182.0	141.7	137.6	150.6	183.9	234.0
1951 July	124.6	181.3	139.8	137.1	145.5	184.7	233.9
Aug.	125.4	184.7	145.8	137.6	145.5	184.7	234.5
Sept.	125.4	184.7	146.6	134.1	144.4	184.7	234.5
Oct.	125.4	184.7	146.8	134.1	144.4	184.7	234.5
Nov.	125.4	185.0	146.8	134.1	144.4	184.7	234.5
Dec.	125.4	185.0	146.8	143.1	152.6	184.7	234.5
1952 Jan.	125.4	185.0	151.5	145.3	155.1	184.7	267.0
Feb.	125.4	189.9	152.8	145.3	155.1	188.4	267.0
Mar.	126.2	189.9	152.8	145.3	155.1	188.4	267.0
Apr.	126.7	191.7	152.8	141.2	153.3	188.4	267.1
May	126.7	191.7	152.8	141.2	155.7	188.4	267.1
June	126.7	191.7	152.8	141.2	155.7	188.4	267.1
July	126.7	191.7	153.1	141.2	155.7	188.4	267.1
Aug.	126.7	191.7	156.2	141.2	155.7	188.4	267.1
Sept.	126.7	191.7	157.5	141.2	155.7	188.4	267.1
Oct.	126.7	189.9	157.5	141.2	155.7	188.4	267.1

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Concluded
(1935=39=100)

- CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS -						
Date	Total Chemical Products	Inorganic Chemicals	Organic Chemicals	Coal Tar Products	Dyeing Materials	Tanning Materials
1951 Average	187.3	130.4	263.7	182.7	202.1	219.9
1951 July	190.3	130.1	267.9	187.5	202.1	198.4
Aug.	189.3	131.3	267.9	187.5	202.1	251.1
Sept.	189.7	134.1	267.9	187.5	202.1	251.1
Oct.	190.3	134.4	264.8	187.5	202.1	251.1
Nov.	187.7	134.3	264.8	187.5	202.1	251.1
Dec.	188.0	134.3	261.9	187.5	202.1	250.9
1952 Jan.	188.8	136.0	261.9	187.5	202.1	250.9
Feb.	187.3	137.7	236.1	187.5	202.1	248.5
Mar.	184.7	137.6	202.9	187.5	202.1	248.5
Apr.	181.8	137.0	202.9	187.5	202.1	248.5
May	180.8	136.7	202.5	187.5	202.1	248.5
June	177.9	136.7	200.7	187.5	172.3	248.5
July	177.2	136.6	200.7	187.5	172.3	248.5
Aug.	177.0	136.6	200.3	187.5	172.3	248.5
Sept.	177.2	136.6	200.3	187.5	172.3	248.5
Oct.	175.9	136.9	195.9	187.5	172.3	248.5

- CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS - Concluded						
	Ex-plosives	Paint Prepared	Drugs and Pharmaceuticals	Fertil-izer Materials	Indus-trial Gases	Soap
1951 Average	134.5	182.2	201.2	163.1	125.0	215.8
1951 July	134.5	184.2	206.2	164.2	129.3	227.8
Aug.	134.5	184.2	207.9	168.4	127.7	210.5
Sept.	134.5	184.2	207.9	168.4	125.5	210.5
Oct.	134.5	184.2	207.9	168.4	124.5	210.5
Nov.	134.5	184.2	207.9	168.4	124.0	191.1
Dec.	134.5	184.2	207.2	173.7	124.3	191.1
1952 Jan.	134.5	184.2	207.2	178.5	124.3	191.1
Feb.	142.0	184.2	207.2	178.5	125.4	191.1
Mar.	139.5	184.2	207.2	178.5	126.0	191.1
Apr.	139.5	189.1	186.5	178.5	126.9	191.1
May	139.5	189.1	186.5	178.5	128.5	191.1
June	139.5	189.1	185.2	174.0	127.3	191.1
July	139.5	189.1	181.8	174.0	125.9	191.1
Aug.	139.5	189.1	181.3	174.0	129.0	191.1
Sept.	139.5	189.1	181.8	174.0	131.2	191.1
Oct.	139.5	189.1	177.5	174.0	129.0	191.1

TABLE 7. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES
(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity 1/	Unit	Yearly Average 1951	Oct. 1951	Sept. 1952	Oct. 1952
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern 2/.....	bu.	1.895	1.892	1.728	1.736
OATS, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	.965	.951	.848	.881
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed	bu.	1.340	1.358	1.319	1.380
RYE, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	2.016	1.900	1.726	1.748
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto	bbl.	11.417	11.600	11.300	11.100
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal	cwt.	9.868	10.022	8.312	8.170
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal ...	gal.	2.116	1.890	1.720	1.720
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John	75-lb. bag	1.663	2.106	3.188	2.925
STEERS, Toronto	cwt.	32.856	33.770	24.610	22.320
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included) ..	cwt.	33.084	29.480	25.600	25.600
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers ..	lb.	.369	.352	.180	.180
LEATHER, Packer Bends, No. 1 and 2 ..	lb.	1.105	.990	.740	.740
LEATHER, Box Sides, D, f.o.b. Ontario factory	sq. ft.	.608	.580	.370	.370
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade, Montreal .	lb.	.650	.649	.582	.613
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.662	.778	.653	.726
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 15/16", New York	lb.	.449	.401	.382	.362
COTTON YARNS, 10's white	lb.	.852	.820	.780	.780
WOOL, Raw, Eastern bright, 1/4 blood	lb.	.954	.600	.450	.450
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Canadian Mill (Southern Quebec)	ton	102.451	107.169	107.188	107.922
PIG IRON, Malleable	gr. ton	54.250	55.500	55.500	58.000
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic	cwt.	27.664	28.940	29.500	29.500
LEAD, Domestic	cwt.	18.304	18.840	15.400	13.714
TIN INGOTS	lb.	1.450	1.310	1.185	1.185
ZINC, Domestic, Grade "A", Electrolytic	cwt.	19.902	20.540	14.876	14.259
COAL, United States Anthracite	ton	20.385	20.790	19.600	20.100
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto	gal.	.225	.226	.222	.217
SHINGLES, Asphalt	210-lb. sq.	8.283	8.450	8.450	8.450
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume	ton	22.417	24.000	24.000	24.000

1/ Complete description and basis of quoting available upon request.

2/ Plus six cents carrying charge effective on domestic sales June 15, 1951,
effective on International Wheat Agreement sales, August 1, 1951.

TABLE 8. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES
(1949 = 100)

		Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	House- hold Oper- ation	Other Commod- ities & Services
1950		102.9	102.6	106.2	99.7	102.4	103.1
1951		113.7	117.0	114.4	109.8	113.1	111.5
<u>1949</u>	October 1	100.6	100.8	100.5	99.8	100.6	100.9
	November 1	101.0	101.9	100.5	99.7	100.5	101.0
	December 1	100.5	100.3	101.0	99.7	100.4	101.1
<u>1950</u>	January 2	100.1	98.1	101.1	99.6	100.6	102.0
	February 1	100.2	98.4	101.1	99.5	100.6	102.2
	March 1	100.9	98.8	104.7	98.9	100.8	102.2
	April 1	101.2	99.3	104.9	99.2	101.2	102.2
	May 1	101.2	99.3	105.1	99.1	101.1	102.2
	June 1	101.9	100.9	105.9	99.1	101.5	102.3
	July 3	102.7	102.6	107.4	99.1	101.6	102.4
	August 1	103.3	103.8	107.8	99.3	102.6	102.5
	September 1	104.3	105.4	108.7	99.9	103.4	103.0
	October 2	105.9	107.6	109.0	100.6	104.6	105.2
	November 1	106.4	108.4	109.5	101.0	105.1	105.4
	December 1	106.6	108.4	109.6	101.3	105.5	105.7
<u>1951</u>	January 2	107.7	109.0	110.0	102.6	107.1	107.4
	February 1	109.1	111.0	110.4	105.1	108.6	108.0
	March 1	110.8	114.1	111.5	106.7	110.5	108.3
	April 2	111.7	115.5	111.8	108.5	111.4	108.6
	May 1	112.2	114.3	112.4	109.0	112.7	110.4
	June 1	113.7	115.8	115.2	109.5	113.8	111.8
	July 3	114.6	117.9	115.5	109.7	114.3	112.2
	August 1	115.5	119.0	115.8	110.7	115.1	113.4
	September 1	116.5	120.5	117.2	111.9	115.5	113.6
	October 1	117.1	121.3	117.2	114.1	115.8	114.1
	November 1	117.9	122.5	118.2	114.5	115.9	114.8
	December 1	118.1	122.5	118.2	115.2	116.4	115.0
<u>1952</u>	January 2	118.2	122.4	118.3	114.9	116.4	115.5
	February 1	117.6	120.8	118.3	113.5	116.3	115.8
	March 1	116.9	117.6	119.1	112.9	116.9	116.4
	April 1	116.8	117.2	119.4	112.5	116.8	116.6
	May 1	115.9	115.5	119.6	112.3	116.2	115.6
	June 2	116.0	115.7	120.4	111.8	115.9	115.7
	July 2	116.1	116.0	120.6	111.7	115.9	115.6
	August 1	116.0	115.7	120.6	111.6	115.8	115.8
	September 2	116.1	115.8	121.2	110.9	116.0	115.8
	October 1	116.0	115.1	121.5	109.9	116.2	116.4

TABLE 10. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - MAIN GROUPS AND SELECTED COMPONENTS
(1949 = 100)

	Oct. 1950	Aug. 1951	Sept. 1951	Oct. 1952	Oct. 1952
<u>Total Index</u>	102.9	113.7	117.1	116.0	116.1
<u>Food</u>	102.6	117.0	121.3	115.7	115.8
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	99.7	108.6	109.6	111.5	111.6
Cereal Products	103.4	113.0	116.0	118.1	118.2
Meats, Fish and Poultry	106.5	127.9	134.3	110.2	111.2
<u>Shelter</u>	106.2	114.4	117.2	120.6	121.2
Rent	108.2	114.5	116.8	121.3	122.3
Home-Ownership	103.6	114.4	117.7	119.7	119.8
<u>Clothing</u>	99.7	109.8	114.1	111.6	110.9
Men's Wear	99.2	111.6	116.7	114.9	114.3
Women's Wear	99.0	105.6	109.7	104.7	103.7
Children's Wear	101.6	108.6	110.2	111.9	111.7
Footwear	100.8	116.6	124.6	126.7	126.2
Piece Goods	103.0	119.8	114.0	106.0	105.5
<u>Household Operation</u>	102.4	113.1	115.8	115.8	116.0
Fuel and Lighting	103.8	109.9	112.3	113.0	113.3
Homefurnishings	101.5	115.5	118.9	116.6	116.7
Furniture	101.6	112.9	114.6	115.6	115.7
Utensils and Equipment	101.0	113.2	117.0	119.5	119.6
Supplies and Services	102.4	112.7	114.8	117.2	117.4
Supplies	100.3	112.2	115.2	112.5	112.4
Services	103.8	113.0	114.6	120.5	120.8
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	103.1	111.5	114.1	115.8	116.4
Transportation	105.4	113.0	116.1	116.7	116.8
Automobile Operation	103.8	112.9	115.3	114.0	114.0
Recreation	102.0	109.7	112.5	116.0	116.0
Health Care	102.2	110.3	113.0	119.8	119.8
Drugs	101.5	107.4	107.7	108.1	108.1
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	102.7	111.5	113.2	112.4	112.4
Personal Care	100.9	112.5	116.1	115.2	115.2
Personal Supplies	99.1	110.6	115.5	112.0	111.8

TABLE 11. - PRICE RELATIVES FOR SPECIFIED FOODS INCLUDED IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(1949 = 100)

		Beef, Blade Roast	Beef, Sir- loin	Pork, Loin	Bacon	Salmon, Canned	Chicken	Butter	Mar- garine
<u>1950</u>		118.8	117.6	99.3	94.1	101.4	96.3	93.4	107.7
<u>1951</u>		151.3	143.5	114.8	95.4	106.3	113.3	104.9	128.5
<u>1951</u>	Oct. 1	159.0	151.6	125.4	102.9	110.0	109.0	105.7	126.8
	Nov. 1	159.0	150.7	120.3	101.7	110.7	106.7	105.7	127.4
	Dec. 1	158.4	149.9	101.8	93.6	111.5	104.6	108.9	124.4
<u>1952</u>	May 1	132.5	130.8	93.1	76.2	111.5	102.1	98.3	113.9
	June 2	128.5	130.4	98.0	74.0	111.5	100.7	96.4	112.4
	July 2	131.1	133.8	100.7	74.3	111.1	100.0	95.8	112.7
	Aug. 1	128.0	136.8	99.3	73.6	106.6	98.8	96.0	113.0
	Sept. 2	126.3	134.1	99.8	73.1	105.4	97.6	96.4	113.0
	Oct. 1	119.7	123.1	102.3	73.9	100.6	97.1	97.8	113.0
		Short- ening, Veg- etable	Eggs	Peaches, Canned	Oranges	Peas, Canned	Potatoes	Tom- atoes, Fresh	Carrots
<u>1950</u>		96.3	91.8	98.1	113.0	99.3	95.4	102.3	108.8
<u>1951</u>		112.4	116.5	105.5	109.6	107.2	99.9	105.7	124.7
<u>1951</u>	Oct. 1	110.6	133.6	106.0	112.3	112.2	100.8	58.7	103.9
	Nov. 1	110.0	127.8	106.0	108.4	112.7	124.3	103.2	103.9
	Dec. 1	106.4	120.4	106.0	106.2	113.8	158.8	117.9	117.3
<u>1952</u>	May 1	90.7	79.5	106.0	105.7	115.5	224.6	115.8	150.6
	June 2	89.2	79.0	105.0	100.2	115.5	260.6	111.2	175.9
	July 2	88.9	96.1	105.0	97.7	116.7	254.9	157.0	177.2
	Aug. 1	88.6	111.0	104.5	100.5	117.8	219.6	74.4	138.6
	Sept. 2	88.0	112.5	103.1	97.2	118.3	190.6	51.8	114.6
	Oct. 1	87.7	114.8	102.6	105.1	119.5	157.3	56.0	109.3
		Milk, Fresh	Cheese, Pro- cessed	Bread	Flour	Sugar, Gran- ulated	Jam	Tea	Coffee
<u>1950</u>		102.9	99.1	104.6	104.8	114.4	104.4	101.6	144.8
<u>1951</u>		110.0	111.1	115.5	106.9	129.8	114.0	104.2	163.2
<u>1951</u>	Oct. 1	110.6	114.8	119.7	107.6	134.1	114.9	105.1	165.3
	Nov. 1	114.0	115.1	119.7	107.6	133.0	115.4	105.1	165.2
	Dec. 1	116.8	115.1	119.7	107.6	133.0	115.8	105.1	165.2
<u>1952</u>	May 1	118.5	116.1	119.7	106.2	122.5	112.5	105.3	164.5
	June 2	118.5	116.1	119.7	106.2	119.3	111.7	104.9	162.2
	July 2	118.5	115.4	119.7	104.7	118.2	110.4	105.1	161.9
	Aug. 1	118.5	115.4	119.7	104.7	117.0	108.7	104.7	161.4
	Sept. 2	118.5	115.1	119.7	104.7	114.9	107.8	104.7	161.4
	Oct. 1	118.5	114.4	118.7	104.7	112.7	106.9	104.5	161.1

TABLE 12. - CITY 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.

	St. John's Nfl'd(1)	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon	Edmon- ton	Van- couver
October, 1938 = 100					August 1939 = 100				
1940	-	106.1	105.2	106.8	104.0	104.1	105.8	104.0	103.7
1941	-	110.2	110.6	113.0	109.9	109.1	112.0	108.2	109.1
1942	140.3	114.5	116.0	118.4	115.6	113.7	116.7	112.7	114.2
1943	149.1	117.0	117.7	120.4	116.5	115.0	118.1	115.3	117.3
1944	160.7	118.3	118.8	120.7	117.1	115.7	119.4	116.3	117.9
1945	160.4	119.3	119.4	122.0	117.7	116.8	120.2	117.5	119.2
1946	163.1	122.5	122.7	126.0	121.8	120.4	124.4	121.3	123.0
1947	172.0	132.7	133.3	138.1	133.7	130.9	137.1	131.9	134.9
1948	184.4	148.9	152.7	158.3	151.7	148.8	157.4	149.9	155.6
1949	177.2	153.8	157.5	163.9	156.4	155.3	162.5	156.0	162.0
1950	173.7	157.0	162.8	170.0	162.8	161.2	166.1	162.1	167.8
1951	-	172.4	179.6	190.3	180.4	178.0	181.4	177.1	185.2
<u>1951</u> Jan. 2	179.6	160.2	168.4	177.8	168.6	167.8	170.2	166.0	172.6
Feb. 1	179.7	162.3	171.2	180.6	171.5	170.1	172.6	169.0	175.8
Mar. 1	183.4	167.1	174.8	184.3	176.4	173.6	177.8	172.8	179.2
Apr. 2	184.9	169.2	176.9	186.3	178.3	175.6	178.9	174.7	182.6
May 1	185.0	169.4	177.4	187.2	178.6	175.7	179.0	175.3	182.9
June 1	185.4	171.5	179.3	190.4	179.9	177.4	180.3	176.4	185.3
July 3	101.3(2)	176.3	182.5	195.3	183.5	181.8	184.4	179.6	188.8
Aug. 1	102.8	177.9	184.2	194.8	184.5	182.4	186.0	181.7	189.8
Sept. 1	102.7	177.5	184.2	196.0	185.4	182.2	186.2	181.5	190.2
Oct. 1	103.0	178.2	185.1	196.4	185.8	183.1	187.0	181.9	190.0
Nov. 1	103.2	179.4	185.6	197.4	186.5	183.0	187.5	182.3	192.0
Dec. 1	103.5	179.3	186.1	197.3	186.0	183.3	187.2	183.6	192.8
<u>1952</u> Jan. 2	103.9	179.3	188.0	198.1	187.1	183.7	187.0	183.4	193.6
Feb. 1	103.7	178.2	187.5	197.1	186.0	183.4	187.1	183.2	192.5
Mar. 1	104.0	177.8	187.0	195.4	184.4	182.0	185.6	181.2	192.2
Apr. 1	103.8	177.8	186.8	193.8	184.8	181.9	183.7	180.0	192.3
May 1	103.1	177.4	184.2	191.0	182.9	180.5	181.0	177.8	190.6
June 2	102.7	179.2	185.6	192.5	184.4	180.6	180.9	177.5	190.6
July 2	103.9	179.6	186.4	193.4	184.4	181.0	183.0	178.5	189.8
Aug. 1	105.3	179.0	186.1	191.7	184.2	180.0	183.9	179.1	189.5
Sept. 2	103.6	176.7	183.9	191.7	183.3	179.0	182.7	177.7	189.0
Oct. 1	103.0	174.0	181.6	189.8	181.8	177.5	181.5	177.0	187.3

- (1) St. John's index as published by the Department of Supply, Newfoundland - the series covered approximately the same range of commodities and rents as the indexes of other Canadian cities, but had a less complete coverage of service rates. Differences in construction methods were fairly considerable.
- (2) New D.B.S. index for St. John's - June 1951 = 100. For explanation of methods see D.B.S. Reference Paper No. 28.

TABLE 13. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY
FARMERS AND FARM FAMILY LIVING COSTS
(1935-39=100)

	Composite Index Exclusive of Living Costs (a)	Equipment and Materials	Taxes and Interest Rates	Farm Family Wages	Farm Living Costs	Composite Index Inclusive of Living Costs (a)
ALL CANADA						
1926	130.6	119.9	135.5	164.5	121.1	126.8
1939	99.3	95.7	101.1	110.3	99.5	99.4
1949 - August	206.5	180.2	138.7	388.1	174.5	193.7
1950 - April	213.0	191.0	144.3	380.1	176.7	198.5
August	218.6	194.3	144.3	401.2	180.7	203.4
1951 - January	218.4	201.0	151.8	365.9	184.1	204.7
April	233.9	209.4	151.8	426.5	197.1	219.2
August	237.8	207.5	151.8	457.3	214.7	228.6
1952 - January	236.6	218.1	151.8	410.3	215.8	228.3
April	243.2	216.9	151.8	454.2	209.6	229.8
August	243.4	212.5	151.8	471.9	204.1	227.7
EASTERN CANADA						
1926	129.5	122.8	128.4	151.1	120.2	125.8
1939	98.7	94.8	99.2	110.6	99.5	99.0
1949 - August	210.2	183.0	126.1	376.4	172.6	195.2
1950 - April	216.4	194.5	131.2	367.3	174.4	199.6
August	220.4	196.1	131.2	382.3	178.3	203.6
1951 - January	225.1	200.5	142.0	382.0	181.7	207.7
April	237.3	210.2	142.0	413.7	195.1	220.4
August	241.4	208.0	142.0	441.5	212.8	230.0
1952 - January	245.9	219.1	142.0	430.0	213.9	233.1
April	245.9	218.2	142.0	432.8	207.9	230.7
August	244.8	211.7	142.0	447.4	202.7	228.0
WESTERN CANADA						
1926	131.8	117.1	141.6	183.5	121.9	127.8
1939	99.8	96.6	102.7	109.9	99.5	99.7
1949 - August	202.7	177.5	149.4	404.7	176.3	192.1
1950 - April	209.6	187.7	155.4	398.4	178.9	197.3
August	216.8	192.5	155.4	428.0	183.1	203.3
1951 - January	211.8	201.4	160.2	342.9	186.4	201.6
April	230.5	208.6	160.2	444.8	199.1	217.9
August	234.3	207.0	160.2	479.7	216.6	227.2
1952 - January	227.4	217.3	160.2	382.4	217.8	223.6
April	240.5	215.7	160.2	484.6	211.2	228.8
August	242.0	213.2	160.2	506.8	205.5	227.4

(a) 1952 indexes are subject to revision, since tax and interest rate figures are preliminary.

TABLE 18. - EXCHANGE RATES
(Canadian Dollars)

Nominal quotations based on rates available in London or New York and converted into Canadian terms at the market rate for sterling or United States dollars at noon.

Source: Bank of Canada

	Unit	1949	1950	1951	1952		
		Average	Average	Average	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	1.0288	1.0872	1.0528	0.9616	0.9598	0.9643
United Kingdom	pound	3.7569	3.0441	2.9469	2.6805	2.6711	2.6936
Argentina	peso (free)	.1868	.1068	.0749	.0691	.0690	.0694
Australia	pound	3.0055	2.4353	2.3576	2.1444	2.1369	2.1549
Belgian and Belgian Empire	franc	.0226	.0217	.0210	.0191	.0191	.0193
Brazil	cruzeiro	.0560	.0591	.0571	.0520	.0519	.0521
Chile	peso (export)	.0332	.0187	.0152	.0076	.0076	.0076
Denmark	krone	.1943	.1575	.1525	.1391	.1390	.1396
Egypt	pound	3.8529	3.1219	3.0232	2.7599	2.7560	2.7689
France and North Africa	franc	.0037	.0031	.0030	.0027	.0027	.0028
Hong Kong	dollar	.2348	.1899	.1829	.1675	.1670	.1684
India	rupee	.2818	.2283	.2211	.2018	.2020	.2025
Italy	lira	.0018	.0018	.0017	.0015	.0015	.0015
Mexico	peso	.1296	.1258	.1218	.1111	.1110	.1115
Netherlands	florin	.3520	.2861	.2770	.2529	.2526	.2537
New Zealand	pound	3.7491	3.0440	2.9469	2.6805	2.6711	2.6936
Norway	krone	.1878	.1522	.1474	.1346	.1344	.1350
Portugal	escudo	.0397	.0380	.0365	.0335	.0335	.0336
Singapore	dollar	.4383	.3551	.3440	.3127	.3116	.3143
Sweden	krona	.2594	.2101	.2035	.1858	.1855	.1864
Switzerland	franc	.2398	.2517	.2429	.2239	.2239	.2250
Turkey	lira	.3571	.3866	.3753	.3433	.3428	.3444
Union of South Africa	pound	3.7569	3.0440	2.9469	2.6805	2.6711	2.6936
Venezuela	bolivar	.3072	.3250	.3143	.2869	.2865	.2878

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

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

General Wholesale

For an explanation of methods of construction and an historical record please refer to D.B.S. Reference Paper No. 24 - 1951. It is available from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for the sum of seventy-five cents.

Canadian Farm Products

The wheat prices used in these indexes are prices currently effective for Manitoba 1, 2 and 3 Northern at Fort William. Participation payments are included and the series revised whenever such figures are announced. Between August 1945 and July 1950 the price included in the index for No. 1 Manitoba Northern was \$1.83 per bushel. For the crop year August 1, 1950 - July 31, 1951 the price included was \$1.85 per bushel. The initial payment of \$1.40 for the crop year beginning August 1, 1951 was increased to \$1.60 effective February 1, 1952 and retrospective to August 1, 1951. The initial payment for the crop year beginning August 1, 1952 was \$1.40 per bushel.

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. Participation payments are included whenever they are announced. Final payments for the crop year 1950-51 were announced September 26, 1951 for western oats and barley. Increases in initial payments for barley for the crop year 1951-52 became effective March 1, 1952 retrospective to August 1, 1951.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES

Consumer Price Index

Canada's new Consumer Price Index which has been constructed to replace the Cost-of-Living Index was released October 23rd by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The new index marks the fifth in a series of Canadian retail price indexes; it is the most comprehensive retail price index ever constructed for Canada.

While the Consumer Price Index is an entirely new index constructed from post-war expenditure patterns, it serves the same purpose as the Cost-of-Living Index. That is, it measures the average percentage change in retail prices of goods and services bought by a large and representative group of Canadian urban families. The change in title has been made to clarify the fact that the index is a measure of price change and is not affected by changes in standards of living.

In a special report entitled "The Consumer Price Index, January 1949 - August 1952", the Bureau published an explanation of the construction of the new index and a record of its movements from January 1949 to August 1952. This report contains detailed information on such aspects of the new index as purpose, family coverage, base period, and details of items included as well as their relative importance. It also gives the formula used in calculating the index, outlines methods of price collection and explains special features of the new index, such as the methods of incorporating seasonal variations in food consumption, and changes in the price element of home-ownership costs.

Nineteen forty-nine has been selected as a reference level or base period for the Consumer Price Index for a variety of reasons. It is the most satisfactory post-war reference year, not only for price index comparisons, but

also for other economic indicators. In addition, prices during 1949 were relatively stable. Dating from the termination of World War II there has been a steady shift of interest from pre-war to post-war comparisons in all fields of economic activity. Conditions have changed greatly since 1935-1939 and concern with things as they existed at that time has steadily declined. These circumstances are similar to those which led to the abandonment of 1900, 1913, and 1926 as base periods.

The new index is based on goods and services reported purchased during the year ending August 31, 1948 by 1,517 families, representing all Canadian families with the following characteristics: (a) living in 27 Canadian cities with over 30,000 population; (b) ranging in size from two adults to two adults with four children; (c) with annual incomes during the survey year ranging from \$1,650 to \$4,050.

To measure the influence of price change on the cost of goods and services purchased by such families, the Consumer Price Index contains 225 items, nearly 40 per cent more than the Cost-of-Living Index. Additional items have been determined by a purely objective approach to the problem of measuring price movements of goods and services purchased by families of the type described above. Thus, no attempt has been made to differentiate between "luxuries" and "necessities". This has led to the inclusion of additional items such as margarine, cake mix, chicken, lettuce, chocolate bars, fur coats, children's clothing, fuel oil, electric iron, lawnmower, household help, phonograph records, and carbonated and alcoholic drinks. Included in the Cost-of-Living Index but not given specific representation in the Consumer Price Index are such items as rice, dried beans, prunes, rayon hosiery, coke, wool flannel, oilcloth, and cigars. These items have been omitted because, on average, families did not report purchasing them in significant amounts.

City Indexes: Indexes for the nine regional cities will continue to be calculated for the next few months on their current bases and weights, viz. August 1939 = 100 for all except St. John's, Newfoundland, which is on the base June 1951 = 100.

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 methods 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 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 105 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.

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