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## NOTES ON PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

Retail prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index, were notably stable in 1953 and averaged 0.9 per cent lower than those prevailing in 1952. The level position of the index during the twelve months ending December 1953 was a continuation of the plateau established during the latter half of 1952, although the slightly lower level in 1953 as compared to 1952, marked the first decline in the yearly average during the war and post-war period. The remarkable stability of the total Consumer Price Index during 1953 may be judged from the fact that at no time during the year, was the index more than one per cent from the annual average of 115.5 . This reflected both stable prices within certain areas of the index and compensating upward and downward movements between other areas.

The total index dipped from 115.8 at December 1, 1952 to 114.4 at May 1, 1953, rose to 116.7 over the next five months and returned to 115.8 on December 1 , 1953. The two main turning points at May and October can be traced to movements of the food index which largely determined the pattern of the total index. The steady fall in the food component from 114.1 at December 1952 to 110.1 at May, was mainly attributable to declines in beef, vegetable, and butter prices. Increases for eges, pork, bread, flour and coffee, contributed to the rise in the level of the food index between May and October when it reached a high for the year of 115.5 . A sharp drop in eggs and moderate declines for meats and potatoes in November and December, brought the index back to ll2.1, two points below the December 1952 level. Throughout the 12 months under review, beef prices declined steadily dropping 12.2 per cent between December 1952 and December 1953. Pork, on the other hand, rose during the first ten months of the year, dropping during the last two months to close the year at 16.8 per cent above the December 1952 level.

In the shelter group, steady fractional gains were recorded in all months except March. This was a continuation of the movement of this series since early 1950. Both rent and homeownership contributed to the advance with rent maintaining a slight edge over the other series throughout the year.

On average, the clothing index was 1.5 per cent lower in 1953 than in 1952, with four of the five sub-group indexes of this series averaging from 1.1 to 2.6 per cent lower. Footwear, the one sub-group to advance, was up only 0.4 per cent. There were no pronounced monthly movements in clothing, the highest and lowest monthly indexes deviating not more than 0.5 per cent from the yearly average of 110.1 .

The household operation index advanced 1.1 per cent between December 1952 and December 1953, most of the rise occurring during the latter half of the year. Two of the three main sub-group indexes, fuel and lighting, and supplies and services, recorded the same trend. Between December 1952 and June 1953 fuel and lighting increased only 0.2 and supplies and services only 0.7 per cent. However, during the last six months of the year the rise in both series approximated 1.4 per cent. The homefurnishings sub-group index fluctuated narrowly over the year, making a net gain of only 0.3 per cent from December 1952 to December 1953. Predominant changes within this sub-group were gradual increases for furniture, floor coverings, utensils and equipraent as compared to decreases for textiles and electrical appliances, the latter showing a pronounced drop late in the year.

The trend in other commodities and services was generally upward as the services component of the group continued its slow advance throughout the year. The major factors offsotting this movement were tax and price reductions on cigarettes and the removal of radio licenses early in the year. The tobacco and alcoholic beverages sub-group averaged 4.7 per cent lower in 1953 than in 1952, while other main sub-groups averaged higher within a range of 0.3 per cent for personal care to 2.7 per cent for health care.

There was a close parallel between the stability of the General Wholesale and Consumer Price Indexes in 1953, but in the three years preceding their behaviour was quite different.

Between the outbreak of war in Korea in June 1950 and subsequent post-war price peaks, which the retail index reached in January 1952 and the wholesale index in July 1951, both series increased almost the same amount, the retail indox rising 16.0 per cent and the wholesale index 16.5 per cent. The Consumer Price Index subsequently declined approximately 2 per cent over four months, and since May 1952 has been relatively unchanged. On the other hand, the wholesale index declined almost steadily for fifteen months after reaching its peak, for a total drop of 9.6 per cent, and has been practically unchanged since October 1952. Thus, the stable period of the retail index which has lasted for twenty months, came after a 16 per cent increase followed by a distinct but small decline, whereas the level position of the wholesale series which has lasted for 16 months, came after a similar increase succeeded by a substantial and lengthy decline.

As has been noted, the general wholesale index fluctuated narrowly in 1953, the low point for the year being 218.8 and the high 222.4 . Within this spread of approximately 1.6 per cent, the index averaged somewhat lower during the last three months of the year than during the first three quarters, and the December index of 219.0 was 1.0 per cent below the level of December 1952. Both the peak and the trough mentioned above occurred in the latter half of the year, the index declining 1.6 per cent between August and November, followed by a fractional advance between November and December.

As was the case with the general index, most of the larger aggregate indexes stood at lower levels at the and of the year than twelve months earlier. Five of the oight major group Indexes of the general wholosale price index, as well as the residential and non-residential building materials price indexes, were all lower in December 1953 than in December 1952. The percentage amounts of these changes over this period are given in the table below. The index of Canadian farm product prices at terminal markets incorporates the initial payment price only for western wheat, oats and barley from August 1953 to date, and as a result, August 1953 to December 1953 indexes are not comparable with December 1952 to July 1953 indexes. (See note on page 34.) However, as indicated below, both of the above periods for which comparisons are possible show declines.

## Index Titles

## Percentage Change

December 1952-December 1953

> General Wholessle Price Index
> 1. Vegetable Products
> 2. Animal Products
> 3. Textile Products
> 4. Wood Products
> 5. Iron Products
> 6. Non-ferrous Metals
> 7. Non-metallic Minerals
> 8. Chemicals

> Residential Building Materials
> Non-Residential Building Materials

Canadian Farm Products

## Canadian Farm Products

$-1.0$
$-2.5$
$+0.8$
$-2.5$
$-1.7$
$+0.2$

- 1.0
$+2.4$
- 1.1
$-1.8$
$-0.5$
December 1952-July 1953
$-4.1$
August 1953-December 1953
- 3.2

The more important price decreases in 1953 took place in primary commodities with processed items showing slight decreases or increases. Although there are important exceptions, this general tendency is reflected in the 2.7 per cent drop of the raw and partly manufactured price index between December 1952 and December 1953, as compared with a decrease of only 0.1 per cent for the fully and chiefly manufactured series. Emphasizing this factor, the index of industrial materials, which is an unweighted geometric average of prices of thirty raw industrial materials, dropped 6.4 per cent over the year.

The decrease over the year ending December 1953 in the vegetable products group was mainly due to a substantial drop in potatoes and onions, combined with smaller decreases for raw rubber, sugar, grains, imported fruits and vegetable oils. Coffee, cocoa, baking products and canned domestic fruits were all higher.

The animal products group was slightly higher in December 1953 than in December 1952 as increases in ham, hogs, bacon and lard of 20.2, 25.9, 50.2 and 73.6 per cent respectively, proved appreciably more important than decreases in calves, beef and veal and steers of $10.6,20.1$ and 21.5 per cent. Declines in most other items within this group over the year ending December 1953 were also insufficient to lower the group index.

In contrast to substantial declines during 1951 and 1952, the textile group fluctuated within very narrow limits during the first nine months of 1953. However, the index declined during the last quarter for a net loss over the year of 2.5 per cent. Although raw cotton was above the January price for the other eleven months of 1953, both cotton yarns and fabrics decreased during the year, probably in some part a reflection of the 16.8 per cent drop in raw cotton prices during the four-month period, August to December 1952. The cotton knit goods index increased in May but at the end of the year, dropped below the December 1952 level. Rayon yarns remained steady while rayon fabrics decreased 9.6 per cent in price. Raw wool, worsted yarns, and wool cloth were up, woollen hosiery and knit goods down, and carpets and wool blankets virtually unchanged.

The 1.7 per cent decrease in the wood, wood products and paper group was largely the result of decreases in wood pulp, lumber and timber. Kraft wrapping paper was up 5.4 per cent while the newsprint index was unchanged from the December level, the movement of the latter throughout the year reflecting the changing value of the U.S. dollar in Canadian currency.

Apart from scrap iron and steel, all but two items of the iron and steel group remained unchanged or increased in price during 1953. The scrap index declined 11.1 per cent over the twelve months ending December 1953 while pig iron, rolling mill products, hardware and wire sub-groups increased within a range of from 0.2 to 4.5 per cent over the same period.

From December 1952 to December of 1953, the non-ferrous metals index inclusive of gold, declined 1.0 per cent. Largest declines were registered for lead, tin and zinc at $4.2,28.0$ and 16.3 per cent respectively. The small decline for the non-ferrous group as a whole, in the face of these substantial declines, is explained for the most part by higher prices for silver, unchanged prices for nickel, and a slight decline for copper and its products, all of which bulk large in the group index.

Higher prices for bricks, glass, manufactured gas, petroleum products, cement, lime and sulphur, moved the non-metallic products group index up 2.4 per cent from 174.9 in December 1952 to 179.1 in December 1953. Coal, sand and gravel, and crushed stone, decreased in price.

The chemical products group ended the year 1.1 per cent below December 1952. Among sub-group changes organic chemicals for December 1953 were 7.6 per cent below the December 1952 figure. Other sub-groups were unchanged or registered smaller changes.

Both the non-residential and residential building materials price indexes declined during 1953 under the influence of decreases in sand, gravel and crushed stone, some plumbing and heating materials, copper wire, and lumber. On the other hand, some electrical items, bricks, glass, cement, hardware, and a few items of iron and steel content moved up.

The animal products component index of the Canadian farm products index declined 2.5 per cent between December 1952 and 1953. The field products component, which for reasons already explained is not conparable over the whole of this period, decreased 8.2 per cent between December 1952 and July 1953, and 3.4 per cent between August and December 1953.

Movements of common stock prices in 1953, as measured by the Investors' Index, were similar to those of 1952. The downward trend of the index, which dated from a peak of 186.4 reached in the week of October, 1951, was established during 1952, and prevailed throughout 1953. However, the 1953 rate of decline was greater than that of 1952, as evidenced by a loss of 8.8 per cent over the twelve months ending December 1953, as against 5.0 per cent over the December 1951-December 1952 period. The 1953 index averaged 7.4 per cent below the level of 1952.

Oscillations about the trend line were substantial in 1953, as was the case in 1952, and the timing and extent of the swings in both years were remarkably similar. Peaks were reached in January and mid-summer of both years, while troughs occurred in the spring and fall. Movements between the high and low points averaged approximately 10 per cent in both 1952 and 1953.

The behaviour of the index during 1953, as compared to 1952 and the last few months of 1951, may be judged from the following table:

HIGHS
LOWS

| Date | Index | Date | Index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1951 |  |  |  |
| October 4 | 186.4 | November 22 | 169.5 |
| 1952 |  |  |  |
| January 24 | 185.1 | May 1 | 164.9 |
| July 31 | 178.3 | October 23 | 161.7 |
| 1953 |  |  |  |
| January 8 | 173.5 | April 23 | 155.6 |
| August 13 | 163.4 | October 1 | 148.8 |

Of the three group indexes, declines in industrials and utilities in 1953 and 1952 closely parallelled those of the total investors' series, while the index of bank stocks moved in the reverse direction, showing considerable strength throughout 1953 and most of 1952. The index of 81 industrial stocks declined 10.1 per cent between December 1952 and December 1953 while the utilities group decreased 12.5 per cent over the same period. The 1953 averages for these indexes were respectively 9.3 per cent and 6.6 per cent below 1952 levels. In marked contrast, banks advanced 16 per cent over the twelve months ending December 1953 and the 1953 index averaged 13.8 per cent above 1952.

The 1952-1953 averages and December 1952-1953 comparisons of mining stock indexes reveal trends similar to those of industrials and utilities, although the decreases registered were somewhat sharper. Between 1952 and 1953 the composite index for 27 representative mining issues dropped 11.1 per cent while the December 1952-December 1953 relationship indicated a drop of 22.7 per cent. Substantial weakness was registered for both golds and base metals and the index for the former dropped 10.4 per cent between 1952 and 1953 as against 11.8 per cent for the latter series. Considerably greater losses were noted for the year-end comparisons, golds receding 21.7 per cent and base metals 23.8 per cent.

## SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE MOVENENTS

## TABLE 12 - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES $(1935-39=100)$

Note: 1953 Wholessle Price Indexes are subject to revision

|  | INDEXES |  |  |  | PERCENTAGE CHANGES |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1951 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1952 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Nov. 1953 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1953 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Dec. <br> 1953 <br> Dec. <br> 1951 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1953 \\ & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1952 \end{aligned}$ | Dec. <br> 1253 <br> Nov. <br> 1953 |
| GENERAL INDEX | 237.7 | 221.1 | 218.8 | 219.0 | - 7.9 | - 1.0 | + 0.1 |
| Vegetable Products | 221.0 | 202.8 | 196.0 | 197.7 | - 10.5 | - 2.5 | + 0.9 |
| Animal Products | 285.8 | 237.3 | 239.0 | 239.1 | - 16.3 | + 0.8 | + 0.04 |
| Textile Products | 268.8 | 242.4 | 237.1 | 235.3 | - 12.5 | - 2.5 | - 0.8 |
| Wood Products | 295.2 | 289.9 | 285.2 | 285.0 | - 3.5 | - 1.7 | - 0.1 |
| Iron Products | 216.8 | 221.5 | 222.3 | 222.0 | + 2.4 | + 0.2 | - 0.1 |
| Non-ferrous Motals | 183.8 | 167.7 | 166.5 | 166.1 | - 9.6 | - 1.0 | - 0.2 |
| Non-metallic Minerals | 171.6 | 174.9 | 178.4 | 379.1 | + 4.4 | + 2.4 | + 0.4 |
| Chomical Froducts | 188.0 | 176.1 | 173.6 | 174.2 | - 7.3 | - 1.1 | $+0.3$ |
| FARM PRODUCTS | 275.0 | 233.1 | 204.9 | 206.8 | - 24.8 | - 11.3 | + 0.9 |
| Field | 221.2 | 197.9 | 151.7 | 151.9 | - 31.3 | - 23.2 | $+0.1$ |
| Animal | 328.9 | 268.3 | 258.0 | 261.6 | - 20.5 | - 2.5 | + 1.4 |

WHOLESALE PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES
BETWEEN NOVIEMBER AND DECENBER 1953
INCREASES

## DECREASES

p.c. p.c.
20.1 Steel scrap, turnings and borings 32.1
20.0 Eggs, Grade A large, Toronto 16.3
18.5 Bacon, smoked, Vancouver 14.5
11.3 Beef hides, light native steers 11.4
10.3 Sisal rope 9.6
7.9 Acotic acid 8.3
7.2 Raw wool, New Zealand 8.0
7.0 Canhed tomatoes 7.9
5.6 Potatces, Halifax 6.8
5.5 Canned peaches 5.3
5.1 Barley, Ontario 4.7
4.8 Oranges, Toronto 4.1
3.9 Raw wool, eastern bright 3.8
3.6 Corn meal 3.3
3.0 Worsted yarn, 2 ply, 18 's, 50 's 2.4

|  | INDEXES |  |  |  |  | PERCENTAGE CHANGES |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average 1952 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aver- } \\ & \text { age } \\ & 1953 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1952 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Nov. $1953$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1953 \end{aligned}$ | 1953 1952 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \frac{1953}{} \\ & \hline \text { Dec. } \\ & 1952 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & \frac{1953}{\text { Nov. }_{3}} \\ & 1953 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| TOTAL INDEX | 116.5 | 115.5 | 115.8 | 116.2 | 115.8 | -0.9 | - | - 0.3 |
| Food | 116.8 | 112.6 | 114.1 | 113.4 | 112.1 | - 3.6 | - 1.8 | - 1.1 |
| Shelter | 120.2 | 123.6 | 122.2 | 125.0 | 125.2 | + 2.8 | +2.5 | +0.2 |
| Clothing | 111.8 | 110.1 | 109.7 | 110.3 | 110.2 | - 1.5 | + 0.5 | -0.1 |
| Household Operation | 116.2 | 117.0 | 116.1 | 117.4 | 117.4 | + 0.7 | + 1.1 | - |
| Other Commodities and Services | 116.0 | 115.8 | 116.6 | 116.3 | 116.3 | - 0.2 | -0.3 | - |

RETAIL PHICE CHANGES FUR SELECTED ITEMS BETWBEN NOVEMBER AND DECHMBER 1953

|  | INCREASES |  | DECREASES |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fresh tomatoes | P. 39.9 | Lettuce | 12.1 |
| Cabbage | 11.1 | Eggs | 10.9 |
| Oranges | 9.0 | Bacon | 7.9 |
| Carrots | 7.9 | Refrigerator | 5.0 |
| Celery | 5.4 | Pork, shoulder roast | 3.1 |
| Shortening | 2.8 | Picnic shoulder | 3.1 |
| Lamb, leg roast | 2.3 | Potatoes | 3.0 |
| Eating apples | 2.2 | Smoked ham | 3.0 |
| Apple juice | 2.0 | Men's half-hose | 2.3 |
| Macaroni | 1.8 | Grapefrut | 2.0 |


|  | INDEXES |  |  |  |  | PERCENTAGE CHANGES |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year } \\ & 1953 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1953 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1953 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year } \\ & 1952 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year } \\ & 1953 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Dec. $1952$ | Nov. $1953$ | Dec. $1953$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year } \\ & 1952 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1952 \end{aligned}$ | Nov. $1953$ |
| Total Investors' Index | 173.1 | 160.3 | 168.4 | 154.2 | 153.6 | - 7.4 | - 8.8 | - 0.4 |
| Total Industrials | 176.6 | 160.1 | 169.9 | 153.2 | 152.7 | - 9.3 | - 10.1 | -0.3 |
| Machinery \& Equipment | 428.3 | 394.8 | 419.1 | 392.7 | 391.5 | - 7.8 | - 6.6 | - 0.3 |
| Pulp \& Paper | 515.2 | 501.6 | 494.3 | 533.9 | 544.4 | - 2.6 | + 20.1 | +2.0 |
| Milling | 131.0 | 131.2 | 132.9 | 131.0 | 129.1 | + 0.2 | - 2.9 | - 1.5 |
| Ofls | 155.1 | 131.0 | 146.5 | 117.8 | 119.4 | - 15.5 | - 18.5 | + 1.4 |
| Textiles \& Clothing | 277.2 | 222.5 | 269.3 | 175.2 | 180.7 | - 19.7 | - 32.9 | + 3.1 |
| Foods | 108.6 | 120.7 | 112.5 | 124.6 | 122.4 | + 11.1 | + 8.8 | - 1.8 |
| Beveragea | 365.7 | 399.3 | 367.1 | 417.9 | 420.4 | + 9.2 | $+14.5$ | + 0.6 |
| Building Materials | 283.6 | 279.5 | 287.6 | 273.6 | 276.1 | - 1.4 | - 4.0 | + 0.9 |
| Industrial Mines | 139.7 | 118.1 | 130.3 | 108.4 | 103.4 | - 15.5 | - 20.6 | - 4.6 |
| Total Utilities | 168.3 | 157.2 | 167.4 | 149.4 | 146.4 | - 6.6 | - 12.5 | -2.0 |
| Transportation | 378.6 | 297.5 | 363.9 | 255.7 | 254.2 | - 21.4 | - 30.1 | - 0.6 |
| Telephone \& Telegraph | 94.6 | 99.2 | 98.4 | 100.4 | 101.2 | + 4.9 | + 2.8 | $+0.8$ |
| Power and Traction | 139.8 | 142.4 | 139.1 | 140.1 | 131.4 | + 1.9 | - 5.5 | -6.2 |
| Banks | 148.4 | 168.9 | 155.4 | 175.4 | 180.2 | + 13.8 | $+16.0$ | + 2.7 |
| Mining Stociks |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| General Index | 103.6 | 92.1 | 103.4 | 83.7 | 79.9 | - 11.1 | - 22.7 | $-4.5$ |
| Golds | 73.9 | 66.2 | 73.2 | 60.1 | 57.3 | - 10.4 | - 21.7 | -4.7 |
| Base Metals | 171.5 | 151.3 | 172.5 | 137.6 | 131.5 | - 11.8 | - 23.8 | - 4.4 |

## TABLE 4. - PRINCIPAL WHOLBSALE PRICE INDEXES

## (1935-39 * 100)

| Date |  | General <br> Whole- <br> sal <br> Price <br> Index | Raw and Partly Manufactured | Fully and Chiefly Manufactured | Indus- <br> trial <br> Mate- <br> rials | Canadian Parm <br> Products (1) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Field | Animal | Total |
| 1913 |  | 83.4 | 85.1 | 86.2 | - | - | - |  |
| 1920 |  | 203.2 | 194.7 | 208.2 | - | - | - | - |
| 1926 |  | 130.3 | 129.1 | 133.0 | 144.3 | 158.5 | 130.2 | 144.4 |
| 1929 |  | 124.6 | 126.1 | 123.7 | 132.8 | 137.2 | 144.4 | 140.8 |
| 1933 |  | 87.4 | 79.3 | 93.3 | 78.3 | 69.3 | 69.2 | 69.3 |
| 1938 |  | 102.0 | 99.4 | 103.5 | 95.8 | 100.9 | 104.8 | 102.9 |
| 1939 |  | 99.2 | 94.9 | 101.9 | 99.0 | 83.7 | 101.5 | 92.6 |
| 1940 |  | 108.0 | 103.1 | 109.9 | 113.3 | 85.4 | 106.7 | 96.1 |
| 1941 |  | 116.4 | 114.4 | 118.8 | 125.2 | 88.9 | 124.4 | 106.6 |
| 1942 |  | 123.0 | 123.0 | 123.7 | 135.1 | 109.7 | 144.6 | 127.1 |
| 1943 |  | 127.9 | 131.1 | 126.9 | 140.0 | 129.0 | 161.8 | 145.4 |
| 1944 |  | 130.6 | 134.4 | 129.1 | 143.1 | 144.5 | 166.1 | 155.3 |
| 1945 |  | 132.1 | 136.2 | 129.8 | 143.2 | 162.5 | 170.2 | 166.4 |
| 1946 |  | 138.9 | 140.1 | 138.0 | 148.6 | 177.9 | 181.2 | 179.5 |
| 1947 |  | 163.3 | 164.3 | 162.4 | 187.0 | 184.1 | 200.2 | 192.2 |
| 1948 |  | 193.4 | 196.3 | 192.4 | 222.7 | 200.6 | 263.7 | 232.1 |
| 1949 |  | 198.3 | 197.1 | 199.2 | 218.0 | 191.9 | 265.4 | 228.7 |
| 1950 |  | 211.2 | 212.8 | 211.0 | 24.4 .6 | 191.9 | 281.4 | 236.7 |
| 1951 |  | 240.2 | 237.9 | 242.4 | 296.1 | 200.4 | 336.9 | 268.6 |
| 1952 |  | 226.0 | 218.7 | 230.7 | 252.6 | 220.5 | 277.5 | 249.0 |
| 1952 | July | 225.4 | 218.2 | 229.8 | 247.8 | 230.2 | 276.8 | 253.5 |
|  | Aug. | 223.7 | 216.2 | 228.5 | 245.4 | 216.9 | 277.2 | 247.0 |
|  | Sept. | 221.9 | 212.4 | 227.6 | 241.7 | 203.4 | 269.1 | 236.3 |
|  | Oct. | 220.2 | 209.7 | 227.4 | 239.7 | 201.3 | 263.0 | 232.1 |
|  | Nov. | 221.5 | 210.5 | 228.2 | 241.2 | 200.7 | 266.5 | 233.6 |
|  | Dec. | 221.1 | 210.0 | 227.8 | 241.2 | 197.9 | 268.3 | 233.1 |
| 1953 | Jan. | 221.5 | 209.4 | 229.0 | 240.2 | 195.1 | 266.4 | 230.7 |
|  | Feb. | 220.9 | 207.9 | 228.8 | 237.9 | 190.7 | 263.1 | 226.9 |
|  | Mar. | 221.9 | 209.8 | 229.2 | 237.0 | 185.9 | 264.3 | 225.1 |
|  | Apr. | 219.6 | 205.7 | 227.9 | 231.9 | 181.6 | 256.0 | 218.8 |
|  | May | 220.1 | 206.3 | 228.3 | 233.2 | 179.2 | 263.2 | 221.2 |
|  | June | 221.7 | 207.2 | 230.4 | 234.0 | 178.6 | 268.8 | 223.7 |
|  | July | 221.2 | 207.2 | 229.6 | 231.7 | 181.7 | 265.3 | 223.5 |
|  | Aug. | 222.4 | 210.0 | 230.1 | 231.4 | 157.2 | 269.9 | 213.6 |
|  | Sept. | 221.5 | 207.0 | 230.2 | 228.8 | 154.0 | 263.7 | 208.9 |
|  | Oct. | 220.7 | 204.9 | 230.0 | 227.0 | 151.7 | 265.3 | 208.5 |
|  | Nov. | 218.8 | 203.2 | 228.1 | 225.8 | 151.7 | 258.0 | 204.9 |
|  | Dec. | 219.0 | 204.4 | 227.6 | 225.8 | 151.9 | 261.6 | 206.8 |

(1) See Prices and Price Indexes, May 1953, Table 21 for Canadian Farm Products Indexes, August 1945-July 1952. Indexes subsequent to July 1952 are subject to revision. Please see note, Page 34.

- VEGETABLR PRODUCTS -

| Date |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | General <br> Whole- <br> Sale <br> Index | Total <br> Vege- <br> table <br> Pro- <br> ducts | Grains | Milled Cereal Foods | Live <br> Stock and Poultry Feeds | Bakery Products | Fruits, Fresh | Fruits, Dried | Fruits, Canned |
| 1952 | Averag | - .. | 226.0 | 210.3 | 206.2 | 196.0 | 241.8 | 177.0 | 163.0 | 181.8 | 147.6 |
| 1952 | July |  | 225.4 | 208.6 | 201.2 | 195.3 | 221.3 | 177.0 | 163.2 | 170.5 | 140.2 |
|  | sug. |  | 223.7 | 206.5 | 201.7 | 195.9 | 228.9 | 177.0 | 158.0 | 170.5 | 140.2 |
|  | Sept. |  | 221.9 | 204.2 | 202.5 | 196.1 | 228.9 | 177.0 | 162.7 | 170.8 | 140.2 |
|  | Oct. |  | 220.2 | 201.1 | 202.4 | 194.7 | 221.3 | 177.0 | 165.5 | 174.7 | 140.2 |
|  | Nov. |  | 221.5 | 204.8 | 203.8 | 196.8 | 218.0 | 177.0 | 165.6 | 174.1 | 145.1 |
|  | Dec. |  | 221.1 | 202.8 | 200.9 | 196.6 | 218.0 | 177.0 | 160.2 | 174.1 | 142.0 |
| 1953 | Jan. |  | 221.5 | 202.0 | 199.4 | 196.5 | 225.5 | 177.0 | 148.1 | 175.0 | 142.0 |
|  | Feb. |  | 220.9 | 200.9 | 199.6 | 195.9 | 233.0 | 177.0 | 146.8 | 175.0 | 142.0 |
|  | Mar. |  | 221.9 | 201.5 | 201.0 | 196.5 | 230.2 | 177.0 | 143.2 | 174.2 | 141.1 |
|  | Apr. |  | 219.6 | 197.3 | 199.9 | 196.4 | 229.3 | 177.0 | 142.8 | 176.5 | 141.1 |
|  | May |  | 220.1 | 197.4 | 200.8 | 197.0 | 229.3 | 177.0 | 150.3 | 176.5 | 141.1 |
|  | June |  | 221.7 | 197.4 | 199.4 | 207.7 | 206.6 | 177.0 | 158.7 | 175.1 | 141.1 |
|  | July |  | 221.2 | 198.7 | 197.2 | 206.1 | 197.8 | 188.0 | 155.9 | 174.6 | 143.9 |
|  | Aug. |  | 222.4 | 201.7 | 211.0 | 203.7 | 205.3 | 188.0 | 147.3 | 175.2 | 149.0 |
|  | Sept. |  | 221.5 | 199.5 | 208.6 | 203.6 | 207.2 | 188.0 | 155.9 | 175.2 | 151.2 |
|  | Oct. |  | 220.7 | 196.7 | 201.8 | 201.3 | 198.9 | 188.0 | 145.6 | 175.5 | 151.2 |
|  | Nov. |  | 218.8 | 196.0 | 197.6 | 199.5 | 187.6 | 188.0 | 153.7 | 175.6 | 151.2 |
|  | Dec. | - | 219.0 | 197.7 | 196.1 | 199.2 | 189.9 | 188.0 | 149.5 | 168.5 | 149.7 |

- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS - Concluded


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

| Date |  |  | - antmals and their products - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Total } \\ & \text { Animal } \\ & \text { Products } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Fishery Products | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Raw } \\ & \text { Furs } \end{aligned}$ | Hides and Skins | Leather, unmanufactured | Boots and Shoes | Livestock | Steers |
| $\overline{1952}$ | Average | e | 248.2 | 278.8 | 107.7 | 140.8 | 208.6 | 203.4 | 316.4 | 422.3 |
| 1952 | July |  | 247.0 | 272.9 | 105.6 | 133.8 | 204.9 | 199.5 | 317.4 | 434.9 |
|  | Aug. |  | 244.7 | 272.1 | 105.6 | 136.6 | 205.0 | 199.5 | 316.5 | 431.9 |
|  | Sept. |  | 238.5 | 258.4 | 102.3 | 138.9 | 206.9 | 199.5 | 303.0 | 400.5 |
|  | Oct. |  | 232.8 | 254.9 | 102.3 | 139.6 | 210.3 | 202.7 | 285.2 | 361.9 |
|  | Nov. |  | 235.3 | 254.6 | 102.3 | 152.5 | 210.3 | 202.7 | 291.3 | 378.9 |
|  | Dec. |  | 237.3 | 260.6 | 102.3 | 152.9 | 212.5 | 202.7 | 299.5 | 392.2 |
| 1953 | Jan. |  | 239.3 | 265.1 | 102.3 | 142.7 | 212.5 | 202.7 | 298.4 | 380.8 |
|  | Feb . |  | 239.0 | 264.1 | 93.6 | 159.3 | 212.5 | 202.7 | 289.7 | 355.3 |
|  | Mar. |  | 238.7 | 264.4 | 93.6 | 161.9 | 212.5 | 202.7 | 288.0 | 342.0 |
|  | Apr. |  | 234.4 | 257.4 | 97.8 | 156.7 | 211.8 | 202.7 | 275.8 | 326.3 |
|  | May |  | 239.1 | 253.1 | 104.4 | 160.2 | 213.9 | 204.8 | 291.5 | 321.2 |
|  | June |  | 247.5 | 253.9 | 104.4 | 158.5 | 217.3 | 204.8 | 298.3 | 317.8 |
|  | July | . . . | 243.5 | 257.1 | 98.8 | 155.9 | 212.5 | 205.5 | 287.7 | 312.0 |
|  | Aug. |  | 247.8 | 258.9 | 98.8 | 157.9 | 212.5 | 205.5 | 296.6 | 317.9 |
|  | Sept. | - | 245.6 | 259.4 | 98.8 | 160.2 | 212.5 | 205.5 | 285.0 | 302.3 |
|  | Oct. |  | 246.5 | 260.9 | 98.8 | 147.1 | 212.5 | 205.5 | 283.6 | 294.0 |
|  | Nov. : | . | 239.0 | 252.1 256.6 | 98.8 | 148.7 | 213.2 213.2 | 205.8 205.8 | 276.4 285.4 | 305 307 |

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded


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

- Fibres, textiles and textile products -

| Date |  |  | Total <br> Fibres, <br> Textiles <br> and <br> Textile <br> Products | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Raw } \\ & \text { Cotton } \end{aligned}$ | Cotton Yarn | Cotton Fabrics | Cotton Knit Goods | Miscellaneous Fibre Products | Silk <br> and Nylon Thread | Rayon Pabrics |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average. |  | Products | 326.4 | 281.2 | 254.0 | 240.7 | 311.1 | 169.5 | 184.5 |
|  | 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. |  | 246.4 | 320.6 | 280.6 | 249.3 | 236.8 | 295.9 | 16 | 177.3 |
|  | Oct. | . | 245.3 | 301.8 | 269.7 | 250.0 | 236.8 | 301.7 | 169.5 | 177.3 |
|  | Nov. |  | 242.2 | 292.3 | 269.7 | 250.1 | 235.8 | 259.2 | 169.5 | 177.3 |
|  | Dec. |  | 241.4 | 279.4 | 267.3 | 250.5 | 235.8 | 259.2 | 169.5 | 177.3 |
| 1953 | Jan. |  | 240.3 | 274.2 | 263.3 | 249.2 | 235.8 | 252.3 | 169.5 | 165.3 |
|  | Feb. |  | 241.1 | 280.9 | 251.6 | 249.2 | 235.8 | 252.3 | 169.5 | 165.3 |
|  | Mar. | . | 24.1 .6 | 284.6 | 251.6 | 246.8 | 235.8 | 252.3 | 169.5 | 165.3 |
|  | Apr. |  | 241.6 | 281.6 | 251.6 | 246.6 | 235.8 | 248.9 | 169.5 | 165.3 |
|  | May |  | 241.2 | 286.4 | 244.6 | 246.6 | 24.4 | 248.9 | 169.5 | 165.3 |
|  | June |  | 241.7 | 282.0 | 244.6 | 246.6 | 244.1 | 248.9 | 169.5 | 163.3 |
|  | July |  | 241.2 | 288.5 | 244.6 | 246.6 | 244.1 | 238.3 | 169.5 | 163.3 |
|  | Aug. |  | 240.3 | 282.0 | 243.0 | 245.4 | 24.4 .1 | 238.3 | 169.5 | 163.3 |
|  | Sept. |  | 240.4 | 279.7 | 242.2 | 244.9 | 24.4 | 238.3 | 169.5 | 163.3 |
|  | Oct. |  | 239.8 | 277.2 | 242.2 | 243.9 | 244.1 | 238.3 | 169.5 | 163.3 |
|  | Nor. |  | 237.1 | 277.8 | 228.6 | 235.4 | 244.1 | 242.6 | 169.5 | 160.3 |
|  | Dec. | - | 235.3 | 276.2 | 228.6 | 234.6 | 230.5 | 240.8 | 169.5 | 160.3 |

- PIBRES, TEXIILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS - Concluded

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Rayon <br> Tarns | Raw <br> Wool <br> Do- <br> mestic | Raw <br> Wool Imported | Yarms, Worsted | Hosiery and Knit Goods Chiefly Wool | Wool <br> Blan- <br> kets | Wool <br> Cloth | Carpets |
|  | Average. |  | 178.5 | 251.2 | 216.0 | 198.0 | 263.5 | 261.4 | 258.0 | 226.5 |
|  | July |  | 176.9 | 260.3 | 230.0 | 203.2 | 266.3 | 252.5 | 255.9 | 224.9 |
|  | Aug. |  | 176.9 | 252.9 | 228.3 | 203.2 | 255.4 | 252.5 | 251.9 | 224.9 |
|  | 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 |
|  | Nov. |  | 176.9 | 242.3 | 221.2 | 201.3 | 255.4 | 252.5 | 253.9 | 224.9 |
|  | Dec. |  | 176.9 | 242.3 | 229.3 | 201.3 | 255.4 | 252.5 | 253.9 | 224.9 |
| 1953 | Jan. |  | 176.9 | 259.0 | 229.3 | 205.1 | 255.4 | 252.5 | 255.0 | 225.8 |
|  | Feb. |  | 176.9 | 259.0 | 227.7 | 214.7 | 255.4 | 252.5 | 258.1 | 225.8 |
|  | Mar. |  | 176.9 | 259.0 | 234.7 | 214.7 | 255.4 | 252.5 | 263.1 | 225.8 |
|  | Apr. |  | 176.9 | 259.0 | 245.8 | 218.3 | 255.4 | 252.5 | 263.1 | 225.8 |
|  | May |  | 176.9 | 268.3 | 250.4 | 217.3 | 234.8 | 252.5 | 268.2 | 225.8 |
|  | June |  | 176.9 | 266.2 | 254.5 | 226.3 | 234.8 | 252.5 | 270.2 | 224.9 |
|  | July |  | 176.9 | 266.2 | 258.6 | 223.7 | 234.8 | 252.5 | 268.2 | 224.9 |
|  | Aug. |  | 176.9 | 258.8 | 258.6 | 223.7 | 234.8 | 252.5 | 268.2 | 224.9 |
|  | Sept. |  | 176.9 | 251.4 | 254.5 | 234.0 | 234.8 | 252.5 | 268.2 | 224.9 |
|  | Oct. |  | 176.9 | 252.5 | 261.5 | 228.5 | 234.8 | 252.5 | 268.2 | 224.9 |
|  | Nov. |  | 176.9 | 265.1 | 268.7 | 225.3 | 234.8 | 252.5 | 268.4 | 224.9 |
|  | Dec. | ... | 176.9 | 259.0 | 252.6 | 223.7 | 234.8 | 252.5 | 267.5 | 225.3 |

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

- WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER

- IRON AND IT'S PRODUCTS -

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total <br> Iron <br> Pro- <br> ducts | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pig } \\ & \text { Iron } \end{aligned}$ | Rolling <br> Hill <br> Products | Pipe and Tubing | Hardware | Wire | Scrap <br> Iron and Steel | Tin <br> Plate and Galvanized Sheet |
| 1952 | Average | 219.0 | 256.7 | 203.9 | 24.4 .7 | 218.8 | 237.0 | 316.8 | 223.4 |
| 1952 | 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. | 221.2 | 260.1 | 209.1 | 246.0 | 218.6 | 238.3 | 315.9 | 224.4 |
|  | Nov. | 221.5 | 260.1 | 209.2 | 238.3 | 222.8 | 245.5 | 315.9 | 224.4 |
|  | Dec. | 221.5 | 260.1 | 209.2 | 238.3 | 222.8 | 245.5 | 315.9 | 224.4 |
| 1953 | Jan. | 221.5 | 260.1 | 209.2 | 238.3 | 222.8 | 245.5 | 315.9 | 224.4 |
|  | Feb. | 221.4 | 260.1 | 209.2 | 238.3 | 222.8 | 245.5 | 313.6 | 224.4 |
|  | Mar. | 221.4 | 260.1 | 209.2 | 238.3 | 222.8 | 245.5 | 313.6 | 224.4 |
|  | Apr. | 221.5 | 260.1 | 209.2 | 238.3 | 222.8 | 245.5 | 313.6 | 224.4 |
|  | May | 221.2 | 260.1 | 209.2 | 238.3 | 222.8 | 245.5 | 311.1 | 223.0 |
|  | June | 220.6 | 260.1 | 209.6 | 238.3 | 222.8 | 245.5 | 288.1 | 223.0 |
|  | July | 220.6 | 260.1 | 209.6 | 238.3 | 222.8 | 245.5 | 288.1 | 223.0 |
|  | Aug. | 220.6 | 260.1 | 209.6 | 238.3 | 222.6 | 245.5 | 288.1 | 223.0 |
|  | Sept. | 221.9 | 260.1 | 209.6 | 238.3 | 227.6 | 256.5 | 288.1 | 223.0 |
|  | Oct. | 222.0 | 260.1 | 209.6 | 238.3 | 228.2 | 256.5 | 288.1 | 223.0 |
|  | Nov. | 222.3 | 266.4 | 209.6 | 238.3 | 228.2 | 256.5 | 288.1 | 223.0 |
|  | Dec. | 222.0 | 266.4 | 209.6 | 238.3 | 228.2 | 256.5 | 280.9 | 223.0 |

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

- NON-FERROUS METAIS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -

| Date |  |  | Total NonFerrous Metals (1) | Antimony | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Copper } \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { Its } \\ & \text { Pro- } \\ & \text { ducts } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lead } \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { Its } \\ & \text { Pro- } \\ & \text { ducts } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Silver | Tin | Zinc and Its Products | Solder | Combined <br> Index <br> Iron and Non- <br> Ferrous <br> Metals (2) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1952 \\ & 1952 \end{aligned}$ | Average | e | 172.9 | 257.3 | 270.2 | 336.4 | 215.5 | 227.1 | 375.0 | 239.2 | 225.0 |
|  | 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 | 223.2 |
|  | Nov. |  | 167.6 | 196.2 | 278.4 | 272.6 | 210.1 | 227.0 | 295.4 | 224.5 | 222.6 |
|  | Dec. |  | 167.7 | 196.2 | 278.4 | 283.4 | 208.5 | 225.4 | 293.9 | 234.1 | 222.9 |
| 1953 | Jan. |  | 169.6 | 182.5 | 278.4 | 285.4 | 211.6 | 224.7 | 295.9 | 234.1 | 224.2 |
|  | Feb. |  | 168.5 | 182.5 | 278.3 | 271.4 | 215.2 | 228.3 | 274.4 | 234.1 | 223.2 |
|  | Mar. |  | 174.7 | 175.6 | 309.0 | 274.2 | 216.5 | 228.8 | 268.1 | 234.1 | 227.6 |
|  | Apr. |  | 170.7 | 175.6 | 295.1 | 257.4 | 216.5 | 187.0 | 261.9 | 216.6 | 224.7 |
|  | May |  | 168.1 | 175.6 | 281.6 | 251.1 | 218.9 | 187.9 | 256.4 | 207.0 | 222.2 |
|  | June |  | 168.6 | 175.6 | 281.5 | 264.6 | 218.9 | 177.9 | 256.4 | 207.0 | 222.2 |
|  | July |  | 168.3 | 175.6 | 281.2 | 270.3 | 218.3 | 154.0 | 256.4 | 191.1 | 222.1 |
|  | Aug. |  | 168.2 | 175.6 | 280.2 | 276.6 | 217.6 | 150.2 | 256.4 | 191.1 | 222.1 |
|  | Sept. |  | 167.1 | 175.6 | 279.3 | 271.2 | 216.8 | 153.8 | 245.4 | 176.8 | 222.2 |
|  | Oct. |  | 166.5 | 175.6 | 278.8 | 266.5 | 216.3 | 150.3 | 243.0 | 176.8 | 221.9 |
|  | Nov. |  | 166.5 | 187.6 | 277.7 | 27.4 | 215.2 | 157.7 | 246.1 | 176.8 | 222.2 |
|  | Dec. |  | 166.1 | 184.2 | 276.5 | 271.4 | 214.2 | 162.4 | 246.1 | 176.8 | 221.9 |

- NON-METALIIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -

(1) Includes Gold.
(2) Fxcludes Gold.


## TABLE 5. - WHOLESALB PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENI DETAIL = Continued ( $1935-39=100$ )

- non-metallic minbrals and their products - Continued

| Date |  |  | Plate <br> Glass | Petroleum Products | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Gaso- } \\ & \text { Inne } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Co81 } \\ & \text { Oil } \end{aligned}$ | Asphalt | Asphalt Shingles | Salt | Sulphur |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \overline{1952} \\ & 1952 \end{aligned}$ | Average |  | 170.7 | 162.1 | 138.1 | 129.2 | 181.1 | 150.4 | 282.4 | 174.0 |
|  | July |  | 170.7 | 160.9 | 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 |
|  | Nov. |  | 170.7 | 159.4 | 134.9 | 126.9 | 180.7 | 150.4 | 282.4 | 176.7 |
|  | Dec. |  | 170.7 | 159.4 | 134.9 | 126.9 | 180.7 | 150.4 | 282.4 | 174.9 |
| 1953 | Jan. |  | 170.7 | 159.4 | 134.9 | 126.9 | 183.4 | 250.4 | 282.4 | 174.8 |
|  | Feb. |  | 170.7 | 158.4 | 133.9 | 126.7 | 183.4 | 150.4 | 282.4 | 175.7 |
|  | Mar. |  | 170.7 | 158.4 | 133.9 | 126.7 | 183.4 | 150.4 | 282.4 | 177.2 |
|  | Apr. |  | 170.7 | 159.0 | 134.6 | 126.9 | 184.1 | 150.4 | 282.4 | 177.0 |
|  | May |  | 170.7 | 159.1 | 134.6 | 126.9 | 184.1 | 150.4 | 282.4 | 179.4 |
|  | June |  | 170.7 | 164.9 | 134.6 | 126.9 | 184.1 | 150.4 | 282.4 | 202.9 |
|  | July |  | 170.7 | 165.4 | 134.6 | 126.9 | 184.1 | 150.4 | 282.4 | 202.5 |
|  | Aug. |  | 170.7 | 171.0 | 142.9 | 134.3 | 184.1 | 150.4 | 282.4 | 201.6 |
|  | Sept. |  | 170.7 | 171.1 | 142.9 | 134.3 | 184.1 | 150.4 | 282.4 | 201.0 |
|  | Oct. |  | 189.3 | 171.3 | 142.9 | 134.3 |  |  | 282.4 | 201.2 |
|  | Nov. |  | 189.3 | 169.8 | 142.5 | 134.2 | 184.1 | 150.4 | 282.4 | 199.6 |
|  | Dec. |  | 189.3 | 169.7 | 142.5 | 134.2 | 184.1 | 150.4 | 282.4 | 198.2 |

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded


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

| Date |  | - CHEAICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS - |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total <br> Chemical <br> Products | Inorgandc Chemicals | Organic Chemicals | Coal Tar <br> Products | Dyeing Materials | Tanning Materials |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1952 \\ & 1952 \end{aligned}$ | Average | 180.1 | 136.8 | 209.3 | 187.5 | 184.7 | 258.8 |
|  | July .. | 177.3 | 136.6 | 200.7 | 187.5 | 172.3 | 248.5 |
|  | Aug. | 177.2 | 136.6 | 200.3 | 187.5 | 172.3 | 248.5 |
|  | Sept. | 177.1 | 136.6 | 200.3 | 187.5 | 172.3 | 248.5 |
|  | Oct. | 176.2 | 136.9 | 195.9 | 187.5 | 172.3 | 288.8 |
|  | Nov. | 176.4 | 136.8 | 203.6 | 187.5 | 172.3 | 288.8 |
|  | Dec. | 176.1 | 136.8 | 203.6 | 187.5 | 172.3 | 288.8 |
| 1953 | Jan. | 177.0 | 136.7 | 216.6 | 187.5 | 172,3 | 288.8 |
|  | Feb. | 176.7 | 136.5 | 216.6 | 187.5 | 172.3 | 288.8 |
|  | Mar. | 176.5 | 136.8 | 216.6 | 187.5 | 172.3 | 288.8 |
|  | Apr. | 176.2 | 136.0 | 216.6 | 187.5 | 174.8 | 288.8 |
|  | May | 176.2 | 136.0 | 216.6 | 191.6 | 174.8 | 288.8 |
|  | June | 176.4 | 136.2 | 216.6 | 191.6 | 174.8 | 288.8 |
|  | July | 176.1 | 140.1 | 216.6 | 191.6 | 174.8 | 288.8 |
|  | Aug. | 176.0 | 140.0 | 212.9 | 191.6 | 174.8 |  |
|  | Sept. | 175.3 | 140.4 | 212.9 | 191.6 | 174.8 | 288.8 288.8 |
|  | Oct. | 173.7 | 140.4 | 193.8 | 191.6 | 174.8 | 288.8 |
|  | Nov. | 173.6 | 140.4 | 191.8 | 191.6 | 174.8 | 288.8 |
|  | Dec. | 174.2 | 14.0 .4 | 188.1 | 191.6 | 174.8 | 288.8 |

- ChEaICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS - Concluded

| Ex- <br> plosives | Paint <br> Prepared | Fertil- <br> 18er <br> Materials | Indus- <br> trial <br> Gases | Soap |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 139.3 | 187.9 | 175.9 | 127.3 | 191.1 |
| 139.5 | 189.1 | 174.0 | 129.0 | 191.1 |
| 139.5 | 189.1 | 174.0 | 131.2 | 191.1 |
| 139.5 | 189.1 | 174.0 | 129.0 | 191.1 |
| 139.5 | 189.1 | 174.0 | 127.7 | 191.1 |
| 139.5 | 189.1 | 174.0 | 125.7 | 191.1 |
| 139.5 | 189.1 | 174.0 | 126.5 | 191.1 |
| 139.5 | 189.1 | 174.0 | 126.5 | 191.1 |
| 139.5 | 189.1 | 174.0 | 126.6 | 191.1 |
| 139.5 | 189.1 | 174.0 | 126.5 | 191.1 |
| 139.5 | 189.1 | 173.3 | 125.9 | 191.1 |
| 139.5 | 189.1 | 173.3 | 128.8 | 191.1 |
| 139.5 | 189.1 | 173.3 | 126.9 | 191.1 |
| 139.5 | 189.1 | 166.4 | 127.1 | 191.1 |
| 139.5 | 189.1 | 166.4 | 129.4 | 191.1 |
| 139.5 | 189.1 | 166.4 | 128.8 | 186.4 |
| 139.5 | 189.1 | 166.4 | 128.7 | 1186.4 |
| 139.5 | 189.1 | 167.3 | 124.8 | 186.4 |
| 137.4 | 189.1 | 167.3 | 126.0 | 190.0 |

TABLE 6. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

- PRINCIFAL COMPONENTS -

|  |  |  |  |  |  | (1935-39 = | 0) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Date | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { Index } \\ (1949=100) * \end{gathered}$ | Total Index | Cement, Sand and Gravel | Brick, Tile and Stone | Lumber <br> and <br> Its <br> Pro- <br> ducts | Lath, Plaster and Insulation | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Roof- } \\ & \text { ing } \\ & \text { Mate- } \\ & \text { rial } \end{aligned}$ | Paint and Glass | Plumb- <br> ing <br> and <br> Heat- <br> ing <br> Equip- <br> ment | Elec- <br> trical <br> Equip- <br> ment <br> and <br> Fix- <br> tures | Other <br> Mate- <br> rials |
| 1926 | 48.1 | 109.6 | 105.5 | 103.2 | 210.9 | 101.4 | 104.3 | 156.8 | 110.2 | 91.6 | 112.0 |
| 1929 | 49.3 | 112.4 | 107.6 | 107.4 | 116.7 | 94.4 | 108.8 | 151.5 | 108.5 | 130.1 | 106.1 |
| 1932 | 38.4 | 87.5 | 103.7 | 101.8 | 72.7 | 85.0 | 95.5 | 111.7 | 108.1 | 79.1 | 89.5 |
| 1939 | 44.9 | 102.3 | 94.0 | 97.2 | 104.9 | 99.4 | 104.1 | 97.2 | 103.0 | 102.4 | 104.6 |
| 1940 | 48.4 | 110.3 | 94.6 | 98.0 | 219.1 | 99.7 | 110.4 | 115.2 | 106.5 | 107.1 | 109.2 |
| 1941 | 53.8 | 122.6 | 99.1 | 105.1 | 139.2 | 102.8 | 118.7 | 136.2 | 114.6 | 109.0 | 112.5 |
| 1942 | 57.4 | 130.9 | 100.8 | 109.0 | 153.2 | 104.8 | 123.4 | 146.9 | 120.0 | 110.3 | 117.6 |
| 1943 | 61.0 | 139.1 | 101.2 | 113.1 | 171.3 | 104.8 | 130.1 | 149.4 | 120.0 | 110.3 | 117.9 |
| 1944 | 64.3 | 146.6 | 101.8 | 114.9 | 188.4 | 104.8 | 136.0 | 146.6 | 120.0 | 110.3 | 117.9 |
| 1945 | 65.0 | 148.3 | 102.1 | 116.4 | 191.3 | 104.8 | 135.5 | 142.2 | 122.2 | 111.4 | 118.0 |
| 1946 | 67.8 | 154.5 | 102.0 | 121.0 | 202.1 | 104.2 | 146.2 | 144.2 | 127.2 | 116.9 | 126.4 |
| 1947 | 79.1 | 180.4 | 109.7 | 133.4 | 242.0 | 107.3 | 172.3 | 169.6 | 145.2 | 147.4 | 143.0 |
| 1948 | 95.4 | 217.5 | 122.3 | 143.1 | 305.8 | 116.7 | 201.6 | 183.1 | 168.3 | 169.8 | 162.3 |
| 1949 | - 100.0 | 228.0 | 127.0 | 151.0 | 322.1 | 118.1 | 190.5 | 179.6 | 180.2 | 173.4 | 174.7 |
| 1950 | . 106.4 | 242.7 | 131.3 | 163.8 | 349.2 | 116.7 | 235.4 | 174.8 | 183.2 | 184.5 | 181.1 |
| 1951 | - 125.5 | 286.2 | 140.9 | 180.7 | 425.0 | 126.3 | 235.8 | 197.8 | 210.4 | 213.3 | 212.7 |
| $\begin{array}{r} 1952 \\ 1952 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 124.9 | 284.8 | 149.5 | 195.3 | 415.7 | 128.5 | 217.7 | 194.9 | 215.6 | 212.0 | 226.3 |
| Jan. | 126.3 | 288.0 | 148.3 | 183.2 | 424.7 | 126.7 | 210.9 | 197.5 | 217.3 | 218.8 | 222.1 |
| Feb. | 126.3 | 287.9 | 148.9 | 183.2 | 423.6 | 126.7 | 223.0 | 200.5 | 217.3 | 215.9 | 222.1 |
| Mar. | 125.8 | 286.8 | 148.9 | 192.5 | 420.9 | 126.7 | 220.0 | 199.7 | 216.6 | 211.6 | 222.1 |
| Apr. | 125.0 | 284.9 | 148.1 | 192.5 | 425.8 | 129.1 | 216.9 | 198.5 | 216.9 | 208.4 | 227.4 |
| May | 124.5 | 283.9 | 148.1 | 198.8 | 413.4 | 129.1 | 213.9 | 193.7 | 216.2 | 208.4 | 227.4 |
| June | 124.3 | 283.5 | 148.1 | 198.8 | 413.4 | 129.1 | 210.9 | 194.2 | 215.1 | 206.6 | 227.4 |
| July | 124.5 | 283.8 | 148.3 | 198.8 | 423.1 | 129.1 | 216.9 | 192.4 | 215.2 | 212.9 | 227.4 |
| Aug. | 124.6 | 284.1 | 150.1 | 198.8 | 423.1 | 129.1 | 223.0 | 192.4 | 215.2 | 212.6 | 227.4 |
| Sept. | 124.6 | 284.0 | 151.1 | 198.8 | 413.1 | 129.1 | 220.0 | 192.4 | 215.2 | 212.2 | 227.4 |
| Oct. | 124.5 | 283.8 | 151.1 | 198.8 | 412.5 | 129.1 | 220.0 | 192.4 | 215.2 | 212.2 | 227.4 |
| Nov. | 124.3 | 283.4 | 151.1 | 199.5 | 412.4 | 129.1 | 220.0 | 190.2 | 213.3 | 212.2 | 228.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1953 \end{aligned}$ | 124.3 | 283.3 | 151.9 | 199.5 | 411.9 | 129.1 | 217.0 | 195.0 | 213.1 | 212.1 | 228.8 |
| Jan. | 124.4 | 283.7 | 152.1 | 199.5 | 42.9 | 129.1 | 217.0 | 195.8 | 213.1 | 211.0 | 228.8 |
| Feb. | 123.8 | 282.3 | 152.1 | 199.5 | 409.5 | 129.1 | 217.0 | 195.4 | 213.1 | 211.0 | 228.8 |
| Mar. | 124.3 | 283.4 | 152.1 | 205.7 | 411.5 | 129.1 | 217.0 | 195.4 | 211.7 | 217.9 | 228.8 |
| Apr. | 124.4 | 283.6 | 151.6 | 205.7 | 410.3 | 129.1 | 216.9 | 195.0 | 215.5 | 217.9 | 228.8 |
| May | 124.0 | 282.8 | 151.6 | 207.4 | 410.4 | 129.1 | 216.9 | 195.8 | 212.1 | 209.7 | 228.8 |
| June | 124.6 | 284.1 | 151.6 | 207.4 | 413.1 | 129.1 | 220.0 | 202.7 | 211.3 | 209.7 | 228.8 |
| July | 124.5 | 283.9 | 151.6 | 207.4 | 412.8 | 128.9 | 219.7 | 203.9 | 211.3 | 209.7 | 228.8 |
| Aug. | 124.4 | 283.6 | 151.7 | 207.4 | 412.6 | 127.7 | 219.7 | 204.4 | 210.5 | 210.0 | 228.8 |
| Sept. | 123.2 | 281.0 | 151.7 | 207.4 | 409.1 | 127.7 | 219.7 | 205.2 | 203.4 | 210.0 | 230.4 |
| Oct. | 123.0 | 280.4 | 151.7 | 207.4 | 406.6 | 127.7 | 219.7 | 205.7 | 203.4 | 222.1 | 231.0 |
| Nov. | 122.5 | 279.4 | 151.7 | 207.4 | 405.6 | 127.7 | 219.7 | 205.7 | 203.4 | 208.2 | 231.0 |
| Dec. | 122.0 | 278.2 | 152.5 | 207.4 | 402.5 | 127.7 | 219.7 | 206.5 | 203.5 | 207.3 | 231.0 |

[^0]TABLE 7.-PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF NON-RESIDENTLAL BUILDING MATERIALS
$(1949=100)$

- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -

|  | Date | Total Index | Aggregate, Cement and Concrete Mix | Blocks, Brick and Stone | Tile | Lumber <br> and <br> Lumber <br> Products | Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment | Electrical <br> Equipment and Materials |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1950 |  | 105.0 | 103.2 | 104.3 | 104.9 | 110.3 | 103.0 | 105.8 |
| 1951 |  | 118.6 | 111.3 | 113.0 | 110.6 | 128.3 | 115.7 | 125.4 |
| 1952 |  | 123.2 | 117.4 | 219.7 | 115.5 | 127.9 | 121.3 | 121.7 |
| 1952 | July | 122.9 | 117.5 | 120.6 | 115.6 | 128.3 | 121.7 | 119.3 |
|  | Aug. | 123.0 | 118.4 | 120.9 | 115.8 | 128.3 | 121.7 | 119.3 |
|  | Sept. | 123.0 | 118.6 | 121.1 | 115.9 | 128.4 | 121.6 | 119.2 |
|  | Oct. | 123.9 | 118.6 | 121.1 | 115.9 | 128.3 | 121.6 | 119.2 |
|  | Nov. | 124.2 | 118.6 | 123.0 | 115.9 | 128.2 | 121.4 | 119.2 |
|  | Dec. | 124.2 | 119.5 | 123.0 | 125.9 | 127.7 | 121.4 | 118.8 |
| 1953 | Jon. | 124.4 | 119.9 | 123.0 | 116.7 | 128.4 | 121.3 | 118.6 |
|  | Feb. | 124.5 | 120.4 | 123.4 | 117.2 | 128.4 | 121.4 | 118.6 |
|  | Mar. | 124.8 | 120.4 | 126.0 | 117.3 | 128.3 | 121.2 | 119.6 |
|  | Apr. | 124.6 | 119.1 | 126.0 | 117.3 | 128.4 | 121.2 | 119.9 |
|  | May | 124.4 | 119.1 | 126.5 | 117.0 | 128.5 | 120.9 | 118.5 |
|  | June | 124.7 | 119.3 | 126.5 | 117.0 | 128.8 | 121.1 | 118.7 |
|  | July | 124.7 | 119.3 | 126.5 | 117.0 | 128.7 | 121.2 | 11916 |
|  | Aug. | 124.5 | 119.4 | 126.5 | 117.0 | 128.2 | 120.6 | 119.7 |
|  | Sept. | 123.8 | 120.5 | 126.5 | 117.0 | 126.8 | 116.6 | 119.7 |
|  | Oct. | 123.9 | 120.5 | 126.5 | 117.0 | 126.2 | 115.8 | 122.3 |
|  | Nov. | 123.7 | 120.5 | 126.5 126.5 | 117.0 | 125.9 124.9 | $\begin{aligned} & 115.8 \\ & 215.8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 120.8 \\ & 120.7 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Dec. | 123.6 | 120.9 | 126.5 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Steel and <br> Metal Work | Hardware | Lath, <br> Plaster and $\qquad$ | Roofing <br> Materials | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Paint } \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { class } \end{aligned}$ | Miscel- <br> laneous <br> Materials |
| 1950 |  |  | 107.3 | 103.8 | 98.7 | 104.7 | 100.5 | 97.7 |
| 1951 |  |  | 122.0 | 120.3 | 107.1 | 128.9 | 113.0 | 106.0 |
| 1952 | ....... |  | 131.3 | 125.9 | 109.7 | 134.5 | 125.6 | 106.4 |
| 1952 | July |  | 130.2 | 125.4 | 110.0 | 134.9 | 114.2 | 106.5 |
|  | Aug. |  | 130.2 | 125.4 | 110.0 | 134.9 | 114.2 | 106.5 |
|  | Sept. |  | 130.2 | 125.4 | 110.0 | 134.9 | 114.2 | 106.5 |
|  | Oct. |  | 134.7 | 125.8 | 110.0 | 134.9 | 114.2 | 106.5 |
|  | Nov. |  | 134.7 | 128.3 | 110.0 | 134.9 | 114.1 | 106.5 |
|  | Dec. |  | 134.7 | 128.3 | 110.1 | 135.1 | 118.7 | 106.5 |
| 1953 | Jan. |  | 134.7 | 128.3 | 110.3 | 135.1 | 118.7 | 106.5 |
|  | Feb. |  | 134.7 | 128.3 | 110.3 | 135.1 | 119.2 | 106.5 |
|  | Mar. |  | 134.8 | 128.3 | 110.3 | 135.1 | 119.2 | 103.7 |
|  | Apr. |  | 134.7 | 128.3 | 110.2 | 134.9 | 119.1 | 103.7 |
|  | May |  | 134.7 | 128.3 | 110.2 | 134.9 | 119.2 | 103.7 |
|  | June |  | 134.7 | 128.3 | 110.2 | 134.9 | 124.9 | 103.7 |
|  | July |  | 134.7 | 128.3 | 110.2 | 132.6 | 124.9 | 103.2 |
|  | Aug. |  | 134.7 | 128.2 | 109.2 | 132.6 | 124.9 | 103.2 |
|  | Sept. |  | 134.8 | 131.0 | 109.2 | 132.6 | 125.0 | 103.2 |
|  | Oct. |  | 134.8 | 131.4 | 109.6 | 132.6 | 126.4 | 103.2 |
|  | Nor. |  | 134.8 | 131.4 | 109.6 | 132.6 | 126.4 126.4 | 103.2 103.2 |
|  | Dec. |  | 134.8 | 131.4 | 109.6 | 132.8 | 126.4 | 103.2 |

Table 8. - WHOLESALE PHICSS OF IMFORTANT COMMODITIES
(All prices given in Canadian funds)


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

2/ I.W.A. and Domestic.
3/ Paper bags, effective January, 1953.

|  |  |  | Total | Food | Shelter | Clothing | Household Operation | Other <br> Commod- <br>  <br> Services |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1939 |  |  | 63.2 | 50.2 | 84.6 | 54.9 | 66.5 | 77.2 |
| 1940 |  |  | 65.7 | 52.6 | 86.6 | 59.9 | 70.3 | 77.9 |
| 1941 |  |  | 69.6 | 57.9 | 89.2 | 63.6 | 73.8 | 80.0 |
| 1942 |  |  | 72.9 | 63.4 | 90.7 | 65.8 | 76.0 | 82.0 |
| 1943 | ........ |  | 74.2 | 65.2 | 90.9 | 66.1 | 76.1 | 84.8 |
| 1944 | ....... |  | 74.6 | 65.5 | 91.2 | 66.6 | 75.7 | 86.1 |
| 1945 |  |  | 75.0 | 66.3 | 91.4 | 66.9 | 74.9 | 86.4 |
| 1946 |  |  | 77.5 | 70.0 | 91.8 | 69.2 | 77.2 | 88.7 |
| 1947 |  |  | 84.8 | 79.5 | 95.1 | 78.9 | 86.2 | 91.6 |
| 1948 |  |  | 97.0 | 97.5 | 98.3 | 95.6 | 96.8 | 96.5 |
| 1949 |  |  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 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 |
| 1952 |  |  | 116.5 | 116.8 | 120.2 | 111.8 | 116.2 | 116.0 |
| 1953 |  |  | 115.5 | 112.6 | 123.6 | 110.1 | 117.0 | 115.8 |
| 1951 | January | 2 | 207.7 | 109.0 | 120.0 | 102.6 | 107.1 | 107.4 |
|  | February | 1 | 109.1 | 111.0 | 110.4 | 105.1 | 108.6 | 108.0 |
|  | March | 1 | 210.8 | 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 | 214.3 | 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 |
| 1952 | January | 2 | 118.2 | 122.4 | 118.3 | 214.9 | 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 |
|  | Soptember | 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 |
|  | November | 1 | 116.1 | 115.7 | 121.4 | 109.8 | 115.9 | 116.6 |
|  | December | 1 | 215.8 | 114.1 | 122.2 | 109.7 | 116.1 | 116.6 |
| 1953 | January | 2 | 115.7 | 113.5 | 122.3 | 109.7 | 116.5 | 116.7 |
|  | February | 22 | 115.5 | 112.7 | 122.5 | $109.6$ | 116.6 | $316.7$ |
|  | March |  | 114.8 | 111.6 | 122.5 | 109.7 | 116.7 | $\begin{aligned} & 115.2 \\ & 115.0 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | April | 1 | 114.6 | 110.9 | 122.7 | 109.7 | 116.9 |  |
|  | May | 1 | 114.4 | 110.1 | 122.9 | 110.1 | 116.6 | $\begin{aligned} & 115.0 \\ & 155.1 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | June | 1 | 114.9 | 111.4 | 123.6 | 110.1 | 126.6 | $\begin{aligned} & 115.1 \\ & 115.1 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | July | 2 | 115.4 | 112.7 | $123.9$ | 110.3 | 117.0 | $\begin{aligned} & 115.1 \\ & 125.2 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | August | 1 | 115.7 | 112.8 | 124.1 | 110.4 | 117.2 | 125.8 |
|  | Soptember <br> October <br> November <br> December | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 116.2 \\ & 116.7 \\ & 116.2 \\ & 115.8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 114.0 \\ & 115.5 \\ & 113.4 \\ & 112.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 124.2 \\ & 124.5 \\ & 125.0 \\ & 125.2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 110.4 \\ & 110.3 \\ & 110.3 \\ & 110.2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 117.4 \\ & 117.5 \\ & 117.4 \\ & 117.4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 115.9 \\ & 116.0 \\ & 116.3 \\ & 116.3 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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TABLE 10. - CONSUMER PRTCE INDEX - MAIN GROUPS AND SELECTED CCMPONENTS

$$
(1949=100)
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|  | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1951 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1952 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1953 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1953 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1953 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Index | 113.7 | 216.5 | 115.5 | 118.1 | 115.8 | 116.7 | 116.2 | 125.8 |
| Pood | 117.0 | 216.8 | 212.6 | 122.5 | 114.1 | 115.5 | 113.4 | 112.1 |
| Dairy Products(incl. butter) | 108.6 | 113.3 | 112.4 | 114.2 | 113.2 | 112.3 | 112.5 | 112.8 |
| Cereal Products | 113.0 | 117.4 | 119.3 | 126.4 | 116.9 | 121.1 | 121.7 | 122.4 |
| Meats, Fish and Poultry | 127.9 | 115.5 | 108.2 | 133.9 | 110.5 | 111.3 | 110.9 | 109.8 |
| Shelter | 134.4 | 120.2 | 123.6 | 118.2 | 122.2 | 124.5 | 125.0 | 125.2 |
| Rent | 114.5 | 120.9 | 125.4 | 118.6 | 123.3 | 126.9 | 127.2 | 127.7 |
| Home-Ownership | 124.4 | 119.3 | 121.2 | 117.7 | 120.7 | 121.4 | 122.0 | 122.0 |
| Clothing | 109.8 | 111.8 | 110.1 | 115.2 | 109.7 | 110.3 | 110.3 | 110.2 |
| Men's Wear | 111.6 | 125.2 | 113.5 | 118.1 | 113.4 | 113.8 | 114.1 | 113.9 |
| Women's Wear | 105.6 | 104.8 | 102.5 | 109.8 | 101.8 | 102.7 | 102.6 | 102.4 |
| Children's Wear | 108.6 | 111.5 | 108.6 | 112.5 | 109.4 | 108.2 | 108.1 | 108.1 |
| Footwear | 116.6 | 127.2 | 127.7 | 127.9 | 127.5 | 127.7 | 127.7 | 127.6 |
| Piece Goods | 119.8 | 107.4 | 106.2 | 114.0 | 104.7 | 108.3 | 108.2 | 108.4 |
| Household Operation | 113.1 | 116.2 | 117.0 | 116.4 | 116.1 | 117.5 | 117.4 | 117.4 |
| Fuel and Lighting | 109.9 | 113.4 | 115.6 | 112.9 | 114.4 | 116.4 | 116.2 | 116.3 |
| Home Furnishings | 115.5 | 117.6 | 116.7 | 119.5 | 116.1 | 116.8 | 116.7 | 1176.4 |
| Furniture | 112.9 | 115.6 | 117.2 | 115.3 | 115.9 | 117.7 | 117.9 | 117.9 |
| Utensils and Equipment | 113.2 | 118.9 | 121.2 | 117.8 | 119.8 | 121.7 | 121.8 | 121.8 |
| Supplies and Services | 112.7 | 116.8 | 118.7 | 115.2 | 117.6 | 119.5 | 119.5 | 119.9 |
| Supplies | 112.2 | 112.4 | 113.5 | 112.6 | 113.0 | 114.2 | 114.2 | 114.5 |
| Services | 113.0 | 119.7 | 122.2 | 116.9 | 120.7 | 123.1 | 123.1 | 123.6 |
| Other Commodities and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Services | 111.5 | 126.0 | 115.8 | 125.0 | 116.6 | 116.0 | 116.3 | 176.3 |
| Transportation | 113.0 | 117.4 | 119.2 | 116.2 | 118.7 | 119.9 | 119.8 | 119.8 |
| Automobile Operation | 112.9 | 114.9 | 114.5 | 115.5 | 113.9 | 115.4 | 115.2 | 115.2 |
| Recreation | 109.7 | 115.7 | 116.7 | 112.8 | 117.3 | 116.3 | 118.2 | 118.3 |
| Health Care | 110.3 | 118.8 | 122.0 | 114.3 | 119.9 | 123.7 | 123.7 | 123.7 |
| Drugs | 107.4 | 107.9 | 108.7 | 107.7 | 108.3 | 108.9 | 108.9 | 108.9 |
| Tobacco and Alcoholic <br> $\begin{array}{llllllllll}\text { Beverages } & 111.5 & 113.3 & 108.0 & 115.2 & 112.4 & 107.2 & 107.2 & 107.2\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Personal Car | 112.5 | 115.5 | 115.9 | 115.6 | 115.6 | 125.7 | 116.1 | 116.3 |
| Personal Supplies | 110.6 | 112.7 | 111.5 | 114.2 | 111.8 | 111.1 | 111.1 | 111.4 |

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

|  |  |  | Beef, Blade Roast | Beef, Sirloin | Pork, Loin | Bacon | Salmon, Canned | Chicken | Butter | Margarine |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1951 |  |  | 151.3 | 143.5 | 114.8 | 95.4 | 106.3 | 113.3 | 104.9 | 128.5 |
| 1952 |  |  | 133.5 | 132.7 | 99.0 | 78.4 | 107.4 | 100.8 | 102.4 | 115.3 |
| 1953 |  |  | 106.2 | 113.0 | 113.7 | 101.0 | 95.9 | 108.6 | 100.7 | 117.9 |
| 1952 | Dec. | 1 | 114.1 | 116.2 | 102.0 | 77.4 | 97.0 | 98.5 | 103.1 | 113.0 |
| 1953 | Jan. | 2 | 115.8 | 119.3 | 101.9 | 77.4 | 96.6 | 101.2 | 103.7 | 113.0 |
|  | Feb. | 2 | 116.8 | 120.6 | 109.7 | 80.0 | 96.1 | 103.4 | 104.3 | 117.6 |
|  | Sept. | 1 | 100.9 | 113.8 | 119.9 | 118.0 | 95.7 | 106.5 | 97.2 | 118.5 |
|  | Oct. | 1 | 100.3 | 112.2 | 121.6 | 127.2 | 95.3 | 103.8 | 100.8 | 118.5 |
|  | Nov. | 2 | 97.8 | 105.8 | 116.7 | 128.1 | 95.3 | 102.9 | 101.8 | 117.9 |
|  | Dec. | 1 | 98.2 | 104.8 | 116.1 | 118.0 | 95.3 | 102.4 | 102.5 | 117.9 |


|  |  |  | Shortening | Eggs | Peaches, Canned | Oranges | Peas, Canned | Potatoes | Tomatoes, Fresh | Carrots |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1951 |  |  | 112.4 | 116.5 | 105.5 | 109.6 | 107.2 | 99.9 | 105.7 | 124.7 |
| 1952 |  |  | 92.3 | 96.0 | 104.4 | 105.3 | 116.9 | 196.9 | 103.2 | 137.1 |
| 1953 |  |  | 87.4 | 109.9 | 97.7 | 94.8 | 120.0 | 111.8 | 102.3 | 132.3 |
| 1952 | Dec. | 1 | 87.4 | 97.5 | 100.1 | 111.0 | 119.5 | 155.3 | 105.7 | 118.6 |
| 1953 | Jan. | 2 | 86.7 | 90.6 | 99.7 | 103.4 | 119.5 | 152.4 | 115.1 | 121.2 |
|  | Feb. | 2 | 85.8 | 88.9 | 99.2 | 99.1 | 119.5 | 147.0 | 103.9 | 125.2 |
|  | Sept. | 1 | 88.0 | 130.7 | 96.8 | 89.5 | 120.1 | 93.6 | 51.3 | 126.6 |
|  | Oct. | 1 | 88.6 | 134.3 | 96.8 | 93.7 | 120.1 | 89.3 | 65.0 | 126.6 |
|  | Nov. | 2 | 88.6 | 110.2 | 96.8 | 91.2 | 120.1 | 86.7 | 89.0 | 118.6 |
|  | Dec. | 1 | 91.1 | 98.2 | 96.8 | 99.4 | 119.5 | 84.1 | 124.5 | 127.9 |


|  |  |  | Milk, <br> Fresh | Cheose, Processed | Bread | Flour | Sugar, Granulated | Jam, Strawberry | Tea | Coffor |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1951 |  |  | 110.0 | 111.1 | 115.5 | 106.9 | 129.8 | 174.0 | 104.2 | 163.2 |
| 1952 |  |  | 118.4 | 115.9 | 119.3 | 105.9 | 121.0 | 120.6 | 104.9 | 163.0 |
| 1953 |  |  | 118.5 | 113.2 | 121.5 | 108.9 | 107.8 | 104.5 | 98.1 | 164.1 |
| 1952 | Dec. | 1 | 118.5 | 115.1 | 117.7 | 104.7 | 112.7 | 105.6 | 103.9 | 161.5 |
| 1953 | Jan. | 2 | 118.5 | 115.4 | 117.7 | 104.7 | 112.7 | 105.2 | 103.3 | 161.4 |
|  | Feb. | 2 | 118.5 | 114.1 | 117.7 | 104.7 | 110.6 | 105.2 | 99.2 | 161.2 |
|  | Sept. | 1 | 118.5 | 111.7 | 124.8 | 111.9 | 106.2 | 105.6 | 97.3 | 165.7 |
|  | Oct. | 1 | 118.5 | 111.7 | 124.8 | 111.9 | 106.2 | 105.6 | 97.3 | 166.8 |
|  | Nov. | 2 | 118.5 | 109.6 | 125.8 | 113.3 | 105.1 | 106.1 | 97.8 | 167.3 |
|  | Dec. | 1 | 118.5 | 110.3 | 126.8 | 113.3 | 104.1 | 106.1 | 97.8 | 167.8 |

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## TABLE 12 - CONSUNER PRICE INDEXES FOR REGIONAL CITIES

N.B. - Indexes shown in this table measure porcentage changes in pricos over time, and should not be used to compare actual levels of prices as between cities.

|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { St.John's } \\ & \text { Nfl'd. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hali- } \\ & \text { fax }^{2} \end{aligned}$ | Saint John | Montreal | Ottama | Toronto | Winnipeg | Saskatoon Regina | Edmon- <br> ton <br> Calgary | Vancouver |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } \\ 1951=100 \end{gathered}$ | 1949-100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1940 |  |  | 68.6 | 66.4 | 64.8 | 65.3 | 66.1 | 66.6 | 64.7 | 66.2 | 63.6 |
| 1941 |  |  | 71.3 | 69.8 | 68.6 | 68.7 | 69.9 | 69.8 | 68.5 | 69.0 | $66.9$ |
| 1942 | ........ |  | 74.2 | 73.3 | 71.9 | 72.0 | 73.6 | 72.9 | 71.5 | 72.0 | 70.2 |
| 1943 |  |  | 76.0 | 74.7 | 73.4 | 73.1 | 74.4 | 74.0 | 72.6 | 73.9 | 72.4 |
| 1944 |  |  | 76.9 | 75.4 | 73.6 | 73.3 | 74.9 | 74.5 | 73.5 | 74.6 | 72.8 |
| 1945 |  |  | 77.6 | 75.8 | 74.4 | 73.8 | 75.3 | 75.2 | 74.0 | 75.3 | 73.6 |
| 1946 |  |  | 79.6 | 77.9 | 76.9 | 76.5 | 77.9 | 77.5 | 76.6 | 77.8 | 75.9 |
| 1947 |  |  | 86.3 | 84.6 | 84.3 | 84.5 | 85.5 | 84.3 | 84.4 | 84.6 | 83.3 |
| 1948 |  |  | 96.8 | 97.0 | 96.6 | 96.5 | 97.0 | 95.8 | 96.9 | 96.1 | 96.0 |
| 1949 |  |  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 1950 |  |  | 102.1 | 103.3 | 103.7 | 103.1 | 104.1 | 103.8 | 102.2 | 103.9 | 103.6 |
| 1951 |  |  | 212.1 | 114.1 | 116.1 | 115.3 | 115.4 | 114.6 | 111.7 | 113.5 | 124.3 |
| 1952 |  | 103.5 | 115.3 | 217.4 | 117.6 | 116.8 | 117.5 | 116.1 | 112.8 | 114.8 | 117.4 |
| 1953 |  | 102.2 | 123.2 | 215.3 | 116.3 | 115.0 | 116.8 | 114.4 | 123.1 | 134.0 | 116.1 |
| 1951 | January | 2 | 104.2 | 106.9 | 108.5 | 107.5 | 107.8 | 108.0 | 104.7 | 106.4 | 106.5 |
|  | February | 1 | 105.5 | 108.7 | 110.2 | 109.2 | 109.7 | 109.5 | 106.2 | 108.3 | 108.5 |
|  | March | 1 | 108.6 | 121.0 | 112.4 | 112.1 | 112.8 | 111.8 | 109.4 | 110.8 | 110.6 |
|  | April | 2 | 210.0 | 212.3 | 113.7 | 113.6 | 114.0 | 113.1 | 110.1 | 112.0 | 112.7 |
|  | May | 1 | 110.1 | 112.6 | 114.2 | 113.6 | 114.2 | 113.1 | 110.2 | 112.4 | 112.9 |
|  | June | 1100.0 | 111.5 | 113.8 | 116.2 | 114.7 | 115.0 | 114.2 | 111.0 | 113.1 | 114.4 |
|  | July | 3101.3 | 114.6 | 115.9 | 119.2 | 117.5 | 117.3 | 117.1 | 113.5 | 115.1 | 116.5 |
|  | August | 1102.8 | 115.7 | 117.0 | 118.9 | 118.1 | 118.0 | 117.5 | 114.5 | 116.5 | 117.2 |
|  | September | 1102.7 | 115.4 | 117.0 | 119.6 | 118.9 | 118.5 | 117.3 | 114.6 | 116.3 | 117.4 |
|  | October | 1103.0 | 115.9 | 117.5 | 219.8 | 119.2 | 118.8 | 117.9 | 115.1 | 116.6 | 117.3 |
|  | November | 1103.2 | 116.6 | 117.8 | 120.4 | 119.2 | 119.2 | 117.8 | 115.4 | 116.9 | 118.8 |
|  | December | $1 \quad 103.5$ | 116.6 | 118.2 | 120.4 | 120.2 | 118.9 | 118.0 | 115.2 | 117.7 | 119.0 |
| 1952 | January | 2103.9 | 116.6 | 119.4 | 120.9 | 120.6 | 119.6 | 118.3 | 115.1 | 117.6 | 119.5 |
|  | February | 1103.7 | 115.9 | 119.0 | 120.3 | 120.1 | 118.9 | 118.1 | 115.1 | 117.4 | 118.8 |
|  | March | $1104.0$ | 115.6 | 118.7 | 119.2 | 118.7 | 117.9 | 117.2 | 114.2 | 116.2 | 118.6 |
|  | April | 1103.8 | 115.6 | 118.6 | 118.2 | 118.1 | 118.2 | 117.1 | 113.0 | 115.4 | 118.7 |
|  | Msy | 1103.1 | 215.3 | 117.0 | 116.5 | 116.4 | 116.9 | 116.2 | 111.4 | 114.0 | 117.7 |
|  | June | 2102.7 | 116.5 | 117.8 | 117.4 | 116.2 | 117.9 | 116.3 | 111.3 | 113.8 | 117.7 |
|  | Juiy | 2103.9 | 116.8 | 118.3 | 118.0 | 116.5 | 117.9 | 116.5 | 112.6 | 114.4 | 117.2 |
|  | August | 1105.3 | 116.4 | 118.2 | 117.0 | 116.2 | 117.8 | 115.9 | 113.2 | 114.8 | 117.0 |
|  | September | 2103.6 | 114.9 | 116.8 | 117.0 | 115.8 | 117.2 | 115.3 | 112.4 | 113.9 | 116.7 |
|  | October | 1103.0 | 113.1 | 115.3 | 115.8 | 114.5 | 116.2 | 114.3 | 111.7 | 113.5 | 115.6 |
|  | November | 1 102.5 | 113.6 | 115.2 | 115.7 | 214.7 | 116.0 | 114.1 | 112.1 | 113.3 | 215.8 |
|  | December | 1102.3 | 112.8 | 114.5 | 115.2 | 113.9 | 115.6 | 113.5 | 111.3 | 112.9 | 116.1 |
| 1953 | January | 2102.4 | 112.8 | 114.7 | 115.7 | 114.4 | 115.9 | 113.7 | 111.9 | 112.6 | 116.2 |
|  | February | 2102.3 | 113.1 | 114.8 | 116.2 | 114.8 | 116.0 | 114.1 | 112.1 | 112.6 | 115.7 |
|  | March | 2101.3 | 112.9 | 114.5 | 115.8 | 114.3 | 115.9 | 113.7 | 112.2 | 113.0 | 115.5 |
|  | April | 1101.5 | 112.7 | 114.6 | 114.8 | 114.3 | 115.7 | 113.9 | 112.3 | 113.1 | 115.6 |
|  | May | 1101.1 | 112.2 | 214.4 | 114.9 | 113.7 | 115.7 | 113.6 | 112.1 | 113.2 | 115.7 |
|  | June | 1101.2 | 112.7 | 114.9 | 116.0 | 114.7 | 116.5 | 114.1 | 112.9 | 114.0 | 115.8 116.5 |
|  | July | 2101.9 | 113.7 | 215.8 | 117.3 | 115.2 | 117.2 | 115.2 | 113.9 | 114.7 | 116.5 |
|  | August | 1102.9 | 114.2 | 116.7 | 117.0 | 115.4 | 117.5 | 115.0 | 114.2 | 115.3 | 116.0 |
|  | September | $\begin{array}{ll}1 & 102.8 \\ 1 & 102.8\end{array}$ | 113.8 114.0 | 116.1 | 116.5 | 115.5 | 117.6 | 115.0 | 114.3 | 115.3 | 116.7 |
|  | November | 2103.1 | 113.6 | 115.9 | 117.0 | 116.0 | 117.8 | 115.2 | 113.7 | 114.9 | 116.5 |
|  | December | 1 102.7 | 113.2 | 115.5 | 216.7 | 115.5 | 117.6 | 114.7 | 113.3 | 114.5 | 116.3 |



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| 1951 | April | 2 |  | 112.7 | 116.0 | 118.2 | 117.5 | 116.7 | 119.0 | 124.9 | 117.0 | 117.1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | May | 1 |  | 111.4 | 115.4 | 117.6 | 115.7 | 115.4 | 118.2 | 113.9 | 116.3 | 114.9 |
|  | June | 1 | 100.0 | 113.7 | 117.6 | 120.7 | 117.9 | 217.0 | 120.2 | 115.4 | 117.5 | 117.6 |
|  | July | 3 | 103.1 | 119.9 | 122.0 | 127.1 | 124.6 | 122.8 | 126.5 | 120.4 | 122.0 | 122.4 |
|  | August | 1 | 106.0 | 120.9 | 123.6 | 126.1 | 124.5 | 123.1 | 126.2 | 121.8 | 124.4 | 122.2 |
|  | September | 1 | 105.1 | 129.6 | 123.1 | 126.2 | 125.0 | 123.5 | 124.8 | 121.1 | 122.7 | 121.0 |
|  | October | 1 | 105.2 | 118.9 | 122.3 | 125.5 | 124.5 | 122.6 | 123.7 | 120.3 | 122.0 | 120.2 |
|  | November | 1 | 105.0 | 120.2 | 122.6 | 126.0 | 123.5 | 122.0 | 123.1 | 119.6 | 121.4 | 122.4 |
|  | December | 1 | 105.7 | 120.0 | 123.2 | 125.8 | 125.5 | 120.6 | 123.2 | 119.0 | 123.6 | 123.4 |
| 1952 | January | 2 | 106.1 | 119.6 | 123.5 | 126.9 | 125.7 | 122.2 | 122.8 | 128.2 | 122.0 | 124.1 |
|  | February | 1 | 105.0 | 118.1 | 122.8 | 125.4 | 124.9 | 121.0 | 123.1 | 118.6 | 121.9 | 122.4 |
|  | March | 1 | 104.3 | 115.6 | 121.5 | 122.5 | 121.8 | 117.4 | 120.3 | 115.6 | 119.2 | 120.9 |
|  | April | 1 | 103.8 | 115.8 | 121.5 | 120.4 | 119.5 | 116.9 | 119.6 | 112.8 | 117.2 | 121.0 |
|  | May | 1 | 103.2 | 114.3 | 118.4 | 117.2 | 116.4 | 114.1 | 118.2 | 110.3 | 214.3 | 117.2 |
|  | June | 2 | 102.2 | 116.9 | 120.4 | 119.3 | 116.6 | 126.3 | 118.4 | 110.3 | 113.8 | 117.0 |
|  | July | 2 | 105.8 | 117.7 | 121.6 | 120.5 | 117.5 | 116.7 | 119.2 | 113.5 | 115.6 | 115.9 |
|  | August | 1 | 109.6 | 117.1 | 121.2 | 118.2 | 117.1 | 116.3 | 116.8 | 114.3 | 116.5 | 115.3 |
|  | September | 2 | 104.5 | 113.1 | 178.0 | 118.2 | 115.5 | 113.9 | 115.2 | 111.9 | 114.2 | 114.8 |
|  | October | 1 | 103.0 | 108.8 | 114.7 | 114.7 | 112.3 | 111.3 | 113.3 | 110.4 | 113.2 | 112.3 |
|  | November | 1 | 101.7 | 109.9 | 114.4 | 114.8 | 113.0 | 111.0 | 113.2 | 111.5 | 112.5 | 112.8 |
|  | December | 1 | 101.4 | 107.8 | 112.7 | 113.2 | 110.1 | 109.4 | 111.2 | 109.3 | 111.4 | 113.5 |
| 1953 | January | 2 | 101.6 | 107.5 | 112.2 | 114.2 | 111.3 | 110.0 | 211.6 | 110.8 | 110.5 | 113.4 |
|  | February | 2 | 100.8 | 107.9 | 112.4 | 115.2 | 112.2 | 110.1 | 112.6 | 110.9 | 110.4 | 112.4 |
|  | March | 2 | 99.5 | 107.7 | 112.2 | 124.5 | 111.0 | 109.7 | 111.7 | 111.5 | 110.8 | 111.8 |
|  | April | 1 | 99.4 | 106.6 | 111.9 | 111.8 | 120.8 | 108.2 | 111.8 | 111.5 | 110.4 | 111.3 |
|  | May | 1 | 98.4 | 105.0 | 110.9 | 112.1 | 109.2 | 108.3 | 111.0 | 110.2 | 110.4 | 111.4 |
|  | June | 1 | 98.6 | 106.2 | 111.4 | 114.0 | 111.7 | 109.9 | 112.3 | 112.1 | 112.0 | 111.6 |
|  | July | 2 | 99.6 | 108.6 | 113.5 | 116.8 | 112.8 | 111.6 | 114.9 | 114.4 | 113.7 | 113.3 |
|  | August | 1 | 101.8 | 109.8 | 115.1 | 116.0 | 112.9 | 111.7 | 113.8 | 114.6 | 113.9 | 111.8 |
|  | September | 1 | 101.4 | 108.9 | 173.2 | 114.8 | 112.8 | 112.8 | 112.6 | 113.6 | 113.3 | 112.0 |
|  | October | 1 | 101.4 | 108.6 | 113.1 | 117.4 | 115.5 | 114.1 | 112.8 | 114.6 | 113.6 | 112.7 |
|  | November | 2 | 102.3 | 107.0 | 111.8 | 115.8 | 113.0 | 111.6 | 112.3 | 112.1 | 111.9 | 112.6 |
|  | December | 1 | 101.3 | 105.7 | 110.8 | 115.1 | 111.4 | 110.3 | 210.8 | 110.8 | 110.7 | 111. |


| Shelter Index |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1952 | October | 1 | 106.6 | 216.1 | 110.6 | 127.4 | 120.7 | 130.5 | 115.4 | 107.3 | 113.5 | 119.1 |
|  | November | 1 | 106.6 | 116.1 | 110.6 | 127.4 | 120.7 | 130.5 | 115.4 | $1) 7.3$ | 113.5 | 119.1 |
|  | December | 1 | 106.6 | 116.1 | 110.9 | 127.7 | 121.3 | 131.8 | 116.6 | 108.1 | 114.0 | 119.6 |
| 1953 | January | 2 | 106.8 | 116.5 | 110.9 | 128.1 | 121.3 | 131.9 | 116.6 | 108.1 | 114.3 | 120.2 |
|  | February | 2 | 106.8 | 116.5 | 110.9 | 128.2 | 121.4 | 132.1 | 117.0 | 108.4 | 115.6 | 120.5 |
|  | March | 2 | 106.8 | 116.5 | 110.9 | 128.2 | 121.5 | 132.2 | 117.1 | 109.0 | 116.0 | 121.2 |
|  | April | 1 | 107.1 | 116.7 | 110.9 | 128.2 | 121.6 | 132.7 | 117.3 | 109.0 | 116.1 | 121.3 |
|  | May | 1 | 107.3 | 116.7 | 112.2 | 128.3 | 121.6 | 132.9 | 117.3 | 109.7 | 116.4 | 121.5 |
|  | June | 1 | 107.3 | 116.8 | 113.8 | 130.4 | 122.6 | 134.4 | 117.3 | 109.7 | 117.4 | 122.0 |
|  | July | 2 | 107.3 | 116.8 | 114.3 | 130.6 | 122.7 | 134.6 | 117.6 | 109.8 | 117.5 | 122.9 |
|  | August | 1 | 107.3 | 116.8 | 114.9 | 131.1 | 123.3 | 135.1 | 117.7 | 110.9 | 127.5 | 122.9 |
|  | September | 1 | 107.3 | 116.8 | 116.3 | 131.1 | 124.0 | 135.1 | 117.9 | 110.9 | 117.8 | 123.0 |
|  | October | 1 | 107.3 | 118.7 | 116.3 | 131.2 | 124.2 | 136.0 | 119.4 | 111.5 | 118.3 | 123.2 |
|  | November | 2 | 107.3 | 118.7 | 116.9 | 131.4 | 124.9 | 136.5 | 120.8 | 111.6 | 118.5 | 123.2 |
|  | December | 1 | 107.3 | 119.1 | 116.9 | 131.5 | 125.0 | 137.1 | 121.7 | 111.9 | 118.7 | 123.5 |

1. St. John's Index on the base June 1951=100.

|  |  |  | St. John's Nfl'd.(1) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hali- } \\ & \text { fax } \end{aligned}$ | Saint John | Montreal | Ottama | Toronto | Winnipeg | Saskatoon Regina | Edmon- <br> ton <br> Calgary | Vancouver |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Clethine Index |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1952 | October | 1 | 102.7 | 115.9 | 219.4 | 110.4 | 112.8 | 112.8 | 216.1 | 216.1 | 125.5 | 113.3 |
|  | November | 1 | 102.4 | 115.0 | 118.6 | 109.6 | 112.1 | 112.1 | 115.2 | 115.4 | 115.1 | 113.3 |
|  | December | 1 | 102.1 | 114.9 | 118.3 | 109.6 | 112.1 | 122.1 | 115.3 | $\underline{125.4}$ | 115.2 | 113.1 |
| 1953 | January | 2 | 102.1 | 114.9 | 118.4 | 109.6 | 122.1 | 112.1 | 125.3 | 115.2 | 114.6 | 112.6 |
|  | February | 2 | 102.2 | 114.9 | 118.3 | 109.7 | 112.1 | 112.1 | 125.0 | 115.2 | 114.5 | 112.3 |
|  | March | 2 | 102.0 | 115.1 | 128.6 | 109.7 | 112.4 | 112.4 | 125.3 | 115.2 | 114.5 | 112.1 |
|  | April | 1 | 101.6 | 115.7 | 119.2 | 109.5 | 112.7 | 112.7 | 115.7 | 115.3 | 113.5 | 112.1 |
|  | May | 1 | 101.8 | 115.8 | 119.4 | 109.9 | 113.2 | 113.2 | 115.7 | 116.3 | 114.2 | 112.6 |
|  | June | 1 | 101.9 | 116.0 | 119.5 | 110.1 | 113.2 | 113.2 | 115.7 | 116.3 | 114.2 | 122.7 |
|  | July | 2 | 101.8 | 215.9 | 119.4 | 110.3 | 113.3 | 113.3 | 115.7 | 116.2 | 114.4 | 112.7 |
|  | August | 1 | 101.9 | 116.0 | 119.7 | 110.3 | 113.3 | 113.3 | 116.2 | 116.3 | 114.4 | 112.7 |
|  | September | 1 | 101.9 | 116.1 | 129.7 | 110.3 | 113.6 | 113.6 | 116.7 | 116.3 | 114.4 | 112.8 |
|  | October | 1 | 101.9 | 216.4 | 119.7 | 110.9 | 213.6 | 113.1 | 116.2 | 116.3 | 114.3 | 112.6 |
|  | November | 2 | 102.1 | 116.9 | 119.9 | 121.0 | 123.6 | 112.9 | 116.5 | 116.3 | 174.3 | 112.6 |
|  | December | 1 | 101.7 | 116.9 | 119.9 | 111.0 | 113.5 | 122.6 | 126.3 | 116.3 | 134.2 | 212.7 |

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| 1952 | October | 1 | 104.4 | 117.4 | 113.7 | 115.7 | 124.0 | 117.1 | 113.2 | 116.2 | 113.9 | 122.3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | November | 1 | 104.2 | 117.5 | 113.9 | 115.4 | 114.0 | 117.0 | 112.9 | 116.1 | 113.7 | 122.2 |
|  | December | 1 | 104.1 | 117.9 | 113.9 | 116.2 | 115.7 | 116.9 | 113.3 | 116.2 | 113.6 | 122.1 |
| 1953 | January | 2 | 104.1 | 118.2 | 117.1 | 116.7 | 11.6 .0 | 117.6 | 113.2 | 116.3 | 113.6 | 122.7 |
|  | February | 2 | 104.0 | 118.4 | 116.7 | 116.9 | 116.3 | 117.9 | 113.4 | 116.8 | 113.3 | 122.7 |
|  | March | 2 | 104.0 | 118.4 | 116.6 | 116.9 | 116.5 | 118.0 | 113.5 | 116.8 | 114.0 | 123.0 |
|  | April | 1 | 103.9 | 118.8 | 116.9 | 117.5 | 116.4 | 118.5 | 113.6 | 116.9 | 114.3 | 123.1 |
|  | May | 1 | 103.7 | 119.2 | 116.2 | 116.3 | 116.0 | 117.7 | 113.4 | 117.1 | 114.0 | 122.9 |
|  | June | 1 | 103.8 | 119.2 | 116.7 | 116.3 | 115.1 | 117.6 | 113.2 | 117.1 | 114.0 | 122.1 |
|  | July | 2 | 103.7 | 119.2 | 116.7 | 116.3 | 115.1 | 117.7 | 113.3 | 117.7 | 114.4 | 122.1 |
|  | August | 1 | 104.3 | 119.3 | 117.1 | 116.3 | 115.2 | 117.6 | 113.4 | 117.7 | 115.1 | 122.3 |
|  | September | 1 | 104.4 | 129.1 | 117.2 | 116.7 | 115.1 | 117.6 | 113.4 | 117.7 | 115.2 | 122.1 |
|  | October | 1 | 104.4 | 119.0 | 117.2 | 116.5 | 115.7 | 117.6 | 113.5 | 117.7 | 115.2 | 123.2 |
|  | November | 2 | 104.3 | 118.9 | 117.2 | 116.2 | 115.6 | 117.5 | 113.4 | 117.7 | 115.1 | 123.3 |
|  | December | 1 | 104.2 | 118.9 | 117.1 | 116.0 | 116.0 | 117.8 | 112.9 | 118.1 | 114.9 | 123.4 |

## Other Commoditios <br> and Serrices Inder

| 1952 | October | 1 | 100.3 | 213.8 | 118.5 | 114.4 | 116.5 | 115.6 | 115.2 | 110.8 | 112.4 | 116.4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | November | 1 | 100.2 | 134.7 | 119.0 | 114.5 | 136.5 | 115.4 | 115.1 | 110.8 | 113.3 | 116.4 |
|  | Decembor | 1 | 100.2 | 214.7 | 119.0 | 114.5 | 116.5 | 115.4 | 115.0 | 110.8 | 113.3 | 1116.4 |
| 1953 | January | 2 | 100.2 | 114.7 | 119.0 | 114.5 | 116.5 | 115.4 | 125.0 | 110.8 | 113.3 | 116.4 |
|  | February | 2 | 100.7 | 125.1 | 119.0 | 114.5 | 11.6 .7 | 115.6 | 125.0 | 110.8 | 113.3 | 116.4 |
|  | March | 2 | 98.5 | 174.1 | 118.0 | 113.7 | 115.8 | 114.9 | 114.3 | 109.9 | 113.7 | 115.7 |
|  | April | 1 | 99.6 | 114.6 | 118.7 | 114.6 | 116.2 | 115.8 | 114.8 | 110.4 | 115.0 | 116.8 |
|  | May | 1 | 99.5 | 115.0 | 118.9 | 114.6 | 116.2 | 115.7 | 115.1 | 110.5 | 115.2 | 217.3 |
|  | June | 1 | 99.3 | 115.0 | 118.9 | 124.6 | 116.2 | 215.8 | 115.1 | 110.5 | 115.2 | 117.3 |
|  | July | 2 | 101.1 | 125.0 | 118.9 | 114.6 | 116.2 | 116.1 | 115.1 | 110.5 | 115.2 | 117.3 |
|  | August | 1 | 101.4 | 115.2 | 119.3 | 125.0 | 116.7 | 116.8 | 115.9 | 110.6 | 116.8 | 117.4 |
|  | September | 1 | 101.5 | 115.3 | 119.3 | 115.1 | 116.8 | 116.8 | 116.0 | 110.8 | 116.9 | 117.5 |
|  | October | 1 | 101.5 | 115.4 | 119.3 | 115.1 | 116.8 | 116.9 | 116.2 | 110.8 | 117.1 | 117.5 |
|  | November | 2 | 10.5 | 125.5 | 119.3 | 115.4 | 117.4 | 117.4 | 116.3 | 111.7 | 117.6 | 117.4 |
|  | December | 1 | 101.5 | 115.6 | 119.3 | 115.3 | 117.4 | 127.4 | 116.2 | 11.7 | 127.6 | 117.4 |

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

TABLE 13.-ACTUAL AVERAGE WEEKLI WAGES IN MANUPACTURING
ADJUSTED POR CHANGES IN THE CONSUMER PRTCE INDEX
1945-1953

| Year and Month | Actual(1) <br> Weokly <br> Wages | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Weekly } \\ & \text { Wages in } \\ & 1949 \\ & \text { Dollars } \end{aligned}$ | Index Numbors of |  | The Consumer Price Index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Actual Weekly Wages | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Woekly } \\ & \text { Wages } \\ & \text { in } 1949 \\ & \text { Dollars } \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | \$ | \$ | (1949-100) |  | $(1949=100)$ |
| 1945 - Averag | 30.74 | 40.99 | 73.7 | 98.3 | 75.0 |
| 1946 - Average | 29.87 | 38.54 | 71.6 | 92.4 | 77.5 |
| 1947 - Average | 34.13 | 40.25 | 81.8 | 96.5 | 84.8 |
| 1948 - Average | 38.53 | 39.72 | 92.4 | 95.2 | 97.0 |
| 1949 - Average | 41.71 | 42.71 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 1950 - Average | 43.82 | 42.59 | 105.1 | 102.1 | 102.9 |
| 1951 - Avorage | 48.82 | 42.94 | 117.0 | 102.9 | 113.7 |
| 1952 - Average | 53.62 | 46.03 | 128.6 | 110.4 | 116.5 |
| 1951 - July 1 | 49.37 | 43.08 | 118.4 | 103.3 | 114.6 |
| Aug. 1 | 49.31 | 42.69 | 118.2 | 102.3 | 115.5 |
| Sopt. 1 | 50.05 | 42.96 | 120.0 | 103.0 | 116.5 |
| Oct. 1 | 51.08 | 43.62 | 122.5 | 104.6 | 117.1 |
| Nov. 1 | 51.62 | 43.78 | 123.8 | 105.0 | 117.9 |
| Dec. 1 | 52.17 | 44.17 | 125.1 | 105.9 | 118.1 |
| 1952 - Jan. ${ }_{\text {Fob }}$ | 48.43 | 40.97 | 116.1 | 98.2 | 118.2 |
|  | 52.87 | 44.96 | 126.8 | 107.8 | 117.6 |
| Mar. 1 | 53.29 | 45.59 | 127.8 | 109.3 | 116.9 |
| Apr. 1 | 54.31 | 46.50 | 130.2 | 111.5 | 116.8 |
| May 1 | 54.22 | 46.78 | 130.0 | 112.2 | 115.9 |
| June 1 | 53.57 | 46.18 | 128.4 | 110.7 | 116.0 |
| July 1 | 53.11 | 45.75 | 127.3 | 109.7 | 116.1 |
| Aug. 1 | 52.98 | 45.67 | 127.0 | 109.5 | 116.0 |
| Sopt. 1 | 53.87 | 46.40 | 129.2 | 111.2 | 116.1 |
| Oct. 1 | 54.69 | 47.15 | 131.1 | 113.0 | 116.0 |
| Nov. 1 | 55.15 | 47.50 | 132.2 | 113.9 | 116.1 |
| Dec. 1 | 56.14 | 48.48 | 134.6 | 116.2 | 115.8 |
| 1953 - Jan. 1 | 51.32 | 44.36 | 123.0 | 106.4 | 115.7 |
|  | 56.23 | 48.68 | 134.8 | 116.7 | 115.5 |
| Mar. 1 | 56.58 | 49.29 | 135.7 | 118.2 | 114.8 |
| Apr. 1 | 56.79 | 49.55 | 136.2 | 118.8 | 114.6 |
| May 1 | 56.64 | 49.51 | 135.8 | 118.7 | 114.4 |
| June 1 | 56.67 | 49.32 | 135.9 | 118.2 | 114.9 |
| July 1 | 56.25 | 48.74 | 134.9 | 116.9 | 115.4 |
| Aug. 1 | 55.76 | 48.19 | 133.7 | 115.5 | 115.7 |
| Sopt. 1 | 55.64 | 47.88 | 133.4 | 114.8 | 116.2 |
| Oct. 1 | 56.69 | 48.58 | 135.9 | 116.5 | 116.7 |
| Nov. 1 | 56.88 (P) | 48.95 (P) | 136.4 (P) | 117.4 (P) | 116.2 |

(1) Average Weakly Eamings of Hourly-Rated Wago-Bamers in Manufacturing. For details ses monthly pablication "Man Hours and Hourly Earnings."
(p) Preliminary

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| Number of Stocks |  | Investors' Total <br> (101) | Total <br> Indue- <br> trials <br> (80) | Machinory and Equipment (11) | Pulp and Paper <br> (9) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mill- } \\ & \text { ing } \end{aligned}$ <br> (3) | $0 i 18$ (5) | Tex- <br> tiles <br> and <br> Cloth- <br> ing <br> (10) | Food and Allied Products (24) | Beverages <br> (10) | Building Katorials <br> (16) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1939 |  | 91.6 | 91.2 | 100.9 | 81.7 | 100.6 | 83.6 | 0 | 109.6 | 98.1 | 98.3 |
| 1940 |  | 77.4 | 74.2 | 88.9 | 90.7 | 94.2 | 62.2 | 121.8 | 103.3 | 100.8 | 90.6 |
| 1941 |  | 67.5 | 63.9 | 75.6 | 68.8 | 70.6 | 50.0 | 105.4 | 91.0 | 95.9 | 78.3 |
| 1942 |  | 64.2 | 60.4 | 76.5 | 62.9 | 47.1 | 47.1 | 104.0 | 77.7 | 97.8 | 74.5 |
| 1943 |  | 83.5 | 78.6 | 103.9 | 92.6 | 90.5 | 73.8 | 121.4 | 89.5 | 131.0 | 89.1 |
| 1944 |  | 83.8 | 78.8 | 112.8 | 125.0 | 99.3 | 73.1 | 124.8 | 97.5 | 153.3 | 92.7 |
| 1945 |  | 99.6 | 93.7 | 134.5 | 167.3 | 113.3 | 78.7 | 148.7 | 110.3 | 222.2 | 116.0 |
| 1946 |  | 115.7 | 108.6 | 183.8 | 255.5 | 132.4 | 73.9 | 193.9 | 129.1 | 363.9 | 149.6 |
| 1947 |  | 106.0 | 99.3 | 182.6 | 258.4 | 120.3 | 65.9 | 182.4 | 125.8 | 302.3 | 137.4 |
| 1948 |  | 112.5 | 107.2 | 220.1 | 264.0 | 107.4 | 74.0 | 207.5 | 114.0 | 308.5 | 135.7 |
| 1949 |  | 109.4 | 103.1 | 215.4 | 242.9 | 89.9 | 72.0 | 208.1 | 115.7 | 299.9 | 143.4 |
| 1950 |  | 131.6 | 127.6 | 295.5 | 362.2 | 87.9 | 94.2 | 264.1 | 122.0 | 389.0 | 185.8 |
| 1951 |  | 168.3 | 172.0 | 420.7 | 561.2 | 112.8 | 140.6 | 358.0 | 118.9 | 434.1 | 272.5 |
| 1952 |  | 173.1 | 176.6 | 428.3 | 515.2 | 131.0 | 155.1 | 277.2 | 108.6 | 365.7 | 283.6 |
| 1953 |  | 160.3 | 160.1 | 394.8 | 501.6 | 131.2 | 131.0 | 222.5 | 120.7 | 399.3 | 279.5 |
|  | June | 171.6 | 174.8 | 420.2 | 506.5 | 121.6 | 157.4 | 268.2 | 101.5 | 357.9 | 268.4 |
|  | July | 174.9 | 178.6 | 422.5 | 518.4 | 135.5 | 158.7 | 272.7 | 104.6 | 367.5 | 281.4 |
|  | Aug. | 176.0 | 179.8 | 441.8 | 519.9 | 152.3 | 153.4 | 297.2 | 107.5 | 375.6 | 299.4 |
|  | Sopt. | 171.6 | 174.3 | 434.7 | 499.1 | 145.4 | 146.6 | 286.8 | 109.7 | 363.8 | 290.7 |
|  | Oct. | 163.6 | 164.9 | 407.5 | 471.9 | 143.4 | 138.1 | 271.9 | 110.2 | 350.4 | 277.5 |
|  | Nov. | 167.3 | 169.2 | 416.1 | 480.4 | 143.7 | 143.3 | 276.3 | 112.4 | 370.4 | 284.8 |
|  | Dec. | 168.4 | 169.9 | 419.1 | 494.3 | 132.9 | 146.5 | 269.3 | 112.5 | 367.1 | 287.6 |
| 1953 | Jan. | 172.3 | 174.3 | 432.9 | 502.5 | 132.6 | 147.3 | 279.0 | 115.2 | 382.5 | 293.6 |
|  | Feb. | 169.0 | 170.0 | 419.9 | 494.4 | 133.4 | 143.0 | 269.4 | 117.0 | 387.0 | 291.0 |
|  | Mar. | 170.0 | 170.8 | 415.5 | 501.9 | 130.6 | 145.3 | 261.5 | 117.8 | 396.8 | 293.3 |
|  | Apr. | 160.8 | 160.6 | 382.7 | 472.6 | 130.4 | 136.8 | 247.7 | 118.2 | 384.4 | 282.2 |
|  | May | 159.8 | 159.1 | 381.6 | 471.0 | 128.3 | 134.6 | 235.1 | 118.2 | 395.9 | 275.1 |
|  | June | 156.8 | 155.5 | 378.9 | 471.9 | 128.8 | 127.4 | 217.6 | 118.3 | 388.1 | 270.7 |
|  | July | 160.7 | 160.5 | 394.9 | 494.9 | 129.8 | 129.3 | 202.7 | 124.3 | 408.6 | 278.5 |
|  | Aug. | 161.2 | 161.6 | 396.9 | 518.9 | 136.4 | 131.3 | 211.5 | 125.7 | 411.4 | 283.8 |
|  | Sept. | 152.9 | 152.2 | 375.2 | 509.2 | 132.8 | 120.8 | 199.4 | 123.2 | 397.8 | 269.4 |
|  | Oct. | 151.9 | 150.9 | 374.3 | 503.3 | 131.3 | 118 | 189.9 | 123.3 | 400.8 | 267.0 |
|  | Nov. | 154.2 | 153.2 | 392.7 | 533.9 | 131.0 | 117.8 | 175.2 | 124.6 | 477.9 | 273.6 |
|  | Dec. | 153.6 | 152.7 | 391.5 | 544.4 | 129.1 | 119.4 | 180.7 | 122.4 | 420.4 | 276.1 |

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| 1939 | 98.9 | 86.1 | 56.0 | 109.3 | 88.9 | 102.5 | 104.5 | 95.6 | 121.7 |
| 1940 | 77.1 | 80.9 | 62.5 | 101.0 | 80.6 | 95.6 | 81.2 | 73.7 | 95.6 |
| 1941 | 69.5 | 70.7 | 61.4 | 96.4 | 65.8 | 90.5 | 72.4 | 65.1 | 87.0 |
| 1942 | 66.5 | 70.4 | 65.7 | 89.2 | 66.1 | 81.2 | 52.3 | 40.8 | 75.1 |
| 1943 | 74.8 | 101.3 | 112.8 | 97.2 | 99.1 | 80.5 | 70.1 | 61.4 | 86.8 |
| 1944 | 69.2 | 100.8 | 125.2 | 100.1 | 93.3 | 82.0 | 81.3 | 74.1 | 94.2 |
| 1945 | 86.9 | 120.2 | 178.2 | 108.8 | 105.5 | 95.7 | 95.2 | 91.0 | 101.1 |
| 1946 | 98.0 | 132.5 | 203.5 | 125.2 | 114.0 | 130.0 | 97.8 | 87.6 | 116.1 |
| 1947 | 90.0 | 117.3 | 147.9 | 117.1 | 109.1 | 130.8 | 86.7 | 76.0 | 106.1 |
| 1948 | 100.5 | 120.2 | 180.6 | 108.3 | 104.7 | 129.3 | 82.0 | 65.0 | 115.8 |
| 1949 | 92.1 | 117.4 | 161.6 | 105.9 | 109.2 | 134.4 | 87.4 | 71.7 | 117.9 |
| 1950 | 98.3 | 132.5 | 208.8 | 103.5 | 123.7 | 147.4 | 89.9 | 67.4 | 134.9 |
| 1951 | 126.0 | 162.3 | 325.6 | 101.4 | 142.5 | 144.6 | 99.2 | 69.8 | 166.4 |
| 1952 | 139.7 | 168.3 | 378.6 | 94.6 | 139.8 | 148.4 | 103.6 | 73.9 | 171.5 |
| 1953 | 118.1 | 157.2 | 297.5 | 99.2 | 142.4 | 168.9 | 92.1 | 66.2 | 151.3 |
| June | 138.7 | 168.1 | 388.6 | 91.7 | 138.4 | 146.6 | 102.0 | 75.5 | 162.6 |
| July | 143.9 | 169.3 | 389.1 | 92.1 | 140.7 | 149.5 | 107.0 | 76.6 | 176.6 |
| Aug. | 145.0 | 169.9 | 382.4 | 94.7 | 142.1 | 152.4 | 110.2 | 77.6 | 184.9 |
| Sopt. | 141.2 | 166.5 | 367.4 | 95.0 | 139.6 | 155.2 | 106.6 | 74.4 | 180.2 |
| Oct. | 132.2 | 162.1 | 346.8 | 94.8 | 138.1 | 153.7 | 99.1 | 69.5 | 166.9 |
| Nov. | 133.2 | 165.1 | 356.1 | 97.8 | 137.6 | 152.9 | 100.8 | 71.1 | 168.8 |
| Dec. | 130.3 | 167.4 | 363.9 | 98.4 | 139.1 | 155.4 | 103.4 | 73.2 | 172.5 |
| 1953 Jan. | 137.0 | 167.9 | 353.6 | 97.8 | 146.3 | 162.0 | 106.0 | 73.5 | 180.6 |
| Feb. | 131.0 | 166.0 | 341.7 | 98.1 | 146.2 | 164.8 | 103.2 | 72.2 | 174.3 |
| Mar. | 129.5 | 167.7 | 344.2 | 100.0 | 147.0 | 165.9 | 101.7 | 70.1 | 174.0 |
| Apr. | 118.3 | 161.0 | 314.0 | 99.3 | 144.8 | 163.0 | 96.5 | 69.2 | 159.0 |
| May | 116.4 | 160.4 | 307.7 | 101.1 | 143.4 | 166.3 | 93.8 | 68.9 | 150.9 |
| June | 116.5 | 157.5 | 296.0 | 101.4 | 140.9 | 168.4 | 90.2 | 66.8 | 143.7 |
| July | 121.2 | 157.9 | 296.4 | 101.4 | 141.9 | 169.1 | 91.4 | 66.3 | 148.9 |
| Aug. | 117.7 | 154.6 | 281.8 | 99.3 | 142.9 | 171.7 | 90.7 | 67.5 | 144.0 |
| Sept. | 109.2 | 148.1 | 261.5 | 95.0 | 141.5 | 171.6 | 85.0 | 62.5 | 136.3 |
| Oct. | 109.1 | 149.0 | 263.2 | 95.3 | 142.9 | 168.5 | 82.7 | 60.1 | 134.3 |
| Nov. | 108.4 | 149.4 | 255.7 | 100.4 | 140.1 | 175.4 | 83.7 | 60.1 | 137.6 |
| Dec. | 103.4 | 146.4 | 254.2 | 101.2 | 131.4 | 180.2 | 79.9 | 57.3 | 131.5 |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dec. 10 | 101.2 | 146.9 | 251.4 | 102.1 | 132.9 | 180.2 | 79.7 | 57.6 | 130.3 |
| Dec. 17 | 103.2 | 147.7 | 258.5 | 100.8 | 133.5 | 179.1 | 79.5 | 57.1 | 130.7 |
| Dec. 24 | 102.3 | 144.9 | 253.9 | 100.8 | 128.1 | 179.3 | 78.7 | 56.5 | 129.5 |
| Dec. 31 | 102.7 | 144.0 | 244.9 | 101.3 | 129.2 | 180.4 | 78.8 | 56.7 | 129.4 |


|  | 1946 | 1947 | 1948 | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| January $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 152.1 | 157.5 | 144.5 | 144.7 | 152.4 | 166.0 | 161.4 | 161.0 |
| February $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 154.1 | 158.5 | 141.0 | 144.0 | 153.0 | 169.3 | 160.6 | 161.6 |
| March $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 154.5 | 156.0 | 138.9 | 142.8 | 153.7 | 166.0 | 159.5 | 163.6 |
| April $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 157.8 | 153.1 | 144.2 | 140.9 | 154.4 | 165.2 | 157.2 | 161.6 |
| May $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 159.7 | 154.3 | 147.0 | 139.9 | 157.3 | 164.3 | 157.2 | 162.9 |
| June $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 161.6 | 155.8 | 148.2 | 136.3 | 158.2 | 162.2 | 157.7 | 163.0 |
| July $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 157.5 | 155.4 | 147.5 | 138.6 | 154.6 | 163.1 | 159.8 | 163.8 |
| August $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 157.9 | 153.5 | 146.4 | 140.4 | 155.6 | 165.2 | 163.6 | 164.3 |
| September $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 153.6 | 144.8 | 141.8 | 158.2 | 166.4 | 162.4 | 162.0 |  |
| October $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 153.6 | 152.0 | 143.7 | 145.8 | 161.1 | 164.2 | 161.2 | 161.0 |
| November $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 156.7 | 150.2 | 144.6 | 150.0 | 161.1 | 162.8 | 160.3 | 161.6 |
| December $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 155.9 | 154.1 | 144.6 | 150.7 | 160.2 | 159.5 | 160.7 | 161.7 |
| Year $\ldots \ldots \ldots .6$ | 143.0 | 156.7 | 164.5 | 160.1 | 162.3 |  |  |  |

TABLE I6. - INDEX NUMBERS OF UNITED STATES STOCK PRICES Source: Standard and Poor's
$(1935-39=100)$

|  | 1946 | 1947 | 1948 | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 144.8 | 125.2 | 220.1 | 121.0 | 135.1 | 168.6 | 186.9 | 197.6 |
| February | 143.3 | 128.7 | 114.2 | 117.2 | 136.7 | 174.7 | 183.2 | 195.9 |
| March | 141.3 | 123.7 | 116.4 | 118.0 | 138.8 | 170.3 | 185.3 | 198.0 |
| April | 151.6 | 119.3 | 124.6 | 118.5 | 141.8 | 172.3 | 183.7 | 190.0 |
| May | 154.3 | 115.2 | 130.2 | 117.7 | 146.9 | 173.9 | 183.7 | 189.6 |
| June | 153.2 | 119.1 | 135.1 | 112.0 | 147.7 | 171.7 | 187.6 | 182.8 |
| July | 149.6 | 126.0 | 131.9 | 117.8 | 138.2 | 172.8 | 192.1 | 185.5 |
| August | 146.4 | 124.5 | 127.1 | 121.8 | 147.2 | 181.5 | 191.1 | 187.3 |
| September | 125.4 | 123.1 | 125.7 | 123.8 | 151.7 | 187.3 | 188.2 | 179.2 |
| October | 122.3 | 125.1 | 127.8 | 127.3 | 157.8 | 185.0 | 183.4 | 183.4 |
| November | 120.6 | 123.6 | 120.4 | 129.1 | 156.1 | 177.7 | 189.8 | 187.5 |
| December | 125.5 | 122.4 | 119.4 | 132.7 | 158.4 | 182.5 | 197.0 |  |
| Year | 139.9 | 123.0 | 124.4 | 121.4 | 146.4 | 176.5 | 187.7 |  |

TABLE 17. - INDEX NUMBERS OF COVERNMENT OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS
$(1935-39=100)$

|  | 1946 | 1947 | 1948 | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| January $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 90.0 | 84.9 | 92.1 | 95.4 | 90.1 | 97.9 | 113.4 | 118.3 |
| February $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 85.9 | 84.7 | 92.1 | 95.2 | 90.3 | 97.7 | 113.9 | 118.8 |
| March $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 83.8 | 84.6 | 96.7 | 94.7 | 90.2 | 104.6 | 115.1 | 118.9 |
| Apri1 $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 84.3 | 84.8 | 96.5 | 94.4 | 90.7 | 104.9 | 115.3 | 118.9 |
| May $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 85.1 | 84.6 | 95.3 | 94.4 | 90.2 | 104.9 | 112.6 | 119.6 |
| June $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 84.9 | 84.3 | 95.4 | 94.4 | 90.2 | 105.3 | 114.0 | 120.6 |
| July $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 85.1 | 83.8 | 95.6 | 93.8 | 91.0 | 104.7 | 117.3 | 120.7 |
| August $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 85.0 | 83.9 | 96.2 | 92.7 | 90.5 | 104.9 | 119.1 | 121.0 |
| September $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 84.9 | 84.0 | 96.1 | 91.8 | 89.8 | 105.0 | 119.6 | 121.5 |
| October $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 85.0 | 84.2 | 96.3 | 89.1 | 92.0 | 105.7 | 118.6 | 120.8 |
| November. $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 85.0 | 84.4 | 95.7 | 89.2 | 93.9 | 107.8 | 117.8 | 118.8 |
| December $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 85.3 | 84.8 | 95.5 | 90.3 | 96.7 | 112.0 | 118.0 | 117.3 |
| Year $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 95.3 | 93.0 | 91.3 | 104.6 | 116.2 | 119.6 |  |  |

TABLE 18. - PRICE INDEX NURBERS OF COMMODITTES AND SERVICES USED BY FAFMERS AND FAPM FAMILY LIVING COSTS
(1935-39 =100)

|  | Composite Index Exclusive of Living Costs (a) | Equipment and Materials | Taxes and Interest Rates (a) | Farm Wage Rates | Farm <br> Family <br> Living <br> Costs | Composite Index Inclusive of Living Costs (a) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ALI 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 - Aupust | 218.6 | 194.3 | 144.3 | 401.2 | 180.7 | 203.4 |
| 1951 - August ...... | 237.8 | 207.5 | 151.8 | 457.3 | 214.7 | 228.6 |
| 1952 - January ..... | 238.6 | 218.1 | 161.4 | 410.3 | 215.8 | 229.5 |
| April | 245.2 | 216.9 | 161.4 | 454.2 | 209.6 | 230.9 |
| August | 245.4 | 212.5 | 161.4 | 471.9 | 204.5 | 229.0 |
| 1953 - January ..... | 231.7 | 207.7 | 161.4 | 408.0 | 202.6 |  |
| April . | 241.3 | 208.2 | 161.4 | 463.5 | 203.4 | 226.1 |
| August ...... | 212.1 | 206.3 | 161.4 | 475.8 | 204.9 | 227.2 |

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| 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 - August | 220.4 | 196.1 | 131.2 | 382.3 | 178.3 | 203.6 |
| 1951 - August | 241.4 | 208.0 | 142.0 | 44.5 | 212.8 | 230.0 |
| 1952 - January | 247.9 | 219.1 | 152.4 | 430.0 | 213.9 | 234.3 |
| April | 247.9 | 218.2 | 152.4 | 432.8 | 207.9 | 231.9 |
| August | 246.8 | 211.7 | 152.4 | 447.4 | 202.7 | 229.2 |
| 1953 - January ..... | 238.4 | 208.9 | 152.4 | 413.4 | 200.5 | 223.2 |
| April | 242.1 | 208.4 | 152.4 | 434.0 | 201.4 | 225.8 |
| August | 242.8 | 205.2 | 152.4 | 447.1 | 202.4 | 226.6 |


(a) 1953 indexes are subject to revision, since tax and interest rate figures are preliminary. R. Revised.

Nominal quotations based on official parities, or market rates in terms of United States dollars or sterling, converted into Canadian dollars at noon Uttawa time. Source: Bank of Canada

| Country | Unit | 1951 | 1952 | 1952 | 1953 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | December <br> Average | October Average | November Average | December Average |
| United States | dollar |  | 事 9789 | $.9706$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ \\ & .9825 \end{aligned}$ | 3 <br> 9777 | $9731$ |
| United Kingdom | pound | 2.9469 | 2.7340 | 2.7241 | 2.7576 | 2.7489 | 2.7352 |
| Argentina | peso (free) | . 07491 | . 07010 | . 06987 | . 07072 | . 07037 | . 07005 |
| Australia | pound | 2.3576 | 2.1872 | 2.1792 | 2.2060 | 2.1991 | 2.1882 |
| Belgium (1) | franc | . 02095 | . 01947 | . 01938 | . 01972 | . 01962 | . 01952 |
| Brazil | cruzeiro | . 05706 | . 05291 | . 05246 | . 05206 | . $04185(2)$ | . 04166 (2 |
| Br. West Indies (except Jamaica) | dollar | .6142 | . 5696 | . 5675 | 5745 | . 5727 | . 5698 |
| Coylon | rupee | . 2211 | . 2056 | . 2043 | . 2068 | . 2062 | . 2051 |
| Chile | peso (free) | . 01521 | . 00908 | . 00799 | . 00893 | . 00889 | . 00885 |
| Colombia | peso (basic) | . 4515 | . 3916 | . 3882 | . 3930 | . 3911 | . 3892 |
| Cuba | peso | 1.0528 | . 9789 | . 9706 | . 9825 | . 9777 | . 9731 |
| Denmark | krone | . 1525 | . 1417 | . 1405 | . 1422 | . 1416 | . 1409 |
| Egypt | pound | 3.0232 | 2.8111 | 2.7872 | 2.8215 | 2.8075 | 2.7943 |
| France and pre |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Airica | franc | . 00300 | . 00280 | . 00278 | . 00281 | . 00279 | . 00278 |
| Germany | deutsche mark | . 2507 | . 2331 | . 2311 | . 2339 | . 2328 | . 2317 |
| Hong Kong | dollar | . 1829 | . 1709 | . 1703 | . 1724 | . 1718 | . 1709 |
| India | rupee | . 2211 | . 2056 | . 2043 | . 2068 | . 2062 | . 2051 |
| Ireland | pound | 2.9469 | 2.7340 | 2.7241 | 2.7576 | 2.7489 | 2.7352 |
| Italy | lira | . 00169 | . 00157 | . 00156 | . 00158 | . 00157 | . 00156 |
| Jamaica | pound | 2.9469 | 2.7340 | 2.7241 | 2.7576 | 2.7489 | 2.7352 |
| Japan | yen | - | . 00272 | . 00270 | . 00273 | . 00272 | . 00270 |
| Lebanon | pound (free) | - | . 2734 | . 2720 | . 2992 | . 3001 | . 3001 |
| Mexico | peso | . 1218 | . 1132 | . 1122 | . 1136 | . 1130 | . 1125 |
| Netherlands | guilder | . 2770 | . 2576 | . 2554 | . 2586 | .2573 | . 2561 |
| New Zealand | pound | 2.9469 | 2.7340 | 2.7241 | 2.7576 | 2.7489 | 2.7352 |
| Norway | krone | . 1474 | . 1371 | . 1359 | . 1376 | . 1369 | . 1362 |
| Pakistan | rupee | . 3182 | . 2959 | . 2934 | . 2970 | . 2955 | . 2941 |
| Peru | sol-certificate | . 07001 | . 06346 | . 06250 | . 05521 | . 05314 | . 05168 |
| Philippines | рево | . 5264 | . 4895 | . 4853 | . 4913 | . 4888 | . 4865 |
| Portugal | escudo | . 03652 | . 03412 | . 03382 | . 03429 | . 03412 | . 03396 |
| Singapore | dollar | . 3440 | . 3190 | . 3178 | . 3217 | . 3207 | . 3191 |
| Sweden | krona | . 2035 | . 1892 | . 1876 | . 1899 | . 1890 | . 1881 |
| Switzerland | franc | . 2429 | . 2266 | . 2265 | . 2291 | . 2274 | . 2267 |
| Turkey | lira | . 3753 | . 3496 | . 3466 | . 3509 | . 3492 | . 3475 |
| Union of •34 •3475 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| South Africa | pound | 2.9469 | 2.7340 | 2.7241 | 2.7576 | 2.7489 | 2.7352 |
| Venezuela | bolivar | . 3143 | . 2922 | . 2898 | . 2933 | . 2918 | . 2868 |
| Yugoslavia | dinar | - | . 00326 | . 00324 | . 00327 | . 00326 | . 00324 |

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(1) Includes Belgian Empire and Luxemburg.
(2) Enport No. 1.

## IN CANADA AND OTHINR SPECIFIRD COUITATAS

| Country | Bese Period | 1939 | 1952 | 1953 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Juy | Aug. | Sopt. | Oot. | Nov. | Dec. |
| COST-OF-LIVING INDETES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Australis.......... | 1936-1939 | 182.9 | 255.0(1) |  |  | 261.8 |  |  |  |
| Canada | 1949 (a) | 63.2 | 216.5 | 215.4 | 215.7 | 116.2 | 216.7 | 116.2 | 215.8 |
| Denmarik ............. | 1935 | 109 | 218 | 219 |  |  | 219 |  |  |
| France (Paria) ..... | 1949 |  | 145.4 | 143.7 | 143.1 | 14.0 | 141.0 | 141.3 |  |
| India (Bombey) ..... | 1933-1934 | 106 | 337 | 373 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Italy (Rome) ....... | 1938 | 105 (d) | 4,932 | 5,081 | 5,043 | 5,014 | 5,022 |  |  |
| Malayt .............. | January 1949 (e) |  | 138 | 132 | 134 | 136 |  |  |  |
| Mexico ............. | 1939 | 100.0 | 455.7 | 447.5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Netherlands . | 1949 |  | 120 | 121 | 120 | 121 | 121 |  |  |
| Nev Zealand ........ | 1et. qtr. 1949 | 74.8 | 127.5 |  |  | 133.7 |  |  |  |
| Norway ............... | 1949 | 63.8 | 132.9 | 135 | 136 | 136 | 137 | 137 |  |
| South Africa. | 1938 | 99.9 | 185.8 | 192.7 | 195.8 | 196.5 | 196.0 | 193.6 |  |
| Suaden. | 1935 | 107.5 | 223.0 | 223.3 | 224.0 | 224.0 |  |  |  |
| Switerland ........ | Auguat, 1939 |  | 171.0 | 169.5 | 169.7 | 170.2 | 170.4 |  |  |
| United Kingdam ..... | Jan. 15, 1952 |  | 102.6 | 106.6 | 105.9 | 105.7 | 105.7 |  |  |
| United Stater ...... | 1947-49 (b) | 59.4 | 113.5 | 114.7 | 215.0 | 115.2 | 225.4 | 215.0 |  |
| WHOLESALS PRICE INDIXXS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Australia ....... | $1936-1939$ | 101.1 | $319(1)(\mathrm{c})$ | 324 | 336 |  |  |  |  |
| Canada. | 1935-2939 | 99.3 | 226.0 | 221.2 | 222.4 | 221.5 | 220.7 | 218.8 | 219.0 |
| Dennark. | 1935 | 118 | 364 | 341 | 334 | 336 | 335 | 333 |  |
| France. | 1949 |  | 144.9 | 137.3 | 137.3 | 136.9 | 136.3 | 137.4 | 238.0 |
| India. | Sept. 138-Aug. '39 |  | 380.6 ( g ) | 407.7 | 410.4 | 403.8 | 393.6 |  |  |
| It发2. ................ | 1938 |  | 5,270 | 5,258 | 5,270 | 5,246( | 5,244 |  |  |
| Mexico ............. | 2929 | 127.0 | 493.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Natherlande ........ | 1948 |  | 140 | 233 | 133 | 133 |  |  |  |
| New Zealand. | 1926-1930 | 107.1 | 257.2 | 253.4 | 253.1 | 253.6 |  |  |  |
| Norway . . ........... | 1938 | 102 | 276.3 | 276 | 276 | 276 | 277 |  |  |
| South Africe ....... | 1938(h) | 97.6 | 259.0 | 260.5 | 264.5 |  |  |  |  |
| Sweden ............. | 1935 | 115 | 317 | 298 | 296 | 295 | 295 |  |  |
| Switserdand ........ | August, 1939 |  | 220.5 | 212.8 | 212.0 | 212.0 | 212.3 |  |  |
| United Kingdoeme. | 1930 | 102.8 | 327.9 | 329.3 | 326.8 | $325.8($ | 325.1 | 327.2 |  |
| United States ...... | 1947-49(b) | 50.1 | 111.6 | 110.9 | 210.6 | 11.0 | 210.2 |  |  |

All indexes are from official sources.


## 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 offective for Manitobs 1, 2 and 3 Northern at Fort William. Participation payments are included and the series revised whenever such figures are announced. Betweon 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. For the crop year August 1,1951 - July 31,1952 the price was $\$ 1.83$ per bushel. The initisl payment per bushel of $\$ 1.40$ for the crop year beginning August 1, 1952 was increased to $\$ 1.60$, as announced in February 1953 and to $\$ 1.72$, as announced in September 1953. The initial payment for the current crop year is $\$ 1.40$ per bushel.

Comaencing August 1, 1949, western oats and barley were brought under control of the Canadian Wheat Board. Prices used for Canadian farm products since that time have been initial payments to farmers with participation payments included whenever they are announced. Final payments for the crop year August 1, 1952 - July 31, 1953 were announced on October 30, 1953 for oats and on November 19, 1953 for barley.

## The Residential Building Materials Price Index (1935-39 = 100)

This index, which was first published in 1949, was developed to meet the need for a measurement of the price change of that part of housing costs represented by materials. In addition to the composite index which measures the price change of all materials used in residential construction, price indexes are published for nine component material groups. The weights for individual material items and groups of items whinin the index were based on the estimated materlal requirement for a national housing target for the year 1946, and the index was calculated on the base 1935-1939 $=100$. However, to facilitate comparisons of its movements with those of the new non-residential series, Table 6 shows it arithmetically converted to the base $1949=100$. Additional information concerning this index may be found in the special bulletin MPrice Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials, 1926 to 1948", obtainable for 10 cents on request to the Dominion Statistician.

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

A second special purpose price index related to the construction industry titled MNon-Residential Building Materials Price Index" is shown in Table 7. This index has been constructed specifically to measure the price change of materials used in non-residential building construction. It supplements a price index applicable to materials used in residential construction which has been available for some years. The new index has been constructed on the base $1949=100$, using weights obtained from data on cost of building materials provided by general and trade contractors for a sample of buildings constructed in Canada during the years 1948-1950.

The methode of constructing the index are explained in some detail in D.B.S. Reference Paper No. 43, entitled "Non-Residential Building Materials Price Index, 19351952", which was released on August 21, 1953 and which is available for the sum of 25 cents on request to the Dominion Statistician. This publication also comments on the uses and limitations of the index, and provides the total index by years from 1935 to 1952, and by months for the period January 1949-July 1953. Price indexes for twelve principal component material groups have been calculated by months from January 1949 to July 1953 and these indexes are also contained in the above mentioned publication.

## RETAII PRICE INDEXES

## Conoumer Price Index

Canada'o new Consumer Price Index which has been constructed to replace the Cost-of-Living Index was released Oct. 23, 1952 by the Dominion Bureau of Statietics. The new index marks the fifth in a series of Canadian retail price indexes; it is the most comprehensive retall 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-ofIiving 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 1949August 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, auch 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 citios with over 30,000 population; (b) ranging in aize from two adults to two adults with four children; (c) with annual incones during the aurvey 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 famflies, the Consumer Price Index contains 224 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
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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, lawnower, household help, phonograph records, and carbonated and alcoholic drinks. Included in the Cost-of-Ifving Index but not given specific representation in the Consumer Price Index are such items as rice, dried beans, prunes, rayon hosiery, coke, oilcloth, and cigars. These items have been omitted because, on average, families did not report purchasing them in significant amounts.

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities: Consumer Price Indexes are published monthly in this bulletin for the following cities or city combinations: St. John's, Halifax, Saint John, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, SaskatoonRegina, Edmonton-Calgary and Vancouver. With the exception of the index for St. John's, Newfoundland, which is constructed on the base June 1, $1951=100$, all Indexes are on the base $1949=100$.

These indexes fulfil the same purpose as the cost-of-living series which they replace, viz.: each index is designed to measure the influence of changes in retail prices taking place in the localities specified upon the cost of a fixed basket of goods and services representing the level of consumption of a representative group of families in those particular areas. They are not designed to show whether it costs more or less to live in one city than another, and should not be used for that purpose.

The regional indexes, with the exception of St. John's, are patterned after the Consumer Price Index for Canada. They are similar to this index in terms of family coverage, item content and weighting system. The construction of each index involved three main phases: 1) the conversion of an existing cost-of-living index from the base August 1939 to the base 1949, up to and including September 1, 1953; 2) the calculation of an entirely now index incorporating a revised weighting system and price sample on the base September 1, $1953=100$; and 3) the linking of the new series to the converted series as at September 1,1953 to form a continuous index on the base $1949=100$.

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 Comodities and Services Used by Farmers, 1913 to 1948 (Revised 1948)." A special bulletin giving total and group index detail is relessed subsequent to each pricing date.

## SECURITY PRICE INDEXES

Price index numbers of industrial, utility, bank and mining comon stocks, and preferred stocks are calculated from Montreal and Toronto exchange quotations. The indexes are designed to reflect weakly and monthly changes of interest to the investor, rather than day-to-day changes of more speculative interest. Individual stock prices are weighted by the number of shares outstanding in January of each year. The list is reviowed completely in January of each year, when new series are introduced and series of declining importance are discontinued. The Investors' Index of 101 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.

* Available in French under the title "L'Indice des Prix a la Consomation Janvier 1949 - Aout $1952^{\text {n }}$. (These reports obtainable for twenty-five cents each)

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