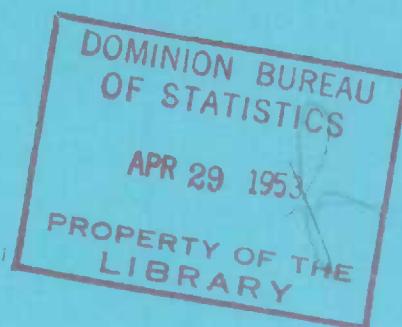


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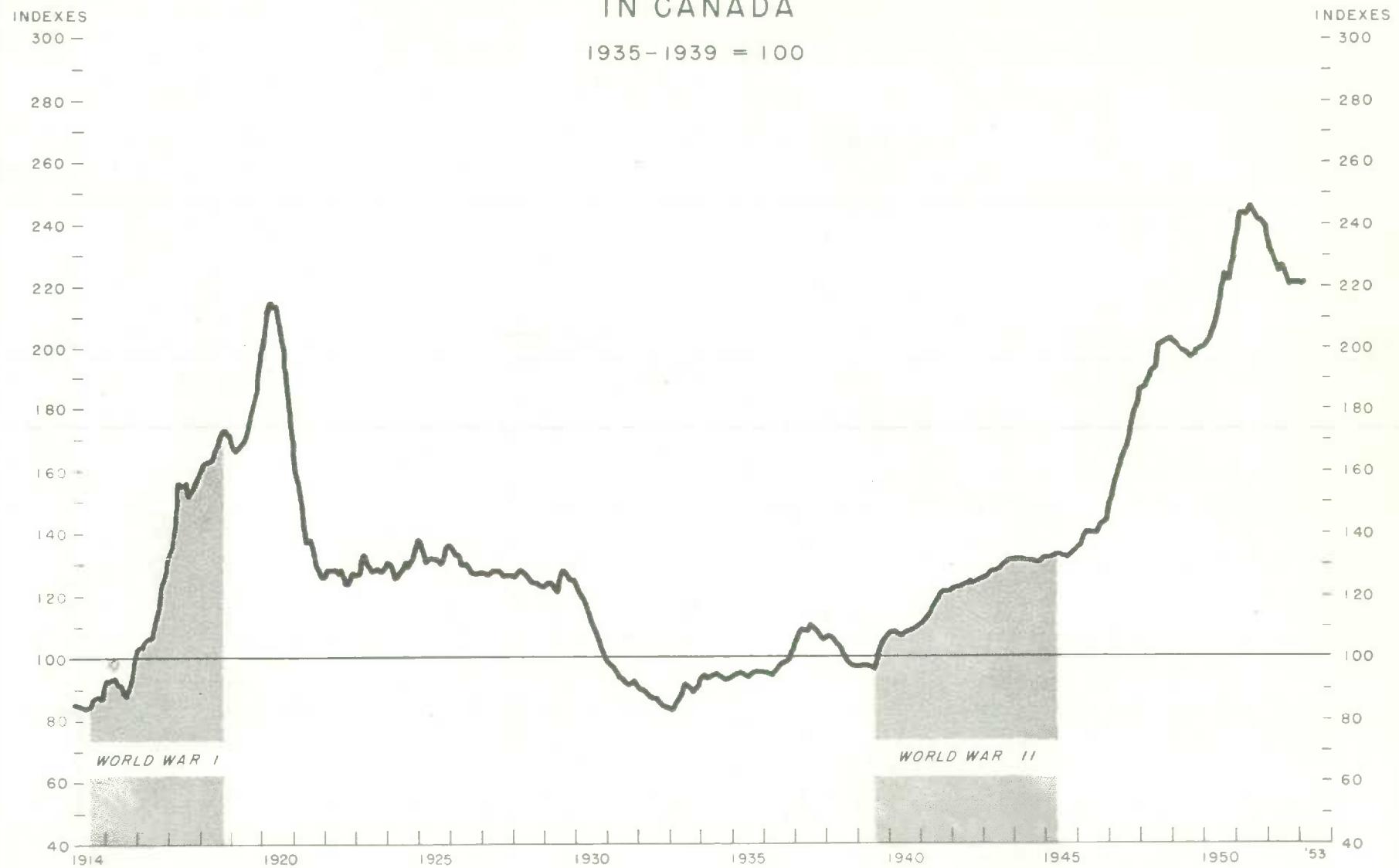
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INDEXES OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA

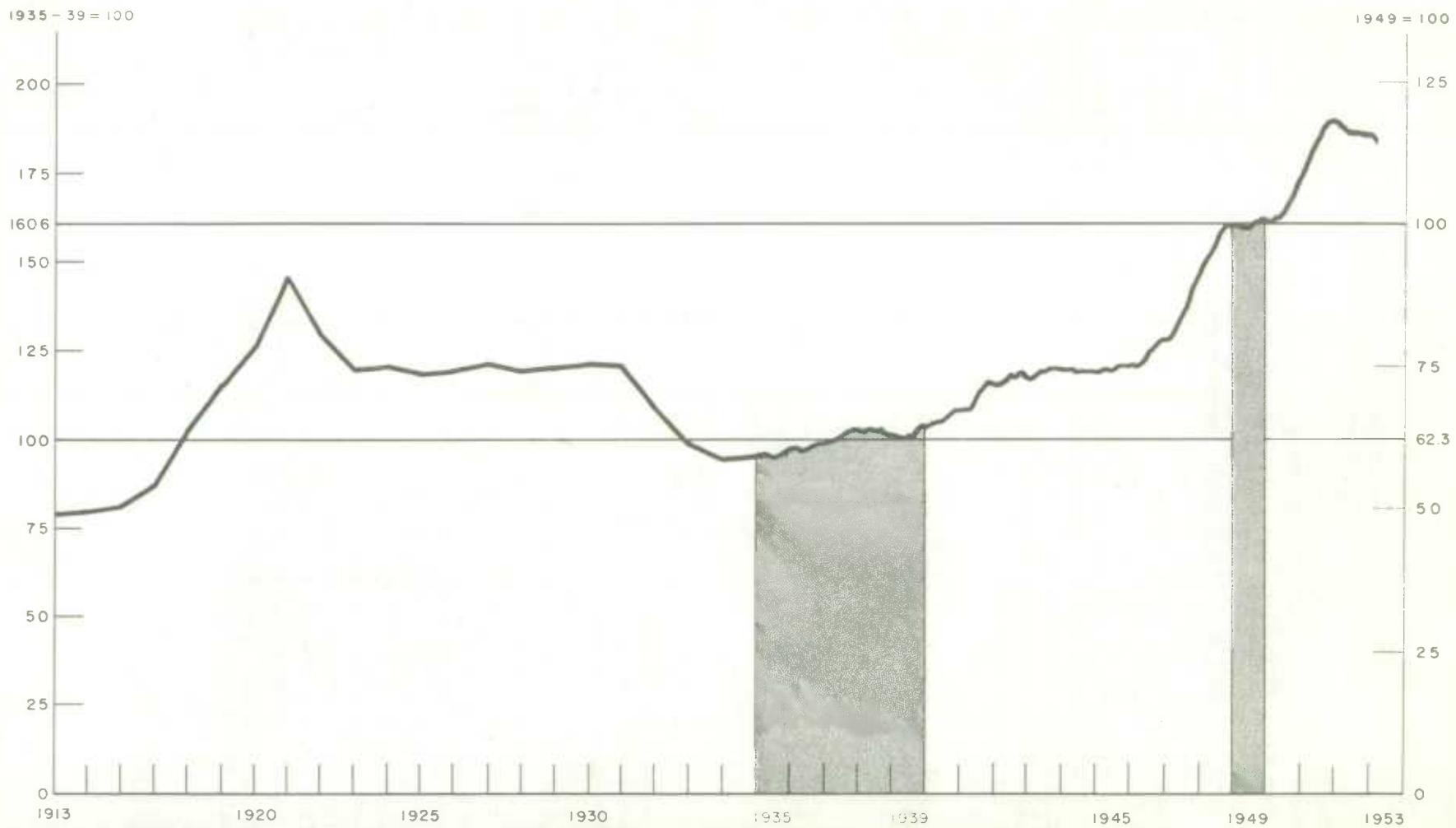
1935-1939 = 100



THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX *

ANNUALLY, 1913 - 1934

MONTHLY, 1935 - MARCH, 1953



* THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX PRIOR TO JANUARY 1948 IS THE COST-OF-LIVING INDEX INCLUSIVE OF ALL
TOBACCO TAXES, LINKED TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

NOTES ON PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1949 = 100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' Consumer Price Index decreased 0.6 per cent from 115.5 at February 2nd to 114.8 at March 2nd, to reach the lowest level recorded since August 1951. The latest decline was almost entirely due to lower food prices, combined with a reduction in the price of cigarettes. The food index moved down 1.0 per cent from 112.7 to 111.6, to mark the lowest point recorded in two years. Among the various food items, decreases registered for tea, oranges, potatoes, and all cuts of beef and fresh pork, outweighed higher quotations for butter, eggs, tomatoes, ham, bacon and chicken. Within the clothing group fractional increases for several items overbalanced narrow declines, and the index advanced 0.1 per cent to 109.7. The household operations series also increased 0.1 per cent to reach 116.7, as a result of scattered slight increases. A decrease of nearly 15 per cent in the retail price of cigarettes accounted for most of the decline of 1.3 per cent, from 116.7 to 115.2, recorded by the series other commodities and services. The shelter index remained unchanged at 122.5, as an increase of 0.1 per cent in the rent component was offset by an equal decrease in the home-ownership sub-group.

THE COST-OF-LIVING INDEX (1935-1939 = 100)

The Cost-of-Living Index for March 2, 1953 was 184.2, as compared to 184.9 at February 2, 1953.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (1935-1939 = 100)

Wholesale prices increased slightly in March and the composite index advanced from 220.9 to 221.9 between February 14 and March 14.

Five major component groups moved higher while one was unchanged and two declined. Non-ferrous metals advanced sharply from 168.5 to 174.7, due mainly to firmer prices for copper and its products, coupled with lesser advances in lead, silver and tin. A slightly weaker price tone for the Canadian dollar was reflected in a higher quotation for gold. It was also a factor in advancing prices for other exports, notably newsprint. Wood, wood products and paper advanced from 289.7 to 290.9, due mainly to the newsprint increase as well as changes in white pine, spruce and woodpulp. These outweighed lower quotations for British Columbia fir and cedar. Vegetable products moved from 200.9 to 201.5 as firmness for grains, vegetable oils and tea, coffee and cocoa outweighed weakness in potatoes, onions, rubber and livestock feeds. A gain in fibres, textiles and textile products from 241.1 to 241.6 reflected strength for raw cotton, raw wool and worsted cloth, while an advance in non-metallic minerals was due to increases in brick, imported United States anthracite and sulphur. In the animal products group, scattered decreases mainly in livestock, except hogs, beef carcass, sausage and butter outweighed advances in fish, hogs, fresh and cured pork and eggs, to lower the index from 239.0 to 238.7. The index for chemicals and allied products declined from 176.7 to 176.5, due to lower quotations for zinc oxide and sodium bichromate which outweighed advances for certain inorganic chemicals. Iron and steel products remained unchanged at 221.4.

Canadian farm product prices at terminal markets registered a further decline in March as the composite index receded from 222.6 to 220.8. Lower prices for field products, notably potatoes, were mainly responsible and an index for this series dropped from 182.1 to 177.3. Grains were higher on average. Animal products on the other hand recorded an increase from 263.1 to 264.3 due to increases in eggs, fowl, eastern butterfat and western hogs, which overbalanced lower quotations for other types of livestock and milk sold for cheese manufacture.

Residential building material prices were firmer in March, the composite index advance from 282.3 to 283.4 recovering most of the drop occurring during the January-February period. Most of the advance was due to higher prices for millwork items coupled with lesser increases for brick and copper wire. Certain western lumber descriptions moved down as also did a few items of bathroom equipment.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES
(1935-1939 = 100)

Common stock prices moved within very narrow limits in March, as indicated by the magnitude of the weekly index fluctuations. Between February and March, the composite average index for 103 industrial, utility and bank common stocks was also relatively stable, registering a rise of 1.0 points to 170.0. All major groups were slightly higher, the index for 81 industrials stiffening from 170.0 to 170.8, while a similar series for 14 utilities advanced from 166.0 to 167.7 and 8 banks from 164.8 to 165.9.

Sub-group index changes were scattered. Increases of moderate proportions were registered by pulp and paper issues, oils, food and allied products, beverages, and building materials in the industrials section, while transportation, communication and power and traction stocks were all higher in the utilities group. Lower March indexes were recorded for machinery and equipment shares, milling issues, textiles and clothing and industrial mines in the industrial section.

Mining stock prices registered a weaker tone in March as both golds and base metals declined. The composite index for 27 representative issues moved down from 103.2 for February to 101.7 for March, while the drop in golds was from 72.2 to 70.1. In the same period the index for 5 base metals eased from 174.3 to 174.0.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE MOVEMENTS

TABLE 1. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (1935-39 = 100)

Note: Final revisions of 1952 Wholesale Price Indexes are published in this bulletin.
1953 indexes are subject to revision.

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
					Mar. 1953	Mar. 1953	Mar. 1953
	Mar. 1951	Mar. 1952	Feb. 1953	Mar. 1953	Mar. 1951	Mar. 1952	Feb. 1953
<u>GENERAL INDEX</u>	241.9	230.7	220.9	221.9	- 8.3	- 3.8	+ 0.5
Vegetable Products	220.6	218.1	200.9	201.5	- 8.7	- 7.6	+ 0.3
Animal Products	302.6	259.1	239.0	238.7	- 21.1	- 7.9	- 0.1
Textile Products	328.5	255.7	241.1	241.6	- 26.5	- 5.5	+ 0.2
Wood Products	288.4	291.9	289.7	290.9	+ 0.9	.3	+ 0.4
Iron Products	201.5	218.2	221.4	221.4	+ 9.9	+ 1.5	-
Non-ferrous Metals	174.5	178.2	168.5	174.7	+ 0.1	- 2.0	+ 3.7
Non-metallic Minerals	169.3	174.4	174.9	175.2	+ 3.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.2
Chemical Products	184.8	184.7	176.7	176.5	- 4.5	- 4.4	- 0.1
<u>FARM PRODUCTS</u>	272.9	256.7	222.6	220.8	- 19.1	- 14.0	- 0.8
Field	198.8	230.1	182.1	177.3	- 10.8	- 22.9	- 2.6
Animal	347.1	283.3	263.1	264.3	- 23.9	- 6.7	+ 0.5

WHOLESALE PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

BETWEEN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1953

	<u>INCREASES</u>	p.c.	<u>DECREASES</u>	p.c.
Cocoanut oil	25.6		Potatoes, Saint John	25.8
Eggs, "A" large, Saint John	17.9		Linseed oil	21.5
Coffee beans, green, Santos	16.0		Potatoes, Toronto	20.0
Whitefish, Ontario	15.4		Canned raspberries	11.1
Ham, Vancouver	14.6		Sausage, Winnipeg	10.0
Copper, electrolytic domestic	11.8		Onions, Toronto	8.8
Soya bean oil	10.2		Veal carcass, Montreal	8.8
Lambskins, pickled	10.0		Alfalfa, baled, Toronto	8.3
Lard, Winnipeg	9.2		Calves, Toronto	6.4
Copper wire	8.5		Grey cotton	6.2
Rice, cleaned	8.3		Zinc oxide	6.2
Brick, dry press face, Toronto	7.8		Bacon, Toronto	5.9
Cocoa beans, Lagos,	7.2		B.C. cedar bevel siding	4.8
White pine, No. 4 common	7.1		Oranges, 252's, Toronto	4.8
Fowl, dressed, Toronto	5.6		Butter, Montreal	4.4

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	Mar. 1951	Mar. 1952	Feb. 1953	Mar. 1953	Mar. 1951	Mar. 1952	Mar. 1953
<u>TOTAL INDEX</u>	110.8	116.9	115.5	114.8	+ 3.6	- 1.8	- 0.6
Food	114.1	117.6	112.7	111.6	- 2.2	- 5.1	- 1.0
Shelter	111.5	119.1	122.5	122.5	+ 9.9	+ 2.9	-
Clothing	106.7	112.9	109.6	109.7	+ 2.8	- 2.8	+ 0.1
Household Operation	110.5	116.9	116.6	116.7	+ 5.6	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Other Commodities and Services	108.3	116.4	116.7	115.2	+ 6.4	- 1.0	- 1.3

<u>RETAIL PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED ITEMS BETWEEN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1953</u>							
	<u>INCREASES</u>			<u>DECREASES</u>			
	p.c.			p.c.			
Tomatoes, fresh	11.1			Cigarettes			14.8
Onions	10.1			Potatoes			13.7
Eggs	9.7			Oranges			6.9
Chicken	4.6			Automobile tires			6.1
Lettuce	4.2			Pork, loin chops			5.4
Bacon	3.8			Sirloin steak			4.2
Ham, smoked	3.5			Hamburg			4.1
Apples, eating	3.4			Round steak			4.0
Cabbage	2.4			Celery			4.0
Lard	2.4			Boy's sweater			3.7

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	Mar. 1951	Mar. 1952	Feb. 1953	Mar. 1953	Mar. 1951	Mar. 1952	Mar. 1953
<u>Total Investor's Index</u>	162.9	177.6	169.0	170.0	+ 4.4	- 4.3	+ 0.6
Total Industrials	165.0	182.6	170.0	170.8	+ 3.5	- 6.5	+ 0.5
Machinery & Equipment	411.1	443.3	419.9	415.5	+ 1.1	- 6.3	- 1.1
Pulp & Paper	513.3	546.1	494.4	501.9	- 2.2	- 8.1	+ 1.5
Milling	107.1	120.9	133.4	130.6	+ 21.9	+ 8.0	- 2.1
Oils	133.6	162.8	143.0	145.3	+ 8.8	- 10.8	+ 1.6
Textiles & Clothing	383.0	277.1	269.4	261.5	- 31.7	- 5.6	- 2.9
Foods	124.4	110.4	117.0	117.8	- 5.3	+ 6.7	+ 0.7
Beverages	441.2	371.7	387.0	396.8	- 10.1	+ 6.8	+ 2.5
Building Materials	251.6	286.4	291.0	293.3	+ 16.6	+ 2.4	+ 0.8
Industrial Mines	117.1	143.2	131.0	129.5	+ 10.6	- 9.6	- 1.2
Total Utilities	158.9	170.4	166.0	167.7	+ 5.5	- 1.6	+ 1.0
Transportation	301.8	390.2	341.7	344.2	+ 14.0	- 11.8	+ 0.7
Telephone & Telegraph	104.0	93.8	98.1	100.0	- 3.8	+ 6.6	+ 1.9
Power & Traction	142.4	140.8	146.2	147.0	+ 3.2	+ 4.4	+ 0.5
Banks	150.0	143.6	164.8	165.9	+ 10.6	+ 15.5	+ 0.7
<u>Mining Stocks</u>							
General Index	100.3	102.7	103.2	101.7	+ 1.4	- 1.0	- 1.5
Golds	71.2	73.4	72.2	70.1	- 1.6	- 4.5	- 2.9
Base Metals	166.7	169.6	174.3	174.0	+ 4.4	+ 2.6	- 0.2

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

Date	General	General	Raw and	Fully	Indust-	Canadian Farm		
	Whole- sale Price Index	Building Mate- rials (1)	Partly Manu- factured	and Chiefly Manu- factured	Mate- rials	Field	Animal	Total
1913	83.4	76.2	85.1	86.2	-	-	-	-
1920	203.2	163.8	194.7	208.2	-	-	-	-
1926	130.3	113.8	129.1	133.0	-	158.5	130.2	144.4
1929	124.6	112.6	126.1	123.7	-	137.2	144.4	140.8
1933	87.4	89.1	79.3	93.3	-	69.3	69.2	69.3
1938	102.0	101.4	99.4	103.5	95.8	100.9	104.8	102.9
1939	99.2	102.0	94.9	101.9	99.0	83.7	101.5	92.6
1940	108.0	108.8	103.1	109.9	113.3	85.4	106.7	96.1
1941	116.4	122.1	114.4	118.8	125.2	88.9	124.4	106.6
1942	123.0	131.1	123.0	123.7	135.1	109.7	144.6	127.1
1943	127.9	137.9	131.1	126.9	140.0	129.0	161.8	145.4
1944	130.6	144.8	134.4	129.1	143.1	144.5	166.1	155.3
1945	132.1	144.8	136.2	129.8	143.2	162.5	170.2	166.4
1946	138.9	153.4	140.1	138.0	148.6	177.9	181.2	179.5
1947	163.3	189.3	164.3	162.4	187.0	184.1	200.2	192.2
1948	193.4	222.6	196.3	192.4	222.7	200.6	263.7	232.1
1949	198.3	229.2	197.1	199.2	218.0	191.9	265.4	228.7
1950	211.2	249.9	212.8	211.0	244.6	191.9	281.4	236.7
1951	240.2	289.8	237.9	242.4	296.1	200.4	336.9	268.6
1952	226.0	287.5	218.7	230.7	252.6	216.9	277.5	247.2
1952	Jan.	236.7	289.2	233.3	239.6	281.4	318.2	271.5
	Feb.	232.5	289.6	227.5	236.1	270.7	221.9	259.6
	Mar.	230.7	288.2	225.2	234.5	265.1	230.1	256.7
	Apr.	226.8	285.7	221.3	230.6	258.4	234.0	253.8
	May	224.6	285.9	220.2	227.8	250.7	240.0	252.7
	June	226.3	285.7	220.4	230.3	248.3	244.4	257.9
	July	225.4	286.5	218.2	229.8	247.8	230.2	253.5
	Aug.	223.7	287.4	216.2	228.5	245.4	208.1	242.7
	Sept. ...	221.9	287.3	212.4	227.6	241.7	194.8	231.9
	Oct.	220.2	288.3	209.7	227.4	239.7	192.7	227.8
	Nov.	221.5	288.5	210.5	228.2	241.2	192.1	229.3
	Dec.	221.1	287.7	210.0	227.8	241.2	189.4	228.8
1953	Jan.	221.5	*288.3	209.4	229.0	240.2	186.4	226.4
	Feb.	220.9	*287.0	207.9	228.8	237.2	182.1	222.6
	Mar.	221.9	287.6	209.8	229.2	235.4	177.3	220.8

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

(2) Revised from August 1952 to January 1953, to incorporate increases in initial payments for wheat and barley for crop year 1952-53. Please see note, page 30.

* Revised

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

Date		- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS -									
		General Whole- sale Index	Total Vege- table Products	Live		Bakery	Fruits, Fresh	Fruits, Dried	Fruits, Canned		
				Milled Grains	Stock Cereal						
				Cereals	Poultry Foods						
1952	Average ..	226.0	210.3	206.2	196.0	241.8	177.0	163.0	181.8	147.6	
1952	Jan.	236.7	220.2	216.7	199.8	273.7	177.0	176.9	198.1	161.0	
	Feb.	232.5	218.0	213.5	195.9	274.1	177.0	165.6	197.9	157.7	
	Mar.	230.7	218.1	212.4	196.0	262.8	177.0	170.0	196.3	157.7	
	Apr.	226.8	214.1	207.8	195.3	262.8	177.0	163.9	191.5	157.7	
	May	224.6	212.6	206.1	193.9	251.5	177.0	150.7	192.7	144.5	
	June	226.3	212.4	205.9	195.1	240.2	177.0	153.1	170.4	144.5	
	July	225.4	208.6	201.2	195.3	221.3	177.0	163.2	170.5	140.2	
	Aug.	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	

- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Vege- table Oils and Pro- ducts	Rubber and Its Pro- ducts	Sugar and Its Pro- ducts	Tea, Coffee and Cocoa	Pota- toes	Onions	Canned Vege- bles	Raw Leaf To- bacco	
1952	Average ..	282.3	200.2	183.2	352.3	443.6	372.4	202.6	179.4
1952	Jan.	316.7	226.5	203.7	346.4	407.7	363.8	200.9	181.8
	Feb.	302.6	222.3	200.7	359.1	395.1	411.3	200.9	180.6
	Mar.	281.8	220.0	197.2	364.6	474.7	495.1	200.9	180.6
	Apr.	274.8	202.9	186.1	357.7	523.0	507.2	200.9	180.6
	May	253.2	199.7	180.6	362.5	588.4	507.2	200.9	180.6
	June	271.3	193.5	180.2	355.9	628.9	507.2	200.9	180.2
	July	271.8	193.0	180.3	356.2	526.7	330.7	200.9	180.2
	Aug.	260.7	192.2	175.1	347.3	472.1	316.9	206.8	180.2
	Sept.	266.9	189.9	175.1	340.5	341.6	269.5	206.8	180.2
	Oct.	283.7	189.2	173.3	341.4	327.8	238.2	204.7	180.2
	Nov.	303.3	187.4	173.1	347.8	331.3	260.2	204.7	174.2
	Dec.	300.6	185.6	173.1	347.1	305.6	261.7	201.7	173.8
1953	Jan.	315.8	184.2	171.4	344.3	280.6	286.1	201.7	173.2
	Feb.	310.4	181.7	171.4	340.8	244.6	338.5	196.5	172.5
	Mar.	326.3	180.7	171.4	353.8	196.5	323.5	196.5	172.5

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

Date	- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -							
	Total Animal Products	Fishery Products	Raw Furs	Hides and Skins	Leather, Unmanufactured	Boots and Shoes	Live-stock	Steers
1952 Average	248.2	278.8	107.7	140.8	208.6	203.4	316.4	422.3
1952 Jan.	282.2	301.4	115.8	191.1	230.7	209.6	383.1	537.0
Feb.	264.7	299.6	107.4	144.9	212.0	209.1	347.4	475.2
Mar.	259.1	305.1	102.6	130.9	205.6	207.5	323.0	423.9
Apr.	248.3	294.9	102.6	114.5	199.2	207.1	310.0	404.6
May	242.1	286.1	104.3	133.4	200.8	199.5	307.0	402.3
June	245.7	284.9	104.3	126.3	204.9	199.5	313.9	424.3
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
- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded								
	Meats, Fresh	Beef and Veal Carcass	Meats, Cured	Fowl, Dressed	Milk and Its Products	Butter	Oils and Fats	Eggs
1952 Average	343.5	419.1	172.6	194.6	232.5	237.7	103.2	169.4
1952 Jan.	416.4	527.6	194.2	216.9	247.1	260.6	140.0	153.2
Feb.	374.8	468.2	179.6	204.8	246.3	258.8	115.0	151.0
Mar.	378.4	473.4	182.1	210.8	244.1	255.8	100.0	146.5
Apr.	357.4	439.6	174.3	186.7	234.9	245.0	93.3	141.2
May	345.3	421.4	163.9	198.8	224.9	223.8	91.2	139.9
June	353.3	431.1	169.8	192.8	223.0	221.2	105.6	161.0
July	353.8	432.1	170.9	186.7	223.4	221.0	100.2	188.8
Aug.	340.0	412.5	166.4	186.7	224.2	222.0	90.6	193.1
Sept.	319.3	385.3	167.4	177.7	225.5	225.8	94.5	194.5
Oct.	291.5	342.3	162.8	180.7	230.5	235.9	101.7	211.0
Nov.	295.2	348.0	165.2	195.8	232.9	240.3	104.3	193.9
Dec.	297.0	347.2	173.4	195.8	233.3	241.0	102.8	161.8
1953 Jan.	308.9	362.7	174.1	201.8	235.1	241.7	106.1	155.4
Feb.	298.1	344.8	194.1	216.9	235.9	246.7	104.7	168.8
Mar.	296.3	341.4	191.7	228.9	233.9	241.2	108.9	184.6

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

- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS -								
Date	Total Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	Raw Cotton	Cotton Yarn	Cotton Fabrics	Cotton Knit Goods	Miscellaneous Fibre Products	Silk and Nylon Thread	Rayon Fabrics
1952 Average .	251.5	326.4	281.2	254.0	240.7	311.1	169.5	184.5
1952 Jan.	266.4	354.7	289.1	257.2	252.1	368.1	169.5	210.1
Feb.	260.4	344.7	289.1	257.2	252.1	359.2	169.5	210.1
Mar.	255.7	344.3	285.6	257.2	245.8	335.1	169.5	193.0
Apr.	253.9	340.4	285.6	257.2	245.8	335.1	169.5	182.6
May	251.8	327.5	285.6	256.2	236.8	305.5	169.5	177.3
June	252.8	340.7	285.6	256.2	236.8	307.4	169.5	177.3
July	252.6	334.3	285.6	256.2	236.8	307.4	169.5	177.3
Aug.	248.9	335.9	280.6	250.3	236.8	299.6	169.5	177.3
Sept.	246.4	320.6	280.6	249.3	236.8	295.9	169.5	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.	241.6	284.6	251.6	246.8	235.8	252.3	169.5	165.3

- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS - Concluded								
	Rayon Yarns	Raw Wool Do- mestic	Raw Wool Im- ported	Yarns, Worsted	Hosiery and Knit Goods, Chiefly Wool	Wool Blan- kets	Wool Cloth	Carpets
1952 Average .	178.5	251.2	216.0	198.0	263.5	261.4	258.0	226.5
1952 Jan.	195.8	295.2	239.3	198.7	271.2	293.8	285.4	238.0
Feb.	176.9	277.7	225.9	199.3	271.2	268.8	264.2	226.1
Mar.	176.9	271.6	190.4	186.8	271.2	268.8	258.2	226.1
Apr.	176.9	214.2	173.8	183.6	271.2	268.8	255.9	226.1
May	176.9	237.3	210.8	196.1	267.9	268.8	255.9	226.1
June	176.9	250.8	214.4	203.8	266.3	252.5	255.9	226.1
July	176.9	260.3	230.0	203.2	266.3	252.5	255.9	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

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

- WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER -											
Date	Total Wood Products	Lumber and Timber	Spruce	Hard-woods	Hem-lock	Fir	Cedar	Wood-pulp	News-print	Wrapping Paper No. 1	Kraft
1952 Average	291.0	437.8	419.9	352.8	408.2	530.0	397.0	228.0	275.4	215.9	
1952 Jan. ..	294.6	451.1	422.9	370.1	409.6	570.0	395.7	244.0	268.8	215.9	
Feb. ..	294.1	452.8	421.3	370.1	409.6	570.0	408.4	242.6	267.2	215.9	
Mar. ..	291.9	448.3	421.3	370.1	409.6	559.6	402.7	239.9	265.3	215.9	
Apr. ..	286.5	439.2	421.3	370.1	409.6	537.5	393.2	236.7	262.4	215.9	
May ...	284.9	433.6	427.8	344.2	409.6	515.3	386.8	237.5	261.6	215.9	
June ..	294.6	433.3	428.0	344.2	409.6	515.3	384.3	235.7	285.3	215.9	
July ..	292.2	434.3	428.0	344.2	409.6	515.3	391.0	221.6	283.1	215.9	
Aug. ..	291.0	436.2	428.0	344.2	409.6	515.3	403.1	218.6	280.2	215.9	
Sept. ..	290.9	436.0	428.0	344.2	409.6	515.3	401.7	218.4	280.0	215.9	
Oct. ..	289.5	430.1	404.1	344.2	403.9	515.3	403.1	212.6	281.9	215.9	
Nov. ..	292.1	430.6	404.1	344.2	403.9	515.3	406.4	215.6	286.2	215.9	
Dec. ..	289.9	427.8	404.1	344.2	403.9	515.3	388.2	213.3	283.3	215.9	
1953 Jan. ..	289.8	428.4	404.1	344.2	403.9	515.3	392.2	210.7	283.5	215.9	
Feb. ..	289.7	425.7	404.1	344.2	403.9	505.7	396.1	211.7	284.6	215.9	
Mar. ..	290.9	424.8	404.4	344.2	403.9	503.3	393.4	213.6	287.2	215.9	
- IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS -											
	Total Iron Products	Pig Iron	Rolling Mill Products	Pipe and Tubing	Hard-ware	Wire	Scrap Iron and Steel	Tin Plate and Galvanized Sheet			
1952 Average	219.0	256.7	203.9	244.7	218.8	237.0	316.8	223.4			
1952 Jan. ..	218.0	255.6	202.2	246.0	217.9	234.9	317.0	220.5			
Feb. ..	218.1	255.6	202.2	246.0	217.9	234.9	318.2	220.5			
Mar. ..	218.2	255.6	202.2	246.0	217.9	234.9	318.2	220.5			
Apr. ..	218.7	255.6	202.2	246.0	217.9	234.9	318.2	224.4			
May ...	218.3	255.6	202.2	246.0	217.9	234.9	318.2	224.4			
June ..	218.2	255.6	202.2	246.0	217.9	234.9	315.9	224.4			
July ..	218.2	255.6	202.2	246.0	217.9	234.9	315.9	224.4			
Aug. ..	218.2	255.6	202.2	246.0	217.9	234.9	315.9	224.4			
Sept. ..	218.2	255.6	202.2	246.0	217.9	234.9	315.9	224.4			
Oct. ..	221.2	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			

* Revised

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued
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Date	- NON-FERROUS METALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -								Combined Index Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals(2)
	Total Non-Ferrous Metals (1)	Copper and Its Pro- ducts	Lead and Its Pro- ducts	Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Pro- ducts	Solder		
	Anti- mony								
1952 Average	172.9	257.3	270.2	336.4	215.5	227.1	375.0	239.2	225.0
1952 Jan. ..	180.9	371.8	263.2	406.5	228.4	231.9	459.7	242.7	229.6
Feb. ..	178.8	351.1	262.0	396.2	227.4	237.0	449.4	258.6	228.2
Mar. ..	178.2	320.2	260.8	395.7	226.4	234.5	449.0	258.6	228.0
Apr. ..	176.0	309.8	257.1	389.3	223.0	227.4	442.3	242.0	227.2
May ..	173.1	261.6	257.7	325.3	217.1	227.0	443.1	240.4	224.6
June ..	171.5	234.1	270.1	313.6	209.3	225.9	366.1	240.4	223.4
July ..	172.5	216.9	278.6	325.3	214.2	225.5	344.5	240.4	224.6
Aug. ..	170.2	216.9	278.6	321.6	207.0	219.0	325.4	229.3	223.2
Sept. ..	170.0	206.6	278.6	321.2	206.2	222.4	322.9	229.3	223.0
Oct. ..	168.1	206.6	278.4	286.4	207.5	222.3	308.5	229.3	223.2
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
- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -									
Total Non- Metallic Products	Clay and Allied Material Products	Pottery	Coal	Coal Tar	Coke	Manufactured Gas	Window Glass		
1952 Average	173.9	207.0	146.8	176.1	213.7	226.8	132.5	200.0	
1952 Jan. ..	173.8	195.3	146.8	175.2	213.7	224.1	120.5	197.8	
Feb. ..	174.3	195.3	146.8	176.7	213.7	224.1	120.5	204.6	
Mar. ..	174.4	204.7	146.8	176.7	213.7	227.3	120.5	204.6	
Apr. ..	174.3	208.7	146.8	176.8	213.7	227.3	120.5	204.6	
May ..	173.9	210.0	146.8	175.9	213.7	227.3	138.5	204.6	
June ..	173.3	210.0	146.8	173.7	213.7	227.3	138.5	204.6	
July ..	173.4	210.0	146.8	174.6	213.7	227.3	138.5	193.8	
Aug. ..	173.5	210.0	146.8	174.8	213.7	227.3	138.5	193.8	
Sept. ..	173.7	210.0	146.8	175.3	213.7	227.3	138.5	193.8	
Oct. ..	173.4	210.0	146.8	176.2	213.7	227.3	138.5	193.8	
Nov. ..	173.5	210.0	146.8	176.2	213.7	227.3	138.5	193.8	
Dec. ..	174.9	210.0	146.8	180.7	213.7	227.3	138.5	210.4	
1953 Jan. ..	175.3	210.0	146.8	180.8	213.7	227.3	138.5	210.4	
Feb. ..	174.9	211.1	146.8	180.5	213.7	227.3	138.5	210.4	
Mar. ..	175.2	218.5	146.8	180.6	213.7	227.3	138.5	210.4	

(1) Includes Gold.

(2) Excludes Gold.

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

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Continued

Date	Plate Glass	Petroleum Products	Gasoline	Coal Oil	Asphalt	Asphalt Shingles	Salt	Sulphur
1952 Average	170.7	162.1	138.1	129.2	181.1	150.4	282.4	174.0
1952 Jan.	170.7	166.2	141.3	131.3	180.3	150.4	282.4	174.3
Feb.	170.7	165.9	141.3	131.3	182.5	150.4	282.4	173.2
Mar.	170.7	165.0	141.3	131.3	182.5	150.4	282.4	172.0
Apr.	170.7	164.9	141.3	131.3	182.5	150.4	282.4	169.9
May	170.7	161.0	137.4	128.9	180.7	150.4	282.4	177.3
June	170.7	161.0	137.4	128.9	180.7	150.4	282.4	176.1
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	150.4	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

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Plaster	Lime	Cement	Sand and Gravel	Crushed Stone	Building Stone	Asbestos and Its Products
1952 Average	126.4	190.4	154.6	142.6	155.8	192.0	267.1
1952 Jan.	125.4	185.0	151.5	145.3	155.1	186.9	267.0
Feb.	125.4	189.9	152.8	145.3	155.1	190.6	267.0
Mar.	126.2	189.9	152.8	145.3	155.1	190.6	267.1
Apr.	126.7	191.7	152.8	141.2	153.3	190.6	267.1
May	126.7	191.7	152.8	141.2	155.7	190.6	267.1
June	126.7	191.7	152.8	141.2	155.7	190.6	267.1
July	126.7	191.7	153.1	141.2	155.7	190.6	267.1
Aug.	126.7	191.7	156.2	141.2	155.7	190.6	267.1
Sept.	126.7	191.7	157.5	141.2	155.7	190.6	267.1
Oct.	126.7	189.9	157.5	141.2	155.7	190.6	267.1
Nov.	126.7	189.9	157.5	141.2	155.7	200.7	267.1
Dec.	126.7	189.9	157.5	145.7	160.7	200.7	267.1
1953 Jan.	126.7	189.9	157.9	145.7	188.6	200.7	267.1
Feb.	126.7	189.9	157.9	145.7	188.6	200.7	267.1
Mar.	126.7	189.9	157.9	145.7	188.6	200.7	267.1

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

- CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS -

Date	Total Chemical Products	Inorganic Chemicals	Organic Chemicals	Coal Tar Products	Dyeing Materials	Tanning Materials
1952 Average .	180.1	136.8	209.3	187.5	184.7	258.8
1952 Jan.	188.8	136.0	261.9	187.5	202.1	250.9
Feb.	187.3	137.7	236.1	187.5	202.1	248.5
Mar.	184.7	137.6	202.9	187.5	202.1	248.5
Apr.	181.8	137.0	202.9	187.5	202.1	248.5
May	180.8	136.7	202.5	187.5	202.1	248.5
June	177.9	136.7	200.7	187.5	172.3	248.5
July	177.3	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

- CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Ex-plosives	Paint Prepared	Drugs and Pharmaceuticals	Fertil-izer Materials	Indus-trial Gases	Soap
1952 Average .	139.3	187.9	188.0	175.9	127.3	191.1
1952 Jan.	134.5	184.2	207.2	178.5	125.4	191.1
Feb.	142.0	184.2	207.2	178.5	126.0	191.1
Mar.	139.5	184.2	207.2	178.5	125.5	191.1
Apr.	139.5	189.1	186.5	178.5	128.5	191.1
May	139.5	189.1	186.5	178.5	127.3	191.1
June	139.5	189.1	185.2	174.0	125.9	191.1
July	139.5	189.1	181.8	174.0	129.0	191.1
Aug.	139.5	189.1	181.3	174.0	131.2	191.1
Sept. ...	139.5	189.1	181.8	174.0	129.0	191.1
Oct.	139.5	189.1	177.5	174.0	127.7	191.1
Nov.	139.5	189.1	177.5	174.0	125.7	191.1
Dec.	139.5	189.1	175.8	174.0	126.5	191.1
1953 Jan.	139.5	189.1	175.8	174.0	126.5	191.1
Feb.	139.5	189.1	175.8	174.0	126.6	191.1
Mar.	139.5	189.1	175.8	174.0	126.5	191.1

TABLE 6. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS
(1935-1939=100)

- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -											
Date	Composite Index	Cement Sand and Gravel	Brick, Sand and Stone	Lumber and Its Pro- ducts	Lath, Plaster and Insu- lation	Roof- ing Mate- rial	Paint and Glass	Plumb- ing and Heat- ing Equip- ment	Elec- trical Equip- ment and Fix- tures	Other Mate- rials	
1926	109.6	105.5	103.2	110.9	101.4	104.3	156.8	110.2	91.6	112.0	
1929	112.4	107.6	107.4	116.7	94.4	108.8	151.5	108.5	130.1	106.1	
1932	87.5	103.7	101.8	72.7	85.0	95.5	111.7	108.1	79.1	89.5	
1939	102.3	94.0	97.2	104.9	99.4	104.1	97.2	103.0	102.4	104.6	
1940	110.3	94.6	98.0	119.1	99.7	110.4	115.2	106.5	107.1	109.2	
1941	122.6	99.1	105.1	139.2	102.8	118.7	136.2	114.6	109.0	112.5	
1942	130.9	100.8	109.0	153.2	104.8	123.4	146.9	120.0	110.3	117.6	
1943	139.1	101.2	113.1	171.3	104.8	130.1	149.4	120.0	110.3	117.9	
1944	146.6	101.8	114.9	188.4	104.8	136.0	146.6	120.0	110.3	117.9	
1945	148.3	102.1	116.4	191.3	104.8	135.5	142.2	122.2	111.4	118.0	
1946	154.5	102.0	121.0	202.1	104.2	146.2	144.2	127.2	116.9	126.4	
1947	180.4	109.7	133.4	242.0	107.3	172.3	169.6	145.2	147.4	143.0	
1948	217.5	122.3	143.1	305.8	116.7	201.6	183.1	168.3	169.8	162.3	
1949	228.0	127.0	151.0	322.1	118.1	190.5	179.6	180.2	173.4	174.7	
1950	242.7	131.3	163.8	349.2	116.7	235.4	174.8	183.2	184.5	181.1	
1951	286.2	140.9	180.7	425.0	126.3	235.8	197.8	210.4	213.3	212.7	
1952	284.8	149.5	195.3	415.7	128.5	217.7	194.9	215.6	212.0	226.3	
1952 Jan.	288.0	148.3	183.2	424.7	126.7	210.9	197.5	217.3	218.8	222.1	
Feb.	287.9	148.9	183.2	423.6	126.7	223.0	200.5	217.3	215.9	222.1	
Mar.	286.8	148.9	192.5	420.9	126.7	220.0	199.7	216.6	211.6	222.1	
Apr.	284.9	148.1	192.5	415.8	129.1	216.9	198.5	216.9	208.4	227.4	
May	283.9	148.1	198.8	413.4	129.1	213.9	193.7	216.2	208.4	227.4	
June	283.5	148.1	198.8	413.4	129.1	210.9	194.2	215.1	206.6	227.4	
July	283.8	148.3	198.8	413.1	129.1	216.9	192.4	215.2	212.9	227.4	
Aug.	284.1	150.1	198.8	413.1	129.1	223.0	192.4	215.2	212.6	227.4	
Sept.	284.0	151.1	198.8	413.1	129.1	220.0	192.4	215.2	212.2	227.4	
Oct.	283.8	151.1	198.8	412.5	129.1	220.0	192.4	215.2	212.2	227.4	
Nov.	283.4	151.1	199.5	412.4	129.1	220.0	190.2	213.3	212.2	228.8	
Dec.	283.3	151.9	199.5	411.9	129.1	217.0	195.0	213.1	212.1	228.8	
1953 Jan.	283.7	152.1	199.5	412.9	129.1	217.0	195.8	213.1	211.0	228.8	
Feb.	282.3	152.1	199.5	409.5	129.1	217.0	195.4	213.1	211.0	228.8	
Mar.	283.4	152.1	205.7	411.5	129.1	217.0	195.4	211.7	217.9	228.8	

TABLE 7. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity 1/	Unit	Yearly Average 1952	Mar. 1952	Feb. 1953	Mar. 1953
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern 2/	bu.	1.762	1.794	1.759	1.770
OATS, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	.879	.971	.785	.784
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed	bu.	1.273	1.280	1.195	1.222
RYE, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	1.881	1.980	1.561	1.590
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto	bbl.	11.142	11.100	11.300	11.300
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal 3/	cwt.	8.744	9.405	7.885	7.885
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal	gal.	1.800	1.840	1.720	1.350
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's	lb.	.637	.642	.636	.726
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John	75.lb.bag	4.063	4.438	2.225	1.650
STEERS, Toronto	cwt.	25.771	25.930	21.890	21.070
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included)	cwt.	25.802	25.600	25.840	27.360
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers	lb.	.182	.169	.185	.190
LEATHER, Packer Bends, No. 1 and 2	lb.	.762	.770	.720	.720
LEATHER, Box Sides, D, f.o.b. Ontario factory	sq. ft.	.382	.400	.370	.370
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade, Montreal	lb.	.624	.680	.663	.634
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.542	.444	.522	.614
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 15/16", New York	lb.	.389	.416	.330	.335
COTTON YARNS, 10's white	lb.	.793	.795	.730	.730
WOOL, Raw, Eastern bright, 1/4 blood	lb.	.483	.520	.500	.500
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Canadian Mill (Southern Quebec)	ton	105.462	101.563	108.968	109.945
PIG IRON, Malleable	gr. ton	56.125	55.500	58.000	58.000
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic	cwt.	28.533	27.420	29.500	32.986
LEAD, Domestic	cwt.	16.128	18.980	13.000	13.136
TIN INGOTS	lb.	1.210	1.250	1.217	1.219
ZINC, Domestic, Grade "A", Electrolytic	cwt.	17.370	20.830	12.600	12.377
COAL, United States Anthracite	ton	19.790	19.700	21.440	21.500
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto	gal.	.222	.226	.217	.217
SHINGLES, Asphalt	210-lb. sq.	8.450	8.450	8.450	8.450
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume	ton	24.000	24.000	24.000	24.000

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

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

3/ Paper bags, effective January, 1953.

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

		Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	House- hold Oper- ation	Other Commod- ities & Services
1950		102.9	102.6	106.2	99.7	102.4	103.1
1951		113.7	117.0	114.4	109.8	113.1	111.5
1952		116.5	116.8	120.2	111.8	116.2	116.0
<u>1949</u>	October 1	100.6	100.8	100.5	99.8	100.6	100.9
	November 1	101.0	101.9	100.5	99.7	100.5	101.0
	December 1	100.5	100.3	101.0	99.7	100.4	101.1
<u>1950</u>	January 2	100.1	98.1	101.1	99.6	100.6	102.0
	February 1	100.2	98.4	101.1	99.5	100.6	102.2
	March 1	100.9	98.8	104.7	98.9	100.8	102.2
	April 1	101.2	99.3	104.9	99.2	101.2	102.2
	May 1	101.2	99.3	105.1	99.1	101.1	102.2
	June 1	101.9	100.9	105.9	99.1	101.5	102.3
	July 3	102.7	102.6	107.4	99.1	101.6	102.4
	August 1	103.3	103.8	107.8	99.3	102.6	102.5
	September 1	104.3	105.4	108.7	99.9	103.4	103.0
	October 2	105.9	107.6	109.0	100.6	104.6	105.2
	November 1	106.4	108.4	109.5	101.0	105.1	105.4
	December 1	106.6	108.4	109.6	101.3	105.5	105.7
<u>1951</u>	January 2	107.7	109.0	110.0	102.6	107.1	107.4
	February 1	109.1	111.0	110.4	105.1	108.6	108.0
	March 1	110.8	114.1	111.5	106.7	110.5	108.3
	April 2	111.7	115.5	111.8	108.5	111.4	108.6
	May 1	112.2	114.3	112.4	109.0	112.7	110.4
	June 1	113.7	115.8	115.2	109.5	113.8	111.8
	July 3	114.6	117.9	115.5	109.7	114.3	112.2
	August 1	115.5	119.0	115.8	110.7	115.1	113.4
	September 1	116.5	120.5	117.2	111.9	115.5	113.6
	October 1	117.1	121.3	117.2	114.1	115.8	114.1
	November 1	117.9	122.5	118.2	114.5	115.9	114.8
	December 1	118.1	122.5	118.2	115.2	116.4	115.0
<u>1952</u>	January 2	118.2	122.4	118.3	114.9	116.4	115.5
	February 1	117.6	120.8	118.3	113.5	116.3	115.8
	March 1	116.9	117.6	119.1	112.9	116.9	116.4
	April 1	116.8	117.2	119.4	112.5	116.8	116.6
	May 1	115.9	115.5	119.6	112.3	116.2	115.6
	June 2	116.0	115.7	120.4	111.8	115.9	115.7
	July 2	116.1	116.0	120.6	111.7	115.9	115.6
	August 1	116.0	115.7	120.6	111.6	115.8	115.8
	September 2	116.1	115.8	121.2	110.9	116.0	115.8
	October 1	116.0	115.1	121.5	109.9	116.2	116.4
	November 1	116.1	115.7	121.4	109.8	115.9	116.6
	December 1	115.8	114.1	122.2	109.7	116.1	116.6
<u>1953</u>	January 2	115.7	113.5	122.3	109.7	116.5	116.7
	February 2	115.5	112.7	122.5	109.6	116.6	116.7
	March 2	114.8	111.6	122.5	109.7	116.7	115.2

TABLE 9. - COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES
(1935-39 = 100)

Per- centage Increase Since August 1939	Total ^x	Food	Rent	Fuel and Light- ing	Cloth- ing	Home Furnish- ings and Services	Miscel- laneous	Retail Prices Commod- ities only
1939	101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0
1940	105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6
1941	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9
1942	117.0	127.2	111.3	112.8	120.0	117.9	107.1	122.4
1943	118.4	130.7	111.5	112.9	120.5	118.0	108.0	124.5
1944	118.9	131.3	111.9	110.6	121.5	118.4	108.9	125.2
1945	119.5	133.0	112.1	107.0	122.1	119.0	109.4	126.2
1946	123.6	140.4	112.7	107.4	126.3	124.5	112.6	132.1
1947	135.5	159.5	116.7	115.9	143.9	141.6	117.0	148.8
1948	155.0	195.5	120.7	124.8	174.4	162.6	123.4	177.4
1949	160.8	203.0	123.0	131.1	183.1	167.6	128.8	184.8
1950	166.5	210.9	132.9	138.3	182.3	169.2	132.6	190.0
1951	184.5	241.1	140.0	147.1	203.1	194.4	141.3	214.5
1952	187.5	237.4	147.4	151.1	209.4	197.8	147.6	215.0
1939 Aug. 1	-	100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.9	101.3	100.0
1941 Oct. 1	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	117.3	106.5	120.1
1945 Dec. 1	19.1	120.1	134.3	112.3	107.1	122.5	119.5	127.0
1946 Dec. 2	26.1	127.1	146.4	113.4	109.2	131.2	129.4	137.2
1951 Apr. 2	80.4	181.8	238.4	137.6	146.7	198.8	190.7	138.8
May 1	80.6	182.0	235.4	137.6	146.2	201.5	194.9	140.7
June 1	82.6	184.1	239.8	139.8	146.2	202.5	197.1	141.0
July 3	86.1	187.6	249.7	139.8	147.2	202.9	197.4	142.2
Aug. 1	87.4	188.9	251.4	139.8	148.2	204.6	199.0	143.7
Sept. 1	88.3	189.8	251.1	142.7	149.5	206.9	199.1	144.0
Oct. 1	88.9	190.4	249.7	142.7	150.2	213.8	200.1	144.3
Nov. 1	89.7	191.2	250.2	144.8	150.8	214.6	199.9	144.9
Dec. 1	89.6	191.1	249.3	144.8	150.8	215.5	200.6	144.9
1952 Jan. 2	90.0	191.5	250.0	144.8	151.2	215.3	201.1	145.7
Feb. 1	89.3	190.8	248.1	144.8	151.3	213.0	200.1	146.5
Mar. 1	87.6	189.1	241.7	146.3	152.5	211.2	200.8	146.9
Apr. 1	87.2	188.7	240.2	146.3	152.5	210.4	200.5	147.9
May 1	85.2	186.7	235.3	146.3	150.6	210.1	198.2	147.4
June 2	85.8	187.3	237.0	147.9	149.8	209.3	197.2	147.4
July 2	86.5	188.0	239.5	147.9	149.8	209.1	196.7	147.4
Aug. 1	86.1	187.6	238.0	147.9	150.1	208.6	196.0	147.8
Sept. 2	85.0	186.5	234.2	148.9	150.3	207.7	195.8	147.8
Oct. 1	83.5	185.0	229.3	148.9	150.9	206.7	195.9	148.5
Nov. 1	83.3	184.8	229.0	148.9	151.1	205.5	195.5	148.8
Dec. 1	82.7	184.2	226.1	149.9	152.7	205.4	195.3	148.8
1953 Jan. 2	82.9	184.4	226.2	150.2	153.9	205.3	196.0	148.9
Feb. 2	83.4	184.9	227.4	150.5	154.3	205.2	196.1	149.0
Mar. 2	82.7	184.2	225.7	150.7	154.4	205.5	196.3	147.9
								208.0

^x Additional taxes on tobacco products imposed between June 1942 and December 1947 are not reflected in the above indexes originally designated for Cost-of-Living bonus calculations. The Mar. 1953 index, inclusive of all such taxes, is 185.0.

TABLE 10. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES MAIN GROUPS AND SELECTED COMPONENTS

(1949 = 100)

	1950	1951	1952	Dec. 1952	Jan. 1953	Feb. 1953	Mar. 1953
<u>Total Index</u>	102.9	113.7	116.5	115.8	115.7	115.5	114.8
<u>Food</u>	102.6	117.0	116.8	114.1	113.5	112.7	111.6
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	99.7	108.6	113.3	113.2	113.4	113.5	113.8
Cereal Products	103.4	113.0	117.4	116.9	117.0	117.1	117.1
Meats, Fish and Poultry	106.5	127.9	115.5	110.5	109.9	110.7	107.0
<u>Shelter</u>	106.2	114.4	120.2	122.2	122.3	122.5	122.5
Rent	108.2	114.5	120.9	123.3	123.5	123.8	123.9
Home-Ownership	103.6	114.4	119.3	120.7	120.7	120.7	120.6
<u>Clothing</u>	99.7	109.8	111.8	109.7	109.7	109.6	109.7
Men's Wear	99.2	111.6	115.2	113.4	113.4	113.3	113.3
Women's Wear	99.0	105.6	104.8	101.8	101.8	101.7	101.8
Children's Wear	101.6	108.6	111.5	109.4	109.5	109.2	108.8
Footwear	100.8	116.6	127.2	127.5	127.4	127.5	127.9
Piece Goods	103.0	119.8	107.4	104.7	104.7	104.6	104.5
<u>Household Operation</u>	102.4	113.1	116.2	116.1	116.5	116.6	116.7
Fuel and Lighting	103.8	109.9	113.4	114.4	115.1	115.1	115.1
Home Furnishings	101.5	115.5	117.6	116.1	116.3	116.6	116.7
Furniture	101.6	112.9	115.6	115.9	115.9	116.1	116.4
Utensils and Equipment	101.0	113.2	118.9	119.8	120.2	120.8	120.8
Supplies and Services	102.4	112.7	116.8	117.6	117.9	117.9	118.1
Supplies	100.3	112.2	112.4	113.0	113.1	113.1	113.2
Services	103.8	113.0	119.7	120.7	121.2	121.2	121.4
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	103.1	111.5	116.0	116.6	116.7	116.7	115.2
Transportation	105.4	113.0	117.4	118.7	118.7	118.7	118.7
Automobile Operation	103.8	112.9	114.9	113.9	114.0	114.0	113.7
Recreation	102.0	109.7	115.7	117.3	117.6	117.6	117.7
Health Care	102.2	110.3	118.8	119.9	119.9	120.2	120.2
Drugs	101.5	107.4	107.9	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	102.7	111.5	113.3	112.4	112.4	112.4	107.1
Personal Care	100.9	112.5	115.5	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6
Personal Supplies	99.1	110.6	112.7	111.8	111.7	111.7	111.7

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

		Beef, Blade Roast	Beef, Sir- loin	Pork, Loin	Bacon	Salmon, Canned	Chicken	Butter	Margarine
1950		118.8	117.6	99.3	94.1	101.4	96.3	93.4	107.7
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
1952	Mar.	1	148.4	138.2	93.1	83.0	111.5	104.4	110.9
	Apr.	1	140.1	133.5	94.2	79.4	111.5	103.8	118.7
	May	1	132.5	130.8	93.1	76.2	111.5	102.1	113.9
	Dec.	1	114.1	116.2	102.0	77.4	97.0	98.5	113.0
1953	Jan.	2	115.8	119.3	101.9	77.4	96.6	101.2	103.7
	Feb.	2	116.8	120.6	109.7	80.0	96.1	103.4	117.6
	Mar.	2	113.3	115.5	103.7	83.1	96.1	108.2	118.2

		Short- ening, Veg- etable	Eggs	Peaches, Canned	Oranges	Peas, Canned	Potatoes	Tom- atoes, Fresh	Carrots
1950		96.3	91.8	98.1	113.0	99.3	95.4	102.3	108.8
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
1952	Mar.	1	98.9	81.1	106.5	105.4	115.5	179.7	137.2
	Apr.	1	96.2	80.0	106.0	109.2	115.5	207.5	142.6
	May	1	90.7	79.5	106.0	105.7	115.5	224.6	150.6
	Dec.	1	87.4	97.5	100.1	111.0	119.5	155.3	118.6
1953	Jan.	2	86.7	90.6	99.7	103.4	119.5	152.4	121.2
	Feb.	2	85.8	88.9	99.2	99.1	119.5	147.0	125.2
	Mar.	2	85.5	97.5	98.2	92.3	120.1	126.9	126.6

		Milk, Fresh	Cheese, Pro- cessed	Bread	Flour	Sugar, Gran- ulated	Jam, Straw- berry	Tea	Coffee
1950		102.9	99.1	104.6	104.8	114.4	104.4	101.6	144.8
1951		110.0	111.1	115.5	106.9	129.8	114.0	104.2	163.2
1952		118.4	115.9	119.3	105.9	121.0	110.6	104.9	163.0
1952	Mar.	1	118.5	118.5	119.7	107.6	129.8	114.1	165.3
	Apr.	1	118.5	116.1	119.7	107.6	126.7	113.7	165.2
	May	1	118.5	116.1	119.7	106.2	122.5	112.5	164.5
	Dec.	1	118.5	115.1	117.7	104.7	112.7	105.6	161.5
1953	Jan.	2	118.5	115.4	117.7	104.7	112.7	105.2	161.4
	Feb.	2	118.5	114.1	117.7	104.7	110.6	105.2	99.2
	Mar.	2	118.5	115.4	117.7	104.7	110.6	104.4	161.2

TABLE 12. - CITY COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES

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

	St. John's Nfl'd(1)	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- atoon	Edmon- ton	Van- couver
	October, 1938 = 100		August 1939 = 100						
1940	-	106.1	105.2	106.8	104.0	104.1	105.8	104.0	103.7
1941	-	110.2	110.6	113.0	109.9	109.1	112.0	108.2	109.1
1942	140.3	114.5	116.0	118.4	115.6	113.7	116.7	112.7	114.2
1943	149.1	117.0	117.7	120.4	116.5	115.0	118.1	115.3	117.3
1944	160.7	118.3	118.8	120.7	117.1	115.7	119.4	116.3	117.9
1945	160.4	119.3	119.4	122.0	117.7	116.8	120.2	117.5	119.2
1946	163.1	122.5	122.7	126.0	121.8	120.4	124.4	121.3	123.0
1947	172.0	132.7	133.3	138.1	133.7	130.9	137.1	131.9	134.9
1948	184.4	148.9	152.7	158.3	151.7	148.8	157.4	149.9	155.6
1949	177.2	153.8	157.5	163.9	156.4	155.3	162.5	156.0	162.0
1950	173.7	157.0	162.8	170.0	162.8	161.2	166.1	162.1	167.8
1951	-	172.4	179.6	190.3	180.4	178.0	181.4	177.1	185.2
1952	(2)103.5	177.3	184.9	192.7	183.8	180.3	183.3	179.0	190.3
<u>1951</u>	Apr. 2	184.9	169.2	176.9	186.3	178.3	175.6	178.9	182.6
	May 1	185.0	169.4	177.4	187.2	178.6	175.7	179.0	182.9
	June 1	185.4	171.5	179.3	190.4	179.9	177.4	180.3	185.3
	July 3	(2)101.3	176.3	182.5	195.3	183.5	181.8	184.4	188.8
	Aug. 1	102.8	177.9	184.2	194.8	184.5	182.4	186.0	189.8
	Sept. 1	102.7	177.5	184.2	196.0	185.4	182.2	186.2	190.2
	Oct. 1	103.0	178.2	185.1	196.4	185.8	183.1	187.0	190.0
	Nov. 1	103.2	179.4	185.6	197.4	186.5	183.0	187.5	192.0
	Dec. 1	103.5	179.3	186.1	197.3	186.0	183.3	187.2	192.8
<u>1952</u>	Jan. 2	103.9	179.3	188.0	198.1	187.1	183.7	187.0	193.6
	Feb. 1	103.7	178.2	187.5	197.1	186.0	183.4	187.1	192.5
	Mar. 1	104.0	177.8	187.0	195.4	184.4	182.0	185.6	192.2
	Apr. 1	103.8	177.8	186.8	193.8	184.8	181.9	183.7	192.3
	May 1	103.1	177.4	184.2	191.0	182.9	180.5	181.0	190.6
	June 2	102.7	179.2	185.6	192.5	184.4	180.6	180.9	190.6
	July 2	103.9	179.6	186.4	193.4	184.4	181.0	183.0	189.8
	Aug. 1	105.3	179.0	186.1	191.7	184.2	180.0	183.9	189.5
	Sept. 2	103.6	176.7	183.9	191.7	183.3	179.0	182.7	189.0
	Oct. 1	103.0	174.0	181.6	189.8	181.8	177.5	181.5	187.3
	Nov. 1	102.5	174.7	181.4	189.6	181.4	177.2	182.1	186.7
	Dec. 1	102.3	173.5	180.4	188.8	180.8	176.3	180.9	188.1
<u>1953</u>	Jan. 2	102.4	173.5	180.7	189.7	181.3	176.5	181.8	188.2
	Feb. 2	102.3	173.9	180.8	190.5	181.5	177.2	182.1	187.5
	Mar. 2	101.3	173.6	180.4	189.8	181.2	176.6	182.4	187.1

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

TABLE 12. - CITY COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES - Continued
 (August 1939=100)

		St. John's Nfld	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon	Edmon- ton	Van- couver
<u>Food Index</u>										
<u>1952</u>	Feb. 1	(2) 105.0	239.1	240.3	265.8	236.6	249.3	250.6	254.0	255.6
	Mar. 1	104.3	234.1	237.8	259.6	229.6	243.7	244.2	248.2	252.5
	Apr. 1	103.8	234.4	237.8	255.1	228.7	242.4	238.4	244.1	252.7
	May 1	103.2	231.4	231.7	248.3	223.1	239.4	233.1	238.1	244.7
	June 2	102.2	236.8	235.6	252.8	227.5	239.8	233.0	237.0	244.2
	July 2	105.8	238.3	238.0	255.4	228.2	241.4	239.9	240.8	242.0
	Aug. 1	109.6	237.1	237.2	250.5	227.5	236.7	241.6	242.7	240.8
	Sept. 2	104.5	229.0	231.0	250.4	222.8	233.3	236.4	237.8	239.6
	Oct. 1	103.0	220.3	224.4	243.1	217.8	229.6	233.2	235.8	234.5
	Nov. 1	101.7	222.6	223.9	243.2	217.1	229.3	235.5	234.3	235.5
	Dec. 1	101.4	218.3	220.6	239.8	214.0	225.3	231.0	232.0	237.0
<u>1953</u>	Jan. 2	101.6	217.6	219.5	241.9	215.2	226.1	234.1	230.1	236.8
	Feb. 2	100.8	218.4	220.0	244.1	215.4	228.1	234.3	230.0	234.6
	Mar. 2	99.5	218.0	219.6	242.7	214.5	226.4	235.7	230.9	233.5
<u>Rent Index</u>										
<u>1952</u>	Feb. 1	(2) 101.2	124.9	126.1	147.4	149.6	132.9	132.3	124.0	131.9
	Mar. 1	105.2	126.1	126.1	148.7	152.4	133.6	132.3	124.2	134.0
	Apr. 1	105.2	126.1	126.1	148.7	152.4	133.6	132.3	124.2	134.0
	May 1	105.2	126.1	126.1	148.7	152.4	133.6	132.3	124.2	134.0
	June 2	105.3	127.6	127.7	150.8	154.4	134.0	132.3	125.0	135.4
	July 2	105.3	127.6	127.7	150.8	154.4	134.0	132.3	125.0	135.4
	Aug. 1	105.3	127.6	127.7	150.8	154.4	134.0	132.3	125.0	135.4
	Sept. 2	106.6	127.7	127.8	151.3	157.3	134.8	132.3	125.3	135.6
	Oct. 1	106.6	127.7	127.8	151.3	157.3	134.8	132.3	125.3	135.6
	Nov. 1	106.6	127.7	127.8	151.3	157.3	134.8	132.3	125.3	135.6
	Dec. 1	106.6	127.7	128.2	151.7	158.8	136.2	133.3	125.9	136.2
<u>1953</u>	Jan. 2	106.8	128.2	128.2	152.2	158.9	136.2	133.3	126.2	136.9
	Feb. 2	106.8	128.2	128.2	152.3	159.2	136.7	133.6	127.6	137.2
	Mar. 2	106.8	128.2	128.2	152.3	159.3	136.8	134.4	128.1	138.0
<u>Fuel and Light- ing Index</u>										
<u>1952</u>	Feb. 1	(2) 107.0	144.5	140.9	145.0	172.5	128.2	151.7	121.8	170.8
	Mar. 1	107.0	152.5	146.9	145.0	172.5	131.1	158.6	121.8	176.9
	Apr. 1	107.4	152.5	146.9	145.0	172.5	131.1	158.6	121.8	176.9
	May 1	107.6	152.5	146.6	142.7	176.0	131.1	151.7	121.8	176.9
	June 2	107.6	152.5	146.6	141.0	176.0	131.1	151.7	121.8	176.9
	July 2	107.6	152.5	146.4	141.1	176.0	131.1	151.7	121.8	176.9
	Aug. 1	107.6	152.5	148.0	141.1	176.0	133.3	154.8	121.8	176.9
	Sept. 2	107.6	152.5	146.9	141.3	175.8	133.3	158.6	121.8	176.9
	Oct. 1	107.6	152.5	146.9	142.8	176.4	133.3	158.6	121.8	176.9
	Nov. 1	107.3	152.5	147.3	143.0	176.4	133.3	158.6	121.8	176.9
	Dec. 1	107.3	152.5	147.3	146.5	176.4	133.3	158.6	121.8	176.9
<u>1953</u>	Jan. 2	107.3	153.3	152.4	147.5	178.5	133.3	158.6	121.8	176.9
	Feb. 2	106.8	154.5	151.5	147.8	178.5	134.0	160.4	121.3	176.9
	Mar. 2	106.8	154.5	151.5	147.8	178.5	134.0	160.4	121.3	177.3

(2) See Page 21, Footnote (2).

TABLE 12. - CITY COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES - Concluded
(August 1939=100)

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	St. John's Nfld	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon	Edmonton	Vancouver	
<u>Clothing Index</u>										
<u>1952</u>	Feb. 1	(2) 105.4	227.8	234.5	199.7	213.0	208.8	222.1	223.2	226.5
	Mar. 1	105.1	225.2	232.5	198.0	211.1	208.6	220.1	220.8	224.8
	Apr. 1	104.2	224.0	231.3	197.0	211.0	208.7	218.7	220.0	222.9
	May 1	103.8	224.1	231.4	197.0	210.1	208.7	218.7	219.3	223.0
	June 2	103.5	223.6	230.5	196.3	208.9	208.3	217.7	218.4	222.2
	July 2	103.2	223.6	230.5	196.3	208.9	208.3	217.7	217.7	220.8
	Aug. 1	103.1	223.3	230.3	196.2	208.0	207.3	218.3	217.6	220.7
	Sept. 2	103.0	223.5	230.4	195.4	207.1	206.8	218.3	216.9	219.6
	Oct. 1	102.7	221.9	228.7	194.8	206.3	203.2	217.5	215.7	218.4
	Nov. 1	102.4	220.3	227.2	193.5	205.1	201.6	216.2	215.1	218.4
	Dec. 1	102.1	220.0	226.7	193.4	205.0	201.7	216.2	215.2	218.1
<u>1953</u>	Jan. 2	102.1	220.1	226.8	193.4	205.0	201.7	215.9	214.0	217.1
	Feb. 2	102.2	220.0	226.7	193.6	205.0	201.2	215.9	213.9	216.5
	Mar. 2	102.0	220.5	227.2	193.6	205.6	201.7	215.9	213.8	216.2
<u>Homefurnishings and Services Index</u>										
<u>1952</u>	Feb. 1	(2) 103.0	183.4	193.8	204.6	194.8	201.7	207.0	194.4	194.4
	Mar. 1	103.0	184.1	194.0	206.6	195.3	202.0	207.1	192.8	195.6
	Apr. 1	102.9	183.5	193.5	206.3	194.7	202.0	206.2	192.8	196.1
	May 1	102.5	190.1	189.8	204.7	192.3	198.3	202.9	190.3	194.5
	June 2	101.8	189.7	188.9	203.0	191.3	198.1	203.2	190.2	194.2
	July 2	101.8	189.7	189.0	202.8	190.3	197.4	203.2	189.7	194.2
	Aug. 1	101.8	187.1	186.8	201.8	189.3	197.2	203.2	189.7	194.2
	Sept. 2	101.7	186.4	185.7	202.0	188.8	197.1	203.6	189.5	194.4
	Oct. 1	101.5	186.4	185.7	202.4	188.9	197.8	202.7	190.1	194.0
	Nov. 1	101.4	186.6	185.9	201.5	188.8	197.0	202.5	189.6	193.9
	Dec. 1	101.2	187.7	185.9	201.1	188.4	198.2	202.9	189.5	193.7
<u>1953</u>	Jan. 2	101.3	187.7	190.0	201.9	189.0	197.9	203.1	189.4	195.1
	Feb. 2	101.6	187.2	189.7	202.0	189.6	197.9	202.9	189.1	195.1
	Mar. 2	101.5	187.1	189.5	202.1	190.0	198.1	203.1	190.5	195.4
<u>Miscellaneous Index</u>										
<u>1952</u>	Feb. 1	(2) 101.2	136.8	152.6	142.0	144.8	139.5	134.2	140.2	147.7
	Mar. 1	101.5	138.6	152.8	142.5	144.9	139.7	134.6	140.4	147.9
	Apr. 1	101.9	138.8	152.7	142.5	147.5	140.6	134.9	140.8	148.5
	May 1	100.2	138.4	151.4	141.5	147.0	139.8	134.0	140.1	152.7
	June 2	100.2	138.4	151.4	141.5	147.0	139.8	134.0	139.9	152.7
	July 2	100.2	138.3	151.4	141.5	146.9	139.7	133.9	139.9	152.7
	Aug. 1	100.3	138.5	151.5	141.6	147.6	141.1	134.4	140.2	153.0
	Sept. 2	100.3	138.5	151.5	141.6	147.6	141.0	134.3	140.3	153.0
	Oct. 1	100.3	138.5	151.4	144.0	147.6	141.2	134.3	140.3	153.0
	Nov. 1	100.2	139.6	152.1	144.2	147.4	141.1	134.3	141.4	153.0
	Dec. 1	100.2	139.6	152.1	144.2	147.4	141.0	134.3	141.4	153.0
<u>1953</u>	Jan. 2	100.2	139.6	152.1	144.2	147.4	141.0	134.3	141.4	152.9
	Feb. 2	100.7	140.1	152.1	144.2	147.6	141.0	134.3	141.4	152.9
	Mar. 2	98.5	138.9	150.8	143.2	146.7	140.1	133.2	141.9	152.0

(2) See Page 21, Footnote (2).

TABLE 1. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY
 FARMERS AND FARM FAMILY LIVING COSTS
 (1935-39= 100)

	Composite Index Exclusive of Living Costs (a)	Equipment and Materials	Taxes and Interest Rates	Farm Wages	Farm Family Living Costs	Composite Index Inclusive of Living Costs (a)
ALL CANADA						
1926	130.6	119.9	135.5	164.5	121.1	126.8
1939	99.3	95.7	101.1	110.3	99.5	99.4
1949 - August	206.5	180.2	138.7	388.1	174.5	193.7
1950 - August	218.6	194.3	144.3	401.2	180.7	203.4
1951 - January	218.4	201.0	151.8	365.9	184.1	204.7
April	233.9	209.4	151.8	426.5	197.1	219.2
August	237.8	207.5	151.8	457.3	214.7	228.6
1952 - January	238.6(R)	218.1	161.4(R)	410.3	215.8	229.5(R)
April	245.2(R)	216.9	161.4(R)	454.2	209.6	230.9(R)
August	245.4(R)	212.5	161.4(R)	471.9	204.1	228.9(R)
1953 - January	231.7	207.7	161.4	408.0	202.2	219.9
EASTERN CANADA						
1926	129.5	122.8	128.4	151.1	120.2	125.8
1939	98.7	94.8	99.2	110.6	99.5	99.0
1949 - August	210.2	183.0	126.1	376.4	172.6	195.2
1950 - August	220.4	196.1	131.2	382.3	178.3	203.6
1951 - January	225.1	200.5	142.0	382.0	181.7	207.7
April	237.3	210.2	142.0	413.7	195.1	220.4
August	241.4	208.0	142.0	441.5	212.8	230.0
1952 - January	247.9(R)	219.1	152.4(R)	430.0	213.9	234.3(R)
April	247.9(R)	218.2	152.4(R)	432.8	207.9	231.9(R)
August	246.8(R)	211.7	152.4(R)	447.4	202.7	229.2(R)
1953 - January	238.4	208.9	152.4	413.4	200.5	223.2
WESTERN CANADA						
1926	131.8	117.1	141.6	183.5	121.9	127.8
1939	99.8	96.6	102.7	109.9	99.5	99.7
1949 - August	202.7	177.5	149.4	404.7	176.3	192.1
1950 - August	216.8	192.5	155.4	428.0	183.1	203.3
1951 - January	211.8	201.4	160.2	342.9	186.4	201.6
April	230.5	208.6	160.2	444.8	199.1	217.9
August	234.3	207.0	160.2	479.7	216.6	227.2
1952 - January	229.4(R)	217.3	169.0(R)	382.4	217.8	224.7(R)
April	242.5(R)	215.7	169.0(R)	484.6	211.2	230.0(R)
August	243.9(R)	213.2	169.0(R)	506.8	205.5	228.6(R)
1953 - January	225.0	206.5	169.0	400.4	204.0	216.6

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

(R) Revised.

TABLE 14. - INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES
(1935-39 = 100)

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INVESTORS' INDEX											
Number of Stocks	Inves-tors'		Total trials		Machin-ery	Pulp and Paper	Tex-tiles	Food and Allied	Bever-ages	Build-ing	
	Indus-trials	Indus-trials	Equip-ment	Equip-ment	Mill-ing	Oils Cloth-ing	and Pro-ducts	and Pro-ducts	and Pro-ducts	Materials	
(103)	(81)	(11)	(10)	(3)	(5)	(10)	(14)	(10)	(14)	(16)	
1939	91.6	91.2	100.9	81.7	100.6	83.6	95.0	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	
<u>1939</u>	<u>Aug.</u> ...	85.8	84.8	86.8	55.3	89.6	74.2	89.1	112.4	93.8	87.4
<u>1945</u>	<u>Dec.</u> ...	112.5	105.8	155.1	226.6	127.5	81.5	173.8	116.7	305.3	138.5
<u>1946</u>	<u>Dec.</u> ...	106.4	99.3	180.2	250.0	123.9	63.6	181.8	123.3	317.1	138.4
<u>1951</u>	<u>May</u> ...	164.2	168.3	406.4	579.2	104.7	138.9	363.0	121.0	436.3	264.2
	<u>June</u> ...	160.7	164.4	396.4	562.2	104.1	134.1	359.8	117.9	425.6	257.6
	<u>July</u> ...	162.0	165.8	405.0	568.1	111.3	135.1	355.5	115.2	421.8	264.6
	<u>Aug.</u> ...	169.7	174.5	419.2	588.5	117.7	145.3	366.6	118.4	419.9	277.8
	<u>Sept.</u> ...	179.8	185.4	445.4	609.8	124.0	156.6	371.6	119.7	436.5	308.8
	<u>Oct.</u> ...	183.3	189.5	462.5	595.5	122.6	162.6	346.3	114.2	445.9	305.8
	<u>Nov.</u> ...	174.0	178.8	431.7	562.3	121.9	150.8	314.1	110.9	425.2	284.7
	<u>Dec.</u> ...	177.3	180.6	430.4	573.6	119.3	154.7	308.2	108.5	405.9	290.0
<u>1952</u>	<u>Jan.</u> ...	181.7	186.7	452.0	582.8	118.5	161.0	301.2	111.8	396.5	295.3
	<u>Feb.</u> ...	179.5	185.2	450.3	563.7	120.4	159.8	285.7	111.8	371.8	293.3
	<u>Mar.</u> ...	177.6	182.6	443.3	546.1	120.9	162.8	277.1	110.4	371.7	286.4
	<u>Apr.</u> ...	175.8	180.5	417.6	510.8	120.1	172.7	261.2	107.8	352.0	274.0
	<u>May</u> ...	169.0	172.4	414.9	488.9	117.8	160.9	258.9	102.5	343.3	264.5
	<u>June</u> ...	171.6	174.8	420.2	506.5	121.6	157.4	268.2	101.5	357.9	268.4
	<u>July</u> ...	174.9	178.6	422.5	518.4	135.5	158.7	272.7	104.6	367.5	281.4
	<u>Aug.</u> ...	176.0	179.8	441.8	519.9	152.3	153.4	297.2	107.5	375.6	299.4
	<u>Sept.</u> ...	171.6	174.3	434.7	499.1	145.4	146.6	286.8	109.7	363.8	290.7
	<u>Oct.</u> ...	163.6	164.9	407.5	471.9	143.4	138.1	271.9	110.2	350.4	277.5
	<u>Nov.</u> ...	167.3	169.2	416.1	480.4	143.7	143.3	276.3	112.4	370.4	284.8
	<u>Dec.</u> ...	168.4	169.9	419.1	494.3	132.9	146.5	269.3	112.5	367.1	287.6
<u>1953</u>	<u>Jan.</u> ...	172.3	174.3	432.9	502.5	132.6	147.3	279.0	115.2	382.5	293.6
	<u>Feb.</u> ...	169.0	170.0	419.9	494.4	133.4	143.0	269.4	117.0	387.0	291.0
	<u>Mar.</u> ...	170.0	170.8	415.5	501.9	130.6	145.3	261.5	117.8	396.8	293.3
<u>Weekly Index</u>											
	Mar. 5	168.2	168.8	413.0	499.1	130.2	142.5	263.0	116.6	392.0	291.8
	Mar. 12	169.7	170.4	415.3	499.6	131.1	144.0	260.4	117.8	397.0	291.1
	Mar. 19	171.4	172.7	416.6	503.5	130.7	148.0	262.4	118.5	400.0	293.8
	Mar. 26	170.5	171.5	417.2	505.3	130.3	146.7	260.1	118.1	398.1	296.6

TABLE 14. - INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES - Concluded
(1935-39=100)

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS' INDEX						MINING INDEX (1)			
	Indus- trial Mines	Total Utili- ties	Trans- porta- tion	Tele- phone Tele- graph	Power and Traction	Banks	Mining Total	Golds	Base Metals	
	(2)	(14)	(2)	(2)	(10)	(8)	(27)	(22)	(5)	
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	
<u>1939</u>										
Aug..	95.4	81.1	39.6	110.7	85.5	103.0	105.6	95.8	124.2	
<u>1945</u>										
Dec..	99.0	135.9	221.2	117.5	114.7	107.5	108.2	104.0	113.8	
<u>1946</u>										
Dec..	92.1	118.3	148.7	118.9	110.3	133.5	83.7	70.9	107.6	
<u>1951</u>										
May..	117.2	156.0	296.4	102.0	139.8	141.7	92.5	63.7	158.6	
June.	117.0	153.0	290.7	101.2	136.0	141.1	90.6	63.7	152.3	
July.	118.1	155.4	299.6	101.2	137.7	140.0	92.7	65.5	155.0	
Aug..	127.1	162.6	328.8	100.5	142.1	137.2	97.7	69.7	161.7	
Sept.	135.4	172.3	368.8	100.8	147.6	140.2	104.0	73.7	173.6	
Oct..	141.0	174.0	378.4	99.2	149.1	141.5	107.5	75.3	181.2	
Nov..	136.6	167.2	354.4	99.2	143.4	141.0	102.4	71.9	172.3	
Dec..	140.2	177.0	402.1	99.0	146.0	144.2	103.4	73.2	172.4	
<u>1952</u>										
Jan..	148.1	175.0	388.0	98.6	147.9	146.5	104.2	72.0	177.7	
Feb..	151.3	169.5	375.7	97.3	141.2	143.8	102.6	71.2	174.6	
Mar..	143.2	170.4	390.2	93.8	140.8	143.6	102.7	73.4	169.6	
Apr..	137.8	170.4	404.1	90.3	138.2	140.1	102.8	77.0	162.1	
May .	131.5	166.2	390.6	90.6	133.6	141.2	101.4	75.1	161.6	
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	
Sept.	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	Dec..	130.3	167.4	363.9	98.4	139.1	155.4	103.4	73.2	172.5
<u>1953</u>										
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	
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
Mar. 5	128.1	166.6	342.2	100.0	144.8	165.6	103.1	72.2	173.9	
Mar.12	130.1	168.0	345.4	100.0	147.2	166.8	102.0	70.4	174.2	
Mar.19	131.3	168.1	346.5	99.8	147.3	165.3	101.5	69.6	174.4	
Mar.26	128.6	168.1	342.7	100.0	148.8	165.8	100.1	68.1	173.5	

(1) Mining Stocks are not included in Investors' Total Index.

TABLE 15. - INDEX NUMBERS OF PREFERRED STOCK PRICES
(1935-39 = 100)

	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
January	152.1	157.5	144.5	144.7	152.4	166.0	161.4	161.1
February	154.1	158.5	141.0	144.0	153.0	169.3	160.6	161.6
March	154.5	156.0	138.9	142.8	153.7	166.0	159.5	163.4
April	157.8	153.1	144.2	140.9	154.4	165.2	157.2	
May	159.7	154.3	147.0	139.9	157.3	164.3	157.2	
June	161.6	155.8	148.2	136.3	158.2	162.2	157.7	
July	157.5	155.4	147.5	138.6	154.6	163.1	159.8	
August	157.9	153.5	146.4	140.4	155.6	165.2	163.6	
September	151.4	153.6	144.8	141.8	158.2	166.4	162.4	
October	153.6	152.0	143.7	145.8	161.1	164.2	161.2	
November	154.7	150.2	144.6	150.0	161.1	162.8	160.3	
December	156.0	148.1	144.6	150.7	160.2	159.5	160.7	
Year	155.9	154.0	144.6	143.0	156.7	164.5	160.1	

TABLE 16. - 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	120.1	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	
April	151.6	119.3	124.6	118.5	141.8	172.3	183.7	
May	154.3	115.2	130.2	117.7	146.9	173.9	183.7	
June	153.2	119.1	135.1	112.0	147.7	171.7	187.6	
July	149.6	126.0	131.9	117.8	138.2	172.8	192.1	
August	146.4	124.5	127.1	121.6	147.2	181.5	191.1	
September	125.4	123.1	125.7	123.8	151.7	187.3	188.2	
October	122.3	125.1	127.8	127.3	157.8	185.0	183.4	
November	120.6	123.6	120.4	129.1	156.1	177.7	189.8	
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 GOVERNMENT OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS

(1935-39 = 100)

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

* Revised

TABLE 18. - EXCHANGE RATES

(Canadian Dollars)

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

Country	Unit	1951	1952	1952	1953		
		Average	Average	Mar. Average	Jan. Average	Feb. Average	Mar. Average
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	1.0528	.9789	.9959	.9705	.9773	.9833
United Kingdom	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.7858	2.7305	2.7555	2.7692
Argentina	peso (free)	.07491	.07010	.07143	.06986	.07034	.07078
Australia	pound	2.3576	2.1872	2.2286	2.1844	2.2044	2.2154
Belgium (1)	franc	.02095	.01947	.01975	.01936	.01953	.01966
Brazil	cruzeiro	.05706	.05291	.05383	.05246	.05282	.05315
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.6141	.5696	.5804	.5689	.5741	.5769
Ceylon	rupee	.2211	.2056	.2091	.2048	.2067	.2077
Chile	peso (free)	.01521	.00908	.01115	.00833	.00888	.00894
Colombia	peso (basic)	.4515	.3916	.3983	.3882	.3909	.3933
Cuba	peso	1.0528	.9789	.9959	.9705	.9773	.9833
Denmark	krone	.1525	.1417	.1442	.1405	.1415	.1424
Egypt	pound	3.0232	2.8111	2.8598	2.7869	2.8063	2.8237
France and North Africa	franc	.00300	.00280	.00285	.00278	.00279	.00281
Germany	deutsche mark	.2507	.2331	.2371	.2311	.2327	.2341
Hong Kong	dollar	.1829	.1709	.1741	.1707	.1722	.1731
India	rupee	.2211	.2056	.2091	.2048	.2067	.2077
Ireland	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.7858	2.7305	2.7555	2.7692
Italy	lira	.00169	.00157	.00160	.00156	.00157	.00158
Jamaica	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.7858	2.7305	2.7555	2.7692
Japan	yen	-	.00272	.00277	.00270	.00271	.00273
Lebanon	pound (free)	-	.2734	-	.2717	.2727	.2713
Mexico	peso	.1218	.1132	.1151	.1122	.1130	.1137
Netherlands	guilder	.2770	.2576	.2621	.2554	.2572	.2588
New Zealand	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.7858	2.7305	2.7555	2.7692
Norway	krone	.1474	.1371	.1394	.1359	.1368	.1377
Pakistan	rupee	.3182	.2959	.3010	.2934	.2954	.2972
Peru	sol-certificate	.07001	.06346	.06533	.06221	.06212	.06203
Philippines	peso	.5264	.4895	.4979	.4853	.4886	.4917
Portugal	escudo	.03652	.03412	.03474	.03384	.03407	.03426
Singapore	dollar	.3440	.3190	.3250	.3186	.3215	.3231
Sweden	krona	.2035	.1892	.1925	.1876	.1889	.1901
Switzerland	franc	.2429	.2266	.2286	.2263	.2279	.2293
Turkey	lira	.3753	.3496	.3557	.3466	.3490	.3512
Union of South Africa	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.7858	2.7305	2.7555	2.7692
Venezuela	bolivar	.3143	.2922	.2973	.2897	.2917	.2935
Yugoslavia	dinar	-	.00326	.00332	.00323	.00326	.00328

For further information please refer to "Foreign Trade" published weekly by the Department of Trade and Commerce.

(1) Includes Belgian Empire and Luxembourg.

**TABLE 19. - INDEX NUMBERS OF CONSUMER AND WHOLESALE PRICES
IN CANADA AND OTHER SPECIFIED COUNTRIES**

Country	Base Period	1939	1952	1952				1953	
				Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES									
Australia	1936 - 1939	182.9	232.7(f)				253.0		
Canada	1949(a)	63.2	116.5	116.0	116.1	115.8	115.7	115.5	114.8
Denmark	1935	109	218	220			221		
France (Paris)	1949		145.4	144.9	144.4	145.4	145.6	146.0	145.2
India (Bombay)	1933 - 1934	106	337	345	347	346			
Italy (Rome)	1938	105(d)	4,932	4,993	5,018	5,005			
Malaya	January 1949(e)		138	137	135	134			
Mexico	1939	100.0							
Netherlands	1949		120	120	119	120	120		
New Zealand	1st. qtr. 1949	74.8	127.5			129.4			
Norway	1949	63.8	132.9	136.1	136.1	134.6			
South Africa	1938	99.9	185.8	191.1	191.4	190.6	189.5	188.9	
Sweden	1935	107.5	223.0	224.3	224.2	224.3			
Switzerland	August, 1939		171.0	171.1	171.2	171.0	169.9	169.5	
United Kingdom	Jan. 15, 1952		102.6	103.9	103.8	104.5	104.4		
United States	1947 - 49(b)	59.4	113.5	114.2	114.3	114.1	113.9	113.4	
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES									
Australia	1936 - 1939	101.1	299(f)	314	313	320			
Canada	1935 - 1939	99.3	226.0	220.2	221.5	221.1	221.5	220.9	221.9
Denmark	1935	118	364	355	354	352	350	349	
France	1949		144.9	140.6	140.1	140.5	140.8	139.2	139.7
India	Sept. '38-Aug. '39		434.6(g)	387.5	383.4	372.7	377.5		
Italy	1938		5,270	5,272	5,292	5,288			
Mexico	1929	127.0							
Netherlands	1948		140	138	138	139			
New Zealand	1926 - 1930	107.1							
Norway	1938	102	276.3	285.2	283.2	280.5			
South Africa	1913	101.9		275.8					
Sweden	1935	115	317	314	305	305(c)	303		
Switzerland	August, 1939		220.5	218.0	217.9	216.5	214.5	213.5	
United Kingdom	1930	102.8	327.9	326.0	324.4	327.9(c)	329.2	331.0	
United States	1947-49(b)	50.1	111.6	111.1	110.7	109.6	109.9	109.6	

All indexes are from official sources.

(a) New Series, Consumer Price Index, based on 1949 = 100.

(b) New Series, based on 1947-49 = 100.

(c) Revised.

(d) Annual average June 1928 = 100 converted to 1938 base.

(e) Source - United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics.

(f) Average from July 1951 to June 1952.

(g) Average from September 1951 to August 1952.

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

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

General Wholesale

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

Canadian Farm Products

The wheat prices used in these indexes are prices currently effective for Manitoba 1, 2 and 3 Northern at Fort William. Participation payments are included and the series revised whenever such figures are announced. Between August 1945 and July 1950 the price included in the index for No. 1 Manitoba Northern was \$1.83 per bushel. For the crop year August 1, 1950 - July 31, 1951 the price included was \$1.85 per bushel. For the crop year August 1, 1951 - July 31, 1952 the price was \$1.83 per bushel. The initial payment of \$1.40 per bushel for the crop year beginning August 1, 1952 was increased to \$1.60 per bushel, according to an announcement made February 19, 1953.

Commencing August 1, 1949, western oats and barley were brought under control of the Canadian Wheat Board. Prices used for Canadian farm products since that time have been initial payments to farmers. Participation payments are included whenever they are announced. An increase in the initial payments for barley for the crop year 1952-53 was announced February 19, 1953.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES

Consumer Price Index

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers

The Index of Commodities and Services used by Farmers is designed to measure the change in retail prices of farm operating costs and farm living costs. It is calculated thrice yearly, viz. - January, April and August and is on the base 1935-39 = 100. For an explanation of methods of construction and an historical record please refer to "Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services Used By Farmers 1913 to 1948 (Revised 1948)". A special bulletin giving total and group index detail is released subsequent to each pricing date.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES

Price index numbers of industrial, utility, bank and mining common stocks, and preferred stocks are calculated from Montreal and Toronto exchange quotations. The indexes are designed to reflect weekly and monthly changes, of interest to the investor, rather than day-to-day changes of more speculative interest. Individual stock prices are weighted by the number of the shares outstanding in January of each year. The list is reviewed completely in January of each year, when new series are introduced and series of declining importance are discontinued. The Investors' Index of 103 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 à la Consommation Janvier 1949 - Août 1952". (These reports obtainable for twenty-five cents each)

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