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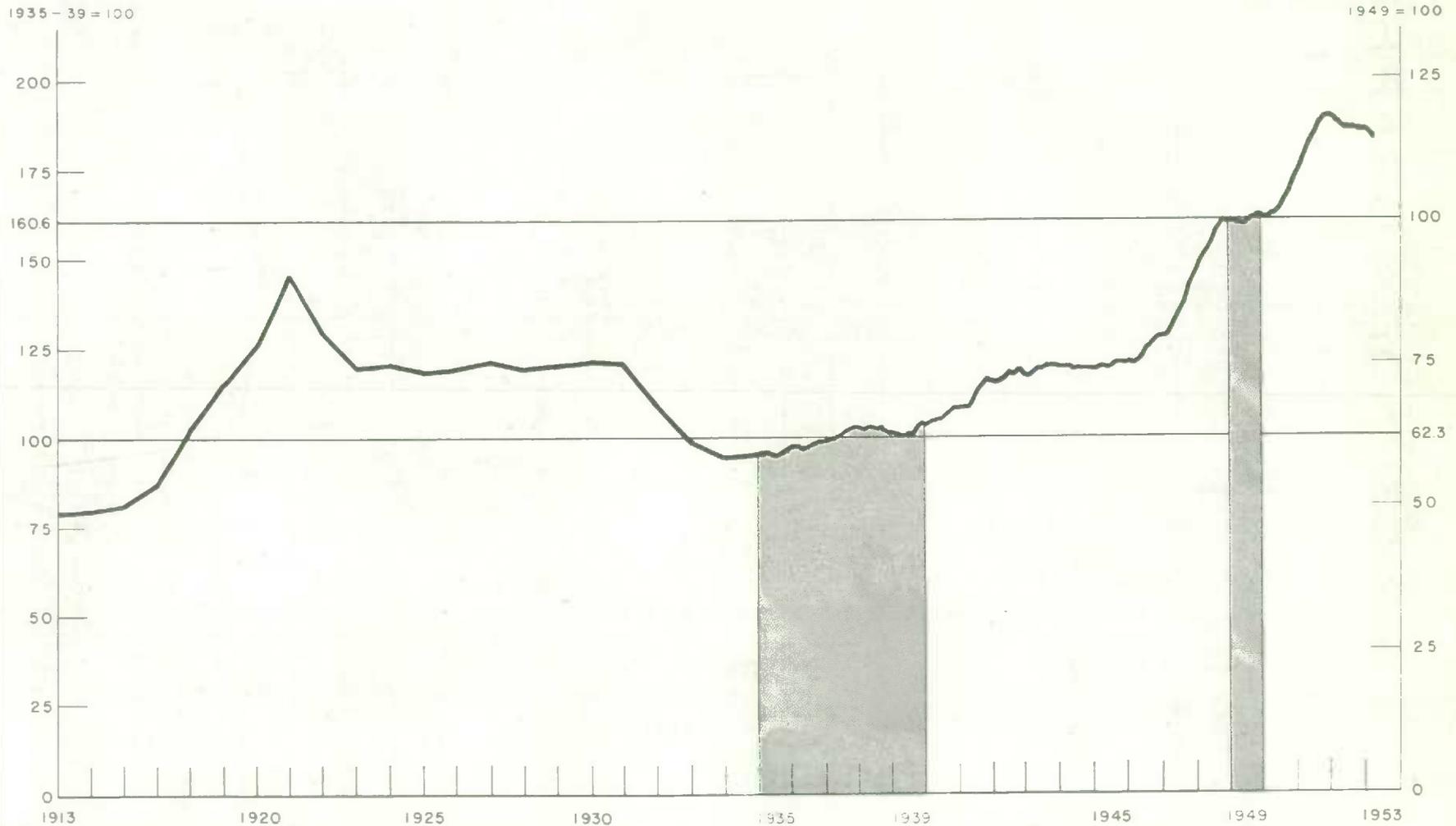
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX*

ANNUALLY, 1913 - 1934

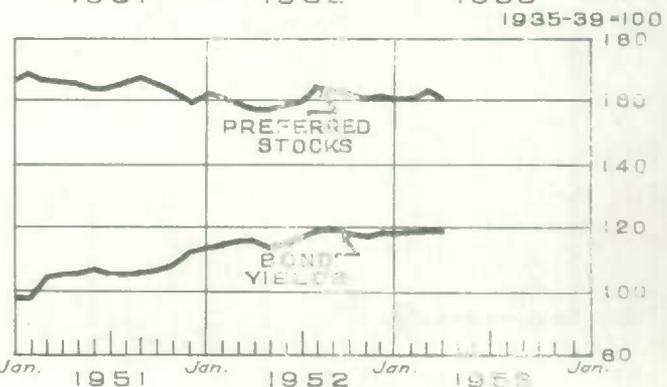
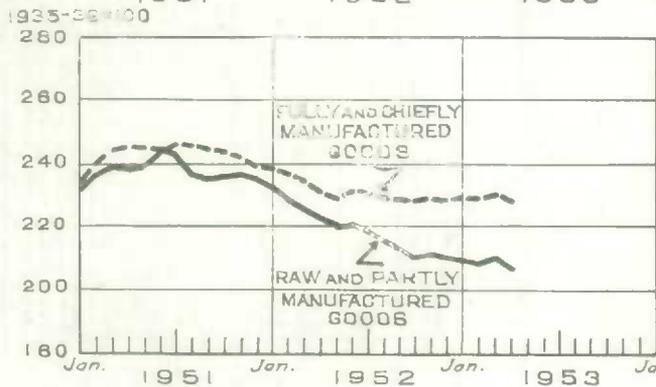
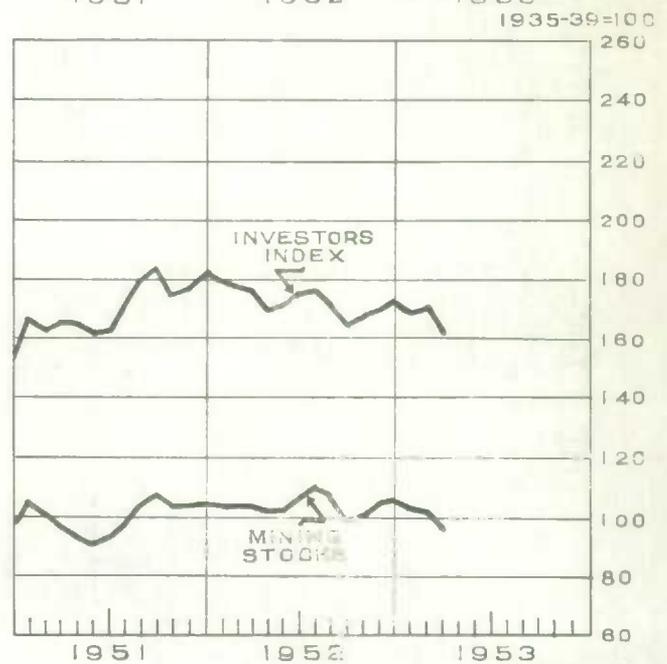
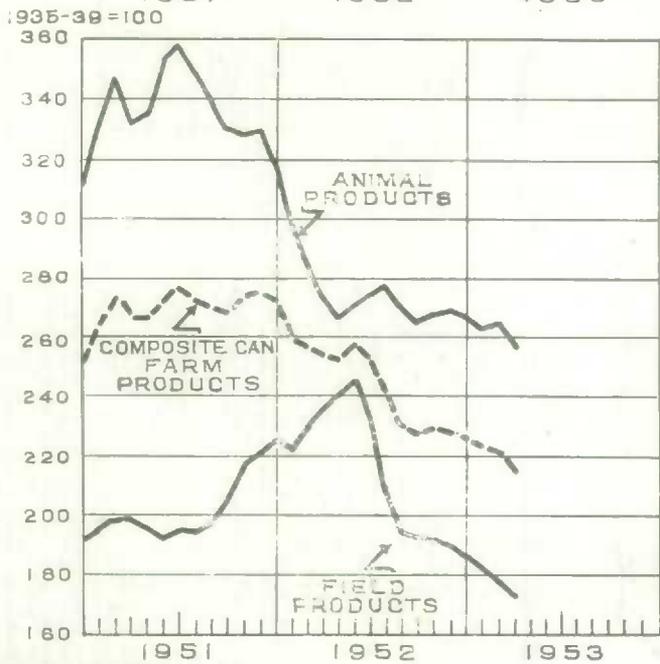
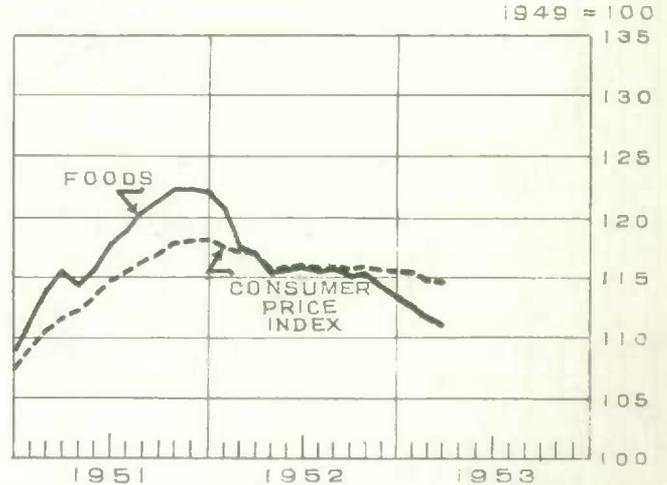
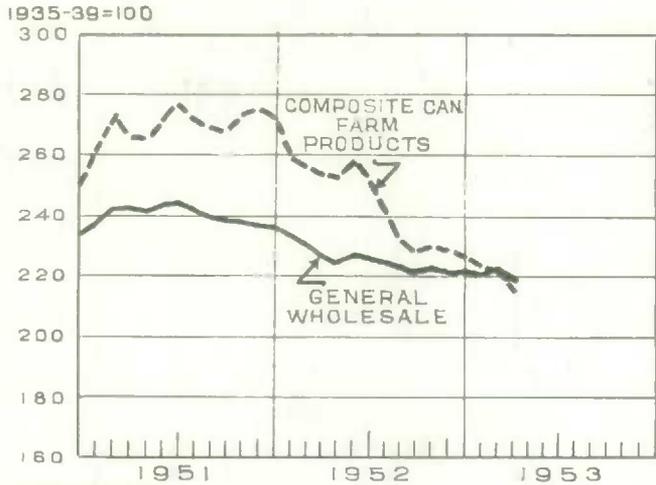
MONTHLY, 1935 - APRIL, 1953



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

PRICE INDEX GRAPHS

1951 - 1953



NOTES ON PRICE INDEX NUMBERSTHE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(1949 = 100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' Consumer Price Index decreased 0.2 per cent from 114.8 to 114.6 between March 2nd and April 1st. This marks the fifth consecutive monthly decline and the index now stands at the lowest level since July 1951. Declines in food prices continued to dominate the total index and a drop of 0.7 per cent in this series from 111.6 to 110.9 reflected lower quotations for fresh meats, notably beef, veal and lamb, coupled with losses for potatoes and butter. Eggs were firmer as also were coffee, apples and processed pork. Among other groups changes were small, the index for other commodities and services moving from 115.2 to 115.0 due mainly to the removal of radio license fees which overbalanced advances in health care items. An advance in the household operation index from 116.7 to 116.9 was due to higher electricity rates. An increase in the rent component of the shelter index was reflected in a 0.2 per cent change to 122.7. Clothing remained unchanged at 109.7

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

The Cost-of-Living Index for April 1, 1953 was 183.9 as compared to 184.2 at March 2, 1953.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES
(1935-1939 = 100)

Wholesale prices continued the indeterminate trend in April which has characterized prices over the past several months. Between March and April the composite index declined from 221.9 to 219.6 for a loss of 1 per cent. It was the lowest point touched by the index since August 1950 and compared with a post-war peak of 243.7 reached in July 1951.

Six of the eight major groups moved down between March and April, while one remained unchanged and one moved higher. The largest percentage change was registered by non-ferrous metals, which dropped 2.3 per cent from 174.7 to 170.7, due to declines in all major base metals including tin, lead, zinc and copper. A drop in vegetable products from 201.5 to 197.3 reflected lower prices for grains, vegetable oils, sugar, coffee, raw rubber, potatoes and canned vegetables. These outweighed advances in imported fresh fruits, cocoa beans and bread at certain centres. Lower quotations for most raw and processed farm products including livestock, fresh meats, butter, hides and skins, leather, as well as losses in fishery products overbalanced strength in eggs, fowl, lard, prepared meats and furs to move the animal products index down 1.8 per cent from 238.7 to 234.4. Non-metallic minerals and their products receded from 175.2 to 174.4 when declines in imported coal, crushed stone, and sand and gravel outweighed increases in crude petroleum and its products while wood, wood products and paper moved down from 290.9 to 289.9 due to decreases in newsprint, woodpulp, eastern hemlock, fir timber and cedar shingles. A decline in chemicals and allied products from 176.5 to 176.2 reflected decreases for sodium cyanide and a number of paint materials. Iron and its products advanced from 221.4 to 221.5 due to a change in wire quotations. Fibres, textiles and textile products remained unchanged at 241.6 as lower prices for certain cotton fabrics, raw cotton and jute bags balanced a firmer tone in wool and woollen products.

Canadian farm product prices at terminal markets registered a substantial decline in April following several months of moderate declines. Between March and April the composite index dropped from 220.8 to 214.5 which was the lowest level touched since December 1947. Animal products recorded the sharpest change as an index drop from 264.3 to 256.0 reflected price decreases in livestock, butterfat and eastern milk for cheese manufacture. Eggs and fowl prices moved higher in this section. Lower quotations for grains and potatoes were responsible for a change in field products from 177.3 to 173.0.

Residential building material prices continued to advance in April as the composite index moved up fractionally from 283.4 to 283.6. Advances were noted for warm air furnaces and smoke pipes coupled with lesser increases in sand and gravel. These outweighed decreases for a number of softwood lumber descriptions and shellac.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES
(1935-1939 = 100)

Common stock prices dropped sharply in April following three months of relatively narrow fluctuations. The prospects of peace in Korea, coupled with the possibility of a less tense international situation, lowered quotations to levels unparalleled, in some instances, since January 1951. From a level of 170.5 for the week of March 26th the composite index for 103 common stocks dropped to a low of 155.6 for the week of April 23rd, but recovered slightly to 158.3 for the week of April 30th. The monthly average for April of 160.8 compared with a level of 170.0 for March.

Sub-group indexes all averaged lower between March and April with the exception of food and allied product issues, although a slight recovery in prices was discernible in the final week of the month. Declines were greatest in machinery and equipment shares, oils, industrial mines, pulp and paper and transportation shares.

Mining stocks weakened in April also, due to a substantial decline in base metal issues. The composite index for 27 representative shares averaged 96.5 for the month under review as against 101.7 for March. In the same interval base metal shares dropped from a March index of 174.0 to 159.0 for April. Gold shares were, on the other hand, relatively steady at 69.2 for April as compared with 70.1 for March.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE MOVEMENTS

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

Note: 1953 Wholesale Price Indexes are subject to revision.

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	Apr.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	
	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>
<u>GENERAL INDEX</u>	242.4	226.8	221.9	219.6	- 9.4	- 3.2	- 1.0
Vegetable Products	221.7	214.1	201.5	197.3	- 11.0	- 7.8	- 2.1
Animal Products	296.7	248.3	238.7	234.4	- 21.0	- 5.6	- 1.8
Textile Products	326.1	253.9	241.6	241.6	- 25.9	- 4.8	-
Wood Products	293.6	286.5	290.9	289.9	- 1.3	+ 1.2	- 0.3
Iron Products	204.5	218.7	221.4	221.5	+ 8.3	+ 1.3	+ 0.05
Non-ferrous Metals	175.9	176.0	174.7	170.7	- 3.0	- 3.0	- 2.3
Non-metallic Minerals	169.1	174.3	175.2	174.4	+ 3.1	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Chemical Products	187.6	181.8	176.5	176.2	- 6.1	- 3.1	- 0.2
<u>FARM PRODUCTS</u>	265.4	253.8	220.8	214.5	- 19.2	- 15.5	- 2.9
Field	199.2	234.0	177.3	173.0	- 13.2	- 26.1	- 2.4
Animal	331.6	273.7	264.3	256.0	- 22.8	- 6.5	- 3.1

WHOLESALE PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED COMMODITIES

BETWEEN MARCH AND APRIL 1953

	<u>INCREASES</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>	
	p.c.	p.c.	
Pork sausage, Winnipeg	11.1	Onions, Toronto	46.9
Beaver skin	10.1	Veal carcass, Montreal	35.5
Eggs, Grade B, Winnipeg	10.1	Dried codfish	24.4
Fowl, Toronto	7.9	Tin ingots	18.2
Gasoline, Vancouver	7.8	Canned corn	17.9
Salmon, fresh, Vancouver	7.1	Cocanut oil	16.2
Lard, Toronto	7.1	Canned tomatoes	13.6
Beef carcass, cow, Montreal	6.7	Beef hides, light steers	10.5
Raw wool, Australian	6.0	Pork carcass, Winnipeg	7.9
Prunes, California	5.2	Solder	7.5
Bacon, Toronto	5.2	Lead, domestic	6.2
Sand, Winnipeg	4.7	Fir timber	6.2
Shortening, Winnipeg	4.5	Gravel, Toronto	6.1
Cocoa beans, green	4.3	Coal, U.S. anthracite	5.6

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	Apr.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.
	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>
<u>TOTAL INDEX</u>	111.7	116.8	114.8	114.6	+ 2.6	- 1.9	- 0.2
Food	115.5	117.2	111.6	110.9	- 4.0	- 5.4	- 0.6
Shelter	111.8	119.4	122.5	122.7	+ 9.7	+ 2.8	+ 0.2
Clothing	108.5	112.5	109.7	109.7	+ 1.1	- 2.5	-
Household Operation	111.4	116.8	116.7	116.9	+ 4.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Commodities and Services	108.6	116.6	115.2	115.0	+ 5.9	- 1.4	- 0.2

RETAIL PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED ITEMS BETWEEN MARCH AND APRIL 1953

	<u>INCREASES</u>		<u>DECREASES</u>	
	p.c.		p.c.	
Eggs	6.2		Radio license	100.0
Chicken	5.7		Lettuce	11.7
Apples, eating	5.3		Potatoes	9.5
Camera film	4.4		Lawnmower	6.7
Lard	4.1		Tomatoes, fresh	5.2
Celery	3.5		Veal, shoulder roast	3.7
Electricity rates	3.1		Round steak	3.4
Magazines	2.8		Sirloin steak	3.1
Doctors' fees	2.4		Stewing beef	3.1
Dentists' fees	2.0		Lamb, leg roast	3.0

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	Apr.	Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.
	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>
<u>Total Investor's Index</u>	165.6	175.8	170.0	160.8	- 2.9	- 8.5	- 5.4
<u>Total Industrials</u>	169.1	180.5	170.8	160.6	- 5.0	- 11.0	- 6.0
Machinery & Equipment	415.8	417.6	415.5	382.7	- 8.0	- 8.4	- 7.9
Pulp & Paper	568.3	510.8	501.9	472.6	- 16.8	- 7.5	- 5.8
Milling	106.1	120.1	130.6	130.4	+ 22.9	+ 8.6	- 0.2
Oils	138.2	172.7	145.3	136.8	- 1.0	- 20.8	- 5.9
Textiles & Clothing	369.0	261.2	261.5	247.7	- 32.9	- 5.2	- 5.3
Foods	123.4	107.8	117.8	118.2	- 4.2	+ 9.6	+ 0.3
Beverages	445.4	352.0	396.8	384.4	- 13.7	+ 9.2	- 3.1
Building Materials	260.9	274.0	293.3	282.2	+ 8.2	+ 3.0	- 3.8
Industrial Mines	118.3	137.8	129.5	118.3	-	- 14.2	- 8.7
<u>Total Utilities</u>	159.7	170.4	167.7	161.0	+ 0.8	- 5.5	- 4.0
Transportation	304.7	404.1	344.2	314.0	+ 3.1	- 22.3	- 8.8
Telephone & Telegraph	102.9	90.3	100.0	99.3	- 3.5	+ 10.0	- 0.7
Power & Traction	143.9	138.2	147.0	144.8	+ 0.6	+ 4.8	- 1.5
Banks	144.1	140.1	165.9	163.0	+ 13.1	+ 16.3	- 1.8
<u>Mining Stocks</u>							
General Index	96.7	102.8	101.7	96.5	- 0.2	- 6.1	- 5.1
Golds	66.8	77.0	70.1	69.2	+ 3.6	- 10.1	- 1.3
Base Metals	165.3	162.1	174.0	159.0	- 3.8	- 1.9	- 8.6

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

Date	General Wholesale Price Index	General Building Mate- rials (1)	Raw and Partly Manu- factured	Fully and Chiefly Manu- factured	Indust- rial Mate- rials	Canadian Farm Products (2)		
						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	224.8	318.2	271.5
Feb.	232.5	289.6	227.5	236.1	270.7	221.9	297.3	259.6
Mar.	230.7	288.2	225.2	234.5	265.1	230.1	283.3	256.7
Apr.	226.8	285.7	221.3	230.6	258.4	234.0	273.7	253.8
May	224.6	285.9	220.2	227.8	250.7	240.0	265.4	252.7
June	226.3	285.7	220.4	230.3	248.3	244.4	271.4	257.9
July	225.4	286.5	218.2	229.8	247.8	230.2	276.8	253.5
Aug.	223.7	287.4	216.2	228.5	245.4	208.1	277.2	242.7
Sept.	221.9	287.3	212.4	227.6	241.7	194.8	269.1	231.9
Oct.	220.2	288.3	209.7	227.4	239.7	192.7	263.0	227.8
Nov.	221.5	288.5	210.5	228.2	241.2	192.1	266.5	229.3
Dec.	221.1	287.7	210.0	227.8	241.2	189.4	268.3	228.8
1953 Jan.	221.5	288.3	209.4	229.0	240.2	186.4	266.4	226.4
Feb.	220.9	287.0	207.9	228.8	237.9*	182.1	263.1	222.6
Mar.	221.9	287.6	209.8	229.2	237.0*	177.3	264.3	220.8
Apr.	219.6	285.3	205.7	227.9	231.9	173.0	256.0	214.5

(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)

		- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS -								
Date		General	Total	Milled	Live	Bakery	Fruits,	Fruits,	Fruits,	
		Whole- sale Index	Vege- table Pro- ducts							
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
	Apr.	219.6	197.3	199.9	196.4	229.3	177.0	142.8	176.5	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
	Apr.	304.2	176.8	162.1	343.2	162.5	224.8	175.5	172.5

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

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -								
Date	Total Animal Products	Fishery Products	Raw Furs	Hides and Skins	Leather, Unmanu- factured	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
Apr.	234.4	257.4	97.8	156.7	211.8	202.7	275.8	326.3

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded								
	Meats, Fresh	Beef and Veal Carcass	Meats, Cured	Fowl, Dressed	Milk and Its Pro- ducts	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
Apr.	290.9	331.9	198.4	247.0	226.6	227.8	111.8	188.5

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

- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS -								
Date	Total Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	Raw Cotton	Cotton Yarn	Cotton Fabrics	Cotton Knit Goods	Miscel- laneous Fibre Products	Silk and Nylon 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
Apr.	241.6	281.6	251.6	246.6	235.8	248.9	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
Apr.	176.9	259.0	245.8	218.3	255.4	252.5	263.1	225.8

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued
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- WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER -										
Date	Total Wood Pro- ducts	Lumber and Timber	Spruce	Hard- woods	Hem- lock	Fir	Cedar	Wood- pulp	News- print	Wrap- ping 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
Apr. ..	289.9	421.9	404.4	344.2	392.6	497.2	393.2	212.9	286.8	215.9

- IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS -								
	Total Iron Pro- ducts	Pig Iron	Rolling Mill Pro- ducts	Pipe and Tubing	Hard- ware	Wire	Scrap Iron and Steel	Tin Plate and Gal- vanized 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
Apr. ..	221.5	260.1	209.2	238.3	222.8	245.5	313.6	224.4

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued
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- NON-FERROUS METALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -									
Date	Total Non- Ferrous Metals (1)	Anti- mony	Copper and Its Pro- ducts	Lead and Its Pro- ducts	Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Pro- ducts	Solder	Combined Index Iron and Non- Ferrous Metals(2)
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
Apr. ..	170.7	175.6	295.1	257.4	216.5	187.0	261.9	216.6	224.7

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -								
	Total Non- Metallic Products	Clay and Allied Material Products	Pottery	Coal	Coal Tar	Coke	Manu- factured 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
Apr. ..	174.4	218.5	146.8	178.7	213.7	227.3	138.5	210.4

(1) Includes Gold.

(2) Excludes Gold.

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued
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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
Apr.	170.7	159.0	134.6	126.9	184.1	150.4	282.4	177.0

NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Plaster	Lime	Cement	Sand and Gravel	Crushed Stone	Build- ing 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
Apr.	126.7	189.9	158.3	142.1	155.7	200.7	267.1

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Concluded
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- 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
Apr.	176.2	136.0	216.6	187.5	174.8	288.8

- CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Ex- plosives	Paint Prepared	Drugs and Pharma- ceuticals	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
Apr.	139.5	189.1	175.8	173.3	125.9	191.1

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

- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -

Date	Com- posite Index	Cement Sand and Gravel	Brick, Tile 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
Apr.	283.6	151.6	205.7	410.3	129.1	216.9	195.0	215.5	217.9	228.8

TABLE 7. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity 1/	Unit	Yearly Average 1952	Apr. 1952	Mar. 1953	Apr. 1953
		\$	\$	\$	\$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern 2/	bu.	1.762	1.766	1.770	1.770
OATS, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	.879	.918	.784	.766
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed	bu.	1.273	1.196	1.222	1.185
RYE, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	1.881	1.919	1.590	1.478
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto	ttl.	11.142	11.100	11.300	11.400
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal 3/	cwt.	8.744	8.978	7.885	7.648
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal	gal.	1.800	1.840	1.350	1.350
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's	lb.	.637	.625	.726	.680
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John	75.lb.bag	4.063	4.719	1.650	1.440
STEERS, Toronto	cwt.	25.771	24.720	21.070	19.920
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included)	cwt.	25.802	25.600	27.360	26.900
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers	lb.	.182	.150	.190	.170
LEATHER, Packer Bends, No. 1 and 2	lb.	.762	.770	.720	.720
LEATHER, Box Sides, D, f.o.b. Ontario factory	sq. ft.	.382	.360	.370	.370
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade, Montreal	lb.	.624	.650	.634	.602
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.542	.430	.614	.612
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 15/16", New York.	lb.	.389	.410	.335	.338
COTTON YARNS, 10's white	lb.	.793	.795	.730	.730
WOOL, Raw, Eastern bright, 1/4 blood	lb.	.483	.420	.500	.500
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Canadian Mill (Southern Quebec)	ton	105.462	100.483	109.945	109.806
PIG IRON, Malleable	gr. ton	56.125	55.500	58.000	58.000
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic	cwt.	28.533	27.010	32.986	31.388
LEAD, Domestic	cwt.	16.128	18.670	13.136	12.321
TIN INGOTS	lb.	1.210	1.212	1.219	.997
ZINC, Domestic, Grade "A", Electrolytic.	cwt.	17.370	20.560	12.377	12.076
COAL, United States Anthracite	ton	19.790	19.700	21.500	20.290
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
	April	1	114.6	110.9	122.7	109.7	116.9	115.0

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	0.7	101.5	100.6	103.8	101.2	100.7	101.4	101.4	101.0	
1940	4.8	105.6	105.6	106.3	107.1	109.2	107.2	102.3	106.6	
1941	10.8	111.7	116.1	109.4	110.3	116.1	113.8	105.1	114.9	
1942	16.1	117.0	127.2	111.3	112.8	120.0	117.9	107.1	122.4	
1943	17.5	118.4	130.7	111.5	112.9	120.5	118.0	108.0	124.5	
1944	18.0	118.9	131.3	111.9	110.6	121.5	118.4	108.9	125.2	
1945	18.6	119.5	133.0	112.1	107.0	122.1	119.0	109.4	126.2	
1946	22.6	123.6	140.4	112.7	107.4	126.3	124.5	112.6	132.1	
1947	34.4	135.5	159.5	116.7	115.9	143.9	141.6	117.0	148.8	
1948	53.8	155.0	195.5	120.7	124.8	174.4	162.6	123.4	177.4	
1949	59.5	160.8	203.0	123.0	131.1	183.1	167.6	128.8	184.8	
1950	65.2	166.5	210.9	132.9	138.3	182.3	169.2	132.6	190.0	
1951	83.1	184.5	241.1	140.0	147.1	203.1	194.4	141.3	214.5	
1952	86.0	187.5	237.4	147.4	151.1	209.4	197.8	147.6	215.0	
<u>1939</u>	Aug. 1	-	100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
<u>1941</u>	Oct. 1	14.6	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
<u>1945</u>	Dec. 1	19.1	120.1	134.3	112.3	107.1	122.5	119.5	109.6	127.0
<u>1946</u>	Dec. 2	26.1	127.1	146.4	113.4	109.2	131.2	129.4	114.1	137.2
<u>1951</u>	July 3	86.1	187.6	249.7	139.8	147.2	202.9	197.4	142.2	219.6
	Aug. 1	87.4	188.9	251.4	139.8	148.2	204.6	199.0	143.7	221.1
	Sept. 1	88.3	189.8	251.1	142.7	149.5	206.9	199.1	144.0	221.6
	Oct. 1	88.9	190.4	249.7	142.7	150.2	213.8	200.1	144.3	222.4
	Nov. 1	89.7	191.2	250.2	144.8	150.8	214.6	199.9	144.9	223.0
	Dec. 1	89.6	191.1	249.3	144.8	150.8	215.5	200.6	144.9	222.7
<u>1952</u>	Jan. 2	90.0	191.5	250.0	144.8	151.2	215.3	201.1	145.7	223.1
	Feb. 1	89.3	190.8	248.1	144.8	151.3	213.0	200.1	146.5	221.6
	Mar. 1	87.6	189.1	241.7	146.3	152.5	211.2	200.8	146.9	218.3
	Apr. 1	87.2	188.7	240.2	146.3	152.5	210.4	200.5	147.9	217.5
	May 1	85.2	186.7	235.3	146.3	150.6	210.1	198.2	147.4	214.0
	June 2	85.8	187.3	237.0	147.9	149.8	209.3	197.2	147.4	214.5
	July 2	86.5	188.0	239.5	147.9	149.8	209.1	196.7	147.4	215.7
	Aug. 1	86.1	187.6	238.0	147.9	150.1	208.6	196.0	147.8	214.8
	Sept. 2	85.0	186.5	234.2	148.9	150.3	207.7	195.8	147.8	212.7
	Oct. 1	83.5	185.0	229.3	148.9	150.9	206.7	195.9	148.5	210.1
	Nov. 1	83.3	184.8	229.0	148.9	151.1	205.5	195.5	148.8	209.7
	Dec. 1	82.7	184.2	226.1	149.9	152.7	205.4	195.3	148.8	208.4
<u>1953</u>	Jan. 2	82.9	184.4	226.2	150.2	153.9	205.3	196.0	148.9	208.6
	Feb. 2	83.4	184.9	227.4	150.5	154.3	205.2	196.1	149.0	209.2
	Mar. 2	82.7	184.2	225.7	150.7	154.4	205.5	196.3	147.9	208.0
	Apr. 1	82.4	183.9	223.5	150.9	155.5	205.5	196.8	148.7	207.0

^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 April 1953 index, inclusive of all such taxes, is 184.7.

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

(1949 = 100)

	1950	1951	1952	Jan. 1953	Feb. 1953	Mar. 1953	Apr. 1953
<u>Total Index</u>	102.9	113.7	116.5	115.7	115.5	114.8	114.6
<u>Food</u>	102.6	117.0	116.8	113.5	112.7	111.6	110.9
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	99.7	108.6	113.3	113.4	113.5	113.8	113.1
Cereal Products	103.4	113.0	117.4	117.0	117.1	117.1	117.0
Meats, Fish and Poultry	106.5	127.9	115.5	109.9	110.7	107.0	106.1
<u>Shelter</u>	106.2	114.4	120.2	122.3	122.5	122.5	122.7
Rent	108.2	114.5	120.9	123.5	123.8	123.9	124.2
Home-Ownership	103.6	114.4	119.3	120.7	120.7	120.6	120.6
<u>Clothing</u>	99.7	109.8	111.8	109.7	109.6	109.7	109.7
Men's Wear	99.2	111.6	115.2	113.4	113.3	113.3	113.3
Women's Wear	99.0	105.6	104.8	101.8	101.7	101.8	101.9
Children's Wear	101.6	108.6	111.5	109.5	109.2	108.8	108.7
Footwear	100.8	116.6	127.2	127.4	127.5	127.9	127.9
Piece Goods	103.0	119.8	107.4	104.7	104.6	104.5	104.5
<u>Household Operation</u>	102.4	113.1	116.2	116.5	116.6	116.7	116.9
Fuel and Lighting	103.8	109.9	113.4	115.1	115.1	115.1	116.2
Home Furnishings	101.5	115.5	117.6	116.3	116.6	116.7	116.7
Furniture	101.6	112.9	115.6	115.9	116.1	116.4	117.1
Utensils and Equipment	101.0	113.2	118.9	120.2	120.8	120.8	120.0
Supplies and Services	102.4	112.7	116.8	117.9	117.9	118.1	117.9
Supplies	100.3	112.2	112.4	113.1	113.1	113.2	112.9
Services	103.8	113.0	119.7	121.2	121.2	121.4	121.4
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	103.1	111.5	116.0	116.7	116.7	115.2	115.0
Transportation	105.4	113.0	117.4	118.7	118.7	118.7	118.8
Automobile Operation	103.8	112.9	114.9	114.0	114.0	113.7	113.8
Recreation	102.0	109.7	115.7	117.6	117.6	117.7	115.0
Health Care	102.2	110.3	118.8	119.9	120.2	120.2	121.5
Drugs	101.5	107.4	107.9	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.7
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	102.7	111.5	113.3	112.4	112.4	107.1	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	111.7	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	Mar- garine
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	109.2
	May	1	132.5	130.8	93.1	76.2	111.5	102.1	98.3
	Dec.	1	114.1	116.2	102.0	77.4	97.0	98.5	103.1
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	104.3
	Mar.	2	113.3	115.5	103.7	83.1	96.1	108.2	105.2
	Apr.	1	110.6	111.9	102.0	84.7	96.1	114.4	102.8
		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	112.5
	Apr.	1	96.2	80.0	106.0	109.2	115.5	207.5	112.9
	May	1	90.7	79.5	106.0	105.7	115.5	224.6	115.8
	Dec.	1	87.4	97.5	100.1	111.0	119.5	155.3	105.7
1953	Jan.	2	86.7	90.6	99.7	103.4	119.5	152.4	115.1
	Feb.	2	85.8	88.9	99.2	99.1	119.5	147.0	103.9
	Mar.	2	85.5	97.5	98.2	92.3	120.1	126.9	115.5
	Apr.	1	85.5	103.6	98.2	91.2	120.1	114.8	109.5
		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	105.5
	Apr.	1	118.5	116.1	119.7	107.6	126.7	113.7	105.3
	May	1	118.5	116.1	119.7	106.2	122.5	112.5	105.3
	Dec.	1	118.5	115.1	117.7	104.7	112.7	105.6	103.9
1953	Jan.	2	118.5	115.4	117.7	104.7	112.7	105.2	103.3
	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	98.0
	Apr.	1	118.5	114.7	117.7	104.7	109.5	103.5	97.8

TABLE 12. - CITY COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES

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

	St. John's Nfld(1)	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon	Edmon- ton	Van- couver
	October, 1938 = 100	August 1939 = 100							
1940	-	106.1	105.2	106.8	104.0	104.1	105.8	104.0	103.7
1941	-	110.2	110.6	113.0	109.9	109.1	112.0	108.2	109.1
1942	140.3	114.5	116.0	118.4	115.6	113.7	116.7	112.7	114.2
1943	149.1	117.0	117.7	120.4	116.5	115.0	118.1	115.3	117.3
1944	160.7	118.3	118.8	120.7	117.1	115.7	119.4	116.3	117.9
1945	160.4	119.3	119.4	122.0	117.7	116.8	120.2	117.5	119.2
1946	163.1	122.5	122.7	126.0	121.8	120.4	124.4	121.3	123.0
1947	172.0	132.7	133.3	138.1	133.7	130.9	137.1	131.9	134.9
1948	184.4	148.9	152.7	158.3	151.7	148.8	157.4	149.9	155.6
1949	177.2	153.8	157.5	163.9	156.4	155.3	162.5	156.0	162.0
1950	173.7	157.0	162.8	170.0	162.8	161.2	166.1	162.1	167.8
1951	-	172.4	179.6	190.3	180.4	178.0	181.4	177.1	185.2
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	174.7	182.6
May 1	185.0	169.4	177.4	187.2	178.6	175.7	179.0	175.3	182.9
June 1	185.4	171.5	179.3	190.4	179.9	177.4	180.3	176.4	185.3
July 3	(2)101.3	176.3	182.5	195.3	183.5	181.8	184.4	179.6	188.8
Aug. 1	102.8	177.9	184.2	194.8	184.5	182.4	186.0	181.7	189.8
Sept. 1	102.7	177.5	184.2	196.0	185.4	182.2	186.2	181.5	190.2
Oct. 1	103.0	178.2	185.1	196.4	185.8	183.1	187.0	181.9	190.0
Nov. 1	103.2	179.4	185.6	197.4	186.5	183.0	187.5	182.3	192.0
Dec. 1	103.5	179.3	186.1	197.3	186.0	183.3	187.2	183.6	192.8
<u>1952</u> Jan. 2	103.9	179.3	188.0	198.1	187.1	183.7	187.0	183.4	193.6
Feb. 1	103.7	178.2	187.5	197.1	186.0	183.4	187.1	183.2	192.5
Mar. 1	104.0	177.8	187.0	195.4	184.4	182.0	185.6	181.2	192.2
Apr. 1	103.8	177.8	186.8	193.8	184.8	181.9	183.7	180.0	192.3
May 1	103.1	177.4	184.2	191.0	182.9	180.5	181.0	177.8	190.6
June 2	102.7	179.2	185.6	192.5	184.4	180.6	180.9	177.5	190.6
July 2	103.9	179.6	186.4	193.4	184.4	181.0	183.0	178.5	189.8
Aug. 1	105.3	179.0	186.1	191.7	184.2	180.0	183.9	179.1	189.5
Sept. 2	103.6	176.7	183.9	191.7	183.3	179.0	182.7	177.7	189.0
Oct. 1	103.0	174.0	181.6	189.8	181.8	177.5	181.5	177.0	187.3
Nov. 1	102.5	174.7	181.4	189.6	181.4	177.2	182.1	176.7	187.6
Dec. 1	102.3	173.5	180.4	188.8	180.8	176.3	180.9	176.2	188.1
<u>1953</u> Jan. 2	102.4	173.5	180.7	189.7	181.3	176.5	181.8	175.6	188.2
Feb. 2	102.3	173.9	180.8	190.5	181.5	177.2	182.1	175.7	187.5
Mar. 2	101.3	173.6	180.4	189.8	181.2	176.6	182.4	176.3	187.1
Apr. 1	101.5	173.3	180.5	188.2	181.0	176.9	182.5	176.4	187.2

- (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
	Apr. 1	99.4	215.9	218.9	237.0	211.7	226.6	235.5	229.9	232.4
<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
	Apr. 1	107.1	128.4	128.2	152.3	159.9	137.0	134.4	128.2	138.2
<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
	Apr. 1	106.8	155.3	151.9	147.8	180.7	134.0	160.4	121.3	177.7

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

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

	St. John's Nfld	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon	Edmon- ton	Van- couver
<u>Clothing Index</u>									
1952 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
1953 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
Apr. 1	101.6	221.6	228.4	193.2	206.2	202.4	216.1	212.1	216.2
<u>Homefurnishings and Services Index</u>									
1952 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
1953 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
Apr. 1	101.3	187.4	189.8	203.7	189.8	198.2	203.2	191.3	195.4
<u>Miscellaneous Index</u>									
1952 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
1953 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
Apr. 1	99.6	139.5	151.7	144.3	147.9	140.7	133.8	143.5	153.5

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

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

	Composite Index Exclusive of Living Costs (a)	Equipment and Materials	Taxes and Interest Rates (a)	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)

INVESTORS' INDEX

Number of Stocks	Inves- tors' Total (103)	Total Indus- trials (81)	Machin- ery and Equip- ment (11)	Pulp and Paper (10)	Mill- ing (3)	Oils (5)	Tex- tiles and Cloth- ing (10)	Food and Allied Pro- ducts (14)	Bever- ages (10)	Build- ing Mate- rials (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> Aug. ...	85.8	84.8	86.8	55.3	89.6	74.2	89.1	112.4	93.8	87.4
<u>1945</u> Dec. ...	112.5	105.8	155.1	226.6	127.5	81.5	173.8	116.7	305.3	138.5
<u>1946</u> Dec. ...	106.4	99.3	180.2	250.0	123.9	63.6	181.8	123.3	317.1	138.4
<u>1952</u> Jan. ...	181.7	186.7	452.0	582.8	118.5	161.0	301.2	111.8	396.5	295.3
Feb. ...	179.5	185.2	450.3	563.7	120.4	159.8	285.7	111.8	371.8	293.3
Mar. ...	177.6	182.6	443.3	546.1	120.9	162.8	277.1	110.4	371.7	286.4
Apr. ...	175.8	180.5	417.6	510.8	120.1	172.7	261.2	107.8	352.0	274.0
May ...	169.0	172.4	414.9	488.9	117.8	160.9	258.9	102.5	343.3	264.5
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
Sept. ...	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
<u>1953</u> 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
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
Apr. 2	166.1	166.6	405.5	492.7	130.8	141.4	253.1	119.1	387.0	294.2
Apr. 9	162.5	162.4	394.4	481.5	129.9	138.1	250.8	119.0	382.9	287.0
Apr. 16	161.7	161.5	387.3	470.1	130.8	137.0	250.4	118.4	386.3	284.7
Apr. 23	155.6	154.7	360.0	451.9	131.7	133.3	241.0	116.8	377.0	272.0
Apr. 30	158.3	157.6	366.1	466.7	128.7	134.4	243.1	117.6	389.0	273.1

TABLE 14. - INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES - Concluded

(1935-39=100)

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS' INDEX						MINING INDEX (1)		
	Indus- trial Mines (2)	Total Utili- ties (14)	Trans- porta- tion (2)	Tele- phone Tele- graph (2)	Power and Traction (10)	Banks (8)	Mining Total (27)	Gold (22)	Base Metals (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>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. .	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
Apr. .	118.3	161.0	314.0	99.3	144.8	163.0	96.5	69.2	159.0
<u>Weekly Index</u>									
Apr. 2	124.3	164.8	330.2	99.5	146.8	163.4	100.5	70.1	170.2
Apr. 9	119.2	162.9	321.7	99.0	146.6	163.0	99.2	70.4	165.0
Apr.16	119.8	161.6	317.2	99.3	144.6	163.3	96.8	69.6	159.0
Apr.23	112.3	156.4	295.9	98.5	142.0	162.8	91.8	67.5	147.5
Apr.30	116.1	159.5	305.0	100.0	143.8	162.5	94.3	68.6	153.1

(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	161.6
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	198.0
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	121.8(1)	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	118.9
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	

(1) Corrected

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	April Average	Feb. Average	Mar. Average	Apr. Average
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	1.0528	.9789	.9809	.9773	.9833	.9837
United Kingdom	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.7546	2.7555	2.7692	2.7713
Argentina	peso (free)	.07491	.07010	.07022	.07034	.07078	.07081
Australia	pound	2.3576	2.1872	2.2037	2.2044	2.2154	2.2171
Belgium (1)	franc	.02095	.01947	.01946	.01953	.01966	.01966
Brazil	cruzeiro	.05706	.05291	.05302	.05282	.05315	.05317
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.6141	.5696	.5739	.5741	.5769	.5774
Ceylon	rupee	.2211	.2056	.2060	.2067	.2077	.2078
Chile	peso (free)	.01521	.00908	.01099	.00888	.00894	.00894
Colombia	peso (basic)	.4515	.3916	.3924	.3909	.3933	.3935
Cuba	peso	1.0528	.9789	.9809	.9773	.9833	.9837
Denmark	krone	.1525	.1417	.1420	.1415	.1424	.1424
Egypt	pound	3.0232	2.8111	2.8168	2.8063	2.8237	2.8248
France and North Africa	franc	.00300	.00280	.00280	.00279	.00281	.00281
Germany	deutsche mark	.2507	.2331	.2336	.2327	.2341	.2342
Hong Kong	dollar	.1829	.1709	.1722	.1722	.1731	.1732
India	rupee	.2211	.2056	.2060	.2067	.2077	.2078
Ireland	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.7546	2.7555	2.7692	2.7713
Italy	lira	.00169	.00157	.00158	.00157	.00158	.00158
Jamaica	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.7546	2.7555	2.7692	2.7713
Japan	yen	-	.00272	.00273	.00271	.00273	.00273
Lebanon	pound (free)	-	.2734	-	.2727	.2713	.2728
Mexico	peso	.1218	.1132	.1134	.1130	.1137	.1137
Netherlands	guilder	.2770	.2576	.2581	.2572	.2588	.2589
New Zealand	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.7546	2.7555	2.7692	2.7713
Norway	krone	.1474	.1371	.1373	.1368	.1377	.1377
Pakistan	rupee	.3182	.2959	.2965	.2954	.2972	.2973
Peru	sol-certificate	.07001	.06346	.06435	.06212	.06203	.06167
Philippines	peso	.5264	.4895	.4905	.4886	.4917	.4919
Portugal	escudo	.03652	.03412	.03422	.03407	.03426	.03432
Singapore	dollar	.3440	.3190	.3214	.3215	.3231	.3233
Sweden	krona	.2035	.1892	.1896	.1889	.1901	.1902
Switzerland	franc	.2429	.2266	.2258	.2279	.2293	.2296
Turkey	lira	.3753	.3496	.3503	.3490	.3512	.3513
Union of South Africa	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.7546	2.7555	2.7692	2.7713
Venezuela	bolivar	.3143	.2922	.2928	.2917	.2935	.2936
Yugoslavia	dinar	-	.00326	.00327	.00326	.00328	.00328

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

(1) Includes Belgian Empire and Luxemburg.

TABLE 19. - INDEX NUMBERS OF CONSUMER AND WHOLESALE PRICES

IN CANADA AND OTHER SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

Country	Base Period	1939	1952	1952		1953				
				Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	
<u>COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES</u>										
Australia	1936 - 1939	182.9	232.7(f)		253.0					
Canada	1949(a)	63.2	116.5	116.1	115.8	115.7	115.5	114.8	114.6	
Denmark.....	1935	109	218			221				
France (Paris) ..	1949		145.4	144.4	145.4	145.6	146.0	145.2	144.7	
India (Bombay) ..	1933 - 1934	106	337	347	346					
Italy (Rome).....	1938	105(d)	4,932	5,018	5,005	5,034	4,992			
Malaya	January 1949(e)		138	135	134					
Mexico	1939	100.0								
Netherlands	1949		120	119	120	120	120			
New Zealand	1st. qtr. 1949	74.8	127.5		129.4					
Norway	1949	63.8	132.9	136.1	134.6	134	134			
South Africa	1938	99.9	185.8	191.4	190.6	189.5	188.9	189.4		
Sweden	1935	107.5	223.0	224.2	224.3	224.3				
Switzerland	August, 1939		171.0	171.2	171.0	169.9	169.5			
United Kingdom ..	Jan. 15, 1952		102.6	103.8	104.5	104.4	104.7			
United States ...	1947 - 49(b)	59.4	113.5	114.3	114.1	113.9	113.4	113.6		
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</u>										
Australia	1936 - 1939	101.1	299(f)	313	320					
Canada	1935 - 1939	99.3	226.0	221.5	221.1	221.5	220.9	221.9	219.6	
Denmark	1935	118	364	354	352	350	349	347		
France	1949		144.9	140.1	140.5	140.8	139.2	139.7	139.0	
India	Sept. '38-Aug. '39		434.6(g)	383.4	372.7	377.5	381.5			
Italy	1938		5,270	5,292	5,287(c)	5,264	5,243			
Mexico	1929	127.0								
Netherlands	1948		140	138	139	139				
New Zealand	1926 - 1930	107.1								
Norway	1938	102	276.3	283.2	280.5	278	276			
South Africa	1938(h)	97.6	259.0	266.2	264.8					
Sweden	1935	115	317	304(c)	305	303	302			
Switzerland	August, 1939		220.5	217.9	216.5	214.5	213.5			
United Kingdom ..	1930	102.8	327.9	324.4	327.6(c)	327.7(c)	324.1(c)	325.5		
United States ...	1947-49(b)	50.1	111.6	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.

(h) New Series, based on 1938 = 100.

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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