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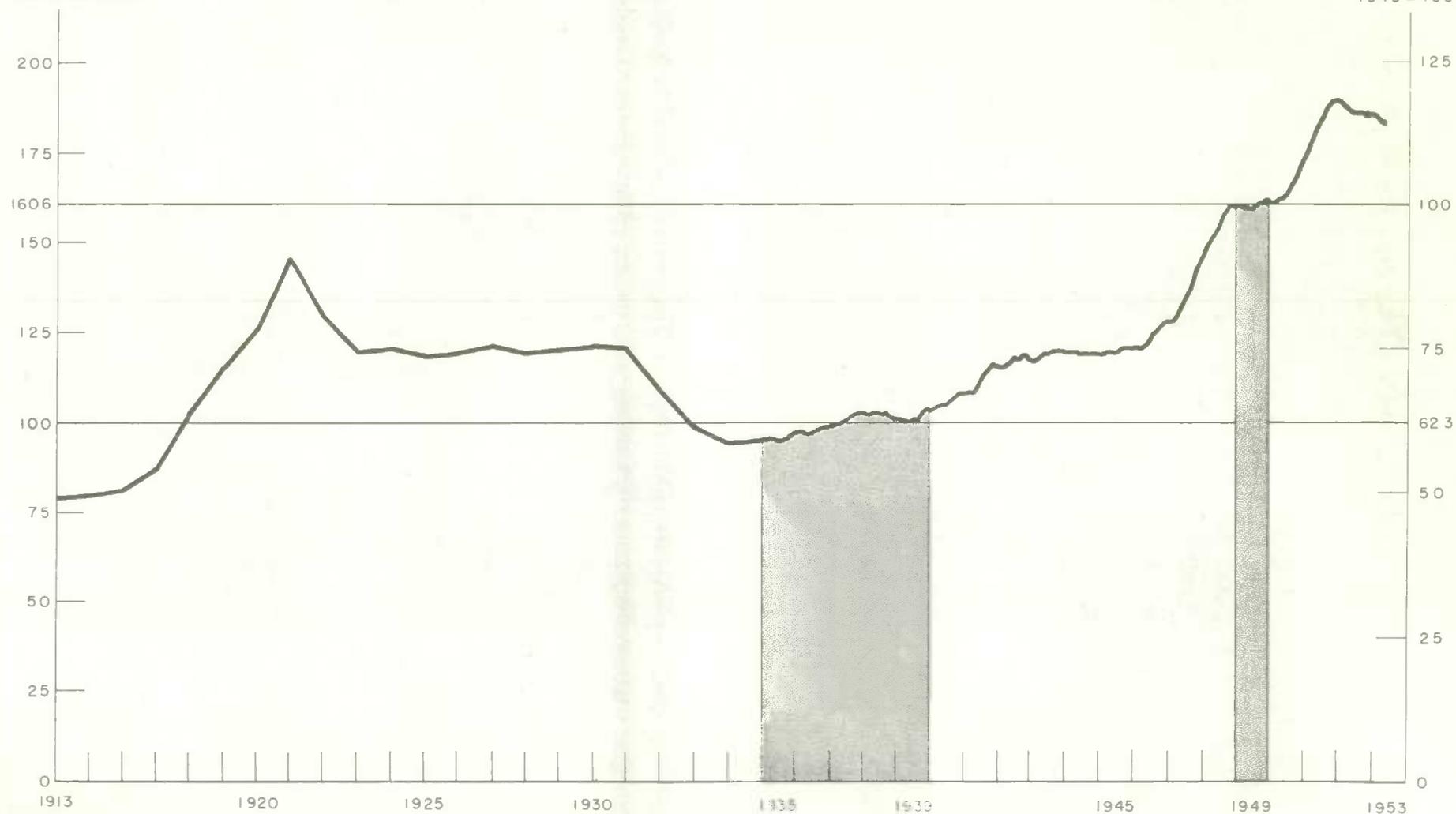
# THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ANNUALLY, 1913 - 1934

MONTHLY, 1935 - MAY, 1953

1935 - 39 = 100

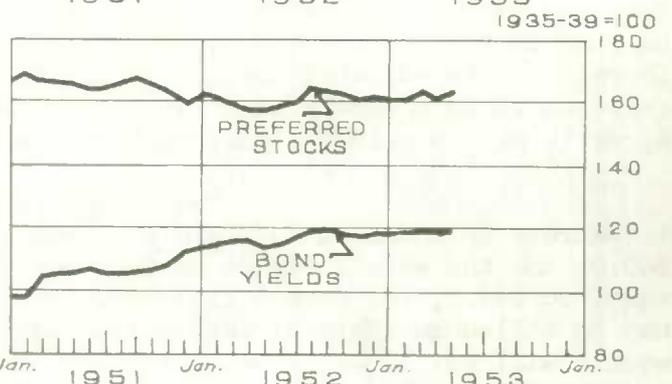
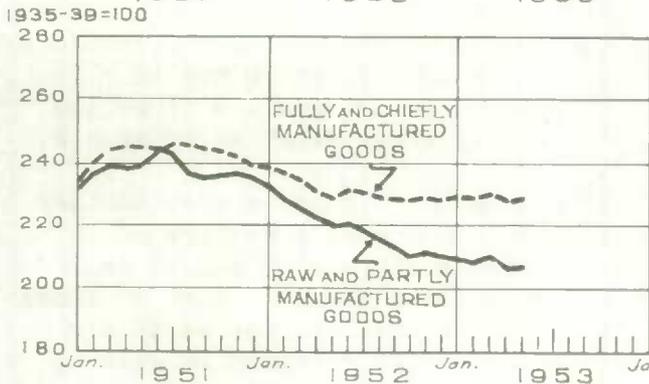
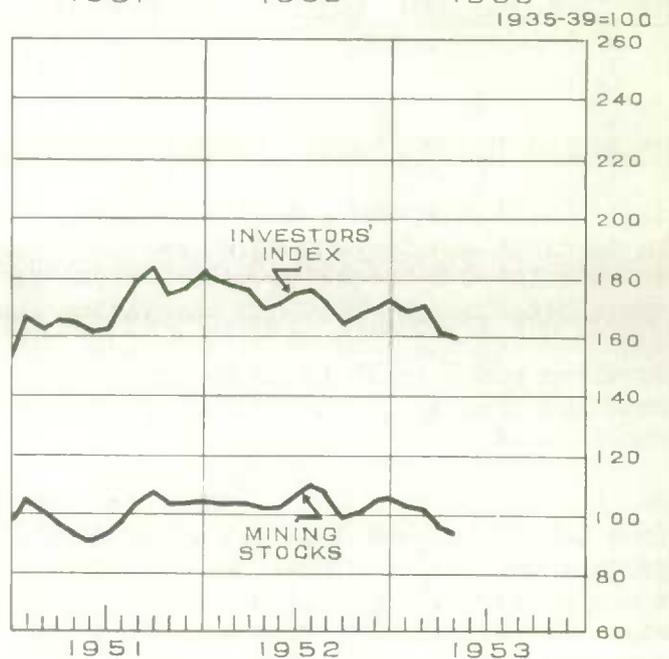
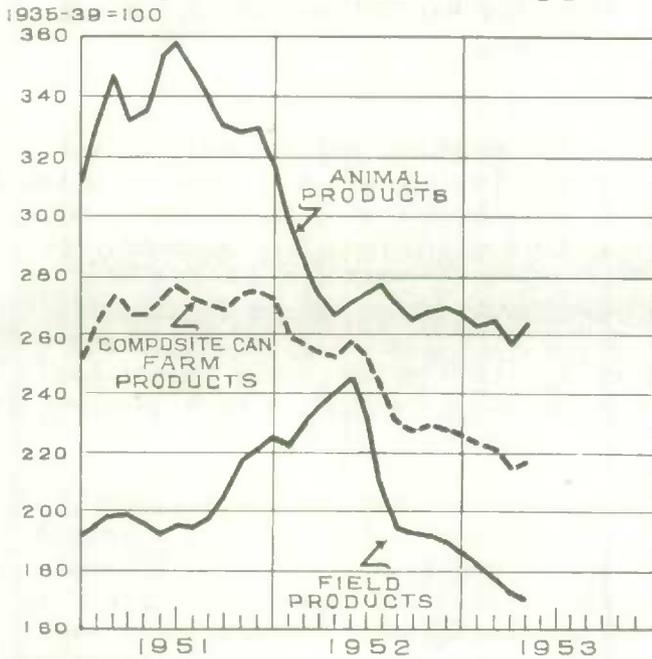
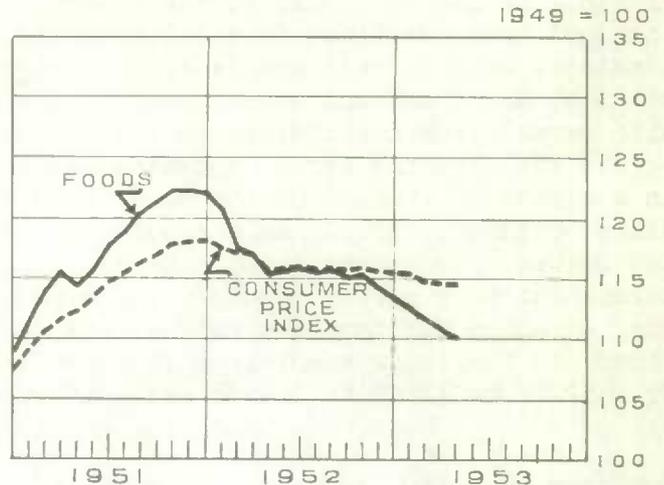
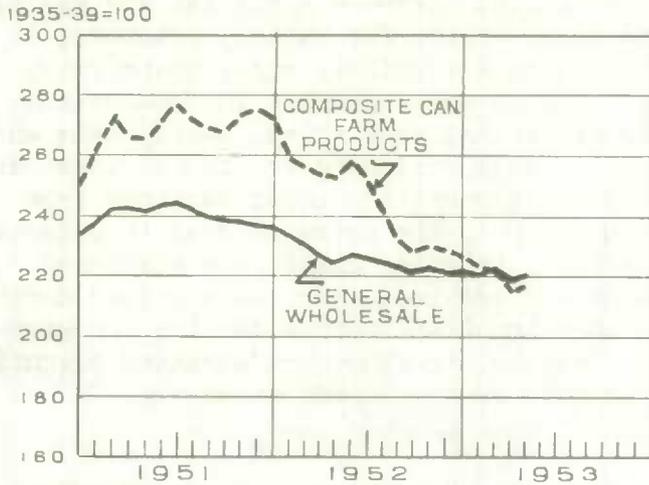
1949 = 100



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

# PRICE INDEX GRAPHS

1951 - 1953



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

The Consumer Price Index for May 1st of 114.4, stood slightly below the April 1st index of 114.6. This latest fractional decrease conforms to the pattern recorded by the index over the past sixteen months, during which the index has declined from a peak of 118.2 in January 1952, to the current index of 114.4. Between April 1st and May 1st the food index declined from 110.9 to 110.1, as lower prices for butter, potatoes, tomatoes, onions, beef and veal, outweighed increases for coffee, eggs, grapefruit, lettuce, and fresh and cured pork. These price changes were recorded in combination with normal seasonal changes in the consumption of fruits, vegetables, meats, fats and eggs. The clothing series increased from 109.7 to 110.1 following fractional advances in a number of items. On the other hand the household operation index declined from 116.9 to 116.6, largely as a result of a seasonal drop in the price of coal in Ontario and Quebec. Counterbalancing increases and decreases in other items were scattered throughout this group. Amongst other commodities and services which were priced during May, advances for theatres and barbers, proved more important than a decline for gasoline, and the index moved from 115.0 to 115.1. The shelter component advanced slightly from 122.7 to 122.9 following small increases in both rent and home-ownership.

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

The Cost-of-Living Index for May 1st was 183.6, as compared to 183.9 at April 1st.

MEASURING THE PURCHASING POWER OF EARNINGS

Changing consumer price levels affect the amounts of goods and services which a dollar will buy, and average earnings, of course, will be affected in the same way. An earnings measurement which takes the change of consumer prices into account, can be calculated by reducing actual earnings averages by the percentage amounts consumer price levels rise, or increasing them by the amount price levels fall. The adjusted averages may be used to indicate the comparative quantities of goods and services which could be purchased by average earnings if consumer price levels had remained constant. The following illustration shows how this kind of an adjustment can be made.

Suppose that a series of weekly average wages rises from \$40.00 in week A to \$48.40 in week B, and that in the same interval a consumer price index advances from 100.0 to 110.0. Because of the 10 per cent rise in consumer prices, \$1.00 will not buy as much in week B as it would in week A. Likewise, the 21 per cent rise from \$40.00 to \$48.40 overstates the increase which has occurred in the purchasing power of average weekly wages. This overstatement can be removed by reducing the figure of \$48.40 by the amount of the consumer price increase. The adjusted average is \$44.00 ( $48.40/110.0 \times 100.0$ ), which may be referred to as a weekly wage average for week B expressed in the dollars of period A, or it may be said to indicate the level of real weekly wages relative to week A.

The foregoing calculation can be carried a step further to express in index number form the relationship between the week A average of \$40.00 and the week B figure of \$44.00. Taking the week A average of \$40.00 as equal to 100.0, the week B index becomes 110.0 ( $44.00/40.00 \times 100.0$ ). Such an index may be called an index of weekly real wages. It indicates that average wages for week B will buy 10 per cent more goods and services than those received in week A, in spite of a 10 per cent rise in consumer prices. This 10 per cent increase in real wages compares with the rise of 21 per cent in money wages ( $48.40/40.00 \times 100.0$ ).

Although calculations of real wages may reflect the experience of groups of workers fairly well, their dependability, particularly as they apply to individual wage-earners, rests upon certain important qualifications. Substantial variations within the group, such as marked changes in the proportions of men and women, or important shifts of employment between higher or lower paid areas, industries and occupations which may affect the wage averages, will in turn influence the real earning series. Further, should important changes in spending habits occur in the interval, the estimates of change in real earnings are likely to be less reliable. The latter qualification is of particular importance over long periods of time.

It should also be kept in mind that measures of change in real earnings calculated from averages of gross earnings may differ from changes in the purchasing power of "take-home" pay, due to such factors as changes in personal income tax, and pay deductions for such things as social insurance and pension plans. Thus index numbers of real wages should not be interpreted as measuring fluctuations in the level of consumption of wage-earners or wage-earners' families; they are intended to show only the trend in purchasing power of wages over the items covered by the price index, and in addition to the factor already mentioned, do not take into account other family income or changes in the savings position of families.

In Table 13, Page 25, figures for 1949 are used as reference levels for indexes of both actual and real wages, since this is the year selected by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for general post-war index number comparisons. However, the adjustment made in the foregoing illustration can be applied to any reference level, and it should not be inferred that the 1949 reference period has any special validity for earnings comparisons. Percentage change between any two periods will be the same regardless of the reference period selected.

In future Table 13 will be published regularly in this report.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES  
(1935-1939 = 100)

Wholesale prices continued to move within narrow limits as the composite index moved up fractionally to 220.1 for May, as compared to 219.6 in April.

Of the eight major groups three advanced between April and May while four declined and one remained unchanged. Animal products led the increase with an index increase from 234.4 to 239.1 as higher prices occurred for livestock, notably hogs, and for pork carcass, veal, cured meats, eggs, hides, raw furs, and footwear. Fishery products, fluid milk, butter, fowl and tallow declined in this section. Narrow gains in newsprint and cedar shingles outweighed weakness in fir lumber and wood pulp to move the wood, wood products and paper index from 289.9 to 290.3. A continued easing of the Canadian dollar in terms of United States funds was a supporting factor in the export items in this and other groups. Vegetable products remained practically unchanged, moving from 197.3 to 197.4, when advances in fresh fruits, certain grains, rubber, sugar and flour, outweighed declines in green coffee, potatoes, onions and some vegetable oils. Reflecting continued weakness in the price of copper, lead, and zinc, which overbalanced advances in silver and gold quotations, the composite index for non-ferrous metals receded from 170.7 to 168.1. Fibres, textiles and textile products changed from 241.6 to 241.2 as prices declined for woollen hosiery and both worsted and cotton yarns. On the other hand, a firmer tone was exhibited for worsted cloth, cotton knit goods and both domestic and imported raw wool. In the non-metallics section, seasonally lower prices for coal were responsible for a drop in the index for this group from 174.4 to 173.9. Lower quotations for scrap iron, steel and tinplate moved the iron and steel products index down from 221.5 to 221.2. No net change was registered in the chemicals products group index which continued at 176.2 as a slight advance in coal tar products and industrial gases was balanced by a further decline in paint materials.

Canadian farm product prices at terminal markets advanced slightly in May to an index level of 216.9 as against 214.5 in April. Strength was concentrated in animal products and a group index for this series moved up from 256.0 to 263.2 due to firmer prices for livestock, principally hogs, and also for eggs and raw wool. In the same period field products moved down from 173.0 to 170.6 as decreases occurred for potatoes and grains.

Prices entering into residential building materials were slightly easier in May and the composite index declined from 283.6 in April to 282.8 in the month under review. Price declines were noted in plumbing and heating equipment, notably copper piping and in electrical equipment.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES  
(1935-1939 = 100)

Common stock prices on Canadian exchanges presented a pattern of stability in the majority of instances in May, following the sharp price "break" in the previous month. The Investors' composite index for 103 issues averaged 159.8 for May as against 160.8 for April. At this level it was, however, the lowest monthly figure touched since January 1951.

Sub-group indexes generally averaged slightly lower in May; exceptions being noted for banks, communication issues, beverages and foods and allied products.

Mining stocks were, on average, weaker than industrials and utilities. The composite index for 27 mining shares registered a further decline to 93.8 for May as against 96.5 for April. Base metal shares continued to dominate the decline in mining issues and an index for this series dropped from 159.0 to 150.9 between April and May. In the same interval the index for 22 golds eased from 69.2 to 68.9.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE MOVEMENTSTABLE 1. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (1935-39 = 100)

Note: 1953 Wholesale Price Indexes are subject to revision

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	May	May	Apr.	May	May	May	May
	<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>	241.9	224.6	219.6	220.1	- 9.0	- 2.0	+ 0.2
Vegetable Products	219.9	212.6	197.3	197.4	- 10.2	- 7.2	+ .05
Animal Products	299.1	242.1	234.4	239.1	- 20.1	- 1.2	+ 2.0
Textile Products	317.9	251.8	241.6	241.2	- 24.1	- 4.2	- 0.2
Wood Products	294.3	284.9	289.9	290.3	- 1.4	+ 1.9	+ 0.1
Iron Products	206.4	218.3	221.5	221.2	+ 7.2	+ 1.3	- 0.1
Non-ferrous Metals	176.3	173.1	170.7	168.1	- 4.7	- 2.9	- 1.5
Non-metallic Minerals	168.8	173.9	174.4	173.9	+ 3.0	-	- 0.3
Chemical Products	188.0	180.8	176.2	176.2	- 6.3	- 2.5	-
<u>FARM PRODUCTS</u>	265.3	252.7	214.5	216.9	- 18.2	- 14.2	+ 1.1
Field	194.6	240.0	173.0	170.6	- 12.3	- 28.9	- 1.4
Animal	336.1	265.4	256.0	263.2	- 21.7	- 0.8	+ 2.8

WHOLESALE PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED COMMODITIESBETWEEN APRIL AND MAY 1953

	<u>INCREASES</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>
	p.c.	p.c.
Pork carcass, Vancouver	19.4	Potatoes, Saint John 18.4
Hogs, Toronto	18.0	Cheese, new, Toronto 15.9
Bacon, Montreal	15.6	Tallow 14.4
Woollen cloth, dress, crepe	13.2	Fresh milk, Regina 12.6
Men's cotton combinations	11.9	Men's woollen hosiery 12.6
Lamb carcass, Vancouver	11.1	Lobster, in shell, Halifax 12.5
Spruce lath, Quebec	9.1	Alum, lump 11.1
Oranges, 252's, Toronto	8.6	Rye, No. 2, Ontario 9.5
Shellac	7.4	Steel scrap turnings and borings 9.2
Bread, Regina	7.1	Cod, fresh fillet 7.0
Worsted yarn, 4 ply	6.9	Unbleached sulphite pulp 6.4
Eggs, "A" large, Calgary	6.6	Beef carcass, cow, Montreal 6.2
Packer hides, steers	5.9	Oats, No. 2 C.W. 6.0
Benzol	5.8	Cotton yarns, 10's 5.5
Lemons, Toronto	5.1	Cedar, bevel siding 5.0

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	May	May	Apr.	May	May	May	May
	<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>	112.2	115.9	114.6	114.4	+ 2.0	- 1.3	- 0.2
Food	114.3	115.5	110.9	110.1	- 3.7	- 4.7	- 0.7
Shelter	112.4	119.6	122.7	122.9	+ 9.3	+ 2.8	+ 0.2
Clothing	109.0	112.3	109.7	110.1	+ 1.0	- 2.0	+ 0.4
Household Operation	112.7	116.2	116.9	116.6	+ 3.5	+ 0.3	- 0.3
Other Commodities and Services	110.4	115.6	115.0	115.1	+ 4.3	- 0.4	+ 0.1

RETAIL PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED ITEMS BETWEEN APRIL AND MAY 1953

	<u>INCREASES</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>	
	p.c.	p.c.	
Lettuce	18.4	Onions	8.3
Pork, loin chops	11.5	Potatoes	7.8
Glass ovenware	10.7	Cabbage	6.9
Carrots	10.5	Fresh tomatoes	5.5
Celery	6.8	Veal, front roll	4.5
Grapefruit	4.2	Butter	4.4
Eating apples	3.8	Electrical Refrigerator	3.9
Smoked ham	2.9	Blade roast	3.4
Lard	2.8	Stewing beef	3.2
Boy's T-shirt	2.8	Hamburg	2.4

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	May	May	April	May	May	May	May
	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>
<u>Total Investors' Index</u>	164.2	169.0	160.8	159.8	- 2.7	- 5.4	- 0.6
<u>Total Industrials</u>	168.3	172.4	160.6	159.1	- 5.5	- 7.7	- 0.9
Machinery & Equipment	406.4	414.9	382.7	381.6	- 6.1	- 8.0	- 0.3
Pulp & Paper	579.2	488.9	472.6	471.0	- 18.7	- 3.7	- 0.3
Milling	104.7	117.8	130.4	128.3	+ 22.5	+ 8.9	- 1.6
Oils	138.9	160.9	136.8	134.6	- 3.1	- 16.3	- 1.6
Textiles & Clothing	363.0	258.9	247.7	235.1	- 35.2	- 9.2	- 5.1
Foods	121.0	102.5	118.2	118.2	- 2.3	+ 15.3	-
Beverages	436.3	343.3	384.4	395.9	- 9.3	+ 15.3	+ 3.0
Building Materials	264.2	264.5	282.2	275.1	+ 4.1	+ 4.0	- 2.5
Industrial Mines	117.2	131.5	118.3	116.4	- 0.7	- 11.5	- 1.6
<u>Total Utilities</u>	156.0	166.2	161.0	160.4	+ 2.8	- 3.5	- 0.4
Transportation	296.4	390.6	314.0	307.7	+ 3.8	- 21.2	- 2.0
Telephone & Telegraph	102.0	90.6	99.3	101.1	- 0.9	+ 11.6	+ 1.8
Power & Traction	139.8	133.6	144.8	143.4	+ 2.6	+ 7.3	- 1.0
<u>Banks</u>	141.7	141.2	163.0	166.3	+ 17.4	+ 17.8	+ 2.0
<u>Mining Stocks</u>							
General Index	92.5	101.4	96.5	93.8	+ 1.4	- 7.5	- 2.8
Golds	63.7	75.1	69.2	68.9	+ 8.2	- 8.3	- 0.4
Base Metals	158.6	161.6	159.0	150.9	- 4.9	- 6.6	- 5.1

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	Indus- trial 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
May ....	220.1	285.4	206.3	228.3	233.2	170.6	263.2	216.9

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

(2) See Table 21 for Canadian Farm Products Indexes, August 1945-July 1952. Indexes for crop year August 1952-July 1953 are subject to revision. Please see note, page 33.

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

		- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS -								
Date		General Whole- sale Index	Total Vege- table Pro- ducts	Grains	Milled Cereal Foods	Live Stock and Poultry Feeds	Bakery Pro- ducts	Fruits, Fresh	Fruits, Dried	Fruits, Canned
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
	May ....	220.1	197.4	200.8	197.0	229.3	177.0	150.3	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
	May ....	301.6	178.2	163.5	339.5	147.8	212.7	175.5	172.5

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued  
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- 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. ....	236.7	264.4	93.6	161.9	212.5	202.7	288.0	342.0
Apr. ....	234.4	257.4	97.8	156.7	211.8	202.7	275.8	326.3
May ....	239.1	253.1	104.4	160.2	213.9	204.8	291.5	321.2

- 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
May ....	297.7	329.5	218.2	234.9	220.2	223.7	110.3	192.4

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	
May ....	241.2	286.4	244.6	246.6	244.1	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	
May ....	176.9	268.3	250.4	217.3	234.8	252.5	268.2	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	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
May ..	290.3	420.9	404.8	344.2	392.6	494.8	391.5	205.9	290.3	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
Apr. ..	221.5	260.1	209.2	238.3	222.8	245.5	313.6	224.4
May ..	221.2	260.1	209.2	238.3	222.8	245.5	311.1	223.0

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

- 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
May ..	168.1	175.6	281.6	251.1	218.9	187.9	256.4	207.0	222.2

- 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
May ..	173.9	221.5	146.8	176.0	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
Apr. ....	170.7	159.0	134.6	126.9	184.1	150.4	282.4	177.0
May ....	170.7	159.1	134.6	126.9	184.1	150.4	282.4	179.4

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
May ....	126.7	189.9	158.3	142.1	155.7	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
Apr. ....	176.2	136.0	216.6	187.5	174.8	288.8
May ....	176.2	136.0	216.6	191.6	174.8	288.8

- 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
May ....	139.5	189.1	175.8	173.3	128.8	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
	May	282.8	151.6	207.4	410.4	129.1	216.9	195.8	212.1	209.7	228.8

TABLE 7. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity 1/	Unit	Yearly Average 1952	May 1952	Apr. 1953	May 1953
		\$	\$	\$	\$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern, Domestic 2/	bu.	1.822	1.831	1.830	1.930
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern (I.W.A.) 3/	bu.	1.822	1.831	1.830	1.850
OATS, No. 2 C.W. ....	bu.	.879	.804	.766	.720
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed ....	bu.	1.273	1.149	1.185	1.220
RYE, No. 2 C.W. ....	bu.	1.881	1.891	1.478	1.415
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto ....	ttl.	11.142	11.100	11.400	11.600
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal 4/	cwt.	8.744	8.598	7.648	7.648
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal ....	gal.	1.800	1.690	1.350	1.350
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's ....	lb.	.637	.632	.680	.650
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John ....	75 lb. bag	4.063	5.200	1.440	1.175
STEERS, Toronto ....	cwt.	25.771	24.530	19.920	19.450
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included) ...	cwt.	25.802	25.600	26.900	31.730
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers ...	lb.	.182	.175	.170	.180
LEATHER, Packer Bends, No. 1 and 2 ...	lb.	.762	.770	.720	.720
LEATHER, Box Sides. D, f.o.b. Ontario factory ....	sq. ft.	.382	.370	.370	.370
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade, Montreal ..	lb.	.624	.585	.602	.582
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal ....	doz.	.542	.428	.612	.615
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 15/16", New York	lb.	.389	.391	.338	.323
COTTON YARNS, 10's white ....	lb.	.793	.795	.730	.690
WOOL, Raw, Eastern bright, 1/4 blood ..	lb.	.483	.450	.500	.520
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Canadian Mill (Southern Quebec) ....	ton	105.462	100.162	109.806	111.162
PIG IRON, Malleable ....	gr. ton	56.125	55.500	58.000	58.000
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic ....	cwt.	28.533	27.080	31.388	29.865
LEAD, Domestic ....	cwt.	16.128	15.580	12.321	12.013
TIN INGOTS ....	lb.	1.210	1.210	.997	1.001
ZINC, Domestic, Grade "A", Electrolytic	cwt.	17.370	20.600	12.076	11.850
COAL, United States Anthracite ....	ton	19.790	18.800	20.290	19.990
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto ....	gal.	.222	.222	.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/ Includes six cents carrying charge effective on domestic sales June 15, 1951 - May 19, 1953.
- 3/ Includes six cents carrying charge effective on International Wheat Agreement sales, August 1, 1951.
- 4/ Paper bags, effective January, 1953.

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

		Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	House- hold Oper- ation	Other Commod- ities & Services	
1939	.....	63.2	50.2	84.6	54.9	66.5	77.2	
1940	.....	65.7	52.6	86.6	59.9	70.3	77.9	
1941	.....	69.6	57.9	89.2	63.6	73.8	80.0	
1942	.....	72.9	63.4	90.7	65.8	76.0	82.0	
1943	.....	74.2	65.2	90.9	66.1	76.1	84.8	
1944	.....	74.6	65.5	91.2	66.6	75.7	86.1	
1945	.....	75.0	66.3	91.4	66.9	74.9	86.4	
1946	.....	77.5	70.0	91.8	69.2	77.2	88.7	
1947	.....	84.8	79.5	95.1	78.9	86.2	91.6	
1948	.....	97.0	97.5	98.3	95.6	96.8	96.5	
1949	.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
1950	.....	102.9	102.6	106.2	99.7	102.4	103.1	
1951	.....	113.7	117.0	114.4	109.8	113.1	111.5	
1952	.....	116.5	116.8	120.2	111.8	116.2	116.0	
<u>1950</u>	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
	May	1	114.4	110.1	122.9	110.1	116.6	115.1

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

	Per- centage Increase Since August 1939	Total <sup>x</sup>	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
1939	Aug. 1	100.8	99.3	103.8	99.0	100.1	100.9	101.3	100.0
1941	Oct. 1	115.5	123.2	111.2	112.1	119.6	117.3	106.5	120.1
1945	Dec. 1	120.1	134.3	112.3	107.1	122.5	119.5	109.6	127.0
1946	Dec. 2	127.1	146.4	113.4	109.2	131.2	129.4	114.1	137.2
1951	July 3	187.6	249.7	139.8	147.2	202.9	197.4	142.2	219.6
	Aug. 1	188.9	251.4	139.8	148.2	204.6	199.0	143.7	221.1
	Sept. 1	189.8	251.1	142.7	149.5	206.9	199.1	144.0	221.6
	Oct. 1	190.4	249.7	142.7	150.2	213.8	200.1	144.3	222.4
	Nov. 1	191.2	250.2	144.8	150.8	214.6	199.9	144.9	223.0
	Dec. 1	191.1	249.3	144.8	150.8	215.5	200.6	144.9	222.7
1952	Jan. 2	191.5	250.0	144.8	151.2	215.3	201.1	145.7	223.1
	Feb. 1	190.8	248.1	144.8	151.3	213.0	200.1	146.5	221.6
	Mar. 1	189.1	241.7	146.3	152.5	211.2	200.8	146.9	218.3
	Apr. 1	188.7	240.2	146.3	152.5	210.4	200.5	147.9	217.5
	May 1	186.7	235.3	146.3	150.6	210.1	198.2	147.4	214.0
	June 2	187.3	237.0	147.9	149.8	209.3	197.2	147.4	214.5
	July 2	188.0	239.5	147.9	149.8	209.1	196.7	147.4	215.7
	Aug. 1	187.6	238.0	147.9	150.1	208.6	196.0	147.8	214.8
	Sept. 2	186.5	234.2	148.9	150.3	207.7	195.8	147.8	212.7
	Oct. 1	185.0	229.3	148.9	150.9	206.7	195.9	148.5	210.1
	Nov. 1	184.8	229.0	148.9	151.1	205.5	195.5	148.8	209.7
	Dec. 1	184.2	226.1	149.9	152.7	205.4	195.3	148.8	208.4
1953	Jan. 2	184.4	226.2	150.2	153.9	205.3	196.0	148.9	208.6
	Feb. 2	184.9	227.4	150.5	154.3	205.2	196.1	149.0	209.2
	Mar. 2	184.2	225.7	150.7	154.4	205.5	196.3	147.9	208.0
	Apr. 1	183.9	223.5	150.9	155.5	205.5	196.8	148.7	207.0
	May 1	183.6	222.8	151.0	153.2	206.3	196.2	149.0	206.5

<sup>x</sup> 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 May 1953 index, inclusive of all such taxes, is 184.5.

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

(1949 = 100)

	1950	1951	1952	Feb. 1953	Mar. 1953	Apr. 1953	May 1953
<u>Total Index</u>	102.9	113.7	116.5	115.5	114.8	114.6	114.4
<u>Food</u>	102.6	117.0	116.8	112.7	111.6	110.9	110.1
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	99.7	108.6	113.3	113.5	113.8	113.1	111.8
Cereal Products	103.4	113.0	117.4	117.1	117.1	117.0	117.6
Meats, Fish and Poultry	106.5	127.9	115.5	110.7	107.0	106.1	105.0
<u>Shelter</u>	106.2	114.4	120.2	122.5	122.5	122.7	122.9
Rent	108.2	114.5	120.9	123.8	123.9	124.2	124.3
Home-Ownership	103.6	114.4	119.3	120.7	120.6	120.6	121.0
<u>Clothing</u>	99.7	109.8	111.8	109.6	109.7	109.7	110.1
Men's Wear	99.2	111.6	115.2	113.3	113.3	113.3	113.3
Women's Wear	99.0	105.6	104.8	101.7	101.8	101.9	103.0
Children's Wear	101.6	108.6	111.5	109.2	108.8	108.7	108.6
Footwear	100.8	116.6	127.2	127.5	127.9	127.9	127.7
Piece Goods	103.0	119.8	107.4	104.6	104.5	104.5	104.4
<u>Household Operation</u>	102.4	113.1	116.2	116.6	116.7	116.9	116.6
Fuel and Lighting	103.8	109.9	113.4	115.1	115.1	116.2	114.9
Home Furnishings	101.5	115.5	117.6	116.6	116.7	116.7	116.6
Furniture	101.6	112.9	115.6	116.1	116.4	117.1	117.3
Utensils and Equipment	101.0	113.2	118.9	120.8	120.8	120.0	120.5
Supplies and Services	102.4	112.7	116.8	117.9	118.1	117.9	118.2
Supplies	100.3	112.2	112.4	113.1	113.2	112.9	113.2
Services	103.8	113.0	119.7	121.2	121.4	121.4	121.6
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	103.1	111.5	116.0	116.7	115.2	115.0	115.1
Transportation	105.4	113.0	117.4	118.7	118.7	118.8	118.8
Automobile Operation	103.8	112.9	114.9	114.0	113.7	113.8	113.8
Recreation	102.0	109.7	115.7	117.6	117.7	115.0	115.5
Health Care	102.2	110.3	118.8	120.2	120.2	121.5	121.5
Drugs	101.5	107.4	107.9	108.3	108.3	108.7	108.7
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	102.7	111.5	113.3	112.4	107.1	107.1	107.1
Personal Care	100.9	112.5	115.5	115.6	115.6	115.6	116.1
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	119.3
	Apr.	1	140.1	133.5	94.2	79.4	111.5	103.8	109.2	118.7
	May	1	132.5	130.8	93.1	76.2	111.5	102.1	98.3	113.9
	Dec.	1	114.1	116.2	102.0	77.4	97.0	98.5	103.1	113.0
1953	Jan.	2	115.8	119.3	101.9	77.4	96.6	101.2	103.7	113.0
	Feb.	2	116.8	120.6	109.7	80.0	96.1	103.4	104.3	117.6
	Mar.	2	113.3	115.5	103.7	83.1	96.1	108.2	105.2	118.2
	Apr.	1	110.6	111.9	102.0	84.7	96.1	114.4	102.8	118.5
	May	1	106.9	111.8	113.8	85.9	96.1	116.4	98.3	118.8
			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	137.2
	Apr.	1	96.2	80.0	106.0	109.2	115.5	207.5	112.9	142.6
	May	1	90.7	79.5	106.0	105.7	115.5	224.6	115.8	150.6
	Dec.	1	87.4	97.5	100.1	111.0	119.5	155.3	105.7	118.6
1953	Jan.	2	86.7	90.6	99.7	103.4	119.5	152.4	115.1	121.2
	Feb.	2	85.8	88.9	99.2	99.1	119.5	147.0	103.9	125.2
	Mar.	2	85.5	97.5	98.2	92.3	120.1	126.9	115.5	126.6
	Apr.	1	85.5	103.6	98.2	91.2	120.1	114.8	109.5	126.6
	May	1	86.7	105.7	97.7	90.9	120.6	105.9	103.5	139.9
			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	165.3
	Apr.	1	118.5	116.1	119.7	107.6	126.7	113.7	105.3	165.2
	May	1	118.5	116.1	119.7	106.2	122.5	112.5	105.3	164.5
	Dec.	1	118.5	115.1	117.7	104.7	112.7	105.6	103.9	161.5
1953	Jan.	2	118.5	115.4	117.7	104.7	112.7	105.2	103.3	161.4
	Feb.	2	118.5	114.1	117.7	104.7	110.6	105.2	99.2	161.2
	Mar.	2	118.5	115.4	117.7	104.7	110.6	104.4	98.0	161.2
	Apr.	1	118.5	114.7	117.7	104.7	109.5	103.5	97.8	162.7
	May	1	118.5	114.4	118.7	106.2	108.4	102.6	97.3	164.1

TABLE 12. - CITY COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES

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

	St. John's 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
1951 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
1952 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
1953 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
May 1	101.1	172.6	180.2	188.3	180.9	176.4	182.2	176.6	187.5

- (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>										
1952	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
1953	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
	May 1	98.4	212.6	217.1	237.5	211.8	224.8	232.9	230.0	232.6
<u>Rent Index</u>										
1952	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
1953	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
	May 1	107.3	128.4	129.7	152.4	160.1	137.0	135.2	128.5	138.4
<u>Fuel and Light- ing Index</u>										
1952	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
1953	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
	May 1	106.8	155.3	150.6	143.0	179.0	134.4	162.2	121.3	177.7

(2) See Page 22, 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
	May 1	101.8	221.8	228.7	194.0	207.1	202.5	217.9	213.3	217.1
<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
	May 1	100.9	188.6	189.2	203.8	188.8	197.1	202.5	190.7	195.0
<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
	May 1	99.5	139.9	152.0	144.3	147.8	141.1	133.9	143.8	154.1

(2) See Page 22, Footnote (2).

TABLE 13. - ACTUAL AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES IN MANUFACTURING  
 ADJUSTED FOR CHANGES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
 1945 - 1953

Year and Month	Actual <sup>(1)</sup> Weekly Wages	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	Index Numbers of		The Consumer Price Index
			Actual Weekly Wages	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	
	\$	\$	(1949 = 100)	(1949 = 100)	(1949 = 100)
1945 - Average	30.74	40.99	73.7	98.3	75.0
1946 - Average	29.87	38.54	71.6	92.4	77.5
1947 - Average	34.13	40.25	81.8	96.5	84.8
1948 - Average	38.53	39.72	92.4	95.2	97.0
1949 - Average	41.71	41.71	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950 - Average	43.82	42.59	105.1	102.1	102.9
1951 - Average	48.82	42.94	117.0	102.9	113.7
1952 - Average	53.62	46.03	128.6	110.4	116.5
1951 - Jan. 1	43.71	40.58	104.8	97.3	107.7
Feb. 1	47.36	43.41	113.5	104.1	109.1
Mar. 1	47.12	42.53	113.0	102.0	110.8
Apr. 1	47.60	42.61	114.1	102.2	111.7
May 1	48.49	43.22	116.3	103.6	112.2
June 1	48.56	42.71	116.4	102.4	113.7
July 1	49.37	43.08	118.4	103.3	114.6
Aug. 1	49.31	42.69	118.2	102.3	115.5
Sept. 1	50.05	42.96	120.0	103.0	116.5
Oct. 1	51.08	43.62	122.5	104.6	117.1
Nov. 1	51.62	43.78	123.8	105.0	117.9
Dec. 1	52.17	44.17	125.1	105.9	118.1
1952 - Jan. 1	48.43	40.97	116.1	98.2	118.2
Feb. 1	52.87	44.96	126.8	107.8	117.6
Mar. 1	53.29	45.59	127.8	109.3	116.9
Apr. 1	54.31	46.50	130.2	111.5	116.8
May 1	54.22	46.78	130.0	112.2	115.9
June 1	53.57	46.18	128.4	110.7	116.0
July 1	53.11	45.75	127.3	109.7	116.1
Aug. 1	52.98	45.67	127.0	109.5	116.0
Sept. 1	53.87	46.40	129.2	111.2	116.1
Oct. 1	54.69	47.15	131.1	113.0	116.0
Nov. 1	55.15	47.50	132.2	113.9	116.1
Dec. 1	56.14	48.48	134.6	116.2	115.8
1953 - Jan. 1	51.32	44.36	123.0	106.4	115.7
Feb. 1	56.23	48.68	134.8	116.7	115.5
Mar. 1	56.58	49.29	135.7	118.2	114.8
Apr. 1	56.70	49.48	135.9	118.6	114.6

(1) Average Weekly Earnings of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners in Manufacturing. For details see monthly publication "Man Hours and Hourly Earnings."

TABLE 14.- 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)
<b>ALL CANADA</b>						
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
<b>EASTERN CANADA</b>						
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
<b>WESTERN CANADA</b>						
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 15. - INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

(1935-39 = 100)

		INVESTORS' INDEX									
Number of Stocks		Inves- Total	Total Indus- trials	Machin- ery and Equip- ment	Pulp and Paper	Mill- ing	Oils	Tex- tiles and Cloth- ing	Food and Allied Pro- ducts	Bever- ages	Build- ing Mate- rials
		(103)	(81)	(11)	(10)	(3)	(5)	(10)	(14)	(10)	(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
	May ...	159.8	159.1	381.6	471.0	128.3	134.6	235.1	118.2	395.9	275.1
<u>Weekly Index</u>											
	May 7	160.0	159.1	377.3	473.0	128.3	133.9	244.8	118.1	397.2	277.1
	May 14	159.0	158.2	374.5	468.4	128.3	134.2	237.6	117.9	392.0	273.4
	May 21	161.2	160.7	389.9	475.6	128.1	136.5	230.6	118.4	397.9	273.9
	May 28	159.1	158.3	384.8	466.9	128.4	133.6	227.4	118.5	396.5	276.0

(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 s (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
May ..	116.4	160.4	307.7	101.1	143.4	166.3	93.8	68.9	150.9
<u>Weekly Index</u>									
May 7	117.1	162.1	310.5	100.8	147.3	164.2	95.3	69.5	154.4
May 14	116.3	159.1	304.6	100.5	142.3	167.4	93.1	68.6	149.2
May 21	117.5	161.1	315.2	101.3	141.3	166.8	94.1	69.2	151.1
May 28	114.7	159.2	300.4	101.8	142.7	166.8	92.8	68.3	148.8

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

**TABLE 16. - 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	162.8
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 17. - 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	190.0
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	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 18 - 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	119.6
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	

TABLE 19. - 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	May Average	Mar. Average	Apr. Average	May. Average
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	1.0528	.9789	.9838	.9833	.9837	.9941
United Kingdom	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.7549	2.7692	2.7713	2.7980
Argentina	peso (free)	.07491	.07010	.07053	.07078	.07081	.07156
Australia	pound	2.3576	2.1872	2.2040	2.2154	2.2171	2.2384
Belgium (1)	franc	.02095	.01947	.01952	.01966	.01966	.01992
Brazil	cruzeiro	.05706	.05291	.05317	.05315	.05317	.05373
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.6141	.5696	.5735	.5769	.5774	.5829
Ceylon	rupee	.2211	.2056	.2066	.2077	.2078	.2099
Chile	peso (free)	.01521	.00908	.00972	.00894	.00894	.00904
Colombia	peso (basic)	.4515	.3916	.3935	.3933	.3935	.3826
Cuba	peso	1.0528	.9789	.9838	.9833	.9837	.9941
Denmark	krone	.1525	.1417	.1424	.1424	.1424	.1439
Egypt	pound	3.0232	2.8111	2.8251	2.8237	2.8248	2.8546
France and North Africa	franc	.00300	.00280	.00281	.00281	.00281	.00284
Germany	deutsche mark	.2507	.2331	.2342	.2341	.2342	.2367
Hong Kong	dollar	.1829	.1709	.1722	.1731	.1732	.1749
India	rupee	.2211	.2056	.2066	.2077	.2078	.2098
Ireland	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.7549	2.7692	2.7713	2.7980
Italy	lira	.00169	.00157	.00158	.00158	.00158	.00160
Jamaica	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.7549	2.7692	2.7713	2.7980
Japan	yen	-	.00272	.00273	.00273	.00273	.00276
Lebanon	pound (free)	-	.2734	-	.2713	.2728	.2818
Mexico	peso	.1218	.1132	.1137	.1137	.1137	.1149
Netherlands	guilder	.2770	.2576	.2589	.2588	.2589	.2616
New Zealand	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.7550	2.7692	2.7713	2.7978
Norway	krone	.1474	.1371	.1377	.1377	.1377	.1392
Pakistan	rupee	.3182	.2959	.2974	.2972	.2973	.3005
Peru	sol-certificate	.07001	.06346	.06392	.06203	.06167	.06136
Philippines	peso	.5264	.4895	.4919	.4917	.4919	.4970
Portugal	escudo	.03652	.03412	.03433	.03426	.03432	.03470
Singapore	dollar	.3440	.3190	.3214	.3231	.3233	.3264
Sweden	krona	.2035	.1892	.1902	.1901	.1902	.1922
Switzerland	franc	.2429	.2266	.2272	.2293	.2296	.2320
Turkey	lira	.3753	.3496	.3514	.3512	.3513	.3550
Union of South Africa	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.7549	2.7692	2.7713	2.7980
Venezuela	bolivar	.3143	.2922	.2937	.2935	.2936	.2967
Yugoslavia	dinar	-	.00326	.00328	.00328	.00328	.00331

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

(1) Includes Belgian Empire and Luxemburg.

TABLE 20.- INDEX NUMBERS OF CONSUMER AND WHOLESALE PRICES

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## IN CANADA AND OTHER SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

Country	Base Period	1939	1952	1952		1953			
				Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May
<u>COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES</u>									
Australia .....	1936 - 1939	182.9	232.7(f)	253.0					
Canada .....	1949(a)	63.2	116.5	115.8	115.7	115.5	114.8	114.6	114.4
Denmark .....	1935	109	218		221			219	
France (Paris) ..	1949		145.4	145.4	145.6	146.0	145.2	144.7	145.5
India (Bombay) ..	1933 - 1934	106	337	346	346				
Italy (Rome) ....	1938	105(d)	4,932	5,005	5,034	4,992	4,988		
Malaya .....	January 1949(e)		138	134	134	134			
Mexico .....	1939	100.0							
Netherlands .....	1949		120	120	120	120	120		
New Zealand .....	1st. qtr. 1949	74.8	127.5	129.4			130.6		
Norway .....	1949	63.8	132.9	134.6	134	134	135	135	
South Africa ....	1938	99.9	185.8	190.6	189.5	188.9	189.4	189.9	
Sweden .....	1935	107.5	223.0	224.3	224.3	223.9			
Switzerland .....	August, 1939		171.0	171.0	169.9	169.5	169.3		
United Kingdom ..	Jan. 15, 1952		102.6	104.5	104.4	104.7	105.4	106.4	
United States ...	1947 - 49(b)	59.4	113.5	114.1	113.9	113.4	113.6	113.7	
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia .....	1936 - 1939	101.1	299(f)	319(c)	317	315			
Canada .....	1935 - 1939	99.3	226.0	221.1	221.5	220.9	221.9	219.6	220.1
Denmark .....	1935	118	364	352	350	349	347	345	
France .....	1949		144.9	140.5	140.8	139.2	139.7	139.0	139.3
India .....	Sept. '38-Aug. '39		434.6(g)	372.7	377.5	381.5	385.2		
Italy .....	1938		5,270	5,287	5,264	5,243	5,260		
Mexico .....	1929	127.0							
Netherlands .....	1948		140	139	137	136			
New Zealand .....	1926 - 1930	107.1							
Norway .....	1938	102	276.3	280.5	278	276	275	276	
South Africa ....	1938(h)	97.6	259.0	264.8					
Sweden .....	1935	115	317	305	303	302	301		
Switzerland .....	August, 1939		220.5	216.5	214.5	213.5	213.5		
United Kingdom ..	1930	102.8	327.9	327.6	327.7	323.6(c)	323.5(c)	314.3(c)	
United States ...	1947-49(b)	50.1	111.6	109.6	109.9	109.6	110.1	109.4	

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.

TABLE 21. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES OF CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS, AUGUST 1945-JULY 1952

Revised to include Final Five-Year Contract Payment for Wheat and Final Crop-Year Payments for Wheat, Oats and Barley  
(1935-39=100)

	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
<u>Canadian Farm Products Total</u>								
Jan. ....	-	175.8	182.5	221.2	234.7	221.7	250.9	271.5
Feb. ....	-	176.5	183.5	219.1	228.4	224.5	262.5	259.6
Mar. ....	-	175.9	184.7	219.9	226.7	229.4	272.9	256.7
Apr. ....	-	178.9	185.9	224.6	227.0	231.3	265.4	253.8
May .....	-	180.3	188.8	230.9	227.7	234.1	265.3	252.7
June .....	-	183.3	190.2	241.6	232.6	243.4	272.6	257.9
July .....	-	185.2	192.7	242.5	233.8	246.8	277.1	253.5
Aug. ....	176.0	181.6	193.9	240.7	230.7	245.1	271.7	-
Sept. ....	170.6	179.0	197.0	238.7	227.6	243.7	268.8	-
Oct. ....	170.9	178.8	196.4	235.2	224.7	237.3	267.7	-
Nov. ....	172.6	179.0	201.7	234.9	225.0	239.2	273.4	-
Dec. ....	174.9	180.1	209.0	236.1	224.9	243.3	275.0	-
Year ....	166.4	179.5	192.2	232.1	228.7	236.7	268.6	-
<u>Field Products</u>								
Jan. ....	-	178.0	172.7	203.6	192.7	189.9	191.1	224.8
Feb. ....	-	178.3	173.3	199.7	190.5	189.3	195.5	221.9
Mar. ....	-	178.7	174.3	199.0	188.7	192.8	198.8	230.1
Apr. ....	-	179.4	174.4	203.8	189.9	194.7	199.2	234.0
May .....	-	180.3	179.2	210.8	191.0	195.4	194.6	240.0
June .....	-	181.2	180.6	218.3	195.4	197.7	192.0	244.4
July .....	-	185.3	187.8	214.9	198.3	197.2	195.4	230.2
Aug. ....	181.1	179.5	188.0	195.7	192.1	191.8	195.1	-
Sept. ....	174.3	174.9	188.2	189.6	191.9	190.2	198.4	-
Oct. ....	174.8	173.4	190.0	189.4	191.8	187.8	204.9	-
Nov. ....	176.5	172.7	199.1	191.2	190.6	187.9	218.2	-
Dec. ....	177.1	172.6	201.9	191.7	189.8	188.2	221.2	-
Year ....	162.5	177.9	184.1	200.6	191.9	191.9	200.4	-
<u>Animal Products</u>								
Jan. ....	-	173.7	192.3	238.8	276.7	253.5	310.7	318.2
Feb. ....	-	174.7	193.7	238.5	266.3	259.6	329.6	297.3
Mar. ....	-	173.1	194.7	241.0	264.7	266.0	347.1	283.3
Apr. ....	-	178.4	197.3	245.5	264.1	268.0	331.6	273.7
May .....	-	180.3	198.4	251.2	264.3	272.8	336.1	265.4
June .....	-	185.4	199.8	265.1	269.9	289.1	353.1	271.4
July .....	-	185.1	197.5	270.3	269.3	296.4	358.9	276.8
Aug. ....	170.9	183.7	199.8	285.8	269.3	298.5	348.3	-
Sept. ....	166.9	183.1	205.9	287.9	263.3	297.1	339.2	-
Oct. ....	167.0	184.2	202.9	280.9	257.6	286.8	330.4	-
Nov. ....	168.8	185.3	204.4	278.6	259.3	290.5	328.5	-
Dec. ....	172.6	187.7	216.1	280.4	259.9	298.4	328.9	-
Year ....	170.2	181.2	200.2	263.7	265.4	281.4	336.9	-

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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