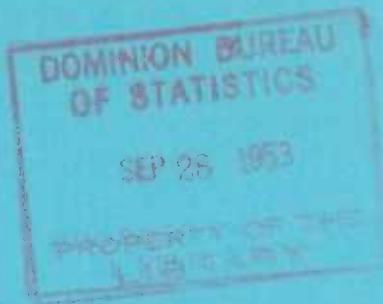


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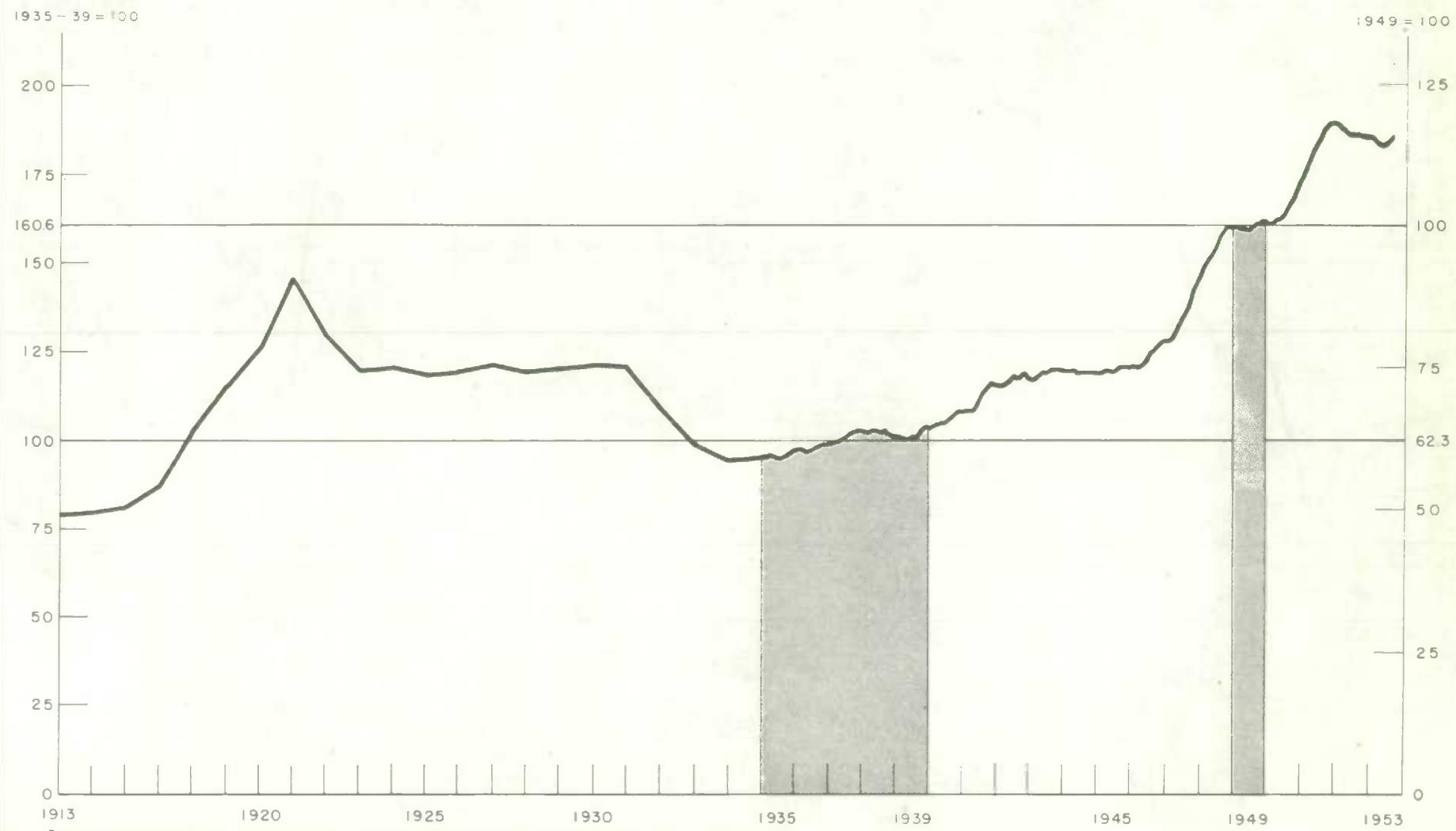
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX*

ANNUALLY, 1913 - 1934

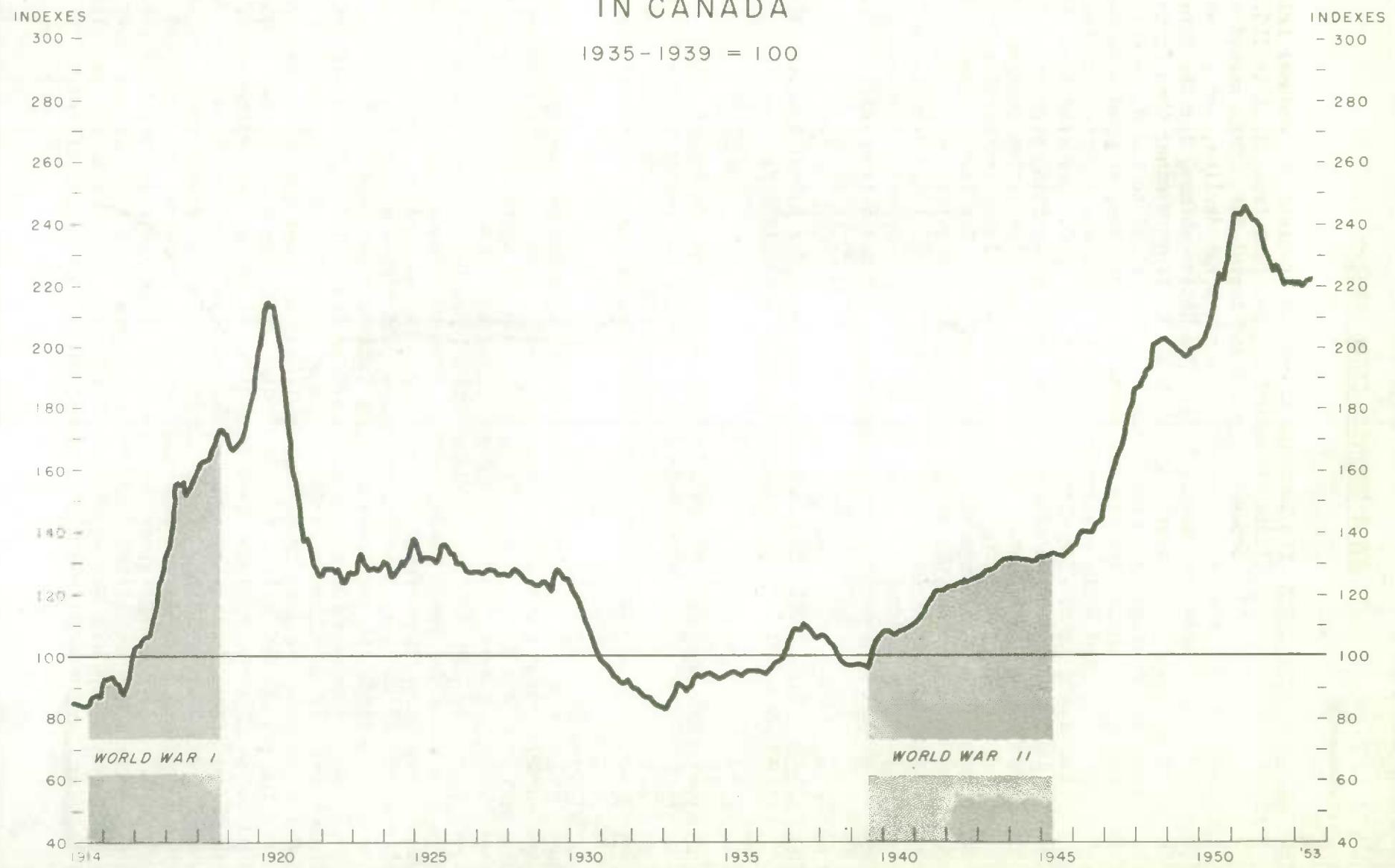
MONTHLY, 1935 - AUGUST, 1953



* 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.

INDEXES OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA

1935-1939 = 100



NOTES ON PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1949 = 100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' Consumer Price Index increased 0.3 per cent from 115.4 to 115.7 between July 2nd and August 1st. This marked a third consecutive increase, subsequent to a six month decline, and placed the index at the same level as January 1953. The latest change, for the first time in many months, was largely attributable to factors other than foods which remained practically unchanged, moving from 112.7 to 112.8. Within the food group a substantial drop in the price of vegetables, coupled with decreases for fresh fruits and beef, was overbalanced by increases in bread, coffee, eggs, pork products and lamb. The clothing index moved up 0.1 per cent from 110.3 to 110.4, as a result of an advance in the price of knitting yarn and a fractional increase in men's wear. The household operation series changed from 117.0 to 117.2, due to higher quotations for fuel oil and scattered slight increases in homefurnishings and cleaning supplies. The largest group index change was registered by the other commodities and services component, which moved up 0.5 per cent from 115.2 to 115.8, reflecting higher quotations for gasoline and hospital rates. The shelter index incorporated advances in both the rental and home-ownership components, and moved from 123.9 to 124.1.

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

The Cost-of-Living Index for August 1st was 186.4, as compared to 186.0 for July 2nd.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (1935-1939 = 100)

Wholesale prices were firmer in August as the composite index moved up 1.2 points over July levels to 222.4, for an advance of 0.5 per cent. This placed the index at approximately the same level as August of the previous year.

Three of the eight major groups were higher, while four were narrowly lower and one was unchanged. Animal products moved up 1.8 per cent from 243.5 to 247.8, as increases in cured meats, livestock, oils and fats, butter, cheese, fishery items and hides and skins outweighed losses for fresh meats, poultry and eggs. Higher quotations for grains, coupled with lesser advances for cocoa beans, coffee, livestock feeds, canned fruits and canned peas, more than offset declines for potatoes, onions, flour, sugar, citrus fruits, raw leaf tobacco, raw rubber and miscellaneous vegetable products, to advance the vegetable products index 1.5 per cent to 201.7 from 198.7. An advance in the non-metallic series from 177.0 to 178.9 was due almost entirely to an increase in petroleum products. Fibres, textiles and textile products declined from 241.2 to 240.3, as lower quotations were registered for raw cotton, cotton fabrics, cotton yarns and domestic raw wool. The wood and wood products group moved from 289.7 to 288.4, reflecting easier prices for fir and cedar lumber, newsprint and woodpulp. Canadian white pine lumber was slightly firmer in this group. In the non-ferrous metals group, an increase in lead and its products was more than offset by decreases in copper and its products, gold, tin and silver, and resulted in an index decline from 168.3 to 168.2. Chemicals and allied products moved from 176.1 to 176.0, as lower prices for glycerine and soda ash overbalanced increases in paint materials. Iron and steel and its products remained unchanged at an index level of 220.6.

Canadian farm product prices at terminal markets weakened in August to 213.6 from a level of 219.2 in July. Most of the decline, however, was due to the change in initial payment prices for western wheat and barley, which came into effect at the beginning of the 1953-54 crop year on August first. This was reflected in a drop in the field products series from 173.1 to 157.2. Potatoes and hay also were lower in this section. Animal products were slightly firmer as the index advanced from 265.3 to 269.9, due to increases in livestock, western butterfat and eggs and eastern milk for cheese manufacture. These overbalanced decreases for eastern fowl, eggs and western raw wool and western milk for cheese manufacture.

The residential building materials index recorded a small decline to 283.6 in August as against 283.9 in July. Price decreases occurred for galvanized range boilers, rock wool and for certain lumber descriptions. These outweighed small advances in pine lumber, shellac, cement at Vancouver and electrical outlet boxes.

The non-residential building materials index, on the base 1949 = 100, declined 0.2 points to 124.5 between July and August. Decreases occurred for such items as plumbing and heating equipment, insulation and certain lumber descriptions, while cement at Vancouver and electrical outlet boxes were firmer.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES
(1935-1939 = 100)

Common stock prices were slightly firmer in August as indicated by an increase in the Investors' index of 0.3 per cent from 160.7 for July to 161.2 for the month under review. Weekly index changes, however, indicated a declining tendency was in evidence, as the composite series receded from 161.3 for the final week of July to 157.6 for the week of August 27th.

Among groups, strength was general for industrials and banks, while utilities were lower. Milling stocks, pulp and paper and textiles and clothing led the advance, while in the utilities group transportation and communication issues were the principal losers.

Mining stock prices were fractionally lower in August as the composite index moved down from 91.4 for July to 90.7 for August for a loss of 0.8 per cent. Base metals were responsible for the decline, an index for this series dropping from 148.9 to 144.0 for a loss of 3.3 per cent. Golds, on the other hand, were firmer at 67.5 as against 66.3 for July.

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>		
					August 1953	August 1953	August 1953
	August 1951	August 1952	July 1953	August 1953	August 1951	August 1952	July 1953
<u>GENERAL INDEX</u>	241.4	223.7	221.2	222.4	- 7.9	- 0.6	+ 0.5
Vegetable Products	215.9	206.5	198.7	201.7	- 6.6	- 2.3	+ 1.5
Animal Products	305.4	244.7	243.5	247.8	- 18.9	+ 1.3	+ 1.8
Textile Products	282.4	248.9	241.2	240.3	- 14.9	- 3.5	- 0.4
Wood Products	302.9	291.0	289.7	288.4	- 4.8	- 0.9	- 0.4
Iron Products	212.0	218.2	220.6	220.6	+ 4.1	+ 1.1	-
Non-ferrous Metals	183.4	170.2	168.3	168.2	- 8.3	- 1.2	- 0.1
Non-metallic Minerals	170.7	173.5	177.0	178.9	+ 4.8	+ 3.1	+ 1.1
Chemical Products	189.3	177.2	176.1	176.0	- 7.0	- 0.7	- 0.1
<u>FARM PRODUCTS</u>	271.7	242.7	219.2	213.6	- 21.4	- 12.0	- 2.6
Field	195.1	208.1	173.1	157.2	- 19.4	- 24.5	- 9.2
Animal	348.3	277.2	265.3	269.9	- 22.5	- 2.6	+ 1.7

WHOLESALE PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED COMMODITIESBETWEEN JULY AND AUGUST 1953

	<u>INCREASES</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>	
	p.c.	p.c.	
Lard, Winnipeg	46.4	Potatoes, Vancouver	37.6
Bacon, smoked, Toronto	19.0	Onions, No. 1 Ontario	26.0
Canned cherries, choice	18.2	Fowl, Grade A, 4-5 lb.	17.5
Tallow	16.7	Lamb carcass, Toronto	16.2
Ham, Toronto	13.2	Flour, Ont. winter wheat	15.3
Potatoes, Halifax	11.7	Lemons, Toronto	9.0
Beef carcass, steer, Winnipeg	9.9	Prairie hay, Saskatoon	8.3
Whitefish, Ontario	9.4	Oranges, Toronto	8.2
Crude oil, Alberta	9.4	Range boiler	7.2
Rolled oats	7.5	Salmon, fresh dressed, Vancouver	6.2
Hogs, Bl dressed, Winnipeg	7.4	Cottonseed oil	4.5
Smelts, frozen	6.7	Grey cotton	4.2
Gasoline, Toronto	6.5	Fir timber, rough, 3"x4"	4.0
White pine, No. 1&2 common	6.5	Raw wool, western domestic	4.0
Coffee, green, Santos	6.2		

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
					Aug.	Aug.	Aug.
	1951	1952	July 1953	Aug. 1953	1951	1952	July 1953
TOTAL INDEX	115.5	116.0	115.4	115.7	+ 0.2	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Food	119.0	115.7	112.7	112.8	- 5.2	- 2.5	+ 0.1
Shelter	115.8	120.6	123.9	124.1	+ 7.2	+ 2.9	+ 0.2
Clothing	110.7	111.6	110.3	110.4	- 0.3	- 1.1	+ 0.1
Household Operation	115.1	115.8	117.0	117.2	+ 1.8	+ 1.2	+ 0.2
Other Commodities and Services	113.4	115.8	115.2	115.8	+ 2.1	- + 0.5	

RETAIL PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED ITEMS BETWEEN JULY AND AUGUST 1953

	<u>INCREASES</u>			<u>DECREASES</u>		
	p.c.			p.c.		
Lettuce	13.6			Tomatoes, fresh		54.3
Hospital rates	5.6			Celery		33.0
Lard	5.2			Cabbage		25.8
Eggs	4.9			Onions		12.2
Lamb, leg roast	4.9			Potatoes		9.6
Fuel Oil	3.7			Oranges		7.1
Gasoline	3.4			Carrots		4.3
Bacon	3.4			Grapefruit		3.8
Pork, loin chops	3.4			Apples, eating		3.2
Turnips	3.0			Chicken		3.0

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
					Aug.	Aug.	Aug.
	1951	1952	July 1953	Aug. 1953	1951	1952	July 1953
Total Investors' Index	169.7	176.0	160.7	161.2	- 5.0	- 8.4	+ 0.3
Total Industrials	174.5	179.8	160.5	161.6	- 7.4	- 10.1	+ 0.7
Machinery & Equipment	419.2	441.8	394.9	396.9	- 5.3	- 10.2	+ 0.5
Pulp & Paper	588.5	519.9	494.9	518.9	-11.8	- 0.2	+ 4.8
Milling	117.7	152.3	129.8	136.4	+15.9	- 10.4	+ 5.1
Oils	145.3	153.4	129.3	131.3	- 9.6	- 14.4	+ 1.5
Textiles & Clothing	366.6	297.2	202.7	211.5	-42.3	- 28.8	+ 4.3
Foods	118.4	107.5	124.3	125.7	+ 6.2	+ 16.9	+ 1.1
Beverages	419.9	375.6	408.6	411.4	- 2.0	+ 9.5	+ 0.7
Building Materials	277.8	299.4	278.5	283.8	+ 2.2	- 5.2	+ 1.9
Industrial Mines	127.1	145.0	121.2	117.7	- 7.4	- 18.8	- 2.9
Total Utilities	162.6	169.9	157.9	154.6	- 4.9	- 9.0	- 2.1
Transportation	328.8	382.4	296.4	281.8	-14.3	- 26.3	- 4.9
Telephone & Telegraph	100.5	94.7	101.4	99.3	- 1.2	+ 4.9	- 2.1
Power and Traction	142.1	142.1	141.9	142.9	+ 0.6	+ 0.6	+ 0.7
Banks	137.2	152.4	169.1	171.7	+25.1	+ 12.7	+ 1.5
Mining Stocks							
General Index	97.7	110.2	91.4	90.7	- 7.2	- 17.7	- 0.8
Golds	69.7	77.6	66.3	67.5	- 3.2	- 13.0	+ 1.8
Base Metals	161.7	184.9	148.9	144.0	-10.9	- 22.1	- 3.3

TABLE 4—PRINCIPAL WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES
(1935-39 = 100)

Date	General		Fully		Indust-	Canadian Farm		
	Whole- sale Price Index	Raw and Partly Manu- factured	and Chiefly Manu- factured	rial Mate- rials		Field	Animal	Total
1913	83.4	85.1	86.2	-	-	-	-	-
1920	203.2	194.7	208.2	-	-	-	-	-
1926	130.3	129.1	133.0	144.3	158.5	130.2	144.4	144.4
1929	124.6	126.1	123.7	132.8	137.2	144.4	140.8	140.8
1933	87.4	79.3	93.3	78.3	69.3	69.2	69.3	69.3
1938	102.0	99.4	103.5	95.8	100.9	104.8	102.9	102.9
1939	99.2	94.9	101.9	99.0	83.7	101.5	92.6	92.6
1940	108.0	103.1	109.9	113.3	85.4	106.7	96.1	96.1
1941	116.4	114.4	118.8	125.2	88.9	124.4	106.6	106.6
1942	123.0	123.0	123.7	135.1	109.7	144.6	127.1	127.1
1943	127.9	131.1	126.9	140.0	129.0	161.8	145.4	145.4
1944	130.6	134.4	129.1	143.1	144.5	166.1	155.3	155.3
1945	132.1	136.2	129.8	143.2	162.5	170.2	166.4	166.4
1946	138.9	140.1	138.0	148.6	177.9	181.2	179.5	179.5
1947	163.3	164.3	162.4	187.0	184.1	200.2	192.2	192.2
1948	193.4	196.3	192.4	222.7	200.6	263.7	232.1	232.1
1949	198.3	197.1	199.2	218.0	191.9	265.4	228.7	228.7
1950	211.2	212.8	211.0	244.6	191.9	281.4	236.7	236.7
1951	240.2	237.9	242.4	296.1	200.4	336.9	268.6	268.6
1952	226.0	218.7	230.7	252.6	216.9	277.5	247.2	247.2
1952	Apr.	226.8	221.3	230.6	258.4	234.0	273.7	253.8
	May	224.6	220.2	227.8	250.7	240.0	265.4	252.7
	June	226.3	220.4	230.3	248.3	244.4	271.4	257.9
	July	225.4	218.2	229.8	247.8	230.2	276.8	253.5
	Aug.	223.7	216.2	228.5	245.4	208.1	277.2	242.7
	Sept.	221.9	212.4	227.6	241.7	194.8	269.1	231.9
	Oct.	220.2	209.7	227.4	239.7	192.7	263.0	227.8
	Nov.	221.5	210.5	228.2	241.2	192.1	266.5	229.3
	Dec.	221.1	210.0	227.8	241.2	189.4	268.3	228.8
1953	Jan.	221.5	209.4	229.0	240.2	186.4	266.4	226.4
	Feb.	220.9	207.9	228.8	237.9	182.1	263.1	222.6
	Mar.	221.9	209.8	229.2	237.0	177.3	264.3	220.8
	Apr.	219.6	205.7	227.9	231.9	173.0	256.0	214.5
	May	220.1	206.3	228.3	233.2	170.6	263.2	216.9
	June	221.7	207.2	230.4	234.0	169.9	268.8	219.3
	July	221.2	207.2	229.6	231.7	173.1	265.3	219.2
	Aug.	222.4	210.0	230.1	231.4	157.2	269.9	213.6

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

Please see note, Page 32.

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

Date	- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS -										
	General Whole- Sale Sale Index	Total Vege- table Pro- ducts		Milled Grains Cereal Foods	Live Stock Bakery Poultry		Fruits, and Pro- ducts	Fruits, Fresh Feeds	Fruits, Dried Canned		
		Vege- table Pro- ducts	Grains Cereal Foods		Bakery Poultry						
1952	Average ..	226.0	210.3	206.2	196.0	241.8	177.0	163.0	181.8	147.6	
1952	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	
	June	221.7	197.4	199.4	207.7	206.6	177.0	158.7	175.1	141.1	
	July	221.2	198.7	197.2	206.1	197.8	188.0	155.9	174.6	143.9	
	Aug.	222.4	201.7	211.0	203.7	205.3	188.0	147.3	175.2	149.0	

- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Vege- table Oils and and Pro- ducts	Rubber and Its Pro- ducts	Sugar and Its Pro- ducts	Tea, Coffee and Cocoa	Pota- toes	Onions	Canned Vege- tables	Raw Leaf To- bacco	
1952	Average ..	282.3	200.2	183.2	352.3	443.6	372.4	202.6	179.4
1952	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
	June	289.9	176.8	163.8	342.3	153.1	212.7	175.5	172.4
	July	281.0	175.5	163.8	356.8	196.8	252.1	175.5	172.4
	Aug.	279.9	175.1	162.2	365.1	167.9	159.1	177.0	171.7

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

Date	- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -							
	Total Animal Products	Fishery Products	Raw Furs	Hides and Skins	Leather, Unmanufactured	Boots and Shoes	Live-stock	Steers
1952 Average ...	248.2	278.8	107.7	140.8	208.6	203.4	316.4	422.3
1952 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
May	239.1	253.1	104.4	160.2	213.9	204.8	291.5	321.2
June	247.5	253.9	104.4	158.5	217.3	204.8	298.3	317.8
July	243.5	257.1	98.8	155.9	212.5	205.5	287.7	312.0
Aug.	247.8	258.9	98.8	157.9	212.5	205.5	296.6	317.9
- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded								
	Meats, Fresh	Beef and Veal Carcass	Meats, Cured	Fowl, Dressed	Milk and Its Products	Butter	Oils and Fats	Eggs
1952 Average ...	343.5	419.1	172.6	194.6	232.5	237.7	103.2	169.4
1952 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
June	319.9	344.2	247.4	234.9	221.2	221.9	109.4	208.3
July	303.2	321.0	245.1	241.0	220.5	221.2	122.6	224.0
Aug.	298.4	313.0	278.2	198.8	221.4	222.2	148.3	223.1

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued
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- 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 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
June	241.7	282.0	244.6	246.6	244.1	248.9	169.5	163.3
July	241.2	288.5	244.6	246.6	244.1	238.3	169.5	163.3
Aug.	240.3	282.0	243.0	245.4	244.1	238.3	169.5	163.3

- 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 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
June	176.9	266.2	254.5	226.3	234.8	252.5	270.2	224.9
July	176.9	266.2	258.6	223.7	234.8	252.5	268.2	224.9
Aug.	176.9	258.8	258.6	223.7	234.8	252.5	268.2	224.9

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 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	
June	290.5	423.6	404.8	344.2	392.6	502.7	391.7	205.3	289.4	215.9	
July	289.7	421.7	404.8	329.8	392.6	500.3	391.2	204.8	288.8	215.9	
Aug.	288.4	418.0	404.8	329.8	392.6	491.5	384.9	204.0	287.9	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 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
June	220.6	260.1	209.6	238.3	222.8	245.5	288.1	223.0
July	220.6	260.1	209.6	238.3	222.8	245.5	288.1	223.0
Aug.	220.6	260.1	209.6	238.3	222.6	245.5	288.1	223.0

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued
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Date	- NON-FERROUS METALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -								Combined Index Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals(2)
	Total Non-Ferrous Metals (1)	Anti-mony	Copper and Its Products	Lead and Its Products	Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Products	Solder	
1952 Average	172.9	257.3	270.2	336.4	215.5	227.1	375.0	239.2	225.0
1952 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
June ..	168.6	175.6	281.5	264.6	218.9	177.9	256.4	207.0	222.2
July ..	168.3	175.6	281.2	270.3	218.3	154.0	256.4	191.1	222.1
Aug. ..	168.2	175.6	280.2	276.6	217.6	150.2	256.4	191.1	222.1

	- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -							Window Glass
	Total Non-Metallic Products	Clay and Allied Material Products	Pottery	Coal	Coal Tar	Coke	Manufactured Gas	
1952 Average	173.9	207.0	146.8	176.1	213.7	226.8	132.5	200.0
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
June ..	176.4	221.5	146.8	176.2	213.7	227.3	138.5	233.8
July ..	177.0	221.5	146.8	177.8	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
Aug. ..	178.9	221.5	146.8	177.8	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8

(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 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
June	170.7	164.9	134.6	126.9	184.1	150.4	282.4	202.9
July	170.7	165.4	134.6	126.9	184.1	150.4	282.4	202.5
Aug.	170.7	171.0	142.9	134.3	184.1	150.4	282.4	201.6

NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Plaster	Lime	Cement	Sand and Gravel	Crushed Stone	Building Stone	Asbestos and Its Products
1952 Average	126.4	190.4	154.6	142.6	155.8	192.0	267.1
1952 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
June	126.7	191.3	158.3	142.1	155.7	200.7	267.1
July	126.7	191.3	158.3	142.1	155.7	200.7	267.1
Aug.	126.7	191.3	158.6	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 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
June	176.4	136.2	216.6	191.6	174.8	288.8
July	176.1	140.1	216.6	191.6	174.8	288.8
Aug.	176.0	140.0	212.9	191.6	174.8	288.8

- CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Ex-plosives	Paint Prepared	Fertil-izer Materials	Indus-trial Gases	Soap
1952 Average .	139.3	187.9	175.9	127.3	191.1
1952 Apr.	139.5	189.1	178.5	128.5	191.1
May	139.5	189.1	178.5	127.3	191.1
June	139.5	189.1	174.0	125.9	191.1
July	139.5	189.1	174.0	129.0	191.1
Aug.	139.5	189.1	174.0	131.2	191.1
Sept. ...	139.5	189.1	174.0	129.0	191.1
Oct.	139.5	189.1	174.0	127.7	191.1
Nov.	139.5	189.1	174.0	125.7	191.1
Dec.	139.5	189.1	174.0	126.5	191.1
1953 Jan.	139.5	189.1	174.0	126.5	191.1
Feb.	139.5	189.1	174.0	126.6	191.1
Mar.	139.5	189.1	174.0	126.5	191.1
Apr.	139.5	189.1	173.3	125.9	191.1
May	139.5	189.1	173.3	128.8	191.1
June	139.5	189.1	173.3	126.9	191.1
July	139.5	189.1	166.4	127.1	191.1
Aug.	139.5	189.1	166.4	129.4	191.1

TABLE 6. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

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- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -

(1935-39=100)

Date	Total Index (1949=100)*	Total Index	Cement and Gravel	Brick, Sand and Gravel	Lumber and Its Products	Lath, Plaster and Insula- tion	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 ...	48.1	109.6	105.5	103.2	110.9	101.4	104.3	156.8	110.2	91.6	112.0
1929 ...	49.3	112.4	107.6	107.4	116.7	94.4	108.8	151.5	108.5	130.1	106.1
1932 ...	38.4	87.5	103.7	101.8	72.7	85.0	95.5	111.7	108.1	79.1	89.5
1939 ...	44.9	102.3	94.0	97.2	104.9	99.4	104.1	97.2	103.0	102.4	104.6
1940 ...	48.4	110.3	94.6	98.0	119.1	99.7	110.4	115.2	106.5	107.1	109.2
1941 ...	53.8	122.6	99.1	105.1	139.2	102.8	118.7	136.2	114.6	109.0	112.5
1942 ...	57.4	130.9	100.8	109.0	153.2	104.8	123.4	146.9	120.0	110.3	117.6
1943 ...	61.0	139.1	101.2	113.1	171.3	104.8	130.1	149.4	120.0	110.3	117.9
1944 ...	64.3	146.6	101.8	114.9	188.4	104.8	136.0	146.6	120.0	110.3	117.9
1945 ...	65.0	148.3	102.1	116.4	191.3	104.8	135.5	142.2	122.2	111.4	118.0
1946 ...	67.8	154.5	102.0	121.0	202.1	104.2	146.2	144.2	127.2	116.9	126.4
1947 ...	79.1	180.4	109.7	133.4	242.0	107.3	172.3	169.6	145.2	147.4	143.0
1948 ...	95.4	217.5	122.3	143.1	305.8	116.7	201.6	183.1	168.3	169.8	162.3
1949 ...	100.0	228.0	127.0	151.0	322.1	118.1	190.5	179.6	180.2	173.4	174.7
1950 ...	106.4	242.7	131.3	163.8	349.2	116.7	235.4	174.8	183.2	184.5	181.1
1951 ...	125.5	286.2	140.9	180.7	425.0	126.3	235.8	197.8	210.4	213.3	212.7
1952 ...	124.9	284.8	149.5	195.3	415.7	128.5	217.7	194.9	215.6	212.0	226.3
<u>1952</u>											
Jan.	126.3	288.0	148.3	183.2	424.7	126.7	210.9	197.5	217.3	218.8	222.1
Feb.	126.3	287.9	148.9	183.2	423.6	126.7	223.0	200.5	217.3	215.9	222.1
Mar.	125.8	286.8	148.9	192.5	420.9	126.7	220.0	199.7	216.6	211.6	222.1
Apr.	125.0	284.9	148.1	192.5	415.8	129.1	216.9	198.5	216.9	208.4	227.4
May	124.5	283.9	148.1	198.8	413.4	129.1	213.9	193.7	216.2	208.4	227.4
June	124.3	283.5	148.1	198.8	413.4	129.1	210.9	194.2	215.1	206.6	227.4
July	124.5	283.8	148.3	198.8	413.1	129.1	216.9	192.4	215.2	212.9	227.4
Aug.	124.6	284.1	150.1	198.8	413.1	129.1	223.0	192.4	215.2	212.6	227.4
Sept.	124.6	284.0	151.1	198.8	413.1	129.1	220.0	192.4	215.2	212.2	227.4
Oct.	124.5	283.8	151.1	198.8	412.5	129.1	220.0	192.4	215.2	212.2	227.4
Nov.	124.3	283.4	151.1	199.5	412.4	129.1	220.0	190.2	213.3	212.2	228.8
Dec.	124.3	283.3	151.9	199.5	411.9	129.1	217.0	195.0	213.1	212.1	228.8
<u>1953</u>											
Jan.	124.4	283.7	152.1	199.5	412.9	129.1	217.0	195.8	213.1	211.0	228.8
Feb.	123.8	282.3	152.1	199.5	409.5	129.1	217.0	195.4	213.1	211.0	228.8
Mar.	124.3	283.4	152.1	205.7	411.5	129.1	217.0	195.4	211.7	217.9	228.8
Apr.	124.4	283.6	151.6	205.7	410.3	129.1	216.9	195.0	215.5	217.9	228.8
May	124.0	282.8	151.6	207.4	410.4	129.1	216.9	195.8	212.1	209.7	228.8
June	124.6	284.1	151.6	207.4	413.1	129.1	220.0	202.7	211.3	209.7	228.8
July	124.5	283.9	151.6	207.4	412.8	128.9	219.7	203.9	211.3	209.7	228.8
Aug.	124.4	283.6	151.7	207.4	412.6	127.7	219.7	204.4	210.5	210.0	228.8

* Arithmetically converted to base 1949=100, for comparability with Price Indexes of Non-Residential Building Materials shown in Table 7.

TABLE 7. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS
(1949 = 100)

-PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS-

Date	Total Index	Aggregate, Cement and Concrete Mix	Blocks, Brick and Stone	Tile	Lumber and Lumber Products	Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Materials
1950	105.0	103.2	104.3	104.9	110.3	103.0	105.8
1951	118.6	111.3	113.0	110.6	128.3	115.7	125.4
1952	123.2	117.4	119.7	115.5	127.9	121.3	121.7
1952 July	122.9	117.5	120.6	115.6	128.3	121.7	119.3
Aug.	123.0	118.4	120.9	115.8	128.3	121.7	119.3
Sept.	123.0	118.6	121.1	115.9	128.4	121.6	119.2
Oct.	123.9	118.6	121.1	115.9	128.3	121.6	119.2
Nov.	124.2	118.6	123.0	115.9	128.2	121.4	119.2
Dec.	124.2	119.5	123.0	115.9	127.7	121.4	118.8
1953 Jan.	124.4	119.9	123.0	116.7	128.4	121.3	118.6
Feb.	124.5	120.4	123.4	117.2	128.4	121.4	118.6
Mar.	124.8	120.4	126.0	117.3	128.3	121.2	119.6
Apr.	124.6	119.1	126.0	117.3	128.4	121.2	119.9
May	124.4	119.1	126.5	117.0	128.5	120.9	118.5
June	124.7	119.3	126.5	117.0	128.8	121.1	118.7
July	124.7	119.3	126.5	117.0	128.7	121.2	119.6
Aug.	124.5	119.4	126.5	117.0	128.2	120.6	119.7
		Steel and Metal Work	Hard-ware	Lath, Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Materials	Paint and Glass	Miscel- laneous Materials
1950	107.3	103.8	98.7	104.7	100.5	97.7	
1951	122.0	120.3	107.1	128.9	113.0	106.0	
1952	131.3	125.9	109.7	134.5	115.6	106.4	
1952 July	130.2	125.4	110.0	134.9	114.2	106.5	
Aug.	130.2	125.4	110.0	134.9	114.2	106.5	
Sept.	130.2	125.4	110.0	134.9	114.2	106.5	
Oct.	134.7	125.8	110.0	134.9	114.2	106.5	
Nov.	134.7	128.3	110.0	134.9	114.1	106.5	
Dec.	134.7	128.3	110.1	135.1	118.7	106.5	
1953 Jan.	134.7	128.3	110.3	135.1	118.7	106.5	
Feb.	134.7	128.3	110.3	135.1	119.2	106.5	
Mar.	134.8	128.3	110.3	135.1	119.2	103.7	
Apr.	134.7	128.3	110.2	134.9	119.1	103.7	
May	134.7	128.3	110.2	134.9	119.2	103.7	
June	134.7	128.3	110.2	134.9	124.9	103.7	
July	134.7	128.3	110.2	132.6	124.9	103.2	
Aug.	134.7	128.2	109.2	132.6	124.9	103.2	

TABLE 8. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity 1/	Unit	Yearly Average 1952	Aug. 1952	July 1953	Aug. 1953
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern, Domestic 2/	bu.	1.822	1.730	2.024	2.012
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern (I.W.A.) 3/	bu.	1.822	1.730	1.845	-
OATS, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	.879	.854	.721	.754
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed	bu.	1.273	1.262	1.142	1.129
RYE, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	1.881	1.830	1.191	1.044
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto	bbl.	11.142	11.300	12.600	12.340
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal 4/	cwt.	8.744	8.312	7.648	7.648
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal	gal.	1.800	1.690	1.200	1.200
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's	lb.	.637	.640	.695	.738
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John	75 lb.bag	4.063	4.438	1.790	1.431
STEERS, Toronto	cwt.	25.771	26.200	18.950	19.750
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included) ...	cwt.	25.802	25.600	32.910	34.800
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers ...	lb.	.182	.180	.165	.175
LEATHER, Packer Bends, No. 1 and 2 ...	lb.	.762	.720	.720	.720
LEATHER, Box Sides, D, f.o.b.					
Ontario factory	sq. ft.	.382	.370	.370	.370
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade, Montreal ..	lb.	.624	.575	.578	.580
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.542	.634	.780	.764
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 15/16", New York	lb.	.389	.389	.339	.334
COTTON YARNS, 10's white	lb.	.793	.780	.690	.690
WOOL, Raw, Eastern bright, 1/4 blood ..	lb.	.483	.480	.520	.510
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Canadian Mill (Southern Quebec)	ton	105.462	107.293	110.569	110.224
PIG IRON, Malleable	gr. ton	56.125	55.500	58.000	58.000
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic	cwt.	28.533	29.500	29.759	29.647
LEAD, Domestic	cwt.	16.128	15.419	12.943	13.250
TIN INGOTS	lb.	1.210	1.167	.821	.800
ZINC, Domestic, Grade "A", Electrolytic	cwt.	17.370	15.010	11.850	11.850
COAL, United States Anthracite	ton	19.790	19.300	21.100	21.010
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto	gal.	.222	.222	.217	.231
SHINGLES, Asphalt	210-lb. sq.	8.450	8.450	8.450	8.450
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume	ton	24.000	24.000	26.350	26.350

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

2/ 1953-54 I.W.A. and Domestic.

3/ 1952-53 I.W.A. includes six cents carrying charge.

4/ Paper bags, effective January, 1953.

TABLE 9. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES
(1949 = 100)

		Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	House-hold Operation	Other Commodities & 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>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
	June	1	114.9	111.4	123.6	110.1	116.6	115.1
	July	2	115.4	112.7	123.9	110.3	117.0	115.2
	August	1	115.7	112.8	124.1	110.4	117.2	115.8

TABLE 10. - 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>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
May 1	82.1	183.6	222.8	151.0	153.2	206.3	196.2	149.0	206.5
June 1	83.3	184.8	225.7	152.5	152.6	206.4	196.2	149.0	207.9
July 2	84.5	186.0	229.2	152.9	153.5	206.5	196.0	149.2	209.7
Aug. 1	84.9	186.4	229.5	153.3	153.6	206.7	195.9	150.0	210.1

^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 August 1953 index, inclusive of all such taxes is 187.3.

TABLE 11. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - MAIN GROUPS AND SELECTED COMPONENTS
 (1949 = 100)

	1950	1951	1952	May 1953	June 1953	July 1953	Aug. 1953
<u>Total Index</u>	102.9	113.7	116.5	114.4	114.9	115.4	115.7
<u>Food</u>	102.6	117.0	116.8	110.1	111.4	112.7	112.8
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	99.7	108.6	113.3	111.8	111.5	111.3	111.2
Cereal Products	103.4	113.0	117.4	117.6	118.3	120.1	120.6
Meats, Fish and Poultry	106.5	127.9	115.5	105.0	106.1	105.8	106.5
<u>Shelter</u>	106.2	114.4	120.2	122.9	123.6	123.9	124.1
Rent	108.2	114.5	120.9	124.3	125.5	125.9	126.2
Home-Ownership	103.6	114.4	119.3	121.0	121.0	121.3	121.4
<u>Clothing</u>	99.7	109.8	111.8	110.1	110.1	110.3	110.4
Men's Wear	99.2	111.6	115.2	113.3	113.3	113.4	113.6
Women's Wear	99.0	105.6	104.8	103.0	103.0	103.0	103.0
Children's Wear	101.6	108.6	111.5	108.6	108.6	108.6	108.6
Footwear	100.8	116.6	127.2	127.7	127.7	127.7	127.7
Piece Goods	103.0	119.8	107.4	104.4	104.4	106.7	107.7
<u>Household Operation</u>	102.4	113.1	116.2	116.6	116.6	117.0	117.2
Fuel and Lighting	103.8	109.9	113.4	114.9	114.6	115.3	116.1
Home Furnishings	101.5	115.5	117.6	116.6	116.7	116.8	116.8
Furniture	101.6	112.9	115.6	117.3	117.3	117.6	117.6
Utensils and Equipment	101.0	113.2	118.9	120.5	121.2	121.8	122.0
Supplies and Services	102.4	112.7	116.8	118.2	118.4	118.8	118.9
Supplies	100.3	112.2	112.4	113.2	113.3	113.2	113.4
Services	103.8	113.0	119.7	121.6	121.9	122.7	122.7
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	103.1	111.5	116.0	115.1	115.1	115.2	115.8
Transportation	105.4	113.0	117.4	118.8	118.8	118.8	119.6
Automobile Operation	103.8	112.9	114.9	113.8	114.1	114.1	115.3
Recreation	102.0	109.7	115.7	115.5	115.5	116.1	116.1
Health Care	102.2	110.3	118.8	121.5	121.5	121.6	123.0
Drugs	101.5	107.4	107.9	108.7	108.7	108.9	108.9
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	102.7	111.5	113.3	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.2
Personal Care	100.9	112.5	115.5	116.1	116.1	115.9	115.9
Personal Supplies	99.1	110.6	112.7	111.7	111.7	111.4	111.4

TABLE 12. - PRICE RELATIVES FOR SPECIFIED FOODS INCLUDED IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(1949 = 100)

	Beef, Blade Roast	Beef, Sir- loin	Pork, Loin	Bacon	Salmon, Canned	Chicken	Butter	Margarine
<u>1950</u>	118.8	117.6	99.3	94.1	101.4	96.3	93.4	107.7
<u>1951</u>	151.3	143.5	114.8	95.4	106.3	113.3	104.9	128.5
<u>1952</u>	133.5	132.7	99.0	78.4	107.4	100.8	102.4	115.3
<u>1952</u>	June 2	128.5	130.4	98.0	74.0	111.5	100.7	112.4
	July 2	131.1	133.8	100.7	74.3	111.1	100.0	112.7
	Aug. 1	128.0	136.8	99.3	73.6	106.6	98.8	113.0
<u>1953</u>	Mar. 2	113.3	115.5	103.7	83.1	96.1	108.2	118.2
	Apr. 1	110.6	111.9	102.0	84.7	96.1	114.4	118.5
	May 1	106.9	111.8	113.8	85.9	96.1	116.4	118.8
	June 1	106.3	112.6	121.8	98.6	96.1	116.4	119.1
	July 2	105.0	113.9	116.4	103.8	96.1	115.4	118.8
	Aug. 1	102.3	113.9	120.3	107.4	96.1	112.0	118.5
	Short- ening	Eggs	Peaches, Canned	Oranges	Peas, Canned	Potatoes	Tom- atoes, Fresh	Carrots
<u>1950</u>	96.3	91.8	98.1	113.0	99.3	95.4	102.3	108.8
<u>1951</u>	112.4	116.5	105.5	109.6	107.2	99.9	105.7	124.7
<u>1952</u>	92.3	96.0	104.4	105.3	116.9	196.9	103.2	137.1
<u>1952</u>	June 2	89.2	79.0	105.0	100.2	115.5	260.6	175.9
	July 2	88.9	96.1	105.0	97.7	116.7	254.9	177.2
	Aug. 1	88.6	111.0	104.5	100.5	117.8	219.6	138.6
<u>1953</u>	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	126.6
	May 1	86.7	105.7	97.7	90.9	120.6	105.9	139.9
	June 1	87.4	107.6	97.2	93.7	120.1	106.5	115.9
	July 2	87.4	122.6	97.7	100.2	120.1	123.2	160.8
	Aug. 1	87.7	128.6	97.2	93.2	120.1	111.4	147.9
	Milk, Fresh	Cheese, Pro- cessed	Bread	Flour	Sugar, Gran- ulated	Jam, Straw- berry	Tea	Coffee
<u>1950</u>	102.9	99.1	104.6	104.8	114.4	104.4	101.6	144.8
<u>1951</u>	110.0	111.1	115.5	106.9	129.8	114.0	104.2	163.2
<u>1952</u>	118.4	115.9	119.3	105.9	121.0	110.6	104.9	163.0
<u>1952</u>	June 2	118.5	116.1	119.7	106.2	119.3	111.7	162.2
	July 2	118.5	115.4	119.7	104.7	118.2	110.4	161.9
	Aug. 1	118.5	115.4	119.7	104.7	117.0	108.7	161.4
<u>1953</u>	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
	May 1	118.5	114.4	118.7	106.2	108.4	102.6	97.3
	June 1	118.5	114.1	119.7	107.6	107.3	102.6	97.3
	July 2	118.5	114.1	122.8	111.9	107.3	102.2	163.5
	Aug. 1	118.5	112.4	123.8	111.9	106.2	104.4	97.1

TABLE 13. - 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'd(1)	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon	Edmon- ton	Van- couver
October, 1938 = 100					August 1939 = 100				
1940	-	106.1	105.2	106.8	104.0	104.1	105.8	104.0	103.7
1941	-	110.2	110.6	113.0	109.9	109.1	112.0	108.2	109.1
1942	140.3	114.5	116.0	118.4	115.6	113.7	116.7	112.7	114.2
1943	149.1	117.0	117.7	120.4	116.5	115.0	118.1	115.3	117.3
1944	160.7	118.3	118.8	120.7	117.1	115.7	119.4	116.3	117.9
1945	160.4	119.3	119.4	122.0	117.7	116.8	120.2	117.5	119.2
1946	163.1	122.5	122.7	126.0	121.8	120.4	124.4	121.3	123.0
1947	172.0	132.7	133.3	138.1	133.7	130.9	137.1	131.9	134.9
1948	184.4	148.9	152.7	158.3	151.7	148.8	157.4	149.9	155.6
1949	177.2	153.8	157.5	163.9	156.4	155.3	162.5	156.0	162.0
1950	173.7	157.0	162.8	170.0	162.8	161.2	166.1	162.1	167.8
1951	-	172.4	179.6	190.3	180.4	178.0	181.4	177.1	185.2
1952	(2)103.5	177.3	184.9	192.7	183.8	180.3	183.3	179.0	190.3
<u>1951</u> 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
May 1	101.1	172.6	180.2	188.3	180.9	176.4	182.2	176.6	187.5
June 1	101.2	173.4	181.0	190.1	182.2	177.2	183.4	177.8	187.6
July 2	101.9	174.8	182.4	192.2	183.3	178.9	185.1	179.0	188.8
Aug. 1	102.9	175.6	183.8	191.8	183.7	178.6	185.5	179.8	188.0

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

TABLE 13. - CITY COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES - Continued
(August 1939=100)

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	St. John's Nfld'd	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon	Edmon- ton	Van- couver	
<u>Food Index</u>										
<u>1952</u>	May 1	(2) 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
	May 1	98.4	212.6	217.1	237.5	211.8	224.8	232.9	230.0	232.6
	June 1	98.6	215.1	218.0	241.6	214.9	227.5	236.8	233.3	233.0
	July 2	99.6	220.0	222.2	247.6	218.2	232.8	241.8	236.9	236.5
	Aug. 1	101.8	222.4	225.2	245.8	218.5	230.5	242.1	237.2	233.5
<u>Rent Index</u>										
<u>1952</u>	May 1	(2) 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
	May 1	107.3	128.4	129.7	152.4	160.1	137.0	135.2	128.5	138.4
	June 1	107.3	128.5	131.5	154.9	162.0	137.0	135.2	129.6	139.0
	July 2	107.3	128.5	132.1	155.2	162.2	137.3	135.4	129.7	140.0
	Aug. 1	107.3	128.5	132.8	155.7	162.8	137.5	136.8	129.7	140.0
<u>Fuel and Light-</u> <u>ing Index</u>										
<u>1952</u>	May 1	(2) 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
	May 1	106.8	155.3	150.6	143.0	179.0	134.4	162.2	121.3	177.7
	June 1	106.8	155.3	152.0	143.0	178.5	134.4	162.2	121.3	174.3
	July 2	106.8	155.3	152.0	143.8	178.5	134.9	162.2	121.3	174.3
	Aug. 1	107.8	155.8	152.8	144.1	178.5	134.9	162.2	124.3	174.3

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

TABLE 13. - 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>										
<u>1952</u>	May 1	(2) 103.8	224.1	231.4	197.0	210.1	208.7	218.7	219.3	223.0
	June 2	103.5	223.6	230.5	196.3	208.9	208.3	217.7	218.4	222.2
	July 2	103.2	223.6	230.5	196.3	208.9	208.3	217.7	217.7	220.8
	Aug. 1	103.1	223.3	230.3	196.2	208.0	207.3	218.3	217.6	220.7
	Sept. 2	103.0	223.5	230.4	195.4	207.1	206.8	218.3	216.9	219.6
	Oct. 1	102.7	221.9	228.7	194.8	206.3	203.2	217.5	215.7	218.4
	Nov. 1	102.4	220.3	227.2	193.5	205.1	201.6	216.2	215.1	218.4
	Dec. 1	102.1	220.0	226.7	193.4	205.0	201.7	216.2	215.2	218.1
<u>1953</u>	Jan. 2	102.1	220.1	226.8	193.4	205.0	201.7	215.9	214.0	217.1
	Feb. 2	102.2	220.0	226.7	193.6	205.0	201.2	215.9	213.9	216.5
	Mar. 2	102.0	220.5	227.2	193.6	205.6	201.7	215.9	213.8	216.2
	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
	June 1	101.9	222.2	229.0	194.4	207.0	202.5	217.9	213.4	217.2
	July 2	101.8	221.9	228.7	194.6	207.2	202.5	217.8	213.7	217.2
	Aug. 1	101.9	222.1	229.3	194.7	207.3	203.3	217.9	213.7	217.2
<u>Homefurnishings and Services Index</u>										
<u>1952</u>	May 1	(2) 102.5	190.1	189.8	204.7	192.3	198.3	202.9	190.3	194.5
	June 2	101.8	189.7	188.9	203.0	191.3	198.1	203.2	190.2	194.2
	July 2	101.8	189.7	189.0	202.8	190.3	197.4	203.2	189.7	194.2
	Aug. 1	101.8	187.1	186.8	201.8	189.3	197.2	203.2	189.7	194.2
	Sept. 2	101.7	186.4	185.7	202.0	188.8	197.1	203.6	189.5	194.4
	Oct. 1	101.5	186.4	185.7	202.4	188.9	197.8	202.7	190.1	194.0
	Nov. 1	101.4	186.6	185.9	201.5	188.8	197.0	202.5	189.6	193.9
	Dec. 1	101.2	187.7	185.9	201.1	188.4	198.2	202.9	189.5	193.7
<u>1953</u>	Jan. 2	101.3	187.7	190.0	201.9	189.0	197.9	203.1	189.4	195.1
	Feb. 2	101.6	187.2	189.7	202.0	189.6	197.9	202.9	189.1	195.1
	Mar. 2	101.5	187.1	189.5	202.1	190.0	198.1	203.1	190.5	195.4
	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
	June 1	101.1	188.6	189.3	203.7	188.9	196.6	202.6	190.7	194.8
	July 2	101.0	188.7	189.3	203.3	189.1	196.4	204.2	191.6	194.8
	Aug. 1	101.2	188.6	189.4	203.0	189.0	196.7	204.2	191.5	195.3
<u>Miscellaneous Index</u>										
<u>1952</u>	May 1	(2) 100.2	138.4	151.4	141.5	147.0	139.8	134.0	140.1	152.7
	June 2	100.2	138.4	151.4	141.5	147.0	139.8	134.0	139.9	152.7
	July 2	100.2	138.3	151.4	141.5	146.9	139.7	133.9	139.9	152.7
	Aug. 1	100.3	138.5	151.5	141.6	147.6	141.1	134.4	140.2	153.0
	Sept. 2	100.3	138.5	151.5	141.6	147.6	141.0	134.3	140.3	153.0
	Oct. 1	100.3	138.5	151.4	144.0	147.6	141.2	134.3	140.3	153.0
	Nov. 1	100.2	139.6	152.1	144.2	147.4	141.1	134.3	141.4	153.0
	Dec. 1	100.2	139.6	152.1	144.2	147.4	141.0	134.3	141.4	153.0
<u>1953</u>	Jan. 2	100.2	139.6	152.1	144.2	147.4	141.0	134.3	141.4	152.9
	Feb. 2	100.7	140.1	152.1	144.2	147.6	141.0	134.3	141.4	152.9
	Mar. 2	98.5	138.9	150.8	143.2	146.7	140.1	133.2	141.9	152.0
	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
	June 1	99.3	139.9	152.0	144.3	147.9	141.1	133.9	143.8	154.1
	July 2	101.1	139.9	152.0	144.3	148.3	141.1	133.9	143.8	154.1
	Aug. 1	101.4	140.2	152.5	144.8	149.2	142.1	134.1	145.8	154.3

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

**TABLE 14.- ACTUAL AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES IN MANUFACTURING
ADJUSTED FOR CHANGES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
1945 - 1953**

Year and Month	Actual ⁽¹⁾ 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)
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	56.79	49.55	136.2	118.8	114.6
May 1	56.64	49.51	135.8	118.7	114.4
June 1	56.67	49.32	135.9	118.2	114.9
July 1	56.35 (p)	48.83 (p)	135.1 (p)	117.1 (p)	115.4

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

(p) Preliminary

**TABLE 15.- 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 (a)	Taxes and Interest Rates (a)	Farm Wages	Farm Family Living Costs (a)	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	218.1	161.4	410.3	215.8	229.5
April	245.2	216.9	161.4	454.2	209.6	230.9
August	245.4	212.5	161.4	471.9	204.5(r) 229.0(r)	
1953 - January	231.7	207.7	161.4	408.0	202.6(r) 220.1(r)	
April	241.3	208.2	161.4	463.5	203.4	226.1
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	219.1	152.4	430.0	213.9	234.3
April	247.9	218.2	152.4	432.8	207.9	231.9
August	246.8	211.7	152.4	447.4	202.7	229.2
1953 - January	238.4	208.9	152.4	413.4	200.5	223.2
April	242.1	208.4	152.4	434.0	201.4	225.8
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	217.3	169.0	382.4	217.8	224.7
April	242.5	215.7	169.0	484.6	211.2	230.0
August	243.9	213.2	169.0	506.8	206.3(r) 228.9(r)	
1953 - January	225.0	206.6(r)	169.0	400.4	204.8(r) 216.9(r)	
April	240.5	208.1	169.0	505.4	205.4	226.4

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

(r) revised.

TABLE 16. - INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

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(1935-39 = 100)

INVESTORS' INDEX

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS' INDEX										
	Inves- tors'	Total	Machin- ery and Equip- ment	Pulp and Paper	Mill- ing	Oils	Tex- tiles and Cloth- ing	Food and Allied Products	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
	June ...	156.8	155.5	378.9	471.9	128.8	127.4	217.6	118.3	388.1	270.7
	July ...	160.7	160.5	394.9	494.9	129.8	129.3	202.7	124.3	408.6	278.5
	Aug. ...	161.2	161.6	396.9	518.9	136.4	131.3	211.5	125.7	411.4	283.8
<u>Weekly Index</u>											
Aug. 6		162.7	163.2	399.0	515.2	133.0	133.0	210.2	125.5	413.2	286.1
Aug. 13		163.4	164.1	401.3	521.3	138.4	135.2	210.8	126.8	413.5	287.6
Aug. 20		161.0	161.5	400.6	519.1	137.9	130.7	212.8	124.5	411.1	283.9
Aug. 27		157.6	157.8	386.6	520.0	136.3	126.4	212.3	126.1	408.0	277.8

TABLE 16. - INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES - Concluded
(1935-39=100)

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS' INDEX							MINING INDEX (1)		
	Indus- trial Mines	Total Utili- ties	Trans- porta- tion	Tele- phone Tele- graph	Power and Traction	Banks	Mining Total	Golds	Base Metals	
	(2)	(14)	(2)	(2)	(10)	(8)	(27)	(22)	(5,	
1939	98.9	86.1	56.0	109.3	88.9	102.5	104.5	95.6	121.7	
1940	77.1	80.9	62.5	101.0	80.6	95.6	81.2	73.7	95.6	
1941	69.5	70.7	61.4	96.4	65.8	90.5	72.4	65.1	87.0	
1942	66.5	70.4	65.7	89.2	66.1	81.2	52.3	40.8	75.1	
1943	74.8	101.3	112.8	97.2	99.1	80.5	70.1	61.4	86.8	
1944	69.2	100.8	125.2	100.1	93.3	82.0	81.3	74.1	94.2	
1945	86.9	120.2	178.2	108.8	105.5	95.7	95.2	91.0	101.1	
1946	98.0	132.5	203.5	125.2	114.0	130.0	97.8	87.6	116.1	
1947	90.0	117.3	147.9	117.1	109.1	130.8	86.7	76.0	106.1	
1948	100.5	120.2	180.6	108.3	104.7	129.3	82.0	65.0	115.8	
1949	92.1	117.4	161.6	105.9	109.2	134.4	87.4	71.7	117.9	
1950	98.3	132.5	208.8	103.5	123.7	147.4	89.9	67.4	134.9	
1951	126.0	162.3	325.6	101.4	142.5	144.6	99.2	69.8	166.4	
1952	139.7	168.3	378.6	94.6	139.8	148.4	103.6	73.9	171.5	
<u>1939</u> Aug. .	95.4	81.1	39.6	110.7	85.5	103.0	105.6	95.8	124.2	
<u>1945</u> Dec. .	99.0	135.9	221.2	117.5	114.7	107.5	108.2	104.0	113.8	
<u>1946</u> Dec. .	92.1	118.3	148.7	118.9	110.3	133.5	83.7	70.9	107.6	
<u>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	
June .	116.5	157.5	296.0	101.4	140.9	168.4	90.2	66.8	143.7	
July .	121.2	157.9	296.4	101.4	141.9	169.1	91.4	66.3	148.9	
Aug. .	117.7	154.6	281.8	99.3	142.9	171.7	90.7	67.5	144.0	
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
Aug. 6	120.2	157.4	293.3	101.0	142.6	170.5	92.1	68.2	146.8	
Aug. 13	118.8	156.7	294.0	98.5	143.9	171.5	92.5	68.5	147.6	
Aug. 20	117.4	153.5	276.5	99.3	142.7	172.9	90.4	67.5	142.8	
Aug. 27	114.3	150.6	263.4	98.5	142.4	171.8	87.9	65.7	138.7	

(1) Mining Stocks are not included in Investor's Total Index

TABLE 17. - 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	162.9
July	157.5	155.4	147.5	138.6	154.6	163.1	159.8	163.6
August	157.9	153.5	146.4	140.4	155.6	165.2	163.6	164.1
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 18. - 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	189.6
June	153.2	119.1	135.1	112.0	147.7	171.7	187.6	182.8
July	149.6	126.0	131.9	117.8	138.2	172.8	192.1	185.5
August	146.4	124.5	127.1	121.8	147.2	181.5	191.1	187.3
September	125.4	123.1	125.7	123.8	151.7	187.3	188.2	
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 19. - 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	120.6
July	85.1	83.8	95.6	93.8	91.0	104.7	117.3	120.7
August	85.0	83.9	96.2	92.7	90.5	104.9	119.1	121.0
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 20. - 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	August Average	June Average	July Average	August Average
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	1.0528	.9789	.9611	.9944	.9918	.9883
United Kingdom	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.6805	2.7982	2.7929	2.7825
Argentina	peso (free)	.07491	.07010	.06911	.07158	.07139	.07113
Australia	pound	2.3576	2.1872	2.1444	2.2385	2.2343	2.2258
Belgium (1)	franc	.02095	.01947	.01912	.01991	.01986	.01978
Brazil	cruzeiro	.05706	.05291	.05195	.05375	.05361	.05341
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.6141	.5696	.5584	.5829	.5818	.5796
Ceylon	rupee	.2211	.2056	.2018	.2099	.2095	.2087
Chile	peso (free)	.01521	.00908	.00763	.00904	.00902	.00898
Colombia	peso (basic)	.4515	.3916	.3844	.3977	.3967	.3953
Cuba	peso	1.0528	.9789	.9602	.9944	.9918	.9882
Denmark	krone	.1525	.1417	.1391	.1440	.1436	.1431
Egypt	pound	3.0232	2.8111	2.7599	2.8554	2.8481	2.8377
France and North Africa	franc	.00300	.00280	.00275	.00284	.00283	.00282
Germany	deutsche mark	.2507	.2331	.2288	.2368	.2362	.2353
Hong Kong	dollar	.1829	.1709	.1675	.1749	.1746	.1739
India	rupee	.2211	.2056	.2018	.2099	.2095	.2087
Ireland	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.6805	2.7982	2.7929	2.7825
Italy	lira	.00169	.00157	.00154	.00160	.00159	.00159
Jamaica	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.6805	2.7982	2.7929	2.7825
Japan	yen	-	.00272	.00267	.00276	.00276	.00275
Lebanon	pound (free)	-	.2734	-	.2857	.2940	.2962
Mexico	peso	.1218	.1132	.1111	.1150	.1147	.1142
Netherlands	guilder	.2770	.2576	.2529	.2617	.2610	.2601
New Zealand	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.6805	2.7982	2.7929	2.7825
Norway	krone	.1474	.1371	.1346	.1392	.1388	.1384
Pakistan	rupee	.3182	.2959	.2905	.3005	.2998	.2987
Peru	sol-certificate	.07001	.06346	.06229	.06172	.06127	.06006
Philippines	peso	.5264	.4895	.4806	.4972	.4959	.4941
Portugal	escudo	.03652	.03412	.03350	.03470	.03461	.03449
Singapore	dollar	.3440	.3190	.3127	.3265	.3258	.3246
Sweden	krona	.2035	.1892	.1858	.1922	.1917	.1910
Switzerland	franc	.2429	.2266	.2239	.2320	.2315	.2306
Turkey	lira	.3753	.3496	.3433	.3551	.3542	.3529
Union of South Africa	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.6805	2.7982	2.7929	2.7825
Venezuela	bolivar	.3143	.2922	.2869	.2968	.2961	.2950
Yugoslavia	dinar	-	.00326	.00320	.00331	.00331	.00329

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

(1) Includes Belgian Empire and Luxembourg.

TABLE 21. - INDEX NUMBERS OF CONSUMER AND WHOLESALE PRICES

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IN CANADA AND OTHER SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

Country	Base Period	1939	1952	1953					
				Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.
<u>COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1936 - 1939	182.9	232.7(f)	255.8					
Canada	1949(a)	63.2	116.5	114.8	114.6	114.4	114.9	115.4	115.7
Denmark	1935	109	218		219			219	
France (Paris)	1949		145.4	145.2	144.7	145.5	145.4	143.7	
India (Bombay)	1933 - 1934	106	337						
Italy (Rome)	1938	105(d)	4,932	4,988	5,148	5,168	5,175		
Malaya	January 1949 (e)		138	135	135				
Mexico	1939	100.0	455.7	449.9					
Netherlands	1949		120	120	120	121	121		
New Zealand	1st. qtr. 1949	74.8	127.5	130.6			132.2		
Norway	1949	63.8	132.9	135	135	135	135		
South Africa	1938	99.9	185.8	189.4	189.9	190.7	193.6	192.7	
Sweden	1935	107.5	223.0	224.4	224.2	224.4			
Switzerland	August, 1939		171.0	169.3	168.8	169.5	169.7	169.5	
United Kingdom	Jan. 15, 1952		102.6	105.4	106.4	106.0	106.6		
United States	1947 - 49 (b)	59.4	113.5	113.6	113.7	114.0	114.5	114.7	
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1936 - 1939	101.1	299(f)	316	321				
Canada	1935 - 1939	99.3	226.0	221.9	219.6	220.1	221.7	221.2	222.4
Denmark	1935	118	364	347	345	343	342	341	
France	1949		144.9	139.7	139.0	139.3	138.6(c)	137.3	
India	Sept. '38-Aug. '39		434.6(g)	385.2	384.7	397.4			
Italy	1938		5,270	5,264	5,234	5,250(c)	5,259		
Mexico	1929	127.0	493.7						
Netherlands	1948		140	136	134	135			
New Zealand	1926 - 1930	107.1	257.2	253.8	252.8				
Norway	1938	102	276.3	275	276	276	276		
South Africa	1938(h)	97.6	259.0	257.1	257.2				
Sweden	1935	115	317	301	300	299	299		
Switzerland	August, 1939		220.5	213.5	212.3	214.0	213.2	212.8	
United Kingdom	1930	102.8	327.9	328.2	332.9	330.7	330.0		
United States	1947-49(b)	50.1	111.6	110.1	109.4	109.8	109.5(c)	110.9	

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 SeriesAppearing in this BulletinWHOLESALE PRICE INDEXESGeneral 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. The initial payment for the crop year beginning August 1, 1953 was \$1.40 per bushel.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Oct. 23, 1952 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, 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 two 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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