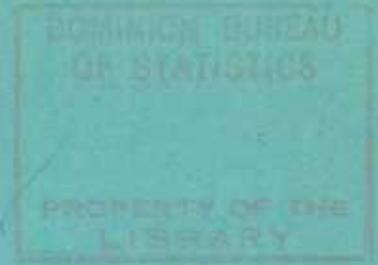


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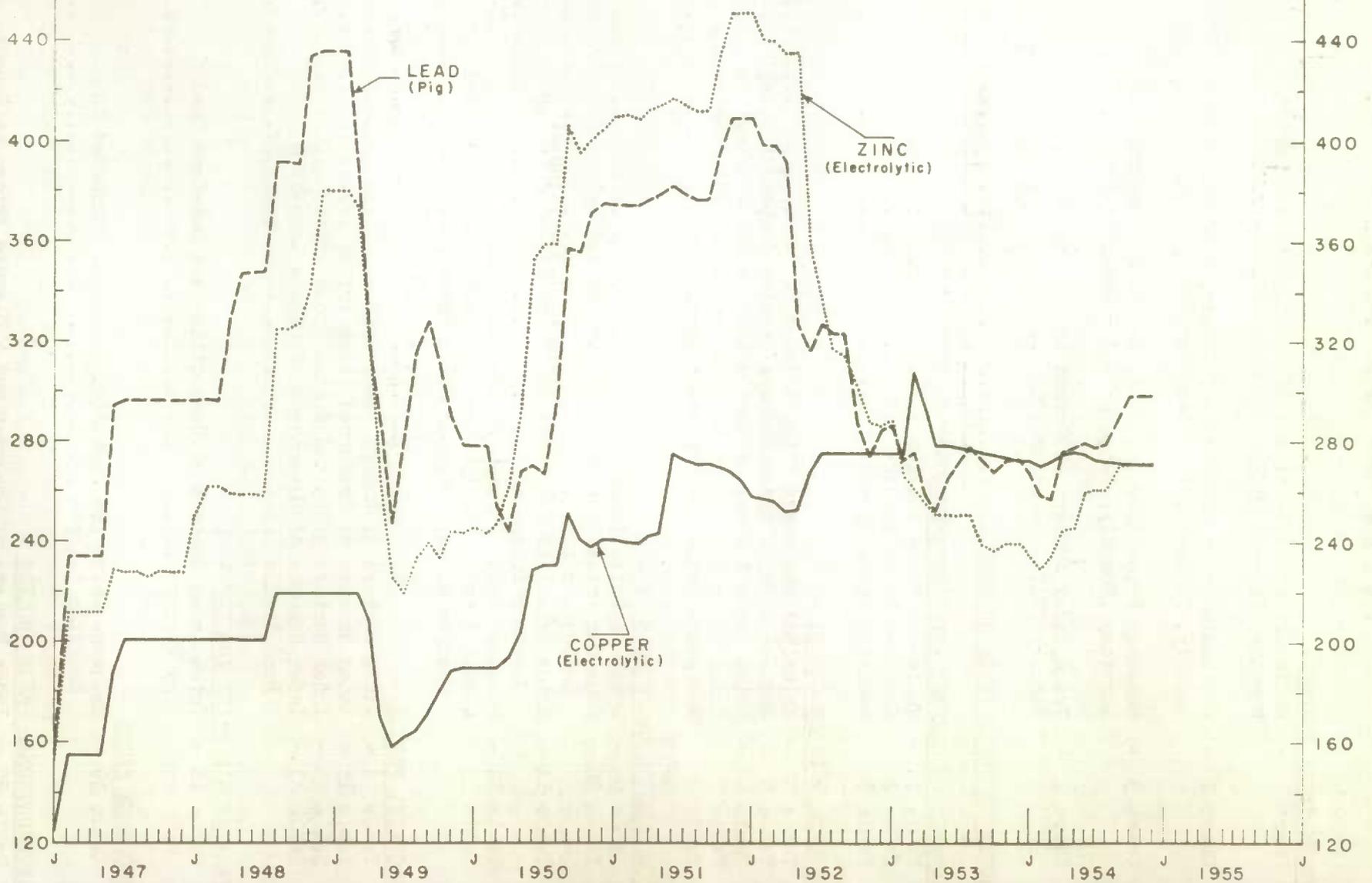
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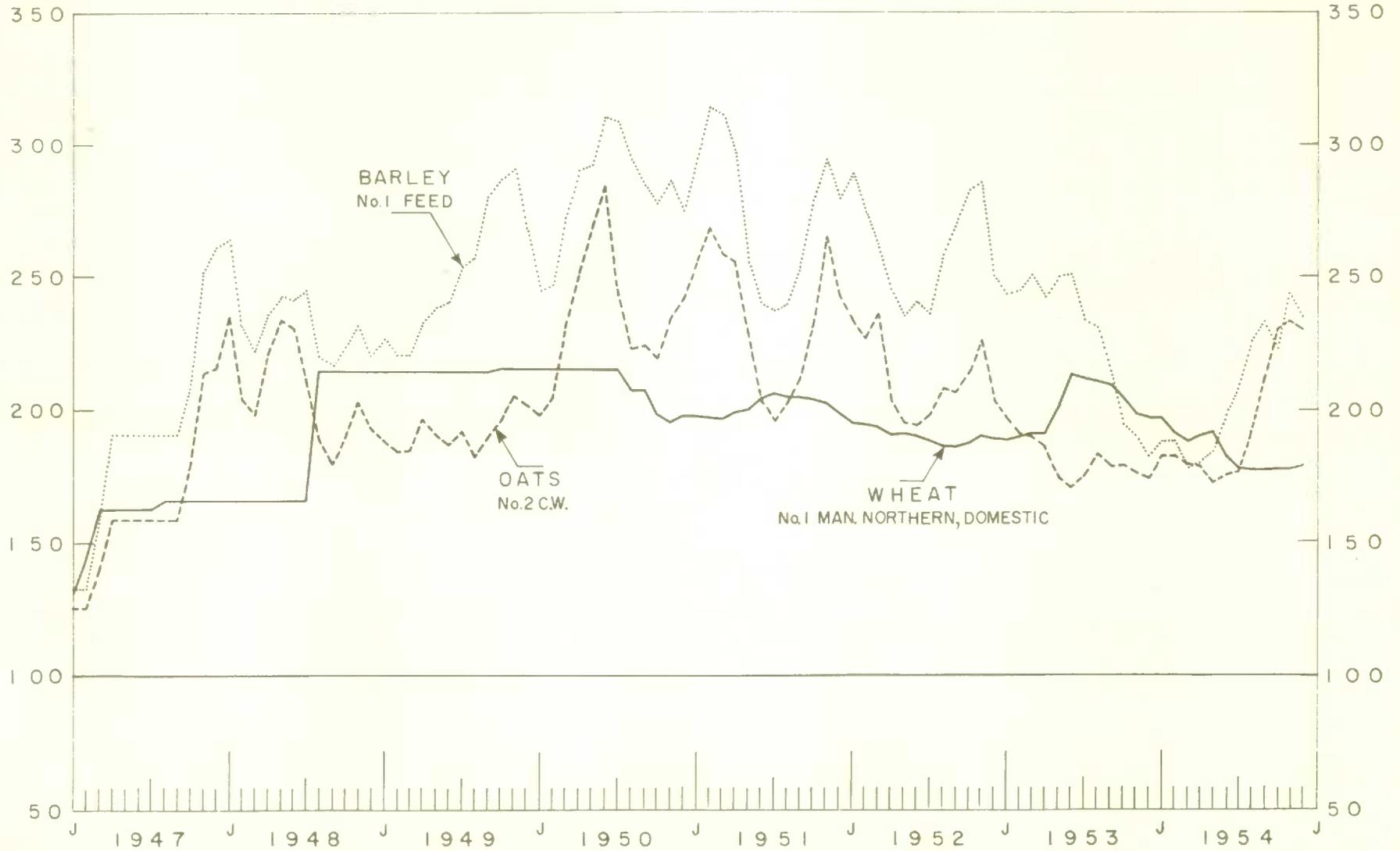
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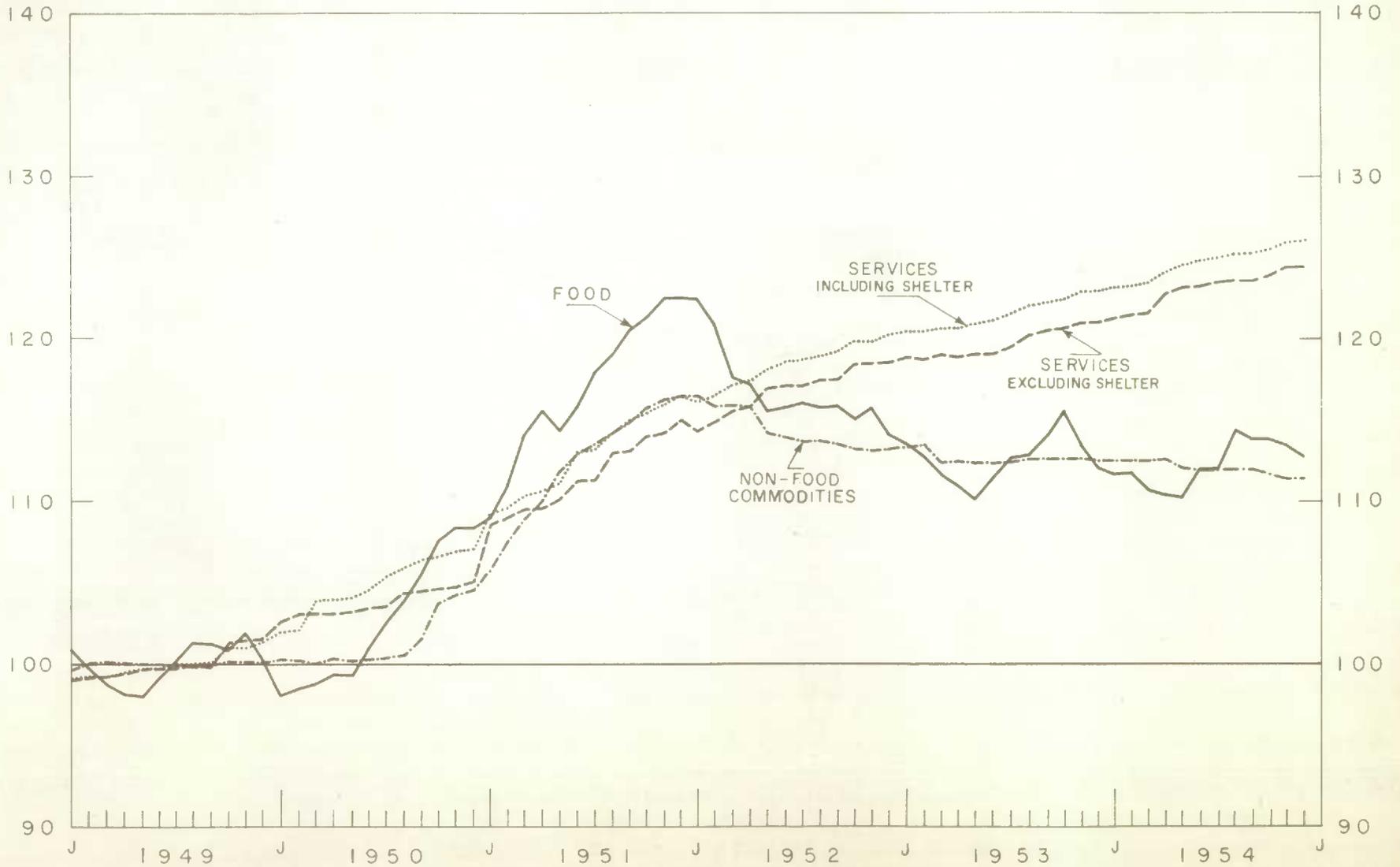
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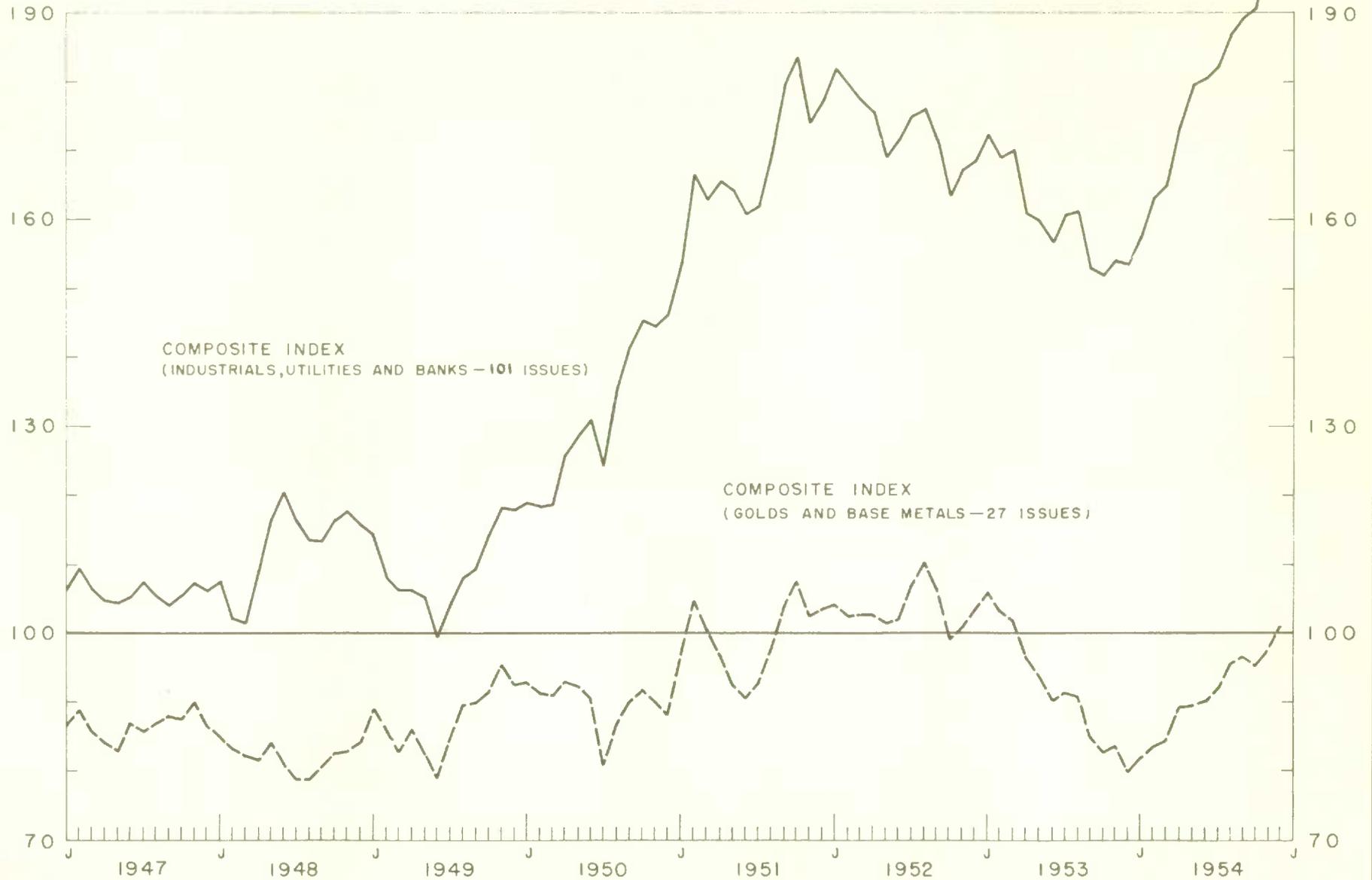
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PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

MONTHLY, JANUARY 1947 — DECEMBER 1954

1935 — 1939 = 100



NOTES ON PRICE INDEX NUMBERSTHE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

(1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index declined from 116.8 to 116.6 between November 1st and December 1st. The change was largely attributable to lower food prices which moved the food index from 113.4 to 112.6. Eggs dropped ten cents per dozen, and among other food items registering lower prices, were coffee, citrus fruits, and all cuts of beef. Higher prices were recorded for canned fruits and vegetables, fresh vegetables, tea and butter. Other group indexes showed little or no change. The clothing series moved from 108.2 to 108.1 under the influence of scattered decreases. Household operation changed from 117.2 to 117.1, as small decreases were recorded for a number of items of homefurnishings. Other commodities and services remained unchanged at 118.2. The shelter index advanced from 127.9 to 128.2, following a further gain of 0.2 per cent in the rent index, and an advance of 0.3 per cent in the home-ownership component.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

(1935-1939 = 100)

The General Wholesale Price index moved up 0.2 per cent between November and December, from 214.8 to 215.3. Over the year 1954, wholesale prices have registered an intermittant decline, which was reflected in a decrease in the General Wholesale Price index of 1.7 per cent between December 1953 and December 1954. Increases in five of the eight major groups were responsible for the December advance. One group declined while two remained unchanged. The largest increase was recorded by Non-ferrous Metals, which rose 1.3 per cent from 168.4 to 170.6, as higher prices for nickel and zinc sheet overbalanced slightly lower quotations for copper, gold, tin and silver. Vegetable Products moved up 0.5 per cent from 195.0 to 195.9, reflecting increases in livestock and poultry feeds, tea, raw rubber, vegetable oils and products, grains, onions and rosin, which outweighed decreases in imported fresh fruits, potatoes and milled cereal foods. In the Animal Products group increases in livestock, fresh meats and butter more than offset decreases in eggs, fowl, cured meats, hides and skins, fishery products and lard, to move the index up 0.2 per cent, from 224.8 to 225.3. Higher prices for fir timber and cedar shingles proved more important than small declines in export prices for newsprint and wood-pulp and the index for Wood, Wood Products and Paper advanced 0.1 per cent from 289.0 to 289.3. Non-metallic Minerals at 175.9 were 0.1 per cent higher than the November level of 175.7, as increases in United States bituminous coal and sand and gravel at Vancouver outweighed declines in cement and sulphur. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products, the only group to record a loss, declined 0.4 per cent from 227.8 to 226.9. Decreases in rayon yarns, worsted yarns and woollen hosiery and knit goods were more important than increases in raw cotton and raw wool, both domestic and imported. Iron and Steel Products remained unchanged at 213.5, while increases in nitric acid, copper sulphate and shellac balanced a decrease in industrial gases to leave the Chemical Products unchanged also at 176.9.

The index of Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets rose 0.4 per cent from 203.8 to 204.7 between November and December. Animal products increased 0.9 per cent from 243.6 to 245.9 due to increases in livestock, eastern butterfat and eastern raw wool. Declines were recorded for eggs and eastern cheese milk. Field products dropped 0.3 per cent from 164.0 to 163.5, as decreases in eastern potatoes, oats and barley and western rye more than offset increases in potatoes at Vancouver, western flax and eastern corn and wheat.

The index of Residential Building Material prices rose 0.1 per cent from 278.4 to 278.7, as gains in fir timber, millwork, cedar shingles and shellac outweighed decreases in cement and rock wool.

Non-residential Building Material prices, based on 1949 = 100, declined 0.1 per cent from 120.5 to 120.4, as decreases in cement and rock wool were more important than increases in millwork, shellac and sand and gravel at Vancouver.

Over the past twelve months, Building Material prices have shown remarkable stability as the Residential Building Materials series advanced 0.2 per cent and the Non-residential series declined 2.6 per cent.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES
(1935-1939 = 100)

Strength in common stock prices, which has been in evidence in 1954, continued through the final month of the year. The December average of 206.8 for the Investors' index of 101 representative issues compared with the November level of 199.5 and a December 1953 index of 153.6. It represented a rise of 4.6 per cent over the twenty-five year peak of 197.8 touched in September 1929. A firmer tone was reflected for each of the three major groups as the index for 79 industrials changed from 203.0 to 210.5 between November and December; 14 utilities from 173.8 to 181.8 and 8 banks from 224.2 to 227.0. Among sub-groups higher indexes were recorded for most series including machinery and equipment issues, pulp and paper, textiles and clothing, building materials, transportation, communication and power and traction. Two sub-groups declined slightly viz. milling and food and allied products.

Mining stocks closed the year at a higher level as the composite index moved up from 97.0 to 100.9 between November and December. When compared with the December 1953 index of 79.9 the increase has amounted to 26.3 per cent. Both base metals and golds were firmer in December as the index for the former advanced from 168.7 to 177.2 and that for the latter from 65.6 to 67.6.

Preferred stocks at index of 175.4 in December were unchanged from the November level but when compared with the December 1953 figure of 161.7, they registered a gain of 8.5 per cent.

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

Note: 1954 Wholesale Price Indexes are subject to revision.

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	Dec.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.
	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
<u>GENERAL INDEX</u>	221.1	219.0	214.8	215.3	- 2.6	- 1.7	+ 0.2
Vegetable Products	202.8	197.7	195.0	195.9	- 3.4	- 0.9	+ 0.5
Animal Products	237.3	239.1	224.8	225.3	- 5.1	- 5.8	+ 0.2
Textile Products	241.4	235.0	227.8	226.9	- 6.0	- 3.4	- 0.4
Wood Products	289.9	285.0	289.0	289.3	- 0.2	+ 1.5	+ 0.1
Iron Products	221.5	222.0	213.5	213.5	- 3.6	- 3.8	-
Non-ferrous Metals	167.7	166.1	168.4	170.6	+ 1.7	+ 2.7	+ 1.3
Non-metallic Minerals	174.9	179.1	175.7	175.9	+ 0.6	- 1.8	+ 0.1
Chemicals Products	176.1	174.2	176.9	176.9	+ 0.5	+ 1.5	-
<u>FARM PRODUCTS</u>	236.1	210.2	203.8	204.7	-13.3	- 2.6	+ 0.4
Field	204.0	158.9	164.0	163.5	-19.9	+ 2.9	- 0.3
Animal	268.3	261.6	243.6	245.9	- 8.3	- 6.0	+ 0.9

WHOLESALE PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED COMMODITIESBETWEEN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1954

	<u>INCREASES</u>		<u>DECREASES</u>
	p.c.		p.c.
Calves, Winnipeg	19.7	Eggs, Grade "A" large, Saskatoon	19.8
Bran	13.3	Potatoes, Winnipeg	15.9
Lard, Vancouver	12.1	Beef hides, packer, cow	11.5
Sand, Vancouver	11.1	Rayon yarn, 40 fil.	11.2
Zinc sheet	9.5	Corn meal	9.8
Potatoes, Vancouver	8.0	Worsted yarn, 2 ply, 18's, 50's	9.1
Nickel, electrolytic	7.7	Bacon, Winnipeg	7.8
Copper sulphate	7.5	Lard, Winnipeg	7.5
Tea, Ceylon and India	7.4	Oranges, Toronto	7.4
Pork carcass, Winnipeg	7.1	Rye, No. 3 C.W.	7.2
Shortening, Toronto	6.8	Oats, No. 1 Feed	6.0
Raw rubber, No. 1, smoked sheets	6.2	Cocoa beans, Accra	4.8
Beef carcass, steer, Vancouver	5.9	Shortening, Winnipeg	4.7
Gluten feed	5.7	Bananas, Toronto	4.6
Fir timber, 3" x 4" - 4" x 4"	5.1	Ham, Toronto	3.6

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

	INDEXES					PERCENTAGE CHANGES		
	Aver-	Aver-	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	1954	Dec.	Dec.
	age	age	1953	1954	1954	1953	1954	1954
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1954	1953	1953	1954
TOTAL INDEX	115.5	116.2	115.8	116.8	116.6	+ 0.6	+ 0.7	- 0.2
Food	112.6	112.2	112.1	113.4	112.6	- 0.4	+ 0.4	- 0.7
Shelter	123.6	126.5	125.2	127.9	128.2	+ 2.3	+ 2.4	+ 0.2
Clothing	110.1	109.4	110.2	108.2	108.1	- 0.6	- 1.9	- 0.1
Household Operation	117.0	117.4	117.4	117.2	117.1	+ 0.3	- 0.3	- 0.1
Other Commodities and Services	115.8	117.4	116.3	118.2	118.2	+ 1.4	+ 1.6	-

RETAIL PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED ITEMS BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1954

	INCREASES		DECREASES	
	p.c.			p.c.
Lettuce	19.6		Eggs	16.0
Celery	16.9		Oranges	10.1
Fresh tomatoes	13.5		Grapefruit	3.6
Cabbage	7.7		Kitchen chairs	1.8
Canned tomatoes	7.5		Orange juice	1.7
Smoked ham	5.2		Bacon	1.5
Carrots	4.8		Bologna	1.4
Apples	4.5		Men's work socks	1.4
Butter	4.3		Electric refrigerators	1.3
Picnic shoulder	4.1		Sirloin steak	1.3

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

	INDEXES					PERCENTAGE CHANGES		
	Year	Year	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Year	Dec.	Dec.
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1954	1953	1954	1954
Total Investors' Index	160.3	181.2	153.6	199.5	206.8	+ 13.0	+ 34.6	+ 3.7
Total Industrials	160.1	182.3	152.7	203.0	210.5	+ 13.9	+ 37.9	+ 3.7
Machinery & Equipment	394.8	480.1	391.5	523.2	554.9	+ 21.6	+ 41.7	+ 6.1
Pulp & Paper	501.6	692.9	544.4	789.3	830.4	+ 38.1	+ 52.5	+ 5.2
Milling	131.2	141.9	129.1	158.4	156.5	+ 8.2	+ 21.2	- 1.2
Oils	131.0	144.4	119.4	158.4	163.5	+ 10.2	+ 36.9	+ 3.2
Textiles & Clothing	222.5	161.7	180.7	170.2	175.2	- 27.3	- 3.0	+ 2.9
Foods	120.7	136.2	122.4	150.9	150.8	+ 12.8	+ 23.2	- 0.1
Beverages	399.3	479.6	420.4	519.8	521.5	+ 20.1	+ 24.0	+ 0.3
Building Materials	279.5	326.1	276.1	358.7	385.6	+ 16.7	+ 39.7	+ 7.5
Industrial Mines	118.1	123.2	103.4	144.5	149.3	+ 4.3	+ 44.4	+ 3.3
Total Utilities	157.2	165.0	146.4	173.8	181.8	+ 5.0	+ 24.2	+ 4.6
Transportation	297.5	291.6	254.2	314.6	337.5	- 2.0	+ 32.8	+ 7.3
Telephone	99.2	111.0	101.2	115.6	118.6	+ 11.9	+ 17.2	+ 2.6
Power and Traction	142.4	150.2	131.4	156.6	162.9	+ 5.5	+ 24.0	+ 4.0
Banks	168.9	208.0	180.2	224.2	227.0	+ 23.1	+ 26.0	+ 1.2
Mining Stocks								
General Index	92.1	91.3	79.9	97.0	100.9	- 0.9	+ 26.3	+ 4.0
Golds	66.2	64.8	57.3	65.6	67.6	- 2.1	+ 18.0	+ 3.0
Base Metals	151.3	151.9	131.5	168.7	177.2	+ 0.4	+ 34.8	+ 5.0

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

Date	General Wholesale Price Index	Raw and Partly Manu- factured	Fully and Chiefly Manu- factured	Indus- trial Mate- rials	Canadian Farm Products (1)		
					Field	Animal	Total
1913	83.4	85.1	86.2	-	-	-	-
1920	203.2	194.7	208.2	-	-	-	-
1926	130.3	129.1	133.0	144.3	158.5	130.2	144.4
1929	124.6	126.1	123.7	132.8	137.2	144.4	140.8
1933	87.4	79.3	93.3	78.3	69.3	69.2	69.3
1938	102.0	99.4	103.5	95.8	100.9	104.8	102.9
1939	99.2	94.9	101.9	99.0	83.7	101.5	92.6
1940	108.0	103.1	109.9	113.3	85.4	106.7	96.1
1941	116.4	114.4	118.8	125.2	88.9	124.4	106.6
1942	123.0	123.0	123.7	135.1	109.7	144.6	127.1
1943	127.9	131.1	126.9	140.0	129.0	161.8	145.4
1944	130.6	134.4	129.1	143.1	144.5	166.1	155.3
1945	132.1	136.2	129.8	143.2	162.5	170.2	166.4
1946	138.9	140.1	138.0	148.6	177.9	181.2	179.5
1947	163.3	164.3	162.4	187.0	184.1	200.2	192.2
1948	193.4	196.3	192.4	222.7	200.6	263.7	232.1
1949	198.3	197.1	199.2	218.0	191.9	265.4	228.7
1950	211.2	212.8	211.0	244.6	191.9	281.4	236.7
1951	240.2	237.9	242.4	296.1	200.4	336.9	268.6
1952	226.0	218.7	230.7	252.6	223.0	277.5	250.2
1953	220.7	207.0	228.8	232.3	178.1	263.8	220.9
1953 Aug.	222.2	210.1	229.7	231.4	164.3	269.9	217.1
Sept.	221.2	207.1	229.8	228.8	161.0	263.7	212.4
Oct.	220.4	205.0	228.8	227.0	158.8	265.3	212.0
Nov.	218.7	203.3	228.0	225.8	158.7	258.0	208.4
Dec.	219.0	204.4	227.6	225.8	158.9	261.6	210.2
1954 Jan.	219.8	206.5	227.8	224.1	159.4	266.3	212.9
Feb.	219.0	205.1	227.3	223.6	160.0	264.7	212.3
Mar.	218.6	204.3	226.9	222.8	158.3	262.0	210.2
Apr.	217.9	205.7	225.1	223.9	157.6	260.4	209.0
May.	218.2	207.5	224.5	224.2	158.2	268.0	213.1
June	217.8	206.7	224.5	223.9	158.9	267.3	213.1
July	217.4	207.4	223.6	224.2	173.6	262.1	217.8
Aug.	215.8	204.9	222.3	222.1	167.6	248.2	207.9
Sept.	215.3	202.9	222.6	221.7	162.6	245.5	204.1
Oct.	214.3	201.4	221.8	223.3	161.8	240.5	201.1
Nov.	214.8	202.1	222.2	224.1	164.0	243.6	203.8
Dec.	215.3	203.4	222.3	224.0	163.5	245.9	204.7

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

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
1953 Oct.	220.4	196.8	201.8	201.3	198.9	188.0	145.6	175.5	151.2
Nov.	218.7	196.1	197.6	199.5	187.6	188.0	153.7	175.6	151.2
Dec.	219.0	197.7	196.1	199.2	189.9	188.0	149.5	168.5	149.7
1954 Jan.	219.8	201.3	197.0	198.8	200.2	188.0	151.3	170.3	151.8
Feb.	219.0	200.6	193.1	197.4	219.5	188.0	158.9	173.3	151.8
Mar.	218.6	199.6	189.2	195.4	211.9	188.0	173.3	173.3	154.0
Apr.	217.9	196.0	190.2	147.0	238.3	188.0	170.1	173.8	156.1
May	218.2	196.5	190.2	146.8	219.5	188.0	171.9	173.6	158.2
June	217.8	194.2	183.5	143.7	191.4	188.0	179.1	173.6	158.2
July	217.4	196.6	179.6	143.7	189.5	188.0	187.2	173.6	158.2
Aug.	215.8	197.1	181.5	144.9	193.3	188.0	195.2	169.0	157.5
Sept.	215.3	194.2	184.1	146.3	188.6	188.0	192.4	168.8	155.4
Oct.	214.3	194.6	184.6	147.3	188.0	188.0	184.1	168.8	157.5
Nov.	214.8	195.0	186.2	148.7	188.0	188.0	166.5	175.7	157.5
Dec.	215.3	195.9	186.6	148.0	207.4	188.0	157.2	175.7	157.5

- 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- tables	Raw Leaf To- bacco
1953 Oct.	290.4	172.7	154.2	355.2	125.8	124.4	177.0	171.7
Nov.	297.3	172.3	152.5	371.2	122.2	126.2	177.0	171.7
Dec.	293.8	172.5	152.5	401.3	120.2	115.5	169.0	178.3
1954 Jan.	293.6	171.7	152.5	453.8	121.0	123.5	169.0	178.6
Feb.	288.5	171.2	152.5	453.2	123.3	121.0	169.0	178.6
Mar.	275.4	173.4	149.6	470.4	113.6	112.8	166.0	178.6
Apr.	274.8	171.4	151.1	477.2	113.0	120.9	166.0	178.6
May	271.8	171.8	150.8	491.0	118.5	136.8	166.0	181.0
June	268.8	172.5	150.6	497.4	132.4	138.5	166.1	181.0
July	270.7	174.2	148.8	506.6	295.3	144.8	163.2	181.0
Aug.	270.2	173.0	148.5	498.5	290.8	255.5	164.6	181.0
Sept.	264.0	173.5	148.5	461.0	230.6	182.8	164.6	181.0
Oct.	270.4	176.2	148.5	443.0	215.4	197.0	213.7	181.0
Nov.	256.5	177.8	149.0	444.8	225.6	219.4	213.7	181.0
Dec.	261.5	179.5	149.0	448.5	219.7	223.8	213.7	181.0

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

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -									
Date		Total Animal Products	Fishery Products	Raw Furs	Hides and Skins	Leather, Unmanu- factured	Boots and Shoes	Live- stock	Steers
1953	Average .	241.7	259.4	99.3	154.2	213.1	204.5	288.1	323.5
1953	Oct.	246.5	260.9	98.8	147.1	212.5	205.5	283.6	294.0
	Nov.	239.0	256.9	98.8	148.7	213.2	205.8	276.4	305.1
	Dec.	239.1	256.4	98.8	141.5	213.2	205.8	285.8	307.7
1954	Jan.	245.0	261.1	98.8	132.4	213.2	205.8	295.2	298.8
	Feb.	243.9	260.6	92.5	128.3	213.2	205.8	292.6	287.4
	Mar.	242.1	260.4	92.5	123.5	213.2	204.8	289.6	288.9
	Apr.	240.9	263.6	90.3	119.4	206.9	204.8	292.5	297.9
	May	244.5	256.6	93.7	124.5	209.0	204.3	305.0	316.9
	June	245.0	248.9	93.7	120.4	209.0	203.6	303.6	317.5
	July	239.9	250.4	92.5	122.3	209.0	203.6	293.0	333.5
	Aug.	229.7	250.9	92.5	113.0	209.0	203.6	271.6	329.9
	Sept.	228.9	265.6	84.2	97.8	207.6	203.6	266.7	332.6
	Oct.	221.9	266.6	84.2	98.1	205.5	204.3	258.5	330.4
	Nov.	224.8	270.4	84.2	105.0	202.2	204.0	262.1	322.3
	Dec.	225.3	269.4	84.2	100.9	202.2	204.0	268.9	325.5

- 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
1953	Average .	292.5	318.6	236.7	220.1	228.0	232.3	133.4	194.2
1953	Oct.	278.0	284.6	293.3	204.8	230.5	237.3	172.8	223.8
	Nov.	265.8	276.4	263.6	216.9	232.9	237.6	161.5	178.6
	Dec.	269.7	277.3	246.2	216.9	234.0	238.7	168.2	158.3
1954	Jan.	287.6	296.7	260.9	210.8	234.3	238.7	168.8	156.5
	Feb.	285.0	286.1	263.3	192.8	233.5	239.0	180.2	162.7
	Mar.	283.1	283.6	265.0	192.8	231.5	236.6	177.9	153.3
	Apr.	286.1	290.3	265.4	168.7	226.9	229.7	179.2	145.5
	May	297.9	303.5	277.5	162.7	221.6	220.6	164.9	145.2
	June	313.8	323.6	271.3	162.7	220.7	220.0	150.9	153.7
	July	304.4	324.5	248.8	150.6	220.9	220.5	146.0	174.6
	Aug.	282.8	311.4	228.2	138.6	221.1	220.9	136.9	166.2
	Sept.	278.8	312.6	225.4	138.6	221.7	222.0	153.3	174.3
	Oct.	261.1	292.8	193.3	144.6	222.9	222.9	154.0	168.5
	Nov.	261.1	286.9	198.6	165.7	229.3	235.9	158.9	152.0
	Dec.	265.1	290.2	195.8	147.6	230.0	237.4	156.4	134.8

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 Yarns	Cotton Fabrics	Cotton Knit Goods	Miscel- laneous Fibre Products	Silk and Nylon Thread	Rayon Fabrics
1953	Average	239.0	280.9	244.5	239.9	239.1	245.0	169.5	163.6
1953	Oct. ..	237.2	277.2	239.9	234.3	244.1	238.3	169.5	163.3
	Nov. ..	236.1	277.8	228.6	234.1	230.5	242.6	169.5	160.3
	Dec. ..	235.0	276.2	228.6	233.1	230.5	240.8	169.5	160.3
1954	Jan. ..	234.5	279.9	228.6	232.6	230.5	240.8	169.5	160.3
	Feb. ..	233.3	287.2	224.7	232.1	224.9	240.8	169.5	160.3
	Mar. ..	233.1	286.1	224.7	232.1	224.9	240.8	169.5	160.3
	Apr. ..	233.3	289.0	224.7	231.7	224.5	239.7	169.5	160.3
	May ...	233.7	290.9	224.7	231.1	224.5	239.7	169.5	158.3
	June ..	233.6	290.5	224.7	228.9	224.5	239.7	169.5	158.3
	July ..	231.2	291.1	224.7	228.4	224.5	210.6	169.5	158.3
	Aug. ..	230.8	288.8	224.7	228.4	224.5	210.6	169.5	158.3
	Sept. .	230.1	293.1	223.9	228.0	224.5	210.6	169.5	158.3
	Oct. ..	229.3	289.7	222.8	230.1	222.4	210.6	169.5	158.3
	Nov. ..	227.8	286.0	227.4	230.4	219.2	210.6	169.5	158.3
	Dec. ..	226.9	291.1	227.4	230.4	219.2	210.6	169.5	158.3

- 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	Worsted and Wool Cloth	Carpets
1953	Average	176.9	260.3	249.7	221.3	241.7	252.5	265.6	225.3
1953	Oct. ..	176.9	252.5	261.5	228.5	234.8	252.5	268.5	224.9
	Nov. ..	176.9	265.1	268.7	225.3	234.8	252.5	268.4	224.9
	Dec. ..	176.9	259.0	252.6	223.7	234.8	252.5	267.5	225.3
1954	Jan. ..	176.9	250.8	251.9	220.2	236.1	252.5	264.6	225.3
	Feb. ..	176.9	253.8	247.5	210.2	236.1	252.5	261.5	225.3
	Mar. ..	176.9	248.6	240.2	210.2	236.1	252.5	261.5	225.3
	Apr. ..	176.9	257.9	247.1	210.2	236.1	252.5	261.2	225.3
	May ...	176.9	278.5	258.7	216.3	235.6	252.5	262.1	225.3
	June ..	176.9	278.5	266.9	219.5	235.6	252.5	263.2	225.3
	July ..	176.9	278.5	255.1	219.5	235.6	252.5	261.7	225.3
	Aug. ..	176.9	278.5	255.1	219.9	235.6	252.5	259.7	225.3
	Sept. .	176.9	267.0	249.4	213.4	235.6	252.5	257.6	225.3
	Oct. ..	176.9	263.8	234.3	213.4	234.4	252.5	254.8	225.3
	Nov. ..	176.9	236.9	200.3	209.6	233.4	252.5	254.0	225.3
	Dec. ..	158.3	239.9	207.5	197.7	230.9	252.5	254.0	225.3

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

- 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
1953	Average	288.6	419.2	399.8	337.0	393.5	496.1	387.6	206.7	286.8	219.8
1953	Oct. ..	286.8	410.6	386.2	329.8	386.9	485.5	381.7	204.3	287.2	227.6
	Nov. ..	285.2	408.6	386.2	329.8	386.9	480.7	379.2	202.8	285.0	227.6
	Dec. ..	285.0	411.2	386.2	329.8	386.9	491.0	373.4	201.5	283.4	227.6
1954	Jan. ..	284.5	409.6	384.4	329.8	375.5	491.0	370.7	201.8	283.8	227.6
	Feb. ..	283.4	409.1	380.4	329.8	369.8	492.8	372.2	200.4	281.7	227.6
	Mar. ..	284.1	409.3	380.4	310.1	369.8	495.2	377.7	201.3	283.1	227.6
	Apr. ..	285.7	410.0	380.0	310.1	369.8	496.4	380.0	203.4	285.9	227.6
	May ...	286.2	409.5	380.0	310.1	369.8	496.4	377.3	203.6	287.2	227.6
	June ..	286.4	413.0	380.0	310.1	369.8	500.6	390.4	202.6	285.9	227.6
	July ..	287.4	421.6	383.7	310.1	369.8	513.9	410.2	201.1	284.0	227.6
	Aug. ..	287.6	424.3	383.7	310.1	369.8	519.5	415.3	200.6	283.0	227.6
	Sept. ..	289.0	430.0	383.7	310.1	369.8	528.6	431.6	200.7	283.1	227.6
	Oct. ..	289.1	430.0	383.7	310.1	369.8	528.6	431.7	200.4	283.3	227.6
	Nov. ..	289.0	429.9	381.9	310.1	369.8	528.6	433.7	199.8	283.0	227.6
	Dec. ..	289.3	432.6	381.9	310.1	369.8	533.4	440.3	199.4	282.3	227.6

- 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
1953	Average	221.4	261.2	209.4	238.3	224.5	249.2	298.1	223.5
1953	Oct. ..	222.0	260.1	209.6	238.3	228.2	256.5	288.1	223.0
	Nov. ..	222.3	266.4	209.6	238.3	228.2	256.5	288.1	223.0
	Dec. ..	222.0	266.4	209.6	238.3	228.2	256.5	280.9	223.0
1954	Jan. ..	216.1	266.4	207.3	238.3	217.4	243.8	231.8	219.3
	Feb. ..	215.9	260.1	207.3	238.3	218.4	243.8	230.6	219.0
	Mar. ..	215.2	260.1	207.3	238.3	218.4	243.8	215.3	219.0
	Apr. ..	214.2	254.7	207.3	237.1	218.4	243.8	200.9	219.0
	May ...	211.7	254.7	204.2	228.7	218.4	233.2	200.9	219.0
	June ..	211.8	254.7	204.2	228.7	218.4	233.2	200.9	219.7
	July ..	211.8	254.7	204.2	228.7	218.3	233.2	200.9	219.7
	Aug. ..	211.5	254.7	204.2	228.7	216.7	233.2	200.9	219.7
	Sept. ..	212.2	254.7	205.7	228.7	216.7	233.2	200.9	220.5
	Oct. ..	212.3	254.7	205.7	228.7	217.4	233.2	200.9	220.5
	Nov. ..	213.5	254.7	205.9	228.7	217.4	233.2	228.1	220.5
	Dec. ..	213.5	254.7	205.9	228.7	217.4	233.2	228.1	220.5

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued 15.
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- NON-FERROUS METALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -										
Date	Total Non-Ferrous Metals		Anti-mony	Copper and Lead and Its Products		Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Products	Solder	Combined Index Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals (2)
	(1)	(2)		Its Products	Its Products					
1953 Average ...	168.6	225.3	178.5	283.1	269.3	216.3	180.2	258.9	201.9	223.1
1953 Oct.	166.5	221.7	175.6	278.8	266.5	216.3	150.3	243.0	176.8	221.9
Nov.	166.5	222.1	187.6	277.7	271.4	215.2	157.7	246.1	176.8	222.2
Dec.	166.1	221.7	184.2	276.5	271.4	214.2	162.4	246.1	176.8	221.9
1954 Jan.	165.6	220.9	184.2	276.4	266.3	214.2	163.9	241.0	176.8	218.1
Feb.	164.3	219.0	184.2	274.3	257.5	212.7	164.5	235.9	176.8	217.2
Mar.	165.1	220.0	184.2	275.5	256.0	213.7	178.1	240.9	192.7	217.2
Apr.	167.6	223.7	184.2	278.6	274.9	216.3	181.1	251.6	200.6	218.2
May	168.0	224.2	184.2	279.4	276.6	217.1	177.2	252.6	200.6	216.9
June	168.3	225.0	191.1	278.7	278.7	216.0	178.5	266.1	200.6	217.3
July	167.8	224.6	175.6	277.9	276.6	214.5	181.5	267.0	200.6	217.1
Aug.	167.3	224.1	175.6	276.7	277.8	213.7	175.4	267.0	200.6	216.8
Sept.	168.1	225.5	175.6	276.6	289.0	213.4	175.1	275.1	200.6	217.7
Oct.	168.5	226.2	175.6	276.6	297.0	213.4	174.1	276.1	200.6	218.1
Nov.	168.4	226.2	175.6	276.5	297.2	213.4	172.1	276.1	200.6	218.8
Dec.	170.6	230.2	175.6	276.2	297.2	213.2	170.6	277.3	200.6	220.5

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -

Date	Total Non-Metallic Products	Clay and Allied Material Products	Pottery	Coal	Coal Tar	Coke	Manufactured Gas	Window Glass
1953 Oct.	178.7	221.5	146.8	176.2	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
Nov.	178.4	221.5	146.8	177.2	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
Dec.	179.1	221.5	146.8	179.2	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
1954 Jan.	179.3	221.5	146.8	178.3	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
Feb.	179.4	230.2	146.8	178.3	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
Mar.	179.0	230.3	146.8	177.0	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
Apr.	178.3	230.3	146.8	176.4	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
May	176.7	231.6	146.8	169.9	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
June	176.2	231.6	146.8	169.9	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
July	176.4	231.6	153.7	170.1	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
Aug.	175.8	231.6	153.7	170.0	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
Sept.	175.9	231.6	153.7	170.0	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
Oct.	175.7	231.6	153.7	171.1	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
Nov.	175.7	231.6	153.7	171.5	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
Dec.	175.9	231.6	153.7	172.4	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8

(1) Includes Gold. This series is used in General Wholesale Index.

(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	Sulphur
1953 Average ...	175.4	165.2	137.9	129.9	183.9	150.4	190.9
1953 Oct.	189.3	171.3	142.9	134.3	184.1	150.4	201.2
Nov.	189.3	169.8	142.5	134.2	184.1	150.4	199.6
Dec.	189.3	169.7	142.5	134.2	184.1	150.4	198.2
1954 Jan.	189.3	169.7	142.5	134.2	184.1	150.4	198.5
Feb.	189.3	169.2	142.5	134.2	184.1	150.4	197.0
Mar.	189.3	169.3	142.5	134.2	184.1	150.4	198.0
Apr.	189.3	169.3	142.5	134.2	184.1	150.4	200.2
May	189.3	169.4	142.5	134.2	184.1	150.4	201.2
June	189.3	167.9	139.3	134.2	184.1	150.4	200.2
July	189.3	167.8	139.3	134.2	184.1	150.4	198.6
Aug.	189.3	166.2	135.7	134.2	184.1	150.4	197.9
Sept.	189.3	166.2	135.7	134.2	184.1	150.4	198.0
Oct.	189.3	164.9	134.7	133.5	184.1	150.4	198.2
Nov.	189.3	164.7	134.7	133.5	184.1	150.4	197.9
Dec.	189.3	164.7	134.7	133.5	184.1	150.4	197.5

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded							
	Plaster	Lime	Cement	Sand and Gravel	Crushed Stone	Build- ing Stone	Asbestos and Its Products
1953 Average ...	126.7	190.7	158.3	143.4	164.3	200.7	267.1
1953 Oct.	126.7	191.3	158.6	142.1	155.7	200.7	267.1
Nov.	126.7	191.3	158.6	142.1	155.7	200.7	267.1
Dec.	126.7	191.3	158.5	146.7	160.7	200.7	267.1
1954 Jan.	126.7	191.3	158.5	151.7	188.6	200.7	267.1
Feb.	126.7	191.9	158.5	151.7	188.6	200.7	267.1
Mar.	126.7	191.9	158.5	146.7	188.6	200.7	267.1
Apr.	126.7	192.6	158.5	142.1	155.7	200.7	267.1
May	126.7	192.6	158.5	139.8	155.7	200.7	267.1
June	126.7	192.6	158.5	139.8	155.7	200.7	267.1
July	126.7	192.6	158.5	139.8	155.7	200.7	267.1
Aug.	126.7	192.6	158.5	139.8	155.7	200.7	267.1
Sept.	127.9	198.7	158.5	139.8	155.7	200.7	267.1
Oct.	127.9	199.3	158.5	139.8	155.7	200.7	267.1
Nov.	127.9	199.3	158.5	139.8	155.7	200.7	267.1
Dec.	127.9	199.3	153.8	142.6	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
1953 Average ...	175.7	138.3	209.6	190.2	174.2	288.8
1953 Oct.	173.6	140.4	193.8	191.6	174.8	288.8
Nov.	173.7	140.4	191.8	191.6	174.8	288.8
Dec.	174.2	140.4	188.1	191.6	174.8	288.8
1954 Jan.	175.4	140.3	182.7	191.6	182.2	288.8
Feb.	175.3	140.1	182.8	191.6	182.2	288.8
Mar.	175.9	140.1	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
Apr.	176.0	140.1	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
May	175.9	138.6	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
June	176.6	141.2	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
July	176.7	141.5	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
Aug.	176.7	141.5	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
Sept.	176.7	141.5	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
Oct.	177.1	141.5	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
Nov.	176.9	141.8	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
Dec.	176.9	142.0	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8

- CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Ex- plosives	Paint, Prepared	Fertil- izer Materials	Indus- trial Gases	Soap
1953 Average ...	139.3	189.1	170.2	127.0	189.8
1953 Oct.	139.5	189.1	166.4	124.8	186.4
Nov.	139.5	189.1	167.3	126.0	186.4
Dec.	137.4	189.1	167.3	124.5	190.0
1954 Jan.	137.4	189.1	167.3	124.5	200.3
Feb.	137.4	189.1	166.7	123.8	200.3
Mar.	137.4	189.1	166.7	124.9	206.6
Apr.	137.4	189.1	165.8	126.2	206.6
May	137.4	189.1	165.8	125.4	206.6
June	137.4	189.1	165.8	127.9	206.6
July	137.4	189.1	165.8	127.6	206.6
Aug.	137.4	189.1	165.8	125.7	206.6
Sept.	137.4	189.1	163.9	128.0	206.6
Oct.	137.4	189.1	163.9	127.4	206.6
Nov.	137.4	189.1	165.0	126.0	206.6
Dec.	137.4	189.1	165.0	124.1	206.6

TABLE 6. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS
(1935-39 = 100)

- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -

Date	Total Index (1949=100)*	Total Index	Cement, Sand and Gravel	Brick, Tile and Stone	Lumber and Its Products	Lath, Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Material	Paint and Glass	Plumbing and Heating Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Fixtures	Other Materials
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
1953 ...	123.9	282.6	151.8	205.8	410.6	128.5	218.6	203.8	209.0	211.4	229.5
<u>1953</u>											
July	124.6	284.0	151.6	207.4	412.8	128.9	219.7	203.9	211.3	209.7	228.8
Aug.	124.4	283.7	151.7	207.4	412.6	127.7	219.7	204.4	210.5	210.0	228.8
Sept.	123.2	280.9	151.7	207.4	409.0	127.7	219.7	205.2	203.4	210.0	230.4
Oct.	122.9	280.2	151.7	207.4	406.7	127.7	219.7	205.7	203.4	214.6	231.0
Nov.	122.5	279.2	151.7	207.4	405.0	127.7	219.7	205.7	203.4	208.2	231.0
Dec.	122.0	278.2	152.5	207.4	402.6	127.7	219.7	206.5	203.5	207.3	231.0
<u>1954</u>											
Jan.	121.6	277.3	153.5	207.4	400.7	127.7	219.8	206.5	203.5	207.3	227.5
Feb.	121.4	276.7	153.5	207.4	398.9	127.7	226.2	206.5	203.5	206.2	227.2
Mar.	121.0	275.9	152.5	207.4	397.3	129.2	226.2	206.5	203.3	203.7	227.2
Apr.	121.1	276.1	151.7	207.4	397.3	129.2	226.1	205.2	203.8	209.2	227.2
May	121.0	275.9	151.1	207.4	397.4	129.2	226.1	206.9	202.2	209.2	227.2
June	121.7	277.4	151.1	207.4	400.4	129.2	229.3	208.2	202.1	209.9	227.8
July	122.0	278.2	151.1	207.4	402.4	129.2	235.8	209.5	200.9	209.9	227.8
Aug.	121.9	278.0	151.1	207.4	402.5	129.2	235.8	210.8	200.9	205.6	224.7
Sept.	122.2	278.6	151.1	207.4	402.5	129.2	242.2	210.8	203.0	205.6	225.5
Oct.	122.2	278.6	151.1	207.4	402.5	129.2	242.2	211.2	203.0	205.6	225.5
Nov.	122.1	278.4	151.1	207.4	401.9	129.2	242.2	211.7	203.0	205.6	225.5
Dec.	122.2	278.7	149.1	207.4	403.3	126.9	245.4	212.5	203.0	205.6	225.5

* 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
1953	124.4	120.2	125.9	117.1	127.8	119.2	119.6
1953 Oct.	123.8	120.5	126.5	117.0	126.2	115.8	121.1
Nov.	123.7	120.5	126.5	117.0	125.7	115.8	120.8
Dec.	123.6	120.9	126.5	117.1	124.9	115.8	120.7
1954 Jan.	123.2	122.1	126.5	117.3	124.7	115.8	120.7
Feb.	123.1	122.1	126.5	120.9	124.2	115.6	120.4
Mar.	122.9	121.8	126.6	120.7	123.7	115.6	120.0
Apr.	122.6	120.5	126.6	120.6	123.6	115.0	120.0
May	121.1	120.4	126.6	121.1	123.6	114.9	120.0
June	121.2	120.6	126.6	121.1	124.2	114.7	120.1
July	121.2	120.6	127.3	121.1	125.2	113.9	120.1
Aug.	120.2	120.6	127.3	121.1	125.2	113.9	112.1
Sept.	120.4	120.6	127.5	121.1	124.8	114.7	112.1
Oct.	120.5	120.6	127.5	121.1	124.8	114.7	112.1
Nov.	120.5	120.8	127.5	121.1	124.9	114.7	112.1
Dec.	120.4	120.1	127.5	120.8	125.3	114.7	112.1

	Steel and Metal Work	Hardware	Lath, Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Materials	Paint and Glass	Miscellaneous Materials
1950	107.3	103.3	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
1953	134.7	129.3	110.0	133.6	125.3	103.8
1953 Oct.	134.3	131.4	109.6	132.6	126.4	103.2
Nov.	134.3	131.4	109.6	132.6	126.4	103.2
Dec.	134.5	131.4	109.6	132.8	126.4	103.2
1954 Jan.	133.1	125.2	109.8	132.9	126.4	104.4
Feb.	132.3	125.7	109.3	132.3	126.4	104.4
Mar.	132.3	125.7	109.9	132.6	128.1	100.2
Apr.	132.0	125.7	109.9	132.5	128.0	100.2
May	125.0	125.7	109.8	132.4	128.1	100.2
June	125.0	125.7	109.8	132.7	128.2	100.2
July	125.0	125.7	109.8	132.7	128.2	100.2
Aug.	125.0	124.8	109.8	132.7	128.2	100.2
Sept.	125.2	124.8	110.0	133.1	128.3	100.2
Oct.	125.2	125.2	110.4	133.1	128.3	100.2
Nov.	125.2	125.2	110.4	133.1	128.3	100.2
Dec.	125.2	125.2	108.2	133.2	128.4	100.2

TABLE 8. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity 1/	Unit	Yearly Average 1953	Dec. 1953	Nov. 1954	Dec. 1954
		\$	\$	\$	\$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern, Domestic ..	bu.	1.919	1.885	1.699	1.706
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern, I.W.A.	bu.	1.882	1.885	1.699	1.706
OATS, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	.747	.716	.959	.946
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed	bu.	1.110	.890	1.186	1.145
RYE, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	1.286	1.049	1.220	1.136
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto	ttl.	11.195	12.100	11.400	11.400
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal .	cwt.	7.620	7.315	7.078	7.078
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal	gal.	1.337	1.200	1.120	1.120
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's	lb.	.684	.707	.790	.780
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John	75 lb. bag	1.471	.950	2.156	2.175
STEERS, Toronto	cwt.	19.969	19.350	20.240	20.300
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included)	cwt.	30.823	32.620	26.000	26.800
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers	lb.	.175	.155	.145	.138
LEATHER, Packer Bends, No. 1 and 2	lb.	.720	.720	.720	.720
LEATHER, Box Sides D, f.o.b. Ontario factory	sq.ft.	.370	.370	.350	.350
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade, Montreal ...	lb.	.610	.628	.622	.626
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.648	.497	.508	.442
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 15/16", New York	lb.	.333	.326	.338	.339
COTTON YARNS, 10's white	lb.	.698	.645	.650	.650
WOOL, Raw, Eastern bright, 1/4 blood ..	lb.	.508	.500	.470	.480
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Canadian Mill (Southern Quebec)	ton	109.793	108.516	108.341	108.097
PIG IRON, Malleable	gr. ton	58.000	58.000	56.500	56.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic sales ..	cwt.	30.004	29.196	29.078	29.044
LEAD, Pig, domestic sales	cwt.	12.396	13.000	14.250	14.250
TIN INGOTS	lb.	.961	.866	.917	.909
ZINC, Grade "A", Electrolytic, domestic sales	cwt.	11.942	11.350	12.850	12.850
COAL, United States Anthracite	ton	20.768	20.540	19.490	19.490
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto	gal.	.223	.231	.221	.221
SHINGLES, Asphalt	210-lb.sq.	8.450	8.450	8.450	8.450
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume	ton	25.175	26.350	26.350	26.350

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

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

			Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	House- hold Opera- tion	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
1953	.....		115.5	112.6	123.6	110.1	117.0	115.8
1954	.....		116.2	112.2	126.5	109.4	117.4	117.4
<u>1952</u>	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
	September	1	116.2	114.0	124.2	110.4	117.4	115.9
	October	1	116.7	115.5	124.5	110.3	117.5	116.0
	November	2	116.2	113.4	125.0	110.3	117.4	116.3
	December	1	115.8	112.1	125.2	110.2	117.4	116.3
<u>1954</u>	January	2	115.7	111.6	125.4	110.1	117.5	116.4
	February	1	115.7	111.7	125.4	110.0	117.5	116.5
	March	1	115.5	110.7	125.6	109.8	117.6	116.6
	April	1	115.6	110.4	125.6	109.9	118.1	117.2
	May	1	115.5	110.2	125.8	109.9	117.3	117.5
	June	1	116.1	112.0	126.4	109.7	117.1	117.5
	July	2	116.2	112.1	126.6	109.6	117.2	117.6
	August	2	117.0	114.4	127.0	109.6	117.2	117.7
	September	1	116.8	113.8	127.2	109.5	117.2	117.6
	October	1	116.8	113.8	127.4	108.4	117.3	117.9
	November	1	116.8	113.4	127.9	108.2	117.2	118.2
	December	1	116.6	112.6	128.2	108.1	117.1	118.2

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

(1949 = 100)

	1952	1953	1954	Dec. 1952	Dec. 1953	Oct. 1954	Nov. 1954	Dec. 1954
<u>Total Index</u>	116.5	115.5	116.2	115.8	115.8	116.8	116.8	116.6
<u>Food</u>	116.8	112.6	112.2	114.1	112.1	113.8	113.4	112.6
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	113.3	112.4	111.8	113.2	112.8	111.1	111.5	112.7
Cereal Products	117.4	119.3	122.4	116.9	122.4	122.4	122.3	122.3
Meats, Fish and Poultry	115.5	108.2	105.8	110.5	109.8	103.4	104.2	104.9
<u>Shelter</u>	120.2	123.6	126.5	122.2	125.2	127.4	127.9	128.2
Rent	120.9	125.4	129.8	123.3	127.7	131.1	131.6	131.9
Home-Ownership	119.3	121.2	122.2	120.7	122.0	122.5	122.9	123.3
<u>Clothing</u>	111.8	110.1	109.4	109.7	110.2	108.4	108.2	108.1
Men's Wear	115.2	113.5	113.8	113.4	113.9	113.6	113.5	113.5
Women's Wear	104.8	102.5	100.9	101.8	102.4	98.6	98.5	98.3
Children's Wear	111.5	108.6	107.5	109.4	108.1	107.4	106.5	106.4
Footwear	127.2	127.7	127.6	127.5	127.6	127.7	127.3	127.2
Piece Goods	107.4	106.2	108.7	104.7	108.4	108.9	108.7	108.7
<u>Household Operation</u>	116.2	117.0	117.4	116.1	117.4	117.3	117.2	117.1
Fuel and Lighting	113.4	115.6	115.1	114.4	116.3	114.9	114.6	114.7
Home Furnishings	117.6	116.7	115.6	116.1	116.4	115.1	115.0	114.8
Furniture	115.6	117.2	117.6	115.9	117.9	117.3	117.0	116.8
Utensils and Equipment	118.9	121.2	122.1	119.8	121.8	122.5	122.7	122.6
Supplies and Services	116.8	118.7	121.8	117.6	119.9	122.5	122.5	122.5
Supplies	112.4	113.5	115.8	113.0	114.5	116.0	116.0	116.0
Services	119.7	122.2	126.0	120.7	123.6	127.0	127.0	127.0
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	116.0	115.8	117.4	116.6	116.3	117.9	118.2	118.2
Transportation	117.4	119.2	120.0	118.7	119.8	120.6	120.5	120.5
Automobile Operation	114.9	114.5	114.7	113.9	115.2	114.2	114.1	114.1
Recreation	115.7	116.7	119.5	117.3	118.3	119.6	121.2	121.2
Health Care	118.8	122.0	127.4	119.9	123.7	129.2	129.2	129.2
Drugs	107.9	108.7	109.5	108.3	108.9	110.1	110.1	110.1
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	113.3	108.0	107.3	112.4	107.2	107.3	107.3	107.3
Personal Care	115.5	115.9	117.9	115.6	116.3	118.1	118.3	118.3
Personal Supplies	112.7	111.5	113.6	111.8	111.4	113.9	113.9	113.9

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
1952	133.5	132.7	99.0	78.4	107.4	100.8	102.4	115.3
1953	106.2	113.0	113.7	101.0	95.9	108.6	100.7	117.9
1954	99.7	109.4	116.8	113.2	96.6	95.8	99.0	117.5
1953 Dec. 1	98.2	104.8	116.1	118.0	95.3	102.4	102.5	117.9
1954 Jan. 2	99.9	106.2	118.1	115.6	95.3	103.8	102.8	117.6
1954 Feb. 1	99.9	105.8	122.2	117.7	94.9	103.9	103.2	117.9
1954 July 2	100.3	111.1	122.1	122.0	94.5	95.1	95.3	117.9
1954 Aug. 2	101.3	115.2	119.2	118.0	94.1	93.7	95.6	117.9
1954 Sept. 1	101.1	116.6	113.6	109.5	95.7	90.0	96.1	116.9
1954 Oct. 1	101.1	115.0	106.9	102.9	100.6	87.2	96.4	116.9
1954 Nov. 1	101.5	113.5	104.2	97.0	102.6	86.0	98.0	116.9
1954 Dec. 1	101.1	112.1	105.0	95.6	103.4	85.5	102.1	116.9

	Short- ening	Eggs	Peaches, Canned	Oranges	Peas, Canned	Potatoes	Toma- toes, Fresh	Carrots
1952	92.3	96.0	104.4	105.3	116.9	196.9	103.2	137.1
1953	87.4	109.9	97.7	94.8	120.0	111.8	102.3	132.3
1954	91.8	92.9	99.0	116.8	119.2	107.6	101.4	153.2
1953 Dec. 1	91.1	98.2	96.8	99.4	119.5	84.1	124.5	127.9
1954 Jan. 2	92.3	88.6	96.3	94.6	118.9	84.4	127.5	133.2
1954 Feb. 1	92.9	91.9	97.2	95.7	119.5	83.8	118.9	139.9
1954 July 2	92.3	95.9	99.7	120.4	118.9	125.2	111.6	190.5
1954 Aug. 2	92.3	99.5	100.1	132.6	118.3	164.8	96.7	171.9
1954 Sept. 1	92.3	102.4	100.6	134.3	119.5	133.5	57.7	139.9
1954 Oct. 1	91.7	105.5	100.1	138.0	119.5	116.5	72.7	131.9
1954 Nov. 1	91.4	101.4	101.1	123.5	119.5	120.9	95.0	139.9
1954 Dec. 1	91.4	85.2	101.6	111.0	119.5	124.9	107.8	146.5

	Milk, Fresh	Cheese, Pro- cessed	Bread	Flour	Sugar, Granu- lated	Jam, Straw- berry	Tea	Coffee
1952	118.4	115.9	119.3	105.9	121.0	110.6	104.9	163.0
1953	118.5	113.2	121.5	108.9	107.8	104.5	98.1	164.1
1954	118.5	111.6	126.8	110.2	101.8	107.5	105.4	200.9
1953 Dec. 1	118.5	110.3	126.8	113.3	104.1	106.1	97.8	167.8
1954 Jan. 2	118.5	110.6	126.8	113.3	104.1	106.1	98.2	169.1
1954 Feb. 1	118.5	110.6	126.8	111.9	104.1	106.5	99.6	178.3
1954 July 2	118.5	112.7	126.8	110.5	100.8	106.1	105.6	219.9
1954 Aug. 2	118.5	112.4	126.8	110.5	100.8	107.4	107.5	220.5
1954 Sept. 1	118.5	112.7	126.8	109.0	100.8	108.2	108.5	208.6
1954 Oct. 1	118.5	112.7	126.8	109.0	99.7	109.1	108.9	201.7
1954 Nov. 1	118.5	112.0	126.8	107.6	100.8	110.0	111.8	195.9
1954 Dec. 1	118.5	112.0	126.8	107.6	100.8	110.8	115.9	193.8

TABLE 12. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR REGIONAL CITIES

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

	St. John's Nfld.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver	
	June 1951=100				1949=100						
1940		68.6	66.4	64.8	65.3	66.1	66.6	64.7	66.2	63.6	
1941		71.3	69.8	68.6	68.7	69.9	69.8	68.5	69.0	66.9	
1942		74.2	73.3	71.9	72.0	73.6	72.9	71.5	72.0	70.2	
1943		76.0	74.7	73.4	73.1	74.4	74.0	72.6	73.9	72.4	
1944		76.9	75.4	73.6	73.3	74.9	74.5	73.5	74.6	72.8	
1945		77.6	75.8	74.4	73.8	75.3	75.2	74.0	75.3	73.6	
1946		79.6	77.9	76.9	76.5	77.9	77.5	76.6	77.8	75.9	
1947		86.3	84.6	84.3	84.5	85.5	84.3	84.4	84.6	83.3	
1948		96.8	97.0	96.6	96.5	97.0	95.8	96.9	96.1	96.0	
1949		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
1950		102.1	103.3	103.7	103.1	104.1	103.8	102.2	103.9	103.6	
1951		112.1	114.1	116.1	115.3	115.4	114.6	111.7	113.5	114.3	
1952	103.5	115.3	117.4	117.6	116.8	117.5	116.1	112.8	114.8	117.4	
1953	102.2	113.2	115.3	116.3	115.0	116.8	114.4	113.1	114.0	116.1	
1954	102.8	114.1	116.6	116.8	116.2	118.3	115.3	114.2	114.9	117.4	
<u>1952</u> January 2	103.9	116.6	119.4	120.9	120.6	119.6	118.3	115.1	117.6	119.5	
February 1	103.7	115.9	119.0	120.3	120.1	118.9	118.1	115.1	117.4	118.8	
March 1	104.0	115.6	118.7	119.2	118.7	117.9	117.2	114.2	116.2	118.6	
April 1	103.8	115.6	118.6	118.2	118.1	118.2	117.1	113.0	115.4	118.7	
May 1	103.1	115.3	117.0	116.5	116.4	116.9	116.2	111.4	114.0	117.7	
June 2	102.7	116.5	117.8	117.4	116.2	117.9	116.3	111.3	113.8	117.7	
July 2	103.9	116.8	118.3	118.0	116.5	117.9	116.5	112.6	114.4	117.2	
August 1	105.3	116.4	118.2	117.0	116.2	117.8	115.9	113.2	114.8	117.0	
September 2	103.6	114.9	116.8	117.0	115.8	117.2	115.3	112.4	113.9	116.7	
October 1	103.0	113.1	115.3	115.8	114.5	116.2	114.3	111.7	113.5	115.6	
November 1	102.5	113.6	115.2	115.7	114.7	116.0	114.1	112.1	113.3	115.8	
December 1	102.3	112.8	114.5	115.2	113.9	115.6	113.5	111.3	112.9	116.1	
<u>1953</u> January 2	102.4	112.8	114.7	115.7	114.4	115.9	113.7	111.9	112.6	116.2	
February 2	102.3	113.1	114.8	116.2	114.8	116.0	114.1	112.1	112.6	115.7	
March 2	101.3	112.9	114.5	115.8	114.3	115.9	113.7	112.2	113.0	115.5	
April 1	101.5	112.7	114.6	114.8	114.3	115.7	113.9	112.3	113.1	115.6	
May 1	101.1	112.2	114.4	114.9	113.7	115.7	113.6	112.1	113.2	115.7	
June 1	101.2	112.7	114.9	116.0	114.7	116.5	114.1	112.9	114.0	115.8	
July 2	101.9	113.7	115.8	117.3	115.2	117.2	115.2	113.9	114.7	116.5	
August 1	102.9	114.2	116.7	117.0	115.4	117.5	115.0	114.2	115.3	116.0	
September 1	102.8	113.8	116.1	116.5	115.5	117.6	114.7	113.8	115.1	116.2	
October 1	102.8	114.0	116.1	117.4	116.4	118.4	115.0	114.3	115.3	116.7	
November 2	103.1	113.6	115.9	117.0	116.0	117.8	115.2	113.7	114.9	116.5	
December 1	102.7	113.2	115.5	116.7	115.5	117.6	114.7	113.3	114.5	116.3	
<u>1954</u> January 2	102.6	113.2	115.4	116.7	115.3	117.7	114.9	113.2	114.4	116.2	
February 1	102.4	113.8	115.8	116.8	115.5	117.6	115.0	113.5	114.3	116.4	
March 1	102.2	113.7	116.2	116.3	115.3	117.4	114.7	113.7	114.4	116.3	
April 1	102.0	113.8	115.9	116.3	115.5	117.7	114.9	113.6	114.3	116.9	
May 1	102.2	113.6	115.8	116.3	115.5	117.7	114.8	113.5	114.4	116.9	
June 1	102.5	113.9	116.2	117.0	116.1	118.2	115.3	114.1	114.8	117.1	
July 2	102.6	113.8	116.2	117.2	116.4	118.8	115.5	114.1	114.8	117.0	
August 2	104.4	115.3	117.6	117.2	117.0	119.0	116.4	115.3	115.4	118.1	
September 1	103.4	114.8	117.7	116.6	116.9	118.8	115.7	115.1	115.7	118.1	
October 1	103.0	114.6	117.6	117.0	117.3	118.9	115.5	115.2	115.6	118.6	
November 1	102.8	114.5	117.5	117.1	117.2	118.9	115.7	114.8	115.3	118.6	
December 1	102.9	114.5	117.5	117.0	117.0	118.8	115.5	113.9	115.0	118.3	

TABLE 12. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR REGIONAL CITIES - Continued

(1949=100)

			St. John's Nfld. ¹	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver
Food Index												
<u>1952</u>	August	1	109.6	117.1	121.2	118.2	117.1	116.3	116.8	114.3	116.5	115.3
	September	2	104.5	113.1	118.0	118.2	115.5	113.9	115.2	111.9	114.2	114.8
	October	1	103.0	108.8	114.7	114.7	112.3	111.3	113.3	110.4	113.2	112.3
	November	1	101.7	109.9	114.4	114.8	113.0	111.0	113.2	111.5	112.5	112.8
	December	1	101.4	107.8	112.7	113.2	110.1	109.4	111.2	109.3	111.4	113.5
<u>1953</u>	January	2	101.6	107.5	112.2	114.2	111.3	110.0	111.6	110.8	110.5	113.4
	February	2	100.8	107.9	112.4	115.2	112.2	110.1	112.6	110.9	110.4	112.4
	March	2	99.5	107.7	112.2	114.5	111.0	109.7	111.7	111.5	110.8	111.8
	April	1	99.4	106.6	111.9	111.8	110.8	108.2	111.8	111.5	110.4	111.3
	May	1	98.4	105.0	110.9	112.1	109.2	108.3	111.0	110.2	110.4	111.4
	June	1	98.6	106.2	111.4	114.0	111.7	109.9	112.3	112.1	112.0	111.6
	July	2	99.6	108.6	113.5	116.8	112.8	111.6	114.9	114.4	113.7	113.3
	August	1	101.8	109.8	115.1	116.0	112.9	111.7	113.8	114.6	113.9	111.8
	September	1	101.4	108.9	113.2	114.8	112.8	111.8	112.6	113.6	113.3	112.0
	October	1	101.4	108.6	113.1	117.4	115.5	114.1	112.8	114.6	113.6	112.7
	November	2	102.3	107.0	111.8	115.8	113.0	111.6	112.3	112.1	111.9	112.6
	December	1	101.3	105.7	110.8	115.1	111.4	110.3	110.8	110.8	110.7	111.3
<u>1954</u>	January	2	101.0	105.5	110.3	115.1	110.3	110.2	110.9	110.2	109.9	110.8
	February	1	100.4	106.5	110.6	115.5	110.5	110.0	111.1	110.4	109.9	111.6
	March	1	99.5	105.6	109.8	113.4	109.8	108.9	110.2	110.0	109.9	110.7
	April	1	98.9	105.5	109.2	112.6	109.3	108.9	110.2	108.7	109.0	110.4
	May	1	99.3	104.7	108.4	112.7	109.3	109.1	109.7	108.0	109.3	109.8
	June	1	100.0	105.7	109.1	114.3	110.8	110.9	111.0	110.6	110.4	111.6
	July	2	100.2	105.7	109.5	115.1	111.4	112.0	111.9	110.6	110.4	111.2
	August	2	105.0	110.5	113.8	114.8	113.1	112.8	114.7	114.3	112.8	113.6
	September	1	102.2	109.1	114.4	113.4	112.8	111.6	112.0	114.2	113.5	113.7
	October	1	101.3	108.4	113.8	115.0	113.8	111.9	111.7	114.1	112.7	113.5
	November	1	100.9	107.5	113.4	115.6	112.7	111.2	112.0	112.5	112.1	112.3
	December	1	101.1	107.8	113.2	115.3	112.0	110.5	110.9	110.2	110.7	111.6
Shelter Index												
<u>1953</u>	October	1	107.3	118.7	116.3	131.2	124.2	136.0	119.4	111.5	118.3	123.2
	November	2	107.3	118.7	116.9	131.4	124.9	136.5	120.8	111.6	118.5	123.2
	December	1	107.3	119.1	116.9	131.5	125.0	137.1	121.7	111.9	118.7	123.5
<u>1954</u>	January	2	107.3	119.6	116.9	131.8	125.0	137.9	122.4	112.1	119.0	123.7
	February	1	107.3	121.2	117.2	131.9	125.6	138.1	122.5	112.5	119.2	123.7
	March	1	107.3	122.2	117.6	132.0	126.0	138.2	122.6	113.1	119.3	124.1
	April	1	107.3	122.4	117.9	132.0	126.0	138.9	122.7	113.5	119.3	124.1
	May	1	107.3	122.6	118.2	132.1	126.2	139.8	122.9	113.7	119.4	124.6
	June	1	107.3	122.9	120.8	133.1	127.7	140.6	123.4	113.9	119.4	124.7
	July	2	107.3	122.9	121.0	133.3	128.5	141.0	123.6	114.1	119.4	125.0
	August	2	107.4	122.9	121.6	133.6	129.0	141.6	123.7	114.3	119.4	125.5
	September	1	107.4	123.0	122.1	133.6	129.3	142.0	124.1	114.3	119.7	125.5
	October	1	107.5	123.3	122.1	134.0	129.7	142.5	124.4	114.9	120.9	125.8
	November	1	107.5	123.3	122.6	134.1	130.9	143.7	124.9	115.0	121.0	126.0
	December	1	107.5	123.3	124.1	134.1	131.1	144.7	125.7	115.2	121.0	126.1

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

TABLE 12. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR REGIONAL CITIES - Concluded

(1949= 100)

			St. John's Nfld. 1	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver
<u>Clothing Index</u>												
<u>1953</u>	October	1	101.9	116.4	119.7	110.9	113.6	113.1	116.2	116.3	114.3	112.6
	November	2	102.1	116.9	119.9	111.0	113.6	112.9	116.5	116.3	114.3	112.6
	December	1	101.7	116.9	119.9	111.0	113.5	112.6	116.3	116.3	114.2	112.7
<u>1954</u>	January	2	101.6	116.9	119.9	111.0	113.5	112.6	116.1	116.3	114.2	112.6
	February	1	101.8	116.7	119.9	110.7	113.5	112.4	116.1	116.3	114.2	112.3
	March	1	102.0	116.6	119.7	110.7	113.4	112.2	115.4	117.0	114.2	111.8
	April	1	102.2	116.4	118.6	110.7	113.5	112.1	115.2	117.0	114.2	113.4
	May	1	102.1	116.6	118.6	110.7	113.5	111.9	115.2	117.0	114.2	113.4
	June	1	102.3	116.3	118.5	110.6	113.5	111.4	115.2	116.6	114.2	113.4
	July	2	102.0	116.0	118.5	110.2	113.4	111.4	115.1	116.6	113.8	113.3
	August	2	102.1	115.9	118.5	110.2	113.1	111.4	115.1	116.6	113.8	113.3
	September	1	102.0	115.6	117.9	110.2	112.9	111.4	114.8	116.4	113.7	113.1
	October	1	101.9	115.2	117.9	107.3	111.8	110.5	113.1	116.4	112.8	112.7
	November	1	101.8	114.9	117.9	107.1	111.3	110.4	112.5	116.4	112.6	112.7
	December	1	101.8	114.5	116.5	107.2	111.3	110.4	112.4	114.9	112.6	112.6
<u>Household Operation</u>												
<u>Index</u>												
<u>1953</u>	October	1	104.4	119.0	117.2	116.5	115.7	117.6	113.5	117.7	115.2	123.2
	November	2	104.3	118.9	117.2	116.2	115.6	117.5	113.4	117.7	115.1	123.3
	December	1	104.2	118.9	117.1	116.0	116.0	117.8	112.9	118.1	114.9	123.4
<u>1954</u>	January	2	104.1	119.0	117.2	116.1	116.4	117.8	113.2	118.1	115.1	123.7
	February	1	104.0	119.0	117.3	116.1	116.4	117.7	113.2	118.1	115.1	124.3
	March	1	104.0	119.1	117.3	116.2	116.4	117.8	113.1	118.3	115.1	124.7
	April	1	103.9	119.5	116.8	116.6	116.8	118.2	113.7	118.8	115.7	126.7
	May	1	104.0	119.2	116.8	115.8	116.7	116.9	113.5	118.8	115.5	126.4
	June	1	104.0	119.2	116.5	115.8	115.8	116.4	113.6	118.5	115.8	124.3
	July	2	104.0	119.2	116.5	115.9	116.0	116.4	113.4	118.5	115.8	124.5
	August	2	103.7	119.0	116.5	116.0	115.9	116.5	113.4	118.5	115.8	125.4
	September	1	103.5	119.0	116.4	115.9	115.9	116.3	113.5	118.4	115.5	125.5
	October	1	103.3	119.0	116.4	116.0	116.4	116.5	113.5	118.4	115.5	125.5
	November	1	102.9	118.9	116.4	115.9	116.4	116.1	113.6	118.4	115.5	125.4
	December	1	103.0	119.0	116.4	115.8	116.3	116.0	113.6	117.9	115.7	125.4
<u>Other Commodities</u>												
<u>and Services Index</u>												
<u>1953</u>	October	1	101.5	115.4	119.3	115.1	116.8	116.9	116.2	110.8	117.1	117.5
	November	2	101.5	115.5	119.3	115.4	117.4	117.4	116.3	111.7	117.6	117.4
	December	1	101.5	115.6	119.3	115.3	117.4	117.4	116.2	111.7	117.6	117.4
<u>1954</u>	January	2	101.9	115.6	119.4	115.4	117.4	117.5	116.3	111.7	117.8	117.5
	February	1	102.0	115.8	120.1	115.4	117.5	117.6	116.7	111.7	117.8	117.4
	March	1	102.0	115.8	122.8	115.6	117.6	117.7	116.6	112.4	117.8	117.4
	April	1	102.1	116.2	122.9	116.4	118.4	118.4	117.3	112.8	118.3	118.0
	May	1	102.6	116.2	123.0	116.8	118.6	118.6	117.4	113.0	118.2	118.9
	June	1	102.7	116.2	123.0	116.8	118.6	118.6	117.4	112.9	118.2	118.9
	July	2	102.7	116.1	122.9	116.8	118.6	119.0	117.3	112.8	118.1	118.8
	August	2	103.5	116.0	122.9	116.8	118.8	119.0	117.3	112.8	118.2	118.8
	September	1	103.5	116.0	122.9	116.8	118.8	119.0	117.5	112.7	118.1	118.8
	October	1	103.5	116.1	123.0	116.8	119.1	119.1	117.6	113.0	118.3	121.3
	November	1	103.5	116.9	123.0	116.8	119.6	119.4	118.0	113.0	118.7	122.6
	December	1	103.5	116.9	123.0	116.8	119.6	119.4	118.0	113.2	118.7	122.4

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

**TABLE 13. - ACTUAL AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES IN MANUFACTURING
ADJUSTED FOR CHANGES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1)**
1945 - 1954

Year and Month	Actual(2) 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
1953 - Average	56.09	48.56	134.5	116.4	115.5
1952 - 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	56.25	48.74	134.9	116.9	115.4
Aug. 1	55.76	48.19	133.7	115.5	115.7
Sept. 1	55.64	47.88	133.4	114.8	116.2
Oct. 1	56.69	48.58	135.9	116.5	116.7
Nov. 1	56.88	48.95	136.4	117.4	116.2
Dec. 1	57.02	49.24	136.7	118.1	115.8
1954 - Jan. 1	54.05	46.72	129.6	112.0	115.7
Feb. 1	57.14	49.39	137.0	118.4	115.7
Mar. 1	57.79	50.03	138.6	119.9	115.5
Apr. 1	57.67	49.89	138.3	119.6	115.6
May 1	57.57	49.84	138.0	119.5	115.5
June 1	56.60	48.75	135.7	116.9	116.1
July 1	57.35	49.35	137.5	118.3	116.2
Aug. 1	57.35	49.02	137.5	117.5	117.0
Sept. 1	57.06	48.85	136.8	117.1	116.8
Oct. 1	57.70	49.40	138.3	118.4	116.8
Nov. 1	57.84(P)	49.52(P)	138.7(P)	118.7(P)	116.8

(1) For statement of uses and limitations see "Prices & Price Indexes" May 1953.

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

(P) Preliminary.

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

INVESTORS' INDEX										
Number of Stocks	Inves- tors' 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
	(101)	(79)	(11)	(9)	(3)	(5)	(10)	(14)	(10)	(15)
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
1953	160.3	160.1	394.8	501.6	131.2	131.0	222.5	120.7	399.3	279.5
1954	181.2	182.3	480.1	692.9	141.9	144.4	161.7	136.2	479.6	326.1
<u>1953</u> June ..	156.8	155.5	378.9	471.9	128.8	127.4	217.6	118.3	388.1	270.7
July ..	160.7	160.5	394.9	494.9	129.8	129.3	202.7	124.3	408.6	278.5
Aug. ..	161.2	161.6	396.9	518.9	136.4	131.3	211.5	125.7	411.4	283.8
Sept. ..	152.9	152.2	375.2	509.2	132.8	120.8	199.4	123.2	397.8	269.4
Oct. ..	151.9	150.9	374.3	503.3	131.3	118.5	189.9	123.3	400.8	267.0
Nov. ..	154.2	153.2	392.7	533.9	131.0	117.8	175.2	124.6	417.9	273.6
Dec. ..	153.6	152.7	391.5	544.4	129.1	119.4	180.7	122.4	420.4	276.1
<u>1954</u> Jan. ..	157.4	156.5	395.3	562.6	129.3	126.1	168.8	122.9	434.5	283.6
Feb. ..	163.2	163.2	418.4	589.4	129.9	136.3	158.4	123.6	447.9	286.8
Mar. ..	165.0	165.1	432.8	596.4	131.1	136.4	166.3	123.8	440.0	285.2
Apr. ..	173.6	174.7	458.8	628.5	133.9	145.4	163.1	124.6	453.6	298.6
May ..	179.5	181.0	474.2	679.8	137.6	147.6	153.2	133.0	476.4	322.8
June ..	180.5	180.4	469.1	685.1	134.0	142.8	151.4	136.8	474.5	321.7
July ..	182.3	181.8	503.6	718.4	138.3	138.2	151.6	135.5	480.1	331.4
Aug. ..	187.0	187.9	520.8	744.3	145.4	142.1	161.2	142.6	497.6	348.5
Sept. ..	189.5	191.4	510.7	750.1	151.9	145.0	154.1	144.5	509.4	347.6
Oct. ..	190.2	191.9	499.0	740.0	156.8	150.8	167.0	144.9	500.0	342.7
Nov. ..	199.5	203.0	523.2	789.3	158.4	158.4	170.2	150.9	519.8	358.7
Dec. ..	206.8	210.5	554.9	830.4	156.5	163.5	175.2	150.8	521.5	385.6
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
Dec. 2	202.2	206.0	543.6	805.2	157.1	158.4	171.3	148.8	517.0	374.3
Dec. 9	205.2	209.2	544.5	818.5	158.9	164.3	172.2	151.2	521.1	380.5
Dec. 16	205.8	209.3	546.9	830.2	155.1	161.9	173.3	150.4	526.3	383.9
Dec. 23	208.5	212.3	563.3	836.0	156.1	166.2	175.4	150.6	519.1	387.9
Dec. 30	212.1	215.8	576.2	862.0	155.2	166.7	183.8	153.2	523.9	401.5

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

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS' INDEX						MINING INDEX (1)		
	Indus- trial Mines (2)	Total Utili- ties (14)	Trans- porta- tion (2)	Tele- phone (3)	Power and Traction (9)	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
1953	118.1	157.2	297.5	99.2	142.4	168.9	92.1	66.2	151.3
1954	123.2	165.0	291.6	111.0	150.2	208.0	91.3	64.8	151.9
<u>1953</u> June ..	116.5	157.5	296.0	101.4	140.9	168.4	90.2	66.8	143.7
July ..	121.2	157.9	296.4	101.4	141.9	169.1	91.4	66.3	148.9
Aug. ..	117.7	154.6	281.8	99.3	142.9	171.7	90.7	67.5	144.0
Sept. ..	109.2	148.1	261.5	95.0	141.5	171.6	85.0	62.5	136.3
Oct. ..	109.1	149.0	263.2	95.3	142.9	168.5	82.7	60.1	134.3
Nov. ..	108.4	149.4	255.7	100.4	140.1	175.4	83.7	60.1	137.6
Dec. ..	103.4	146.4	254.2	101.2	131.4	180.2	79.9	57.3	131.5
<u>1954</u> Jan. ..	102.7	149.1	265.4	102.5	131.5	185.5	81.9	60.3	131.2
Feb. ..	103.4	151.9	272.8	103.6	134.0	189.6	83.4	62.1	132.0
Mar. ..	106.9	153.3	267.0	105.9	137.2	192.5	84.3	61.5	136.5
Apr. ..	116.0	159.5	280.6	107.8	145.0	195.4	89.3	64.8	145.5
May ..	118.9	162.4	274.6	110.1	152.6	204.0	89.4	64.4	146.5
June ..	123.8	167.2	301.6	110.5	151.8	212.2	90.0	63.9	149.7
July ..	122.3	169.4	297.5	112.9	156.4	216.4	92.0	64.9	154.0
Aug. ..	125.0	170.2	296.6	114.6	156.7	217.3	95.6	67.8	159.2
Sept. ..	133.3	170.4	295.0	114.0	159.0	215.0	96.4	68.3	160.8
Oct. ..	132.0	171.4	296.6	115.4	158.8	217.4	95.0	66.2	161.0
Nov. ..	144.5	173.8	314.6	115.6	156.6	224.2	97.0	65.6	168.7
Dec. ..	149.3	181.8	337.5	118.6	162.9	227.0	100.9	67.6	177.2
<u>Weekly Index</u>									
Dec. 2	147.8	177.6	330.1	117.2	156.9	221.2	98.4	65.5	173.8
Dec. 9	147.7	180.4	328.6	120.1	161.2	223.0	100.1	66.9	176.1
Dec. 16	148.7	180.7	329.8	118.2	164.5	228.7	101.0	68.3	175.9
Dec. 23	149.8	183.0	344.0	118.0	164.1	229.7	101.9	68.3	178.7
Dec. 30	152.6	187.1	355.2	119.5	167.8	232.3	103.2	69.1	181.4

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

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

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
January	157.5	144.5	144.7	152.4	166.0	161.4	161.0	162.6
February	158.5	141.0	144.0	153.0	169.3	160.6	161.6	163.6
March	156.0	138.9	142.8	153.7	166.0	159.5	163.6	165.4
April	153.1	144.2	140.9	154.4	165.2	157.2	161.6	168.0
May	154.3	147.0	139.9	157.3	164.3	157.2	162.9	169.7
June	155.8	148.2	136.3	158.2	162.2	157.7	163.0	170.7
July	155.4	147.5	138.6	154.6	163.1	159.8	163.8	171.3
August	153.5	146.4	140.4	155.6	165.2	163.6	164.3	173.0
September	153.6	144.8	141.8	158.2	166.4	162.4	162.0	173.4
October	152.0	143.7	145.8	161.1	164.2	161.2	161.0	174.1
November	150.2	144.6	150.0	161.1	162.8	160.3	161.6	175.4
December	148.1	144.6	150.7	160.2	159.5	160.7	161.7	175.4
Year	154.0	144.6	143.0	156.7	164.5	160.1	162.3	170.2

TABLE 16. - INDEX NUMBERS OF UNITED STATES STOCK PRICES

Source: Standard and Poor's
(1935-39 = 100)

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
January	125.2	120.1	121.0	135.1	168.6	186.9	197.6	195.4
February	128.7	114.2	117.2	136.7	174.7	183.2	195.9	199.6
March	123.7	116.4	118.0	138.8	170.3	185.3	198.0	204.9
April	119.3	124.6	118.5	141.8	172.3	183.7	190.0	212.7
May	115.2	130.2	117.7	146.9	173.9	183.7	189.6	219.8
June	119.1	135.1	112.0	147.7	171.7	187.6	182.8	221.8
July	126.0	131.9	117.8	138.2	172.8	192.1	185.5	231.1
August	124.5	127.1	121.8	147.2	181.5	191.1	187.3	236.4
September	123.1	125.7	123.8	151.7	187.3	188.2	179.2	238.5
October	125.1	127.8	127.3	157.8	185.0	183.4	183.4	243.5
November	123.6	120.4	129.1	156.1	177.7	189.8	187.5	252.2
December	122.4	119.4	132.7	158.4	182.5	197.0	190.7	
Year	123.0	124.4	121.4	146.4	176.5	187.7	189.0	

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

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
January	84.9	92.1	95.4	90.1	97.9	113.4	118.3	115.0
February	84.7	92.1	95.2	90.3	97.7	113.9	118.8	112.7
March	84.6	96.7	94.7	90.2	104.6	115.1	118.9	104.7
April	84.8	96.5	94.4	90.7	104.9	115.3	118.9	100.2
May	84.6	95.3	94.4	90.2	104.9	112.6	119.6	99.7
June	84.3	95.4	94.4	90.2	105.3	114.0	120.6	99.7
July	83.8	95.6	93.8	91.0	104.7	117.3	120.7	97.9
August	83.9	96.2	92.7	90.5	104.9	119.1	121.0	97.3
September	84.0	96.1	91.8	89.8	105.0	119.6	121.5	97.9
October	84.2	96.3	89.1	92.0	105.7	118.6	120.8	98.1
November	84.4	95.7	89.2	93.9	107.8	117.8	118.8	98.8
December	84.8	95.5	90.3	96.7	112.0	118.0	117.3	98.9
Year	84.4	95.3	93.0	91.3	104.6	116.2	119.6	101.7

TABLE 18. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS
(1935-39 = 100)

	Composite Index Exclusive of Living Component (a)	Equipment and Materials	Taxes and Interest Rates (a)	Farm Wage Rates	Farm Family Living	Composite Index Inclusive of Living Component (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 - August	237.8	207.5	151.8	457.3	214.7	228.6
1952 - August	245.4	212.5	161.4	471.9	204.5	229.0
1953 - April	242.7	208.2	168.2	463.5	203.4	227.0
August	243.6	206.3	168.2	475.8	204.9	228.1
1954 - January	231.0	204.0	168.2	409.5	204.8	220.6
April	238.0	204.1	168.2	450.8	204.2	224.5
August	238.7	201.9	168.2	463.2	204.5	225.0
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 - August	241.4	208.0	142.0	441.5	212.8	230.0
1952 - August	246.8	211.7	152.4	447.4	202.7	229.2
1953 - April	243.3	208.4	158.7	434.0	201.4	226.5
August	244.0	205.2	158.7	447.1	202.4	227.3
1954 - January	237.0	202.9	158.7	419.2	202.5	223.2
April	237.4	203.5	158.7	419.2	201.5	223.1
August	238.7	200.9	158.7	433.8	202.1	224.1
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 - August	234.3	207.0	160.2	479.7	216.6	227.2
1952 - August	243.9	213.2	169.0	506.8	206.3	228.9
1953 - April	242.1	208.1	176.3	505.4	205.3	227.4
August	243.2	207.3	176.3	516.6	207.4	228.9
1954 - January	225.1	205.1	176.3	395.8	207.2	217.9
April	238.6	204.7	176.3	495.7	206.9	225.9
August	238.7	202.8	176.3	505.1	206.9	226.0

(a) 1954 indexes are subject to revision, since tax and interest rate figures are preliminary.

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	1952	1953	1953	1954		
		Average	Average	December Average	October Average	November Average	December Average
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	.9789	.9834	.9731	.9698	.9692	.9680
United Kingdom	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7352	2.7134	2.7090	2.6988
Argentina	peso (free)	.07010	.07079	.07005	.06981	.06977	.06968
Australia	pound	2.1872	2.2133	2.1882	2.1708	2.1672	2.1591
Belgium (1)	franc	.01947	.01969	.01952	.01938	.01938	.01932
Brazil (2) (3)	cruzeiro	.05291	.05314	.04166	.01522	.01375	.01276
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.5696	.5764	.5698	.5653	.5644	.5623
Ceylon	rupee	.2056	.2075	.2051	.2035	.2032	.2024
Chile	peso (free)	.00908	.00890	.00885	.00882	.00773	.00484
Colombia	peso (basic)	.3916	.3921	.3892	.3880	.3877	.3872
Cuba	peso	.9789	.9834	.9731	.9698	.9692	.9680
Denmark	krone	.1417	.1424	.1409	.1404	.1403	.1402
Egypt	pound	2.8111	2.8239	2.7943	2.7850	2.7832	2.7798
France and North Africa	franc	.00280	.00281	.00278	.00277	.00277	.00277
Germany	deutsche mark	.2331	.2342	.2317	.2309	.2308	.2305
Hong Kong	dollar	.1709	.1729	.1709	.1696	.1693	.1687
India	rupee	.2056	.2075	.2051	.2035	.2032	.2024
Ireland	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7352	2.7134	2.7090	2.6988
Italy	lira	.00157	.00158	.00156	.00156	.00156	.00155
Jamaica	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7352	2.7134	2.7090	2.6988
Japan	yen	.00272	.00273	.00270	.00269	.00269	.00269
Lebanon	pound (free)	.2734	.2872	.3001	.3007	.3004	.2985
Mexico	peso	.1132	.1137	.1125	.07759	.07754	.07744
Netherlands	guilder	.2576	.2588	.2561	.2549	.2549	.2551
New Zealand	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7352	2.7134	2.7090	2.6988
Norway	krone	.1371	.1377	.1362	.1358	.1357	.1355
Pakistan	rupee	.2959	.2972	.2941	.2932	.2930	.2926
Peru	sol-certificate	.06346	.05908	.05168	.05080	.05101	.05095
Philippines	peso	.4895	.4917	.4865	.4849	.4846	.4840
Portugal	escudo	.03412	.03431	.03396	.03385	.03382	.03378
Singapore	dollar	.3190	.3228	.3191	.3166	.3160	.3149
Sweden	krona	.1892	.1901	.1881	.1875	.1873	.1871
Switzerland	franc	.2266	.2293	.2267	.2262	.2261	.2259
Turkey	lira	.3496	.3512	.3475	.3464	.3461	.3457
Union of South Africa	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7352	2.7134	2.7090	2.6988
Venezuela	bolivar	.2922	.2936	.2868	.2895	.2894	.2890
Yugoslavia	dinar	.00326	.00328	.00324	.00323	.00323	.00323

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

(1) Includes Belgian Empire and Luxemburg.

(2) Export No. 1, from November, 1953 - August 1954 (3) Free September 1954.

TABLE 20. - INDEX NUMBERS OF CONSUMER AND WHOLESALE PRICES

IN CANADA AND OTHER SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

Country	Base Period	1939	1953	1954					
				July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<u>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1952-1953		102.5(c)			102.7			
Canada	1949	63.2	115.5	116.2	117.0	116.8	116.8	116.8	116.6
Denmark	1935	109	220	221			222		
France (Paris)	1949		143.7	141.9	141.7	142.6	142.9	144.2	144.9
India (Bombay)	1933 - 1934	106	363	366	362	364	363	361	
Italy (Rome)	1938	105(b)	5,065	5,240	5,242	5,234			
Malaya	January 1949(a)		134	124	123	123			
Mexico	1939	100.0	451.2	480.5	483.2	485.9	485.4	487.1	
Netherlands	1949		120	127	126	126	127		
New Zealand	1st. qtr. 1949	74.8	133.3			140.2			
Norway	1949	63.8	136	145	145	144	143		
South Africa	1938	99.9	192.4	195.0	195.3	198.4	198.5	199.4	
Sweden	1949		128	129	129	129	129		
Switzerland	August, 1939		169.8	171.0	171.7	172.0	172.5	173.0	
United Kingdom	Jan. 15, 1952		105.8	109.1	108.4	108.2	108.7	109.2	
United States	1947 - 49	59.4	114.4	115.2	115.0	114.7	114.5	114.6	
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1936 - 1939	101.1	322(c)	316	316				
Canada	1935 - 1939	99.3	220.7	217.4	215.8	215.3	214.3	214.8	215.3
Denmark	1935	118	341	342	342	340	339	345	
France	1949		138.3	134.4	135.9	134.6	133.9	134.7	135.2
India	Sept. '38-Aug. '39		380.6(d)	381.3	382.3	384.3			
Italy	1938		5,250	5,251	5,261	5,272			
Mexico	1939	100.0	397.4	438.5	440.4	443.4	454.7	461.4	
Netherlands	1948		134	134	134	134			
New Zealand	1926 - 1930	107.1	254.6	253.6	252.8				
Norway	1938	102	276	284	283	282	280		
South Africa	1938	97.6	261.2	263.1	264.6	264.7	265.2		
Sweden	1935	115	298	297	296	295	296		
Switzerland	August, 1939		212.8	214.3	214.0	215.1	214.5	215.7	
United Kingdom	1930	102.8	327.8	332.7	329.3	328.5	328.9(e)	330.7	
United States	1947 - 49	50.1	110.1	110.4	110.5	110.0	109.7	110.0	109.5

All indexes are from official sources.

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

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

(c) Average from July 1953 to June 1954.

(d) Average from September 1952 to August 1953.

(e) Revised.

Explanation of Methods Used and Additional Sources for Price SeriesAppearing in this BulletinPRICES AND PRICE INDEXES, 1949-1952 (VOLUME 23)

The annual report 'Prices and Price Indexes, 1949-1952' (Volume 23) has been released for publication. This report, covering in a comprehensive manner prices and price indexes over the four year period 1949-1952, has, in addition, considerable historical data. In this respect more complete records have been shown for the first time for the Consumer Price Index on the base 1949 = 100 and the Wholesale Price Index on the base 1935-1939 = 100.

Interested users may obtain a copy of this 232 page report by writing to the Dominion Statistician. There is a charge of \$1.50 per copy.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXESCanadian 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. For the crop year August 1, 1952 - July 31, 1953 the price was \$1.82 per bushel for No. 1 Manitoba Northern. The initial payment for No. 1 for the 1953-1954 crop year of \$1.40 per bushel was increased to \$1.50 as announced November 6, 1954. For the 1954-1955 crop year, the initial payment for No. 1 stands at \$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. Final payments for the crop year August 1, 1953 - July 31, 1954 were announced on October 12, 1954 for barley and on October 29, 1954 for oats.

The Residential Building Materials Price Index (1935-1939 = 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.

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

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

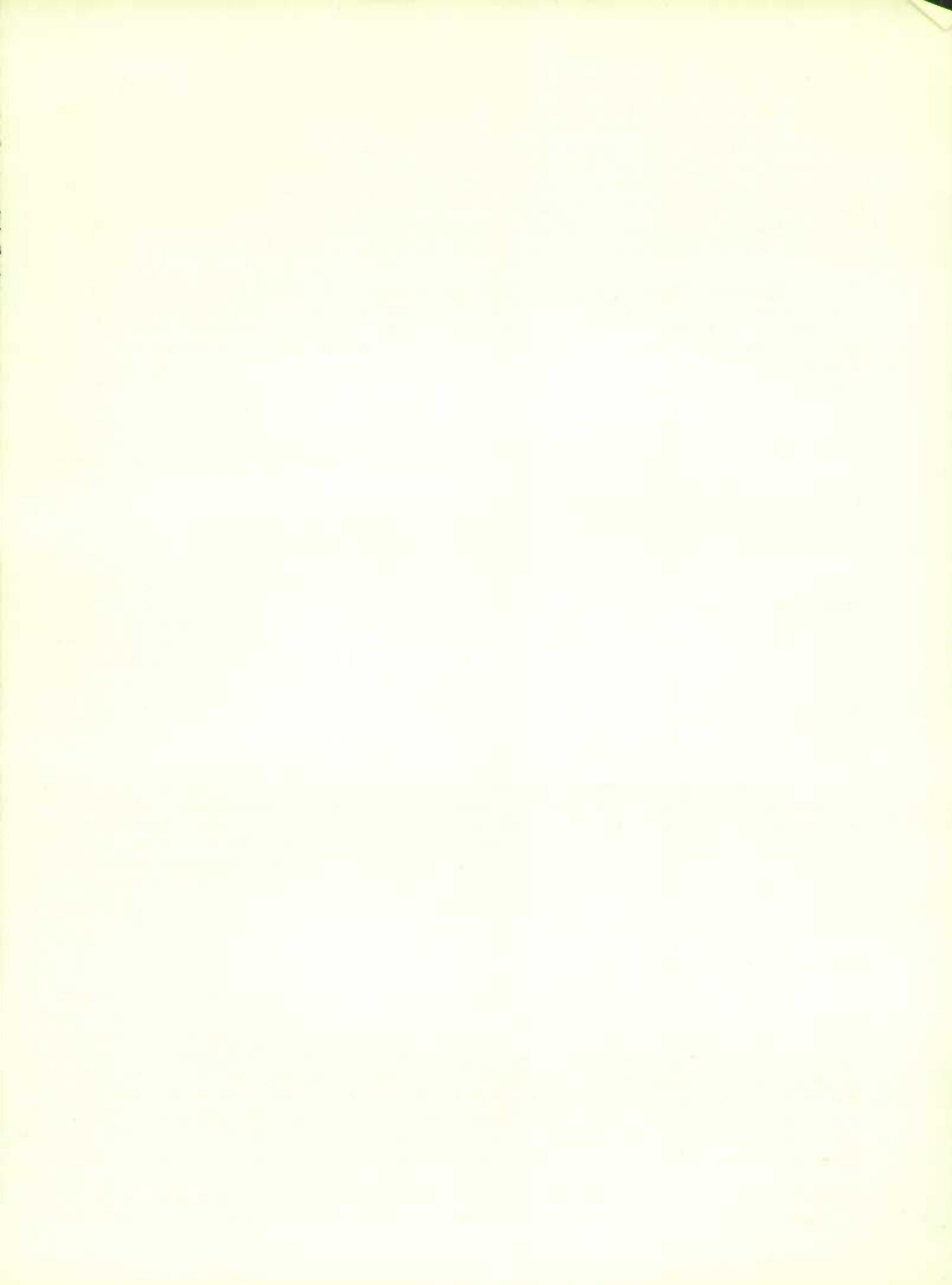
The regional indexes, with the exception of St. John's, are patterned after the Consumer Price Index for Canada. They are similar to this index in terms of family coverage, item content and weighting system. The construction of each index involved three main phases: 1) the conversion of an existing cost-of-living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

Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers: The Index of Commodities and Services used by Farmers is designed to measure the change in retail prices of farm operating costs and farm living costs. It is calculated thrice yearly, viz.: January, April and August, and is on the base 1935-39 = 100. For an explanation of methods of construction and an historical record, please refer to "Price Index Numbers of 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 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 101 Common Stocks and the Mining Stocks Index are based on the average of the Thursday closing prices. The Preferred Stock Index is a monthly average of daily quotations.

* Available in French under the title "L'Indice des Prix a la Consommation Janvier 1949 - Aout 1952". (These reports obtainable for twenty-five cents each)





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