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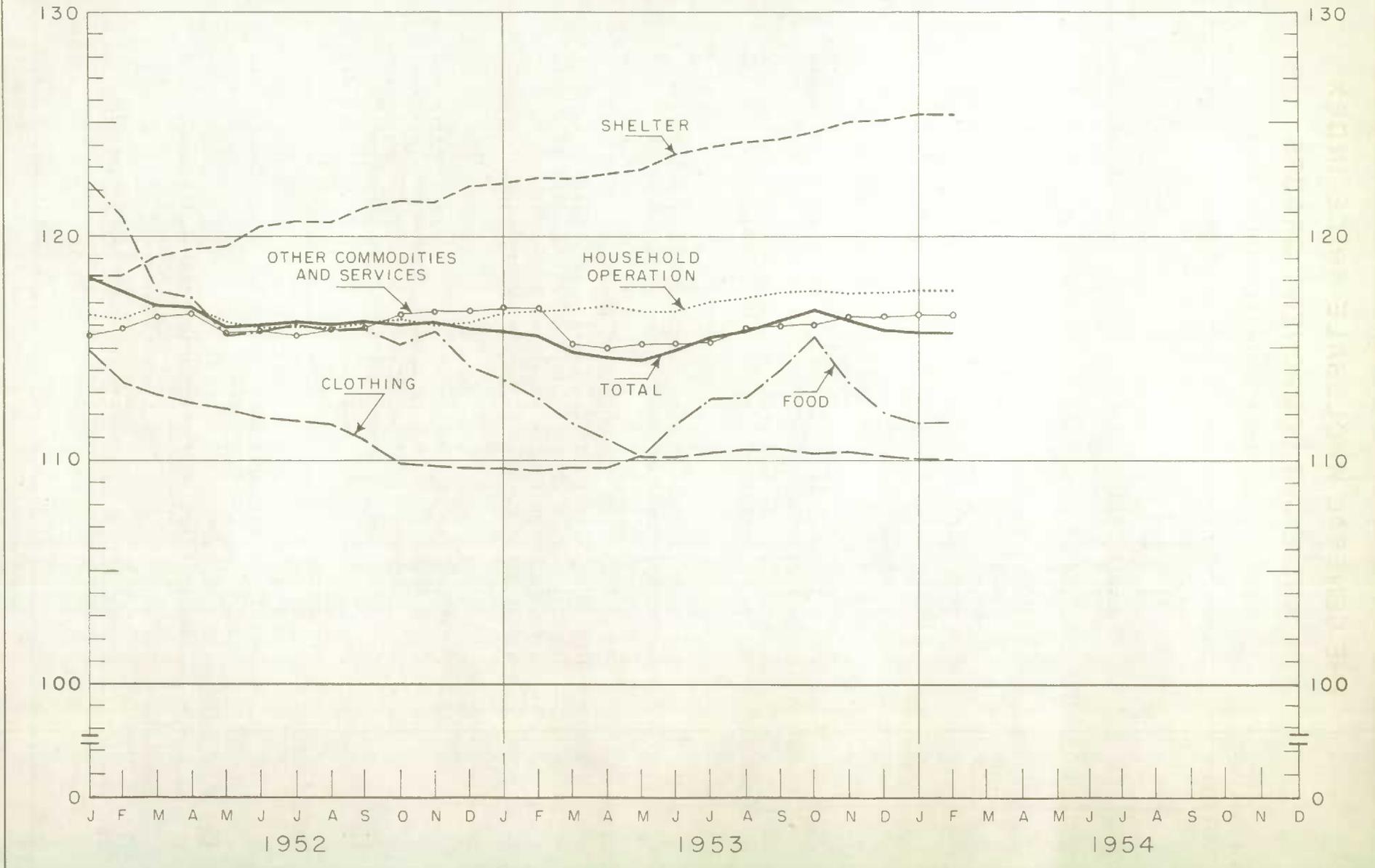
CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

TOTAL AND GROUPS

JANUARY 1952 - FEBRUARY 1954

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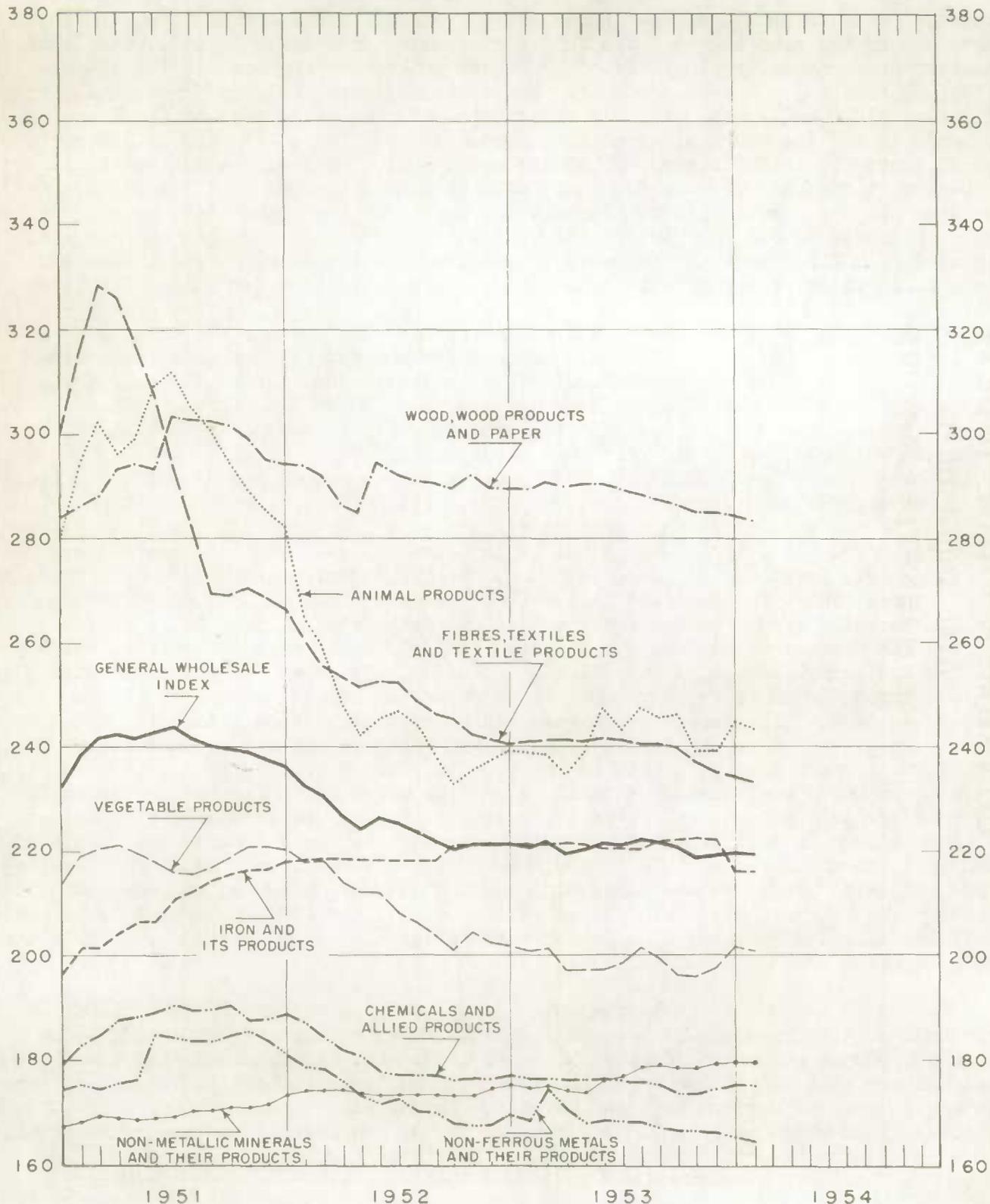


THE GENERAL WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX AND EIGHT COMPONENT GROUPS

MONTHLY, JANUARY 1951 - FEBRUARY 1954

1935-39=100

1935-39=100



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

The Consumer Price Index remained unchanged between January 2 and February 1 at 115.7, as small increases and decreases counterbalanced each other. Among the group indexes two were unchanged, two increased approximately 0.1 per cent, while one declined by the same amount. The food series moved from 111.6 to 111.7 when small scattered decreases were outweighed by higher prices for a number of items, particularly coffee, and pork products. The clothing index declined fractionally from 110.1 to 110.0 reflecting slightly lower prices for several items of men's and women's wear. The household operation component remained stationary at 117.5, with small decreases in appliances, furniture and textiles balancing advances in other sub-group sections. The shelter index was likewise unchanged at 125.4 as slight declines in the repairs and replacement components of home-ownership, were cancelled by an increase of 0.1 per cent in the rent index. Other commodities and services changed from 116.4 to 116.5 following increases in hospital room rates, soap and taxi fares which proved more important than lower quotations for automobile tires.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES
(1935-1939 = 100)

Between mid January and mid February the General Wholesale Price Index receded 0.4 per cent, from 219.3 to 219.0, reflecting small declines in seven of the eight major groups. The largest decrease was recorded by Non-ferrous Metals which moved down 0.8 per cent to 164.3 in response to lower prices for copper, lead, zinc, gold and silver. The Textile Products group, at 233.3 in February, was 0.5 per cent below the January level of 234.5, as increases in raw cotton and domestic raw wool were outweighed by decreases in cotton yarns, cotton fabrics, cotton knit goods, worsted yarns, wool cloth and imported raw wool. A loss of 0.4 per cent in Animal Products, from 245.0 in January to 243.9 in February, was attributable to decreases in livestock, fresh meats, fowl, raw furs, milk products, hides and fishery products; eggs, cured meats, and lard and tallow were the only sub-groups to show increases in this interval. Wood Products declined 0.4 per cent from 284.5 to 283.4 as lower prices for newsprint, woodpulp, spruce and hemlock lumber more than offset advances in fir and cedar lumber. The Vegetable Products index eased 0.3 per cent from 201.3 in January to 200.6 in February when lower prices for wheat, flour, vegetable oils, cocoa butter and raw rubber outweighed increases in livestock feeds, fresh and dried fruits, potatoes and green coffee beans. Iron Products, at 215.9, was 0.1 per cent below the January level, largely in response to price decreases in pig iron and cast iron scrap which overbalanced a small advance in hardware. Mixed price tendencies in rolling mill products reflected lower base prices and revisions of size extras. Price declines in fertilizers and certain inorganic chemicals lowered the Chemical Products index 0.1 per cent to 175.3 in February; increases were noted in formaldehyde and white lead. Non-metallic minerals, the only group to register a gain between January and February, advanced 0.1 per cent from 179.3 to 179.4 as increases in hollow building tile and hydrated lime proved more influential than declines in lubricating oil, imported crude oil and sulphur.

The composite index of Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets receded 0.3 per cent to 208.8 from the January level of 209.4. Animal Products accounted for the change as livestock, mainly steers and lambs, fowl and eastern milk for cheese manufacture registered losses. These outweighed advances in eggs, hogs and eastern wool and moved the animal series down 0.6 per cent to 264.7. Field Products rose 0.3 per cent to 152.9, increases in potatoes and grains proving of more importance than a decline in Ontario hay.

Residential Building Materials declined 0.2 per cent from 277.3 to 276.7 reflecting price decreases for lumber, electrical equipment, copper pipe and galvanized sheets. An advance in roofing materials resulted from slightly higher prices for cedar shingles.

Non-residential Building Materials (1949 = 100) dropped 0.1 per cent from 123.2 to 123.1. Decreases in structural lumber, copper pipe, electrical outlet boxes, certain steel items and gypsum lath combined to outweigh increases in building tile and hardware.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES
(1935-1939 = 100)

Common stock prices averaged higher in February as the Investors' index advanced from a January average of 157.4, to a February position of 163.2. Weekly index changes, however, indicated a slightly weaker tendency in the latter half of February as the composite index declined from a peak of 165.7 touched on the 11th to 162.8 by the 25th. This compared with 160.4 for the final week of January.

All major groups moved up, with the index for 80 industrials advancing from 156.5 to 163.2 between January and February, while that for 13 utilities stiffened from 149.1 to 151.9 and 8 banks from 185.5 to 189.6. Among the groups higher indexes were noted, among others, for machinery and equipment, pulp and paper, oils, beverages and transportation. On the other hand the textiles and clothing series was weaker.

Mining stock price increases were not as strong as those of industrials and utilities as the composite index for 27 representative series changed from 81.9 to 83.4. Both golds and base metals advanced, the former moving from 60.3 to 62.1 and the latter from 131.2 to 132.0.

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

Note: 1953 and 1954 Wholesale Price Indexes are subject to revision.

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	Feb.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.
	<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>	232.5	220.9	219.8	219.0	- 5.8	- 0.9	- 0.4
Vegetable Products	218.0	200.9	201.3	200.6	- 8.0	- 0.1	- 0.3
Animal Products	264.7	239.0	245.0	243.9	- 7.9	+ 2.1	- 0.4
Textile Products	260.4	241.1	234.5	233.3	- 10.4	- 3.2	- 0.5
Wood Products	294.1	289.7	284.5	283.4	- 3.6	- 2.2	- 0.4
Iron Products	218.1	221.4	216.1	215.9	- 1.0	- 2.5	- 0.1
Non-ferrous Metals	178.8	168.5	165.6	164.3	- 8.1	- 2.5	- 0.8
Non-metallic Minerals	174.3	174.9	179.3	179.4	+ 2.9	+ 2.6	+ 0.1
Chemical Products	187.3	176.7	175.4	175.3	- 6.4	- 0.8	- 0.1
<u>FARM PRODUCTS</u>	259.6	229.9 R	209.4	208.8	- 19.6	- 9.2	- 0.3
Field	221.9	196.6 R	152.5	152.9	- 31.1	- 22.2	+ 0.3
Animal	297.3	263.1	266.3	264.7	- 11.0	+ 0.6	- 0.6

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WHOLESALE PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED COMMODITIESBETWEEN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1954

	<u>INCREASES</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>	
	p.c.	p.c.	
Hollow building tile, Quebec	27.6	Lamb skins	32.0
Lard, Winnipeg	15.4	Alfalfa hay, Ontario	9.5
Machine bolts	13.8	Smelts, frozen, Halifax	9.4
Herring oil	12.5	Fowl, Grade A, Toronto	8.6
Oranges, Toronto	11.6	Worsted yarn, 2 ply 18's, 60 quality	8.1
Tallow, Toronto	10.7	Lard, Montreal	8.0
Bran	10.0	Cocoa butter	7.3
Coffee beans, green, Santos	8.4	Men's cotton combinations	7.2
Potatoes, Halifax	8.4	Beef carcass, steer, Montreal	7.0
Pork carcass, Toronto	7.3	Cotton yarns, 24's	6.3
Veal, Toronto	7.0	Calves, Winnipeg	6.0
Sausages, Winnipeg	7.0	Lemons, Toronto	5.4
Eggs, Grade A large, Montreal	6.9	Copper sulphate	5.0
Prunes, Toronto	6.6	Steers, good, up to 1000 lb., Toronto	4.7
Hydrated lime	5.1	Lubricating oil, Toronto	4.0

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>					<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	Aver-	Aver-	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	1953	Feb.	Feb.
	age	age	1953	1954	1954	1952	1954	1954
	1952	1953	1953	1954	1954	1952	1953	1954
<u>TOTAL INDEX</u>	116.5	115.5	115.5	115.7	115.7	- 0.9	+ 0.2	-
Food	116.8	112.6	112.7	111.6	111.7	- 3.6	- 0.9	+ 0.1
Shelter	120.2	123.6	122.5	125.4	125.4	+ 2.8	+ 2.4	-
Clothing	111.8	110.1	109.6	110.1	110.0	- 1.5	+ 0.4	- 0.1
Household Operation	116.2	117.0	116.6	117.5	117.5	+ 0.7	+ 0.8	-
Other Commodities and Services	116.0	115.8	116.7	116.4	116.5	- 0.2	- 0.2	+ 0.1

RETAIL PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED ITEMS BETWEEN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1954

	<u>INCREASES</u>		<u>DECREASES</u>	
		p.c.		p.c.
Cabbage		8.0	Fresh tomatoes	6.7
Smoked ham		6.1	Automobile tires	5.3
Coffee		5.4	Grapefruit	3.2
Carrots		5.0	Canned tomatoes	1.4
Picnic shoulder		4.3	Nylon hosiery	1.3
Pork, shoulder roast		4.0	Flour	1.3
Eggs		3.7	Electric refrigerator	1.0
Turnips		3.6	Hamburg	1.0
Pork, loin chops		3.4	Overalls	0.8
Veal, front roll		3.3	Potatoes	0.7

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	Feb.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.
	1952	1953	1954	1954	1952	1953	1954
<u>Total Investors' Index</u>	179.5	169.0	157.4	163.2	- 9.1	- 3.4	+ 3.7
<u>Total Industrials</u>	185.2	170.0	156.5	163.2	- 11.9	- 4.0	+ 4.3
Machinery & Equipment	450.3	419.9	395.3	418.4	- 7.1	- 0.4	+ 5.8
Pulp & Paper	563.7	494.4	562.6	589.4	+ 4.6	+ 19.2	+ 4.8
Milling	120.4	133.4	129.3	129.9	+ 7.9	- 2.6	+ 0.5
Oils	159.8	143.0	126.1	136.3	- 14.7	- 4.7	+ 8.1
Textiles & Clothing	285.7	269.4	168.8	158.4	- 44.6	- 41.2	- 6.2
Foods	111.8	117.0	122.9	123.6	+ 10.6	+ 5.6	+ 0.6
Beverages	371.8	387.0	434.5	447.9	+ 20.5	+ 15.7	+ 3.1
Building Materials	293.3	291.0	283.6	286.8	- 2.2	- 1.4	+ 1.1
Industrial Mines	151.3	131.0	102.7	103.4	- 31.7	- 21.1	+ 0.7
<u>Total Utilities</u>	169.5	166.0	149.1	151.9	- 10.4	- 8.5	+ 1.9
Transportation	375.7	341.7	265.4	272.8	- 27.4	- 20.2	+ 2.8
Telephone & Telegraph	97.3	98.1	102.5	103.6	+ 6.5	+ 5.6	+ 1.1
Power and Traction	141.2	146.2	131.5	134.0	- 5.1	- 8.3	+ 1.9
Banks	143.8	164.8	185.5	189.6	+ 31.8	+ 15.0	+ 2.2
<u>Mining Stocks</u>							
General Index	102.6	103.2	81.9	83.4	- 18.7	- 19.2	+ 1.8
Golds	71.2	72.2	60.3	62.1	- 12.8	- 14.0	+ 3.0
Base Metals	174.6	174.3	131.2	132.0	- 24.4	- 24.3	+ 0.6

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

Date	General Whole- sale 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
1952 July	225.4	218.2	229.8	247.8	230.2	276.8	253.5
Aug.	223.7	216.2	228.5	245.4	222.8	277.2	250.0
Sept.	221.9	212.4	227.6	241.7	209.4	269.1	239.3
Oct.	220.2	209.7	227.4	239.7	207.2	263.0	235.1
Nov.	221.5	210.5	228.2	241.2	206.8	266.5	236.6
Dec.	221.1	210.0	227.8	241.2	204.0	268.3	236.1
1953 Jan.	221.5	209.4	229.0	240.2	201.6	266.4	234.0
Feb.	220.9	207.9	228.8	237.9	196.6	263.1	229.9
Mar.	221.9	209.8	229.2	237.0	191.9	264.3	228.1
Apr.	219.6	205.7	227.9	231.9	187.6	255.8	221.7
May	220.1	206.3	228.3	233.2	185.2	263.2	224.2
June	221.7	207.2	230.4	234.0	184.5	268.7	226.6
July	221.2	207.2	229.6	231.7	187.7	265.3	226.5
Aug.	222.4	210.0	230.1	231.4	157.2	269.9	213.6
Sept.	221.5	207.0	230.2	228.8	154.0	263.7	208.9
Oct.	220.7	204.9	230.0	227.0	151.7	265.3	208.5
Nov.	218.8	203.2	228.1	225.8	151.7	258.0	204.9
Dec.	219.0	204.4	227.6	225.8	151.9	261.6	206.8
1954 Jan.	219.8	206.5	227.8	224.1	152.5	266.3	209.4
Feb.	219.0	205.1	227.3	223.6	152.9	264.7	208.8

(1) See Prices and Price Indexes, May 1953, Table 21 for Canadian Farm Products Indexes, August 1945-July 1952. Indexes for the crop year August 1952-July 1953 are revised in this issue to incorporate final payments for western wheat, announced February 25, 1954. Indexes subsequent to July 1953 are subject to revision. Please see note, Page 32.

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

		- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS -								
Date		General Whole- Sale Index	Total Vege- table Pro- ducts	Grains	Milled Cereal Foods	Live Stock and Poultry Feeds	Bakery Pro- ducts	Fruits, Fresh	Fruits, Dried	Fruits, Canned
1952	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
	Sept.	221.5	199.5	208.6	203.6	207.2	188.0	155.9	175.2	151.2
	Oct.	220.7	196.7	201.8	201.3	198.9	188.0	145.6	175.5	151.2
	Nov.	218.8	196.0	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

- 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
1952	Average ..	282.3	200.2	183.2	352.3	443.6	372.4	202.6	179.4
1952	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
	Sept.	278.3	175.0	156.9	353.5	137.0	138.9	177.0	171.7
	Oct.	290.4	172.7	154.2	353.5	125.8	124.4	177.0	171.7
	Nov.	297.3	172.3	152.5	369.3	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

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

		- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -							
Date		Total Animal Products	Fishery Products	Raw Furs	Hides and Skins	Leather, Unmanu- factured	Boots and Shoes	Live- stock	Steers
1952	Average ..	248.2	278.8	107.7	140.8	208.6	203.4	316.4	422.3
1952	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
	Sept.	245.6	259.4	98.8	160.2	212.5	205.5	285.0	302.3
	Oct.	246.5	260.9	98.8	147.1	212.5	205.5	283.6	294.0
	Nov.	239.0	257.1	98.8	148.7	213.2	205.8	276.4	305.1
	Dec.	239.1	256.6	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

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded

		Meats, Fresh	Beef and Veal Carcass	Meats, Cured	Fowl, Dressed	Milk and Its Pro- ducts	Butter	Oils and Fats	Eggs
1952	Average ..	343.5	419.1	172.6	194.6	232.5	237.7	103.2	169.4
1952	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
	Sept.	283.0	296.1	289.7	198.8	223.9	227.5	176.5	225.1
	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

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

- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS -

Date		Total Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	Raw Cotton	Cotton Yarn	Cotton Fabrics	Cotton Knit Goods	Miscel- laneous Fibre Products	Silk and Nylon Thread	Rayon Fabrics
1952	Average ..	251.5	326.4	281.2	254.0	240.7	311.1	169.5	184.5
1952	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
	Sept.	240.4	279.7	242.2	244.9	244.1	238.3	169.5	163.3
	Oct.	239.8	277.2	242.2	243.9	244.1	238.3	169.5	163.3
	Nov.	237.1	277.8	228.6	235.4	244.1	242.6	169.5	160.3
	Dec.	235.3	276.2	228.6	234.6	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

* Corrected.

- 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	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
	Sept.	176.9	251.4	254.5	234.0	234.8	252.5	268.2	224.9
	Oct.	176.9	252.5	261.5	228.5	234.8	252.5	268.2	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

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
1952	Average ..	291.0	437.8	419.9	352.8	408.2	530.0	397.0	228.0	275.4	215.9
1952	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
	Sept.	287.6	414.7	403.0	329.8	386.9	485.5	382.4	203.4	287.0	227.6
	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

- 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	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
	Sept.	221.9	260.1	209.6	238.3	227.6	256.5	288.1	223.0
	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

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued
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- NON-FERROUS METALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -									
Date	Total Non- Ferrous Metals (1)	Anti- mony	Copper and Its Pro- ducts	Lead and Its Pro- ducts	Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Pro- ducts	Solder	Combined Index Iron and Non- Ferrous Metals (2)
1952 Average .	172.9	257.3	270.2	336.4	215.5	227.1	375.0	239.2	225.0
1952 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
Sept. ...	167.1	175.6	279.3	271.2	216.8	153.8	245.4	176.8	222.2
Oct. ...	166.5	175.6	278.8	266.5	216.3	150.3	243.0	176.8	221.9
Nov. ...	166.5	187.6	277.7	271.4	215.2	157.7	246.1	176.8	222.2
Dec. ...	166.1	184.2	276.5	271.4	214.2	162.4	246.1	176.8	221.9
1954 Jan. ...	165.6	184.2	276.4	266.3	214.2	163.9	241.0	176.8	218.1
Feb. ...	164.3	184.2	274.3	257.5	212.7	164.5	235.9	176.8	217.2

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -

	Total Non Metallic Products	Clay and Allied Material Products	Pottery	Coal	Coal Tar	Coke	Manu- factured Gas	Window Glass
1952 Average .	173.9	207.0	146.8	176.1	213.7	226.8	132.5	200.0
1952 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
Sept. ...	179.0	221.5	146.8	178.1	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
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

(1) Includes Gold.

(2) Excludes Gold.

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

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Continued								
Date	Plate Glass	Petroleum Products	Gasoline	Coal Oil	Asphalt	Asphalt Shingles	Salt	Sulphur
1952 Average ...	170.7	162.1	138.1	129.2	181.1	150.4	282.4	174.0
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
Sept.	170.7	171.1	142.9	134.3	184.1	150.4	282.4	201.0
Oct.	189.3	171.3	142.9	134.3	184.1	150.4	282.4	201.2
Nov.	189.3	169.8	142.5	134.2	184.1	150.4	282.4	199.6
Dec.	189.3	169.7	142.5	134.2	184.1	150.4	282.4	198.2
1954 Jan.	189.3	169.7	142.5	134.2	184.1	150.4	282.4	198.5
Feb.	189.3	169.2	142.5	134.2	184.1	150.4	282.4	197.0

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded							
	Plaster	Lime	Cement	Sand and Gravel	Crushed Stone	Build- ing Stone	Asbestos and Its Products
1952 Average ...	126.4	190.4	154.6	142.6	155.8	192.0	267.1
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
Sept.	126.7	191.3	158.6	142.1	155.7	200.7	267.1
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

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Concluded

(1935-39 = 100)

- CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS -						
Date	Total Chemical Products	Inorganic Chemicals	Organic Chemicals	Coal Tar Products	Dyeing Materials	Tanning Materials
1952 Average ...	180.1	136.8	209.3	187.5	184.7	258.8
1952 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
Sept.	175.3	140.4	212.9	191.6	174.8	288.8
Oct.	173.7	140.4	193.8	191.6	174.8	288.8
Nov.	173.6	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

- 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 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
Sept.	139.5	189.1	166.4	128.8	186.4
Oct.	139.5	189.1	166.4	128.7	186.4
Nov.	139.5	189.1	167.3	124.8	186.4
Dec.	137.4	189.1	167.3	126.0	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

- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -

(1935-39=100)

Date	Total Index (1949=100)*	Total Index	Cement, Sand and Gravel	Brick, Tile and Stone	Lumber and Its Pro- ducts	Lath, Plaster and Insu- lation	Roof- ing Mate- rial	Paint and Glass	Plumb- ing and Heat- ing Equip- ment	Elec- trical Equip- ment and Fix- tures	Other Mate- rials
1926 ...	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
Sept.	123.2	281.0	151.7	207.4	409.1	127.7	219.7	205.2	203.4	210.0	230.4
Oct.	123.0	280.4	151.7	207.4	406.6	127.7	219.7	205.7	203.4	222.1	231.0
Nov.	122.5	279.4	151.7	207.4	405.6	127.7	219.7	205.7	203.4	208.2	231.0
Dec.	122.0	278.2	152.5	207.4	402.5	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

* 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 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
Sept.	123.8	120.5	126.5	117.0	126.8	116.6	119.7
Oct.	123.9	120.5	126.5	117.0	126.2	115.8	122.3
Nov.	123.7	120.5	126.5	117.0	125.9	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
		Steel and Metal Work	Hardware	Lath, Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Materials	Paint and Glass	Miscellaneous 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 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
Sept.		134.8	131.0	109.2	132.6	125.0	103.2
Oct.		134.8	131.4	109.6	132.6	126.4	103.2
Nov.		134.8	131.4	109.6	132.6	126.4	103.2
Dec.		134.8	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	132.8	126.4	104.4

TABLE 8.-WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity 1/	Unit	Yearly	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.
		Average 1952	1953	1954	1954
		\$	\$	\$	\$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern Domestic 2/	bu.	1.822	1.759	1.885	1.833
OATS, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	.879	.785	.750	.750
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed	bu.	1.273	1.195	.920	.921
RYE, No. 2 C. W.	bu.	1.881	1.561	1.008	1.029
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto	ttl.	11.142	11.300	12.100	11.800
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal 3/	cwt.	8.744	7.885	7.315	7.315
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal	gal.	1.800	1.720	1.200	1.200
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's	lb.	.637	.636	.830	.900
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John	75 lb. bag	4.063	2.225	.912	.888
STEERS, Toronto	cwt.	25.771	21.890	18.460	17.600
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included)	cwt.	25.802	25.840	34.660	35.170
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers	lb.	.182	.185	.150	.150
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	.663	.627	.627
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.542	.522	.490	.524
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 15/16", New York	lb.	.389	.330	.332	.338
COTTON YARNS, 10's white	lb.	.793	.730	.645	.645
WOOL, Raw, Eastern bright, 1/4 blood ...	lb.	.483	.500	.480	.490
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Canadian Mill (Southern Quebec)	ton	105.462	108.968	108.656	107.852
PIG IRON, Malleable	gr. ton	56.125	58.000	58.000	58.000
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic	cwt.	28.533	29.500	29.191	28.956
LEAD, Domestic	cwt.	16.128	13.000	12.750	12.325
TIN INGOTS	lb.	1.210	1.217	.873	.877
ZINC, Domestic, Grade "A", Electrolytic	cwt.	17.370	12.600	11.100	10.850
COAL, United States Anthracite	ton	19.790	21.440	19.930	19.930
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto	gal.	.222	.217	.231	.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/ I.W.A. and Domestic.

3/ Paper bags, effective January, 1953.

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

		Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	House- hold Oper- ation	Other Commod- ities & Services	
1939	.....	63.2	50.2	84.6	54.9	66.5	77.2	
1940	.....	65.7	52.6	86.6	59.9	70.3	77.9	
1941	.....	69.6	57.9	89.2	63.6	73.8	80.0	
1942	.....	72.9	63.4	90.7	65.8	76.0	82.0	
1943	.....	74.2	65.2	90.9	66.1	76.1	84.8	
1944	.....	74.6	65.5	91.2	66.6	75.7	86.1	
1945	.....	75.0	66.3	91.4	66.9	74.9	86.4	
1946	.....	77.5	70.0	91.8	69.2	77.2	88.7	
1947	.....	84.8	79.5	95.1	78.9	86.2	91.6	
1948	.....	97.0	97.5	98.3	95.6	96.8	96.5	
1949	.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
1950	.....	102.9	102.6	106.2	99.7	102.4	103.1	
1951	.....	113.7	117.0	114.4	109.8	113.1	111.5	
1952	.....	116.5	116.8	120.2	111.8	116.2	116.0	
1953	.....	115.5	112.6	123.6	110.1	117.0	115.8	
<u>1951</u>	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
	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

TABLE 10. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - MAIN GROUPS AND SELECTED COMPONENTS
(1949 = 100)

	1951	1952	1953	Feb. 1952	Feb. 1953	Dec. 1953	Jan. 1954	Feb. 1954
<u>Total Index</u>	113.7	116.5	115.5	117.6	115.5	115.8	115.7	115.7
<u>Food</u>	117.0	116.8	112.6	120.8	112.7	112.1	111.6	111.7
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	108.6	113.3	112.4	116.0	113.5	112.8	112.8	113.0
Cereal Products	113.0	117.4	119.3	117.0	117.1	122.4	122.4	122.5
Meats, Fish and Poultry	127.9	115.5	108.2	130.1	110.7	109.8	109.2	110.0
<u>Shelter</u>	114.4	120.2	123.6	118.3	122.5	125.2	125.4	125.4
Rent	114.5	120.9	125.4	118.6	123.8	127.7	128.0	128.1
Home-Ownership	114.4	119.3	121.2	118.0	120.7	122.0	121.9	121.8
<u>Clothing</u>	109.8	111.8	110.1	113.5	109.6	110.2	110.1	110.0
Men's Wear	111.6	115.2	113.5	117.3	113.3	113.9	113.9	113.8
Women's Wear	105.6	104.8	102.5	106.5	101.7	102.4	102.3	102.1
Children's Wear	108.6	111.5	108.6	112.2	109.2	108.1	108.2	108.2
Footwear	116.6	127.2	127.7	127.9	127.5	127.6	127.6	127.6
Piece Goods	119.8	107.4	106.2	111.1	104.6	108.4	108.4	108.6
<u>Household Operation</u>	113.1	116.2	117.0	116.3	116.6	117.4	117.5	117.5
Fuel and Lighting	109.9	113.4	115.6	113.3	115.1	116.3	116.4	116.4
Home Furnishings	115.5	117.6	116.7	119.0	116.6	116.4	116.3	116.2
Furniture	112.9	115.6	117.2	114.9	116.1	117.9	118.1	118.0
Utensils and Equipment	113.2	118.9	121.2	117.4	120.8	121.8	121.4	121.5
Supplies and Services	112.7	116.8	118.7	115.3	117.9	119.9	120.2	120.3
Supplies	112.2	112.4	113.5	112.3	113.1	114.5	115.0	115.3
Services	113.0	119.7	122.2	117.4	121.2	123.6	123.8	123.8
<u>Other Commodities and</u>								
<u>Services</u>	111.5	116.0	115.8	115.8	116.7	116.3	116.4	116.5
Transportation	113.0	117.4	119.2	116.6	118.7	119.8	119.8	119.5
Automobile Operation	112.9	114.9	114.5	115.8	114.0	115.2	115.2	114.8
Recreation	109.7	115.7	116.7	113.6	117.6	118.3	118.5	118.4
Health Care	110.3	118.8	122.0	118.0	120.2	123.7	123.8	124.5
Drugs	107.4	107.9	108.7	107.7	108.3	108.9	109.1	109.1
Tobacco and Alcoholic								
Beverages	111.5	113.3	108.0	115.1	112.4	107.2	107.2	107.2
Personal Care	112.5	115.5	115.9	115.7	115.6	116.3	116.6	117.0
Personal Supplies	110.6	112.7	111.5	113.7	111.7	111.4	111.8	112.6

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
<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>1953</u>		106.2	113.0	113.7	101.0	95.9	108.6	100.7	117.9
<u>1952</u>	Dec. 1	114.1	116.2	102.0	77.4	97.0	98.5	103.1	113.0
<u>1953</u>	Jan. 2	115.8	119.3	101.9	77.4	96.6	101.2	103.7	113.0
	Feb. 2	116.8	120.6	109.7	80.0	96.1	103.4	104.3	117.6
	Sept. 1	100.9	113.8	119.9	118.0	95.7	106.5	97.2	118.5
	Oct. 1	100.3	112.2	121.6	127.2	95.3	103.8	100.8	118.5
	Nov. 2	97.8	105.8	116.7	128.1	95.3	102.9	101.8	117.9
	Dec. 1	98.2	104.8	116.1	118.0	95.3	102.4	102.5	117.9
<u>1954</u>	Jan. 2	99.9	106.2	118.1	115.6	95.3	103.8	102.8	117.6
	Feb. 1	99.9	105.8	122.2	117.7	94.9	103.9	103.2	117.9

		Short- ening	Eggs	Peaches, Canned	Oranges	Peas, Canned	Potatoes	Tom- atoes, Fresh	Carrots
<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>1953</u>		87.4	109.9	97.7	94.8	120.0	111.8	102.3	132.3
<u>1952</u>	Dec. 1	87.4	97.5	100.1	111.0	119.5	155.3	105.7	118.6
<u>1953</u>	Jan. 2	86.7	90.6	99.7	103.4	119.5	152.4	115.1	121.2
	Feb. 2	85.8	88.9	99.2	99.1	119.5	147.0	103.9	125.2
	Sept. 1	88.0	130.7	96.8	89.5	120.1	93.6	51.3	126.6
	Oct. 1	88.6	134.3	96.8	93.7	120.1	89.3	65.0	126.6
	Nov. 2	88.6	110.2	96.8	91.2	120.1	86.7	89.0	118.6
	Dec. 1	91.1	98.2	96.8	99.4	119.5	84.1	124.5	127.9
<u>1954</u>	Jan. 2	92.3	88.6	96.3	94.6	118.9	84.4	127.5	133.2
	Feb. 1	92.9	91.9	97.2	95.7	119.5	83.8	118.9	139.9

		Milk, Fresh	Cheese, Pro- cessed	Bread	Flour	Sugar, Gran- ulated	Jam, Straw- berry	Tea	Coffee
<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>1953</u>		118.5	113.2	121.5	108.9	107.8	104.5	98.1	164.1
<u>1952</u>	Dec. 1	118.5	115.1	117.7	104.7	112.7	105.6	103.9	161.5
<u>1953</u>	Jan. 2	118.5	115.4	117.7	104.7	112.7	105.2	103.3	161.4
	Feb. 2	118.5	114.1	117.7	104.7	110.6	105.2	99.2	161.2
	Sept. 1	118.5	111.7	124.8	111.9	106.2	105.6	97.3	165.7
	Oct. 1	118.5	111.7	124.8	111.9	106.2	105.6	97.3	166.8
	Nov. 2	118.5	109.6	125.8	113.3	105.1	106.1	97.8	167.3
	Dec. 1	118.5	110.3	126.8	113.3	104.1	106.1	97.8	167.8
<u>1954</u>	Jan. 2	118.5	110.6	126.8	113.3	104.1	106.1	98.2	169.1
	Feb. 1	118.5	110.6	126.8	111.9	104.1	106.5	99.6	178.3

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	
1953	.....	102.2	113.2	115.3	116.3	115.0	116.8	114.4	113.1	114.0	
1951	January 2		104.2	106.9	108.5	107.5	107.8	108.0	104.7	106.4	106.5
	February 1		105.5	108.7	110.2	109.2	109.7	109.5	106.2	108.3	108.5
	March 1		108.6	111.0	112.4	112.1	112.8	111.8	109.4	110.8	110.6
	April 2		110.0	112.3	113.7	113.6	114.0	113.1	110.1	112.0	112.7
	May 1		110.1	112.6	114.2	113.6	114.2	113.1	110.2	112.4	112.9
	June 1	100.0	111.5	113.8	116.2	114.7	115.0	114.2	111.0	113.1	114.4
	July 3	101.3	114.6	115.9	119.2	117.5	117.3	117.1	113.5	115.1	116.5
	August 1	102.8	115.7	117.0	118.9	118.1	118.0	117.5	114.5	116.5	117.2
	September 1	102.7	115.4	117.0	119.6	118.9	118.5	117.3	114.6	116.3	117.4
	October 1	103.0	115.9	117.5	119.8	119.2	118.8	117.9	115.1	116.6	117.3
	November 1	103.2	116.6	117.8	120.4	119.2	119.2	117.8	115.4	116.9	118.5
	December 1	103.5	116.6	118.2	120.4	120.2	118.9	118.0	115.2	117.7	119.0
1952	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
1953	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
1954	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

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
<u>Food Index</u>												
<u>1951</u>	July	3	103.1	119.9	122.0	127.1	124.6	122.8	126.5	120.4	122.0	122.4
	August	1	106.0	120.9	123.6	126.1	124.5	123.1	126.2	121.8	124.4	122.2
	September	1	105.1	119.6	123.1	126.2	125.0	123.5	124.8	121.1	122.7	121.0
	October	1	105.2	118.9	122.3	125.5	124.5	122.6	123.7	120.3	122.0	120.2
	November	1	105.0	120.2	122.6	126.0	123.5	122.0	123.1	119.6	121.4	122.4
	December	1	105.7	120.0	123.2	125.8	125.5	120.6	123.2	119.0	123.6	123.4
<u>1952</u>	January	2	106.1	119.6	123.5	126.9	125.7	122.2	122.8	118.2	122.0	124.1
	February	1	105.0	118.1	122.8	125.4	124.9	121.0	123.1	118.6	121.9	122.4
	March	1	104.3	115.6	121.5	122.5	121.8	117.4	120.3	115.6	119.2	120.9
	April	1	103.8	115.8	121.5	120.4	119.5	116.9	119.6	112.8	117.2	121.0
	May	1	103.2	114.3	118.4	117.2	116.4	114.1	118.2	110.3	114.3	117.2
	June	2	102.2	116.9	120.4	119.3	116.6	116.3	118.4	110.3	113.8	117.0
	July	2	105.8	117.7	121.6	120.5	117.5	116.7	119.2	113.5	115.6	115.9
	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
<u>Shelter Index</u>												
<u>1953</u>	January	2	106.8	116.5	110.9	128.1	121.3	131.9	116.6	108.1	114.3	120.2
	February	2	106.8	116.5	110.9	128.2	121.4	132.1	117.0	108.4	115.6	120.5
	March	2	106.8	116.5	110.9	128.2	121.5	132.2	117.1	109.0	116.0	121.2
	April	1	107.1	116.7	110.9	128.2	121.6	132.7	117.3	109.0	116.1	121.3
	May	1	107.3	116.7	112.2	128.3	121.6	132.9	117.3	109.7	116.4	121.5
	June	1	107.3	116.8	113.8	130.4	122.6	134.4	117.3	109.7	117.4	122.0
	July	2	107.3	116.8	114.3	130.6	122.7	134.6	117.6	109.8	117.5	122.9
	August	1	107.3	116.8	114.9	131.1	123.3	135.1	117.7	110.9	117.5	122.9
	September	1	107.3	116.8	116.3	131.1	124.0	135.1	117.9	110.9	117.8	123.0
	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

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'd l	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>	January	2	102.1	114.9	118.4	109.6	112.1	112.1	115.3	115.2	114.6	112.6
	February	2	102.2	114.9	118.3	109.7	112.1	112.1	115.0	115.2	114.5	112.3
	March	2	102.0	115.1	118.6	109.7	112.4	112.4	115.3	115.2	114.5	112.1
	April	1	101.6	115.7	119.2	109.5	112.7	112.7	115.7	115.3	113.5	112.1
	May	1	101.8	115.8	119.4	109.9	113.2	113.2	115.7	116.3	114.2	112.6
	June	1	101.9	116.0	119.5	110.1	113.2	113.2	115.7	116.3	114.2	112.7
	July	2	101.8	115.9	119.4	110.3	113.3	113.3	115.7	116.2	114.4	112.7
	August	1	101.9	116.0	119.7	110.3	113.3	113.3	116.2	116.3	114.4	112.7
	September	1	101.9	116.1	119.7	110.3	113.6	113.6	116.7	116.3	114.4	112.8
	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
<u>Household Operation Index</u>												
<u>1953</u>	January	2	104.1	118.2	117.1	116.7	116.0	117.6	113.2	116.3	113.6	122.7
	February	2	104.0	118.4	116.7	116.9	116.3	117.9	113.4	116.8	113.3	122.7
	March	2	104.0	118.4	116.6	116.9	116.5	118.0	113.5	116.8	114.0	123.0
	April	1	103.9	118.8	116.9	117.5	116.4	118.5	113.6	116.9	114.3	123.1
	May	1	103.7	119.2	116.2	116.3	116.0	117.7	113.4	117.1	114.0	122.9
	June	1	103.8	119.2	116.7	116.3	115.1	117.6	113.2	117.1	114.0	122.1
	July	2	103.7	119.2	116.7	116.3	115.1	117.7	113.3	117.7	114.4	122.1
	August	1	104.3	119.3	117.1	116.3	115.2	117.6	113.4	117.7	115.1	122.3
	September	1	104.4	119.1	117.2	116.7	115.1	117.6	113.4	117.7	115.2	122.1
	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
<u>Other Commodities and Services Index</u>												
<u>1953</u>	January	2	100.2	114.7	119.0	114.5	116.5	115.4	115.0	110.8	113.3	116.4
	February	2	100.7	115.1	119.0	114.5	116.7	115.6	115.0	110.8	113.3	116.4
	March	2	98.5	114.1	118.0	113.7	115.8	114.9	114.3	109.9	113.7	115.7
	April	1	99.6	114.6	118.7	114.6	116.2	115.8	114.8	110.4	115.0	116.8
	May	1	99.5	115.0	118.9	114.6	116.2	115.7	115.1	110.5	115.2	117.3
	June	1	99.3	115.0	118.9	114.6	116.2	115.8	115.1	110.5	115.2	117.3
	July	2	101.1	115.0	118.9	114.6	116.2	116.1	115.1	110.5	115.2	117.3
	August	1	101.4	115.2	119.3	115.0	116.7	116.8	115.9	110.6	116.8	117.4
	September	1	101.5	115.3	119.3	115.1	116.8	116.8	116.0	110.8	116.9	117.5
	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

TABLE 13.-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)	(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
1951 - 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	56.25	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	54.19(P)	46.84(P)	129.9(P)	112.3(P)	115.7

(1) 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									
		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
Number of Stocks		(101)	(80)	(11)	(9)	(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
1953	.....	160.3	160.1	394.8	501.6	131.2	131.0	222.5	120.7	399.3	279.5
	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
1953	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
	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
1954	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
	Weekly Index										
	Feb. 4	161.4	160.8	409.3	584.5	129.9	129.9	153.0	123.2	448.6	290.7
	Feb. 11	165.7	166.2	425.8	587.9	130.6	142.1	158.7	125.3	449.8	290.7
	Feb. 18	163.0	162.9	420.0	593.0	129.9	135.8	160.8	121.9	448.6	284.4
	Feb. 25	162.8	163.1	418.3	592.3	129.3	137.4	161.2	123.8	444.6	281.2

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 (13)	Trans- porta- tion (2)	Tele- phone Tele- graph (2)	Power and Traction (9)	Banks (8)	Mining Total (27)	Gold (22)	Base Metals (5)
1939	98.9	86.1	56.0	109.3	88.9	102.5	104.5	95.6	121.7
1940	77.1	80.9	62.5	101.0	80.6	95.6	81.2	73.7	95.6
1941	69.5	70.7	61.4	96.4	65.8	90.5	72.4	65.1	87.0
1942	66.5	70.4	65.7	89.2	66.1	81.2	52.3	40.8	75.1
1943	74.8	101.3	112.8	97.2	99.1	80.5	70.1	61.4	86.8
1944	69.2	100.8	125.2	100.1	93.3	82.0	81.3	74.1	94.2
1945	86.9	120.2	178.2	108.8	105.5	95.7	95.2	91.0	101.1
1946	98.0	132.5	203.5	125.2	114.0	130.0	97.8	87.6	116.1
1947	90.0	117.3	147.9	117.1	109.1	130.8	86.7	76.0	106.1
1948	100.5	120.2	180.6	108.3	104.7	129.3	82.0	65.0	115.8
1949	92.1	117.4	161.6	105.9	109.2	134.4	87.4	71.7	117.9
1950	98.3	132.5	208.8	103.5	123.7	147.4	89.9	67.4	134.9
1951	126.0	162.3	325.6	101.4	142.5	144.6	99.2	69.8	166.4
1952	139.7	168.3	378.6	94.6	139.8	148.4	103.6	73.9	171.5
1953	118.1	157.2	297.5	99.2	142.4	168.9	92.1	66.2	151.3
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
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
<u>Weekly Index</u>									
Feb. 4	105.2	152.3	278.5	102.6	133.7	188.8	82.3	61.3	130.3
Feb. 11	103.3	153.1	276.5	103.1	136.0	190.7	84.8	63.4	133.7
Feb. 18	102.8	151.6	273.2	103.6	132.8	190.4	83.5	62.4	131.7
Feb. 25	102.3	150.7	262.8	105.1	133.4	188.5	82.9	61.3	132.5

(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	
April	153.1	144.2	140.9	154.4	165.2	157.2	161.6	
May	154.3	147.0	139.9	157.3	164.3	157.2	162.9	
June	155.8	148.2	136.3	158.2	162.2	157.7	163.0	
July	155.4	147.5	138.6	154.6	163.1	159.8	163.8	
August	153.5	146.4	140.4	155.6	165.2	163.6	164.3	
September	153.6	144.8	141.8	158.2	166.4	162.4	162.0	
October	152.0	143.7	145.8	161.1	164.2	161.2	161.0	
November	150.2	144.6	150.0	161.1	162.8	160.3	161.6	
December	148.1	144.6	150.7	160.2	159.5	160.7	161.7	
Year	154.0	144.6	143.0	156.7	164.5	160.1	162.3	

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	
March	123.7	116.4	118.0	138.8	170.3	185.3	198.0	
April	119.3	124.6	118.5	141.8	172.3	183.7	190.0	
May	115.2	130.2	117.7	146.9	173.9	183.7	189.6	
June	119.1	135.1	112.0	147.7	171.7	187.6	182.8	
July	126.0	131.9	117.8	138.2	172.8	192.1	185.5	
August	124.5	127.1	121.8	147.2	181.5	191.1	187.3	
September	123.1	125.7	123.8	151.7	187.3	188.2	179.2	
October	125.1	127.8	127.3	157.8	185.0	183.4	183.4	
November	123.6	120.4	129.1	156.1	177.7	189.8	187.5	
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	
April	84.8	96.5	94.4	90.7	104.9	115.3	118.9	
May	84.6	95.3	94.4	90.2	104.9	112.6	119.6	
June	84.3	95.4	94.4	90.2	105.3	114.0	120.6	
July	83.8	95.6	93.8	91.0	104.7	117.3	120.7	
August	83.9	96.2	92.7	90.5	104.9	119.1	121.0	
September	84.0	96.1	91.8	89.8	105.0	119.6	121.5	
October	84.2	96.3	89.1	92.0	105.7	118.6	120.8	
November	84.4	95.7	89.2	93.9	107.8	117.8	118.8	
December	84.8	95.5	90.3	96.7	112.0	118.0	117.3	
Year	84.4	95.3	93.0	91.3	104.6	116.2	119.6	

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

	Composite Index Exclusive of Living Costs (a)	Equipment and Materials	Taxes and Interest Rates (a)	Farm Wage Rates	Farm Family Living Costs	Composite Index Inclusive of Living Costs (a)
ALL CANADA						
1926	130.6	119.9	135.5	164.5	121.1	126.8
1939	99.3	95.7	101.1	110.3	99.5	99.4
1949 - August	206.5	180.2	138.7	388.1	174.5	193.7
1950 - August	218.6	194.3	144.3	401.2	180.7	203.4
1951 - August	237.8	207.5	151.8	457.3	214.7	228.6
1952 - January	238.6	213.1	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	229.0
1953 - January	233.1(r)	207.7	168.2(r)	408.0	202.6	220.9(r)
April	242.7(r)	208.2	168.2(r)	463.5	203.4	227.0(r)
August	243.6(r)	206.3	168.2(r)	475.8	204.9	228.1(r)
1954 - January	231.1	204.0	168.2	409.5	204.8	220.6
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 - 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	239.6(r)	208.9	158.7(r)	413.4	200.5	224.0(r)
April	243.3(r)	208.4	158.7(r)	434.0	201.4	226.5(r)
August	244.0(r)	205.2	158.7(r)	447.1	202.4	227.3(r)
1954 - January	237.1	202.9	158.7	419.2	202.5	223.2
WESTERN CANADA						
1926	131.8	117.1	141.6	183.5	121.9	127.8
1939	99.8	96.6	102.7	109.9	99.5	99.7
1949 - August	202.7	177.5	149.4	404.7	176.3	192.1
1950 - August	216.8	192.5	155.4	428.0	183.1	203.3
1951 - 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	228.9
1953 - January	226.6(r)	206.5	176.3(r)	400.4	204.8	217.9(r)
April	242.1(r)	208.1	176.3(r)	505.4	205.3	227.4(r)
August	243.2(r)	207.3	176.3(r)	516.6	207.4	228.9(r)
1954 - January	225.1	205.1	176.3	395.8	207.2	217.9

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

TABLE 19. - EXCHANGE RATES
(Canadian Dollars)

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

Country	Unit	1951	1952	1953		1954	
		Average	Average	February Average	December Average	January Average	February Average
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	1.0528	.9789	.9773	.9731	.9729	.9665
United Kingdom	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.7555	2.7352	2.7356	2.7193
Argentina	peso (free)	.07491	.07010	.07034	.07005	.07003	.06957
Australia	pound	2.3576	2.1872	2.2044	2.1882	2.1885	2.1754
Belgium (1)	franc	.02095	.01947	.01953	.01952	.01949	.01937
Brazil	cruzeiro	.05706	.05291	.05282	.04166(2)	.04165(2)	.04137(2)
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.6141	.5696	.5741	.5698	.5699	.5665
Ceylon	rupee	.2211	.2056	.2067	.2051	.2052	.2039
Chile	peso (free)	.01521	.00908	.00888	.00885	.00884	.00879
Colombia	peso (basic)	.4515	.3916	.3909	.3892	.3891	.3866
Cuba	peso	1.0528	.9789	.9773	.9731	.9729	.9665
Denmark	krone	.1525	.1417	.1415	.1409	.1409	.1399
Egypt	pound	3.0232	2.8111	2.8063	2.7943	2.7937	2.7754
France and North Africa	franc	.00300	.00280	.00279	.00278	.00278	.00276
Germany	deutsche mark	.2507	.2331	.2327	.2317	.2316	.2301
Hong Kong	dollar	.1829	.1709	.1722	.1709	.1710	.1700
India	rupee	.2211	.2056	.2067	.2051	.2052	.2039
Ireland	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.7555	2.7352	2.7356	2.7193
Italy	lira	.00169	.00157	.00157	.00156	.00156	.00155
Jamaica	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.7555	2.7352	2.7356	2.7193
Japan	yen	-	.00272	.00271	.00270	.00270	.00268
Lebanon	pound (free)	-	.2734	.2727	.3001	.3053	.3030
Mexico	peso	.1218	.1132	.1130	.1125	.1125	.1117
Netherlands	guilder	.2770	.2576	.2572	.2561	.2565	.2553
New Zealand	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.7555	2.7352	2.7356	2.7193
Norway	krone	.1474	.1371	.1368	.1362	.1362	.1353
Pakistan	rupee	.3182	.2959	.2954	.2941	.2940	.2921
Peru	sol-certificate	.07001	.06346	.06212	.05168	.04870	.04530
Philippines	peso	.5264	.4895	.4886	.4865	.4864	.4833
Portugal	escudo	.03652	.03412	.03407	.03396	.03395	.03373
Singapore	dollar	.3440	.3190	.3215	.3191	.3192	.3173
Sweden	krona	.2035	.1892	.1889	.1881	.1880	.1868
Switzerland	franc	.2429	.2266	.2279	.2267	.2268	.2254
Turkey	lira	.3753	.3496	.3490	.3475	.3474	.3452
Union of South Africa	pound	2.9469	2.7340	2.7555	2.7352	2.7356	2.7193
Venezuela	bolivar	.3143	.2922	.2917	.2868	.2904	.2885
Yugoslavia	dinar	-	.00326	.00326	.00324	.00324	.00322

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.

TABLE 20. - INDEX NUMBERS OF CONSUMER AND WHOLESALE PRICES

IN CANADA AND OTHER SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

Country	Base Period	1939	1952	1953				1954	
				Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
<u>COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1936 - 1939	182.9	255.0(f)	261.8					
Canada	1949(a)	63.2	116.5	116.2	116.7	116.2	115.8	115.7	115.5
Denmark	1935	109	218		219			219	
France (Paris)	1949		145.4	141.0	141.0	141.3	142.1	143.2	144.1
India (Bombay)	1933 - 1934	106	337	371	368				
Italy (Rome)	1938	105(d)	4,932	5,014	5,022	5,057			
Malaya	January 1949 (e)		138	136	136				
Mexico	1939	100.0	455.7	452.8	452.1				
Netherlands	1949		120	121	121	120	120		
New Zealand	1st. qtr. 1949	74.8	127.5	133.7					
Norway	1949	63.8	132.9	136	137	137	137		
South Africa	1938	99.9	185.9	196.5	196.0	193.6	191.9	192.9	
Sweden	1935	107.5	223.0	224.0	224.2	224.1			
Switzerland	August, 1939		171.0	170.2	170.4	170.4	170.1		
United Kingdom	Jan. 15, 1952		102.6	105.7	105.7	106.0	105.6		
United States	1947 - 49 (b)	59.4	113.5	115.2	115.4	115.0	114.9	115.2	
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1936 - 1939	101.1	319(f)	333	329				
Canada	1935 - 1939	99.3	226.0	221.5	220.7	218.8	219.0	219.8	219.0
Denmark	1935	118	364	336	335	333	334		
France	1949		144.9	136.9	136.3	137.4	138.0	137.9(c)	137.9
India	Sept. '38-Aug. '39		380.6(g)	403.8	393.6	390.6	389.4		
Italy	1938		5,270	5,246	5,237(c)	5,236(c)			
Mexico	1929	127.0	493.7	496.8	501.3				
Netherlands	1948		140	133	133	134			
New Zealand	1926 - 1930	107.1	257.2	253.6	258.5	257.6			
Norway	1938	102	276.3	276	277	276	276		
South Africa	1938(h)	97.6	258.9	264.6	265.2				
Sweden	1935	115	317	295	295	297(c)	296		
Switzerland	August, 1939		220.5	212.0	212.3	212.1	210.9		
United Kingdom	1930	102.8	327.6	325.9	325.5	327.6	326.4	325.8	
United States	1947-49(b)	50.1	111.6	111.0	110.2	109.8	110.1	110.8	

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 1952 to June 1953.

(g) Average from September 1952 to August 1953.

(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. For the crop year August 1, 1952 - July 31, 1953 the price was \$1.82 per bushel. The final payment for the 1952-53 crop year was announced February 25, 1954. The initial payment for the current crop year is \$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, 1952 - July 31, 1953 were announced on October 30, 1953 for oats and on November 19, 1953 for barley.

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.

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.

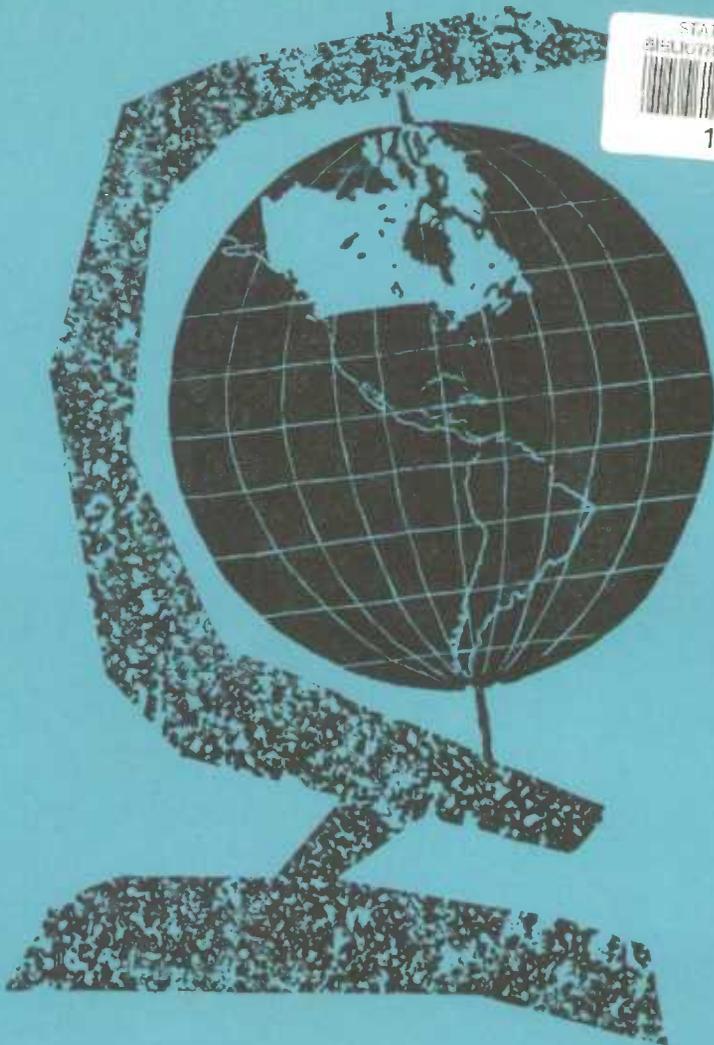
The regional indexes, with the exception of St. John's, are patterned after the Consumer Price Index for Canada. They are similar to this index in terms of family coverage, item content and weighting system. The construction of each index involved three main phases: 1) the conversion of an existing cost-of-living 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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