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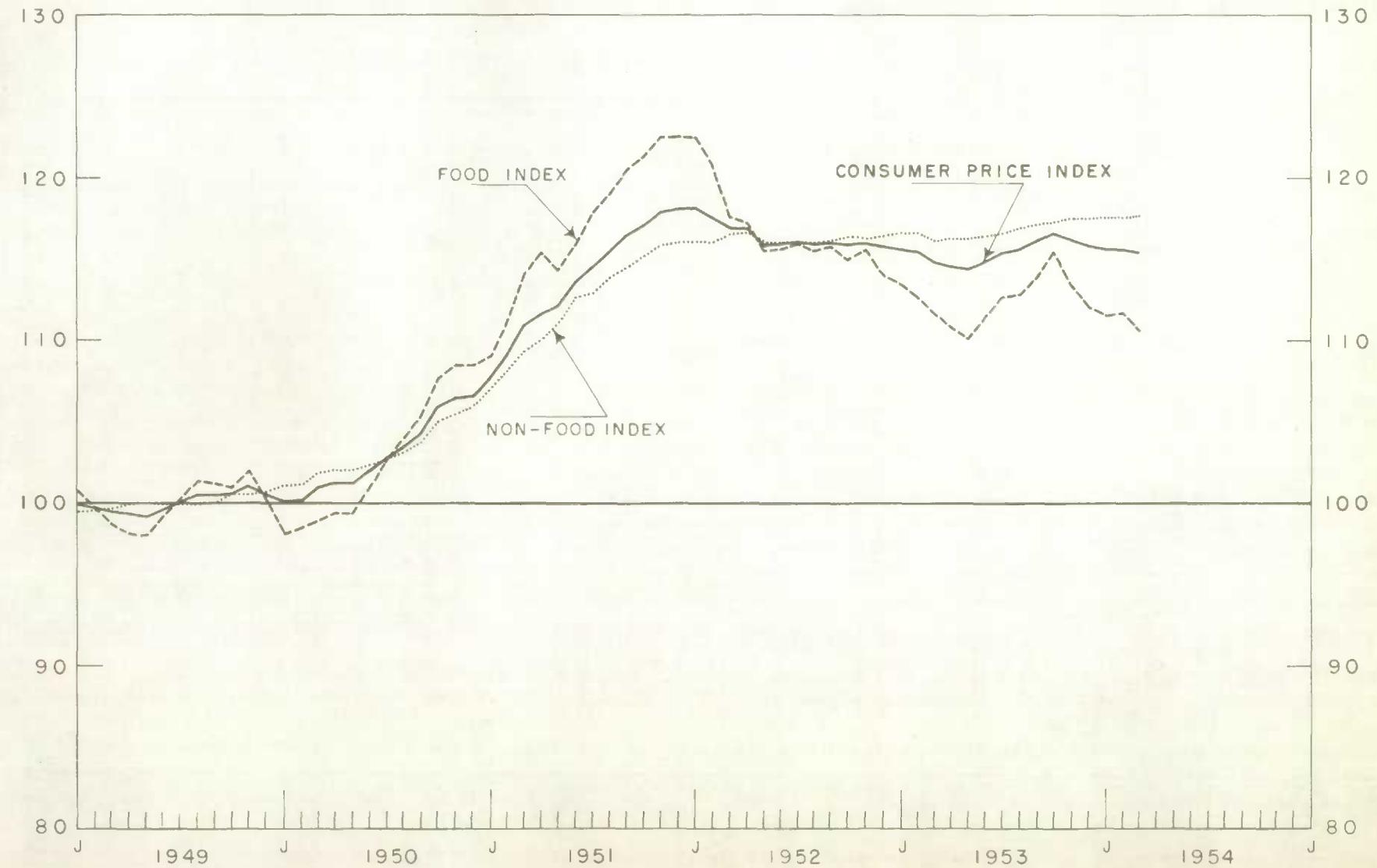
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
TOTAL, FOOD AND NON-FOOD INDEXES
MONTHLY JANUARY 1949-MARCH 1954

1949 = 100

1949 = 100



WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

PRICE RELATIVES OF STEERS AND HOGS AT TORONTO

MONTHLY JANUARY 1947-MARCH 1954

1935 - 39 = 100

1935 - 39 = 100

600

600

500

500

400

400

300

300

200

200

100

100

0

0

STEERS, GOOD, UP TO 1,000 LBS., TORONTO

HOGS, B., DRESSED, TORONTO

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1947

1948

1949

1950

1951

1952

1953

1954

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

The Consumer Price Index declined fractionally from 115.7 to 115.5 between February and March. The latest index is at the same level as both the February 1953 and the 1953 annual average indexes. The movement of the index between February 1 and March 1, resulted from a decrease in food and a slight decline in clothing, which were partially offset by small advances in shelter, household operation and other commodities and services. The food index moved from 111.7 to 110.7 as lower prices for all cuts of beef and most fresh vegetables, outweighed increases in cured pork, apples, oranges, and a sharp advance in the price of coffee. The clothing component moved down 0.2 points to 109.8, reflecting small decreases in four of the five subgroup indexes. The change in the household operation index from 117.5 to 117.6 was largely due to higher prices for soaps, and laundry and dry-cleaning services. A similarly small change in other commodities and services from 116.5 to 116.6, followed fractional advances in the automobile operation component as well as street car and bus fares. The shelter index advanced 0.2 points to 125.6 due to an increase in rents.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES
(1935-1939 = 100)

The General Wholesale Price Index moved down 0.2 per cent, from 219.0 in February to 218.6 in March. This marked the lowest point recorded since August 1950. Five of the eight major groups showed fractional percentage decreases while the remaining three registered small gains. Animal Products showed the most substantial decline, moving down 0.7 per cent from 243.9 to 242.1 mainly in response to lower prices for live-stock, fresh meats, butter, cheese, eggs and hides. Cured meats was the only subgroup to advance. Vegetable Products declined 0.5 per cent, from 200.6 to 199.6, as decreases in grains, vegetable oils, sugar, milled cereal foods, feeds, potatoes, onions and canned vegetables outweighed continued increases in coffee, cocoa, tea, rubber footwear and fresh and canned fruits. Continued weakness in scrap steel and iron prices was reflected in the Iron and Steel Products group index which receded 0.3 per cent from 215.9 to 215.2. Non-metallic Minerals declined 0.2 per cent from 179.4 to 179.0 as lower prices for United States anthracite and domestic bituminous coal outweighed increases in prepared stucco, crude oil and sulphur. Lower prices for both domestic and imported raw wool and raw cotton were responsible for a drop of 0.1 per cent, from 233.3 to 233.1, in the index of Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products. Increases in zinc, copper, tin, gold, solder and silver advanced the Non-ferrous Metals series 0.5 per cent, from 164.3 to 165.1. Pig lead and copper wire recorded small declines in this group. Chemicals and Allied Products rose 0.3 per cent, from 175.3 to 175.9, as increases in laundry soap and paint materials outweighed a drop in glycerine. Gains in newsprint, woodpulp and certain fir and cedar lumber descriptions more than offset declines in hardwoods to advance the index of Wood and its Products 0.2 per cent from 283.4 to 284.1.

The composite index of Canadian Farm Products prices at terminal markets receded 1.0 per cent from 208.8 to 206.7. Field Products moved down 1.0 per cent from 152.9 to 151.3 due mainly to lower prices for eastern potatoes and eastern grains. Animal Products also declined 1.0 per cent from 264.7 to 262.0 under the influence of lower quotations for livestock, eggs, eastern milk for cheese manufacture, and raw wool.

Residential Building Materials costs receded 0.3 per cent from 276.7 to 275.9 reflecting decreases in hardwood flooring, copper wire, plumbing fixtures and linoleum. An advance in prepared stucco prices was responsible for an increase in the Lath, Plaster and Insulation sub-group.

The index for Non-Residential Building Materials (1949 = 100) at 122.9 was 0.2 per cent below the February level of 123.1. Hardwood flooring, copper wire and linoleum floor covering registered losses which outweighed increases in prepared stucco, linseed oil and brick.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES
(1935-1939 = 100)

Common stock prices averaged slightly higher in March as the Investors' index for 101 issues stiffened from 163.2 in February to 165.0 for the month under review. Fluctuations in the March weekly indexes, however, indicated that the erratic movement in evidence in the previous month was continuing. The total index moved up from 162.8 for the week of February 25th to 166.6 for the week of March 11th, but subsequently reacted to 163.8 by the 25th.

Group indexes were all firmer, the composite series for 80 industrials changing from 163.2 to 165.1 while the utilities index moved from 151.9 to 153.3 and the bank index from 189.6 to 192.5. Of the twelve sub-group indexes, nine were higher led by machinery and equipment, textiles and clothing and industrial mines. Beverages, building materials and transportation stocks were lower.

Mining stocks were slightly firmer as the composite index for 27 representative issues advanced from 83.4 in February to 84.3 in March. Firmer prices for base metal stocks accounted for the advance and an index for this series changed from 132.0 to 136.5. Gold stocks on the other hand were slightly easier as the index for 22 issues eased from 62.1 to 61.5.

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

Note: Final revisions of 1953 Wholesale Price Indexes are published in this bulletin.
 1954 Wholesale Price Indexes are subject to revision.

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.
	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
GENERAL INDEX	230.7	221.9	219.0	218.6	- 5.2	- 1.5	- 0.2
Vegetable Products	218.1	201.5	200.6	199.6	- 8.5	- 0.9	- 0.5
Animal Products	259.1	238.8	243.9	242.1	- 6.6	+ 1.4	- 0.7
Textile Products	255.7	241.6	233.3	233.1	- 8.8	- 3.5	- 0.1
Wood Products	291.9	290.9	283.4	284.1	- 2.7	- 2.3	+ 0.2
Iron Products	218.2	221.5	215.9	215.2	- 1.4	- 2.8	- 0.3
Non-ferrous Metals	178.2	174.9	164.3	165.1	- 7.4	- 5.6	+ 0.5
Non-metallic Minerals	174.4	175.3	179.4	179.0	+ 2.6	+ 2.1	- 0.2
Chemical Products	184.7	176.5	175.3	175.9	- 4.8	- 0.3	+ 0.3
FARM PRODUCTS	256.7	228.1	208.8	206.7	- 19.5	- 9.4	- 1.0
Field	230.1	191.9	152.9	151.3	- 34.2	- 21.2	- 1.0
Animal	283.3	264.3	264.7	262.0	- 7.5	- 0.9	- 1.0

WHOLESALE PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED COMMODITIESBETWEEN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1954

	<u>INCREASES</u>	p.c.	<u>DECREASES</u>
			p.c.
Oranges, 252's, Toronto	15.8	Potatoes, Winnipeg	36.7
Coffee, green, Guatemala	14.1	Onions, Vancouver	13.8
Stucco, exterior, Vancouver	12.1	Steel scrap, turnings and borings	13.3
Codfish, fresh, Halifax	10.0	Whitefish, Ontario	13.3
Solder	9.0	Canned corn	13.0
Linseed oil, raw	8.3	Beef hides, butcher and country	11.1
Tin ingots	8.3	Cocoanut oil	10.8
Beef carcass, cow, Winnipeg	7.1	Eggs, Grade "A" large, Winnipeg	9.1
Lard, Vancouver	7.1	Maple, hard, domestic	8.7
Cocoa beans, Lagos	6.2	Vegetable shortening, Toronto	7.9
Cedar, clear, bevel siding	5.6	Barley, Ontario, good malting	6.7
Canned peaches	5.3	Lard, Winnipeg	6.7
Lamb carcass, good, Vancouver	5.3	Veal carcass, good, Winnipeg	5.9
Laundry soap	4.4	Birch, No. 1 common and selects	5.6
Tea, black	4.3	Raw wool, imported, Australian	5.6

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>					<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	Aver-	Aver-	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	1953	1954	Mar.
	age	age	1953	1954	1954	1952	1953	1954
TOTAL INDEX	116.5	115.5	114.8	115.7	115.5	- 0.9	+ 0.6	- 0.2
Food	116.8	112.6	111.6	111.7	110.7	- 3.6	- 0.8	- 0.9
Shelter	120.2	123.6	122.5	125.4	125.6	+ 2.8	+ 2.5	+ 0.2
Clothing	111.8	110.1	109.7	110.0	109.8	- 1.5	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Household Operation	116.2	117.0	116.7	117.5	117.6	+ 0.7	+ 0.8	+ 0.1
Other Commodities and Services	116.0	115.8	115.2	116.5	116.6	- 0.2	+ 1.2	+ 0.1

RETAIL PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED ITEMS BETWEEN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1954

	<u>INCREASES</u>		<u>DECREASES</u>	
	p.c			p.c
Coffee	6.0		Lettuce	20.4
Oranges	5.0		Fresh tomatoes	10.1
Apples	4.9		Sirloin steak	3.8
Carrots	3.8		Round steak	3.7
Toilet soap	2.1		Shortening	3.0
Dishes	1.8		Stewing beef	2.4
Soap flakes or powder	1.7		Hamburg	2.3
Picnic shoulder	1.6		Rolled rib roast	2.0
Automobile body repairs	1.5		Blade roast	1.9
Laundry	1.2		Rayon slip	1.6

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>					<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	March	March	Feb.	March	March	March	March	March
	1952	1953	1954	1954	1952	1953	1954	1954
Total Investors' Index	177.6	170.0	163.2	165.0	- 7.1	- 2.9	+ 1.1	
Total Industrials	182.6	170.8	163.2	165.1	- 9.6	- 3.3	+ 1.2	
Machinery & Equipment	443.3	415.5	418.4	432.8	- 2.4	+ 4.2	+ 3.4	
Pulp & Paper	546.1	501.9	589.4	596.4	+ 9.2	+ 18.8	+ 1.2	
Milling	120.9	130.6	129.9	131.1	+ 8.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.9	
Oils	162.8	145.3	136.3	136.4	- 16.2	- 6.1	+ 0.1	
Textiles & Clothing	277.1	261.5	158.4	166.3	- 40.0	- 36.4	+ 5.0	
Foods	110.4	117.8	123.6	123.8	+ 12.1	+ 5.1	+ 0.2	
Beverages	371.7	396.8	447.9	440.0	+ 18.4	+ 10.9	- 1.8	
Building Materials	286.4	293.3	286.8	285.2	- 0.4	- 2.8	- 0.6	
Industrial Mines	143.2	129.5	103.4	106.9	- 25.3	- 17.5	+ 3.4	
Total Utilities	170.4	167.7	151.9	153.3	- 10.0	- 8.6	+ 0.9	
Transportation	390.2	344.2	272.8	267.0	- 31.6	- 22.4	- 2.1	
Telephone & Telegraph	93.8	100.0	103.6	105.9	+ 12.9	+ 5.9	+ 2.2	
Power and Traction	140.8	147.0	134.0	137.2	- 2.6	- 6.7	+ 2.4	
Banks	143.6	165.9	189.6	192.5	+ 34.1	+ 16.0	+ 1.5	
Mining Stocks								
General Index	102.7	101.7	83.4	84.3	- 17.9	- 17.1	+ 1.1	
Golds	73.4	70.1	62.1	61.5	- 16.2	- 12.3	- 1.0	
Base Metals	169.6	174.0	132.0	136.5	- 19.5	- 21.6	+ 3.4	

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

Date	General	Raw and	Fully	Indus-	Canadian Farm		
	Whole- sale Price Index	Partly Manu- factured	and Chiefly Manu- factured	trial Mate- rials	Field	Animal	Total
1913	83.4	85.1	86.2	-	-	-	-
1920	203.2	194.7	208.2	-	-	-	-
1926	130.3	129.1	133.0	144.3	158.5	130.2	144.4
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	175.1	263.8	219.5
1953 Jan.	221.5	209.3	228.7	240.2	201.6	266.4	234.0
Feb.	221.1	208.0	228.8	238.4	196.6	263.1	229.9
Mar.	221.9	209.9	229.2	237.5	191.9	264.3	228.1
Apr.	219.5	205.6	227.8	232.9	187.6	255.8	221.7
May	220.0	206.4	228.2	234.2	185.2	263.2	224.2
June	221.5	207.2	230.2	234.0	184.5	268.7	226.6
July	221.0	207.2	229.3	231.7	187.7	265.3	226.5
Aug.	222.2	210.1	229.7	231.4	157.2	269.9	213.6
Sept.	221.2	207.1	229.8	228.8	154.0	263.7	208.9
Oct.	220.4	205.0	228.8	227.0	151.7	265.3	208.5
Nov.	218.7	203.3	228.0	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
Mar.	218.6	204.3	226.9	222.8	151.3	262.0	206.7

(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 32.

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

- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS -

Date	General Whole- Sale Sale Index	Total	Live				Fruits, Fruits, Fruits,			
		Vege- table Pro- ducts	Grains	Milled Cereal Foods	Poultry Feeds	Stock and Bakery Pro- ducts	Fresh	Dried	Canned	
1953	Average ..	220.7	199.0	201.0	200.3	211.7	182.5	149.8	174.7	145.4
1953	Jan.	221.5	202.1	199.4	196.5	225.5	177.0	148.1	175.0	142.0
	Feb.	221.1	201.0	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.	219.5	197.3	199.9	196.4	229.3	177.0	142.8	176.5	141.1
	May	220.0	197.4	200.8	197.0	229.3	177.0	150.3	176.5	141.1
	June	221.5	197.4	199.4	207.7	206.6	177.0	158.7	175.1	141.1
	July	221.0	198.8	197.2	206.1	197.8	188.0	155.9	174.6	143.9
	Aug.	222.2	201.9	211.0	203.7	205.3	188.0	147.3	175.2	149.0
	Sept.	221.2	199.6	208.6	203.6	207.2	188.0	155.9	175.2	151.2
	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

- 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	Average ..	297.4	176.8	162.1	356.3	171.8	209.7	181.1	172.7
1953	Jan.	315.8	184.2	171.4	344.6	286.6	286.1	201.7	173.2
	Feb.	310.4	181.7	171.4	342.3	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	339.4	147.8	212.7	175.5	172.5
	June	289.9	176.8	163.8	342.7	153.1	212.7	175.5	172.4
	July	281.0	175.5	163.8	358.2	196.8	252.1	175.5	172.0
	Aug.	279.9	175.1	162.2	367.7	167.9	161.2	177.0	171.7
	Sept.	278.3	175.0	156.9	355.6	137.0	138.9	177.0	171.7
	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

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 Jan.	239.3	265.1	102.3	142.7	212.5	202.7	298.4	380.8
Feb.	239.1	264.4	95.1	159.3	212.5	202.7	289.7	355.3
Mar.	238.8	264.4	95.1	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	239.3	255.9	104.4	160.2	213.9	204.8	291.5	321.2
June	247.6	254.4	104.4	158.5	217.3	204.8	298.3	317.8
July	243.5	257.9	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	259.6	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	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

- 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 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	226.3	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
Mar.	283.1	283.6	265.0	192.8	231.5	236.6	177.9	153.3

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	Miscellaneous 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	Jan. ..	241.4	274.2	263.3	249.2	235.8	252.3	169.5	165.3
	Feb. ..	242.2	280.9	251.6	249.2	235.8	252.3	169.5	165.3
	Mar. ..	241.6	284.6	251.6	246.7	235.8	252.3	169.5	165.3
	Apr. ..	240.0	281.6	251.6	240.5	235.8	248.9	169.5	165.3
	May ...	239.6	286.4	244.6	240.5	244.1	248.9	169.5	165.3
	June ..	240.1	282.0	244.6	240.5	244.1	248.9	169.5	163.3
	July ..	239.1	287.6	244.6	238.7	244.1	238.3	169.5	163.3
	Aug. ..	237.9	282.0	243.0	236.3	244.1	238.3	169.5	163.3
	Sept. ..	237.9	279.7	242.2	235.4	244.1	238.3	169.5	163.3
	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

- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Rayon Yarns	Raw Wool, Domestic	Raw Wool, Imported	Yarns, Worsted	Hosiery and Knit Goods, Chiefly Wool	Wool Blankets	Wool Cloth	Carpets	
1953	Average	176.9	260.3	249.7	221.3	241.7	252.5	265.6	225.3
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	268.5	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

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

- WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER -

Date		Total Wood Products	Lumber and Timber	Spruce	Hard-woods	Hem-lock	Fir	Cedar	Wood-pulp	News-print	Wrap-ping Paper No. 1	Kraft
1953	Average ..	288.6	419.2	399.8	337.0	393.5	496.1	387.6	206.7	286.8	219.8	
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	
	Mar.	284.1	409.3	380.4	310.1	369.8	495.2	377.7	201.3	283.1	227.6	

- IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS -

		Total Iron Products	Pig Iron	Rolling Mill Products	Pipe and Tubing	Hard-ware	Wire	Scrap Iron and Steel	Tin Plate and Galvanized Sheet
1953	Average ..	221.4	261.2	209.4	238.3	224.5	249.2	298.1	223.5
1953	Jan.	221.6	260.1	209.2	238.3	222.8	245.5	315.9	224.4
	Feb.	221.5	260.1	209.2	238.3	222.8	245.5	313.6	224.4
	Mar.	221.5	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
	Mar.	215.2	260.1	207.3	238.3	218.4	243.8	215.3	219.0

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

- NON-FERROUS METALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -

Date	Total Non-	Anti-	Copper and Its Pro-	Lead and Its Pro-	Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Pro-	Solder and Its Pro-	Combined	
	Ferrous Metals		mony	ducts	ducts				Index	
	(1)	(2)							Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals (2)	
1953 Average .	168.6	225.3	178.5	283.1	269.3	216.3	180.2	258.9	201.9	223.1
1953 Jan.	169.6	228.1	182.5	278.4	285.4	211.6	224.7	295.9	234.1	224.3
Feb.	168.5	225.7	182.5	278.3	271.4	215.2	228.3	274.4	234.1	223.2
Mar.	174.9	236.6	175.6	309.0	274.2	216.5	228.8	268.1	234.1	227.8
Apr.	170.7	229.1	175.6	295.1	257.4	216.5	187.0	261.9	216.6	224.7
May	168.1	223.5	175.6	281.6	251.1	218.9	187.9	256.4	207.0	222.2
June	168.6	224.4	175.6	281.5	264.6	218.9	177.9	256.4	207.0	222.2
July	168.3	224.2	175.6	281.2	270.3	218.3	154.0	256.4	191.1	222.1
Aug.	168.2	224.2	175.6	280.2	276.6	217.6	150.2	256.4	191.1	222.1
Sept.	167.1	222.6	175.6	279.3	271.2	216.8	153.8	245.4	176.8	222.2
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

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -

	Total Non-	Clay and Allied Material Products	Pottery	Coal	Coal Tar	Coke	Manufactured Gas	Window Glass	
	Metallic Products								
1953 Average .		176.9	219.2	146.8	178.3	213.7	227.3	138.7	233.8
1953 Jan.		175.4	210.0	146.8	180.8	213.7	227.3	138.5	233.8
Feb.		175.0	211.1	146.8	180.5	213.7	227.3	138.5	233.8
Mar.		175.3	218.5	146.8	180.6	213.7	227.3	138.5	233.8
Apr.		175.3	218.5	146.8	178.7	213.7	227.3	138.5	233.8
May		174.8	221.5	146.8	176.0	213.7	227.3	138.5	233.8
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
Mar.		179.0	230.3	146.8	177.0	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
(1935-39 = 100)

- 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 Jan.	170.7	159.4	134.9	126.9	183.4	150.4	174.8
Feb.	170.7	158.4	133.9	126.7	183.4	150.4	175.7
Mar.	170.7	158.4	133.9	126.7	183.4	150.4	177.2
Apr.	170.7	161.3	134.6	126.9	184.1	150.4	177.0
May	170.7	161.3	134.6	126.9	184.1	150.4	179.4
June	170.7	164.9	134.6	126.9	184.1	150.4	202.9
July	170.7	165.4	134.6	126.9	184.1	150.4	202.5
Aug.	170.7	171.0	142.9	134.3	184.1	150.4	201.6
Sept.	170.7	171.1	142.9	134.3	184.1	150.4	201.0
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

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Plaster	Lime	Cement	Sand and Gravel	Crushed Stone	Building Stone	Asbestos and Its Products
1953 Average ...	126.7	190.7	158.3	143.4	164.3	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
Mar.	126.7	191.9	158.5	146.7	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
1953 Average ..	175.7	138.3	209.6	190.2	174.2	288.8
1953 Jan.	177.1	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.	173.6	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

- 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 Jan.	139.5	189.1	174.0	126.6	191.1
Feb.	139.5	189.1	174.0	126.5	191.1
Mar.	139.5	189.1	174.0	125.9	191.1
Apr.	139.5	189.1	173.3	128.8	191.1
May	139.5	189.1	173.3	126.9	191.1
June	139.5	189.1	173.3	127.1	191.1
July	139.5	189.1	166.4	129.4	191.1
Aug.	139.5	189.1	166.4	128.8	191.1
Sept.	139.5	189.1	166.4	128.7	186.4
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

TABLE 6. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

Date	- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -											
	Total Index (1949=100)*	Total Index (1949=100)*	Cement, Sand and Gravel	Brick, Tile and Stone	Lumber and Its Pro- ducts	Lath, Plaster and Insu- lation	Roof- ing Mat- erial	Paint and Glass	Plumb- ing Equip- ment	Elec- trical Equip- ment	Other Mater- ials	
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	117.3	
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>												
Jan.	124.4	283.6	152.1	199.5	412.2	129.1	217.0	202.7	213.1	211.0	228.8	
Feb.	124.5	283.9	152.1	199.5	412.8	129.1	217.0	202.2	213.1	211.0	228.8	
Mar.	124.9	284.7	152.1	205.7	413.9	129.1	217.0	202.2	211.7	217.9	228.8	
Apr.	124.7	284.3	151.6	205.7	413.3	129.1	216.9	201.8	211.7	217.9	228.8	
May	124.7	284.3	151.6	207.4	413.5	129.1	216.9	202.7	212.1	209.7	228.8	
June	124.6	284.1	151.6	207.4	413.2	128.9	219.7	202.7	211.3	209.7	228.8	
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	

* 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)

Date	Total Index	- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -					
		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	Jan.	124.6	120.4	123.0	116.7	128.7	121.4
	Feb.	124.7	120.4	123.4	117.2	128.8	121.4
	Mar.	124.9	120.4	126.0	117.3	128.9	121.2
	Apr.	124.8	119.3	126.0	117.3	129.0	119.9
	May	124.7	119.3	126.5	117.0	129.1	120.9
	June	124.6	119.3	126.5	117.0	128.8	121.1
	July	124.7	120.4	126.5	117.0	128.7	119.6
	Aug.	124.5	120.5	126.5	117.0	128.2	119.9
	Sept.	123.6	120.5	126.5	117.0	126.8	119.7
	Oct.	123.8	120.5	126.5	117.0	126.2	121.1
	Nov.	123.7	120.5	126.5	117.0	125.7	120.8
	Dec.	123.6	120.9	126.5	117.1	124.9	120.7
1954	Jan.	123.2	122.1	126.5	117.3	124.7	120.7
	Feb.	123.1	122.1	126.5	120.9	124.2	120.4
	Mar.	122.9	121.8	126.6	120.7	123.7	120.0

	Steel and Metal Work	Hard-ware	Lath, Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Materials	Paint and Glass	Miscel-laneous Materials
1950	107.3	103.8	98.7	104.7	100.5	97.7
1951	122.0	120.3	107.1	128.9	113.0	106.0
1952	131.3	125.9	109.7	134.5	115.6	106.4
1953	134.7	129.3	110.0	133.6	125.3	103.8
1953	Jan.	134.7	128.3	110.3	135.1	124.9
	Feb.	134.7	128.3	110.3	135.1	124.9
	Mar.	134.8	128.3	110.3	135.1	124.9
	Apr.	134.8	128.3	110.2	134.9	124.9
	May	134.7	128.3	110.2	134.9	124.9
	June	134.7	128.3	110.2	132.6	124.9
	July	134.7	128.3	110.2	132.6	124.9
	Aug.	134.7	128.2	109.6	132.6	124.9
	Sept.	134.8	131.0	109.6	132.6	125.0
	Oct.	134.8	131.4	109.6	132.6	126.4
	Nov.	134.8	131.4	109.6	132.6	126.4
	Dec.	134.5	131.4	109.6	132.8	126.4
1954	Jan.	133.1	125.2	109.8	132.9	126.4
	Feb.	132.3	125.7	109.3	132.8	126.4
	March	132.3	125.7	109.9	132.6	128.1

TABLE 8.-WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity 1/	Unit	Yearly Average 1953	Mar. 1953	Feb. 1954	Mar. 1954
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern, Domestic ..	bu.	1.919	1.830	1.833	1.800
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern, I.W.A.	bu.	1.882	1.830	1.833	1.800
OATS, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	.747	.784	.750	.738
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed	bu.	1.110	1.222	.921	.870
RYE, No. 2 C. W.	bu.	1.286	1.590	1.029	.950
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto	bbl.	11.195	11.300	11.800	11.800
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal .	cwt.	7.620	7.885	7.315	7.078
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal	gal.	1.337	1.350	1.200	1.300
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's	lb.	.684	.726	.900	.978
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John	75 lb. bag	1.471	1.650	.888	.810
STEERS, Toronto	cwt.	19.969	21.070	17.600	17.980
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included)	cwt.	30.823	27.360	35.170	34.010
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers	lb.	.175	.190	.150	.145
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	.370	.370
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade, Montreal ...	lb.	.610	.634	.627	.624
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.648	.614	.524	.486
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 15/16", New York	lb.	.333	.335	.338	.342
COTTON YARNS, 10's white	lb.	.698	.730	.645	.645
WOOL, Raw, Eastern bright, 1/4 blood ..	lb.	.508	.500	.490	.480
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Canadian Mill					
(Southern Quebec)	ton	109.793	109.945	107.852	108.411
PIG IRON, Malleable	gr. ton	58.000	58.000	58.000	58.000
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic	cwt.	30.004	32.986	28.956	29.138
LEAD, Domestic	cwt.	12.896	13.136	12.325	12.250
TIN INGOTS	lb.	.961	1.219	.877	.949
ZINC, Domestic, Grade "A", Electrolytic	cwt.	11.942	12.377	10.850	11.078
COAL, United States Anthracite	ton	20.768	21.500	19.930	19.230
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto	gal.	.223	.217	.231	.231
SHINGLES, Asphalt	210-lb. sq.	8.450	8.450	8.450	8.450
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume	ton	25.175	24.000	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	Household Operation	Other Commodities & Services	
1939	.....	63.2	50.2	84.6	54.9	66.5	77.2	
1940	.....	65.7	52.6	86.6	59.9	70.3	77.9	
1941	.....	69.6	57.9	89.2	63.6	73.8	80.0	
1942	.....	72.9	63.4	90.7	65.8	76.0	82.0	
1943	.....	74.2	65.2	90.9	66.1	76.1	84.8	
1944	.....	74.6	65.5	91.2	66.6	75.7	86.1	
1945	.....	75.0	66.3	91.4	66.9	74.9	86.4	
1946	.....	77.5	70.0	91.8	69.2	77.2	88.7	
1947	.....	84.8	79.5	95.1	78.9	86.2	91.6	
1948	.....	97.0	97.5	98.3	95.6	96.8	96.5	
1949	.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
1950	.....	102.9	102.6	106.2	99.7	102.4	103.1	
1951	.....	113.7	117.0	114.4	109.8	113.1	111.5	
1952	.....	116.5	116.8	120.2	111.8	116.2	116.0	
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
	March	1	115.5	110.7	125.6	109.8	117.6	116.6

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

	1951	1952	1953	Mar. 1952	Mar. 1953	Jan. 1954	Feb. 1954	Mar. 1954
Total Index	113.7	116.5	115.5	116.9	114.8	115.7	115.7	115.5
Food	117.0	116.8	112.6	117.6	111.6	111.6	111.7	110.7
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	108.6	113.3	112.4	116.1	113.8	112.8	113.0	113.0
Cereal Products	113.0	117.4	119.3	117.1	117.1	122.4	122.5	122.5
Meats, Fish and Poultry	127.9	115.5	108.2	121.0	107.0	109.2	110.0	106.9
Shelter	114.4	120.2	123.6	119.1	122.5	125.4	125.4	125.6
Rent	114.5	120.9	125.4	119.9	123.9	128.0	128.1	128.4
Home-Ownership	114.4	119.3	121.2	118.0	120.6	121.9	121.8	121.8
Clothing	109.8	111.8	110.1	112.9	109.7	110.1	110.0	109.8
Men's Wear	111.6	115.2	113.5	116.0	113.3	113.9	113.8	113.7
Women's Wear	105.6	104.8	102.5	106.2	101.8	102.3	102.1	101.8
Children's Wear	108.6	111.5	108.6	112.1	108.8	108.2	108.2	108.1
Footwear	116.6	127.2	127.7	127.8	127.9	127.6	127.6	127.6
Piece Goods	119.8	107.4	106.2	110.5	104.5	108.4	108.6	108.5
Household Operation	113.1	116.2	117.0	116.9	116.7	117.5	117.5	117.6
Fuel and Lighting	109.9	113.4	115.6	114.1	115.1	116.4	116.4	116.4
Home Furnishings	115.5	117.6	116.7	119.1	116.7	116.3	116.2	116.3
Furniture	112.9	115.6	117.2	115.6	116.4	118.1	118.0	118.1
Utensils and Equipment	113.2	118.9	121.2	117.7	120.8	121.4	121.5	121.8
Supplies and Services	112.7	116.8	118.7	116.3	118.1	120.2	120.3	120.6
Supplies	112.2	112.4	113.5	112.1	113.2	115.0	115.3	115.5
Services	113.0	119.7	122.2	119.1	121.4	123.8	123.8	124.1
Other Commodities and Services	111.5	116.0	115.8	116.4	115.2	116.4	116.5	116.6
Transportation	113.0	117.4	119.2	117.8	118.7	119.8	119.5	119.8
Automobile Operation	112.9	114.9	114.5	117.7	113.7	115.2	114.8	115.1
Recreation	109.7	115.7	116.7	114.6	117.7	118.5	118.4	118.3
Health Care	110.3	118.8	122.0	118.1	120.2	123.8	124.5	124.5
Drugs	107.4	107.9	108.7	107.7	108.3	109.1	109.1	109.1
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	111.5	113.3	108.0	115.1	107.1	107.2	107.2	107.2
Personal Care	112.5	115.5	115.9	115.6	115.6	116.6	117.0	117.4
Personal Supplies	110.6	112.7	111.5	113.4	111.7	111.8	112.6	113.2

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	Margarine
<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	113.0
<u>1953</u>	Jan. 2	115.8	119.3	101.9	77.4	96.6	101.2	113.0
	Feb. 2	116.8	120.6	109.7	80.0	96.1	103.4	117.6
	Sept. 1	100.9	113.8	119.9	118.0	95.7	106.5	118.5
	Oct. 1	100.3	112.2	121.6	127.2	95.3	103.8	118.5
	Nov. 2	97.8	105.8	116.7	128.1	95.3	102.9	117.9
	Dec. 1	98.2	104.8	116.1	118.0	95.3	102.4	117.9
<u>1954</u>	Jan. 2	99.9	106.2	118.1	115.6	95.3	103.8	117.6
	Feb. 1	99.9	105.8	122.2	117.7	94.9	103.9	117.9
	Mar. 1	98.0	101.8	121.8	118.5	94.9	103.6	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	118.6
<u>1953</u>	Jan. 2	86.7	90.6	99.7	103.4	119.5	152.4	115.1
	Feb. 2	85.8	88.9	99.2	99.1	119.5	147.0	125.2
	Sept. 1	88.0	130.7	96.8	89.5	120.1	93.6	126.6
	Oct. 1	88.6	134.3	96.8	93.7	120.1	89.3	126.6
	Nov. 2	88.6	110.2	96.8	91.2	120.1	86.7	118.6
	Dec. 1	91.1	98.2	96.8	99.4	119.5	84.1	124.5
<u>1954</u>	Jan. 2	92.3	88.6	96.3	94.6	118.9	84.4	127.5
	Feb. 1	92.9	91.9	97.2	95.7	119.5	83.8	139.9
	Mar. 1	90.2	91.5	97.2	100.5	119.5	83.0	106.9
	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	161.5
<u>1953</u>	Jan. 2	118.5	115.4	117.7	104.7	112.7	105.2	161.4
	Feb. 2	118.5	114.1	117.7	104.7	110.6	105.2	161.2
	Sept. 1	118.5	111.7	124.8	111.9	106.2	105.6	165.7
	Oct. 1	118.5	111.7	124.8	111.9	106.2	105.6	166.8
	Nov. 2	118.5	109.6	125.8	113.3	105.1	106.1	167.3
	Dec. 1	118.5	110.3	126.8	113.3	104.1	106.1	167.8
<u>1954</u>	Jan. 2	118.5	110.6	126.8	113.3	104.1	106.1	169.1
	Feb. 1	118.5	110.6	126.8	111.9	104.1	106.5	178.3
	Mar. 1	118.5	110.0	126.8	111.9	103.0	106.5	189.0

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
<u>1951</u>	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	113.1	114.4
	July 3	101.3	114.6	115.9	119.2	117.5	117.3	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
	September 1	102.7	115.4	117.0	119.6	118.9	118.5	117.3	114.6	116.3
	October 1	103.0	115.9	117.5	119.8	119.2	118.8	117.9	115.1	117.3
	November 1	103.2	116.6	117.8	120.4	119.2	119.2	117.8	115.4	116.9
	December 1	103.5	116.6	118.2	120.4	120.2	118.9	118.0	115.2	119.0
<u>1952</u>	January 2	103.9	116.6	119.4	120.9	120.6	119.6	118.3	115.1	119.5
	February 1	103.7	115.9	119.0	120.3	120.1	118.9	118.1	115.1	117.4
	March 1	104.0	115.6	118.7	119.2	118.7	117.9	117.2	114.2	118.6
	April 1	103.8	115.6	118.6	118.2	118.1	118.2	117.1	113.0	115.4
	May 1	103.1	115.3	117.0	116.5	116.4	116.9	116.2	111.4	114.0
	June 2	102.7	116.5	117.8	117.4	116.2	117.9	116.3	111.3	113.8
	July 2	103.9	116.8	118.3	118.0	116.5	117.9	116.5	112.6	114.4
	August 1	105.3	116.4	118.2	117.0	116.2	117.8	115.9	113.2	117.0
	September 2	103.6	114.9	116.8	117.0	115.8	117.2	115.3	112.4	113.9
	October 1	103.0	113.1	115.3	115.8	114.5	116.2	114.3	111.7	113.5
	November 1	102.5	113.6	115.2	115.7	114.7	116.0	114.1	112.1	113.3
	December 1	102.3	112.8	114.5	115.2	113.9	115.6	113.5	111.3	112.9
<u>1953</u>	January 2	102.4	112.8	114.7	115.7	114.4	115.9	113.7	111.9	112.6
	February 2	102.3	113.1	114.8	116.2	114.3	116.0	114.1	112.1	112.6
	March 2	101.3	112.9	114.5	115.8	114.3	115.9	113.7	112.2	113.0
	April 1	101.5	112.7	114.6	114.8	114.3	115.7	113.9	112.3	113.1
	May 1	101.1	112.2	114.4	114.9	113.7	115.7	113.6	112.1	113.2
	June 1	101.2	112.7	114.9	116.0	114.7	116.5	114.1	112.9	114.0
	July 2	101.9	113.7	115.8	117.3	115.2	117.2	115.2	113.9	114.7
	August 1	102.9	114.2	116.7	117.0	115.4	117.5	115.0	114.2	115.3
	September 1	102.8	113.8	116.1	116.5	115.5	117.6	114.7	113.8	115.1
	October 1	102.8	114.0	116.1	117.4	116.4	118.4	115.0	114.3	115.3
	November 2	103.1	113.6	115.9	117.0	116.0	117.8	115.2	113.7	114.9
	December 1	102.7	113.2	115.5	116.7	115.5	117.6	114.7	113.3	116.3
<u>1954</u>	January 2	102.6	113.2	115.4	116.7	115.3	117.7	114.9	113.2	116.2
	February 1	102.4	113.8	115.8	116.8	115.5	117.6	115.0	113.5	116.4
	March 1	102.2	113.7	116.2	116.3	115.3	117.4	114.7	113.7	116.3

TABLE 12. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR REGIONAL CITIES - Continued
(1949=100)

			St. John's Nfl'd. 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
	March	1	99.5	105.6	109.8	113.4	109.8	108.9	110.2	110.0	109.9	110.7
<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
	March	1	107.3	122.2	117.6	132.0	126.0	138.2	122.6	113.1	119.3	124.1

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>	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
	March	1	102.0	116.6	119.7	110.7	113.4	112.2	115.4	117.0	114.2	111.8
<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
	March	1	104.0	119.1	117.3	116.2	116.4	117.8	113.1	118.3	115.1	124.7
<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
	March	1	102.0	115.8	122.8	115.6	117.6	117.7	116.6	112.4	117.8	117.4

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
1945 - 1954

Year and Month	Actual(1) Weekly Wages	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	Index Numbers of		The Consumer Price Index (1949 = 100)
			Actual Weekly Wages	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	
	\$	\$	(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 - 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	54.05	46.72	129.6	112.0	115.7
Feb. 1	57.14(P)	49.39(P)	137.0(P)	118.4(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												
Number of Stocks	Inves-	Total	Machin-	Pulp	Tex-	Food	Build-					
	tors'	Indus-	ery	and	Tiles	and	Bever-	ing				
	Total	Indus-	and	Paper	and	Allied	Ages	Mat-				
	(101)	(80)	(11)	(9)	(3)	(5)	(10)	(16)	erials			
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		
Aug. ..	176.0	179.8	441.8	519.9	152.3	153.4	297.2	107.5	375.6	299.4		
Sept. ..	171.6	174.3	434.7	499.1	145.4	146.6	286.8	109.7	363.8	290.7		
Oct. ..	163.6	164.9	407.5	471.9	143.4	138.1	271.9	110.2	350.4	277.5		
Nov. ..	167.3	169.2	416.1	480.4	143.7	143.3	276.3	112.4	370.4	284.8		
Dec. ..	168.4	169.9	419.1	494.3	132.9	146.5	269.3	112.5	367.1	287.6		
<u>1953</u>	Jan. ..	172.3	174.3	432.9	502.5	132.6	147.3	279.0	115.2	382.5	293.6	
	Feb. ..	169.0	170.0	419.9	494.4	133.4	143.0	269.4	117.0	387.0	291.0	
	Mar. ..	170.0	170.8	415.5	501.9	130.6	145.3	261.5	117.8	396.8	293.3	
	Apr. ..	160.8	160.6	382.7	472.6	130.4	136.8	247.7	118.2	384.4	282.2	
	May ..	159.8	159.1	381.6	471.0	128.3	134.6	235.1	118.2	395.9	275.1	
	June ..	156.8	155.5	378.9	471.9	128.8	127.4	217.6	118.3	388.1	270.7	
	July ..	160.7	160.5	394.9	494.9	129.8	129.3	202.7	124.3	408.6	278.5	
	Aug. ..	161.2	161.6	396.9	518.9	136.4	131.3	211.5	125.7	411.4	283.8	
	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	
<u>Weekly Index</u>												
	Mar. 4	163.5	163.9	425.0	589.2	130.5	138.4	163.8	123.5	439.1	284.4	
	Mar. 11	166.6	166.3	431.5	600.1	129.8	137.6	170.6	124.2	446.9	283.3	
	Mar. 18	166.3	166.4	440.6	602.1	132.5	135.6	165.0	123.4	439.4	289.7	
	Mar. 25	163.8	163.7	434.2	594.4	131.7	133.8	165.9	124.3	434.5	283.3	

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

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(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)	Golds (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	
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
	Mar. ..	106.9	153.3	267.0	105.9	137.2	192.5	84.3	61.5	136.5
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
	Mar. 4	102.9	150.5	261.7	105.4	132.8	189.8	83.0	61.4	132.6
	Mar. 11	108.6	156.2	276.3	107.7	138.0	194.5	85.6	61.8	140.0
	Mar. 18	109.8	154.2	269.5	105.1	139.6	194.1	84.6	61.4	137.7
	Mar. 25	106.3	152.3	260.7	105.5	138.2	191.7	83.9	61.3	135.7

(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	
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	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	
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	104.7
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 (a)	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	218.1	161.4	410.3	215.8	229.5
April	245.2	216.9	161.4	454.2	209.6	230.9
August	245.4	212.5	161.4	471.9	204.5	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	1952	1953	1953		1954	
		Average	Average	March Average	January Average	February Average	March Average
United States	dollar	.9789	.9834	.9833	.9729	.9665	.9708
United Kingdom	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7692	2.7356	2.7193	2.7329
Argentina	peso (free)	.07010	.07079	.07078	.07003	.06957	.06988
Australia	pound	2.1872	2.2133	2.2154	2.1885	2.1754	2.1863
Belgium (1)	franc	.01947	.01969	.01966	.01949	.01937	.01936
Brazil (2)	cruzeiro	.05291	.05314	.05315	.04165	.04137	.04156
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.5696	.5764	.5769	.5699	.5665	.5694
Ceylon	rupee	.2056	.2075	.2077	.2052	.2039	.2050
Chile	peso (free)	.00908	.00890	.00894	.00884	.00879	.00883
Colombia	peso (basic)	.3916	.3921	.3933	.3891	.3866	.3887
Cuba	peso	.9789	.9834	.9833	.9729	.9665	.9708
Denmark	krone	.1417	.1424	.1424	.1409	.1399	.1406
Egypt	pound	2.8111	2.8239	2.8237	2.7937	2.7754	2.7877
France and North Africa	franc	.00280	.00281	.00281	.00278	.00276	.00277
Germany	deutsche mark	.2331	.2342	.2341	.2316	.2301	.2311
Hong Kong	dollar	.1709	.1729	.1731	.1710	.1700	.1708
India	rupee	.2056	.2075	.2077	.2052	.2039	.2050
Ireland	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7692	2.7356	2.7193	2.7329
Italy	lira	.00157	.00158	.00158	.00156	.00155	.00156
Jamaica	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7692	2.7356	2.7193	2.7329
Japan	yen	.00272	.00273	.00273	.00270	.00268	.00270
Lebanon	pound (free)	.2734	.2872	.2713	.3053	.3030	.3019
Mexico	peso	.1132	.1137	.1137	.1125	.1117	.1122
Netherlands	guilder	.2576	.2588	.2588	.2565	.2553	.2564
New Zealand	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7692	2.7356	2.7193	2.7329
Norway	krone	.1371	.1377	.1377	.1362	.1353	.1359
Pakistan	rupee	.2959	.2972	.2972	.2940	.2921	.2934
Peru	sol-certificate	.06346	.05908	.06203	.04870	.04530	.05154
Philippines	peso	.4895	.4917	.4917	.4864	.4833	.4854
Portugal	escudo	.03412	.03431	.03426	.03395	.03373	.03388
Singapore	dollar	.3190	.3228	.3231	.3192	.3173	.3188
Sweden	krona	.1892	.1901	.1901	.1880	.1868	.1876
Switzerland	franc	.2266	.2293	.2293	.2268	.2254	.2263
Turkey	lira	.3496	.3512	.3512	.3474	.3452	.3467
Union of South Africa	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7692	2.7356	2.7193	2.7329
Venezuela	bolivar	.2922	.2936	.2935	.2904	.2885	.2898
Yugoslavia	dinar	.00326	.00328	.00328	.00324	.00322	.00324

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.

TABLE 20. - INDEX NUMBERS OF CONSUMER AND WHOLESALE PRICES
IN CANADA AND OTHER SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

Country	Base Period	1939	1953	1953			1954		
				Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
<u>COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1936 - 1939	182.9	255.0(c)						
Canada	1949	63.2	115.5	116.7	116.2	115.8	115.7	115.7	115.5
Denmark	1935	109	220	219			219		
France (Paris)	1949		143.7	141.0	141.3	142.1	143.2	144.1	
India (Bombay)	1933 - 1934	106	337(e)	368	361				
Italy (Rome)	1938		5,065	5,022	5,057	5,059	5,048		
Malaya	January 1949(a)		134	136	133	132			
Mexico	1939	100.0	451.2	452.1	448.2	445.0	446.5	445.4	
Netherlands	1949		120	121	120	120	123		
New Zealand	1st. qtr. 1949	74.8	133.3			136.6			
Norway	1949	63.8	136	137	137	137			
South Africa	1938	99.9	192.4	196.0	193.6	191.9	192.9	193.0	
Sweden	1935	107.5	224.1	224.2	224.1	223.9			
Switzerland	August, 1939		169.8	170.4	170.4	170.1	169.8		
United Kingdom	Jan. 15, 1952		105.8	105.7	106.0	105.6	105.8		
United States	1947 - 49	59.4	114.4	115.4	115.0	114.9	115.2	115.0	
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1936 - 1939	101.1	319(c)	329					
Canada	1935 - 1939	99.3	220.7	220.4(f)	218.7(f)	219.0	219.8	219.0	218.6
Denmark	1935	118	341	335	333	334	337	340	
France	1949		138.3	136.3	137.4	138.0	137.9	137.9	
India	Sept. '38-Aug. '39		380.6(d)	393.6	390.6	389.4	398.5		
Italy	1938		5,250	5,237	5,222(f)	5,256	5,286		
Mexico	1929	127.0	493.7(e)	501.3					
Netherlands	1948		134	133	134	134			
New Zealand	1926 - 1930	107.1	255.0	258.5	257.6	257.7			
Norway	1938	102	276	277	276	276			
South Africa	1938	97.6	258.9(e)	265.2	263.3				
Sweden	1935	115	298	295	297	296	296		
Switzerland	August, 1939		212.8	212.3	212.1	210.9	212.5		
United Kingdom	1930	102.8	327.8	325.5	327.5(f)	325.9(f)	324.8(f)	324.0	
United States	1947-49	50.1	110.1	110.2	109.8	110.1	110.9(f)	110.5	

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 1952 to June 1953.

(d) Average from September 1952 to August 1953.

(e) 1952 average.

(f) Revised.

Explanation of Methods Used and Additional Sources for Price Series
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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

General Wholesale

For an explanation of methods of construction and an historical record please refer to D.B.S. Reference Paper No. 24 - 1951. It is available from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for the sum of seventy-five cents.

Canadian Farm Products

The wheat prices used in these indexes are prices currently effective for Manitoba 1, 2 and 3 Northern at Fort William. Participation payments are included and the series revised whenever such figures are announced. Between August 1945 and July 1950 the price included in the index for No. 1 Manitoba Northern was \$1.83 per bushel. For the crop year August 1, 1950 - July 31, 1951 the price included was \$1.85 per bushel. For the crop year August 1, 1951 - July 31, 1952 the price was \$1.83 per bushel. 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.

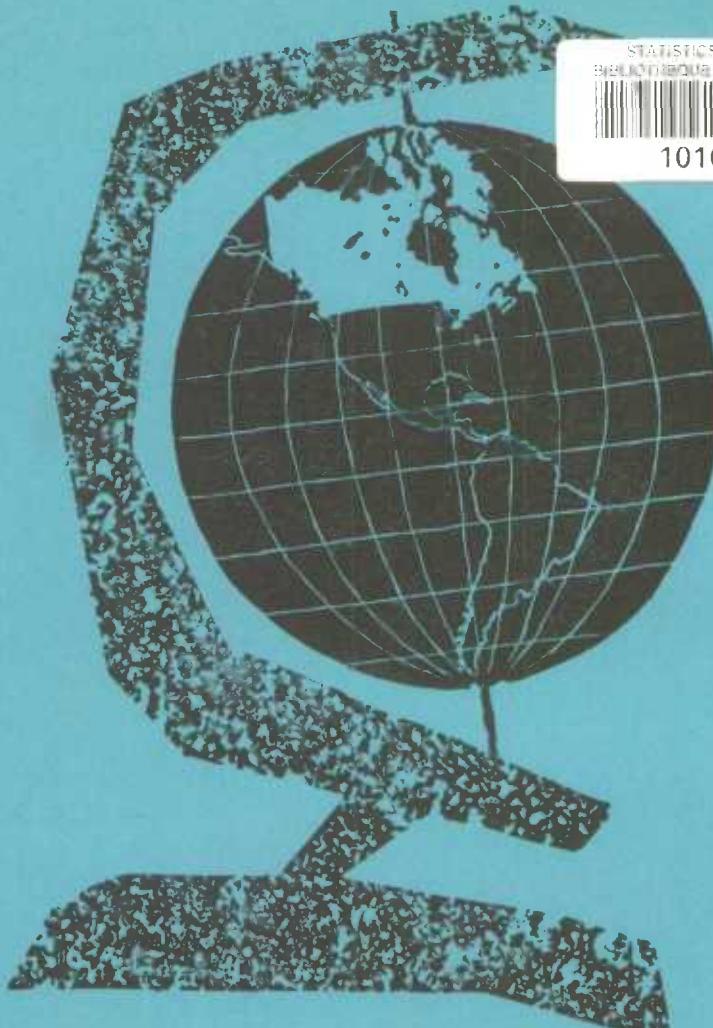
The regional indexes, with the exception of St. John's, are patterned after the Consumer Price Index for Canada. They are similar to this index in terms of family coverage, item content and weighting system. The construction of each index involved three main phases: 1) the conversion of an existing cost-of-living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