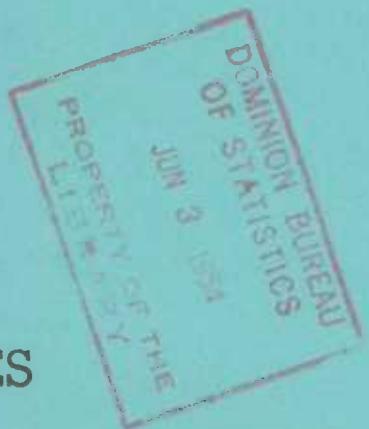




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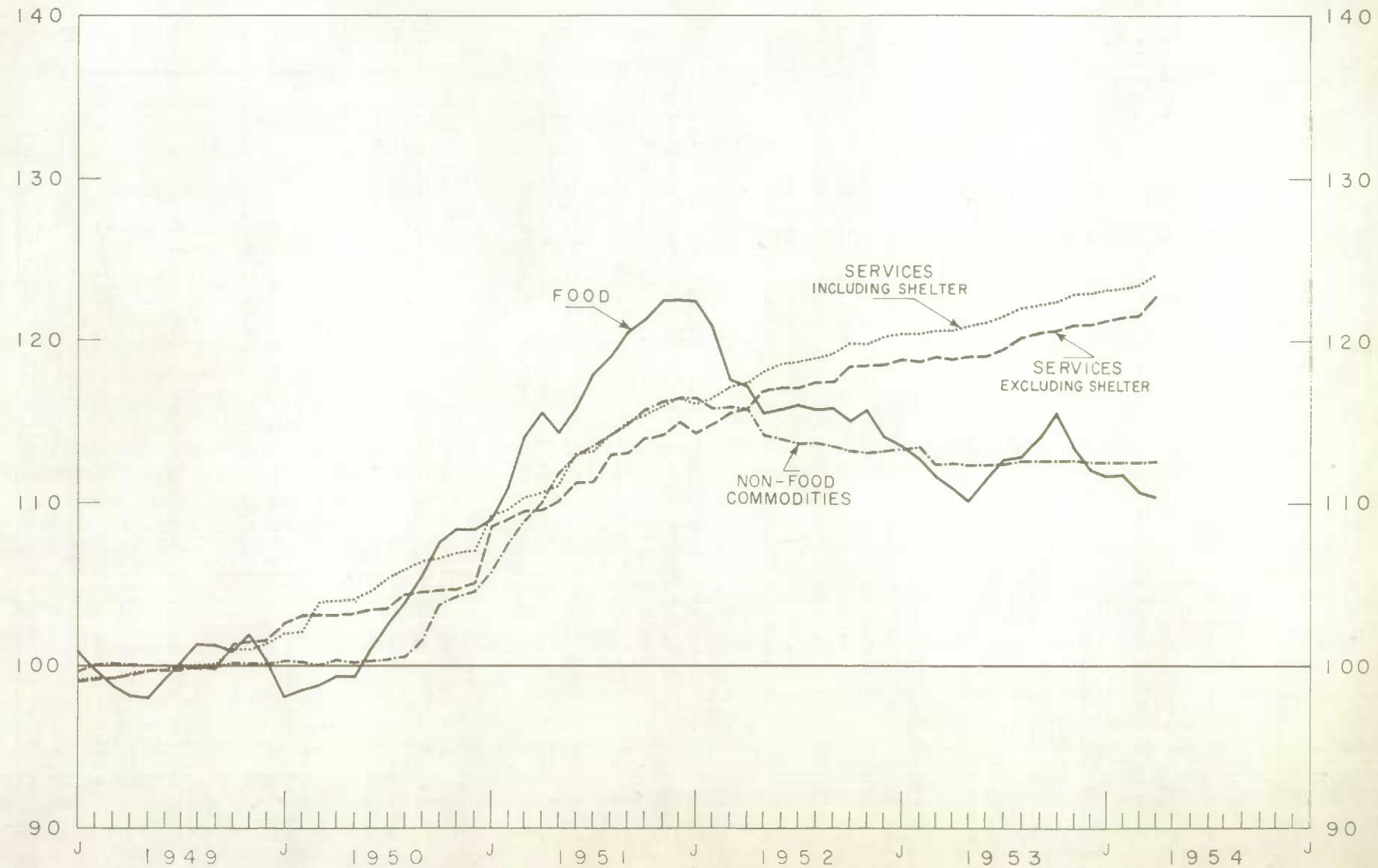
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES
FOOD, NON-FOOD COMMODITIES, SERVICES
MONTHLY, JANUARY 1949-APRIL 1954

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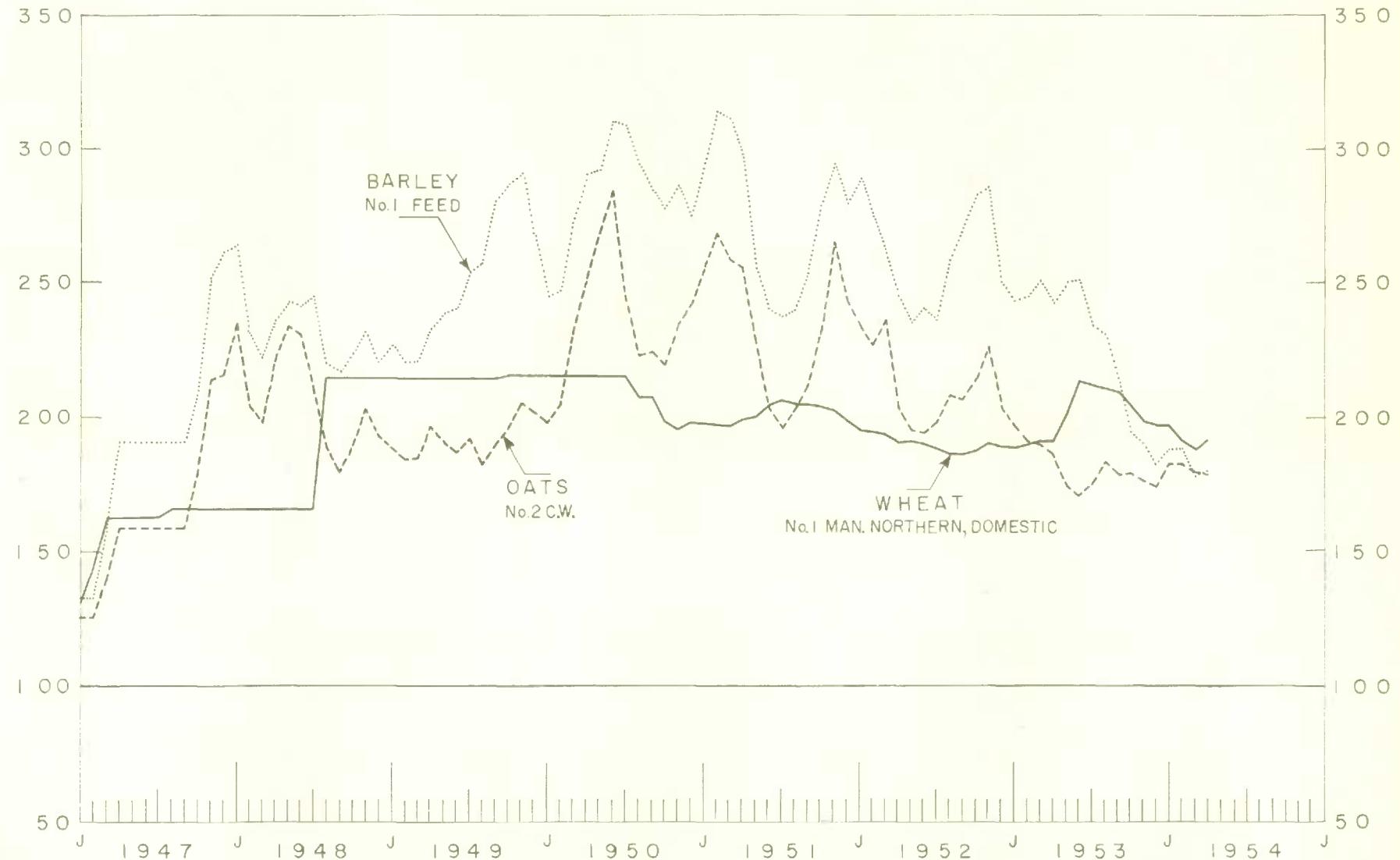


WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES
PRICE RELATIVES OF WHEAT, OATS AND BARLEY

1935-1939=100

MONTHLY, JANUARY 1947-APRIL 1954

1935-1939=100



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

The Consumer Price Index registered a slight gain between March 1 and April 1, moving from 115.5 to 115.6 due mainly to advances in clothing, household operation and other commodities and services which overbalanced weakness in food prices. The food index moved down from 110.7 to 110.4 reflecting sizeable decreases in eggs and smaller declines for butter, beef, fresh pork, veal, fresh tomatoes, celery and potatoes which proved more important than increases for coffee, tea, oranges, cured pork and shortening. The shelter index remained unchanged at 125.6, a small increase in rents balancing a decline in the home-ownership section. The remaining three indexes were influenced by increases in health care, personal care, postal rates, as well as tax adjustments in British Columbia and New Brunswick. The clothing index advanced from 109.8 to 109.9, while the household operation index moved up 0.4 per cent to 118.1. Cleaning supplies were firmer in this group, while lower prices were noted for electric irons and lawnmowers. An advance of 0.5 per cent to 117.2 was registered in the other commodities and services series.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES
(1935-1939 = 100)

The General Wholesale Price Index dipped 0.3 per cent between March and April, from 218.6 to 217.9. Although four of the eight major groups declined, the major part of the decrease reflected a change in Vegetable Products which dropped 1.8 per cent from 199.6 to 196.0. Mainly responsible for the decline in this group was a drop in the price of brewers' malt of 80.3 per cent and which in turn lowered the index of milled cereal foods almost 25 per cent. It reflected a change in the method of collecting the tax on beer in which the excise duty of 21 cents per pound on brewers' malt was repealed and an excise duty of 38 cents per gallon was imposed upon beer and malt liquor. Small decreases occurred also in automobile tires and tubes, fresh fruits, vegetable oils and potatoes, which outweighed advances in livestock and poultry feeds, cocoa and its products, grains, raw sugar and canned fruits. Animal Products receded 0.5 per cent from 242.1 to 240.9 as milk and its products, fowl, eggs, leather, hides and raw furs registered losses which proved of more consequence than increases in livestock, beef carcass, fishery products, bacon and lard. Iron and Its Products moved down 0.5 per cent, from 215.2 to 214.2, responding to continued declines in steel scrap, as well as lower prices for pig iron and steel pipe. In the Non-Metallic group an advance in hydrated lime and a higher cost price in Canadian currency for sulphur were more than offset by seasonal declines in crushed stone, sand and gravel and a lower price for United States anthracite coal. As a result the index declined 0.4 per cent, from 179.0 to 178.3. Among groups to record increases, Non-Ferrous Metals moved up 1.5 per cent from 165.1 to 167.6, under the impetus of higher prices for lead, zinc, copper and its products, gold, tin, solder and silver. Wood, Wood Products and Paper advanced 0.6 per cent, from 284.1 to 285.7 as export prices of newsprint, woodpulp and cedar shingles reflected strengthening of the United States dollar; among lumber and timber items, B.C. fir timber advanced slightly while eastern spruce lumber declined. The Fibres, Textile and Textile Products index rose 0.1 per cent from 233.1 to 233.3, due to higher prices for raw cotton and raw wool which were only partially offset by declines in cotton fabrics, sisal rope, cotton knit goods and wool cloth. Chemical Products advanced 0.1 per cent when increases in paint materials slightly overbalanced a decline in muriate of potash.

The composite index of Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets declined 0.6 per cent between March and April, from 206.7 to 205.5. Field Products, at 150.6, was 0.5 per cent below the March level of 151.3. Grains and eastern potatoes moved lower while western potatoes and hay were slightly above March levels. The Animal Products sub-group recorded a decline of 0.6 per cent as decreases in butterfat, eggs, eastern milk and poultry outweighed advances in live-stock, wool and western milk for cheese manufacture to move the index from 262.0 to 260.4.

Residential Building Materials prices rose 0.1 per cent from 275.9 to 276.1, reflecting increases in black steel pipe, copper pipe, copper wire and certain electrical fixtures; decreases were noted for sand, gravel and shellac.

Non-Residential Building Materials (1949 = 100), on the other hand, declined 0.2 per cent to 122.6 as sand, gravel, plumbing and heating equipment, metal windows, shellac, linseed oil and spruce lumber all registered fractionally lower. In the plumbing and heating sub-group, advances in black steel pipe and copper pipe were outweighed by declines in galvanized steel pipe, oil burners and range boilers.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES
(1935-1939 = 100)

Common stock prices advanced again in April which marked the fourth month of consecutive increases. Between March and April the Investors' composite index changed from 165.0 to 173.6 which was the highest monthly figure touched since August 1952.

Group indexes were all firmer, led by an advance in the index for 80 industrials from 165.1 to 174.7. The utilities series moved from 153.3 to 159.5 while the index for 8 banks changed from 192.5 to 195.4. Among the sub-groups, eleven were firmer while one series declined. Notable among the increases were machinery and equipment, pulp and paper, oils, transportation and power and traction. The textile and clothing index weakened slightly.

Mining stock prices registered a firmer tone in April also as the composite index for 27 representative issues advanced from 84.3 to 89.3. Both golds and base metals moved up, the former increasing from 61.5 to 64.8, while the latter changed from 136.5 to 145.5.

Preferred stocks, as indicated by a composite index of 33 issues, advanced moderately between March and April, from 165.4 to 168.0. This series has shown successive monthly increases since November of 1953, while the latest figure is the highest level reached since February 1951.

PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES, 1949-1952 (VOLUME 23)

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

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

Note: 1954 Wholesale Price Indexes are subject to revision.

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>
	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>Mar.</u>
<u>GENERAL INDEX</u>	226.8	219.5	218.6	217.9	- 3.9	- 0.7	- 0.3
Vegetable Products	214.1	197.3	199.6	196.0	- 8.5	- 0.7	- 1.8
Animal Products	248.3	234.4	242.1	240.9	- 3.0	+ 2.8	- 0.5
Textile Products	253.9	240.0	233.1	233.3	- 8.1	- 2.8	+ 0.1
Wood Products	286.5	289.9	284.1	285.7	- 0.3	- 1.4	+ 0.6
Iron Products	218.7	221.5	215.2	214.2	- 2.1	- 3.3	- 0.5
Non-ferrous Metals	176.0	170.7	165.1	167.6	- 4.8	- 1.8	+ 1.5
Non-metallic Minerals	174.3	175.3	179.0	178.3	+ 2.3	+ 1.7	- 0.4
Chemical Products	181.8	176.2	175.9	176.0	- 3.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
<u>FARM PRODUCTS</u>	253.8	221.7	206.7	205.5	- 19.0	- 7.3	- 0.6
Field	234.0	187.6	151.3	150.6	- 35.6	- 19.7	- 0.5
Animal	273.7	255.8	262.0	260.4	- 4.9	+ 1.8	- 0.6

WHOLESALE PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED COMMODITIESBETWEEN MARCH AND APRIL 1954

	<u>INCREASES</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>	
	<u>p.c.</u>	<u>p.c.</u>	
Potatoes, Halifax	23.0	Veal carcass, Montreal	20.7
Bran	13.1	Peas, No. 2, Ontario	20.0
Trout, fresh, Toronto	12.7	Rye, No. 2, Ontario	18.0
Cocoa beans, Lagos	12.0	Bananas, Montreal	16.1
Beef carcass, cow, Winnipeg	11.8	Steel pipe, 2" seamless, black	13.4
Rubber, raw, smoked sheets	11.3	Fowl, Grade A, Toronto	12.5
Lead, domestic	7.5	Potatoes, Toronto	12.3
Chocolate liquor	7.1	Milk, fresh, Halifax	12.0
Hydrated lime, Quebec	6.5	Molasses, extra fancy, Barbados	11.6
Raw wool, domestic, western range	6.0	Steel scrap, over charging box size	10.0
Sugar, raw	5.4	Beef hides, packer, light steers	9.0
Peaches, canned	5.0	Leather, black calf	8.0
Vegetable shortening, Toronto	4.8	Shellac	7.9
Lard, Winnipeg	4.8	Eggs, Grade A large, Vancouver	7.8
Zinc, domestic	4.7	Linseed oil	7.7

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>					<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	Aver-age 1952	Aver-age 1953	Apr. 1953	Mar. 1954	Apr. 1954	1953	1954	Apr. 1954 Mar.
TOTAL INDEX	116.5	115.5	114.6	115.5	115.6	- 0.9	+ 0.9	+ 0.1
Food	116.8	112.6	110.9	110.7	110.4	- 3.6	- 0.5	- 0.3
Shelter	120.2	123.6	122.7	125.6	125.6	+ 2.8	+ 2.4	-
Clothing	111.8	110.1	109.7	109.8	109.9	- 1.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Household Operation	116.2	117.0	116.9	117.6	118.1	+ 0.7	+ 1.0	+ 0.4
Other Commodities and Services	116.0	115.8	115.0	116.6	117.2	- 0.2	+ 1.9	+ 0.5

RETAIL PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED ITEMS BETWEEN MARCH AND APRIL 1954

	<u>INCREASES</u> p.c.	<u>DECREASES</u> p.c.	
Postage	22.6	Fresh tomatoes	12.8
Oranges	16.4	Eggs	7.8
Prepaid health care	11.1	Celery	7.3
Lettuce	11.0	Potatoes	4.2
Apples	7.3	Veal, shoulder roast	3.2
Coffee	6.1	Lawnmower	2.6
Cabbage	4.9	Girl's cotton dress	2.3
Carrots	2.8	Hamburg	2.1
Hospital rates	2.5	Canned tomatoes	1.9
Tea	2.0	Pork, loin chops	1.8

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	April 1952	April 1953	March 1954	April 1954	April 1954	April 1954	April 1954
Total Investors' Index	175.8	160.8	165.0	173.6	- 1.3	+ 8.0	+ 5.2
Total Industrials	180.5	160.6	165.1	174.7	- 3.2	+ 8.8	+ 5.8
Machinery & Equipment	417.6	382.7	432.8	458.8	+ 9.9	+ 19.9	+ 6.0
Pulp & Paper	510.8	472.6	596.4	628.5	+ 23.0	+ 33.0	+ 5.4
Milling	120.1	130.4	131.1	133.9	+ 11.5	+ 2.7	+ 2.1
Oils	172.7	136.8	136.4	145.4	- 15.8	+ 6.3	+ 6.6
Textiles & Clothing	261.2	247.7	166.3	163.1	- 37.6	- 34.2	- 1.9
Foods	107.8	118.2	123.8	124.6	+ 15.6	+ 5.4	+ 0.6
Beverages	352.0	384.4	440.0	453.6	+ 28.9	+ 18.0	+ 3.1
Building Materials	274.0	282.2	285.2	298.6	+ 9.0	+ 5.8	+ 4.7
Industrial Mines	137.8	118.3	106.9	116.0	- 15.8	- 1.9	+ 8.5
Total Utilities	170.4	161.0	153.3	159.5	- 6.4	- 0.9	+ 4.0
Transportation	404.1	314.0	267.0	280.6	- 30.6	- 10.6	+ 5.1
Telephone & Telegraph	90.3	99.3	105.9	107.8	+ 19.4	+ 8.6	+ 1.8
Power and Traction	138.2	144.8	137.2	145.0	+ 4.9	+ 0.1	+ 5.7
Banks	140.1	163.0	192.5	195.4	+ 39.5	+ 19.9	+ 1.5
Mining Stocks							
General Index	102.8	96.5	84.3	89.3	- 13.1	- 7.5	+ 5.9
Golds	77.0	69.2	61.5	64.8	- 15.9	- 6.4	+ 5.4
Base Metals	162.1	159.0	136.5	145.5	- 10.2	- 8.5	+ 6.6

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
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
Apr.	217.9	205.7	225.1	223.9	150.6	260.4	205.5

(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 Index	Total	Live			Fruits, Fresh	Fruits, Dried	Fruits, Canned		
		Vege- table Pro- ducts	Milled Grains	Cereal Foods	Stock Bakery and Poultry Feeds					
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
	Apr.	217.9	196.0	190.2	147.0	238.3	188.0	170.1	173.8	156.1

- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Vege- table Oils and Pro- ducts	Rubber and Its Pro- ducts	Sugar and Its Pro- ducts	Tea Coffee and Cocoa	Pota- toes	Onions	Canned Vege- 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
	Apr.	274.8	171.4	151.1	477.2	113.0	120.9	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, Unmanufactured	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
Apr.	240.9	263.6	90.3	119.4	206.9	204.8	292.5	297.9

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Meats, Fresh	Beef and Veal Carcass	Meats, Cured	Fowl, Dressed	Milk and Its Products	Butter	Oils and Fats	Eggs
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
Apr.	286.1	290.3	265.4	168.7	226.9	229.7	179.2	145.5

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
	Apr. ..	233.3	289.0	224.7	231.7	224.5	239.7	169.5	160.3

- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Raw 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
	Apr. ..	176.9	257.9	247.1	210.2	236.1	252.5	261.2	225.3

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

- WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER -

Date	Total Wood Pro- ducts	Lumber and Timber	Spruce	Hard- woods	Hem- lock	Fir	Cedar	Wood- pulp	News- print	Wrap- ping Paper No. 1	Kraft
1953 Average ..	288.6	419.2	399.8	337.0	393.5	496.1	387.6	206.7	286.8	219.8	
1953 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	
Apr.	285.7	410.0	380.0	310.1	369.8	496.4	380.0	203.4	285.9	227.6	

- IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS -

	Total Iron Pro- ducts	Pig Iron	Rolling Mill Pro- ducts	Pipe and Tubing	Hard- ware	Wire	Scrap Iron and Steel	Tin Plate and Gal- vanized Sheet
1953 Average ..	221.4	261.2	209.4	238.3	224.5	249.2	298.1	223.5
1953 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
Apr.	214.2	254.7	207.3	237.1	218.4	243.8	200.9	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-	Copper	Lead	Zinc			Combined	
	Ferrous Metals	Anti-mony	and Its Pro- ducts	and Its Pro- ducts	Silver	Tin	Its Pro- ducts	Iron and Non- Ferrous Metals
(1)	(2)						(2)	
1953 Average .	168.6	225.3	178.5	283.1	269.3	216.3	180.2	258.9
1953 Jan.	169.6	228.1	182.5	278.4	285.4	211.6	224.7	295.9
Feb.	168.5	225.7	182.5	278.3	271.4	215.2	228.3	274.4
Mar.	174.9	236.6	175.6	309.0	274.2	216.5	228.8	268.1
Apr.	170.7	229.1	175.6	295.1	257.4	216.5	187.0	261.9
May	168.1	223.5	175.6	281.6	251.1	218.9	187.9	256.4
June	168.6	224.4	175.6	281.5	264.6	218.9	177.9	256.4
July	168.3	224.2	175.6	281.2	270.3	218.3	154.0	256.4
Aug.	168.2	224.2	175.6	280.2	276.6	217.6	150.2	256.4
Sept.	167.1	222.6	175.6	279.3	271.2	216.8	153.8	245.4
Oct.	166.5	221.7	175.6	278.8	266.5	216.3	150.3	243.0
Nov.	166.5	222.1	187.6	277.7	271.4	215.2	157.7	246.1
Dec.	166.1	221.7	184.2	276.5	271.4	214.2	162.4	246.1
1954 Jan.	165.6	220.9	184.2	276.4	266.3	214.2	163.9	241.0
Feb.	164.3	219.0	184.2	274.3	257.5	212.7	164.5	235.9
Mar.	165.1	220.0	184.2	275.5	256.0	213.7	178.1	240.9
Apr.	167.6	223.7	184.2	278.6	274.9	216.3	181.1	251.6
								200.6
								218.2

- 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
Apr.	178.3	230.3	146.8	176.4	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8

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

(2) Excludes Gold.

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued
(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
Apr.	189.3	169.3	142.5	134.2	184.1	150.4	200.2

- 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
Apr.	126.7	192.6	158.5	142.1	155.7	200.7	267.1

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

- CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS -

Date	Total Chemical Products	Inorganic Chemicals	Organic Chemicals	Coal Tar Products	Dyeing Materials	Tanning Materials
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
Apr.	176.0	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
Apr.	137.4	189.1	165.8	126.2	206.6

TABLE 6. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

Date	- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -											
	Total Index (1949=100)*	Total Index	Cement, Sand and Gravel	Brick, Sand and Stone	Lumber and Its Pro- ducts	Lath, Plaster and Insu- lation	Roof- ing Mat- erial	Paint and Glass	Plumb- ing and Heat- ing Equip- ment	Elec- trical Equip- ment and Fix- tures	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	117.9	
1944 ..	64.3	146.6	101.8	114.9	188.4	104.8	136.0	146.6	120.0	110.3	117.9	
1945 ..	65.0	148.3	102.1	116.4	191.3	104.8	135.5	142.2	122.2	111.4	118.0	
1946 ..	67.8	154.5	102.0	121.0	202.1	104.2	146.2	144.2	127.2	116.9	126.4	
1947 ..	79.1	180.4	109.7	133.4	242.0	107.3	172.3	169.6	145.2	147.4	143.0	
1948 ..	95.4	217.5	122.3	143.1	305.8	116.7	201.6	183.1	168.3	169.8	162.3	
1949 ..	100.0	228.0	127.0	151.0	322.1	118.1	190.5	179.6	180.2	173.4	174.7	
1950 ..	106.4	242.7	131.3	163.8	349.2	116.7	235.4	174.8	183.2	184.5	181.1	
1951 ..	125.5	286.2	140.9	180.7	425.0	126.3	235.8	197.8	210.4	213.3	212.7	
1952 ..	124.9	284.8	149.5	195.3	415.7	128.5	217.7	194.9	215.6	212.0	226.3	
1953 ..	123.9	282.6	151.8	205.8	410.6	128.5	218.6	203.8	209.0	211.4	229.5	
<u>1953</u>												
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	
Apr.	121.1	276.1	151.7	207.4	397.3	129.2	226.1	205.2	203.8	209.2	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
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	118.6
Feb.	124.7	120.4	123.4	117.2	128.8	121.4	118.6
Mar.	124.9	120.4	126.0	117.3	128.9	121.2	119.6
Apr.	124.8	119.3	126.0	117.3	129.0	121.1	119.9
May	124.7	119.3	126.5	117.0	129.1	120.9	118.5
June	124.6	119.3	126.5	117.0	128.8	121.1	118.7
July	124.7	120.4	126.5	117.0	128.7	120.4	119.6
Aug.	124.5	120.5	126.5	117.0	128.2	119.9	119.7
Sept.	123.6	120.5	126.5	117.0	126.8	115.8	119.7
Oct.	123.8	120.5	126.5	117.0	126.2	115.8	121.1
Nov.	123.7	120.5	126.5	117.0	125.7	115.8	120.8
Dec.	123.6	120.9	126.5	117.1	124.9	115.8	120.7
1954 Jan.	123.2	122.1	126.5	117.3	124.7	115.8	120.7
Feb.	123.1	122.1	126.5	120.9	124.2	115.6	120.4
Mar.	122.9	121.8	126.6	120.7	123.7	115.6	120.0
Apr.	122.6	120.5	126.6	120.6	123.6	115.0	120.0
	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	106.5	
Feb.	134.7	128.3	110.3	135.1	124.9	106.5	
Mar.	134.8	128.3	110.3	135.1	124.9	103.7	
Apr.	134.8	128.3	110.2	134.9	124.9	103.7	
May	134.7	128.3	110.2	134.9	124.9	103.2	
June	134.7	128.3	110.2	132.6	124.9	103.2	
July	134.7	128.3	110.2	132.6	124.9	103.2	
Aug.	134.7	128.2	109.6	132.6	124.9	103.2	
Sept.	134.8	131.0	109.6	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.	134.5	131.4	109.6	132.8	126.4	103.2	
1954 Jan.	133.1	125.2	109.8	132.9	126.4	104.4	
Feb.	132.3	125.7	109.3	132.8	126.4	104.4	
March	132.3	125.7	109.9	132.6	128.1	100.2	
Apr.	132.0	125.7	109.9	132.5	128.0	100.2	

TABLE 8. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity 1/	Unit	Yearly Average 1953	Apr. 1953	Mar. 1954	Apr. 1954
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern, Domestic ..	bu.	1.919	1.830	1.800	1.824
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern, I.W.A.	bu.	1.882	1.830	1.800	1.824
OATS, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	.747	.766	.738	.732
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed	bu.	1.110	1.185	.870	.876
RYE, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	1.286	1.478	.950	.889
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto	bbl.	11.195	11.400	11.800	11.700
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal .	cwt.	7.620	7.648	7.078	7.078
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal	gal.	1.337	1.350	1.300	1.200
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's	lb.	.684	.680	.978	.965
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John	75 lb. bag	1.471	1.440	.810	.800
STEERS, Toronto	cwt.	19.969	19.920	17.980	18.510
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included)	cwt.	30.823	26.900	34.010	34.360
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers	lb.	.175	.170	.145	.132
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	.602	.624	.605
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.648	.612	.486	.469
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 15/16", New York	lb.	.333	.338	.342	.346
COTTON YARNS, 10's white	lb.	.698	.730	.645	.645
WOOL, Raw, Eastern bright, 1/4 blood ..	lb.	.508	.500	.480	.500
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Canadian Mill (Southern Quebec)	ton	109.793	109.806	108.411	109.457
PIG IRON, Malleable	gr. ton	58.000	58.000	58.000	56.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic	cwt.	30.004	31.388	29.138	29.469
LEAD, Domestic	cwt.	12.896	12.321	12.250	13.167
TIN INGOTS	lb.	.961	.997	.949	.965
ZINC, Domestic, Grade "A", Electrolytic	cwt.	11.942	12.076	11.078	11.600
COAL, United States Anthracite	ton	20.768	20.290	19.230	18.830
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	House-hold Operation	Other Commodities & Services
1939	63.2	50.2	84.6	54.9	66.5	77.2
1940	65.7	52.6	86.6	59.9	70.3	77.9
1941	69.6	57.9	89.2	63.6	73.8	80.0
1942	72.9	63.4	90.7	65.8	76.0	82.0
1943	74.2	65.2	90.9	66.1	76.1	84.8
1944	74.6	65.5	91.2	66.6	75.7	86.1
1945	75.0	66.3	91.4	66.9	74.9	86.4
1946	77.5	70.0	91.8	69.2	77.2	88.7
1947	84.8	79.5	95.1	78.9	86.2	91.6
1948	97.0	97.5	98.3	95.6	96.8	96.5
1949	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950	102.9	102.6	106.2	99.7	102.4	103.1
1951	113.7	117.0	114.4	109.8	113.1	111.5
1952	116.5	116.8	120.2	111.8	116.2	116.0
1953	115.5	112.6	123.6	110.1	117.0	115.8
1951 August	1	115.5	119.0	115.8	110.7	113.4
September	1	116.5	120.5	117.2	111.9	113.6
October	1	117.1	121.3	117.2	114.1	114.1
November	1	117.9	122.5	118.2	114.5	114.8
December	1	118.1	122.5	118.2	115.2	115.0
1952 January	2	118.2	122.4	118.3	114.9	115.5
February	1	117.6	120.8	118.3	113.5	115.8
March	1	116.9	117.6	119.1	112.9	116.4
April	1	116.8	117.2	119.4	112.5	116.8
May	1	115.9	115.5	119.6	112.3	115.6
June	2	116.0	115.7	120.4	111.8	115.9
July	2	116.1	116.0	120.6	111.7	115.6
August	1	116.0	115.7	120.6	111.6	115.8
September	2	116.1	115.8	121.2	110.9	116.0
October	1	116.0	115.1	121.5	109.9	116.2
November	1	116.1	115.7	121.4	109.8	116.6
December	1	115.8	114.1	122.2	109.7	116.1
1953 January	2	115.7	113.5	122.3	109.7	116.7
February	2	115.5	112.7	122.5	109.6	116.6
March	2	114.8	111.6	122.5	109.7	115.2
April	1	114.6	110.9	122.7	109.7	116.9
May	1	114.4	110.1	122.9	110.1	115.1
June	1	114.9	111.4	123.6	110.1	116.6
July	2	115.4	112.7	123.9	110.3	115.2
August	1	115.7	112.8	124.1	110.4	115.8
September	1	116.2	114.0	124.2	110.4	115.9
October	1	116.7	115.5	124.5	110.3	116.0
November	2	116.2	113.4	125.0	110.3	117.4
December	1	115.8	112.1	125.2	110.2	116.3
1954 January	2	115.7	111.6	125.4	110.1	116.4
February	1	115.7	111.7	125.4	110.0	116.5
March	1	115.5	110.7	125.6	109.8	116.6
April	1	115.6	110.4	125.6	109.9	117.2

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

	1951	1952	1953	Apr. 1952	Apr. 1953	Feb. 1954	Mar. 1954	Apr. 1954
<u>Total Index</u>	113.7	116.5	115.5	116.8	114.6	115.7	115.5	115.6
<u>Food</u>	117.0	116.8	112.6	117.2	110.9	111.7	110.7	110.4
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	108.6	113.3	112.4	115.4	113.1	113.0	113.0	112.7
Cereal Products	113.0	117.4	119.3	117.2	117.0	122.5	122.5	122.5
Meats, Fish and Poultry	127.9	115.5	108.2	117.5	106.1	110.0	106.9	106.5
<u>Shelter</u>	114.4	120.2	123.6	119.4	122.7	125.4	125.6	125.6
Rent	114.5	120.9	125.4	119.9	124.2	128.1	128.4	128.6
Home-Ownership	114.4	119.3	121.2	118.8	120.6	121.8	121.8	121.7
<u>Clothing</u>	109.8	111.8	110.1	112.5	109.7	110.0	109.8	109.9
Men's Wear	111.6	115.2	113.5	115.3	113.3	113.8	113.7	113.9
Women's Wear	105.6	104.8	102.5	106.0	101.9	102.1	101.8	102.0
Children's Wear	108.6	111.5	108.6	112.2	108.7	108.2	108.1	107.6
Footwear	116.6	127.2	127.7	127.3	127.9	127.6	127.6	127.6
Piece Goods	119.8	107.4	106.2	110.0	104.5	108.6	108.5	108.7
<u>Household Operation</u>	113.1	116.2	117.0	116.8	116.9	117.5	117.6	118.1
Fuel and Lighting	109.9	113.4	115.6	114.1	116.2	116.4	116.4	116.5
Home Furnishings	115.5	117.6	116.7	119.1	116.7	116.2	116.3	116.4
Furniture	112.9	115.6	117.2	115.7	117.1	118.0	118.1	118.3
Utensils and Equipment	113.2	118.9	121.2	118.4	120.0	121.5	121.8	121.8
Supplies and Services	112.7	116.8	118.7	116.2	117.9	120.3	120.6	122.0
Supplies	112.2	112.4	113.5	111.9	112.9	115.3	115.5	115.8
Services	113.0	119.7	122.2	119.1	121.4	123.8	124.1	126.3
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	111.5	116.0	115.8	116.6	115.0	116.5	116.6	117.2
Transportation	113.0	117.4	119.2	117.9	118.8	119.5	119.8	119.8
Automobile Operation	112.9	114.9	114.5	117.7	113.8	114.8	115.1	115.1
Recreation	109.7	115.7	116.7	115.7	115.0	118.4	118.3	118.3
Health Care	110.3	118.8	122.0	118.2	121.5	124.5	124.5	127.9
Drugs	107.4	107.9	108.7	107.5	108.7	109.1	109.1	109.3
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	115.7	115.6	117.0	117.4	117.8
Personal Supplies	110.6	112.7	111.5	113.5	111.7	112.6	113.2	113.7

TABLE 11. - PRICE RELATIVES FOR SPECIFIED FOODS INCLUDED IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(1949 = 100)

	Beef, Blade Roast	Beef, Sir- loin	Pork, Loin	Bacon	Salmon, Canned	Chicken	Butter	Mar- garine
<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>1953</u>	Apr. 1	110.6	111.9	102.0	84.7	96.1	114.4	118.5
	May 1	106.9	111.8	113.8	85.9	96.1	116.4	118.8
	June 1	106.3	112.6	121.8	98.6	96.1	116.4	119.1
	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
	Apr. 1	96.8	101.8	119.6	118.5	94.9	102.8	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>1953</u>	Apr. 1	85.5	103.6	98.2	91.2	120.1	114.8	126.6
	May 1	86.7	105.7	97.7	90.9	120.6	105.9	139.9
	June 1	87.4	107.6	97.2	93.7	120.1	106.5	146.5
	Dec. 1	91.1	98.2	96.8	99.4	119.5	84.1	127.9
<u>1954</u>	Jan. 2	92.3	88.6	96.3	94.6	118.9	84.4	133.2
	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	145.2
	Apr. 1	91.4	84.4	97.2	117.0	118.9	79.5	149.2
	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>1953</u>	Apr. 1	118.5	114.7	117.7	104.7	109.5	103.5	162.7
	May 1	118.5	114.4	118.7	106.2	108.4	102.6	164.1
	June 1	118.5	114.1	119.7	107.6	107.3	102.6	163.5
	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
	Apr. 1	118.5	110.0	126.8	110.5	103.0	106.5	200.6

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>	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
<u>1952</u>	January 2	103.9	116.6	119.4	120.9	120.6	119.6	118.3	115.1	117.6	119.5
	February 1	103.7	115.9	119.0	120.3	120.1	118.9	118.1	115.1	117.4	118.8
	March 1	104.0	115.6	118.7	119.2	118.7	117.9	117.2	114.2	116.2	118.6
	April 1	103.8	115.6	118.6	118.2	118.1	118.2	117.1	113.0	115.4	118.7
	May 1	103.1	115.3	117.0	116.5	116.4	116.9	116.2	111.4	114.0	117.7
	June 2	102.7	116.5	117.8	117.4	116.2	117.9	116.3	111.3	113.8	117.7
	July 2	103.9	116.8	118.3	118.0	116.5	117.9	116.5	112.6	114.4	117.2
	August 1	105.3	116.4	118.2	117.0	116.2	117.8	115.9	113.2	114.8	117.0
	September 2	103.6	114.9	116.8	117.0	115.8	117.2	115.3	112.4	113.9	116.7
	October 1	103.0	113.1	115.3	115.8	114.5	116.2	114.3	111.7	113.5	115.6
	November 1	102.5	113.6	115.2	115.7	114.7	116.0	114.1	112.1	113.3	115.8
	December 1	102.3	112.8	114.5	115.2	113.9	115.6	113.5	111.3	112.9	116.1
<u>1953</u>	January 2	102.4	112.8	114.7	115.7	114.4	115.9	113.7	111.9	112.6	116.2
	February 2	102.3	113.1	114.8	116.2	114.8	116.0	114.1	112.1	112.6	115.7
	March 2	101.3	112.9	114.5	115.8	114.3	115.9	113.7	112.2	113.0	115.5
	April 1	101.5	112.7	114.6	114.8	114.3	115.7	113.9	112.3	113.1	115.6
	May 1	101.1	112.2	114.4	114.9	113.7	115.7	113.6	112.1	113.2	115.7
	June 1	101.2	112.7	114.9	116.0	114.7	116.5	114.1	112.9	114.0	115.8
	July 2	101.9	113.7	115.8	117.3	115.2	117.2	115.2	113.9	114.7	116.5
	August 1	102.9	114.2	116.7	117.0	115.4	117.5	115.0	114.2	115.3	116.0
	September 1	102.8	113.8	116.1	116.5	115.5	117.6	114.7	113.8	115.1	116.2
	October 1	102.8	114.0	116.1	117.4	116.4	118.4	115.0	114.3	115.3	116.7
	November 2	103.1	113.6	115.9	117.0	116.0	117.8	115.2	113.7	114.9	116.5
	December 1	102.7	113.2	115.5	116.7	115.5	117.6	114.7	113.3	114.5	116.3
<u>1954</u>	January 2	102.6	113.2	115.4	116.7	115.3	117.7	114.9	113.2	114.4	116.2
	February 1	102.4	113.8	115.8	116.8	115.5	117.6	115.0	113.5	114.3	116.4
	March 1	102.2	113.7	116.2	116.3	115.3	117.4	114.7	113.7	114.4	116.3
	April 1	102.0	113.8	115.9	116.3	115.5	117.7	114.9	113.6	114.3	116.9

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

		St. John's Nfl'd. 1	Halif- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver
Food Index											
<u>1951</u>	July	3	103.1	119.9	122.0	127.1	124.6	122.8	126.5	120.4	122.0
	August	1	106.0	120.9	123.6	126.1	124.5	123.1	126.2	121.8	124.4
	September	1	105.1	119.6	123.1	126.2	125.0	123.5	124.8	121.1	122.7
	October	1	105.2	118.9	122.3	125.5	124.5	122.6	123.7	120.3	122.0
	November	1	105.0	120.2	122.6	126.0	123.5	122.0	123.1	119.6	121.4
	December	1	105.7	120.0	123.2	125.8	125.5	120.6	123.2	119.0	123.6
<u>1952</u>	January	2	106.1	119.6	123.5	126.9	125.7	122.2	122.8	118.2	122.0
	February	1	105.0	118.1	122.8	125.4	124.9	121.0	123.1	118.6	121.9
	March	1	104.3	115.6	121.5	122.5	121.8	117.4	120.3	115.6	119.2
	April	1	103.8	115.8	121.5	120.4	119.5	116.9	119.6	112.8	117.2
	May	1	103.2	114.3	118.4	117.2	116.4	114.1	118.2	110.3	114.3
	June	2	102.2	116.9	120.4	119.3	116.6	116.3	118.4	110.3	113.8
	July	2	105.8	117.7	121.6	120.5	117.5	116.7	119.2	113.5	115.6
	August	1	109.6	117.1	121.2	118.2	117.1	116.3	116.8	114.3	116.5
	September	2	104.5	113.1	118.0	118.2	115.5	113.9	115.2	111.9	114.2
	October	1	103.0	108.8	114.7	114.7	112.3	111.3	113.3	110.4	113.2
	November	1	101.7	109.9	114.4	114.8	113.0	111.0	113.2	111.5	112.5
	December	1	101.4	107.8	112.7	113.2	110.1	109.4	111.2	109.3	111.4
<u>1953</u>	January	2	101.6	107.5	112.2	114.2	111.3	110.0	111.6	110.8	110.5
	February	2	100.8	107.9	112.4	115.2	112.2	110.1	112.6	110.9	110.4
	March	2	99.5	107.7	112.2	114.5	111.0	109.7	111.7	111.5	110.8
	April	1	99.4	106.6	111.9	111.8	110.8	108.2	111.8	111.5	111.3
	May	1	98.4	105.0	110.9	112.1	109.2	108.3	111.0	110.2	110.4
	June	1	98.6	106.2	111.4	114.0	111.7	109.9	112.3	112.1	112.0
	July	2	99.6	108.6	113.5	116.8	112.8	111.6	114.9	114.4	113.7
	August	1	101.8	109.8	115.1	116.0	112.9	111.7	113.8	114.6	113.9
	September	1	101.4	108.9	113.2	114.8	112.8	111.8	112.6	113.6	113.3
	October	1	101.4	108.6	113.1	117.4	115.5	114.1	112.8	114.6	113.6
	November	2	102.3	107.0	111.8	115.8	113.0	111.6	112.3	112.1	111.9
	December	1	101.3	105.7	110.8	115.1	111.4	110.3	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
	February	1	100.4	106.5	110.5	115.5	110.5	110.0	111.1	110.4	109.9
	March	1	99.5	105.6	109.8	113.4	109.8	108.9	110.2	110.0	109.9
	April	1	98.9	105.5	109.2	112.6	109.3	108.9	110.2	108.7	109.0
Shelter Index											
<u>1953</u>	January	2	106.8	116.5	110.9	128.1	121.3	131.9	116.6	108.1	114.3
	February	2	106.8	116.5	110.9	128.2	121.4	132.1	117.0	108.4	115.6
	March	2	106.8	116.5	110.9	128.2	121.5	132.2	117.1	109.0	116.0
	April	1	107.1	116.7	110.9	128.2	121.6	132.7	117.3	109.0	116.1
	May	1	107.3	116.7	112.2	128.3	121.6	132.9	117.3	109.7	116.4
	June	1	107.3	116.8	113.8	130.4	122.6	134.4	117.3	109.7	117.4
	July	2	107.3	116.8	114.3	130.6	122.7	134.6	117.6	109.8	117.5
	August	1	107.3	116.8	114.9	131.1	123.3	135.1	117.7	110.9	117.5
	September	1	107.3	116.8	116.3	131.1	124.0	135.1	117.9	110.9	117.8
	October	1	107.3	118.7	116.3	131.2	124.2	136.0	119.4	111.5	118.3
	November	2	107.3	118.7	116.9	131.4	124.9	136.5	120.8	111.6	118.5
	December	1	107.3	119.1	116.9	131.5	125.0	137.1	121.7	111.9	118.7
<u>1954</u>	January	2	107.3	119.6	116.9	131.8	125.0	137.9	122.4	112.1	119.0
	February	1	107.3	121.2	117.2	131.9	125.6	138.1	122.5	112.5	119.2
	March	1	107.3	122.2	117.6	132.0	126.0	138.2	122.6	113.1	119.3
	April	1	107.3	122.4	117.9	132.0	126.0	138.9	122.7	113.5	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
	April	1	102.2	116.4	118.6	110.7	113.5	112.1	115.2	117.0	114.2	113.4
<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
	April	1	103.9	119.5	116.8	116.6	116.8	118.2	113.7	118.8	115.7	126.7
<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
	April	1	102.1	116.2	122.9	116.4	118.4	118.4	117.3	112.8	118.3	118.0

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

Year and Month	Actual(2) Weekly Wages	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	Index Numbers of		The Consumer Price Index
			Actual Weekly Wages	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	
	\$	\$	(1949 = 100)	(1949 = 100)	
1945 - Average	30.74	40.99	73.7	98.3	75.0
1946 - Average	29.87	38.54	71.6	92.4	77.5
1947 - Average	34.13	40.25	81.8	96.5	84.8
1948 - Average	38.53	39.72	92.4	95.2	97.0
1949 - Average	41.71	41.71	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950 - Average	43.82	42.59	105.1	102.1	102.9
1951 - Average	48.82	42.94	117.0	102.9	113.7
1952 - Average	53.62	46.03	128.6	110.4	116.5
1953 - Average	56.09	48.56	134.5	116.4	115.5
1952 - 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	49.39	137.0	118.4	115.7
Mar. 1	57.69(P)	49.95(P)	138.3(P)	119.8(P)	115.5

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

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

(P) Preliminary

TABLE 14. - INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

(1935-39 = 100)

INVESTORS' INDEX

Number of Stocks	Inves-	Total	Machin-	Pulp	Mill-	Oils	Tex-	Food	Bever-	Build-	
	tors'	Indus-	ery	and	and		iles	and	ages	ing	
	Total	trials	Equip-	Paper	ing	Cloth-	Allied	Pro-		Mater-	
	(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	
<u>1952</u>	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
	Apr. ..	173.6	174.7	458.8	628.5	133.9	145.4	163.1	124.6	453.6	298.6
<u>Weekly Index</u>											
April 1	171.6	172.2	450.6	613.3	132.4	142.7	168.1	123.4	449.6	291.4	
April 8	172.3	173.1	460.6	620.2	131.9	143.3	166.4	124.9	450.5	294.3	
April 15	174.5	176.2	461.9	623.5	135.6	146.6	164.7	123.5	455.8	300.7	
April 22	172.9	174.2	456.8	627.3	135.4	146.5	160.7	124.5	451.6	300.1	
April 29	176.5	177.6	464.2	658.1	134.1	148.1	155.5	126.5	460.4	306.5	

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

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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	
<u>1952</u>	Aug. ..	145.0	169.9	382.4	94.7	142.1	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
	Apr. ..	116.0	159.5	280.6	107.8	145.0	195.4	89.3	64.8	145.5
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
	April 1	115.9	158.6	282.7	106.8	143.0	196.1	87.9	63.6	143.4
	April 8	114.5	158.5	280.9	107.5	142.4	196.0	88.6	63.6	146.0
	April 15	118.9	158.7	281.8	107.8	142.0	194.7	91.5	66.3	149.1
	April 22	113.8	158.7	278.0	108.0	143.7	193.0	88.7	64.8	143.5
	April 29	116.8	163.1	279.7	108.8	154.0	197.2	90.0	65.7	145.6

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

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

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
January	157.5	144.5	144.7	152.4	166.0	161.4	161.0	162.6
February	158.5	141.0	144.0	153.0	169.3	160.6	161.6	163.6
March	156.0	138.9	142.8	153.7	166.0	159.5	163.6	165.4
April	153.1	144.2	140.9	154.4	165.2	157.2	161.6	168.0
May	154.3	147.0	139.9	157.3	164.3	157.2	162.9	
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

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
January	125.2	120.1	121.0	135.1	168.6	186.9	197.6	195.4
February	128.7	114.2	117.2	136.7	174.7	183.2	195.9	199.6
March	123.7	116.4	118.0	138.8	170.3	185.3	198.0	204.9
April	119.3	124.6	118.5	141.8	172.3	183.7	190.0	212.7
May	115.2	130.2	117.7	146.9	173.9	183.7	189.6	
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

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
January	84.9	92.1	95.4	90.1	97.9	113.4	118.3	115.0
February	84.7	92.1	95.2	90.3	97.7	113.9	118.8	112.7
March	84.6	96.7	94.7	90.2	104.6	115.1	118.9	104.7
April	84.8	96.5	94.4	90.7	104.9	115.3	118.9	100.2
May	84.6	95.3	94.4	90.2	104.9	112.6	119.6	
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	April Average	February Average	March Average	April Average
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	.9789	.9834	.9837	.9665	.9708	.9825
United Kingdom	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7713	2.7193	2.7329	2.7693
Argentina	peso (free)	.07010	.07079	.07081	.06957	.06988	.07072
Australia	pound	2.1872	2.2133	2.2171	2.1754	2.1863	2.2154
Belgium (1)	franc	.01947	.01969	.01966	.01937	.01936	.01953
Brazil (2)	cruzeiro	.05291	.05314	.05317	.04137	.04156	.04206
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.5696	.5764	.5774	.5665	.5694	.5769
Ceylon	rupee	.2056	.2075	.2078	.2039	.2050	.2077
Chile	peso (free)	.00908	.00890	.00894	.00879	.00883	.00893
Colombia	peso (basic)	.3916	.3921	.3935	.3866	.3887	.3930
Cuba	peso	.9789	.9834	.9837	.9665	.9708	.9825
Denmark	krone	.1417	.1424	.1424	.1399	.1406	.1422
Egypt	pound	2.8111	2.8239	2.8248	2.7754	2.7877	2.8212
France and North Africa	franc	.00280	.00281	.00281	.00276	.00277	.00281
Germany	deutsche mark	.2331	.2342	.2342	.2301	.2311	.2339
Hong Kong	dollar	.1709	.1729	.1732	.1700	.1708	.1731
India	rupee	.2056	.2075	.2078	.2039	.2050	.2077
Ireland	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7713	2.7193	2.7329	2.7693
Italy	lira	.00157	.00158	.00158	.00155	.00156	.00158
Jamaica	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7713	2.7193	2.7329	2.7693
Japan	yen	.00272	.00273	.00273	.00268	.00270	.00273
Lebanon	pound (free)	.2734	.2872	.2728	.3030	.3019	.3042
Mexico	peso	.1132	.1137	.1137	.1117	.1122	.0978
Netherlands	guilder	.2576	.2588	.2589	.2553	.2564	.2595
New Zealand	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7713	2.7193	2.7329	2.7693
Norway	krone	.1371	.1377	.1377	.1353	.1359	.1376
Pakistan	rupee	.2959	.2972	.2973	.2921	.2934	.2970
Peru	sol-certificate	.06346	.05908	.06167	.04530	.05154	.05086
Philippines	peso	.4895	.4917	.4919	.4833	.4854	.4912
Portugal	escudo	.03412	.03431	.03432	.03373	.03388	.03429
Singapore	dollar	.3190	.3228	.3233	.3173	.3188	.3231
Sweden	krona	.1892	.1901	.1902	.1868	.1876	.1899
Switzerland	franc	.2266	.2293	.2296	.2254	.2263	.2291
Turkey	lira	.3496	.3512	.3513	.3452	.3467	.3509
Union of South Africa	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7713	2.7193	2.7329	2.7693
Venezuela	bolivar	.2922	.2936	.2936	.2885	.2898	.2933
Yugoslavia	dinar	.00326	.00328	.00328	.00322	.00324	.00327

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

31.

IN CANADA AND OTHER SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

Country	Base Period	1939	1953	1953			1954		
				Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
<u>COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1936 - 1939	182.9	255.0(c)			262.4			
Canada	1949	63.2	115.5	116.2	115.8	115.7	115.7	115.5	115.6
Denmark	1935	109	220			219			
France (Paris)	1949		143.7	141.3	142.1	143.2	144.1	143.6	
India (Bombay)	1933 - 1934	106	337(e)	361					
Italy (Rome)	1938		105(b)	5,065	5,057	5,059	5,048	5,074	
Malaya	January 1949(a)			134	133	132	132		
Mexico	1939	100.0	451.2	448.2	445.0	446.5	445.4		
Netherlands	1949		120	120	120	123	124		
New Zealand	1st. qtr. 1949	74.8	133.3			136.6			137.7
Norway	1949	63.8	136	137	137	137	138		
South Africa	1938	99.9	192.4	193.6	191.9	192.9	193.0	194.0	
Sweden	1935	107.5	224.1	224.1	223.9	224.4	224.6		
Switzerland	August, 1939		169.8	170.4	170.1	169.8	169.5		
United Kingdom	Jan. 15, 1952		105.8	106.0	105.6	105.8	105.6	106.6	
United States	1947 - 49	59.4	114.4	115.0	114.9	115.2	115.0	114.8	
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1936 - 1939	101.1	319(c)	321					
Canada	1935 - 1939	99.3	220.7	218.7	219.0	219.8	219.0	218.6	217.9
Denmark	1935	118	341	333	334	337	340	339	
France	1949		138.3	137.4	138.0	137.9	137.8(f)	136.3	
India	Sept. '38-Aug. '39		380.6(d)	390.6	389.4	398.5	395.0		
Italy	1938		5,250	5,222	5,256	5,286	5,328		
Mexico	1929	127.0	484.0	487.9	488.3				
Netherlands	1948		134	134	134	135			
New Zealand	1926 - 1930	107.1	255.0	257.6	257.7				
Norway	1938	102	276	276	276	276	278	279	
South Africa	1938	97.6	261.2	263.3	262.0				
Sweden	1935	115	298	297	296	296	296		
Switzerland	August, 1939		212.8	212.1	210.9	212.5	213.3		
United Kingdom	1930	102.8	327.8	327.5	325.9	325.7(f)	326.1(f)	328.7	
United States	1947-49	50.1	110.1	109.8	110.1	110.9	110.5	110.6	

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
Appearing in this Bulletin

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

General Wholesale

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

Canadian Farm Products

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

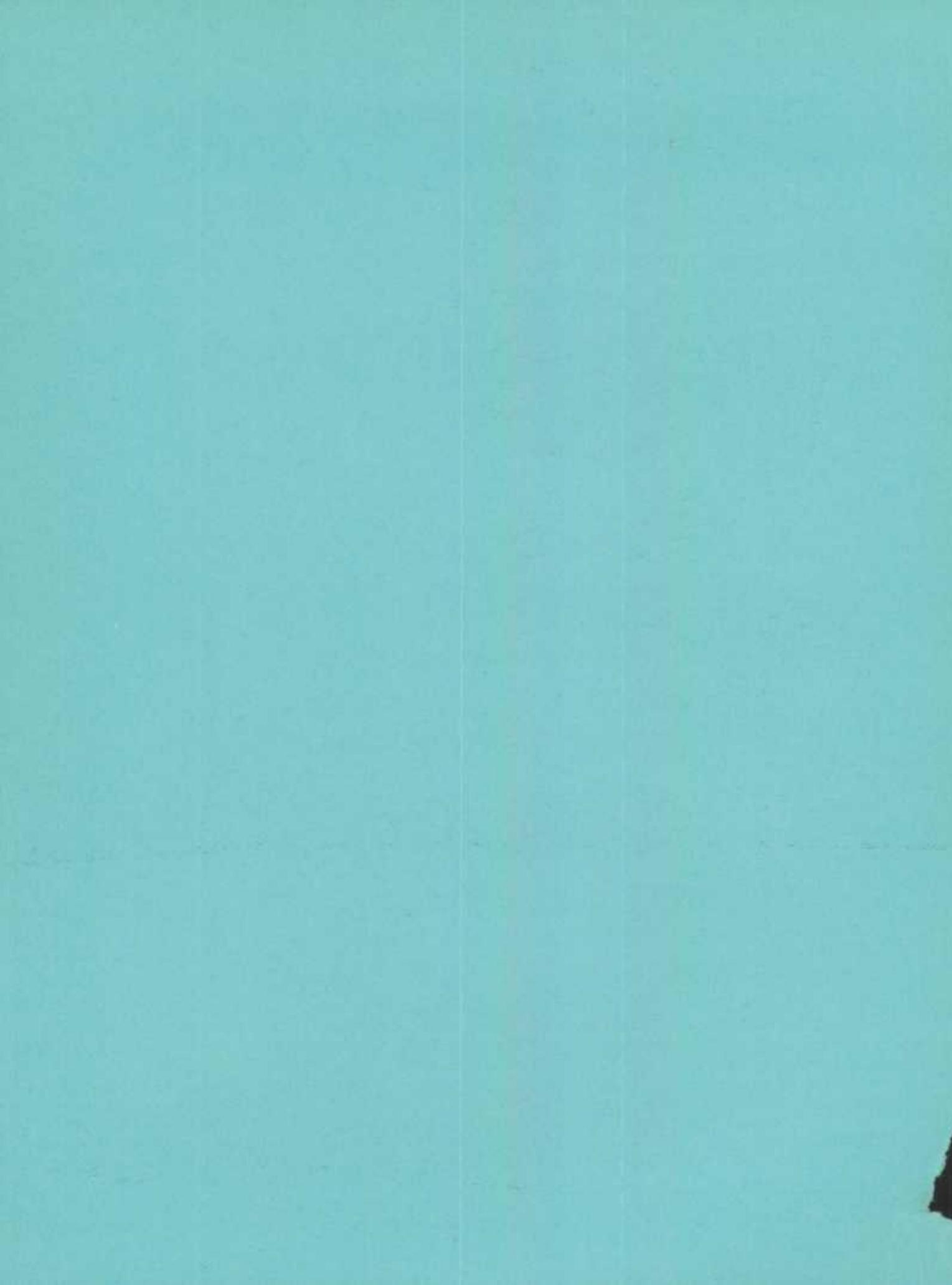
The regional indexes, with the exception of St. John's, are patterned after the Consumer Price Index for Canada. They are similar to this index in terms of family coverage, item content and weighting system. The construction of each index involved three main phases: 1) the conversion of an existing cost-of-living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

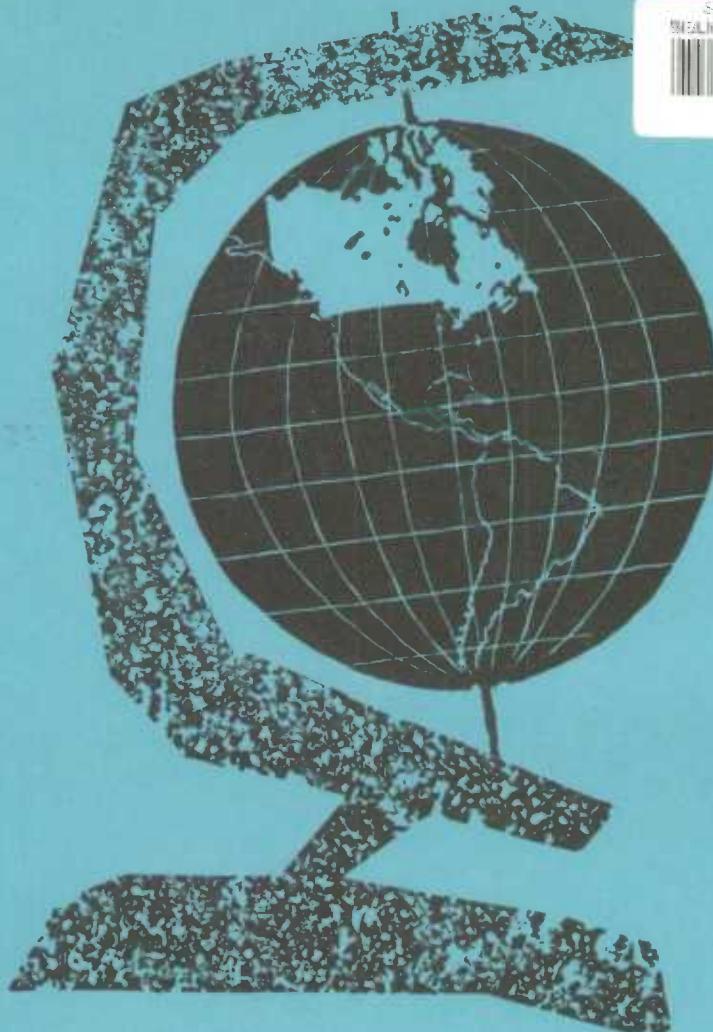
Price index numbers of industrial, utility, bank and mining common stocks, and preferred stocks are calculated from Montreal and Toronto exchange quotations. The indexes are designed to reflect weekly and monthly changes of interest to the investor, rather than day-to-day changes of more speculative 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 à la Consommation Janvier 1949 - Août 1952". (These reports obtainable for twenty-five cents each)





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