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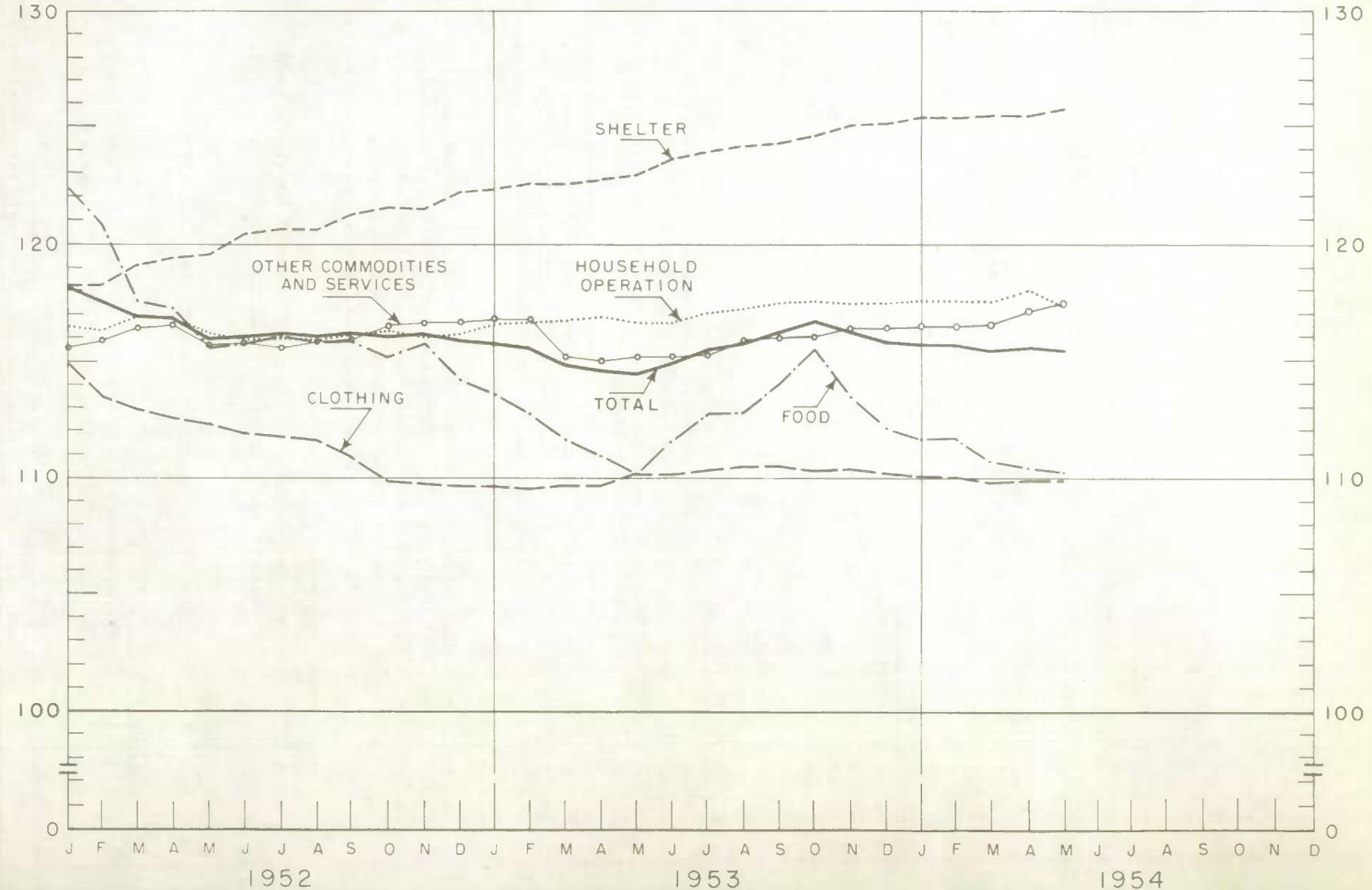
CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

TOTAL AND GROUPS

JANUARY 1952 — MAY 1954

1949 = 100

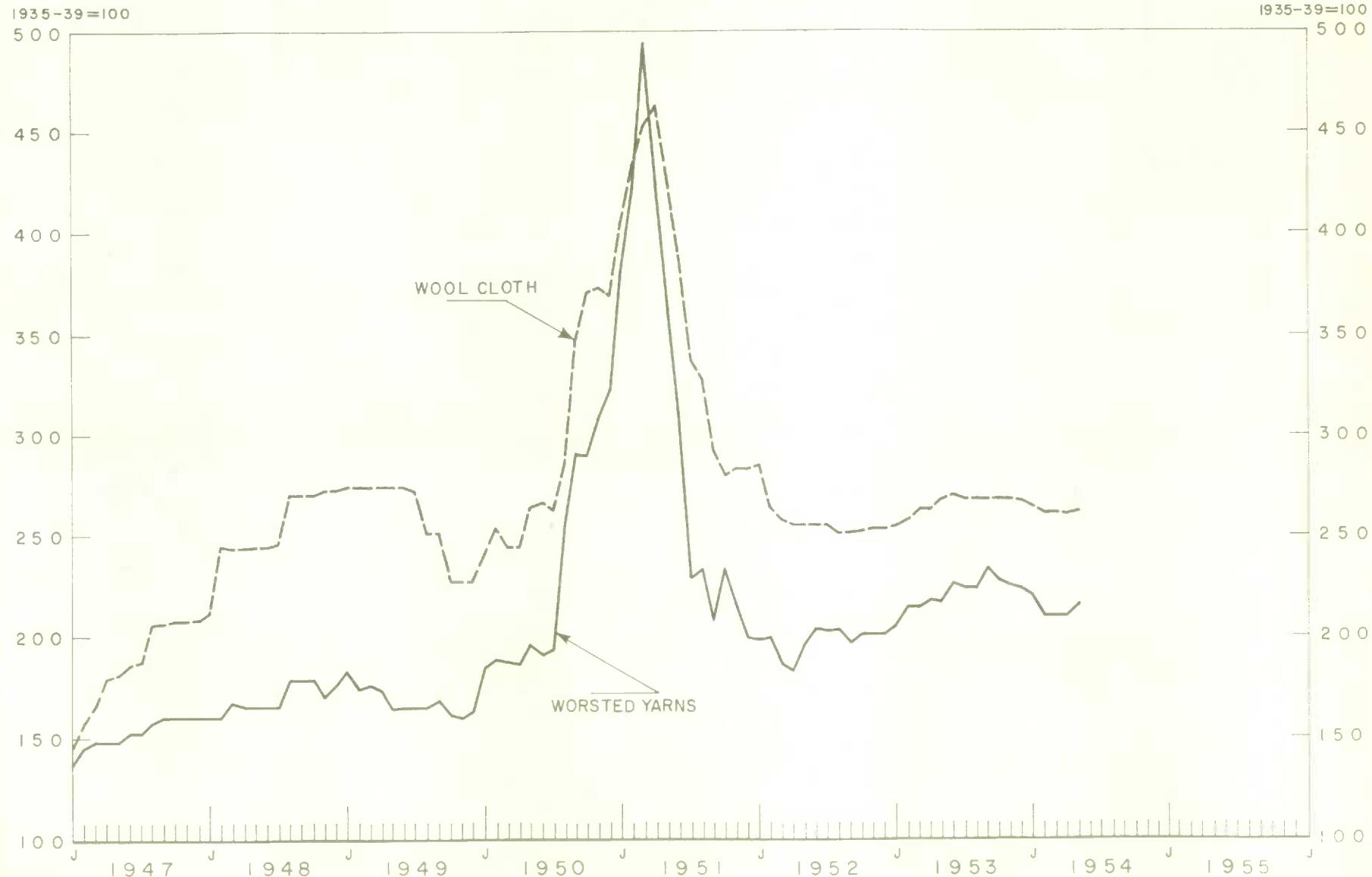
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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

INDEX NUMBERS OF WORSTED YARNS AND WOOL CLOTH

MONTHLY, JANUARY 1947-MAY 1954



THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index remained practically unchanged between April 1 and May 1 moving from 115.6 to 115.5. Foods declined from 110.4 to 110.2 as lower quotations for butter, eggs, bananas, oranges and some meat items were more than sufficient to offset increases for coffee, tea, processed cheese, apples, pork, beef and several fresh vegetables. Due to advances in both the rent and home-ownership components, the shelter index changed from 125.6 to 125.8. Clothing remained unchanged at 109.9 as small mixed changes were reported for cotton and rayon items. The household operation group declined 0.7 per cent to 117.3, due mainly to decreases in appliances, furniture and textiles and seasonally lower prices for coal. Increases were reported for linoleum, glassware and ice, while mixed changes were noted in cleaning supplies. Other commodities and services moved up from 117.2 to 117.5, due principally to higher quotations for theatre admissions and hairdressing. Automobile tire prices were generally lower.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES
(1935-1939 = 100)

Wholesale prices were fractionally higher in May as indicated by a change in the general wholesale price index of 0.1 per cent to 218.2 between April and May. While the change was very slight it marked the first 1954 increase in the total index. Five of the eight major groups were firmer, led by an increase of 1.5 per cent to 244.5 in animal products. Higher quotations in this group were recorded for livestock, fresh and cured meats, raw furs, hides and leather, while decreases occurred for milk and its products, fishery products, lard and tallow, footwear, fowl and eggs. Vegetable products moved up 0.3 per cent to 196.5 as advances for bananas, potatoes, cocoa beans, onions, barley and unmanufactured leaf tobacco among others, outweighed decreases for feeds, vegetable oils, raw sugar, flour, oats, rye and flax. A change in fibres, textiles and textile products from 233.3 to 233.7 was due to higher quotations for raw cotton, raw wool, both domestic and imported, worsted yarns and cloth. Nylon hosiery, cotton fabrics, woollen hosiery and knit goods and rayon fabrics were all lower in this group. Slightly higher prices for newsprint and woodpulp, due to a firmer tone for the United States dollar outweighed a decline in cedar lumber and were reflected in a gain of 0.2 per cent to 286.2 in the wood, wood products and paper group. A movement of plus 0.2 per cent to 168.0 in the non-ferrous metals index reflected firmer quotations for copper and its products, gold, lead, zinc and silver which overbalanced a decline in tin. Of the three groups which moved down, iron and its products showed the largest decrease of 1.2 per cent to 211.7. This was due to weakness in structural steel shapes, iron and steel pipe and wire. Decreases in imported coal, sand and gravel overbalanced strength in hollow building tile, crude oil and sulphur to lower the non-metallic series 0.9 per cent to 176.7. The index for chemicals and allied products weakened 0.1 per cent to 175.9 as a result of lower quotations for sodium cyanide and acetylene gas which outweighed upturns in shellac, sodium bichromate, carbon black and lithopone.

Canadian farm product prices at terminal markets moved up 2.0 per cent to 209.6 between April and May. Animal product prices lent principal support as the index for this series advanced 2.9 per cent to 268.0 following substantial increases in steers and hogs, and lesser changes for raw wool and eastern cheese milk and eggs. Decreases were noted for fluid milk, butterfat, poultry in eastern Canada and eggs and cheese milk in western Canada. An increase of 0.4 per cent to 151.2 in field products reflected higher quotations for potatoes, raw leaf tobacco, eastern barley and western hay. Lower quotations were recorded for eastern hay and western flax and rye.

Residential Building Material prices weakened 0.1 per cent to 275.9 as lower prices were registered for sand, gravel and cast iron water pipe, which overbalanced a firmer tone for spruce scantling and shellac.

The index for non-residential building materials declined 1.2 per cent to 121.1 in May as decreases for structural steel shapes, sand, gravel and soil pipe among others overweighed higher quotations for building tile and shellac.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES
(1935-1939 = 100)

the month under review.

Common stock prices continued to advance in May for the fifth consecutive month as the Investors' index for 99 issues changed from an April level of 173.6 to 179.5 for

Strength was concentrated principally in industrials and banks. An index for 79 industrial issues moved up from an April average of 174.7 to 181.0 in May while a similar series for 8 banks advanced from 195.4 to 204.0. Over the same period the index for 12 utilities changed from 159.5 to 162.4. Group indexes were substantially higher for pulp and paper stocks, building materials, foods, power and traction, and beverages among others. Two groups moved lower, the textiles and clothing series receding 6.1 per cent and transportation 2.1 per cent.

Mining stocks registered little net change as an increase in base metals was almost cancelled by a decrease in golds. The composite index for 27 mining issues advanced from 89.3 to 89.4 between April and May while the index for 5 base metals changed from 145.5 to 146.5 and that for 22 golds from 64.8 to 64.4.

Preferred stocks moved up slightly in May to 169.7 as against 168.0 in the preceding month.

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

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

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

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>May</u> <u>1952</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1953</u>	<u>Apr.</u> <u>1954</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1952</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1954</u>
	<u>May</u>	<u>1952</u>					
<u>GENERAL INDEX</u>	224.6	220.0	217.9	218.2	- 2.8	- 0.8	+ 0.1
Vegetable Products	212.6	197.4	196.0	196.5	- 7.6	- 0.5	+ 0.3
Animal Products	242.1	239.3	240.9	244.5	+ 1.0	+ 2.2	+ 1.5
Textile Products	251.8	239.6	233.3	233.7	- 7.2	- 2.5	+ 0.2
Wood Products	284.9	290.3	285.7	286.2	+ 0.5	- 1.4	+ 0.2
Iron Products	218.3	221.2	214.2	211.7	- 3.0	- 4.3	- 1.2
Non-ferrous Metals	173.1	168.1	167.6	168.0	- 2.9	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Non-metallic Minerals	173.9	174.8	178.3	176.7	+ 1.6	+ 1.1	- 0.9
Chemical Products	180.8	176.2	176.0	175.9	- 2.7	- 0.2	- 0.1
<u>FARM PRODUCTS</u>	252.7	224.2	205.5	209.6	-17.1	- 6.5	+ 2.0
Field	240.0	185.2	150.6	151.2	-37.0	-18.4	+ 0.4
Animal	265.4	263.2	260.4	268.0	+ 1.0	+ 1.8	+ 2.9

WHOLESALE PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED COMMODITIESBETWEEN APRIL AND MAY 1954

	<u>INCREASES</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>	
	p.c.	p.c.	
Bananas, Montreal	28.1	Trout, fresh, Toronto	19.1
Potatoes, Vancouver	27.6	Sand, Winnipeg	13.3
Cocoa butter	12.3	Milk, fresh, Saskatoon	12.8
Shellac	11.4	Lard, Toronto	11.6
Raw wool, domestic, western	11.1	Structural steel shapes	10.9
Beef hides, packer, light native cows	10.7	Shorts	10.0
Steers, good, up to 1,000 lb., Winnipeg	9.8	Flax, No. 1 C.W.	8.4
Beef carcass, cow, Toronto	9.6	Calves, Winnipeg	7.7
Sodium bichromate	8.9	Vinegar, white or blended	7.7
Onions, Toronto	8.8	Potatoes, Toronto	7.5
Sausages, Winnipeg	6.8	Cedar shiplap	7.4
Hogs, B 1, dressed, Winnipeg	6.2	Eggs, Grade B, Vancouver	6.7
Worsted yarn, 2-ply, 18's, 50 quality	6.2	Coal, U.S. bituminous, slack	6.7
Tobacco, unmanufactured, cigar leaf	6.1	Butter, first grade, Winnipeg	6.6
Bacon, Montreal	5.9	Nylon hosiery	6.5

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>					<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	Aver-	Aver-	May	Apr.	May	May	May	May
	age 1952	age 1953	1953	1954	1954	1952	1953	1954
TOTAL INDEX	116.5	115.5	114.4	115.6	115.5	- 0.9	+ 1.0	- 0.1
Food	116.8	112.6	110.1	110.4	110.2	- 3.6	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Shelter	120.2	123.6	122.9	125.6	125.8	+ 2.8	+ 2.4	+ 0.2
Clothing	111.8	110.1	110.1	109.9	109.9	- 1.5	- 0.2	-
Household Operation	116.2	117.0	116.6	118.1	117.3	+ 0.7	+ 0.6	- 0.7
Other Commodities and Services	116.0	115.8	115.1	117.2	117.5	- 0.2	+ 2.1	+ 0.3

RETAIL PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED ITEMS BETWEEN APRIL AND MAY 1954

	<u>INCREASES</u>		<u>DECREASES</u>	
	p.c.			p.c.
Fresh tomatoes	22.9		Electric iron	8.7
Onions	16.7		Celery	5.9
Lettuce	12.0		Bananas	5.1
Carrots	10.7		Butter	4.2
Coffee	7.1		Coal	3.7
Eating apples	5.6		Girl's cotton dress	3.7
Turnips	3.4		Veal, shoulder roast	3.5
Theatre admission	3.2		Vacuum cleaner	3.5
Potatoes	3.2		Cabbage	3.5
Glassware	3.0		Panties	3.1

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	May	May	April	May	May	May	May
	1952	1953	1954	1954	1952	1953	1954
Total Investors' Index	169.0	159.8	173.6	179.5	+ 6.2	+12.3	+ 3.4
Total Industrials	172.4	159.1	174.7	181.0	+ 5.0	+13.8	+ 3.6
Machinery & Equipment	414.9	381.6	458.8	474.2	+14.3	+24.3	+ 3.4
Pulp & Paper	488.9	471.0	628.5	679.8	+39.0	+44.3	+ 8.2
Milling	117.8	128.3	133.9	137.6	+16.8	+ 7.2	+ 2.8
Oils	160.9	134.6	145.4	147.6	- 8.3	+ 9.7	+ 1.5
Textiles & Clothing	258.9	235.1	163.1	153.2	-40.8	-34.8	- 6.1
Foods	102.5	118.2	124.6	133.0	+29.8	+12.5	+ 6.7
Beverages	343.3	395.9	453.6	476.4	+38.8	+20.3	+ 5.0
Building Materials	264.5	275.1	298.6	322.8	+22.0	+17.3	+ 8.1
Industrial Mines	131.5	116.4	116.0	118.9	- 9.6	+ 2.1	+ 2.5
Total Utilities	166.2	160.4	159.5	162.4	- 2.3	+ 1.2	+ 1.8
Transportation	390.6	307.7	280.6	274.6	-29.7	-10.8	- 2.1
Telephone	90.6	101.1	107.8	110.1	+21.5	+ 8.9	+ 2.1
Power and Traction	133.6	143.4	145.0	152.6	+14.2	+ 6.4	+ 5.2
Banks	141.2	166.3	195.4	204.0	+44.5	+22.7	+ 4.4
Mining Stocks							
General Index	101.4	93.8	89.3	89.4	-11.8	- 4.7	+ 0.1
Golds	75.1	68.9	64.8	64.4	-14.2	- 6.5	- 0.6
Base Metals	161.6	150.9	145.5	146.5	- 9.3	- 2.9	+ 0.7

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
May.	218.2	207.5	224.5	224.2	151.2	268.0	209.6

(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)

Date		General Whole-Sale Index	Vege-table Products	Total	Milled Grains	Cereal Foods	Live Stock	Bakery and Poultry	Fruits, Fresh	Fruits, Dried	Fruits, Canned
				Vege-table	Grains	Cereal Foods	Feeds	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	
	Apr.	217.9	196.0	190.2	147.0	238.3	188.0	170.1	173.8	156.1	
	May.	218.2	196.5	190.2	146.8	219.5	188.0	171.9	173.6	158.2	

- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS - Concluded

Vege-table Products	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
	310.4	181.7	171.4	342.3	244.6	338.5	196.5	172.5
	326.3	180.7	171.4	353.8	196.5	323.5	196.5	172.5
	304.2	176.8	162.1	343.2	162.5	224.8	175.5	172.5
	301.6	178.2	163.5	339.4	147.8	212.7	175.5	172.5
	289.9	176.8	163.8	342.7	153.1	212.7	175.5	172.4
	281.0	175.5	163.8	358.2	196.8	252.1	175.5	172.0
	279.9	175.1	162.2	367.7	167.9	161.2	177.0	171.7
	278.3	175.0	156.9	355.6	137.0	138.9	177.0	171.7
	290.4	172.7	154.2	355.2	125.8	124.4	177.0	171.7
	297.3	172.3	152.5	371.2	122.2	126.2	177.0	171.7
	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
	288.5	171.2	152.5	453.2	123.3	121.0	169.0	178.6
	275.4	173.4	149.6	470.4	113.6	112.8	166.0	178.6
	274.8	171.4	151.1	477.2	113.0	120.9	166.0	178.6
	271.8	171.8	150.8	491.0	118.5	136.8	166.0	181.0

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

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -

Date	Total	Hides	Leather,	Boots	Live-	Steers		
	Animal Products	Fishery Products	Raw Furs	and Skins	Unmanu-	stock		
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
May.	244.5	256.6	93.7	124.5	209.0	204.3	305.0	316.9

- 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
Apr.	286.1	290.3	265.4	168.7	226.9	229.7	179.2	145.5
May.	297.9	303.5	277.5	162.7	221.6	220.6	164.9	145.2

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued
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- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS -

Date		Total Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	Raw Cotton	Cotton Yarn	Cotton Fabrics	Cotton Knit Goods	Miscel- lanous 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
	May. ..	233.7	290.9	224.7	231.1	224.5	239.7	169.5	158.3

- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Rayon Yarns	Raw Wool, Do- mestic	Raw Wool, Im- ported	Yarns, Worsted	Hosiery and Knit Goods, Chiefly Wool	Wool 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
	May. ..	176.9	278.5	258.7	216.3	235.6	252.5	262.1	225.3

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued
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- WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER -

Date		Total Wood Pro- ducts	Lumber and Timber	Spruce	Hard- woods	Hem- lock	Fir	Cedar	Wood- pulp	News- print	Wrap- ping Paper No. 1	Kraft
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	
	May.	286.2	409.5	380.0	310.1	369.8	496.4	377.3	203.6	287.2	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
	May.	211.7	254.7	204.2	228.7	218.4	233.2	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-Ferrous Metals	Anti-mony	Copper and Its Pro-ducts	Lead and Its Pro-ducts	Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Pro-ducts	Solder	Combined Index Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals (2)	
	(1)	(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
Apr.	167.6	223.7	184.2	278.6	274.9	216.3	181.1	251.6	200.6	218.2
May.	168.0	224.2	184.2	279.4	276.6	217.1	177.2	252.6	200.6	216.9

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -

	Total Non-Metallic Products	Clay and Allied Material Products	Pottery	Coal	Coal Tar	Coke	Manufactured Gas	Window Glass
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
May.	176.7	231.6	146.8	169.9	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8

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

(2) Excludes Gold.

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued
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- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Continued							
Date	Plate Glass	Petroleum Products	Gasoline	Coal Oil	Asphalt	Asphalt Shingles	Sulphur
1953 Average ...	175.4	165.2	137.9	129.9	183.9	150.4	190.9
1953 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
May.	189.3	169.4	142.5	134.2	184.1	150.4	201.2
- 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
May.	126.7	192.6	158.5	139.8	155.7	200.7	267.1

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Concluded
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- CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS -

Date	Total Chemical Products	Inorganic Chemicals	Organic Chemicals	Coal Tar Products	Dyeing Materials	Tanning Materials
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
May.	175.9	138.6	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
May.	137.4	189.1	165.8	125.4	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 Materials	
1926 ..	48.1	109.6	105.5	103.2	110.9	101.4	104.3	156.8	110.2	91.6	112.0	
1929 ..	49.3	112.4	107.6	107.4	116.7	94.4	108.8	151.5	108.5	130.1	106.1	
1932 ..	38.4	87.5	103.7	101.8	72.7	85.0	95.5	111.7	108.1	79.1	89.5	
1939 ..	44.9	102.3	94.0	97.2	104.9	99.4	104.1	97.2	103.0	102.4	104.6	
1940 ..	48.4	110.3	94.6	98.0	119.1	99.7	110.4	115.2	106.5	107.1	109.2	
1941 ..	53.8	122.6	99.1	105.1	139.2	102.8	118.7	136.2	114.6	109.0	112.5	
1942 ..	57.4	130.9	100.8	109.0	153.2	104.8	123.4	146.9	120.0	110.3	117.6	
1943 ..	61.0	139.1	101.2	113.1	171.3	104.8	130.1	149.4	120.0	110.3	117.9	
1944 ..	64.3	146.6	101.8	114.9	188.4	104.8	136.0	146.6	120.0	110.3	117.9	
1945 ..	65.0	148.3	102.1	116.4	191.3	104.8	135.5	142.2	122.2	111.4	118.0	
1946 ..	67.8	154.5	102.0	121.0	202.1	104.2	146.2	144.2	127.2	116.9	126.4	
1947 ..	79.1	180.4	109.7	133.4	242.0	107.3	172.3	169.6	145.2	147.4	143.0	
1948 ..	95.4	217.5	122.3	143.1	305.8	116.7	201.6	183.1	168.3	169.8	162.3	
1949 ..	100.0	228.0	127.0	151.0	322.1	118.1	190.5	179.6	180.2	173.4	174.7	
1950 ..	106.4	242.7	131.3	163.8	349.2	116.7	235.4	174.8	183.2	184.5	181.1	
1951 ..	125.5	286.2	140.9	180.7	425.0	126.3	235.8	197.8	210.4	213.3	212.7	
1952 ..	124.9	284.8	149.5	195.3	415.7	128.5	217.7	194.9	215.6	212.0	226.3	
1953 ..	123.9	282.6	151.8	205.8	410.6	128.5	218.6	203.8	209.0	211.4	229.5	
<u>1953</u>												
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	
May.	121.0	275.9	151.1	207.4	397.4	129.2	226.1	206.9	202.2	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
May.	121.1	120.4	126.6	121.1	123.6	114.9	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	
May.	125.0	125.7	109.8	132.4	128.1	100.2	

TABLE 8.- WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity 1/	Unit	Yearly Average 1953	May. 1953	Apr. 1954	May. 1954
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern, Domestic ..	bu.	\$ 1.919	\$ 1.930	\$ 1.824	\$ 1.828
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern, I.W.A.	bu.	1.882	1.850	1.824	1.828
OATS, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	.747	.720	.732	.709
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed	bu.	1.110	1.220	.876	.901
RYE, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	1.286	1.415	.889	.881
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto	bbl.	11.195	11.600	11.700	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	1.200	1.200
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's	lb.	.684	.650	.965	.972
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John	75 lb. bag	1.471	1.175	.800	.919
STEERS, Toronto	cwt.	19.969	19.450	18.510	19.310
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included)	cwt.	30.823	31.730	34.360	36.250
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers	lb.	.175	.180	.132	.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	.582	.605	.572
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.648	.615	.469	.462
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 15/16", New York	lb.	.333	.341	.346	.348
COTTON YARNS, 10's white	lb.	.698	.690	.645	.645
WOOL, Raw, Eastern bright, 1/4 blood ..	lb.	.508	.520	.500	.550
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Canadian Mill (Southern Quebec).....	ton	109.793	111.162	109.457	109.980
PIG IRON, Malleable	gr. ton	58.000	58.000	56.500	56.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic	cwt.	30.004	29.865	29.469	29.530
LEAD, Domestic	cwt.	12.896	12.013	13.167	13.250
TIN INGOTS	lb.	.961	1.001	.965	.945
ZINC, Domestic, Grade "A", Electrolytic	cwt.	11.942	11.850	11.600	11.650
COAL, United States Anthracite	ton	20.768	19.990	18.830	18.690
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	
1951	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
1952	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
1953	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
1954	January	2	115.7	111.6	125.4	110.1	117.5	116.4
	February	1	115.7	111.7	125.4	110.0	117.5	116.5
	March	1	115.5	110.7	125.6	109.8	117.6	116.6
	April	1	115.6	110.4	125.6	109.9	118.1	117.2
	May	1	115.5	110.2	125.8	109.9	117.3	117.5

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

	1951	1952	1953	May 1952	May 1953	Mar. 1954	Apr. 1954	May 1954
<u>Total Index</u>	113.7	116.5	115.5	115.9	114.4	115.5	115.6	115.5
<u>Food</u>	117.0	116.8	112.6	115.5	110.1	110.7	110.4	110.2
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	108.6	113.3	112.4	112.2	111.8	113.0	112.7	111.5
Cereal Products	113.0	117.4	119.3	118.0	117.6	122.5	122.5	122.5
Meats, Fish and Poultry	127.9	115.5	108.2	112.9	105.0	106.9	106.5	105.7
<u>Shelter</u>	114.4	120.2	123.6	119.6	122.9	125.6	125.6	125.8
Rent	114.5	120.9	125.4	119.9	124.3	128.4	128.6	128.9
Home-Ownership	114.4	119.3	121.2	119.2	121.0	121.8	121.7	121.8
<u>Clothing</u>	109.8	111.8	110.1	112.3	110.1	109.8	109.9	109.9
Men's Wear	111.6	115.2	113.5	115.3	113.3	113.7	113.9	113.9
Women's Wear	105.6	104.8	102.5	105.8	103.0	101.8	102.0	101.9
Children's Wear	108.6	111.5	108.6	112.1	108.6	108.1	107.6	107.5
Footwear	116.6	127.2	127.7	127.0	127.7	127.6	127.6	127.6
Piece Goods	119.8	107.4	106.2	107.3	104.4	108.5	108.7	108.7
<u>Household Operation</u>	113.1	116.2	117.0	116.2	116.6	117.6	118.1	117.3
Fuel and Lighting	109.9	113.4	115.6	113.1	114.9	116.4	116.5	114.5
Home Furnishings	115.5	117.6	116.7	117.9	116.6	116.3	116.4	115.6
Furniture	112.9	115.6	117.2	115.8	117.3	118.1	118.3	117.5
Utensils and Equipment	113.2	118.9	121.2	118.5	120.5	121.8	121.8	122.1
Supplies and Services	112.7	116.8	118.7	116.5	118.2	120.6	122.0	122.1
Supplies	112.2	112.4	113.5	111.8	113.2	115.5	115.8	115.7
Services	113.0	119.7	122.2	119.7	121.6	124.1	126.3	126.5
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	111.5	116.0	115.8	115.6	115.1	116.6	117.2	117.5
Transportation	113.0	117.4	119.2	116.6	118.8	119.8	119.8	119.7
Automobile Operation	112.9	114.9	114.5	114.0	113.8	115.1	115.1	114.9
Recreation	109.7	115.7	116.7	116.4	115.5	118.3	118.3	119.9
Health Care	110.3	118.8	122.0	118.2	121.5	124.5	127.9	127.9
Drugs	107.4	107.9	108.7	107.5	108.7	109.1	109.3	109.3
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	111.5	113.3	108.0	112.4	107.1	107.2	107.2	107.3
Personal Care	112.5	115.5	115.9	116.0	116.1	117.4	117.8	118.0
Personal Supplies	110.6	112.7	111.5	113.3	111.7	113.2	113.7	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	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>1953</u>	May 1	106.9	111.8	113.8	85.9	96.1	116.4	98.3	118.8
	June 1	106.3	112.6	121.8	98.6	96.1	116.4	97.7	119.1
	July 2	105.0	113.9	116.4	103.8	96.1	115.4	97.0	118.8
	Dec. 1	98.2	104.8	116.1	118.0	95.3	102.4	102.5	117.9
<u>1954</u>	Jan. 2	99.9	106.2	118.1	115.6	95.3	103.8	102.8	117.6
	Feb. 1	99.9	105.8	122.2	117.7	94.9	103.9	103.2	117.9
	Mar. 1	98.0	101.8	121.8	118.5	94.9	103.6	103.1	117.9
	Apr. 1	96.8	101.8	119.6	118.5	94.9	102.8	102.3	117.9
	May 1	96.1	103.8	121.1	119.9	94.5	100.4	98.0	117.9

		Short- ening	Eggs	Peaches, Canned	Oranges	Peas, Canned	Potatoes	Toma- toes, 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>	May 1	86.7	105.7	97.7	90.9	120.6	105.9	103.5	139.9
	June 1	87.4	107.6	97.2	93.7	120.1	106.5	115.9	146.5
	July 2	87.4	122.6	97.7	100.2	120.1	123.2	160.8	154.5
	Dec. 1	91.1	98.2	96.8	99.4	119.5	84.1	124.5	127.9
<u>1954</u>	Jan. 2	92.3	88.6	96.3	94.6	118.9	84.4	127.5	133.2
	Feb. 1	92.9	91.9	97.2	95.7	119.5	83.8	118.9	139.9
	Mar. 1	90.2	91.5	97.2	100.5	119.5	83.0	106.9	145.2
	Apr. 1	91.4	84.4	97.2	117.0	118.9	79.5	93.2	149.2
	May 1	92.0	83.7	97.7	115.3	118.9	82.1	114.6	165.2

		Milk, Fresh	Cheese, Pro- cessed	Bread	Flour	Sugar, Granu- lated	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>	May 1	118.5	114.4	118.7	106.2	108.4	102.6	97.3	164.1
	June 1	118.5	114.1	119.7	107.6	107.3	102.6	97.3	163.5
	July 2	118.5	114.1	122.8	111.9	107.3	102.2	97.1	163.5
	Dec. 1	118.5	110.3	126.8	113.3	104.1	106.1	97.8	167.8
<u>1954</u>	Jan. 2	118.5	110.6	126.8	113.3	104.1	106.1	98.2	169.1
	Feb. 1	118.5	110.6	126.8	111.9	104.1	106.5	99.6	178.3
	Mar. 1	118.5	110.0	126.8	111.9	103.0	106.5	100.0	189.0
	Apr. 1	118.5	110.0	126.8	110.5	103.0	106.5	102.1	200.6
	May 1	118.5	111.3	126.8	110.5	101.9	106.5	103.3	214.9

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	113.1	114.4
	July 3	101.3	114.6	115.9	119.2	117.5	117.3	117.1	113.5	115.1
	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	117.4
	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	117.7
<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	118.8
	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	118.7
	May 1	103.1	115.3	117.0	116.5	116.4	116.9	116.2	111.4	117.7
	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	117.2
	August 1	105.3	116.4	118.2	117.0	116.2	117.8	115.9	113.2	114.8
	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	115.6
	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	114.8	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	115.8
	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	116.7
	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	116.5
<u>1954</u>	January 2	102.6	113.2	115.4	116.7	115.3	117.7	114.9	113.2	114.4
	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	114.4
	April 1	102.0	113.8	115.9	116.3	115.5	117.7	114.9	113.6	116.9
	May 1	102.2	113.6	115.8	116.3	115.5	117.7	114.8	113.5	116.9

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

			St. John's Nfld. 1	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver
<u>Food Index</u>												
<u>1951</u>	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
	April	1	98.9	105.5	109.2	112.6	109.3	108.9	110.2	108.7	109.0	110.4
	May	1	99.3	104.7	108.4	112.7	109.3	109.1	109.7	108.0	109.3	109.8
<u>Shelter Index</u>												
<u>1953</u>	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
	April	1	107.3	122.4	117.9	132.0	126.0	138.9	122.7	113.5	119.3	124.1
	May	1	107.3	122.6	118.2	132.1	126.2	139.8	122.9	113.7	119.4	124.6

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	Halif- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon	Edmon- ton	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
	February	2	102.2	114.9	118.3	109.7	112.1	112.1	115.0	115.2	114.5
	March	2	102.0	115.1	118.6	109.7	112.4	112.4	115.3	115.2	114.5
	April	1	101.6	115.7	119.2	109.5	112.7	112.7	115.7	115.3	113.5
	May	1	101.8	115.8	119.4	109.9	113.2	113.2	115.7	116.3	114.2
	June	1	101.9	116.0	119.5	110.1	113.2	113.2	115.7	116.3	114.2
	July	2	101.8	115.9	119.4	110.3	113.3	113.3	115.7	116.2	114.4
	August	1	101.9	116.0	119.7	110.3	113.3	113.3	116.2	116.3	114.4
	September	1	101.9	116.1	119.7	110.3	113.6	113.6	116.7	116.3	114.4
	October	1	101.9	116.4	119.7	110.9	113.6	113.1	116.2	116.3	114.3
	November	2	102.1	116.9	119.9	111.0	113.6	112.9	116.5	116.3	114.3
	December	1	101.7	116.9	119.9	111.0	113.5	112.6	116.3	116.3	114.2
<u>1954</u>	January	2	101.6	116.9	119.9	111.0	113.5	112.6	116.1	116.3	114.2
	February	1	101.8	116.7	119.9	110.7	113.5	112.4	116.1	116.3	114.2
	March	1	102.0	116.6	119.7	110.7	113.4	112.2	115.4	117.0	114.2
	April	1	102.2	116.4	118.6	110.7	113.5	112.1	115.2	117.0	114.2
	May	1	102.1	116.6	118.6	110.7	113.5	111.9	115.2	117.0	114.2
<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
	February	2	104.0	118.4	116.7	116.9	116.3	117.9	113.4	116.8	113.3
	March	2	104.0	118.4	116.6	116.9	116.5	118.0	113.5	116.8	114.0
	April	1	103.9	118.8	116.9	117.5	116.4	118.5	113.6	116.9	114.3
	May	1	103.7	119.2	116.2	116.3	116.0	117.7	113.4	117.1	114.0
	June	1	103.8	119.2	116.7	116.3	115.1	117.6	113.2	117.1	114.0
	July	2	103.7	119.2	116.7	116.3	115.1	117.7	113.3	117.7	114.4
	August	1	104.3	119.3	117.1	116.3	115.2	117.6	113.4	117.7	115.1
	September	1	104.4	119.1	117.2	116.7	115.1	117.6	113.4	117.7	115.2
	October	1	104.4	119.0	117.2	116.5	115.7	117.6	113.5	117.7	115.2
	November	2	104.3	118.9	117.2	116.2	115.6	117.5	113.4	117.7	115.1
	December	1	104.2	118.9	117.1	116.0	116.0	117.8	112.9	118.1	114.9
<u>1954</u>	January	2	104.1	119.0	117.2	116.1	116.4	117.8	113.2	118.1	115.1
	February	1	104.0	119.0	117.3	116.1	116.4	117.7	113.2	118.1	115.1
	March	1	104.0	119.1	117.3	116.2	116.4	117.8	113.1	118.3	115.1
	April	1	103.9	119.5	116.8	116.6	116.8	118.2	113.7	118.8	115.7
	May	1	104.0	119.2	116.8	115.8	116.7	116.9	113.5	118.8	115.5
<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
	February	2	100.7	115.1	119.0	114.5	116.7	115.6	115.0	110.8	113.3
	March	2	98.5	114.1	118.0	113.7	115.8	114.9	114.3	109.9	113.7
	April	1	99.6	114.6	118.7	114.6	116.2	115.8	114.8	110.4	115.0
	May	1	99.5	115.0	118.9	114.6	116.2	115.7	115.1	110.5	115.2
	June	1	99.3	115.0	118.9	114.6	116.2	115.8	115.1	110.5	115.2
	July	2	101.1	115.0	118.9	114.6	116.2	116.1	115.1	110.5	117.3
	August	1	101.4	115.2	119.3	115.0	116.7	116.8	115.9	110.6	116.8
	September	1	101.5	115.3	119.3	115.1	116.8	116.8	116.0	110.8	116.9
	October	1	101.5	115.4	119.3	115.1	116.8	116.9	116.2	110.8	117.1
	November	2	101.5	115.5	119.3	115.4	117.4	117.4	116.3	111.7	117.6
	December	1	101.5	115.6	119.3	115.3	117.4	117.4	116.2	111.7	117.6
<u>1954</u>	January	2	101.9	115.6	119.4	115.4	117.4	117.5	116.3	111.7	117.8
	February	1	102.0	115.8	120.1	115.4	117.5	117.6	116.7	111.7	117.8
	March	1	102.0	115.8	122.8	115.6	117.6	117.7	116.6	112.4	117.8
	April	1	102.1	116.2	122.9	116.4	118.4	118.4	117.3	112.8	118.3
	May	1	102.6	116.2	123.0	116.8	118.6	118.6	117.4	113.0	118.2

**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	<u>Index Numbers of</u>		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 - 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	57.79	50.03	138.6	119.9	115.5
Apr. 1	57.71(P)	49.92(P)	138.4(P)	119.7(P)	115.6

(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	Tex-	Food	Build-				
	tors'	Indus-	ery and Equip- ment	and Paper	Mill- ing	Oils	iles and Allied	Bever- ages	ing Mater- ials		
	(99)	(79)	(11)	(9)	(3)	(5)	(10)	(14)	(10)	(15)	
1939	91.6	91.2	100.9	81.7	100.6	83.6	95.0	109.6	98.1	98.3	
1940	77.4	74.2	88.9	90.7	94.2	62.2	121.8	103.3	100.8	90.6	
1941	67.5	63.9	75.6	68.8	70.6	50.0	105.4	91.0	95.9	78.3	
1942	64.2	60.4	76.5	62.9	47.1	47.1	104.0	77.7	97.8	74.5	
1943	83.5	78.6	103.9	92.6	90.5	73.8	121.4	89.5	131.0	89.1	
1944	83.8	78.8	112.8	125.0	99.3	73.1	124.8	97.5	153.3	92.7	
1945	99.6	93.7	134.5	167.3	113.3	78.7	148.7	110.3	222.2	116.0	
1946	115.7	108.6	183.8	255.5	132.4	73.9	193.9	129.1	363.9	149.6	
1947	106.0	99.3	182.6	258.4	120.3	65.9	182.4	125.8	302.3	137.4	
1948	112.5	107.2	220.1	264.0	107.4	74.0	207.5	114.0	308.5	135.7	
1949	109.4	103.1	215.4	242.9	89.9	72.0	208.1	115.7	299.9	143.4	
1950	131.6	127.6	295.5	362.2	87.9	94.2	264.1	122.0	389.0	185.8	
1951	168.3	172.0	420.7	561.2	112.8	140.6	358.0	118.9	434.1	272.5	
1952	173.1	176.6	428.3	515.2	131.0	155.1	277.2	108.6	365.7	283.6	
1953	160.3	160.1	394.8	501.6	131.2	131.0	222.5	120.7	399.3	279.5	
<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
	May ..	179.5	181.0	474.2	679.8	137.6	147.6	153.2	133.0	476.4	322.8
<u>Weekly Index</u>											
	May 6	177.5	178.7	475.0	672.2	137.3	146.3	152.6	130.7	469.9	320.8
	May 13	177.8	179.1	474.2	669.8	135.5	146.4	158.8	131.3	473.8	319.6
	May 20	180.6	182.3	471.7	685.9	137.7	148.9	153.0	133.2	480.5	325.9
	May 27	182.0	183.7	475.8	691.3	140.0	148.8	148.2	136.6	481.2	325.1

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	Total Utili- ties	Trans- porta- tion	Tele- phone	Power and Traction	Banks	Mining Total	Golds	Base Metals
	(2)	(12)	(2)	(1)	(9)	(8)	(27)	(22)	(5)
1939	98.9	86.1	56.0	109.3	88.9	102.5	104.5	95.6	121.7
1940	77.1	80.9	62.5	101.0	80.6	95.6	81.2	73.7	95.6
1941	69.5	70.7	61.4	96.4	65.8	90.5	72.4	65.1	87.0
1942	66.5	70.4	65.7	89.2	66.1	81.2	52.3	40.8	75.1
1943	74.8	101.3	112.8	97.2	99.1	80.5	70.1	61.4	86.8
1944	69.2	100.8	125.2	100.1	93.3	82.0	81.3	74.1	94.2
1945	86.9	120.2	178.2	108.8	105.5	95.7	95.2	91.0	101.1
1946	98.0	132.5	203.5	125.2	114.0	130.0	97.8	87.6	116.1
1947	90.0	117.3	147.9	117.1	109.1	130.8	86.7	76.0	106.1
1948	100.5	120.2	180.6	108.3	104.7	129.3	82.0	65.0	115.8
1949	92.1	117.4	161.6	105.9	109.2	134.4	87.4	71.7	117.9
1950	98.3	132.5	208.8	103.5	123.7	147.4	89.9	67.4	134.9
1951	126.0	162.3	325.6	101.4	142.5	144.6	99.2	69.8	166.4
1952	139.7	168.3	378.6	94.6	139.8	148.4	103.6	73.9	171.5
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	152.4	110.2	184.9
	Sept. ..	141.2	166.5	367.4	95.0	139.6	155.2	106.6	180.2
	Oct. ..	132.2	162.1	346.8	94.8	138.1	153.7	99.1	166.9
	Nov. ..	133.2	165.1	356.1	97.8	137.6	152.9	100.8	168.8
	Dec. ..	130.3	167.4	363.9	98.4	139.1	155.4	103.4	172.5
<u>1953</u>	Jan. ..	137.0	167.9	353.6	97.8	146.3	162.0	106.0	180.6
	Feb. ..	131.0	166.0	341.7	98.1	146.2	164.8	103.2	174.3
	Mar. ..	129.5	167.7	344.2	100.0	147.0	165.9	101.7	174.0
	Apr. ..	118.3	161.0	314.0	99.3	144.8	163.0	96.5	159.0
	May ...	116.4	160.4	307.7	101.1	143.4	166.3	93.8	150.9
	June ..	116.5	157.5	296.0	101.4	140.9	168.4	90.2	143.7
	July ..	121.2	157.9	296.4	101.4	141.9	169.1	91.4	148.9
	Aug. ..	117.7	154.6	281.8	99.3	142.9	171.7	90.7	144.0
	Sept. ..	109.2	148.1	261.5	95.0	141.5	171.6	85.0	136.3
	Oct. ..	109.1	149.0	263.2	95.3	142.9	168.5	82.7	134.3
	Nov. ..	108.4	149.4	255.7	100.4	140.1	175.4	83.7	137.6
	Dec. ..	103.4	146.4	254.2	101.2	131.4	180.2	79.9	131.5
<u>1954</u>	Jan. ..	102.7	149.1	265.4	102.5	131.5	185.5	81.9	131.2
	Feb. ..	103.4	151.9	272.8	103.6	134.0	189.6	83.4	132.0
	Mar. ..	106.9	153.3	267.0	105.9	137.2	192.5	84.3	136.5
	Apr. ..	116.0	159.5	280.6	107.8	145.0	195.4	89.3	145.5
	May ..	118.9	162.4	274.6	110.1	152.6	204.0	89.4	146.5
Weekly Index									
May 6	115.0	163.2	271.8	110.3	155.9	198.8	89.3	64.9	145.0
May 13	116.0	161.7	273.8	109.8	151.6	201.7	88.7	64.2	144.7
May 20	120.7	162.4	275.3	110.3	151.9	205.5	89.4	64.2	147.1
May 27	123.8	162.4	277.4	110.1	151.2	210.2	90.0	64.2	149.1

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

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

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
January	157.5	144.5	144.7	152.4	166.0	161.4	161.0	162.6
February	158.5	141.0	144.0	153.0	169.3	160.6	161.6	163.6
March	156.0	138.9	142.8	153.7	166.0	159.5	163.6	165.4
April	153.1	144.2	140.9	154.4	165.2	157.2	161.6	168.0
May	154.3	147.0	139.9	157.3	164.3	157.2	162.9	169.7
June	155.8	148.2	136.3	158.2	162.2	157.7	163.0	
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	219.8
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	100.2
May	84.6	95.3	94.4	90.2	104.9	112.6	119.6	99.7
June	84.3	95.4	94.4	90.2	105.3	114.0	120.6	
July	83.8	95.6	93.8	91.0	104.7	117.3	120.7	
August	83.9	96.2	92.7	90.5	104.9	119.1	121.0	
September	84.0	96.1	91.8	89.8	105.0	119.6	121.5	
October	84.2	96.3	89.1	92.0	105.7	118.6	120.8	
November	84.4	95.7	89.2	93.9	107.8	117.8	118.8	
December	84.8	95.5	90.3	96.7	112.0	118.0	117.3	
Year	84.4	95.3	93.0	91.3	104.6	116.2	119.6	

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

	Composite Index Exclusive of Living Costs (a)	Equipment and Materials	Taxes and Interest Rates (a)	Farm Wage Rates	Farm Family Living Costs	Composite Index Inclusive of Living Costs (a)
ALL CANADA						
1926	130.6	119.9	135.5	164.5	121.1	126.8
1939	99.3	95.7	101.1	110.3	99.5	99.4
1949 - August	206.5	180.2	138.7	388.1	174.5	193.7
1950 - August	218.6	194.3	144.3	401.2	180.7	203.4
1951 - August	237.8	207.5	151.8	457.3	214.7	228.6
1952 - January	238.6	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	May Average	March Average	April Average	May Average
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	.9789	.9834	.9941	.9708	.9825	.9843
United Kingdom	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7980	2.7329	2.7693	2.7748
Argentina	peso (free)	.07010	.07079	.07156	.06988	.07072	.07085
Australia	pound	2.1872	2.2133	2.2384	2.1863	2.2154	2.2198
Belgium (1)	franc	.01947	.01969	.01992	.01936	.01953	.01960
Brazil (2)	cruzeiro	.05291	.05314	.05373	.04156	.04206	.04214
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.5696	.5764	.5829	.5694	.5769	.5781
Ceylon	rupee	.2056	.2075	.2099	.2050	.2077	.2081
Chile	peso (free)	.00908	.00890	.00904	.00883	.00893	.00895
Colombia	peso (basic)	.3916	.3921	.3826	.3887	.3930	.3937
Cuba	peso	.9789	.9834	.9941	.9708	.9825	.9843
Denmark	krone	.1417	.1424	.1439	.1406	.1422	.1425
Egypt	pound	2.8111	2.8239	2.8546	2.7877	2.8212	2.8266
France and North Africa	franc	.00280	.00281	.00284	.00277	.00281	.00281
Germany	deutsche mark	.2331	.2342	.2367	.2311	.2339	.2344
Hong Kong	dollar	.1709	.1729	.1749	.1708	.1731	.1734
India	rupee	.2056	.2075	.2098	.2050	.2077	.2081
Ireland	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7980	2.7329	2.7693	2.7748
Italy	lira	.00157	.00158	.00160	.00156	.00158	.00158
Jamaica	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7980	2.7329	2.7693	2.7748
Japan	yen	.00272	.00273	.00276	.00270	.00273	.00273
Lebanon	pound (free)	.2734	.2872	.2818	.3019	.3042	.3074
Mexico	peso	.1132	.1137	.1149	.1122	.0978	.07875
Netherlands	guilder	.2576	.2588	.2616	.2564	.2595	.2601
New Zealand	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7978	2.7329	2.7693	2.7748
Norway	krone	.1371	.1377	.1392	.1359	.1376	.1378
Pakistan	rupee	.2959	.2972	.3005	.2934	.2970	.2975
Peru	sol-certificate	.06346	.05908	.06136	.05154	.05086	.05088
Philippines	peso	.4895	.4917	.4970	.4854	.4912	.4922
Portugal	escudo	.03412	.03431	.03470	.03388	.03429	.03435
Singapore	dollar	.3190	.3228	.3264	.3188	.3231	.3238
Sweden	krona	.1892	.1901	.1922	.1876	.1899	.1903
Switzerland	franc	.2266	.2293	.2320	.2263	.2291	.2297
Turkey	lira	.3496	.3512	.3550	.3467	.3509	.3515
Union of South Africa	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7980	2.7329	2.7693	2.7748
Venezuela	bolivar	.2922	.2936	.2967	.2898	.2933	.2938
Yugoslavia	dinar	.00326	.00328	.00331	.00324	.00327	.00328

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

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IN CANADA AND OTHER SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

Country	Base Period	1939	1953	1953			1954		
				Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
<u>COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1936 - 1939	182.9	255.0(c)	262.4					
Canada	1949	63.2	115.5	115.8	115.7	115.7	115.5	115.6	115.5
Denmark	1935	109	220		219			220	
France (Paris)	1949		143.7	142.1	143.2	144.1	143.6	142.4	144.2
India (Bombay)	1933 - 1934	106	337(e)						
Italy (Rome)	1938		105(b)	5,065	5,059	5,048	5,099(f)	5,092	
Malaya	January 1949(a)			134	132	132	130		
Mexico	1939	100.0	451.2	445.0	446.5	445.4	446.6		
Netherlands	1949		120	120	123	124	124		
New Zealand	1st. qtr. 1949	74.8	133.3	136.6			137.7		
Norway	1949	63.8	136	137	137	138	139		
South Africa	1938	99.9	192.4	191.9	192.9	193.0	194.0	194.9	
Sweden	1935	107.5	224.1	223.9	224.4	224.6	225.6		
Switzerland	August, 1939		169.8	170.1	169.8	169.5	169.4	169.6	
United Kingdom	Jan. 15, 1952		105.8	105.6	105.8	105.6	106.6	107.0	
United States	1947 - 49	59.4	114.4	114.9	115.2	115.0	114.8	114.6	
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1936 - 1939	101.1	319(c)	317					
Canada	1935 - 1939	99.3	220.7	219.0	219.8	219.0	218.6	217.9	218.2
Denmark	1935	118	341	334	337	340	339	341	
France	1949		138.3	138.0	137.9	137.8	136.3	136.8	139.0
India	Sept. '38-Aug. '39		380.6(d)	389.4	398.5	395.0	394.0		
Italy	1938		5,250	5,256	5,286	5,328	5,34		
Mexico	1929	127.0	484.0	488.3					
Netherlands	1948		134	134	135	136			
New Zealand	1926 - 1930	107.1	254.6(f)	257.7	254.8	249.7	249.0		
Norway	1938	102	276	276	276	278	279	279	
South Africa	1938	97.6	261.2	262.0					
Sweden	1935	115	298	296	296	296	296		
Switzerland	August, 1939		212.8	210.9	212.5	213.3	213.7	214.5	
United Kingdom	1930	102.8	327.8	325.9	325.7	326.1	328.7	329.7	
United States	1947-49	50.1	110.1	110.1	110.9	110.5	110.5(f)	111.1	

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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