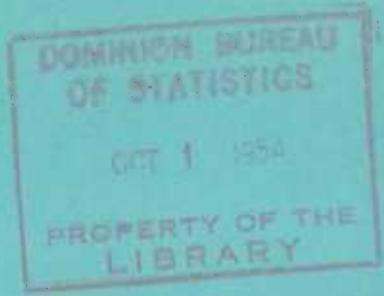


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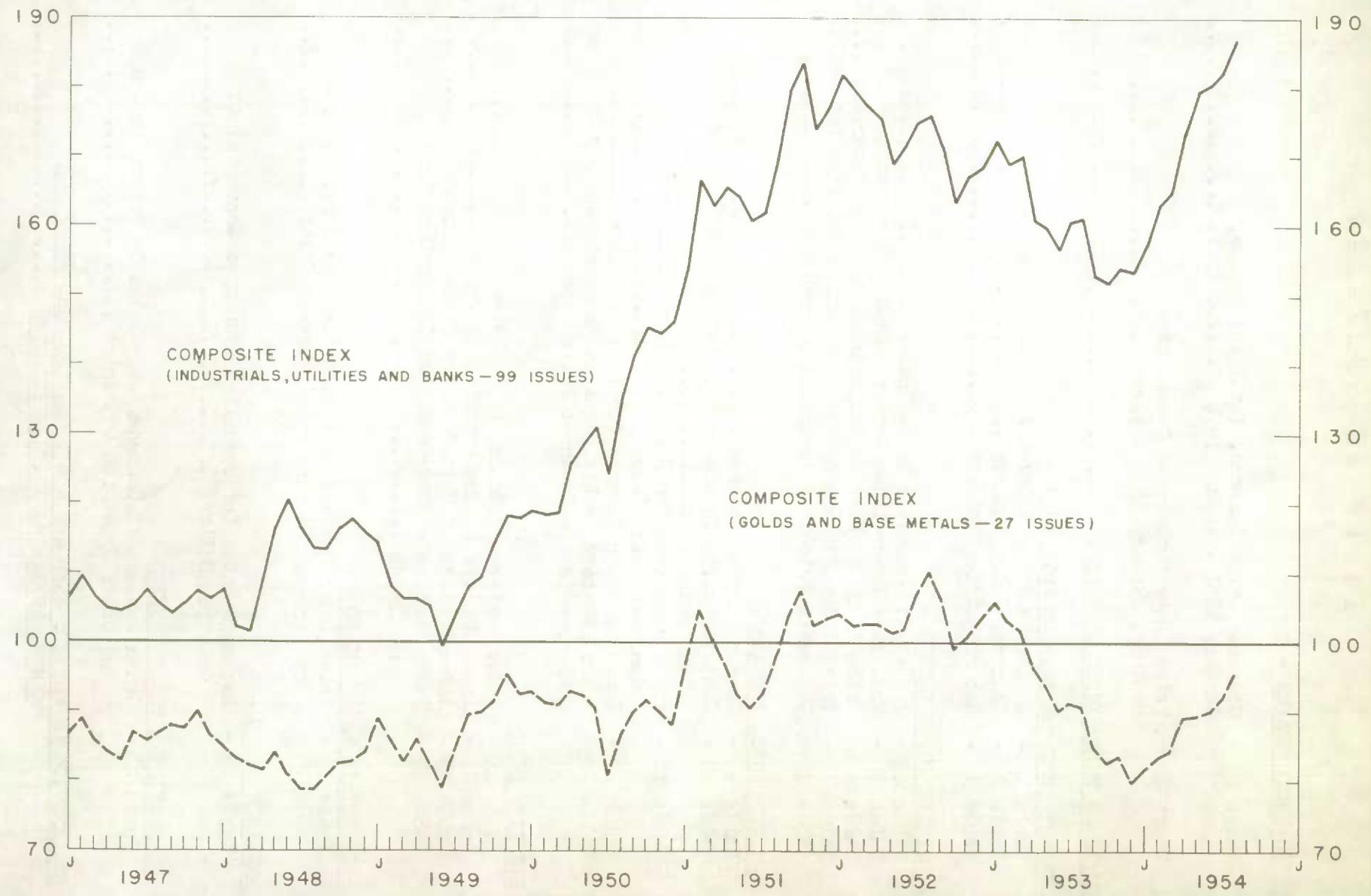
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PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

MONTHLY, JANUARY 1947 — AUGUST 1954

1935—1939 = 100



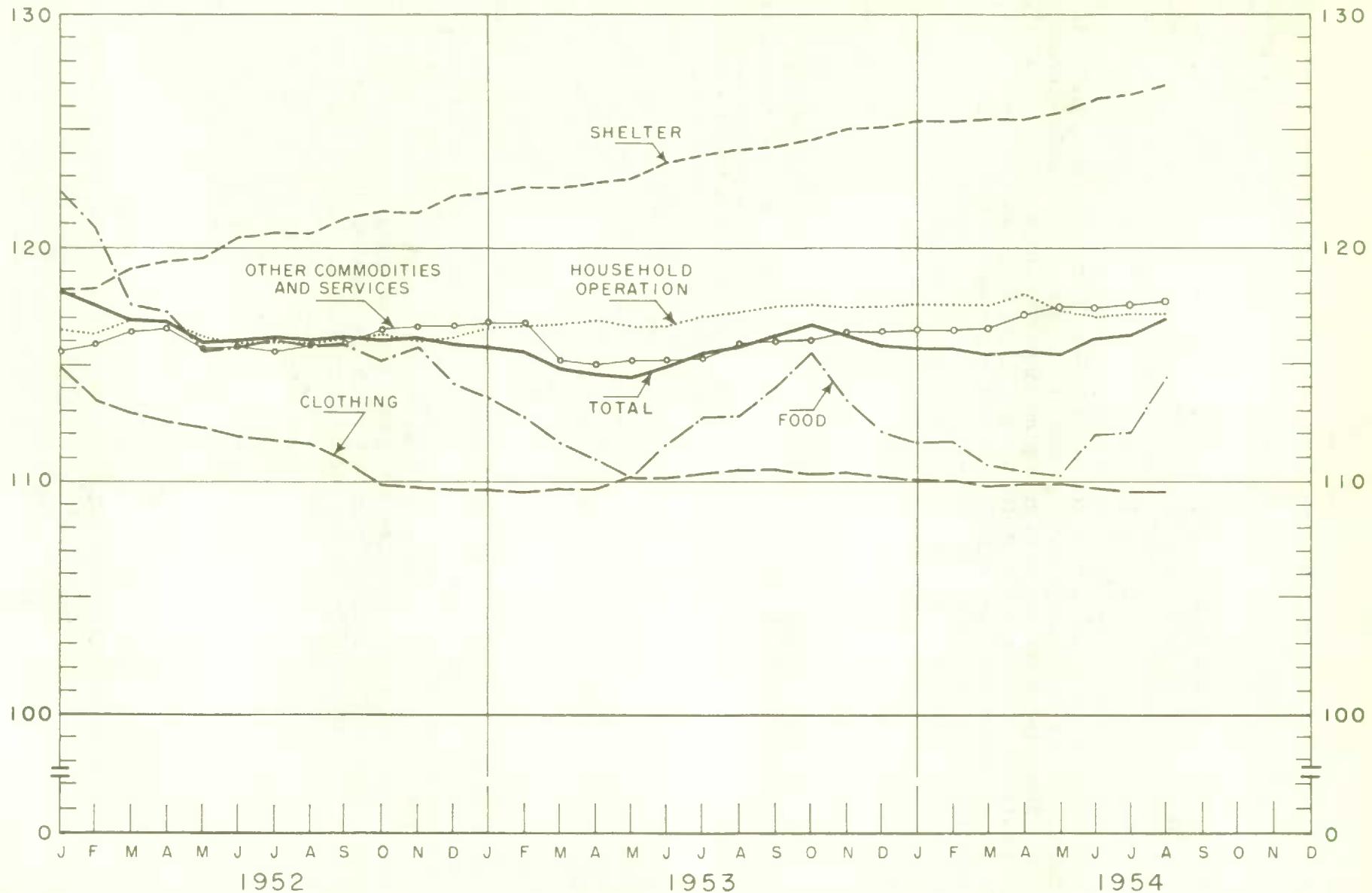
CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

TOTAL AND GROUPS

JANUARY 1952 — AUGUST 1954

1949 = 100

1949 = 100



NOTES ON PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index advanced 0.7 per cent from 116.2 to 117.0 between July 2 and August 2. This increase was almost entirely attributable to a rise of 2.1 per cent in the food index from 112.1 to 114.4, most of which was seasonal in its nature. Beef, lamb, eggs, citrus fruit, tea and most canned goods were higher, and potatoes registered a substantial increase of 13.8 cents per ten pounds. Other fresh vegetables and pork were lower. These price changes were in combination with normal seasonal shifts in consumption. The shelter index increased 0.3 per cent, from 126.6 to 127.0 as a result of advances in rents and residential building costs. No over-all change was recorded in clothing or household operation, and the indexes for these two main groups remained unchanged at 109.6 and 117.2, respectively. Within the clothing group, slight decreases for men's hats, women's hosiery, cotton dress print and children's shoes were offset by an increase in knitting yarn. In the household operation component, advances in coal, dishes, enamel saucepans and soap flakes counterbalanced declines in fuel oil, electrical appliances, mattresses and drapery material. Other commodities and services moved from 117.6 to 117.7 as higher rates were reported for hospital services in several cities as well as newspapers in Ottawa. Gasoline prices were lower in twenty-one cities located mostly in Eastern Canada.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES
(1935-1939 = 100)

The General Wholesale Price Index dipped 0.7 per cent, from 217.4 to 215.8, between July and August, evidencing a slightly greater rate of decline than during earlier months of 1954. Five of the eight major groups, notably Animal Products, contributed to the downturn, while Vegetable Products and Wood Products recorded fractional percentage gains and Chemical Products showed no change. The Animal Products index moved down 4.3 per cent, from 239.9 to 229.7, as lower quotations were registered for livestock, mainly hogs and lambs, fresh meats, cured meats, eggs, fowl, lard and hides. Negligible advances were recorded in milk products and fishery products. Non-ferrous Metals declined 0.3 per cent, from 167.8 to 167.3, reflecting slightly lower prices for copper, gold, tin and silver which outweighed an increase in lead. Lower prices for gasoline, imported crude oil, crude sulphur and United States anthracite coal were responsible for a 0.3 per cent decrease in the Non-metallic Minerals index from 176.4 to 175.8. Textile Products eased a further 0.2 per cent, from 231.2 to 230.8, influenced by declines in worsted and wool cloth and raw cotton. Iron and its Products receded 0.1 per cent from 211.8 to 211.5 due to a price decrease in the hardware subgroup. Mixed tendencies in the Vegetable Products group resulted in a net increase of 0.3 per cent, to 197.1 from 196.6. Increases in grains, onions, milled cereal foods, feeds, imported fresh fruits and canned vegetables combined to outweigh decreases in coffee beans, cocoa butter, raw rubber, potatoes, dried fruits, vegetable oils, canned fruits, raw sugar and hay. Small advances in fir lumber and timber and export cedar shingles outweighed declines in newsprint and woodpulp to move the Wood Products index up 0.1 per cent from 287.4 to 287.6. In the Chemical Products group an increase in shellac balanced a decline in industrial gases to hold the index unchanged at 176.7.

Canadian farm products prices at terminal markets registered a drop of 3.0 per cent as the index moved from 214.4 to 207.9. Weakness in Animal Products was responsible, and the index for this series moved down 5.3 per cent from 262.1 to 248.2, mainly reflecting lower livestock prices. Hog prices returned to

earlier levels and lamb prices receded from seasonal highs. Eggs, poultry and eastern cheese milk also contributed to the decline. Field Products, on the other hand, moved up 0.6 per cent from 166.6 to 167.6 as increases in grains and eastern potatoes slightly outweighed decreases in hay and western potatoes.

Downward movements in both the residential and non-residential building materials price indexes followed lower prices for copper wire, certain electrical fixtures and wood screws. In the Residential Building Materials index, these declines were partially offset by small advances in fir timber, spruce scantling and shellac and the index remained practically unchanged at 278.0 as compared to 278.2 for the previous month. No sub-group gains were recorded in the index of Non-Residential Building Materials (1949 = 100) which receded 0.8 per cent from 121.2 to 120.2.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES
(1935-1939 = 100)

Common stock prices averaged moderately higher in August as the composite index for 99 stocks changed from 182.3 for July to 187.0 for the month under review. Among group changes the index for 79 industrials advanced from 181.8 to 187.9 while the series for 12 utilities moved from 169.4 to 170.2 and 8 banks from 216.4 to 217.3.

In the industrials section group indexes were higher for all series including machinery and equipment issues, pulp and paper, milling, oils, textiles and clothing, food and allied products, beverages, building materials and industrial mines. In the utilities group communication and power and traction issues were firmer while transportation shares eased slightly.

Mining stocks advanced moderately in August as the composite series changed from a July index of 92.0 to 95.6. The gold series increased from 64.9 to 67.8 while base metals moved from 154.0 to 159.2.

Preferred stocks paralleled the change in common shares between July and August and the composite index rose from 171.3 to 173.0.

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>		
	August 1952	August 1953	July 1954	August 1954	August 1952	August 1953	July 1954
GENERAL INDEX	223.7	222.2	217.4	215.8	-3.5	-2.9	-0.7
Vegetable Products	206.5	201.9	196.6	197.1	-4.6	-2.4	+0.3
Animal Products	244.7	247.8	239.9	229.7	-6.1	-7.3	-4.3
Textile Products	248.9	237.9	231.2	230.8	-7.3	-3.0	-0.2
Wood Products	291.0	288.4	287.4	287.6	-1.2	-0.3	+0.1
Iron Products	218.2	220.6	211.8	211.5	-3.1	-4.1	-0.1
Non-ferrous Metals	170.2	168.2	167.8	167.3	-1.7	-0.5	-0.3
Non-metallic Minerals	173.5	178.9	176.4	175.8	+1.3	-1.7	-0.3
Chemical Products	177.2	176.0	176.7	176.7	-0.3	+0.4	-
FARM PRODUCTS	250.0	213.6	214.4	207.9	-16.8	-2.7	-3.0
Field	222.8	157.2	166.6	167.6	-24.8	+6.6	+0.6
Animal	277.2	269.9	262.1	248.2	-10.5	-8.0	-5.3

WHOLESALE PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED COMMODITIESBETWEEN JULY AND AUGUST 1954

	<u>INCREASES</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>	
	p.c.	p.c.	
Rye, No. 2, Ontario	22.6	Potatoes, Vancouver	25.9
Potatoes, Saint John	20.3	Bacon, Montreal	20.0
Oranges, Toronto	13.1	Pork carcass, Toronto	19.0
Barley, No. 1 Feed	8.5	Lard, Montreal	19.0
Oats, No. 2 C.W.	8.0	Lambs, Winnipeg	18.0
Eggs, Grade A large, Calgary	7.8	Beef carcass, cow, Montreal	18.0
Flax, No. 1 C.W.	7.6	Lamb carcass, Montreal	17.1
Shellac	6.7	Hogs, Bl, dressed, Montreal	15.5
Malt	6.2	Canned cherries	14.9
Wheat, No. 1 C.E.	4.8	Bananas, Montreal	14.3
Bran	4.5	Wood screws	12.7
Strawberry jam	4.0	Packer hides, cow	12.0
Rosin	3.8	Calf skins	9.1
Corn, Ontario	3.4	Eggs, Grade A large, Toronto	9.0
Overall fabric	3.3	Ham, Montreal	8.3

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	August		July	August	August	August	August
	1952	1953	1954	1954	1952	1953	1954
<u>TOTAL INDEX</u>							
Food	116.0	115.7	116.2	117.0	+ 0.9	+ 1.1	+ 0.7
Shelter	115.7	112.8	112.1	114.4	- 1.1	+ 1.4	+ 2.1
Clothing	120.6	124.1	126.6	127.0	+ 5.3	+ 2.3	+ 0.3
Household Operation	111.6	110.4	109.6	109.6	- 1.8	- 0.7	-
Other Commodities and Services	115.8	117.2	117.2	117.2	+ 1.2	-	-
	115.8	115.8	117.6	117.7	+ 1.6	+ 1.6	+ 0.1

RETAIL PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED ITEMS BETWEEN JULY AND AUGUST 1954

	<u>INCREASES</u>		<u>DECREASES</u>	
	p.c.		p.c.	
Potatoes	31.7		Lettuce	31.7
Oranges	10.1		Celery	21.7
Onions	7.9		Fresh tomatoes	13.4
Turnips	6.2		Cabbage	10.1
Grapefruit	5.5		Carrots	9.8
Round steak	4.0		Picnic shoulder	6.8
Eggs	3.7		Pork shoulder roast	5.8
Sirloin steak	3.7		Smoked ham	5.7
Hospital rates	2.3		Bananas	3.8
Rolled rib roast	2.1		Lard	3.8

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	August		July	August	Aug.	Aug.	Aug.
	1952	1953	1954	1954	1952	1953	1954
<u>Total Investors' Index</u>	176.0	161.2	182.3	187.0	+ 6.2	+16.0	+2.6
<u>Total Industrials</u>	179.8	161.6	181.8	187.9	+ 4.5	+16.3	+3.4
Machinery and Equipment	441.8	396.9	503.6	520.8	+17.9	+31.2	+3.4
Pulp and Paper	519.9	518.9	718.4	744.3	+43.2	+43.4	+3.6
Milling	152.3	136.4	138.3	145.4	- 4.5	+ 6.6	+5.1
Oils	153.4	131.3	138.2	142.1	- 7.4	+ 8.2	+2.8
Textiles and Clothing	297.2	211.5	151.6	161.2	-45.8	-23.8	+6.3
Foods	107.5	125.7	135.5	142.6	+32.7	+13.4	+5.2
Beverages	375.6	411.4	480.1	497.6	+32.5	+21.0	+3.6
Building Materials	299.4	283.8	331.4	348.5	+16.4	+22.8	+5.2
Industrial Mines	145.0	117.7	122.3	125.0	-13.8	+ 6.2	+2.2
<u>Total Utilities</u>	169.9	154.6	169.4	170.2	+ 0.2	+10.1	+0.5
Transportation	382.4	281.8	297.5	296.6	-22.4	+ 5.3	-0.3
Telephone	94.7	99.3	112.9	114.6	+21.0	+15.4	+1.5
Power and Traction	142.1	142.9	156.4	156.7	+10.3	+ 9.7	+0.2
Banks	152.4	171.7	216.4	217.3	+42.6	+26.6	+0.4
<u>Mining Stocks</u>							
General Index	110.2	90.7	92.0	95.6	-13.2	+ 5.4	+3.9
Golds	77.6	67.5	64.9	67.8	-12.6	+ 0.4	+4.5
Base Metals	184.9	144.0	154.0	159.2	-13.9	+10.6	+3.4

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
June	217.8	206.7	224.5	223.9	151.9	267.3	209.6
July	217.4	207.4	223.6	224.2	166.6	262.1	214.4
Aug.	215.8	204.9	222.3	222.1	167.6	248.2	207.9

(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	Total	Live-						Fruits, Fresh	Fruits, Dried	Fruits, Canned
	Whole- Sale Index	Vege- table Sale Index	Milled Grains	Cereal	stock	Bakery	Fruits,				
	Pro- ducts	Pro- ducts	Foods	Poultry	and Feeds	ducts	Dried	Canned			
1953 Average ..	220.7	199.0	201.0	200.3	211.7	182.5	149.8	174.7	145.4		
1953 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		
June	217.8	194.2	183.5	143.7	191.4	188.0	179.1	173.6	158.2		
July	217.4	196.6	179.6	143.7	189.5	188.0	187.2	173.6	158.2		
Aug.	215.8	197.1	181.5	144.9	193.3	188.0	195.2	169.0	157.5		

- 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 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
May.....	271.8	171.8	150.8	491.0	118.5	136.8	166.0	181.0
June	268.8	172.5	150.6	497.4	132.4	138.5	166.1	181.0
July	270.7	174.2	148.8	506.6	295.3	144.8	163.2	181.0
Aug.	270.2	173.0	148.5	498.5	290.8	255.5	164.6	181.0

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

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -

Date	Total Animal Products	Fishery Products	Raw Furs	Hides and Skins	Leather, Unmanu- factured	Boots and Shoes	Live- stock	Steers
1953 Average ..	241.7	259.4	99.3	154.2	213.1	204.5	288.1	323.5
1953 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
June	245.0	248.9	93.7	120.4	209.0	203.6	303.6	317.5
July	239.9	250.4	92.5	122.3	209.0	203.6	293.0	333.5
Aug.	229.7	250.9	92.5	113.0	209.0	203.6	271.6	329.9

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Meats, Fresh	Beef and Veal Carcass	Meats, Fowl, Cured 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 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
June	313.8	323.6	271.3	162.7	220.7	220.0	150.9	153.7
July	304.4	324.5	248.8	150.6	220.9	220.5	146.0	174.6
Aug.	282.8	311.4	228.2	138.6	221.1	220.9	136.9	166.2

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	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	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	158.3
	May. ..	233.7	290.9	224.7	231.1	224.5	239.7	169.5	158.3
	June ..	233.6	290.5	224.7	228.9	224.5	239.7	169.5	158.3
	July ..	231.2	291.1	224.7	228.4	224.5	210.6	169.5	158.3
	Aug. ..	230.8	288.8	224.7	228.4	224.5	210.6	169.5	158.3

- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS - Concluded

Date	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	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	263.2	225.3
	June ..	176.9	278.5	266.9	219.5	235.6	252.5	261.7	225.3
	July ..	176.9	278.5	255.1	219.5	235.6	252.5	259.7	225.3
	Aug. ..	176.9	278.5	255.1	219.9	235.6	252.5		

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

Date	Total	Lumber								Wrap-	
	Wood	and	Spruce	Hard-	Hem-	Fir	Cedar	Wood-	News-	pint	
	Pro-	Timber		woods	lock			pulp	paper	No. 1	
	ducts									Kraft	
1953	Average ..	288.6	419.2	399.8	337.0	393.5	496.1	387.6	206.7	286.8	219.8
1953	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
	June	286.4	413.0	380.0	310.1	369.8	500.6	390.4	202.6	285.9	227.6
	July	287.4	421.6	383.7	310.1	369.8	513.9	410.2	201.1	284.0	227.6
	Aug.	287.6	424.3	383.7	310.1	369.8	519.5	415.3	200.6	283.0	227.6

- IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS -

	Total		Rolling		Pipe		Hard-		Scrap	Tin
	Iron	Pig	Mill		and		ware	Wire	Iron	Plate
	Pro-	Iron	Products		Tubing				and	and Gal-
1953	Average ..	221.4	261.2	209.4	238.3	224.5	249.2	298.1	223.5	
1953	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	
	June	211.8	254.7	204.2	228.7	218.4	233.2	200.9	219.7	
	July	211.8	254.7	204.2	228.7	218.3	233.2	200.9	219.7	
	Aug.	211.5	254.7	204.2	228.7	216.7	233.2	200.9	219.7	

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	Its Pro-ducts	Its Pro-ducts	Silver	Tin	Index			
	(1)	(2)					Iron and			
1953 Average ...	168.6	225.3	178.5	283.1	269.3	216.3	180.2	258.9	201.9	223.1
1953 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
June....	168.3	225.0	191.1	278.7	278.7	216.0	178.5	266.1	200.6	217.3
July....	167.8	224.6	175.6	277.9	276.6	214.5	181.5	267.0	200.6	217.1
Aug.	167.3	224.1	175.6	276.7	277.8	213.7	175.4	267.0	200.6	216.8

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -

	Total	Clay and	Coal			Manu-	Window	
	Non-Metallic Products	Allied Material	Pottery	Coal	Coal Tar	Coke	factured Gas	Glass
1953 Average ...	176.9	219.2	146.8	178.3	213.7	227.3	138.7	233.8
1953 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
June	176.2	231.6	146.8	169.9	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
July	176.4	231.6	153.7	170.1	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
Aug.	175.8	231.6	153.7	170.0	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8

(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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Date	- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Continued						
	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 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
June	189.3	167.9	139.3	134.2	184.1	150.4	200.2
July	189.3	167.8	139.3	134.2	184.1	150.4	198.6
Aug.	189.3	166.2	135.7	134.2	184.1	150.4	197.9

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Plaster	Lime	Cement	Sand	Crushed Stone	Build-	Asbestos
				and Gravel		ing Stone	and Its Products
1953 Average ...	126.7	190.7	158.3	143.4	164.3	200.7	267.1
1953 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
June	126.7	192.6	158.5	139.8	155.7	200.7	267.1
July	126.7	192.6	158.5	139.8	155.7	200.7	267.1
Aug.	126.7	192.6	158.5	139.8	155.7	200.7	267.1

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	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
	June	176.6	141.2	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
	July	176.7	141.5	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
	Aug.	176.7	141.5	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8

- 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
1953	Apr.	139.5	189.1	173.3	128.8
	May	139.5	189.1	173.3	126.9
	June	139.5	189.1	173.3	127.1
	July	139.5	189.1	166.4	129.4
	Aug.	139.5	189.1	166.4	128.8
	Sept.	139.5	189.1	166.4	128.7
	Oct.	139.5	189.1	166.4	124.8
	Nov.	139.5	189.1	167.3	126.0
	Dec.	137.4	189.1	167.3	124.5
1954	Jan.	137.4	189.1	167.3	124.5
	Feb.	137.4	189.1	166.7	123.8
	Mar.	137.4	189.1	166.7	124.9
	Apr.	137.4	189.1	165.8	126.2
	May	137.4	189.1	165.8	125.4
	June	137.4	189.1	165.8	127.9
	July	137.4	189.1	165.8	127.6
	Aug.	137.4	189.1	165.8	125.7

TABLE 6. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -

(1935-39=100)

Date	Total Index (1949=100)*	Cement, Total Index (1949=100)*	Sand and Gravel	Brick, and Stone	Lumber and Its Pro- ducts	Lath, Plaster and Insu- lation	Roof- ing and Mate- rial	Paint and Glass	Plumb- ing and Equip- ment	Elec- trical Equip- ment	Other Mater- ials
1926 ..	48.1	109.6	105.5	103.2	110.9	101.4	104.3	156.8	110.2	91.6	112.0
1929 ..	49.3	112.4	107.6	107.4	116.7	94.4	108.8	151.5	108.5	130.1	106.1
1932 ..	38.4	87.5	103.7	101.8	72.7	85.0	95.5	111.7	108.1	79.1	89.5
1939 ..	44.9	102.3	94.0	97.2	104.9	99.4	104.1	97.2	103.0	102.4	104.6
1940 ..	48.4	110.3	94.6	98.0	119.1	99.7	110.4	115.2	106.5	107.1	109.2
1941 ..	53.8	122.6	99.1	105.1	139.2	102.8	118.7	136.2	114.6	109.0	112.5
1942 ..	57.4	130.9	100.8	109.0	153.2	104.8	123.4	146.9	120.0	110.3	117.6
1943 ..	61.0	139.1	101.2	113.1	171.3	104.8	130.1	149.4	120.0	110.3	117.9
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
June	121.7	277.4	151.1	207.4	400.4	129.2	229.3	208.2	202.1	209.9	227.8
July	122.0	278.2	151.1	207.4	402.4	129.2	235.8	209.5	200.9	209.9	227.8
Aug.	121.9	278.0	151.1	207.4	402.5	129.2	235.8	210.8	200.9	205.6	224.7

* 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 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	
June	121.2	120.6	126.6	121.1	124.2	114.7	120.1	
July	121.2	120.6	127.3	121.1	125.2	113.9	120.1	
Aug.	120.2	120.6	127.3	121.1	125.2	113.9	112.1	
	Steel and Metal Work	Hard-ware	Lath, Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Materials	Paint and Glass	Miscellaneous Materials		
1950	107.3	103.8	98.7	104.7	100.5	97.7		
1951	122.0	120.3	107.1	128.9	113.0	106.0		
1952	131.3	125.9	109.7	134.5	115.6	106.4		
1953	134.7	129.3	110.0	133.6	125.3	103.8		
1953 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		
Mar.	132.3	125.7	109.9	132.6	128.1	100.2		
Apr.	132.0	125.7	109.9	132.5	128.0	100.2		
May	125.0	125.7	109.8	132.4	128.1	100.2		
June	125.0	125.7	109.8	132.7	128.2	100.2		
July	125.0	125.7	109.8	132.7	128.2	100.2		
Aug.	125.0	124.8	109.8	132.7	128.2	100.2		

TABLE 8.- WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity 1/	Unit	Yearly Average 1953	August 1953	July 1954	August 1954
		\$	\$	\$	\$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern, Domestic ..	bu.	1.919	2.012	1.708	1.698
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern, I.W.A.	bu.	1.282	2.012	1.708	1.698
OATS, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	.747	.754	.726	.784
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed	bu.	1.110	1.129	1.012	1.098
RYE, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	1.286	1.044	.951	1.100
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto	bbl.	11.195	12.340	11.400	11.400
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal .	cwt.	7.620	7.648	6.982	7.078
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal	gal.	1.337	1.200	1.050	1.050
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's	lb.	.684	.738	1.002	.978
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John	75 lb. bag	1.471	1.431	2.234	2.688
STEERS, Toronto	cwt.	19.969	19.750	20.720	20.500
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included)	cwt.	30.823	34.800	31.990	27.300
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers	lb.	.175	.175	.138	.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	.580	.574	.572
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.648	.764	.604	.557
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 15/16", New York	lb.	.333	.334	.345	.342
COTTON YARNS, 10's white	lb.	.698	.690	.645	.645
WOOL, Raw, Eastern bright, 1/4 blood ..	lb.	.508	.510	.550	.550
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Canadian Mill (Southern Quebec)	ton	109.793	110.224	108.726	108.341
PIG IRON, Malleable	gr. ton	58.000	58.000	56.500	56.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic sales ..	cwt.	30.004	29.647	29.240	29.104
LEAD, Pig, domestic sales	cwt.	12.896	13.250	13.250	13.307
TIN INGOTS	lb.	.961	.800	.967	.935
ZINC, Grade "A", Electrolytic, domestic sales	cwt.	11.942	11.850	12.350	12.350
COAL, United States Anthracite	ton	20.768	21.010	18.690	18.640
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto	gal.	.223	.231	.226	.221
SHINGLES, Asphalt	210-lb. sq.	8.450	8.450	8.450	8.450
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume	ton	25.175	26.350	26.350	26.350

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

TABLE 9. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

(1949 = 100)

	Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	House-hold Operation	Other Commodities & Services
1939	63.2	50.2	84.6	54.9	66.5	77.2
1940	65.7	52.6	86.6	59.9	70.3	77.9
1941	69.6	57.9	89.2	63.6	73.8	80.0
1942	72.9	63.4	90.7	65.8	76.0	82.0
1943	74.2	65.2	90.9	66.1	76.1	84.8
1944	74.6	65.5	91.2	66.6	75.7	86.1
1945	75.0	66.3	91.4	66.9	74.9	86.4
1946	77.5	70.0	91.8	69.2	77.2	88.7
1947	84.8	79.5	95.1	78.9	86.2	91.6
1948	97.0	97.5	98.3	95.6	96.8	96.5
1949	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950	102.9	102.6	106.2	99.7	102.4	103.1
1951	113.7	117.0	114.4	109.8	113.1	111.5
1952	116.5	116.8	120.2	111.8	116.2	116.0
1953	115.5	112.6	123.6	110.1	117.0	115.8
<u>1951</u> November	1	117.9	122.5	118.2	114.5	114.8
December	1	118.1	122.5	118.2	115.2	115.0
<u>1952</u> 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	115.8
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
<u>1953</u> 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	115.0
May	1	114.4	110.1	122.9	110.1	116.6
June	1	114.9	111.4	123.6	110.1	115.1
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
<u>1954</u> 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
May	1	115.5	110.2	125.8	109.9	117.3
June	1	116.1	112.0	126.4	109.7	117.1
July	2	116.2	112.1	126.6	109.6	117.2
August	2	117.0	114.4	127.0	109.6	117.7

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

	1951	1952	1953	August 1952	August 1953	June 1954	July 1954	August 1954
<u>Total Index</u>	113.7	116.5	115.5	116.0	115.7	116.1	116.2	117.0
<u>Food</u>	117.0	116.8	112.6	115.7	112.8	112.0	112.1	114.4
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	108.6	113.3	112.4	111.5	111.2	110.9	110.8	110.9
Cereal Products	113.0	117.4	119.3	118.1	120.6	122.5	122.6	122.5
Meats, Fish and Poultry	127.9	115.5	108.2	110.2	106.5	106.2	104.9	104.5
<u>Shelter</u>	114.4	120.2	123.6	120.6	124.1	126.4	126.6	127.0
Rent	114.5	120.9	125.4	121.3	126.2	129.8	130.1	130.6
Home-Ownership	114.4	119.3	121.2	119.7	121.4	121.8	121.9	122.3
<u>Clothing</u>	109.8	111.8	110.1	111.6	110.4	109.7	109.6	109.6
Men's Wear	111.6	115.2	113.5	114.9	113.6	113.9	113.9	113.8
Women's Wear	105.6	104.8	102.5	104.7	103.0	101.5	101.2	101.2
Children's Wear	108.6	111.5	108.6	111.9	108.6	107.5	107.4	107.4
Footwear	116.6	127.2	127.7	126.7	127.7	127.6	127.6	127.6
Piece Goods	119.8	107.4	106.2	106.0	107.7	108.8	108.8	109.0
<u>Household Operation</u>	113.1	116.2	117.0	115.8	117.2	117.1	117.2	117.2
Fuel and Lighting	109.9	113.4	115.6	113.0	116.1	113.9	114.2	114.4
Home Furnishings	115.5	117.6	116.7	116.6	116.8	115.3	115.3	115.2
Furniture	112.9	115.6	117.2	115.6	117.6	117.6	117.5	117.5
Utensils and Equipment	113.2	118.9	121.2	119.5	122.0	122.0	122.2	122.4
Supplies and Services	112.7	116.8	118.7	117.2	118.9	122.3	122.4	122.4
Supplies	112.2	112.4	113.5	112.5	113.4	115.8	116.0	116.0
Services	113.0	119.7	122.2	120.5	122.7	126.7	126.8	126.8
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	111.5	116.0	115.8	115.8	115.8	117.5	117.6	117.7
Transportation	113.0	117.4	119.2	116.7	119.6	119.7	120.2	120.0
Automobile Operation	112.9	114.9	114.5	114.0	115.3	114.9	114.8	114.5
Recreation	109.7	115.7	116.7	116.0	116.1	119.9	119.5	119.6
Health Care	110.3	118.8	122.0	119.8	123.0	127.9	127.9	128.5
Drugs	107.4	107.9	108.7	108.1	108.9	109.3	109.5	109.5
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	111.5	113.3	108.0	112.4	107.2	107.3	107.3	107.3
Personal Care	112.5	115.5	115.9	115.2	115.9	118.2	118.2	118.2
Personal Supplies	110.6	112.7	111.5	112.0	111.4	114.0	114.0	114.0

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>	Aug. 1	102.3	113.9	120.3	107.4	96.1	112.0	118.5
	Sept. 1	100.9	113.8	119.9	118.0	95.7	106.5	118.5
	Oct. 1	100.3	112.2	121.6	127.2	95.3	103.8	118.5
<u>1954</u>	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
	May 1	96.1	103.8	121.1	119.9	94.5	100.4	117.9
	June 1	99.2	109.5	128.3	122.9	94.1	97.1	117.9
	July 2	100.3	111.1	122.1	122.0	94.5	95.1	117.9
	Aug. 2	101.3	115.2	119.2	118.0	94.1	93.7	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>	Aug. 1	87.7	128.6	97.2	93.2	120.1	111.4	147.9
	Sept. 1	88.0	130.7	96.8	89.5	120.1	93.6	126.6
	Oct. 1	88.6	134.3	96.8	93.7	120.1	89.3	126.6
<u>1954</u>	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
	May 1	92.0	83.7	97.7	115.3	118.9	82.1	165.2
	June 1	91.7	84.5	98.7	119.3	118.9	92.7	185.2
	July 2	92.3	95.9	99.7	120.4	118.9	125.2	190.5
	Aug. 2	92.3	99.5	100.1	132.6	118.3	164.8	171.9

	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>	Aug. 1	118.5	112.4	123.8	111.9	106.2	104.4	164.3
	Sept. 1	118.5	111.7	124.8	111.9	106.2	105.6	165.7
	Oct. 1	118.5	111.7	124.8	111.9	106.2	105.6	166.8
<u>1954</u>	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
	May 1	118.5	111.3	126.8	110.5	101.9	106.5	214.9
	June 1	118.5	112.7	126.8	110.5	101.9	106.5	218.6
	July 2	118.5	112.7	126.8	110.5	100.8	106.1	219.9
	Aug. 2	118.5	112.4	126.8	110.5	100.8	107.4	220.5

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>	<u>July</u>	<u>3</u>	101.3	114.6	115.9	119.2	117.5	117.3	113.5	115.1	116.5
	August	1	102.8	115.7	117.0	118.9	118.1	118.0	117.5	116.5	117.2
	September	1	102.7	115.4	117.0	119.6	118.9	118.5	117.3	116.3	117.4
	October	1	103.0	115.9	117.5	119.8	119.2	118.8	117.9	115.1	117.3
	November	1	103.2	116.6	117.8	120.4	119.2	119.2	117.8	115.4	118.5
	December	1	103.5	116.6	118.2	120.4	120.2	118.9	118.0	115.2	119.0
<u>1952</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>2</u>	103.9	116.6	119.4	120.9	120.6	119.6	118.3	115.1	117.6
	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	116.2	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	113.8	117.7
	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	117.0
	September	2	103.6	114.9	116.8	117.0	115.8	117.2	115.3	112.4	113.9
	October	1	103.0	113.1	115.3	115.8	114.5	116.2	114.3	111.7	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>	<u>January</u>	<u>2</u>	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	115.6
	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	114.5
<u>1954</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>2</u>	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	114.4
	June	1	102.5	113.9	116.2	117.0	116.1	118.2	115.3	114.1	114.8
	July	2	102.6	113.8	116.2	117.2	116.4	118.8	115.5	114.1	114.8
	August	2	104.4	115.3	117.6	117.2	117.0	119.0	116.4	115.3	118.1

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

		St. John's Nfld. ¹	Halif- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver	
<u>Food Index</u>												
<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
	June	1	100.0	105.7	109.1	114.3	110.8	110.9	111.0	110.6	110.4	111.6
	July	2	100.2	105.7	109.5	115.1	111.4	112.0	111.9	110.6	110.4	111.2
	August	2	105.0	110.5	113.8	114.8	113.1	112.8	114.7	114.3	112.8	113.6
<u>Shelter Index</u>												
<u>1953</u>	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
	June	1	107.3	122.9	120.8	133.1	127.7	140.6	123.4	113.9	119.4	124.7
	July	2	107.3	122.9	121.0	133.3	128.5	141.0	123.6	114.1	119.4	125.0
	August	2	107.4	122.9	121.6	133.6	129.0	141.6	123.7	114.3	119.4	125.5

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 Nfl'd ¹	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver
Clothing Index											
1953	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	112.6
1954	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
	June	1	102.3	116.3	118.5	110.6	113.5	111.4	115.2	116.6	114.2
	July	2	102.0	116.0	118.5	110.2	113.4	111.4	115.1	116.6	113.8
	August	2	102.1	115.9	118.5	110.2	113.1	111.4	115.1	116.6	113.8
Household Operation Index											
1953	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
1954	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
	June	1	104.0	119.2	116.5	115.8	115.8	116.4	113.6	118.5	115.8
	July	2	104.0	119.2	116.5	115.9	116.0	116.4	113.4	118.5	115.8
	August	2	103.7	119.0	116.5	116.0	115.9	116.5	113.4	118.5	115.8
Other Commodities and Services Index											
1953	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	115.2
	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
1954	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
	June	1	102.7	116.2	123.0	116.8	118.6	118.6	117.4	112.9	118.2
	July	2	102.7	116.1	122.9	116.8	118.6	119.0	117.3	112.8	118.1
	August	2	103.5	116.0	122.9	116.8	118.8	119.0	117.3	112.8	118.2

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

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

Year and Month	Actual(2) Weekly Wages	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	Index Numbers of		
			Actual Weekly Wages	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	The Consumer Price Index
			\$	\$	(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 - 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	57.67	49.89	138.3	119.6	115.6
May 1	57.57	49.84	138.0	119.5	115.5
June 1	56.60	48.75	135.7	116.9	116.1
July 1	57.39(P)	49.39(P)	137.6(P)	118.4(P)	116.2

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

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

(P) Preliminary.

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

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS' INDEX									
	Inves- tors' Total Trials	Total Indus- trial Equip- ment	Machin- ery and Equip- ment	Pulp and Paper	Mill- ing	Oils	Tex- tiles and Cloth- ing	Food and Allied Products	Bever- ages	Build- ing Mate- rials
	(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> 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
June ..	180.5	180.4	469.1	685.1	134.0	142.8	151.4	136.8	474.5	321.7
July ..	182.3	181.8	503.6	718.4	138.3	138.2	151.6	135.5	480.1	331.4
Aug. ..	187.0	187.9	520.8	744.3	145.4	142.1	161.2	142.6	497.6	348.5
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
August 5	186.9	187.7	536.5	750.9	142.6	140.9	156.9	141.7	491.4	344.1
August 12	186.6	187.1	522.5	741.1	141.1	141.1	165.8	144.4	495.8	349.2
August 19	187.8	188.6	512.8	741.1	147.0	143.5	160.5	142.9	500.6	353.7
August 26	186.8	188.1	511.6	744.2	151.1	143.0	161.5	141.3	502.4	347.0

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 (12)	Trans- porta- tion (2)	Tele- phone (1)	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>	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
	May ..	118.9	162.4	274.6	110.1	152.6	204.0	89.4	64.4	146.5
	June ..	123.8	167.2	301.6	110.5	151.8	212.2	90.0	63.9	149.7
	July ..	122.3	169.4	297.5	112.9	156.4	216.4	92.0	64.9	154.0
	Aug. ..	125.0	170.2	296.6	114.6	156.7	217.3	95.6	67.8	159.2
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
	Aug. 5	124.1	170.6	300.0	114.9	155.5	216.7	94.7	67.8	156.4
	Aug. 12	123.4	170.2	292.6	115.2	157.9	219.2	96.4	68.5	160.2
	Aug. 19	126.3	171.8	303.9	114.7	157.2	216.6	96.1	67.4	161.9
	Aug. 26	126.4	168.2	290.1	113.4	156.2	216.6	95.1	67.5	158.3

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

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

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

TABLE 16. - INDEX NUMBERS OF UNITED STATES STOCK PRICES
Source: Standard and Poor's
(1935-39 = 100)

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
January	125.2	120.1	121.0	135.1	168.6	186.9	197.6	195.4
February	128.7	114.2	117.2	136.7	174.7	183.2	195.9	199.6
March	123.7	116.4	118.0	138.8	170.3	185.3	198.0	204.9
April	119.3	124.6	118.5	141.8	172.3	183.7	190.0	212.7
May	115.2	130.2	117.7	146.9	173.9	183.7	189.6	219.8
June	119.1	135.1	112.0	147.7	171.7	187.6	182.8	221.8
July	126.0	131.9	117.8	138.2	172.8	192.1	185.5	231.1
August	124.5	127.1	121.8	147.2	181.5	191.1	187.3	236.4
September	123.1	125.7	123.8	151.7	187.3	188.2	179.2	
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	99.7
July	83.8	95.6	93.8	91.0	104.7	117.3	120.7	97.9
August	83.9	96.2	92.7	90.5	104.9	119.1	121.0	97.3
September	84.0	96.1	91.8	89.8	105.0	119.6	121.5	
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 - 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	207.7	168.2	408.0	202.6	220.9
April	242.7	208.2	168.2	463.5	203.4	227.0
August	243.6	206.3	168.2	475.8	204.9	228.1
1954 - January	231.0 (r)	204.0	168.2	409.5	204.8	220.6
April	238.0	204.1	168.2	450.8	204.2	224.5
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 - 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	208.9	158.7	413.4	200.5	224.0
April	243.3	208.4	158.7	434.0	201.4	226.5
August	244.0	205.2	158.7	447.1	202.4	227.3
1954 - January	237.0 (r)	202.9	158.7	419.2	202.5	223.2
April	237.4	203.5	158.7	419.2	201.5	223.1
WESTERN CANADA						
1926	131.8	117.1	141.6	183.5	121.9	127.8
1939	99.8	96.6	102.7	109.9	99.5	99.7
1949 - August	202.7	177.5	149.4	404.7	176.3	192.1
1950 - August	216.8	192.5	155.4	428.0	183.1	203.3
1951 - August	234.3	207.0	160.2	479.7	216.6	227.2
1952 - 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	206.5	176.3	400.4	204.8	217.9
April	242.1	208.1	176.3	505.4	205.3	227.4
August	243.2	207.3	176.3	516.6	207.4	228.9
1954 - January	225.1	205.1	176.3	395.8	207.2	217.9
April	238.6	204.7	176.3	495.7	206.9	225.9

(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	August Average	June Average	July Average	August Average
United States	dollar	.9789	.9834	.9883	.9813	.9744	.9702
United Kingdom	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7825	2.7661	2.7459	2.7295
Argentina	peso (free)	.07010	.07079	.07113	.07064	.07014	.06983
Australia	pound	2.1872	2.2133	2.2258	2.2128	2.1967	2.1832
Belgium (1)	franc	.01947	.01969	.01978	.01967	.01951	.01940
Brazil (2)	cruzeiro	.05291	.05314	.05341	.04201	.04171	.04154
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.5696	.5764	.5796	.5763	.5721	.5685
Ceylon	rupee	.2056	.2075	.2087	.2075	.2059	.2047
Chile	peso (free)	.00908	.00890	.00898	.00892	.00886	.00882
Colombia	peso (basic)	.3916	.3921	.3953	.3926	.3898	.3880
Cuba	peso	.9789	.9834	.9882	.9813	.9744	.9701
Denmark	krone	.1417	.1424	.1431	.1421	.1411	.1404
Egypt	pound	2.8111	2.8239	2.8377	2.8179	2.7981	2.7856
France and North Africa	franc	.00280	.00281	.00282	.00281	.00279	.00277
Germany	deutsche mark	.2331	.2342	.2353	.2337	.2320	.2310
Hong Kong	dollar	.1709	.1729	.1739	.1729	.1716	.1706
India	rupee	.2056	.2075	.2087	.2075	.2059	.2047
Ireland	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7825	2.7661	2.7459	2.7295
Italy	lira	.00157	.00158	.00159	.00157	.00156	.00156
Jamaica	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7825	2.7661	2.7459	2.7295
Japan	yen	.00272	.00273	.00275	.00273	.00271	.00270
Lebanon	pound (free)	.2734	.2872	.2962	.3068	.3043	.3027
Mexico	peso	.1132	.1137	.1142	.07851	.07796	.07760
Netherlands	guilder	.2576	.2588	.2601	.2594	.2574	.2561
New Zealand	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7825	2.7661	2.7459	2.7295
Norway	krone	.1371	.1377	.1384	.1374	.1364	.1358
Pakistan	rupee	.2959	.2972	.2987	.2966	.2945	.2932
Peru	sol-certificate	.06346	.05908	.06006	.05077	.05024	.05004
Philippines	peso	.4895	.4917	.4941	.4907	.4872	.4850
Portugal	escudo	.03412	.03431	.03449	.03425	.03401	.03385
Singapore	dollar	.3190	.3228	.3246	.3227	.3204	.3184
Sweden	krona	.1892	.1901	.1910	.1897	.1884	.1875
Switzerland	franc	.2266	.2293	.2306	.2290	.2272	.2263
Turkey	lira	.3496	.3512	.3529	.3505	.3480	.3464
Union of South Africa	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7825	2.7661	2.7459	2.7295
Venezuela	bolivar	.2922	.2936	.2950	.2929	.2909	.2896
Yugoslavia	dinar	.00326	.00328	.00329	.00327	.00325	.00323

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

(1) Includes Belgian Empire and Luxembourg.

(2) Export No. 1, from November, 1953.

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

Country	Base Period	1939	1953	1954					
				Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.
<u>COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1936 - 1939	182.9	255.0(c)	262.4					
Canada	1949	63.2	115.5	115.5	115.6	115.5	116.1	116.2	117.0
Denmark	1935	109	220		220				
France (Paris)	1949		143.7	143.6	142.4	144.2	143.8	141.9	141.7
India (Bombay)	1933 - 1934	106	363	349	355				
Italy (Rome)	1938	105(b)	5,065	5,092	5,121	5,182	5,195		
Malaya	January 1949(a)		134	128	127	126			
Mexico	1939	100.0	451.2	446.6	449.0	461.9	479.4	480.5	
Netherlands	1949		120	124	125	126	127	127	
New Zealand	1st. qtr. 1949	74.8	133.3	137.7			140.0		
Norway	1949	63.8	136	139	139	141	141	145	
South Africa	1938	99.9	192.4	194.0	194.9	194.7	195.5	195.0	
Sweden	1935	107.5	224.1	225.6	228.3(e)	228.0	228.0		
Switzerland	August, 1939		169.8	169.4	169.6	170.1	170.5	171.0	
United Kingdom	Jan. 15, 1952		105.8	106.6	107.0	106.7	107.3	109.1	
United States	1947 - 49	59.4	114.4	114.8	114.6	115.0	115.1	115.2	
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1936 - 1939	101.1	320(c)	316	316	317			
Canada	1935 - 1939	99.3	220.7	218.6	217.9	218.2	217.8	217.4	215.8
Denmark	1935	118	341	339	341	342	342	342	
France	1949		138.3	136.3	136.8	138.9	134.8	134.3	
India	Sept. '38-Aug. '39		380.6(d)	394.0	402.6	396.1			
Italy	1938		5,250	5,336	5,295	5,292(e)	5,262		
Mexico	1929	127.0	484.0						
Netherlands	1948		134	135	136	137			
New Zealand	1926 - 1930	107.1	254.6	249.3	251.8	251.6	252.8		
Norway	1938	102	276	279	279	281	281	284	283
South Africa	1938	97.6	261.2	260.8					
Sweden	1935	115	298	296	297	296			
Switzerland	August, 1939		212.8	213.7	214.5	214.3	214.9	214.3	
United Kingdom	1930	102.8	327.8	328.7	329.8	330.9(e)	332.3(e)	332.7	
United States	1947 - 49	50.1	110.1	110.5	111.0	110.9	110.0	110.4	

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) Revised.

Explanation of Methods Used and Additional Sources for Price Series
Appearing in this Bulletin

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.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

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. 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 (1935-1939 = 100)

This index, which was first published in 1949, was developed to meet the need for a measurement of the price change of that part of housing costs represented by materials. In addition to the composite index which measures the price change of all materials used in residential construction, price indexes are published for nine component material groups. The weights for individual material items and groups of items within the index were based on the estimated material requirement for a national housing target for the year 1946, and the index was calculated on the base $1935-1939 = 100$. However, to facilitate comparisons of its movements with those of the new non-residential series, Table 6 shows it arithmetically converted to the base $1949 = 100$. Additional information concerning this index may be found in the special bulletin "Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials, 1926 to 1948", obtainable for 10 cents on request to the Dominion Statistician.

The Non-Residential Building Materials Price Index (1949 = 100)

A second special purpose price index related to the construction industry titled "Non-Residential Building Materials Price Index" is shown in Table 7. This index has been constructed specifically to measure the price change of materials used in non-residential building construction. It supplements a price index applicable to materials used in residential construction which has been available for some years. The new index has been constructed on the base $1949 = 100$, using weights obtained from data on cost of building materials provided by general and trade contractors for a sample of buildings constructed in Canada during the years 1948-1950.

The methods of constructing the index are explained in some detail in D.B.S. Reference Paper No. 43, entitled "Non-Residential Building Materials Price Index, 1935-1952", which was released on August 21, 1953 and which is available for the sum of 25 cents on request to the Dominion Statistician. This publication also comments on the uses and limitations of the index, and provides the total index by years from 1935 to 1952, and by months for the period January 1949-July 1953. Price indexes for twelve principal component material groups have been calculated by months from January 1949 to July 1953 and these indexes are also contained in the above mentioned publication.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES

Consumer Price Index

Canada's new Consumer Price Index which has been constructed to replace the Cost-of-Living Index was released Oct. 23, 1952 by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The new index marks the fifth in a series of Canadian retail price indexes; it is the most comprehensive retail price index ever constructed for Canada.

While the Consumer Price Index is an entirely new index constructed from post-war expenditure patterns, it serves the same purpose as the Cost-of-Living Index. That is, it measures the average percentage change in retail prices of goods and services bought by a large and representative group of Canadian urban families. The change in title has been made to clarify the fact that the index is a measure of price change and is not affected by changes in standards of living.

In a special report entitled "The Consumer Price Index, January 1949-August 1952,"* the Bureau published an explanation of the construction of the new index and a record of its movements from January 1949 to August 1952. This report contains detailed information on such aspects of the new index as purpose, family coverage, base period, and details of items included as well as their relative importance. It also gives the formula used in calculating the index, outlines methods of price collection and explains special features of the new index, such as the methods of incorporating seasonal variations in food consumption, and changes in the price element of home-ownership costs.

Nineteen forty-nine has been selected as a reference level or base period for the Consumer Price Index for a variety of reasons. It is the most satisfactory post-war reference year, not only for price index comparisons, but also for other economic indicators. In addition, prices during 1949 were relatively stable. Dating from the termination of World War II there has been a steady shift of interest from pre-war to post-war comparisons in all fields of economic activity. Conditions have changed greatly since 1935-1939 and concern with things as they existed at that time has steadily declined. These circumstances are similar to those which led to the abandonment of 1900, 1913, and 1926 as base periods.

The new index is based on goods and services reported purchased during the year ending August 31, 1948 by 1,517 families, representing all Canadian families with the following characteristics: (a) living in 27 Canadian cities with over 30,000 population; (b) ranging in size from two adults to two adults with four children; (c) with annual incomes during the survey year ranging from \$1,650 to \$4,050.

To measure the influence of price change on the cost of goods and services purchased by such families, the Consumer Price Index contains 224 items, nearly 40 per cent more than the Cost-of-Living Index. Additional items have been determined by a purely objective approach to the problem of measuring price movements of

goods and services purchased by families of the type described above. Thus, no attempt has been made to differentiate between "luxuries" and "necessities". This has led to the inclusion of additional items such as margarine, cake mix, chicken, lettuce, chocolate bars, fur coats, children's clothing, fuel oil, electric iron, lawnmower, household help, phonograph records, and carbonated and alcoholic drinks. Included in the Cost-of-Living Index but not given specific representation in the Consumer Price Index are such items as rice, dried beans, prunes, rayon hosiery, coke, oilcloth, and cigars. These items have been omitted because, on average, families did not report purchasing them in significant amounts.

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

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

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

Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers: The Index of Commodities and Services used by Farmers is designed to measure the change in retail prices of farm operating costs and farm living costs. It is calculated thrice yearly, viz.: January, April and August, and is on the base 1935-39 = 100. For an explanation of methods of construction and an historical record, please refer to "Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers, 1913 to 1948 (Revised 1948)." A special bulletin giving total and group index detail is released subsequent to each pricing date.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES

Price index numbers of industrial, utility, bank and mining common stocks, and preferred stocks are calculated from Montreal and Toronto exchange quotations. The indexes are designed to reflect weekly and monthly changes of interest to the investor, rather than day-to-day changes of more speculative interest. Individual stock prices are weighted by the number of shares outstanding in January of each year. The list is reviewed completely in January of each year, when new series are introduced and series of declining importance are discontinued. The Investors' Index of 99 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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