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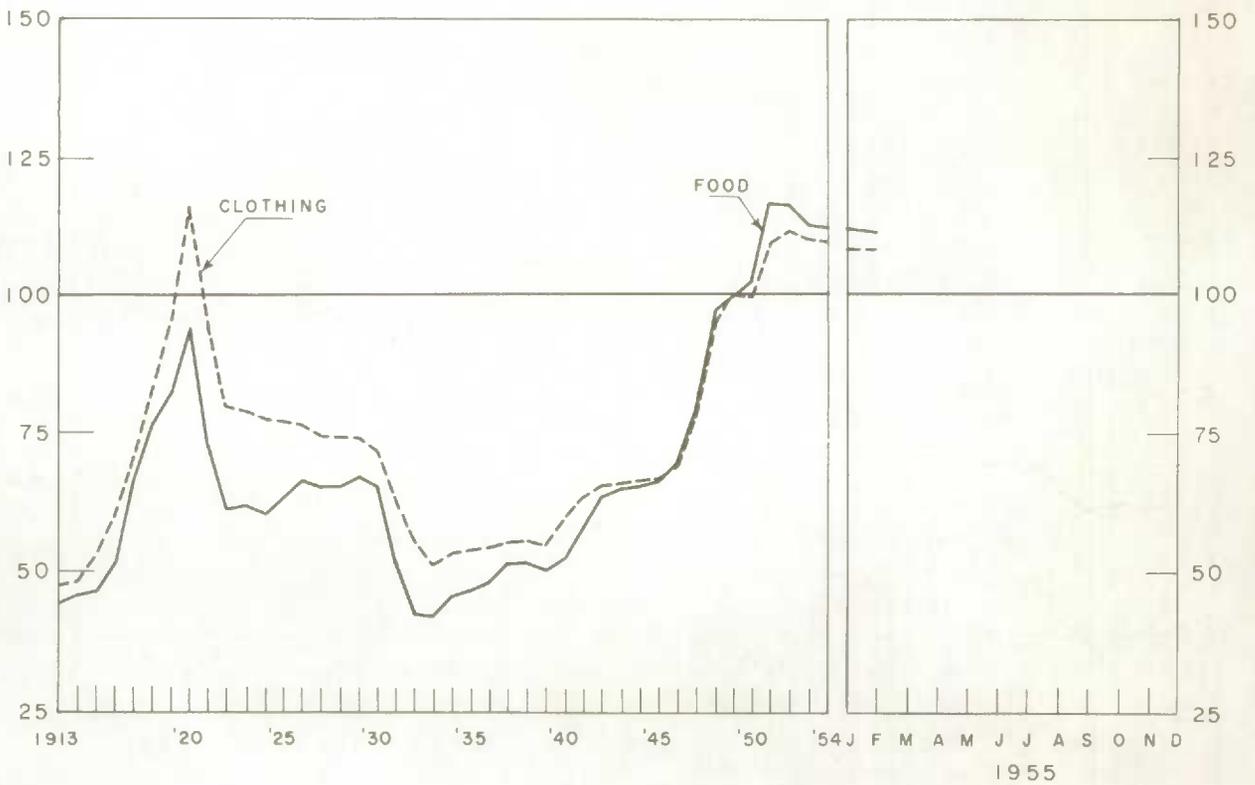
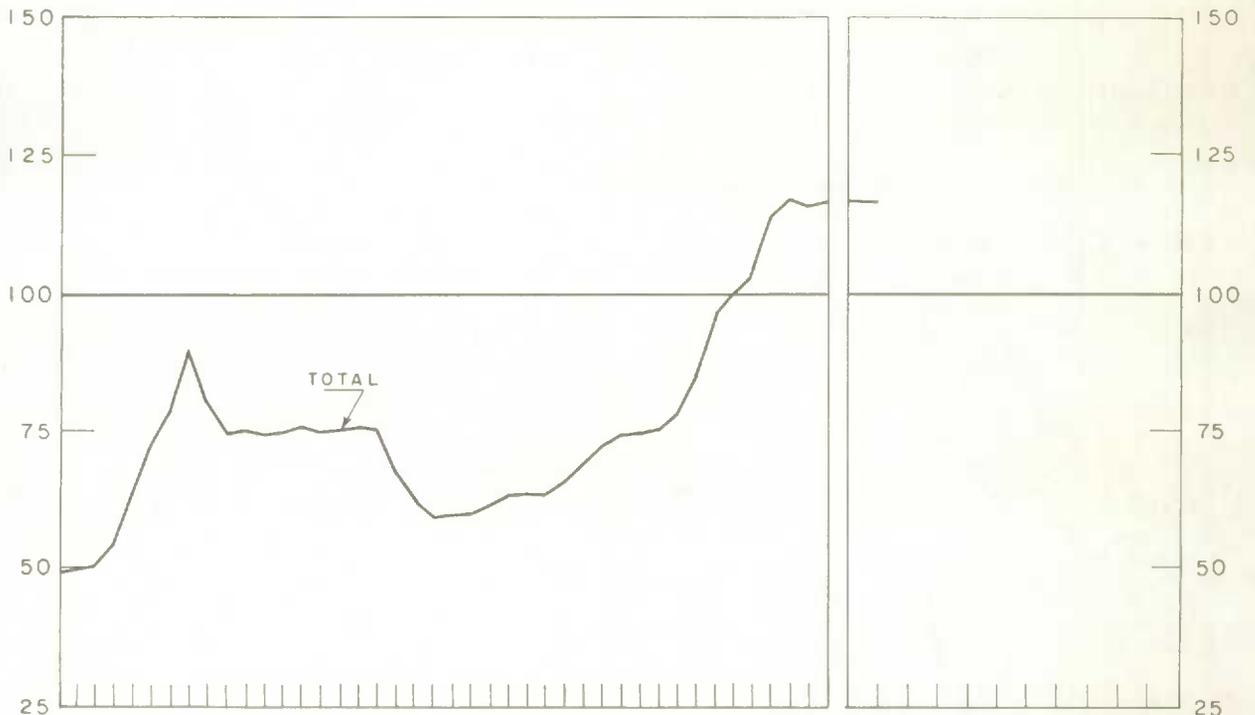
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# CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES TOTAL, FOOD AND CLOTHING

ANNUALLY 1913-1954; MONTHLY, 1955

1949 = 100

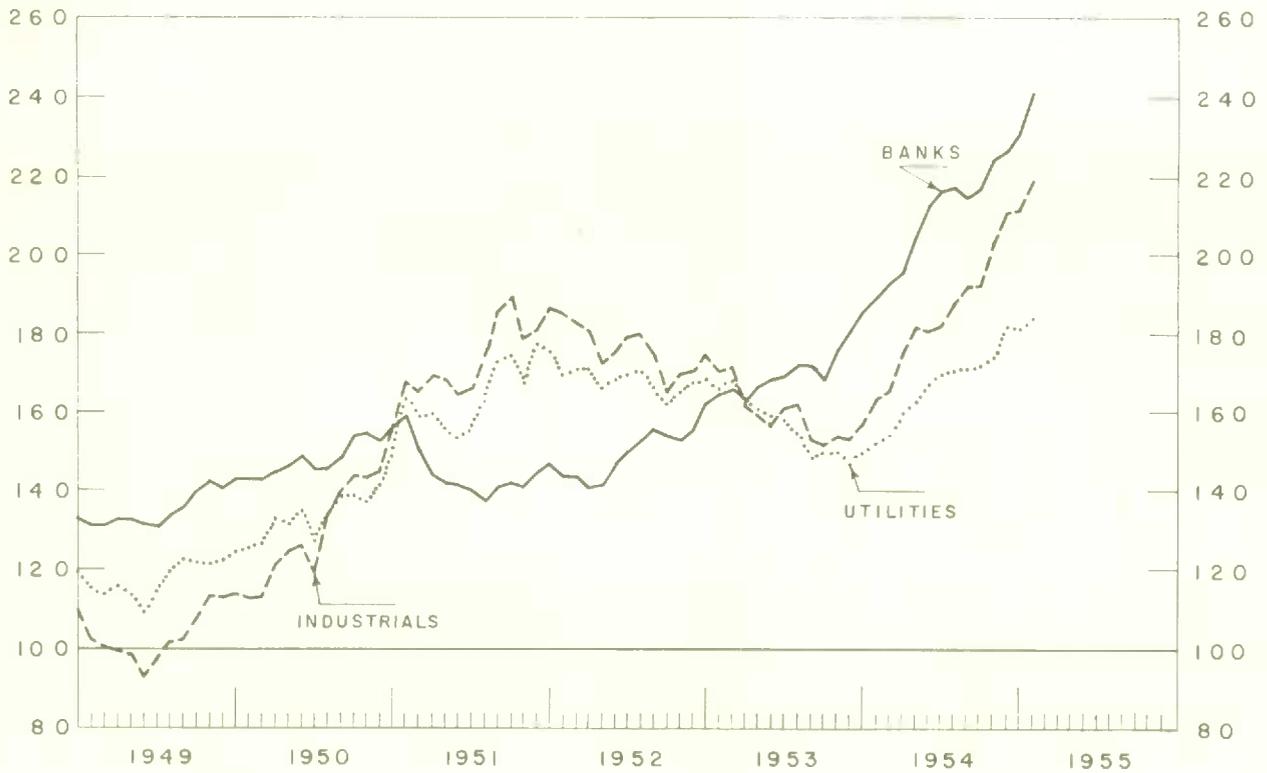
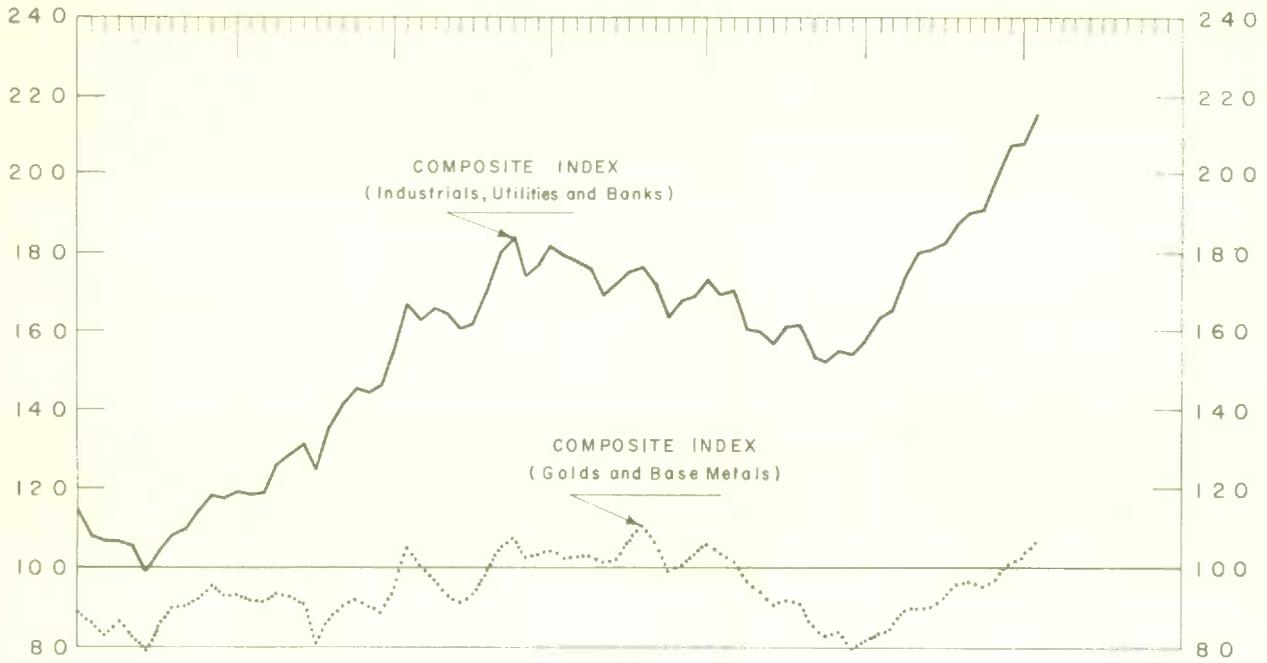


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# PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

MONTHLY JANUARY 1949-FEBRUARY 1955

1935-1939 = 100



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

The Consumer Price Index remained practically unchanged between January 3rd and February 1st, moving from 116.4 to 116.3. Group indexes were notably stable, foods being the only group to register a change of more than 0.1 points. The food index declined from 112.1 to 111.5 as decreases in the price of coffee, lard, eggs, beef and pork outweighed increases in tea, oranges and fresh vegetables. Clothing remained unchanged at 108.1 as small scattered increases and decreases balanced each other. Prices were steady within household operation, and the group index again stood at 117.1. Other commodities and services advanced 0.1 points to 118.3 under the influence of higher hospital rates in Eastern Canada. The shelter component continued its gradual advance, moving from 128.4 to 128.5.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES  
(1935-1939 = 100)

The General Wholesale Price Index advanced 0.8 per cent between January and February from 215.7 to 217.4, supported by increases in all eight groups. The largest change was shown by Non-ferrous Metals which increased 3.5 per cent from 170.6 to 176.6, due mainly to firmness in copper and its products although gold, tin and silver also moved up. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products increased 0.9 per cent from 224.0 to 226.0, as advances in worsted and wool cloth, domestic and imported raw wool, raw cotton and cotton yarns outweighed decreases in jute bags, rayon fabrics and cotton fabrics. Wood, Wood Products and Paper advanced 0.8 per cent from 289.7 to 292.0, due in part to a higher rate for the United States dollar. This was reflected in increases in export prices of newsprint, wood pulp and cedar shingles. Quebec spruce and B.C. fir also showed small advances. Firmer prices in the steel scrap and hardware sub-groups moved Iron and Its Products up from 214.5 to 216.0, for a gain of 0.7 per cent. Vegetable Products gained 0.5 per cent from 197.2 to 198.2, when increases in rubber and its products, grains, potatoes, milled cereal foods, livestock and poultry feeds, vegetable oils and products and miscellaneous vegetable products outweighed decreases in coffee, cocoa, imported fresh fruits, onions and dried fruits. Chemical Products rose 0.3 per cent from 176.6 to 177.1 as increases occurred in paint materials, fertilizers, industrial gases, inorganic chemicals and tanning materials. Animal Products advanced 0.1 per cent from 226.5 to 226.7, when increases in raw furs, fishery products, eggs, fresh meats, fowl and hides slightly outweighed decreases in livestock, cured meats, lard and unmanufactured leather. Non-metallic Minerals registered a gain of 0.1 per cent from 176.4 to 176.6, in response to higher prices for imported crude oil and sulphur.

Canadian Farm Products prices at terminal markets receded 0.2 per cent from 206.5 to 206.1 between January and February. Animal Products dropped 1.0 per cent from 248.4 to 245.8, as decreases in steers, hogs, eastern lambs, western eggs and eastern cheese milk proved more important than increases in eastern eggs, poultry, raw wool, calves and western lambs. Field Products rose 1.2 per cent from 164.5 to 166.4, reflecting increases in potatoes, western flax and hay, and eastern barley, corn and oats. Rye prices were moderately lower.

The index of Residential Building Material Prices moved up 0.2 per cent from 278.5 to 279.1, as increases in copper wire, Quebec spruce lumber, vitrified flue lining, shellac and copper pipe outweighed a decrease in rock wool. Non-residential Building Materials (1949 = 100) advanced 0.2 per cent from 121.1 to 121.3, reflecting increases in copper wire, copper pipe, hardware, aluminum and copper sheet, Quebec spruce lumber and shellac, which overbalanced a decrease in rock wool.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES  
(1935-1939 = 100)

Common stock prices, with few exceptions, averaged considerably higher in February. The composite index for 99 issues changed from 207.3 in January to 214.7 in the month under review. The three major groups shared in the advance, as the index for 78 industrials changed from 211.0 to 219.2; that for 14 utilities from 181.0 to 184.0 and 7 banks from 230.8 to 241.1.

Among sub-groups higher index levels were recorded for eleven, while one, textiles and clothing, registered a small decrease. Leadership was provided by milling stocks, closely followed by industrial mines and machinery and equipment shares, pulp and paper, building materials and transportation issues.

Mining stocks were firmer also, due mainly to strength in base metal shares. The composite index for 27 representative issues moved from 102.7 to 106.4 between January and February, while the base metals series changed from 181.3 to 191.3 in the same interval. The index for 22 golds moved up 1.0 points to 69.3.

Preferred stocks, responding to market stimulants, changed fractionally from an index of 175.6 to 176.0.

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

Note: 1954 and 1955 Wholesale Price Indexes are subject to revision.

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	Feb.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.
	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
<u>GENERAL INDEX</u>	221.1	219.0	215.7	217.4	- 1.7	- 0.7	+ 0.8
Vegetable Products	201.0	200.6	197.2	198.2	- 1.4	- 1.2	+ 0.5
Animal Products	239.1	243.9	226.5	226.7	- 5.2	- 7.1	+ 0.1
Textile Products	242.2	233.3	224.0	226.0	- 6.7	- 3.1	+ 0.9
Wood Products	289.7	283.4	289.7	292.0	+ 0.8	+ 3.0	+ 0.8
Iron Products	221.5	215.9	214.5	216.0	- 2.5	+0.05	+ 0.7
Non-ferrous Metals	168.5	164.3	170.6	176.6	+ 4.8	+ 7.5	+ 3.5
Non-metallic Minerals	175.0	179.4	176.4	176.6	+ 0.9	- 1.6	+ 0.1
Chemical Products	176.7	175.3	176.6	177.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.0	+ 0.3
<u>FARM PRODUCTS</u>	229.9	212.3	206.5	206.1	-10.4	- 2.9	- 0.2
Field	196.6	160.0	164.5	166.4	-15.4	+ 4.0	+ 1.2
Animal	263.1	264.7	248.4	245.8	- 6.6	- 7.1	- 1.0

WHOLESALE PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED COMMODITIESBETWEEN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1955

	<u>INCREASES</u>		<u>DECREASES</u>
	p.c.		p.c.
Potatoes, Winnipeg	16.4	Coffee, green, Santos	14.2
Veal carcass, Montreal	16.2	Lard, Montreal	11.1
Rubber tires, second line	14.5	Pork carcass, Vancouver	9.5
Raw wool, New Zealand	14.3	Onions, Vancouver	7.6
Steel scrap	13.8	Hogs, Montreal	6.9
Calves, Toronto	12.4	Lambs, Toronto	6.6
Alum, lump	11.4	Lamb carcass, Vancouver	5.6
Copper, electrolytic	10.8	Oranges, Toronto	5.2
Shellac	10.5	Cocoa beans, Accra	4.6
Eggs, Grade "A" large, Toronto	8.3	Eggs, Grade "A" large, Winnipeg	4.5
Worsted cloth	7.9	Grey print cloth	4.2
Tea, Ceylon and India	6.9	Bacon, Montreal	4.0
Superphosphate	6.5	Beef hides, packer, steer	3.6
Copper sulphate	5.9	Beef carcass, steer, Vancouver	3.1
Lambs, Winnipeg	5.5	Bananas, Montreal	2.6

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	Feb.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.
	1953	1954	1955	1955	1953	1954	1955
<u>TOTAL INDEX</u>	115.5	115.7	116.4	116.3	+ 0.7	+ 0.5	- 0.1
Food	112.7	111.7	112.1	111.5	- 1.1	- 0.2	- 0.5
Shelter	122.5	125.4	128.4	128.5	+ 4.9	+ 2.5	+ 0.1
Clothing	109.6	110.0	108.1	108.1	- 1.4	- 1.7	-
Household Operation	116.6	117.5	117.1	117.1	+ 0.4	- 0.3	-
Other Commodities and Services	116.7	116.5	118.2	118.3	+ 1.4	+ 1.5	+ 0.1

RETAIL PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED ITEMS BETWEEN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1955

	<u>INCREASES</u>		<u>DECREASES</u>	
	p.c.			p.c.
Lettuce	20.0	Lard		4.0
Fresh tomatoes	10.2	Eggs		3.6
Cabbage	9.5	Margarine		3.1
Carrots	5.3	Apple juice		1.9
Tea	4.4	Orange juice		1.8
Oranges	3.8	Coffee		1.7
Onions	3.4	Round steak		1.6
Bananas	3.1	Pork, rib chops, fresh		1.5
Potatoes	2.8	Bacon		1.3
Veal, shoulder roast	2.1	Pork, shoulder roast, Boston butts		1.3

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	Feb.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.
	1953	1954	1955	1955	1953	1954	1955
<u>Total Investors' Index</u>	169.0	163.2	207.3	214.7	+ 27.0	+ 31.6	+ 3.6
<u>Total Industrials</u>	170.0	163.2	211.0	219.2	+ 28.9	+ 34.3	+ 3.9
Machinery & Equipment	419.9	418.4	554.2	592.7	+ 41.2	+ 41.7	+ 6.9
Pulp & Paper	494.4	589.4	840.5	873.6	+ 76.7	+ 48.2	+ 3.9
Milling	133.4	129.9	157.9	171.0	+ 28.2	+ 31.6	+ 8.3
Oils	143.0	136.3	161.0	162.0	+ 13.3	+ 18.9	+ 0.6
Textiles & Clothing	269.4	158.4	179.6	178.2	- 33.9	+ 12.5	- 0.8
Foods	117.0	123.6	154.7	157.6	+ 34.7	+ 27.5	+ 1.9
Beverages	387.0	447.9	511.0	518.7	+ 34.0	+ 15.8	+ 1.5
Building Materials	291.0	286.8	395.9	407.4	+ 40.0	+ 42.0	+ 2.9
Industrial Mines	131.0	103.4	152.5	164.8	+ 25.8	+ 59.4	+ 8.1
<u>Total Utilities</u>	166.0	151.9	181.0	184.0	+ 10.8	+ 21.1	+ 1.7
Transportation	341.7	272.8	329.6	336.6	- 1.5	+ 23.4	+ 2.1
Telephone	98.1	103.6	117.5	119.4	+ 21.7	+ 15.2	+ 1.6
Power and Traction	146.2	134.0	165.6	167.7	+ 14.7	+ 25.1	+ 1.3
Banks	164.8	189.6	230.8	241.1	+ 46.3	+ 27.2	+ 4.5
<u>Mining Stocks</u>							
General Index	103.2	83.4	102.7	106.4	+ 3.1	+ 27.6	+ 3.6
Gold	72.2	62.1	68.3	69.3	- 4.0	+ 11.6	+ 1.5
Base Metals	174.3	132.0	181.3	191.3	+ 9.8	+ 44.9	+ 5.5

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

Date	General Wholesale 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	178.1	263.8	220.9
1953 Aug. ....	222.2	210.1	229.7	231.4	164.3	269.9	217.1
1953 Sept. ....	221.2	207.1	229.8	228.8	161.0	263.7	212.4
1953 Oct. ....	220.4	205.0	228.8	227.0	158.8	265.3	212.0
1953 Nov. ....	218.7	203.3	228.0	225.8	158.7	258.0	208.4
1953 Dec. ....	219.0	204.4	227.6	225.8	158.9	261.6	210.2
1954 Jan. ....	219.8	206.5	227.8	224.1	159.4	266.3	212.9
1954 Feb. ....	219.0	205.1	227.3	223.6	160.0	264.7	212.3
1954 Mar. ....	218.6	204.3	226.9	222.8	158.3	262.0	210.2
1954 Apr. ....	217.9	205.7	225.1	223.9	157.6	260.4	209.0
1954 May. ....	218.2	207.5	224.5	224.2	158.2	268.0	213.1
1954 June ....	217.8	206.7	224.5	223.9	158.9	267.3	213.1
1954 July ....	217.4	207.4	223.6	224.2	173.6	262.1	217.8
1954 Aug. ....	215.8	204.9	222.3	222.1	167.6	248.2	207.9
1954 Sept. ....	215.3	202.9	222.6	221.7	162.6	245.5	204.1
1954 Oct. ....	214.3	201.4	221.8	223.3	161.8	240.5	201.1
1954 Nov. ....	214.8	202.1	222.2	224.1	164.0	243.6	203.8
1954 Dec. ....	215.3	203.4	222.3	224.0	163.5	245.9	204.7
1955 Jan. ....	215.7	205.0	222.1	225.9	164.5	248.4	206.5
1955 Feb. ....	217.4	207.6	223.2	229.0	166.4	245.8	206.1

(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

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(1935-39 = 100)

		- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS -								
Date	General Whole- Sale Index	Total Vege- table Pro- ducts	Grains	Milled Cereal Foods	Live- stock and Poultry Feeds	Bakery Pro- ducts	Fruits, Fresh	Fruits, Dried	Fruits, Canned	
										1953 Average ...
1953 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	
Sept. ....	215.3	194.2	184.1	146.3	188.6	188.0	192.4	168.8	155.4	
Oct. ....	214.3	194.6	184.6	147.3	188.0	188.0	184.1	168.8	157.5	
Nov. ....	214.8	195.0	186.2	148.7	188.0	188.0	166.5	175.7	157.5	
Dec. ....	215.3	195.9	186.6	148.0	207.4	188.0	157.2	175.7	157.5	
1955 Jan. ....	215.7	197.2	189.3	148.3	207.8	188.0	155.7	175.7	158.7	
Feb. ....	217.4	198.2	191.4	148.9	209.7	188.0	151.8	175.1	158.7	

## - 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 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	
Sept. ....	264.0	173.5	148.5	461.0	230.6	182.8	164.6	181.0	
Oct. ....	270.4	176.2	148.5	443.0	215.4	197.0	213.7	181.0	
Nov. ....	256.5	177.8	149.0	444.8	225.6	219.4	213.7	181.0	
Dec. ....	261.5	179.5	149.0	448.5	219.7	223.8	213.7	181.0	
1955 Jan. ....	264.9	183.6	149.0	445.5	219.7	228.8	216.6	181.0	
Feb. ....	266.0	194.0	149.0	430.1	234.8	218.5	216.6	181.0	

10. 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	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
	Sept. ....	228.9	265.6	84.2	97.8	207.6	203.6	266.7	332.6
	Oct. ....	221.9	266.6	84.2	98.1	205.5	204.3	258.5	330.4
	Nov. ....	224.8	270.4	84.2	105.0	202.2	204.0	262.1	322.3
	Dec. ....	225.3	269.4	84.2	100.9	202.2	204.0	268.9	325.5
1955	Jan. ....	226.5	274.1	84.2	103.0	191.9	204.0	273.7	325.6
	Feb. ....	226.7	279.9	113.3	103.4	191.7	204.0	269.3	321.4

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded									
		Beef Meats, Fresh	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	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
	Sept. ....	278.8	312.6	225.4	138.6	221.7	222.0	153.3	174.3
	Oct. ....	261.1	292.8	193.3	144.6	222.9	222.9	154.0	168.5
	Nov. ....	261.1	286.9	198.6	165.7	229.3	235.9	158.9	152.0
	Dec. ....	265.1	290.2	195.8	147.6	230.0	237.4	156.4	134.8
1955	Jan. ....	269.9	299.4	189.6	156.6	230.3	238.1	152.9	134.0
	Feb. ....	270.7	306.3	185.6	159.6	230.3	238.0	141.7	139.2

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

- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS -

Date	Total Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	Raw Cotton	Cotton Yarns	Cotton Fabrics	Cotton Knit Goods	Miscel- laneous 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 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
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
Sept. .	230.1	293.1	223.9	228.0	224.5	210.6	169.5	158.3
Oct. ..	229.3	289.7	222.8	230.1	222.4	210.6	169.5	158.3
Nov. ..	227.8	286.0	227.4	230.4	219.2	210.6	169.5	158.3
Dec. ..	226.9	291.1	227.4	230.4	219.2	210.6	169.5	158.3
1955 Jan. ..	224.0	291.1	227.4	230.7	219.3	210.6	169.5	158.3
Feb. ..	226.0	295.1	230.6	230.6	219.3	209.0	169.5	156.2

- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Rayon Yarns	Raw Wool, Do- mestic	Raw Wool, Im- ported	Yarns, Worsted	Hosiery and Knit Goods, Chiefly Wool	Wool Blan- kets	Worsted and Wool Cloth	Carpets
1953 Average	176.9	260.3	249.7	221.3	241.7	252.5	265.6	225.3
1953 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
June ..	176.9	278.5	266.9	219.5	235.6	252.5	263.2	225.3
July ..	176.9	278.5	255.1	219.5	235.6	252.5	261.7	225.3
Aug. ..	176.9	278.5	255.1	219.9	235.6	252.5	259.7	225.3
Sept. .	176.9	267.0	249.4	213.4	235.6	252.5	257.6	225.3
Oct. ..	176.9	263.8	234.3	213.4	234.4	252.5	254.8	225.3
Nov. ..	176.9	236.9	200.3	209.6	233.4	252.5	254.0	225.3
Dec. ..	158.3	239.9	207.5	197.7	230.9	252.5	254.0	225.3
1955 Jan. ..	158.3	239.9	202.3	197.7	230.9	252.5	234.5	225.3
Feb. ..	158.3	249.3	224.8	197.7	230.9	252.5	241.4	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- ing 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	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
	Sept. .	289.0	430.0	383.7	310.1	369.8	528.6	431.6	200.7	283.1	227.6
	Oct. ..	289.1	430.0	383.7	310.1	369.8	528.6	431.7	200.4	283.3	227.6
	Nov. ..	289.0	429.9	381.9	310.1	369.8	528.6	433.7	199.8	283.0	227.6
	Dec. ..	289.3	432.6	381.9	310.1	369.8	533.4	440.3	199.4	282.3	227.6
1955	Jan. ..	289.7	435.7	389.8	310.1	369.8	533.4	448.5	201.2	281.6	227.6
	Feb. ..	292.0	437.3	390.5	310.1	369.8	534.6	454.5	203.7	285.3	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	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		
	Sept. .	212.2	254.7	205.7	228.7	216.7	233.2	200.9	220.5		
	Oct. ..	212.3	254.7	205.7	228.7	217.4	233.2	200.9	220.5		
	Nov. ..	213.5	254.7	205.9	228.7	217.4	233.2	228.1	220.5		
	Dec. ..	213.5	254.7	205.9	228.7	217.4	233.2	228.1	220.5		
1955	Jan. ..	214.5	253.8	206.3	228.7	217.4	233.2	246.0	220.5		
	Feb. ..	216.0	254.7	206.3	228.7	219.2	233.2	273.2	220.5		

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued 13.  
(1935-39 = 100)

- NON-FERROUS METALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -											
Date	Total Non-Ferrous Metals		Anti-mony	Copper and Lead and Its Products		Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Products	Solder	Combined Index Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals	
	(1)	(2)		Products	Products					Products	(2)
1953 Average ...	168.6	225.3	178.5	283.1	269.3	216.3	180.2	258.9	201.9	223.1	
1953 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	
Sept. ....	168.1	225.5	175.6	276.6	289.0	213.4	175.1	275.1	200.6	217.7	
Oct. ....	168.5	226.2	175.6	276.6	297.0	213.4	174.1	276.1	200.6	218.1	
Nov. ....	168.4	226.2	175.6	276.5	297.2	213.4	172.1	276.1	200.6	218.8	
Dec. ....	170.6	230.2	175.6	276.2	297.2	213.2	170.6	277.3	200.6	220.5	
1955 Jan. ....	170.6	230.2	175.6	276.2	297.2	212.7	166.4	277.3	187.9	221.0	
Feb. ....	176.6	240.4	175.6	303.6	297.2	215.0	173.8	277.3	187.9	226.2	

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -

Date	Total Non-Metallic Products	Clay and Allied Material Products	Pottery	Coal	Coal Tar	Coke	Manu-factured Gas	Window Glass
1953 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
Sept. ....	175.9	231.6	153.7	170.0	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
Oct. ....	175.7	231.6	153.7	171.1	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
Nov. ....	175.7	231.6	153.7	171.5	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
Dec. ....	175.9	231.6	153.7	172.4	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
1955 Jan. ....	176.4	231.6	153.7	172.0	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
Feb. ....	176.6	231.6	153.7	172.0	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8

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

(2) Excludes Gold.

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

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Continued							
Date	Plate Glass	Petroleum Products	Gasoline	Coal Oil	Asphalt	Asphalt Shingles	Sulphur
1953 Average ...	175.4	165.2	137.9	129.9	183.9	150.4	190.9
1953 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
Sept. ....	189.3	166.2	135.7	134.2	184.1	150.4	198.0
Oct. ....	189.3	164.9	134.7	133.5	184.1	150.4	198.2
Nov. ....	189.3	164.7	134.7	133.5	184.1	150.4	197.9
Dec. ....	189.3	164.7	134.7	133.5	184.1	150.4	197.5
1955 Jan. ....	189.3	164.5	134.7	133.5	184.1	138.1	197.0
Feb. ....	189.3	164.9	134.7	133.5	184.1	138.1	199.6
- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded							
	Plaster	Lime	Cement	Sand and Gravel	Crushed Stone	Build- ing Stone	Asbestos and Its Products
1953 Average ...	126.7	190.7	158.3	143.4	164.3	200.7	267.1
1953 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
Sept. ....	127.9	198.7	158.5	139.8	155.7	200.7	267.1
Oct. ....	127.9	199.3	158.5	139.8	155.7	200.7	267.1
Nov. ....	127.9	199.3	158.5	139.8	155.7	200.7	267.1
Dec. ....	127.9	199.3	153.8	142.6	155.7	200.7	267.1
1955 Jan. ....	127.9	205.5	153.8	144.8	183.7	200.7	267.1
Feb. ....	127.9	205.5	153.8	144.8	183.7	200.7	267.1

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

(1935-39 = 100)

- CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS -						
Date	Total Chemical Products	Inorganic Chemicals	Organic Chemicals	Coal Tar Products	Dyeing Materials	Tanning Materials
1953 Average ...	175.7	138.3	209.6	190.2	174.2	288.8
1953 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
Sept. ....	176.7	141.5	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
Oct. ....	177.1	141.5	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
Nov. ....	176.9	141.8	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
Dec. ....	176.9	142.0	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
1955 Jan. ....	176.6	142.0	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
Feb. ....	177.1	142.2	178.6	191.6	182.2	289.7

## - 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 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
June ....	137.4	189.1	165.8	127.9	206.6
July ....	137.4	189.1	165.8	127.6	206.6
Aug. ....	137.4	189.1	165.8	125.7	206.6
Sept. ....	137.4	189.1	163.9	128.0	206.6
Oct. ....	137.4	189.1	163.9	127.4	206.6
Nov. ....	137.4	189.1	165.0	126.0	206.6
Dec. ....	137.4	189.1	165.0	124.1	206.6
1955 Jan. ....	137.4	189.1	163.0	125.2	206.6
Feb. ....	137.4	189.1	163.8	126.8	206.6

TABLE 6. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

(1935-39 = 100)

- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -											
Date	Total Index (1949=100)*	Total Index	Cement, Sand and Gravel	Brick, Tile and Stone	Lumber and Its Pro- ducts	Lath, Plaster and Insu- lation	Roof- ing Mate- rial	Paint and Glass	Plumb- ing and Heat- ing Equip- ment	Elec- trical Equip- ment and Fix- tures	Other Mate- rials
1926 ...	48.1	109.6	105.5	103.2	110.9	101.4	104.3	156.8	110.2	91.6	112.0
1929 ...	49.3	112.4	107.6	107.4	116.7	94.4	108.8	151.5	108.5	130.1	106.1
1932 ...	38.4	87.5	103.7	101.8	72.7	85.0	95.5	111.7	108.1	79.1	89.5
1939 ...	44.9	102.3	94.0	97.2	104.9	99.4	104.1	97.2	103.0	102.4	104.6
1940 ...	48.4	110.3	94.6	98.0	119.1	99.7	110.4	115.2	106.5	107.1	109.2
1941 ...	53.8	122.6	99.1	105.1	139.2	102.8	118.7	136.2	114.6	109.0	112.5
1942 ...	57.4	130.9	100.8	109.0	153.2	104.8	123.4	146.9	120.0	110.3	117.6
1943 ...	61.0	139.1	101.2	113.1	171.3	104.8	130.1	149.4	120.0	110.3	117.9
1944 ...	64.3	146.6	101.8	114.9	188.4	104.3	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>											
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
Sept.	122.2	278.6	151.1	207.4	402.5	129.2	242.2	210.8	203.0	205.6	225.5
Oct.	122.2	278.6	151.1	207.4	402.5	129.2	242.2	211.2	203.0	205.6	225.5
Nov.	122.1	278.4	151.1	207.4	401.9	129.2	242.2	211.7	203.0	205.6	225.5
Dec.	122.2	278.7	149.1	207.4	403.3	126.9	245.4	212.5	203.0	205.6	225.5
<u>1955</u>											
Jan.	122.1	278.5	149.6	207.4	403.6	125.1	239.0	212.5	203.0	208.0	225.5
Feb.	122.4	279.1	149.6	210.0	404.0	124.5	239.0	214.8	203.0	215.5	225.5

\* 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
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 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
Sept.	120.4	120.6	127.5	121.1	124.8	114.7	112.1
Oct.	120.5	120.6	127.5	121.1	124.8	114.7	112.1
Nov.	120.5	120.8	127.5	121.1	124.9	114.7	112.1
Dec.	120.4	120.1	127.5	120.8	125.3	114.7	112.1
1955 Jan.	121.1	121.1	127.5	121.0	125.4	115.1	116.3
Feb.	121.3	121.1	127.5	121.0	125.5	115.4	117.5
Date	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 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	
Sept.	125.2	124.8	110.0	133.1	128.3	100.2	
Oct.	125.2	125.2	110.4	133.1	128.3	100.2	
Nov.	125.2	125.2	110.4	133.1	128.3	100.2	
Dec.	125.2	125.2	108.2	133.2	128.4	100.2	
1955 Jan.	126.2	125.2	108.2	124.5	128.4	100.2	
Feb.	126.3	126.2	107.7	124.5	128.4	100.2	

TABLE 8. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity 1/	Unit	Yearly	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.
		Average 1953	1954	1955	1955
		\$	\$	\$	\$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern, Domestic ..	bu.	1.919	1.833	1.720	1.736
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern, I.W.A. ....	bu.	1.882	1.833	1.720	1.736
OATS, No. 2 C.W. ....	bu.	.747	.750	.948	.952
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed .....	bu.	1.110	.921	1.190	1.216
RYE, No. 2 C.W. ....	bu.	1.286	1.029	1.168	1.156
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto .....	bbl.	11.195	11.800	11.400	11.400
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal .	cwt.	7.620	7.315	7.078	7.078
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal .....	gal.	1.337	1.200	1.120	1.120
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's .....	lb.	.684	.900	.758	.650
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John .....	75 lb. bag	1.471	.888	1.956	2.250
STEERS, Toronto .....	cwt.	19.969	17.600	19.740	19.570
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included) ....	cwt.	30.823	35.170	26.240	25.310
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers ....	lb.	.175	.150	.140	.135
LEATHER, Packer Bends, No. 1 and 2 ....	lb.	.720	.720	.620	.620
LEATHER, Box Sides D, f.o.b. Ontario factory .....	sq. ft.	.370	.370	.350	.350
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade, Montreal ...	lb.	.610	.627	.626	.626
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal .....	doz.	.648	.524	.428	.460
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 15/16", New York	lb.	.333	.338	.339	.343
COTTON YARNS, 10's white .....	lb.	.698	.645	.650	.670
WOOL, Raw, Eastern bright, 1/4 blood ..	lb.	.508	.490	.480	.500
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Canadian Mill (Southern Quebec) .....	ton	109.793	107.852	107.817	109.250
PIG IRON, Malleable .....	gr. ton	58.000	58.000	56.000	56.500
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic sales ..	cwt.	30.004	28.956	N.A.	32.169
LEAD, Pig, domestic sales .....	cwt.	12.896	12.325	14.250	14.250
TIN INGOTS .....	lb.	.961	.877	.887	.926
ZINC, Grade "A", Electrolytic, domestic sales .....	cwt.	11.942	10.850	12.850	12.850
COAL, United States Anthracite .....	ton	20.768	19.930	19.240	19.240
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto .....	gal.	.223	.231	.221	.221
SHINGLES, Asphalt .....	210-lb. sq.	8.450	8.450	7.760	7.760
SULPHURIC ACID 66° Baume .....	ton	25.175	26.350	26.350	26.350

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

N.A. Not available

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

		Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	House- hold Opera- tion	Other Commod- ities & Services	
1939 .....		63.2	50.2	84.6	54.9	66.5	77.2	
1940 .....		65.7	52.6	86.6	59.9	70.3	77.9	
1941 .....		69.6	57.9	89.2	63.6	73.3	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	
1954 .....		116.2	112.2	126.5	109.4	117.4	117.4	
<u>1952</u>	June	2	116.0	115.7	120.4	111.8	115.9	115.7
	July	2	116.1	116.0	120.6	111.7	115.9	115.6
	August	1	116.0	115.7	120.6	111.6	115.8	115.8
	September	2	116.1	115.8	121.2	110.9	116.0	115.8
	October	1	116.0	115.1	121.5	109.9	116.2	116.4
	November	1	116.1	115.7	121.4	109.8	115.9	116.6
	December	1	115.8	114.1	122.2	109.7	116.1	116.6
<u>1953</u>	January	2	115.7	113.5	122.3	109.7	116.5	116.7
	February	2	115.5	112.7	122.5	109.6	116.6	116.7
	March	2	114.8	111.6	122.5	109.7	116.7	115.2
	April	1	114.6	110.9	122.7	109.7	116.9	115.0
	May	1	114.4	110.1	122.9	110.1	116.6	115.1
	June	1	114.9	111.4	123.6	110.1	116.6	115.1
	July	2	115.4	112.7	123.9	110.3	117.0	115.2
	August	1	115.7	112.8	124.1	110.4	117.2	115.8
	September	1	116.2	114.0	124.2	110.4	117.4	115.9
	October	1	116.7	115.5	124.5	110.3	117.5	116.0
	November	2	116.2	113.4	125.0	110.3	117.4	116.3
	December	1	115.8	112.1	125.2	110.2	117.4	116.3
<u>1954</u>	January	2	115.7	111.6	125.4	110.1	117.5	116.4
	February	1	115.7	111.7	125.4	110.0	117.5	116.5
	March	1	115.5	110.7	125.6	109.8	117.6	116.6
	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
	June	1	116.1	112.0	126.4	109.7	117.1	117.5
	July	2	116.2	112.1	126.6	109.6	117.2	117.6
	August	2	117.0	114.4	127.0	109.6	117.2	117.7
	September	1	116.8	113.8	127.2	109.5	117.2	117.6
	October	1	116.8	113.8	127.4	108.4	117.3	117.9
	November	1	116.8	113.4	127.9	108.2	117.2	118.2
	December	1	116.6	112.6	128.2	108.1	117.1	118.2
<u>1955</u>	January	3	116.4	112.1	128.4	108.1	117.1	118.2
	February	1	116.3	111.5	128.5	108.1	117.1	118.3

TABLE 10. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES - MAIN GROUPS AND SELECTED COMPONENTS

(1949 = 100)

	1952	1953	1954	Feb. 1953	Feb. 1954	Dec. 1954	Jan. 1955	Feb. 1955
<u>Total Index</u>	116.5	115.5	116.2	115.5	115.7	116.6	116.4	116.3
<u>Food</u>	116.8	112.6	112.2	112.7	111.7	112.6	112.1	111.5
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	113.3	112.4	111.8	113.5	113.0	112.7	112.9	112.9
Cereal Products	117.4	119.3	122.4	117.1	122.5	122.3	122.3	122.2
Meats, Fish and Poultry	115.5	108.2	105.8	110.7	110.0	104.9	103.6	102.5
<u>Shelter</u>	120.2	123.6	126.5	122.5	125.4	128.2	128.4	128.5
Rent	120.9	125.4	129.8	123.8	128.1	131.9	132.1	132.3
Home-Ownership	119.3	121.2	122.2	120.7	121.8	123.3	123.4	123.5
<u>Clothing</u>	111.8	110.1	109.4	109.6	110.0	108.1	108.1	108.1
Men's Wear	115.2	113.5	113.8	113.3	113.8	113.5	113.4	113.4
Women's Wear	104.8	102.5	100.9	101.7	102.1	98.3	98.4	98.4
Children's Wear	111.5	108.6	107.5	109.2	108.2	106.4	106.4	106.4
Footwear	127.2	127.7	127.6	127.5	127.6	127.2	127.2	127.2
Piece Goods	107.4	106.2	108.7	104.6	108.6	108.7	108.7	108.7
<u>Household Operation</u>	116.2	117.0	117.4	116.6	117.5	117.1	117.1	117.1
Fuel	114.4	116.0	114.9	116.2	116.7	114.3	114.4	114.4
Electricity	110.8	114.6	115.9	111.7	115.6	116.0	116.2	116.2
Home Furnishings	117.6	116.7	115.6	116.6	116.2	114.8	114.6	114.6
Furniture	115.6	117.2	117.6	116.1	118.0	116.8	116.7	116.7
Utensils and Equipment	118.9	121.2	122.1	120.8	121.5	122.6	122.6	122.6
Supplies and Services	116.8	118.7	121.8	117.9	120.3	122.5	122.6	122.6
Supplies	112.4	113.5	115.8	113.1	115.3	116.0	116.1	116.2
Services	119.7	122.2	126.0	121.2	123.8	127.0	127.0	127.0
<u>Other Commodities and   Services</u>	116.0	115.8	117.4	116.7	116.5	118.2	118.2	118.3
Transportation	117.4	119.2	120.0	118.7	119.5	120.5	120.5	120.5
Automobile Operation	114.9	114.5	114.7	114.0	114.8	114.1	114.1	114.1
Recreation	115.7	116.7	119.5	117.6	118.4	121.2	121.2	121.1
Health Care	118.8	122.0	127.4	120.2	124.5	129.2	129.3	129.7
Drugs	107.9	108.7	109.5	108.3	109.1	110.1	110.7	110.7
Tobacco and Alcoholic								
Beverages	113.3	108.0	107.3	112.4	107.2	107.3	107.3	107.3
Personal Care	115.5	115.9	117.9	115.6	117.0	118.3	118.6	118.6
Personal Supplies	112.7	111.5	113.6	111.7	112.6	113.9	114.3	114.3

TABLE 11. - PRICE RELATIVES FOR SPECIFIED FOODS INCLUDED IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

(1949 = 100)

	Beef, Blade Roast	Beef, Sir- loin	Pork, Rib Chops	Bacon	Salmon, Canned	Chicken	Butter	Mar- garine
<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>1954</u>	99.7	109.4	116.8	113.2	96.6	95.8	99.0	117.5
<u>1954</u> 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
Oct. 1	101.1	115.0	106.9	102.9	100.6	87.2	96.4	116.9
Nov. 1	101.5	113.5	104.2	97.0	102.6	86.0	98.0	116.9
Dec. 1	101.1	112.1	105.0	95.6	103.4	85.5	102.1	116.9
<u>1955</u> Jan. 3	102.1	112.8	105.0	94.2	103.4	86.7	102.6	117.9
Feb. 1	102.3	111.3	103.4	93.0	103.8	85.7	102.8	114.2

	Short- ening	Eggs	Peaches, Canned	Oranges	Peas, Canned	Potatoes	Toma- toes, Fresh	Carrots
<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>1954</u>	91.8	92.9	99.0	116.8	119.2	107.6	101.4	153.2
<u>1954</u> 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
Oct. 1	91.7	105.5	100.1	138.0	119.5	116.5	72.7	131.9
Nov. 1	91.4	101.4	101.1	123.5	119.5	120.9	95.0	139.9
Dec. 1	91.4	85.2	101.6	111.0	119.5	124.9	107.8	146.5
<u>1955</u> Jan. 3	91.4	81.9	101.6	103.4	119.5	125.2	109.5	151.9
Feb. 1	91.1	79.0	101.6	107.3	119.5	128.6	120.6	159.9

	Milk, Fresh	Cheese, Pro- cessed	Bread	Flour	Sugar, Granu- lated	Jam, Straw- berry	Tea	Coffee
<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>1954</u>	118.5	111.6	126.8	110.2	101.8	107.5	105.4	200.9
<u>1954</u> 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
Oct. 1	118.5	112.7	126.8	109.0	99.7	109.1	108.9	201.7
Nov. 1	118.5	112.0	126.8	107.6	100.8	110.0	111.8	195.9
Dec. 1	118.5	112.0	126.8	107.6	100.8	110.8	115.9	193.8
<u>1955</u> Jan. 3	118.5	112.4	126.8	107.6	100.8	110.8	121.1	193.2
Feb. 1	118.5	112.7	126.8	106.2	100.8	110.8	126.3	189.8

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
1954 .....	102.8	114.1	116.6	116.8	116.2	118.3	115.3	114.2	114.9	117.4
<u>1952</u> January 2	103.9	116.6	119.4	120.9	120.6	119.6	118.3	115.1	117.6	119.5
February 1	103.7	115.9	119.0	120.3	120.1	118.9	118.1	115.1	117.4	118.8
March 1	104.0	115.6	118.7	119.2	118.7	117.9	117.2	114.2	116.2	118.6
April 1	103.8	115.6	118.6	118.2	118.1	118.2	117.1	113.0	115.4	118.7
May 1	103.1	115.3	117.0	116.5	116.4	116.9	116.2	111.4	114.0	117.7
June 2	102.7	116.5	117.8	117.4	116.2	117.9	116.3	111.3	113.8	117.7
July 2	103.9	116.8	118.3	118.0	116.5	117.9	116.5	112.6	114.4	117.2
August 1	105.3	116.4	118.2	117.0	116.2	117.8	115.9	113.2	114.8	117.0
September 2	103.6	114.9	116.8	117.0	115.8	117.2	115.3	112.4	113.9	116.7
October 1	103.0	113.1	115.3	115.8	114.5	116.2	114.3	111.7	113.5	115.6
November 1	102.5	113.6	115.2	115.7	114.7	116.0	114.1	112.1	113.3	115.8
December 1	102.3	112.8	114.5	115.2	113.9	115.6	113.5	111.3	112.9	116.1
<u>1953</u> January 2	102.4	112.8	114.7	115.7	114.4	115.9	113.7	111.9	112.6	116.2
February 2	102.3	113.1	114.8	116.2	114.8	116.0	114.1	112.1	112.6	115.7
March 2	101.3	112.9	114.5	115.8	114.3	115.9	113.7	112.2	113.0	115.5
April 1	101.5	112.7	114.6	114.8	114.3	115.7	113.9	112.3	113.1	115.6
May 1	101.1	112.2	114.4	114.9	113.7	115.7	113.6	112.1	113.2	115.7
June 1	101.2	112.7	114.9	116.0	114.7	116.5	114.1	112.9	114.0	115.8
July 2	101.9	113.7	115.8	117.3	115.2	117.2	115.2	113.9	114.7	116.5
August 1	102.9	114.2	116.7	117.0	115.4	117.5	115.0	114.2	115.3	116.0
September 1	102.8	113.8	116.1	116.5	115.5	117.6	114.7	113.8	115.1	116.2
October 1	102.8	114.0	116.1	117.4	116.4	118.4	115.0	114.3	115.3	116.7
November 2	103.1	113.6	115.9	117.0	116.0	117.8	115.2	113.7	114.9	116.5
December 1	102.7	113.2	115.5	116.7	115.5	117.6	114.7	113.3	114.5	116.3
<u>1954</u> January 2	102.6	113.2	115.4	116.7	115.3	117.7	114.9	113.2	114.4	116.2
February 1	102.4	113.8	115.8	116.8	115.5	117.6	115.0	113.5	114.3	116.4
March 1	102.2	113.7	116.2	116.3	115.3	117.4	114.7	113.7	114.4	116.3
April 1	102.0	113.8	115.9	116.3	115.5	117.7	114.9	113.6	114.3	116.9
May 1	102.2	113.6	115.8	116.3	115.5	117.7	114.8	113.5	114.4	116.9
June 1	102.5	113.9	116.2	117.0	116.1	118.2	115.3	114.1	114.8	117.1
July 2	102.6	113.8	116.2	117.2	116.4	118.8	115.5	114.1	114.8	117.0
August 2	104.4	115.3	117.6	117.2	117.0	119.0	116.4	115.3	115.4	118.1
September 1	103.4	114.8	117.7	116.6	116.9	118.8	115.7	115.1	115.7	118.1
October 1	103.0	114.6	117.6	117.0	117.3	118.9	115.5	115.2	115.6	118.6
November 1	102.8	114.5	117.5	117.1	117.2	118.9	115.7	114.8	115.3	118.6
December 1	102.9	114.5	117.5	117.0	117.0	118.8	115.5	113.9	115.0	118.3
<u>1955</u> January 3	102.6	114.3	117.4	117.1	117.0	118.9	115.5	113.9	114.6	118.4
February 1	102.7	114.6	117.6	117.1	117.0	118.7	115.4	113.8	114.5	118.3

TABLE 12. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR REGIONAL CITIES - Continued

(1949=100)

		St. John's Nfld. <sup>1</sup>	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver	
<b>Food Index</b>												
<u>1952</u>	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
	September	1	102.2	109.1	114.4	113.4	112.8	111.6	112.0	114.2	113.5	113.7
	October	1	101.3	108.4	113.8	115.0	113.8	111.9	111.7	114.1	112.7	113.5
	November	1	100.9	107.5	113.4	115.6	112.7	111.2	112.0	112.5	112.1	112.3
	December	1	101.1	107.8	113.2	115.3	112.0	110.5	110.9	110.2	110.7	111.6
<u>1955</u>	January	3	101.1	107.0	112.9	115.1	111.2	110.6	110.8	110.1	110.0	111.8
	February	1	101.4	106.8	112.6	115.4	111.0	109.6	110.5	109.7	109.4	111.6
<b>Shelter Index</b>												
<u>1953</u>	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
	September	1	107.4	123.0	122.1	133.6	129.3	142.0	124.1	114.3	119.7	125.5
	October	1	107.5	123.3	122.1	134.0	129.7	142.5	124.4	114.9	120.9	125.8
	November	1	107.5	123.3	122.6	134.1	130.9	143.7	124.9	115.0	121.0	126.0
	December	1	107.5	123.3	124.1	134.1	131.1	144.7	125.7	115.2	121.0	126.1
<u>1955</u>	January	3	108.0	123.3	124.1	134.4	131.9	145.2	125.7	115.4	121.0	126.1
	February	1	108.0	123.3	124.8	134.4	132.2	145.6	125.7	115.6	121.0	126.1

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

TABLE 12. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR REGIONAL CITIES - Concluded

(1949= 100)

			St. John's Nfld., 1	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver
<u>Clothing Index</u>												
<u>1953</u>	October	1	101.9	116.4	119.7	110.9	113.6	113.1	116.2	116.3	114.3	112.6
	November	2	102.1	116.9	119.9	111.0	113.6	112.9	116.5	116.3	114.3	112.6
	December	1	101.7	116.9	119.9	111.0	113.5	112.6	116.3	116.3	114.2	112.7
<u>1954</u>	January	2	101.6	116.9	119.9	111.0	113.5	112.6	116.1	116.3	114.2	112.6
	February	1	101.8	116.7	119.9	110.7	113.5	112.4	116.1	116.3	114.2	112.3
	March	1	102.0	116.6	119.7	110.7	113.4	112.2	115.4	117.0	114.2	111.8
	April	1	102.2	116.4	118.6	110.7	113.5	112.1	115.2	117.0	114.2	113.4
	May	1	102.1	116.6	118.6	110.7	113.5	111.9	115.2	117.0	114.2	113.4
	June	1	102.3	116.3	118.5	110.6	113.5	111.4	115.2	116.6	114.2	113.4
	July	2	102.0	116.0	118.5	110.2	113.4	111.4	115.1	116.6	113.8	113.3
	August	2	102.1	115.9	118.5	110.2	113.1	111.4	115.1	116.6	113.8	113.3
	September	1	102.0	115.6	117.9	110.2	112.9	111.4	114.8	116.4	113.7	113.1
	October	1	101.9	115.2	117.9	107.3	111.8	110.5	113.1	116.4	112.8	112.7
	November	1	101.8	114.9	117.9	107.1	111.3	110.4	112.5	116.4	112.6	112.7
	December	1	101.8	114.5	116.5	107.2	111.3	110.4	112.4	114.9	112.6	112.6
<u>1955</u>	January	3	101.8	114.4	116.5	107.2	111.3	110.4	112.7	114.9	112.6	112.6
	February	1	101.6	114.6	116.5	107.2	111.3	110.3	112.7	114.9	112.6	112.6
<u>Household Operation Index</u>												
<u>1953</u>	October	1	104.4	119.0	117.2	116.5	115.7	117.6	113.5	117.7	115.2	123.2
	November	2	104.3	118.9	117.2	116.2	115.6	117.5	113.4	117.7	115.1	123.3
	December	1	104.2	118.9	117.1	116.0	116.0	117.8	112.9	118.1	114.9	123.4
<u>1954</u>	January	2	104.1	119.0	117.2	116.1	116.4	117.8	113.2	118.1	115.1	123.7
	February	1	104.0	119.0	117.3	116.1	116.4	117.7	113.2	118.1	115.1	124.3
	March	1	104.0	119.1	117.3	116.2	116.4	117.8	113.1	118.3	115.1	124.7
	April	1	103.9	119.5	116.8	116.6	116.8	118.2	113.7	118.8	115.7	126.7
	May	1	104.0	119.2	116.8	115.8	116.7	116.9	113.5	118.8	115.5	126.4
	June	1	104.0	119.2	116.5	115.8	115.8	116.4	113.6	118.5	115.8	124.3
	July	2	104.0	119.2	116.5	115.9	116.0	116.4	113.4	118.5	115.8	124.5
	August	2	103.7	119.0	116.5	116.0	115.9	116.5	113.4	118.5	115.8	125.4
	September	1	103.5	119.0	116.4	115.9	115.9	116.3	113.5	118.4	115.5	125.5
	October	1	103.3	119.0	116.4	116.0	116.4	116.5	113.5	118.4	115.5	125.5
	November	1	102.9	118.9	116.4	115.9	116.4	116.1	113.6	118.4	115.5	125.4
	December	1	103.0	119.0	116.4	115.8	116.3	116.0	113.6	117.9	115.7	125.4
<u>1955</u>	January	3	100.8	119.0	116.4	115.8	116.7	116.2	113.5	117.9	115.7	125.4
	February	1	100.8	118.9	116.4	115.8	116.7	116.2	113.5	117.9	115.7	125.4
<u>Other Commodities and Services Index</u>												
<u>1953</u>	October	1	101.5	115.4	119.3	115.1	116.8	116.9	116.2	110.8	117.1	117.5
	November	2	101.5	115.5	119.3	115.4	117.4	117.4	116.3	111.7	117.6	117.4
	December	1	101.5	115.6	119.3	115.3	117.4	117.4	116.2	111.7	117.6	117.4
<u>1954</u>	January	2	101.9	115.6	119.4	115.4	117.4	117.5	116.3	111.7	117.8	117.5
	February	1	102.0	115.8	120.1	115.4	117.5	117.6	116.7	111.7	117.8	117.4
	March	1	102.0	115.8	122.8	115.6	117.6	117.7	116.6	112.4	117.8	117.4
	April	1	102.1	116.2	122.9	116.4	118.4	118.4	117.3	112.8	118.3	118.0
	May	1	102.6	116.2	123.0	116.8	118.6	118.6	117.4	113.0	118.2	118.9
	June	1	102.7	116.2	123.0	116.8	118.6	118.6	117.4	112.9	118.2	118.9
	July	2	102.7	116.1	122.9	116.8	118.6	119.0	117.3	112.8	118.1	118.8
	August	2	103.5	116.0	122.9	116.8	118.8	119.0	117.3	112.8	118.2	118.8
	September	1	103.5	116.0	122.9	116.8	118.8	119.0	117.5	112.7	118.1	118.8
	October	1	103.5	116.1	123.0	116.8	119.1	119.1	117.6	113.0	118.3	121.3
	November	1	103.5	116.9	123.0	116.8	119.6	119.4	118.0	113.0	118.7	122.6
	December	1	103.5	116.9	123.0	116.8	119.6	119.4	118.0	113.2	118.7	122.4
<u>1955</u>	January	3	103.6	116.9	123.0	116.9	119.6	119.4	118.0	113.2	118.4	122.4
	February	1	103.6	118.5	123.8	116.9	119.8	119.4	118.0	113.2	118.5	122.4

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

TABLE 13. - ACTUAL AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES IN MANUFACTURING  
 ADJUSTED FOR CHANGES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1)  
 1945 - 1955

Year and Month	Actual (2) Weekly Wages	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	Index Numbers of		The Consumer Price Index (1949 = 100)
			Actual Weekly Wages (1949 = 100)	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
1954 - Average	57.16	49.19	137.0	117.9	116.2
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	57.35	49.35	137.5	118.3	116.2
Aug. 1	57.35	49.02	137.5	117.5	117.0
Sept. 1	57.06	48.85	136.8	117.1	116.8
Oct. 1	57.70	49.40	138.3	118.4	116.8
Nov. 1	58.03	49.68	139.1	119.1	116.8
Dec. 1	58.17	49.89	139.5	119.6	116.6
1955 - Jan. 1	56.26(P)	48.33(P)	134.9(P)	115.9(P)	116.4

(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)

INVESTORS' INDEX										
Number of Stocks	Inves- tors' Total	Total Indus- trials	Machin- ery and Equip- ment	Pulp and Paper	Mill- ing	Oils	Tex- tiles and Cloth- ing	Food and Allied Pro- ducts	Bever- ages	Build- ing Mate- rials
	(99)	(78)	(11)	(9)	(2)	(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
1954 .....	181.2	182.3	480.1	692.9	141.9	144.4	161.7	136.2	479.6	326.1
1953 June ..	156.8	155.5	378.9	471.9	128.8	127.4	217.6	118.3	388.1	270.7
July ..	160.7	160.5	394.9	494.9	129.8	129.3	202.7	124.3	408.6	278.5
Aug. ..	161.2	161.6	396.9	518.9	136.4	131.3	211.5	125.7	411.4	283.8
Sept. ..	152.9	152.2	375.2	509.2	132.8	120.8	199.4	123.2	397.8	269.4
Oct. ..	151.9	150.9	374.3	503.3	131.3	118.5	189.9	123.3	400.8	267.0
Nov. ..	154.2	153.2	392.7	533.9	131.0	117.8	175.2	124.6	417.9	273.6
Dec. ..	153.6	152.7	391.5	544.4	129.1	119.4	180.7	122.4	420.4	276.1
1954 Jan. ..	157.4	156.5	395.3	562.6	129.3	126.1	168.8	122.9	434.5	283.6
Feb. ..	163.2	163.2	418.4	589.4	129.9	136.3	158.4	123.6	447.9	286.8
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
Sept. ..	189.5	191.4	510.7	750.1	151.9	145.0	154.1	144.5	509.4	347.6
Oct. ..	190.2	191.9	499.0	740.0	156.8	150.8	167.0	144.9	500.0	342.7
Nov. ..	199.5	203.0	523.2	789.3	158.4	158.4	170.2	150.9	519.8	358.7
Dec. ..	206.8	210.5	554.9	830.4	156.5	163.5	175.2	150.8	521.5	385.6
1955 Jan. ..	207.3	211.0	554.2	840.5	157.9	161.0	179.6	154.7	511.0	395.9
Feb. ..	214.7	219.2	592.7	873.6	171.0	162.0	178.2	157.6	518.7	407.4
Weekly Index										
Feb. 3	211.8	216.2	575.0	873.1	172.5	160.8	181.1	155.9	509.0	405.7
Feb. 10	214.3	218.6	586.8	869.8	168.4	161.2	177.4	158.3	518.8	410.6
Feb. 17	216.5	221.0	598.6	873.7	172.7	162.4	178.0	158.2	524.7	405.6
Feb. 24	216.2	220.9	610.4	877.9	170.4	163.6	176.1	158.0	522.2	407.9

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

(1935 - 39= 100)

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS' INDEX						MINING INDEX (1)		
	Indus- trial Mines (2)	Total Utili- ties (14)	Trans- porta- tion (2)	Tele- phone (3)	Power and Traction (9)	Banks (7)	Mining Total (27)	Gold s (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
1954 .....	123.2	165.0	291.6	111.0	150.2	208.0	91.3	64.8	151.9
<u>1953</u> 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
Sept. ..	133.3	170.4	295.0	114.0	159.0	215.0	96.4	68.3	160.8
Oct. ..	132.0	171.4	296.6	115.4	158.8	217.4	95.0	66.2	161.0
Nov. ..	144.5	173.8	314.6	115.6	156.6	224.2	97.0	65.6	168.7
Dec. ..	149.3	181.8	337.5	118.6	162.9	227.0	100.9	67.6	177.2
<u>1955</u> Jan. ..	152.5	181.0	329.6	117.5	165.6	230.8	102.7	68.3	181.3
Feb. ..	164.8	184.0	336.6	119.4	167.7	241.1	106.4	69.3	191.3
<u>Weekly Index</u>									
Feb. 3	161.6	181.8	325.5	118.3	168.4	237.3	105.5	68.6	190.0
Feb. 10	164.8	184.0	337.0	119.3	167.6	241.4	106.0	68.9	190.8
Feb. 17	168.9	185.4	339.9	120.0	169.1	243.8	107.4	69.2	194.7
Feb. 24	164.1	185.0	343.8	119.8	165.7	241.9	106.7	70.5	189.6

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

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

	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
January .....	144.5	144.7	152.4	166.0	161.4	161.0	162.6	175.6
February .....	141.0	144.0	153.0	169.3	160.6	161.6	163.6	176.0
March .....	138.9	142.8	153.7	166.0	159.5	163.6	165.4	
April .....	144.2	140.9	154.4	165.2	157.2	161.6	168.0	
May .....	147.0	139.9	157.3	164.3	157.2	162.9	169.7	
June .....	148.2	136.3	158.2	162.2	157.7	163.0	170.7	
July .....	147.5	138.6	154.6	163.1	159.8	163.8	171.3	
August .....	146.4	140.4	155.6	165.2	163.6	164.3	173.0	
September .....	144.8	141.8	158.2	166.4	162.4	162.0	173.4	
October .....	143.7	145.8	161.1	164.2	161.2	161.0	174.1	
November .....	144.6	150.0	161.1	162.8	160.3	161.6	175.4	
December .....	144.6	150.7	160.2	159.5	160.7	161.7	175.4	
Year .....	144.6	143.0	156.7	164.5	160.1	162.3	170.2	

TABLE 16. - INDEX NUMBERS OF UNITED STATES STOCK PRICES

Source: Standard and Poor's  
(1935-39 = 100)

	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
January .....	120.1	121.0	135.1	168.6	186.9	197.6	195.4	268.8
February .....	114.2	117.2	136.7	174.7	183.2	195.9	199.6	
March .....	116.4	118.0	138.8	170.3	185.3	198.0	204.9	
April .....	124.6	118.5	141.8	172.3	183.7	190.0	212.7	
May .....	130.2	117.7	146.9	173.9	183.7	189.6	219.8	
June .....	135.1	112.0	147.7	171.7	187.6	182.8	221.8	
July .....	131.9	117.8	138.2	172.8	192.1	185.5	231.1	
August .....	127.1	121.8	147.2	181.5	191.1	187.3	236.4	
September .....	125.7	123.8	151.7	187.3	188.2	179.2	238.5	
October .....	127.8	127.3	157.8	185.0	183.4	183.4	243.5	
November .....	120.4	129.1	156.1	177.7	189.8	187.5	252.2	
December .....	119.4	132.7	158.4	182.5	197.0	190.7	264.5	
Year .....	124.4	121.4	146.4	176.5	187.7	189.0	226.7	

TABLE 17. - INDEX NUMBERS OF GOVERNMENT OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS  
(1935-39 = 100)

	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
January .....	92.1	95.4	90.1	97.9	113.4	118.3	115.0	99.7
February .....	92.1	95.2	90.3	97.7	113.9	118.8	112.7	96.8
March .....	96.7	94.7	90.2	104.6	115.1	118.9	104.7	
April .....	96.5	94.4	90.7	104.9	115.3	118.9	100.2	
May .....	95.3	94.4	90.2	104.9	112.6	119.6	99.7	
June .....	95.4	94.4	90.2	105.3	114.0	120.6	99.7	
July .....	95.6	93.8	91.0	104.7	117.3	120.7	97.9	
August .....	96.2	92.7	90.5	104.9	119.1	121.0	97.3	
September .....	96.1	91.8	89.8	105.0	119.6	121.5	97.9	
October .....	96.3	89.1	92.0	105.7	118.6	120.8	98.1	
November .....	95.7	89.2	93.9	107.8	117.8	118.3	98.8	
December .....	95.5	90.3	96.7	112.0	118.0	117.3	98.9	
Year .....	95.3	93.0	91.3	104.6	116.2	119.6	101.7	

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

	Composite Index Exclusive of Living Component (a)	Equipment and Materials	Taxes and Interest Rates (a)	Farm Wage Rates	Farm Family Living	Composite Index Inclusive of Living Component (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 - August .....	245.4	212.5	161.4	471.9	204.5	229.0
1953 - 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	204.0	168.2	409.5	204.8	220.6
April .....	238.0	204.1	168.2	450.8	204.2	224.5
August .....	238.7	201.9	168.2	463.2	204.5	225.0
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 - August .....	246.8	211.7	152.4	447.4	202.7	229.2
1953 - 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	202.9	158.7	419.2	202.5	223.2
April .....	237.4	203.5	158.7	419.2	201.5	223.1
August .....	238.7	200.9	158.7	433.8	202.1	224.1
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 - August .....	243.9	213.2	169.0	506.8	206.3	228.9
1953 - 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
August .....	238.7	202.8	176.3	505.1	206.9	226.0

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

**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	1954		1955	
		Average	Average	February Average	December Average	January Average	February Average
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	.9789	.9834	.9665	.9680	.9660	.9769
United Kingdom	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7193	2.6988	2.6912	2.7197
Argentina	peso (free)	.07010	.07079	.06957	.06968	.06954	.07032
Australia	pound	2.1872	2.2133	2.1754	2.1591	2.1530	2.1758
Belgium (1)	franc	.01947	.01969	.01937	.01932	.01929	.01949
Brazil (2) (3)	cruzeiro	.05291	.05314	.04137	.01276	.01302	.01276
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.5696	.5764	.5665	.5623	.5607	.5666
Ceylon	rupee	.2056	.2075	.2039	.2024	.2019	.2040
Chile	peso (free)	.00903	.00890	.00879	.00484	.00483	.00488
Colombia	peso (basic)	.3916	.3921	.3866	.3872	.3864	.3907
Cuba	peso	.9789	.9834	.9665	.9680	.9660	.9769
Denmark	kroner	.1417	.1424	.1399	.1402	.1399	.1414
Egypt	pound	2.8111	2.8239	2.7754	2.7798	2.7740	2.8051
France and North Africa	franc	.00280	.00281	.00276	.00277	.00276	.00279
Germany	deutsche mark	.2331	.2342	.2301	.2305	.2301	.2326
Hong Kong	dollar	.1709	.1729	.1700	.1687	.1682	.1700
India	rupee	.2056	.2075	.2039	.2024	.2019	.2040
Ireland	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7193	2.6988	2.6912	2.7197
Italy	lira	.00157	.00158	.00155	.00155	.00155	.00157
Jamaica	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7193	2.6988	2.6912	2.7197
Japan	yen	.00272	.00273	.00268	.00269	.00268	.00271
Lebanon	pound (free)	.2734	.2872	.3030	.2985	.2972	.3001
Mexico	peso	.1132	.1137	.1117	.07744	.07729	.07815
Netherlands	guilder	.2576	.2588	.2553	.2551	.2546	.2569
New Zealand	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7193	2.6988	2.6912	2.7197
Norway	kroner	.1371	.1377	.1353	.1355	.1352	.1368
Pakistan	rupee	.2959	.2972	.2921	.2926	.2920	.2953
Peru	sol-certificate	.06346	.05908	.04530	.05095	.05084	.05141
Philippines	peso	.4895	.4917	.4833	.4840	.4830	.4884
Portugal	escudo	.03412	.03431	.03373	.03378	.03371	.03409
Singapore	dollar	.3190	.3228	.3173	.3149	.3140	.3173
Sweden	krona	.1892	.1901	.1868	.1871	.1867	.1888
Switzerland	franc	.2266	.2293	.2254	.2259	.2254	.2278
Turkey	lira	.3496	.3512	.3452	.3457	.3450	.3489
Union of South Africa	pound	2.7340	2.7666	2.7193	2.6988	2.6912	2.7197
Venezuela	bolivar	.2922	.2936	.2885	.2890	.2884	.2916
Yugoslavia	dinar	.00326	.00328	.00322	.00323	.00322	.00326

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 - August 1954 (3) Free September 1954.

## IN CANADA AND OTHER SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

Country	Base Period	1939	1954	1954				1955	
				Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
<u>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia .....	1952-1953		102.5(c)	102.7			103.2		
Canada .....	1949	63.2	116.2	116.8	116.8	116.8	116.6	116.4	116.3
Denmark .....	1935	109	220(f)		222			226	
France (Paris) .....	1949		143.3	142.6	142.9	144.2	144.9	145.3	145.0
India (Bombay) .....	1933 - 1934	106	363(f)	364	363	361			
Italy (Rome) .....	1938	105(b)	5,065(f)	5,234	5,211	5,248	5,289		
Malaya .....	January 1949(a)		134(f)	123	123	124			
Mexico .....	1939	100.0	473.1	485.9	485.4	487.1	499.1	5,038	
Netherlands .....	1949		120(f)	126	127	127	127		
New Zealand .....	1st. qtr. 1949	74.8	133.3(f)	140.2			139.9		
Norway .....	1949	63.8	136(f)	144	143	143			
South Africa .....	1938	99.9	192.4(f)	198.4	198.5	199.4	199.6		
Sweden .....	1949		129	129	129	129	129		
Switzerland .....	August, 1939		169.8(f)	172.0	172.5	173.0	172.9	172.4	
United Kingdom .....	Jan. 15, 1952		107.7	108.2	108.7	109.2	109.8		
United States .....	1947 - 49	59.4	114.8	114.7	114.5	114.6	114.3	114.3	
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia .....	1936 - 1939	101.1	321(c)	317					
Canada .....	1935 - 1939	99.3	220.7(f)	215.3	214.3	214.8	215.3	215.7	217.4
Denmark .....	1935	118	341(f)	340	339	345	346	348	
France .....	1949		135.9	134.6	133.9	134.7	135.2	135.5(e)	135.1
India .....	Sept. '38-Aug. '39		397.5(d)	384.4	381.6	376.1			
Italy .....	1938		5,293	5,267	5,276(e)	5,320	5,346		
Mexico .....	1939	100.0	433.6	443.4	454.7	461.4	469.7	477.1	
Netherlands .....	1948		134(f)	134	136	136			
New Zealand .....	1926 @ 1930	107.1	254.6(f)	253.1					
Norway .....	1938	102	280	282	280	280	281		
South Africa .....	1938	97.6	261.2(f)	264.7	265.2	264.4			
Sweden .....	1935	115	297	295	296	298	299		
Switzerland .....	August, 1939		212.8(f)	215.1	214.5	215.7	216.5	216.1	
United Kingdom .....	1930	102.8	329.9	328.5	329.0	330.8	335.7(e)	337.5	
United States .....	1947 - 49	50.1	110.3	110.0	109.7	110.0	109.5	110.2	

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 1953 to June 1954.

(d) Average from September 1953 to August 1954.

(e) Revised.

(f) 1953 average.

Explanation of Methods Used and Additional Sources for Price SeriesAppearing in this BulletinPRICES 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 INDEXESCanadian 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 for No. 1 Manitoba Northern. The initial payment for No. 1 for the 1953-1954 crop year of \$1.40 per bushel was increased to \$1.50 as announced November 6, 1954. For the 1954-1955 crop year, the initial payment for No. 1 stands at \$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, 1953 - July 31, 1954 were announced on October 12, 1954 for barley and on October 29, 1954 for oats.

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 101 Common Stocks and the Mining Stocks Index are based on the average of the Thursday closing prices. The Preferred Stock Index is a monthly average of daily quotations.

\* Available in French under the title "L'Indice des Prix a la Consommation Janvier 1949 - Aout 1952". (These reports obtainable for twenty-five cents each)



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