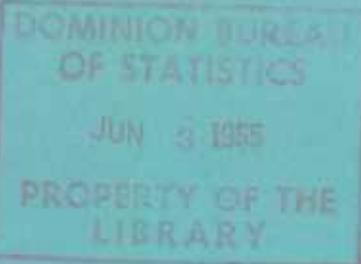


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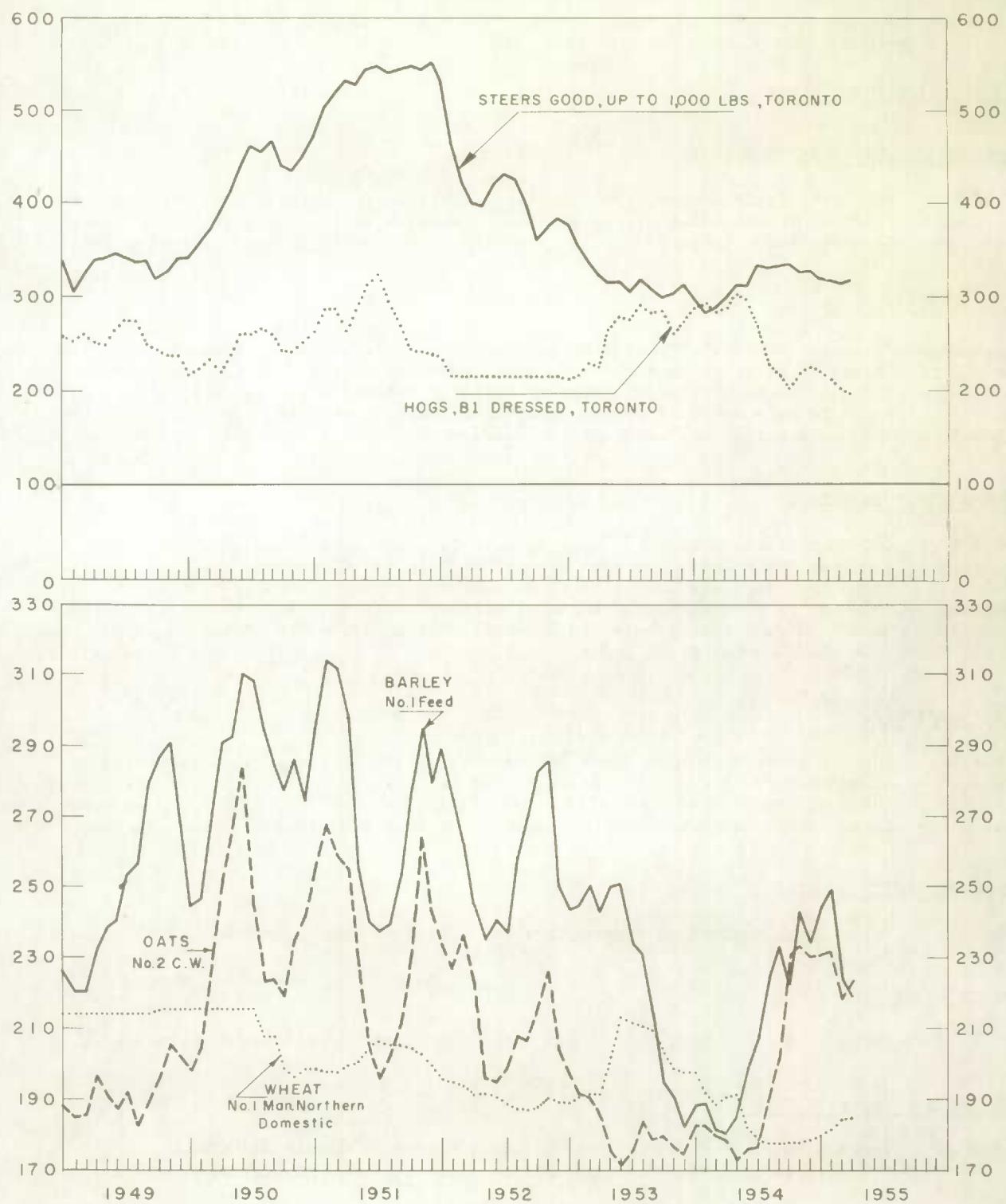
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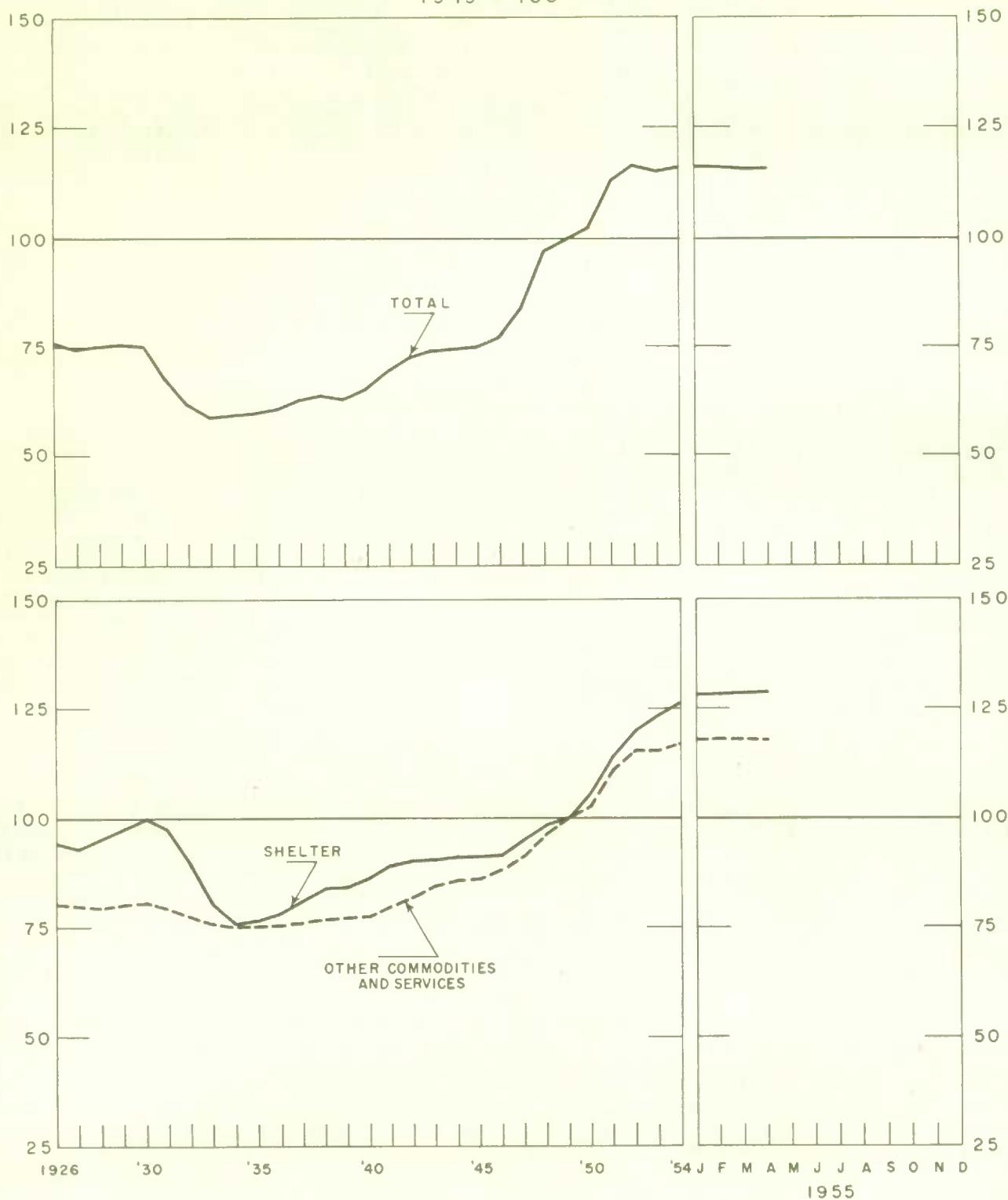
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES
SELECTED COMMODITIES

JANUARY 1949—APRIL 1955

(1935—1939 = 100)



CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES
TOTAL, SHELTER AND OTHER COMMODITIES AND SERVICES,
ANNUALLY 1926-1954; MONTHLY 1955
1949 = 100



THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index moved from 116.0 to 116.1 between March 1st and April 1st, as small increases in foods and shelter outweighed fractional decreases in other groups. Clothing, household operation, and other commodities and services indexes each declined 0.1 per cent, while the shelter component increased by the same amount and foods advanced 0.3 per cent. The food index moved from 110.7 to 111.0 as higher prices for flour, tea, eggs, fresh fruits, potatoes and chicken proved more important than lower prices for coffee, margarine, most fresh vegetables and pork items. Prices of most items of clothing were unchanged, and a decrease in men's suits largely accounted for the change in the clothing index from 108.0 to 107.9. The household operation index moved from 117.0 to 116.9 under the influence of lower prices for electrical appliances and household supplies. The change in the index of other commodities and services from 118.3 to 118.2 resulted from declines in street car and bus fares, bicycles, and eyeglasses, which were partially offset by slight increases in gasoline and doctors' and dentists' fees. Both the rent and home-ownership components of the shelter index increased 0.1 per cent to advance the shelter index from 128.6 to 128.7.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES
(1935-1939 = 100)

The General Wholesale Price index advanced 0.5 per cent to 218.5 for April, as against 217.4 for March. Six of the eight major group indexes recorded increases, while two declined. Vegetable Products moved up 1.1 per cent to 199.0, when exceptionally sharp advances in potatoes, coupled with lesser changes in sugar, coffee beans, canned peas, imported citrus fruits and miscellaneous items served to outweigh declines in bakery products in a few areas, automobile tires and tubes, livestock feeds and vegetable oils. Further advances in copper and its products, zinc, aluminum and gold overbalanced a fractional decrease in tin ingots, to move the Non-ferrous Metals series up 2.7 per cent to 183.8. Wood, Wood Products and Paper changed 0.4 per cent to 293.8, reflecting advances in newsprint, woodpulp, spruce lumber and lath and cedar lumber and shingles. Fir lumber and timber decreased slightly. Increases of 0.4 per cent each were registered by Iron and its Products and Non-metallic Minerals, due to firmer prices for scrap iron and steel and hardware for the former, and coal, building tile, window glass and sulphur for the latter. A change of 0.2 per cent to 177.2 for Chemicals and Allied Products was supported by higher quotations for some paint materials, sodium bichromate, methylene blue and industrial gases. Animal Products declined 0.5 per cent to 225.0 when decreases in livestock, milk and its products and raw furs overbalanced increases in hides and skins, fowl, cured meats, fresh meats, eggs, lard and tallow and fishery products. Relatively substantial declines in binder twine and imported raw wool as well as raw cotton were reflected in a decrease of 0.5 per cent in Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products to 226.3.

Canadian Farm Product Prices at terminal markets advanced 4.4 per cent to 212.7 in April from 203.7 in March. Field Products, reflecting the sharp change in potato prices, coupled with a lesser advance in hay, moved up 12.5 per cent to 186.8. Eastern grains were lower in this group in April. A decrease of 1.1 per cent to 238.7 in Animal Products was due to easier quotations for livestock and butterfat, fluid milk and eggs in eastern markets, which outweighed advances in fowl, cheese milk and raw wool prices in eastern Canada and eggs in the west.

Residential Building Material Prices were slightly firmer in April as the composite moved up from 279.5 to 280.7. Quotations were higher for spruce lumber, window glass and a number of plumbing, heating and electrical items. The Non-Residential Building Materials Price Index changed from 121.7 (1949 = 100) in March to 122.0 in April, when increases in lumber, glass, building tile and a few plumbing, heating and electrical fixtures overbalanced declines in brass strip and floor tile. These latter items reflected the removal of the 10 per cent sales tax from certain building materials as announced in the budget.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES
(1935-1939 = 100)

Common stock prices were generally firmer in April as the Investors' Index for 99 issues moved up from a March average of 213.7 to 216.5 for the month under review. Two of the three major groups shared in the advance as the index for 78 Industrials changed from 218.0 to 222.0 and that for 14 Utilities from 185.2 to 185.6. Bank shares, on the other hand, were slightly easier, weakening from 236.5 to 233.0.

Sub-group indexes were higher for machinery and equipment, pulp and paper, milling, food and allied products, building materials, industrial mines and power and traction. Lower were oils, textiles and clothing, beverages, transportation and communication.

Mining stocks also shared in the upturn as the composite index advanced from 105.7 to 110.2. Both golds and base metals were higher, the index for the former increasing from 69.0 to 71.1 and for the latter from 189.6 to 199.8.

Preferred stocks moved down slightly as the composite index reached 175.4 from a level of 176.2 a month earlier.

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

Note: 1955 Wholesale Price Indexes are subject to revision.

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
			<u>April 1953</u>	<u>April 1954</u>	<u>March 1955</u>	<u>April 1955</u>	<u>April 1955</u>
	<u>April 1953</u>	<u>April 1954</u>					
<u>GENERAL INDEX</u>	219.5	218.0	217.4	218.5	- 0.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Vegetable Products	197.3	196.0	196.8	199.0	+ 0.9	+ 1.5	+ 1.1
Animal Products	234.4	241.5	226.1	225.0	- 4.0	- 6.8	- 0.5
Textile Products	240.0	233.3	227.4	226.3	- 5.7	- 3.0	- 0.5
Wood Products	289.9	285.7	292.5	293.8	+ 1.3	+ 2.8	+ 0.4
Iron Products	221.5	214.2	217.4	218.2	- 1.5	+ 1.9	+ 0.4
Non-ferrous Metals	170.7	167.6	179.0	183.8	+ 7.7	+ 9.7	+ 2.7
Non-metallic Minerals	175.3	178.3	174.5	175.2	- 0.1	- 1.7	+ 0.4
Chemical Products	176.2	176.0	176.9	177.2	+ 0.6	+ 0.7	+ 0.2
<u>FARM PRODUCTS</u>	221.7	209.0	203.7	212.7	- 4.1	+ 1.8	+ 4.4
Field	187.6	157.6	166.1	186.8	- 0.4	+ 18.5	+ 12.5
Animal	255.8	260.4	241.3	238.7	- 6.7	- 8.3	- 1.1

WHOLESALE PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED COMMODITIESBETWEEN MARCH AND APRIL 1955

	<u>INCREASES</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>
	<u>P.C.</u>	<u>P.C.</u>
Potatoes	84.8	21.1
Calf skins	25.0	19.4
Beef hides, packer, cow	12.0	12.0
Beef carcass, cow, Montreal	11.1	11.0
Window glass	10.1	8.6
Lemons, Toronto	10.0	7.9
Zinc sheet	8.7	7.7
Copper, electrolytic	7.6	7.7
Steel scrap	7.6	7.5
Copper wire	6.9	5.9
Lard, Winnipeg	6.2	4.5
Hay, Saskatoon	6.2	4.1
Lamb carcass, Vancouver	4.9	4.0
Fowl, Toronto	4.9	3.8
Eggs, Grade "A" large, Winnipeg	4.5	3.7

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

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	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	April 1953	April 1954	March 1955	April 1955	April 1953	April 1954	April 1955
<u>TOTAL INDEX</u>	114.6	115.6	116.0	116.1	+ 1.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Food	110.9	110.4	110.7	111.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.3
Shelter	122.7	125.6	128.6	128.7	+ 4.9	+ 2.5	+ 0.1
Clothing	109.7	109.9	108.0	107.9	- 1.6	- 1.8	- 0.1
Household Operation	116.9	118.1	117.0	116.9	-	- 1.0	- 0.1
Other Commodities and Services	115.0	117.2	118.3	118.2	+ 2.8	+ 0.9	- 0.1

RETAIL PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED ITEMS BETWEEN MARCH AND APRIL 1955

	<u>INCREASES</u>		<u>DECREASES</u>	
		p.c.		p.c.
Chicken		6.5	Margarine	6.2
Potatoes		5.1	Celery	6.1
Oranges		4.5	Fresh tomatoes	4.8
Eggs		4.4	Veal, loin chops, rib end	3.4
Apples		3.4	Smoked ham	2.4
Dentists' fees		2.3	Onions	2.3
Turnips		1.8	Lettuce	2.2
Tea		1.7	Street car and bus fares	2.1
Flour		1.4	Electric iron	2.0
Canned baked beans		1.2	Lamb, leg roast	1.9

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	April 1953	April 1954	March 1955	April 1955	April 1953	April 1954	April 1955
<u>Total Investors' Index</u>	160.8	173.6	213.7	216.5	+ 34.6	+ 24.7	+ 1.3
Total Industrials	160.6	174.7	218.0	222.0	+ 38.2	+ 27.1	+ 1.8
Machinery & Equipment	382.7	458.8	616.4	641.3	+ 67.6	+ 39.8	+ 4.0
Pulp & Paper	472.6	628.5	864.5	911.0	+ 92.8	+ 44.9	+ 5.4
Milling	130.4	133.9	162.1	172.7	+ 32.4	+ 29.0	+ 6.5
Oils	136.8	145.4	158.5	157.5	+ 15.1	+ 8.3	- 0.6
Textiles & Clothing	247.7	163.1	173.0	169.4	- 31.6	+ 3.9	- 2.1
Foods	118.2	124.6	159.9	169.8	+ 43.7	+ 36.3	+ 6.2
Beverages	384.4	453.6	511.8	507.8	+ 32.1	+ 11.9	- 0.8
Building Materials	282.2	298.6	404.6	408.6	+ 44.8	+ 36.8	+ 1.0
Industrial Mines	118.3	116.0	162.8	166.3	+ 40.6	+ 43.4	+ 2.1
Total Utilities	161.0	159.5	185.2	185.6	+ 15.3	+ 16.4	+ 0.2
Transportation	314.0	280.6	339.7	338.8	+ 7.9	+ 20.7	- 0.3
Telephone	99.3	107.8	119.8	118.1	+ 18.9	+ 9.6	- 1.4
Power and Traction	144.8	145.0	168.9	173.6	+ 19.9	+ 19.7	+ 2.8
Banks	163.0	195.4	236.5	233.0	+ 42.9	+ 19.2	- 1.5
<u>Mining Stocks</u>							
General Index	96.5	89.3	105.7	110.2	+ 14.2	+ 23.4	+ 4.3
Golds	69.2	64.8	69.0	71.1	+ 2.7	+ 9.7	+ 3.0
Base Metals	159.0	145.5	189.6	199.8	+ 25.7	+ 37.3	+ 5.4

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	178.1	263.8	220.9
1954	217.0	204.8	224.2	223.7	162.6	256.2	209.4
1953 July	221.0	207.2	229.3	231.7	187.7	265.3	226.5
Aug.	222.2	210.1	229.7	231.4	164.3	269.9	217.1
Sept.	221.2	207.1	229.8	228.8	161.0	263.7	212.4
Oct.	220.4	205.0	228.8	227.0	158.8	265.3	212.0
Nov.	218.7	203.3	228.0	225.8	158.7	258.0	208.4
Dec.	219.0	204.4	227.6	225.8	158.9	261.6	210.2
1954 Jan.	219.8	206.4	227.8	224.1	159.4	266.3	212.9
Feb.	219.1	205.1	227.3	223.6	160.0	264.7	212.3
Mar.	218.7	204.4	226.9	222.8	158.3	262.0	210.2
Apr.	218.0	205.8	225.1	223.9	157.6	260.4	209.0
May	217.9	207.3	224.3	224.3	158.2	268.0	213.1
June	217.6	206.6	224.3	224.0	158.9	267.3	213.1
July	217.4	207.4	223.5	224.4	173.6	262.1	217.8
Aug.	215.8	204.9	222.3	222.5	168.7	248.2	208.4
Sept.	215.3	202.9	222.6	222.7	163.8	245.5	204.6
Oct.	214.3	201.4	221.8	223.6	162.9	240.5	201.7
Nov.	214.9	202.3	222.3	224.4	165.2	243.1	204.2
Dec.	215.4	203.5	222.4	224.4	164.6	245.9	205.3
1955 Jan.	215.7	205.0	222.1	225.9	165.6	248.4	207.0
Feb.	217.4	207.6	223.2	229.0	167.6	245.8	206.7
Mar.	217.4	206.2	224.1	229.9	166.1	241.3	203.7
Apr.	218.5	210.4	223.5	233.1	186.8	238.7	212.7

(1) See Prices and Price Indexes, May 1953, Table 21 for Canadian Farm Products Indexes, August 1945 - July 1952.

Indexes subsequent to July 1953 are subject to revision. Please see note, Page 32.

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL

(1935-39 = 100)

- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS -

Date	General Whole- Sale Index	Total Vege- table Pro- ducts	Grains	Milled Cereal Foods	Live- stock and Poultry Feeds	Bakery Pro- ducts	Fruits, Fresh	Fruits, Dried	Fruits, Canned
1954 Average ...	217.0	196.8	187.2	159.0	203.0	188.0	173.9	172.5	156.1
1954 Jan.	219.8	201.3	197.0	198.8	200.2	188.0	151.3	170.3	151.8
Feb.	219.1	200.6	193.2	197.4	219.5	188.0	158.9	173.3	151.8
Mar.	218.7	199.7	189.3	195.4	211.9	188.0	173.3	173.3	154.0
Apr.	218.0	196.0	190.2	147.0	238.3	188.0	170.1	173.8	156.1
May	217.9	196.5	190.2	146.8	219.5	188.0	171.9	173.6	158.2
June	217.6	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	181.6	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.	214.9	195.3	186.2	148.7	188.0	188.0	166.5	175.7	157.5
Dec.	215.4	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
Mar.	217.4	196.8	190.6	148.2	215.3	188.0	153.9	177.3	158.7
Apr.	218.5	199.0	190.5	148.2	201.2	183.3	164.5	176.3	156.6

- 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	
1954 Average ...	272.2	173.8	149.9	470.9	183.3	164.7	178.0	180.2
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	150.7	491.0	118.5	136.8	166.0	181.0
June	268.8	172.5	150.5	497.4	132.4	138.5	166.1	181.0
July	270.7	174.2	148.7	506.6	295.3	144.8	163.2	181.0
Aug.	270.2	173.0	148.4	498.5	290.8	255.5	164.6	181.0
Sept.	264.0	173.5	148.4	461.0	230.6	182.8	164.6	181.0
Oct.	270.4	176.2	148.4	443.0	215.4	197.0	213.7	181.0
Nov.	256.5	177.8	148.9	450.0	225.6	219.4	213.7	181.0
Dec.	261.5	179.5	148.9	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
Mar.	272.5	194.8	148.9	408.5	234.9	195.4	216.6	177.9
Apr.	264.2	189.0	152.0	410.3	434.0	196.7	218.1	177.9

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

(1935-39 = 100)

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -

Date	Total Animal Products	Fishery Products	Raw Furs	Hides and Skins	Leather, Unmanufactured	Boots and Shoes	Live-stock	Steers
1954 Average ...	236.0	262.4	88.7	115.5	208.3	204.4	283.3	315.1
1954 Jan.	245.0	260.9	98.8	132.4	213.2	205.8	295.2	298.8
Feb.	244.2	267.1	89.4	128.3	213.2	205.8	292.6	287.4
Mar.	242.6	269.6	89.4	123.5	213.2	204.8	289.6	288.9
Apr.	241.5	274.4	86.2	119.4	206.9	204.8	292.5	297.9
May	243.9	249.9	91.3	124.5	209.0	204.3	305.0	316.9
June	245.0	249.7	91.3	120.4	209.0	203.6	303.6	317.5
July	240.0	252.9	90.5	122.3	209.0	203.6	293.0	333.5
Aug.	229.7	251.9	90.5	113.0	209.0	203.6	271.6	329.9
Sept.	228.9	265.4	84.2	97.8	207.6	203.6	266.7	332.6
Oct.	221.8	266.4	84.2	98.1	205.5	204.3	258.5	330.4
Nov.	224.4	270.4	84.2	105.0	202.2	204.0	262.1	322.3
Dec.	225.4	270.6	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
Mar.	226.1	285.4	113.3	106.8	193.8	204.0	259.1	315.0
Apr.	225.0	285.6	112.3	117.7	193.8	204.0	255.5	320.4

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Meats, Fresh	Beef and Veal Carcass	Meats, Cured	Fowl, Dressed	Milk and Its Products	Butter	Oils and Fats	Eggs
1954 Average ...	283.9	300.2	241.1	163.3	226.2	228.7	160.6	157.3
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	147.6	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
Mar.	273.8	312.7	184.5	183.7	229.3	237.6	141.0	149.6
Apr.	274.3	315.3	186.4	192.8	225.0	230.1	142.8	150.5

TABLE 5. ~ WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued

(1935-39 = 100)

- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS -

Date	Total Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	Raw Cotton	Cotton Yarns	Cotton Fabrics	Cotton Knit Goods	Miscellaneous Fibre Products	Silk and Nylon Thread	Rayon Fabrics
1954 Average ...	231.1	288.6	225.2	230.1	224.0	220.6	169.5	159.0
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	231.6	290.9	224.7	230.1	224.5	210.6	169.5	158.3
June	231.6	290.5	224.7	228.0	224.5	210.6	169.5	158.3
July	231.0	291.1	224.7	227.5	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
Mar.	227.4	293.0	230.6	232.8	219.3	209.0	169.5	154.2
Apr.	226.3	291.3	230.6	232.8	219.3	198.3	169.5	154.2

- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Rayon Yarns	Raw Wool, Domestic	Raw Wool, Imported	Yarns, Worsted	Hosiery and Knit Goods, Chiefly Wool	Wool Blankets	Worsted and Wool Cloth	Carpets
1954 Average ...	175.4	261.1	242.8	213.3	235.1	252.5	259.7	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
Mar.	171.9	254.5	227.0	206.4	230.9	252.5	241.4	225.3
Apr.	171.9	257.5	213.2	206.4	230.9	252.5	241.3	225.3

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

(1935-39 = 100)

- WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER -

Date	Total Wood Pro- ducts	Lumber and Timber	Spruce	Hard- woods	Hem- lock	Fir	Cedar	Wood- pulp	News- print	Wrap- ping Paper, No. 1 Kraft
1954 Average ...	286.8	419.0	382.0	313.4	370.3	510.6	401.9	201.3	283.9	227.6
1954 Jan.	284.4	409.2	384.4	329.8	375.5	493.4	362.9	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	377.3	203.6	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
Mar.	292.5	437.3	390.8	310.1	369.8	534.0	455.7	204.7	286.3	227.6
Apr.	293.8	437.7	394.6	310.1	369.8	531.7	457.4	210.3	287.7	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
1954 Average ...	213.4	256.6	206.0	232.0	217.9	236.7	211.7	219.7
1954 Jan.	216.3	266.4	207.3	238.3	218.4	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	211.8	254.7	204.6	228.7	218.4	233.2	200.9	219.0
June	211.9	254.7	204.6	228.7	218.4	233.2	200.9	219.7
July	211.9	254.7	204.6	228.7	218.3	233.2	200.9	219.7
Aug.	211.7	254.7	204.6	228.7	216.7	233.2	200.9	219.7
Sept.	212.3	254.7	206.1	228.7	216.7	233.2	200.9	220.5
Oct.	212.4	254.7	206.1	228.7	217.4	233.2	200.9	220.5
Nov.	213.8	254.7	206.3	229.6	217.4	233.2	228.1	220.5
Dec.	213.8	254.7	206.3	229.6	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
Mar.	217.4	254.7	206.3	229.6	225.0	240.9	273.2	220.5
Apr.	218.2	254.7	206.3	229.6	225.2	240.9	290.2	220.5

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

(1935-39 = 100)

- NON-FERROUS METALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -

Date	Total Non-Ferrous Metals	Anti-mony	Copper and Its Products	Lead and Its Products	Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Products	Solder	Combined Index Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals (2)	
	(1)	(2)								
1954 Average ...	167.5	224.1	180.5	277.0	278.7	214.3	174.3	260.6	196.0	217.9
1954 Jan.	165.6	220.9	184.2	276.4	266.3	214.2	163.9	241.0	176.8	218.2
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	217.0
June	168.3	225.0	191.1	278.7	278.7	216.0	178.5	266.1	200.6	217.4
July	167.8	224.6	175.6	277.9	276.6	214.5	181.5	267.0	200.6	217.2
Aug.	167.3	224.1	175.6	276.7	277.8	213.7	175.4	267.0	200.6	216.9
Sept.	168.1	225.5	175.6	276.6	289.0	213.4	175.1	275.1	200.6	217.8
Oct.	168.5	226.2	175.6	276.6	297.0	213.4	174.1	276.1	200.6	218.2
Nov.	168.4	226.2	175.6	276.5	297.2	213.4	172.1	276.1	200.6	219.0
Dec.	170.6	230.2	175.6	276.2	297.2	213.2	170.6	277.3	200.6	220.6
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
Mar.	179.0	244.0	175.6	309.6	297.2	221.7	175.7	277.3	187.9	228.5
Apr.	183.8	252.5	175.6	331.2	297.2	221.7	173.6	287.7	187.9	232.5

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -

	Total Non-Metallic Products	Clay and Allied Material Products	Pottery	Coal	Coal Tar	Coke	Manufactured Gas	Window Glass
1954 Average ...	177.0	230.4	150.2	172.9	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
1954 Jan.	179.2	221.5	146.8	178.3	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
Feb.	179.3	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.	175.8	231.6	153.7	171.1	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
Nov.	175.8	231.6	153.7	171.5	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8
Dec.	176.0	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
Mar.	174.5	231.6	153.7	172.0	213.7	227.3	-	233.8
Apr.	175.2	233.1	153.7	174.2	213.7	227.3	-	257.0

(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)

Date	- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Continued						
	Plate Glass	Petroleum Products	Gasoline	Coal Oil	Asphalt	Asphalt Shingles	Sulphur
1954 Average ...	189.3	167.5	138.9	134.0	184.1	150.4	198.6
1954 Jan.	189.3	169.7	142.5	134.2	184.1	150.4	198.5
Feb.	189.3	169.3	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	165.2	134.7	133.5	184.1	150.4	198.2
Nov.	189.3	165.0	134.7	133.5	184.1	150.4	197.9
Dec.	189.3	165.0	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
Mar.	189.3	165.0	134.7	133.5	184.1	138.1	200.5
Apr.	189.3	165.0	134.7	133.5	184.1	138.1	201.5

	- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded						
	Plaster	Lime	Cement	Sand and Gravel	Crushed Stone	Build- ing Stone	Asbestos and Its Products
1954 Average ...	127.1	194.6	158.1	142.0	163.9	200.7	267.1
1954 Jan.	126.7	191.3	158.5	146.7	188.6	200.7	267.1
Feb.	126.7	191.9	158.5	146.7	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
Mar.	127.9	205.5	153.9	144.8	155.7	200.7	267.1
Apr.	127.9	205.2	153.9	144.8	155.7	200.7	267.1

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

- CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS -

Date	Total Chemical Products	Inorganic Chemicals	Organic Chemicals	Coal Tar Products	Dyeing Materials	Tanning Materials
1954 Average	176.4	141.1	179.3	191.6	182.2	288.8
1954 Jan.	175.4	140.3	182.7	191.6	182.2	288.8
Feb.	175.4	140.1	182.8	191.6	182.2	288.8
Mar.	176.0	140.1	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
Apr.	176.0	140.1	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
May	176.3	141.2	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
June	176.6	141.2	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
July	176.6	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.	177.0	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
Mar.	176.9	142.2	178.6	191.6	182.2	289.7
Apr.	177.2	142.4	178.6	191.6	183.8	289.7

- CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Ex- plosives	Paint, Prepared	Fertil- izer Materials	Indus- trial Gases	Soap
1954 Average	137.4	189.1	165.6	126.0	205.6
1954 Jan.	137.4	189.1	167.3	123.8	200.3
Feb.	137.4	189.1	166.7	124.9	200.3
Mar.	137.4	189.1	166.7	126.2	206.6
Apr.	137.4	189.1	165.8	125.4	206.6
May	137.4	189.1	165.8	127.9	206.6
June	137.4	189.1	165.8	127.6	206.6
July	137.4	189.1	165.8	125.7	206.6
Aug.	137.4	189.1	165.8	128.0	206.6
Sept.	137.4	189.1	163.9	127.4	206.6
Oct.	137.4	189.1	163.9	126.0	206.6
Nov.	137.4	189.1	165.0	124.1	206.6
Dec.	137.4	189.1	165.0	125.2	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
Mar.	137.4	189.1	163.0	124.1	206.6
Apr.	137.4	189.1	163.0	125.7	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 Mat- erials
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
1954	121.7	277.5	151.3	207.4	400.5	128.8	233.4	208.9	202.8	207.7	226.6
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<u>1954</u>											
Jan.	121.5	277.1	152.5	207.4	400.2	127.7	222.9	206.5	203.5	207.3	227.5
Feb.	121.2	276.4	152.5	207.4	398.3	127.7	226.2	206.5	203.5	205.8	227.2
Mar.	121.0	275.9	152.5	207.4	397.3	129.2	226.2	206.5	203.3	203.3	227.2
Apr.	121.1	276.1	151.7	207.4	397.3	129.2	226.1	205.2	203.8	208.8	227.2
May	121.0	275.9	151.1	207.4	397.4	129.2	226.1	206.9	202.2	208.8	227.2
June	121.6	277.3	151.1	207.4	400.4	129.2	229.3	208.2	202.1	209.4	227.8
July	122.0	278.2	151.1	207.4	402.4	129.2	235.8	209.5	200.9	209.4	227.8
Aug.	122.0	278.1	151.1	207.4	402.5	129.2	235.8	210.8	200.9	208.0	224.7
Sept.	122.2	278.7	151.1	207.4	402.5	129.2	242.2	210.8	203.0	208.0	225.5
Oct.	122.2	278.7	151.1	207.4	402.5	129.2	242.2	211.2	203.0	208.0	225.5
Nov.	122.2	278.6	151.1	207.4	401.9	129.2	242.2	211.7	203.6	208.0	225.5
Dec.	122.3	278.9	149.1	207.4	403.3	126.9	245.4	212.5	203.6	208.0	225.5
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<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
Mar.	122.6	279.5	149.6	210.0	403.5	124.5	239.0	215.3	205.1	216.8	227.4
Apr.	123.1	280.7	149.6	210.0	404.4	124.5	239.0	222.0	206.8	224.6	227.4

* 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
1954	121.8	120.9	127.0	120.6	124.5	115.2	117.6
1954 Jan.	123.3	121.8	126.5	117.1	124.4	116.1	120.7
Feb.	122.8	121.8	126.5	120.7	123.8	115.8	118.0
Mar.	122.7	121.8	126.6	120.7	123.7	115.8	117.6
Apr.	122.3	120.7	126.6	120.6	123.6	115.2	117.6
May	121.1	120.6	126.6	121.1	123.6	114.9	117.6
June	121.2	120.6	126.6	121.1	124.2	115.0	117.7
July	121.2	120.6	127.3	121.1	125.2	114.2	117.7
Aug.	121.1	120.6	127.3	121.1	125.2	114.2	116.8
Sept.	121.3	120.6	127.5	121.1	124.8	115.0	116.8
Oct.	121.3	120.6	127.5	121.1	124.8	115.0	116.8
Nov.	121.5	120.8	127.5	121.1	124.9	115.7	116.8
Dec.	121.4	120.1	127.5	121.0	125.3	115.7	116.8
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
Mar.	121.7	120.2	127.5	121.0	125.3	116.5	119.0
Apr.	122.0	120.2	127.5	120.1	125.5	117.0	120.2
	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	
1954	128.2	125.4	109.7	132.8	128.2	100.9	
1954 Jan.	133.1	125.7	109.6	132.8	128.1	104.4	
Feb.	132.3	125.7	109.2	132.6	128.1	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	126.0	125.7	109.8	132.4	128.1	100.2	
June	126.0	125.7	109.8	132.7	128.2	100.2	
July	126.1	125.7	109.8	132.7	128.2	100.2	
Aug.	126.1	124.8	109.8	132.7	128.2	100.2	
Sept.	126.2	124.8	110.0	133.1	128.3	100.2	
Oct.	126.2	125.2	110.4	133.1	128.3	100.2	
Nov.	126.2	125.2	110.4	133.1	128.3	100.2	
Dec.	126.2	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	
Mar.	126.3	129.5	107.7	124.5	128.5	100.2	
Apr.	126.4	129.6	107.7	124.5	134.1	96.4	

TABLE 8. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity 1/	Unit	Yearly Average 1954	Apr. 1954	Mar. 1955	Apr. 1955
		\$	\$	\$	\$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern, Domestic ..	bu.	1.760	1.824	1.758	1.760
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern, I.W.A.	bu.	1.760	1.824	1.758	1.760
OATS, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	.803	.732	.896	.918
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed	bu.	1.012	.876	1.091	1.071
RYE, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	1.065	.889	1.034	.999
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto	bbl.	11.575	11.700	11.600	11.600
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal .	cwt.	7.110	7.078	7.078	7.172
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal	gal.	1.144	1.200	1.300	1.300
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's	lb.	.900	.965	.680	.698
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John	75-lb.bag	1.608	.800	2.200	3.888
STEERS, Toronto	cwt.	19.528	18.510	19.360	19.710
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included)	cwt.	31.015	34.360	24.120	23.610
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers	lb.	.139	.132	.135	.139
LEATHER, Packer Bends, No. 1 and 2	lb.	.720	.720	.620	.620
LEATHER, Box Sides D, f.o.b.					
Ontario factory	sq.ft.	.367	.370	.350	.350
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade, Montreal ...	lb.	.599	.605	.625	.600
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.521	.469	.506	.502
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 15/16", New York	lb.	.342	.346	.338	.338
COTTON YARN, 10's white	lb.	.645	.645	.670	.670
RAYON YARN, 36 filament, 150 denier ...	lb.	.803	.810	.780	.780
WOOL, Raw, Eastern bright, 1/4 blood ..	lb.	.513	.500	.510	.520
WOOL, Raw, Australian, 64's	lb.	1.691	1.760	1.550	1.430
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Mill, in Canadian					
funds (Southern Quebec)	ton	108.684	109.457	109.631	110.155
PINE, No. 1 and 2 common, 1"x8", 8/16".	M.bd.ft.	165.000	165.000	165.000	165.000
SPRUCE, Merchantable, 1"x6/7"	M.bd.ft.	81.917	80.750	82.750	84.750
PIG IRON, Malleable	gr.ton	56.875	56.500	56.500	56.500
SCRAP IRON, No. 1	gr.ton	43.083	43.000	43.000	43.000
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic sales ..	cwt.	29.198	29.469	32.875	35.375
LEAD, Pig, Electrolytic, domestic sales	cwt.	13.353	13.167	14.250	14.250
TIN INCOTS, 99.8%	lb.	.929	.965	.937	.925
ZINC, Grade "A", Electrolytic,					
domestic sales	cwt.	12.053	11.600	12.850	13.300
COAL, United States Anthracite	ton	19.124	18.830	19.240	19.240
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto	gal.	.226	.231	.221	.221
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Winnipeg	gal.	.225	.229	.219	.219
CEMENT, Portland, Toronto	bbl.	3.462	3.470	3.370	3.370
CEMENT, Portland, Calgary	bbl.	3.232	3.240	3.140	3.140
SHINGLES, Asphalt	210-lb.sq.	8.450	8.450	7.760	7.760
SODA ASH, 58% light	cwt.	2.410	2.410	2.410	2.410
SULPHURIC ACID, 66° Baume	ton	26.350	26.350	26.350	26.350

TABLE 9. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

(1949 = 100)

	Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	House-hold Opera-tion	Other Com-mod-i-ties & 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
1954	116.2	112.2	126.5	109.4	117.4	117.4
<u>1952</u> 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
March 1	116.0	110.7	128.6	108.0	117.0	118.3
April 1	116.1	111.0	128.7	107.9	116.9	118.2

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

(1949 = 100)

	1952	1953	1954	Apr. 1953	Apr. 1954	Feb. 1955	Mar. 1955	Apr. 1955
<u>Total Index</u>	116.5	115.5	116.2	114.6	115.6	116.3	116.0	116.1
<u>Food</u>	116.8	112.6	112.2	110.9	110.4	111.5	110.7	111.0
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	113.3	112.4	111.8	113.1	112.7	112.9	112.9	112.9
Cereal Products	117.4	119.3	122.4	117.0	122.5	122.2	122.1	121.7
Meats, Fish and Poultry	115.5	108.2	105.8	106.1	106.5	102.5	99.5	99.3
<u>Shelter</u>	120.2	123.6	126.5	122.7	125.6	128.5	128.6	128.7
Rent	120.9	125.4	129.8	124.2	128.6	132.3	132.4	132.5
Home-Ownership	119.3	121.2	122.2	120.6	121.7	123.5	123.5	123.6
<u>Clothing</u>	111.8	110.1	109.4	109.7	109.9	108.1	108.0	107.9
Men's Wear	115.2	113.5	113.8	113.3	113.9	113.4	113.3	113.0
Women's Wear	104.8	102.5	100.9	101.9	102.0	98.4	98.3	98.4
Children's Wear	111.5	108.6	107.5	108.7	107.6	106.4	106.4	106.4
Footwear	127.2	127.7	127.6	127.9	127.6	127.2	127.0	127.0
Piece Goods	107.4	106.2	108.7	104.5	108.7	108.7	108.7	108.4
<u>Household Operation</u>	116.2	117.0	117.4	116.9	118.1	117.1	117.0	116.9
Fuel	114.4	116.0	114.9	116.4	116.7	114.4	114.0	114.0
Electricity	110.8	114.6	115.9	115.5	116.0	116.2	116.2	116.2
Home Furnishings	117.6	116.7	115.6	116.7	116.4	114.6	114.6	114.3
Furniture	115.6	117.2	117.6	117.1	118.3	116.7	116.5	116.5
Utensils and Equipment	118.9	121.2	122.1	120.0	121.8	122.6	123.1	123.0
Supplies and Services	116.8	118.7	121.8	117.9	122.0	122.6	122.7	122.6
Supplies	112.4	113.5	115.8	112.9	115.8	116.2	116.1	116.0
Services	119.7	122.2	126.0	121.4	126.3	127.0	127.2	127.2
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	116.0	115.8	117.4	115.0	117.2	118.3	118.3	118.2
Transportation	117.4	119.2	120.0	118.8	119.8	120.5	120.2	119.5
Automobile Operation	114.9	114.5	114.7	113.8	115.1	114.1	113.4	113.5
Recreation	115.7	116.7	119.5	115.0	118.3	121.1	121.5	121.4
Health Care	118.8	122.0	127.4	121.5	127.9	129.7	129.7	130.3
Drugs	107.9	108.7	109.5	108.7	109.3	110.7	110.7	110.9
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	113.3	108.0	107.3	107.1	107.2	107.3	107.3	107.3
Personal Care	115.5	115.9	117.9	115.6	117.8	118.6	118.6	118.6
Personal Supplies	112.7	111.5	113.6	111.7	113.7	114.3	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	Marg- arine
<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
Mar. 1	101.7	109.8	100.9	91.6	104.2	87.2	102.6	111.5
Apr. 1	101.1	110.1	99.2	90.1	104.2	92.8	102.5	104.6

	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
Mar. 1	91.1	84.7	102.1	101.4	119.5	130.6	116.3	159.9
Apr. 1	90.5	88.4	102.6	105.9	119.5	137.2	110.8	158.5

	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
Mar. 1	118.5	113.0	126.8	106.2	100.8	110.8	131.9	173.8
Apr. 1	118.5	113.0	125.8	107.6	100.8	110.8	134.1	171.5

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		
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>	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
	March 1	102.9	114.5	117.6	116.7	116.8	118.2	115.2	113.7	114.2	117.9
	April 1	103.5	114.6	117.6	116.7	116.9	118.4	115.3	113.9	114.2	117.2

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

(1949=100)

			St. John's Nfld. ¹	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver
Food Index												
<u>1952</u>	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	110.7	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
	March	1	101.5	106.6	112.3	114.2	110.2	108.8	109.7	109.2	108.5	110.0
	April	1	102.1	106.5	112.2	114.0	110.7	109.6	110.1	109.6	108.4	109.4
Shelter Index												
<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
	March	1	108.0	123.3	125.0	134.5	132.2	145.6	126.0	115.7	121.1	126.1
	April	1	108.0	123.5	125.1	134.6	132.3	145.8	126.0	116.0	121.1	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>												
1954	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
1955	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
	March	1	101.3	114.7	116.2	107.1	111.2	110.2	112.7	114.9	112.6	112.5
	April	1	101.2	114.6	116.2	107.2	111.1	109.9	112.6	114.9	112.6	112.5
<u>Household Operation Index</u>												
1954	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
1955	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
	March	1	100.5	118.9	116.3	116.0	116.6	115.4	113.5	117.9	115.7	125.6
	April	1	100.5	118.9	116.3	115.9	116.5	115.0	113.5	117.9	115.8	125.8
<u>Other Commodities and Services Index</u>												
1954	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
1955	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
	March	1	104.9	118.5	124.0	116.8	119.7	119.3	117.9	113.1	118.2	122.6
	April	1	106.3	118.8	124.0	116.9	119.8	119.4	118.0	113.2	118.3	120.6

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		
			Actual Weekly Wages	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	The Consumer Price Index
				(1949 = 100)	(1949 = 100)
	\$	\$		(1949 = 100)	
1945 - Average	30.74	40.99	73.7	98.3	75.0
1946 - Average	29.87	38.54	71.6	92.4	77.5
1947 - Average	34.13	40.25	81.8	96.5	84.8
1948 - Average	38.53	39.72	92.4	95.2	97.0
1949 - Average	41.71	41.71	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950 - Average	43.82	42.59	105.1	102.1	102.9
1951 - Average	48.82	42.94	117.0	102.9	113.7
1952 - Average	53.62	46.03	128.6	110.4	116.5
1953 - Average	56.09	48.56	134.5	116.4	115.5
1954 - Average	57.16	49.19	137.0	117.9	116.2
 <u>1953</u>	 Jan. 1	51.32	44.36	123.0	115.7
	Feb. 1	56.23	48.68	134.8	115.5
	Mar. 1	56.58	49.29	135.7	118.2
	Apr. 1	56.79	49.55	136.2	118.8
	May 1	56.64	49.51	135.8	118.7
	June 1	56.67	49.32	135.9	118.2
	July 1	56.25	48.74	134.9	116.9
	Aug. 1	55.76	48.19	133.7	115.5
	Sept. 1	55.64	47.88	133.4	114.8
	Oct. 1	56.69	48.58	135.9	116.5
	Nov. 1	56.88	48.95	136.4	117.4
	Dec. 1	57.02	49.24	136.7	118.1
 <u>1954</u>	 Jan. 1	54.05	46.72	129.6	115.7
	Feb. 1	57.14	49.39	137.0	118.4
	Mar. 1	57.79	50.03	138.6	119.9
	Apr. 1	57.67	49.89	138.3	119.6
	May 1	57.57	49.84	138.0	119.5
	June 1	56.60	48.75	135.7	116.9
	July 1	57.35	49.35	137.5	118.3
	Aug. 1	57.35	49.02	137.5	117.5
	Sept. 1	57.06	48.85	136.8	117.1
	Oct. 1	57.70	49.40	138.3	118.4
	Nov. 1	58.03	49.68	139.1	119.1
	Dec. 1	58.17	49.89	139.5	119.6
 <u>1955</u>	 Jan. 1	56.12	48.21	134.5	116.4
	Feb. 1	58.51	50.31	140.3	116.3
	Mar. 1	59.12(P)	50.97(P)	141.7(P)	116.0

(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 (99)	Total Indus- trial (78)	Machin- ery and Equip- ment (11)	Pulp and Paper (9)	Mill- ing (2)	Oils (5)	Tex- tiles and Cloth- ing (10)	Food and Allied Pro- ducts (14)	Bever- ages (10)	Build- ing Mate- rials (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	69.4	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
Mar. ...	213.7	218.0	616.4	864.5	162.1	158.5	173.0	159.9	511.8	404.6
Apr. ...	216.5	222.0	641.3	911.0	172.7	157.5	169.4	169.8	507.8	408.6
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
April 7	215.1	220.3	619.9	889.7	158.9	159.1	166.9	170.0	512.5	401.0
April 14	216.5	221.9	637.6	897.3	168.6	158.7	168.9	171.6	505.7	403.8
April 21	216.9	222.4	654.3	911.4	178.5	156.9	169.5	169.9	505.4	408.9
April 28	217.5	223.4	653.5	945.8	184.9	155.4	172.5	167.5	507.6	420.6

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

(1935-39=100)

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS' INDEX					MINING INDEX (1)			
	Indus- trial Mines	Total Utili- ties	Trans- porta- tion	Tele- phone	Power and Traction	Banks	Mining Total	Golds	Base Metals
	(2)	(14)	(2)	(3)	(9)	(7)	(27)	(22)	(5)
1939	98.9	86.1	56.0	109.3	88.9	102.5	104.5	95.6	121.7
1940	77.1	80.9	62.5	101.0	80.6	95.6	81.2	73.7	95.6
1941	69.5	70.7	61.4	96.4	65.8	90.5	72.4	65.1	87.0
1942	66.5	70.4	65.7	89.2	66.1	81.2	52.3	40.8	75.1
1943	74.8	101.3	112.8	97.2	99.1	80.5	70.1	61.4	86.8
1944	69.2	100.8	125.2	100.1	93.3	82.0	81.3	74.1	94.2
1945	86.9	120.2	178.2	108.8	105.5	95.7	95.2	91.0	101.1
1946	98.0	132.5	203.5	125.2	114.0	130.0	97.8	87.6	116.1
1947	90.0	117.3	147.9	117.1	109.1	130.8	86.7	76.0	106.1
1948	100.5	120.2	180.6	108.3	104.7	129.3	82.0	65.0	115.8
1949	92.1	117.4	161.6	105.9	109.2	134.4	87.4	71.7	117.9
1950	98.3	132.5	208.8	103.5	123.7	147.4	89.9	67.4	134.9
1951	126.0	162.3	325.6	101.4	142.5	144.6	99.2	69.8	166.4
1952	139.7	168.3	378.6	94.6	139.8	148.4	103.6	73.9	171.5
1953	118.1	157.2	297.5	99.2	142.4	168.9	92.1	66.2	151.3
1954	123.2	165.0	291.6	111.0	150.2	208.0	91.3	64.8	151.9
1953 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
1954 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
1955 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
Mar.	162.8	185.2	339.7	119.8	168.9	236.5	105.7	69.0	189.6
Apr.	166.3	185.6	338.8	118.1	173.6	233.0	110.2	71.1	199.8
Weekly Index									
April 7	165.6	184.7	336.3	117.8	172.7	233.2	109.3	69.7	199.8
April 14	167.1	185.7	338.3	117.5	175.2	233.6	108.9	70.4	197.2
April 21	165.8	186.5	338.7	118.6	175.8	232.0	112.1	72.5	202.8
April 28	166.7	185.4	341.9	118.6	170.8	233.1	110.6	71.8	199.4

(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	176.2
April	144.2	140.9	154.4	165.2	157.2	161.6	168.0	175.4
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	278.1
March	116.4	118.0	138.8	170.3	185.3	198.0	204.9	277.5
April	124.6	118.5	141.8	172.3	183.7	190.0	212.7	286.2
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	95.9
April	96.5	94.4	90.7	104.9	115.3	118.9	100.2	95.2
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	118.8	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	Equipment and Materials	Taxes and Interest Rates	Farm Wage Rates	Farm Family Living	Composite Index Inclusive of Living Component
	(a)		(a)			(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
1953	239.8	207.4	168.2	449.1	203.6	225.3
1954	237.2	203.3	174.6	441.2	204.5	224.2
1951 - January ...	218.4	201.0	151.8	365.9	184.1	204.7
1952 - January ...	238.6	218.1	161.4	410.3	215.8	229.5
1953 - January ...	233.1	207.7	168.2	408.0	202.6	220.9
1954 - January ...	232.4 (r)	204.0	174.6 (r)	409.5	204.8	221.4 (r)
April	239.3 (r)	204.1	174.6 (r)	450.8	204.2	225.3 (r)
August	240.0 (r)	201.9	174.6 (r)	463.2	204.5	225.8 (r)
1955 - January ...	231.7	205.8	174.6	399.4	203.9	220.6
EASTERN CANADA						
1926	129.5	122.8	128.4	151.1	120.2	125.8
1939	98.7	94.8	99.2	110.6	99.5	99.0
1953	242.3	207.5	158.7	431.5	201.4	225.9
1954	238.8	202.4	164.5	424.1	202.0	224.1
1951 - January ...	225.1	200.5	142.0	382.0	181.7	207.7
1952 - January ...	247.9	219.1	152.4	430.0	213.9	234.3
1953 - January ...	239.6	208.9	158.7	413.4	200.5	224.0
1954 - January ...	238.1 (r)	202.9	164.5 (r)	419.2	202.5	223.9 (r)
April	238.5 (r)	203.5	164.5 (r)	419.2	201.5	223.7 (r)
August	239.8 (r)	200.9	164.5 (r)	433.8	202.1	224.7 (r)
1955 - January ...	238.3	205.4	164.5	412.1	201.8	223.7
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
1953	237.3	207.3	176.3	474.1	205.8	224.7
1954	235.7	204.2	183.2	465.5	207.0	224.2
1951 - January ...	211.8	201.4	160.2	342.9	186.4	201.6
1952 - January ...	229.4	217.3	169.0	382.4	217.8	224.7
1953 - January ...	226.6	206.6	176.3	400.4	204.8	217.9
1954 - January ...	226.6 (r)	205.1	183.2 (r)	395.8	207.2	218.8 (r)
April	240.2 (r)	204.7	183.2 (r)	495.7	206.9	226.9 (r)
August	240.2 (r)	202.8	183.2 (r)	505.1	206.9	226.9 (r)
1955 - January	225.2	206.1	183.2	381.3	206.0	217.5

(a) 1955 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	1953	1954	1954	1955	
		Average	Average	April Average	March Average	April Average
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	.9834	.9732	.9825	.9843	.9862
United Kingdom	pound	2.7666	2.7339	2.7693	2.7481	2.7586
Argentina	peso (free)	.07079	.07006	.07072	.07085	.07099
Australia	pound	2.2133	2.1874	2.2154	2.1985	2.2069
Belgium (1)	franc	.01969	.01945	.01953	.01956	.01963
Brazil	cruzeiro (free)	-	.01456	-	.01213	.01237
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.5764	.5696	.5769	.5725	.5747
Ceylon	rupee	.2075	.2051	.2077	.2061	.2069
Chile	peso	.00890	.00843	.00893	.00492	.00493
Colombia	peso (basic)	.3921	.3894	.3930	.3937	.3945
Cuba	peso	.9834	.9733	.9825	.9843	.9862
Denmark	krone	.1424	.1409	.1422	.1425	.1428
Egypt	pound	2.8239	2.7949	2.8212	2.8263	2.8319
France and North Africa	franc	.00281	.00278	.00281	.00281	.00282
Germany	deutsche mark	.2342	.2317	.2339	.2342	.2344
Hong Kong	dollar	.1729	.1709	.1731	.1718	.1724
India	rupee	.2075	.2051	.2077	.2061	.2069
Ireland	pound	2.7666	2.7339	2.7693	2.7481	2.7586
Italy	lira	.00158	.00156	.00158	.00158	.00158
Jamaica	pound	2.7666	2.7339	2.7693	2.7481	2.7586
Japan	yen	.00273	.00270	.00273	.00273	.00274
Lebanon	pound (free)	.2872	.3031	.3042	.3037	.3053
Mexico	peso	.1137	.08810	.0978	.07874	.07890
Netherlands	guilder	.2588	.2568	.2595	.2589	.2596
New Zealand	pound	2.7666	2.7339	2.7693	2.7481	2.7586
Norway	krone	.1377	.1363	.1376	.1378	.1381
Pakistan	rupee	.2972	.2942	.2970	.2975	.2981
Peru	sol-certificate	.05908	.05011	.05086	.05180	.05191
Philippines	peso	.4917	.4866	.4912	.4921	.4931
Portugal	escudo	.03431	.03397	.03429	.03435	.03442
Singapore	dollar	.3228	.3190	.3231	.3206	.3218
Sweden	krona	.1901	.1881	.1899	.1903	.1906
Switzerland	franc	.2293	.2270	.2291	.2297	.2301
Turkey	lira	.3512	.3476	.3509	.3515	.3522
Union of South Africa	pound	2.7666	2.7339	2.7693	2.7481	2.7586
Venezuela	bolivar	.2936	.2905	.2933	.2938	.2944
Yugoslavia	dinar	.00328	.00324	.00327	.00328	.00329

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

(1) Includes Belgian Empire and Luxemburg.

TABLE 20. - INDEX NUMBERS OF CONSUMER AND WHOLESALE PRICES

IN CANADA AND OTHER SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

Country	Base Period	1939	1954	1954			1955		
				Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
<u>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1952-1953		102.5(c)		103.2			103.8	
Canada	1949	63.2	116.2	116.8	116.6	116.4	116.3	116.0	116.1
Denmark	1935	109	220			226			229
France (Paris)	1949		143.3	144.2	144.9	145.3	145.0		
India (Bombay)	1933-1934	106	363(f)	361	358	352	345		
Italy (Rome)	1938	105(b)	5,065(f)	5,248	5,289	5,274	5,258		
Malaya	January (1949(a))		126	124	124	124			
Mexico	1939	100.0	473.1	487.1	499.1	503.8	506.3	522.8	
Netherlands	1949		126	127	127	129			
New Zealand	1st. qtr. 1949	74.8	139.5		139.9			141.8	
Norway	1949	63.8	142	143	144	143	142		
South Africa	1938	99.9	195.9	199.4	199.6	199.8	200.3	201.8	
Sweden	1949		129	129	129	129	129	130	
Switzerland	August, 1939		171.0	173.0	172.9	172.4	171.8	171.6	
United Kingdom	Jan. 15, 1952		107.7	109.2	109.8	110.2	110.2	110.2	
United States	1947-49	59.4	114.8	114.6	114.3	114.3	114.3	114.3	
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1936-1939	101.1	321(c)	315					
Canada	1935-1939	99.3	217.0	214.9(e) 215.4(e)	215.7	217.4	217.4	218.5	
Denmark	1935	118	341	345	346	348	346	350	
France	1949		135.9	134.7	135.2	135.5	135.0(e)	135.2	134.8
India	Sept. '38-Aug. '39		397.5(d)	376.1	367.8	363.9			
Italy	1938		5,293	5,320	5,350	5,353(e)	5,323		
Mexico	1939	100.0	433.6	461.4	469.7	477.1	481.8	487.6	
Netherlands	1948		136	136	136				
New Zealand	1926 - 1930	107.1	254.6(f)	254.6					
Norway	1938	102	280	280	281	280	278	277	
South Africa	1938	97.6	263.1	264.4	264.4	264.7	267.2		
Sweden	1935	115	297	298	299	300	302		
Switzerland	August, 1939		214.4	215.7	216.5	216.1	214.8	214.5	
United Kingdom	1930	102.8	329.9	330.8	335.5(e)	337.0(e)	337.9		
United States	1947-49	50.1	110.3	110.0	109.5	110.1(e)	110.4	110.0	

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)

This report, which covers 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. Initial payments on barley and oats for the 1954-55 crop year were increased 10 cents per bushel for barley and 7 cents for oats, as announced March 14th and March 18th, respectively.

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

The Consumer Price Index was constructed to replace the Cost-of-Living Index and was first published October 23, 1952.

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 was 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 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 was 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 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.

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. The regional indexes with the exception of the one for

* 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).

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.

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.

In using the city indexes, it should be remembered that they are not indicators of comparative levels of prices as between the cities. That is, they do not in any way indicate whether prices are higher or lower in one city than in another. This fact may be illustrated by reference to temperature changes occurring in two cities. Suppose that in city A the temperature increases by 20 per cent from Time 1 to Time 2, and that in city B it increases 30 per cent during the same interval. In this instance an index of temperature change for city A would be 120 at Time 2 when Time 1 = 100, and the corresponding index for city B would be 130. From these indexes, it is obviously impossible to say whether or not it is warmer or colder in city A or city B. While the indexes form valid measurements of temperature change, they do not in any way indicate the comparative levels of temperature.

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.

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