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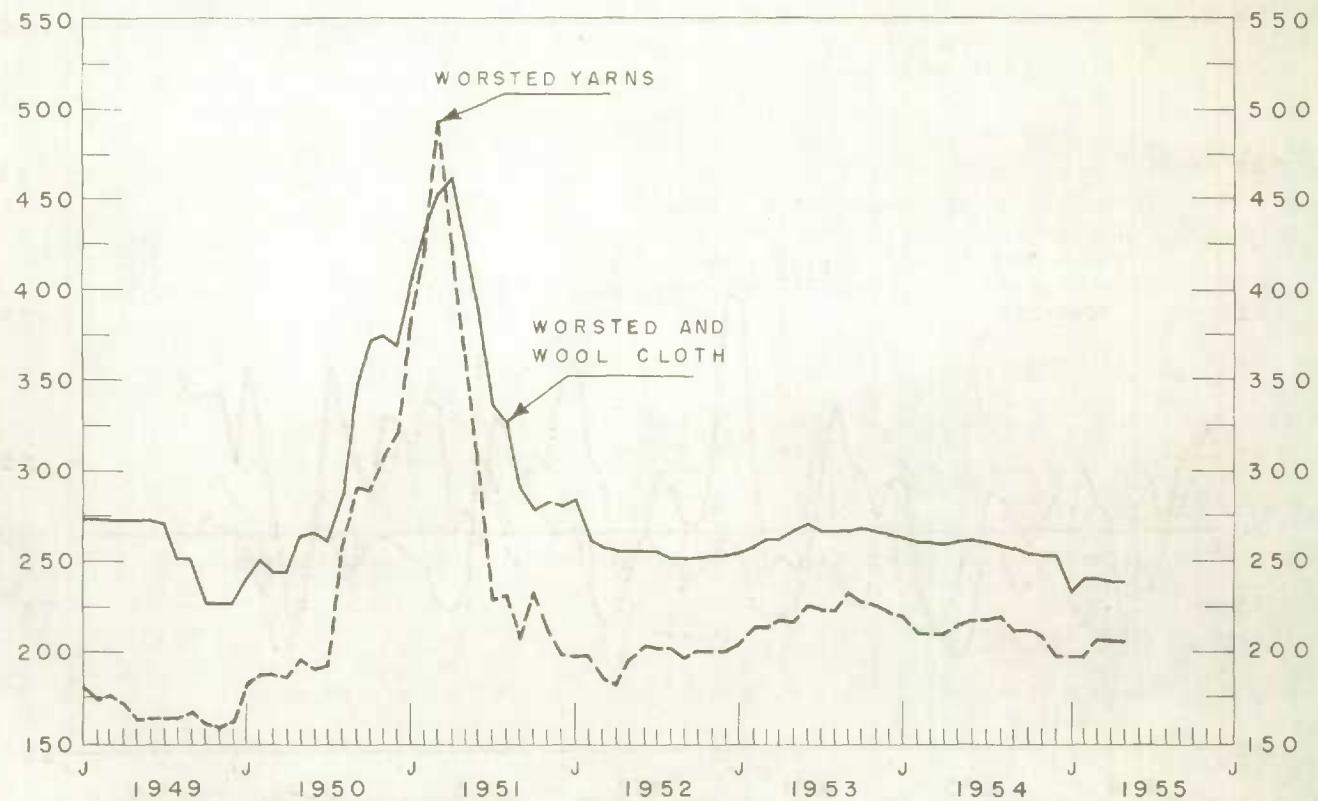
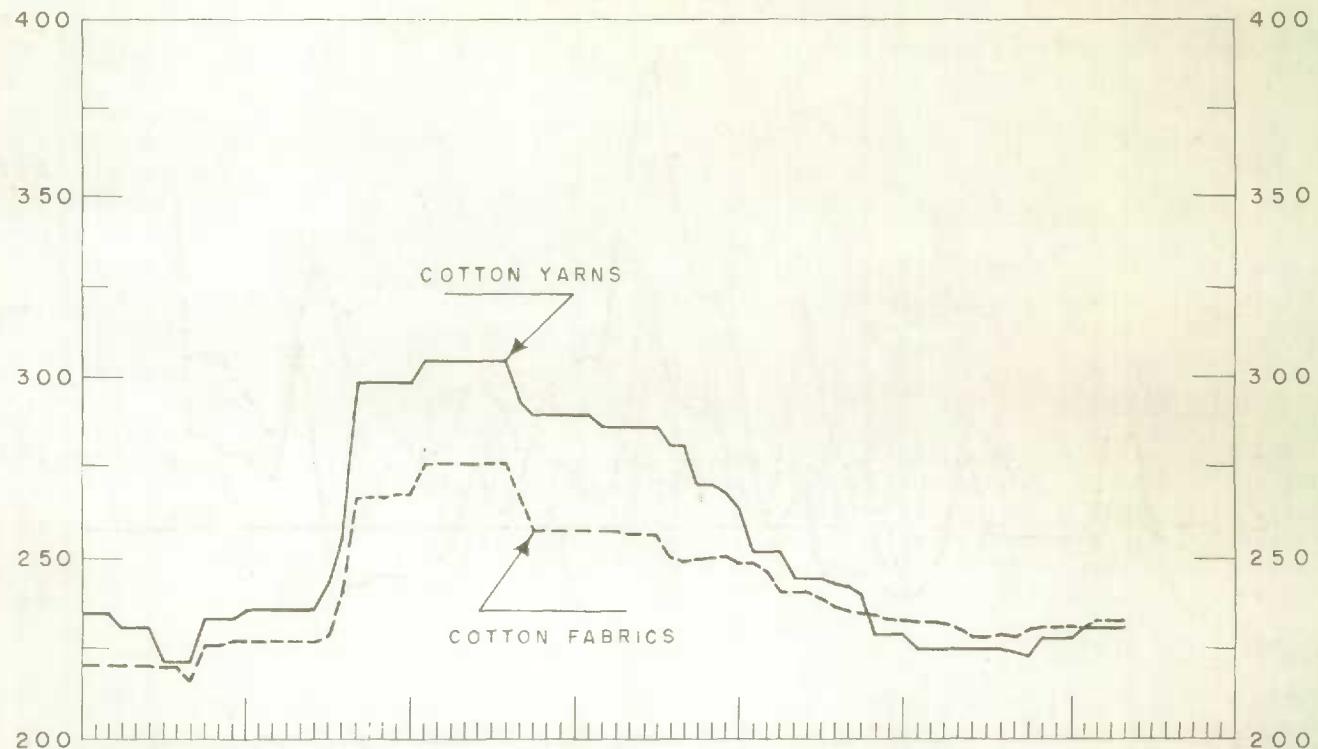
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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES
SELECTED COMMODITY SUBGROUPS

JANUARY 1949 — MAY 1955

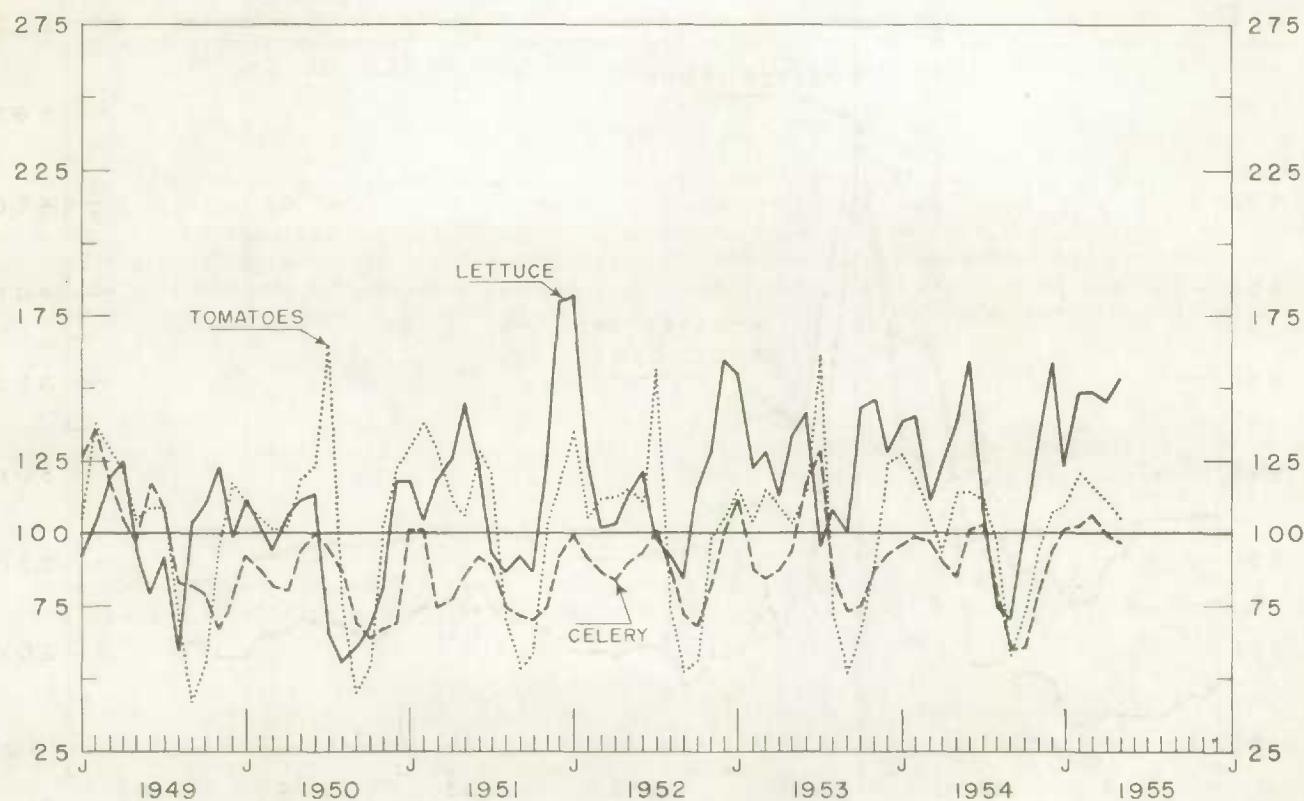
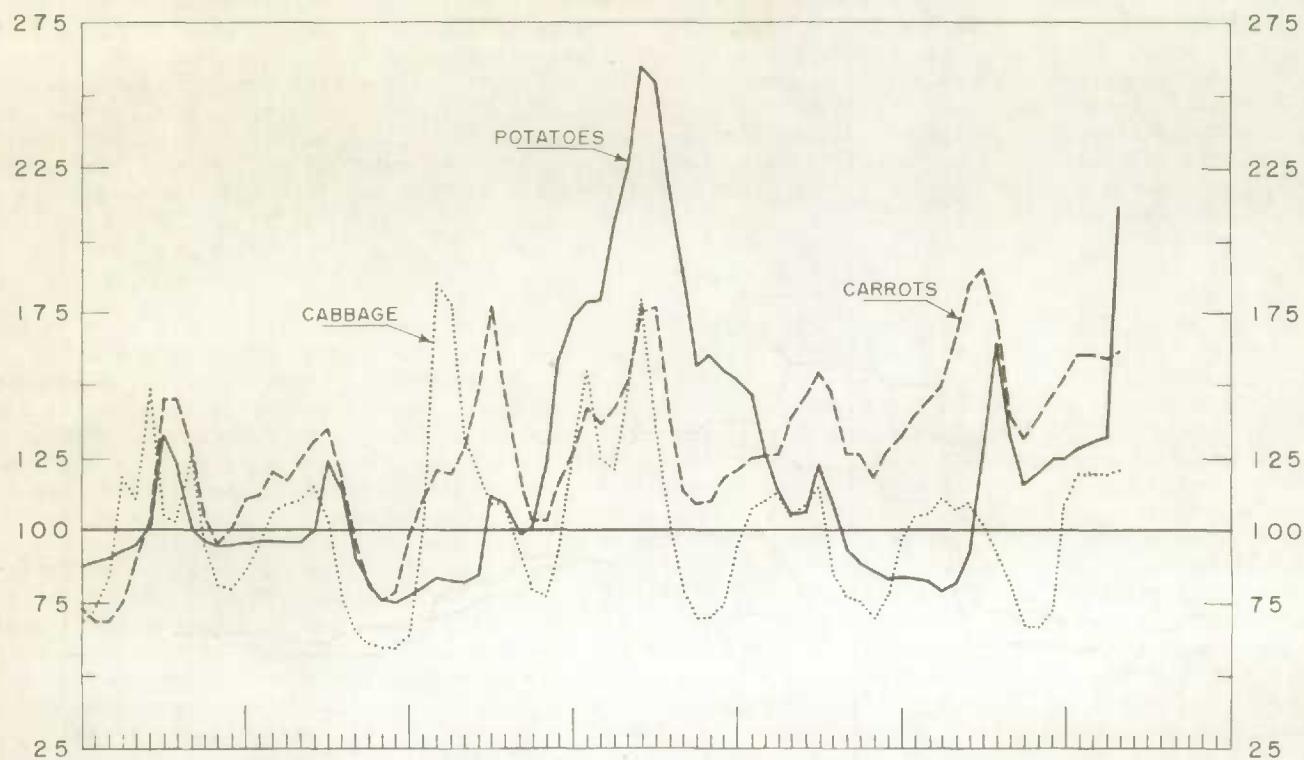
(1935 — 1939 = 100)



CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES
PRICE RELATIVES OF SELECTED VEGETABLES

MONTHLY JANUARY 1949—MAY 1955

1949=100



THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index moved from 116.1 to 116.4 between April 1st and May 2nd. The advance was due almost entirely to an exceptionally sharp increase in the price of potatoes from 47.8 cents to 73.8 cents per ten pounds. This increase also accounted for the advance in the food index from 111.0 to 112.3. Other foods were relatively stable; somewhat higher prices were registered for fresh fruits and most cuts of beef, while butter, margarine and all items of pork were fractionally lower. The clothing index remained unchanged at 107.9 as the few fractional decreases registered were not sufficient to move the total clothing series. A seasonal decrease in the price of coal and a slight drop in insurance rates on household effects decreased the household operation series from 116.9 to 116.4. The index of other commodities and services remained practically unchanged moving from 118.2 to 118.3 as higher quotations for theatre admissions and men's hair cuts outweighed decreases in automobile tires and insurance, and toilet soap. The shelter component moved from 128.7 to 128.8 as both the rent and home-ownership components moved up slightly.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES
(1935-1939 = 100)

The General Wholesale Price Index receded 0.3 per cent to 217.8 for May from 218.5 for April. Six of the eight component groups declined while two advanced. Lower prices for imported anthracite coal, domestic bituminous slack, coke, sand, gravel, building stone and sulphur moved the index for non-metallic minerals down 1.1 per cent to 173.3. Vegetable products dropped 1.0 per cent to 197.1 when decreases for tea, coffee beans, cocoa beans, potatoes, unmanufactured tobacco, refined sugar, vegetable oils and fresh fruits overbalanced increases in livestock and poultry feeds, grains, canned fruits, milled cereal foods and miscellaneous vegetable products. Decreases in steel sheets moved iron and its products down 0.4 per cent to 217.3, while chemicals and allied products also dropped 0.4 per cent to 176.5, when decreases in toilet soap and paint materials proved more important than increases in tartaric acid, copper sulphate and industrial gases. In animal products declines in fishery products, milk and its products, cured meats, unmanufactured leather, hides and skins, eggs and lard outweighed increases in livestock, fresh meats, raw furs, fowl and boots and shoes to move the index down 0.1 per cent to 224.8. In the wood, wood products and paper group decreases in export prices for newsprint, woodpulp, cedar shingles and fir flooring slightly overbalanced increases in fir timber, fir dimension, spruce lumber and cedar shiplap to place the index at 293.6 for a loss of 0.1 per cent. An increase of 0.2 per cent to 184.2 in non-ferrous metals reflected increases in copper and its products, silver and zinc. There was a slight decrease in the price of gold. Fibres, textiles and textile products advanced 0.1 per cent to 226.6, as increases in raw cotton and domestic raw wool overbalanced decreases in rayon yarns, miscellaneous fibre products and imported raw wool.

Canadian farm product prices at terminal markets advanced to 213.3 from 212.7 for a gain of 0.3 per cent. Animal products moved up 2.0 per cent to 243.4 reflecting higher prices for livestock, poultry, western eggs and raw wool. Decreases were recorded in western butterfat, eastern eggs, eastern cheese milk and western fluid milk. Field products declined 1.9 per cent to 183.2, when decreases in eastern potatoes and raw leaf tobacco outweighed increases in western potatoes, flax, rye and hay.

Residential building material prices changed from 280.7 to 280.8, as increases in fir timber, spruce lumber and copper pipe slightly overbalanced decreases in metal weather stripping, shellac, stone facing, sand and gravel.

Non-residential building material prices (1949=100), on the other hand, declined 0.2 per cent to 121.8 from 122.0, as decreases in building stone, electrical conduit, steel sheets, sand and gravel more than offset increases in spruce lumber, copper pipe and brass valves.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES
(1935-1939 = 100)

Common stock prices moved generally upward in May as the Investors' Index for 99 issues averaged 222.1 as against 216.5 in April. Among the major groups the index for 78 industrials changed from 222.0 to 227.8, that for 14 utilities from 185.6 to 191.7, and 7 bank shares from 233.0 to 234.4.

With the exception of slight weakness in oils and power and traction, all sub-group indexes were higher in the month under review. Greatest increases occurred in beverages, pulp and paper and transportation. Mining stocks were also higher in May, with an advance in the composite index to 114.2 from a level of 110.2 in April. The index for 22 golds rose from 71.1 to 72.8, while the base metal series showed a greater increase, changing from 199.8 to 209.0.

The composite index of preferred stocks moved to 176.1 from 175.4 where it was within a decimal point of the March peak of 176.2.

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>May 1953</u>	<u>May 1954</u>	<u>April 1955</u>	<u>May 1955</u>	<u>May 1953</u>	<u>May 1954</u>	<u>May 1955</u>
GENERAL INDEX	220.0	217.9	218.5	217.8	- 1.0	- 0.05	- 0.3
Vegetable Products	197.4	196.5	199.0	197.1	- 0.2	+ 0.3	- 1.0
Animal Products	239.3	243.9	225.0	224.8	- 6.1	- 7.8	- 0.1
Textile Products	239.6	231.6	226.3	226.6	- 5.4	- 2.2	+ 0.1
Wood Products	290.3	286.2	293.8	293.6	+ 1.1	+ 2.6	- 0.1
Iron Products	221.2	211.8	218.2	217.3	- 1.8	+ 2.6	- 0.4
Non-ferrous Metals	168.1	168.0	183.8	184.2	+ 9.6	+ 9.6	+ 0.2
Non-metallic Minerals	174.8	176.7	175.2	173.3	- 0.9	- 1.9	- 1.1
Chemical Products	176.2	176.3	177.2	176.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.1	- 0.4
FARM PRODUCTS	224.2	214.8 ^R	212.7	213.3	- 4.9	- 0.7	+ 0.3
Field	185.2	161.6 ^R	186.8	183.2	- 1.1	+ 13.4	- 1.9
Animal	263.2	268.0	238.7	243.4	- 7.5	- 9.2	+ 2.0

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WHOLESALE PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED COMMODITIESBETWEEN APRIL AND MAY 1955

	<u>INCREASES</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>
	p.c.	p.c.
Potatoes, Vancouver	19.4	23.9
Hogs, Bl, dressed, Montreal	8.8	13.8
Tartaric acid	8.3	12.8
Lamb carcass, Vancouver	8.2	11.7
Lambs, Toronto	7.8	10.1
Beef carcass, steer, Vancouver	7.8	9.1
Copper sulphate	7.0	8.8
Calves, Winnipeg	6.8	7.4
Brass valves	5.7	7.4
Flax, No. 1 C.W.	5.5	7.3
Raw wool, western domestic	4.3	6.9
Oats, No. 1 Feed	4.2	6.9
Animal feed, shorts	3.8	6.7
Pork carcass, Winnipeg	3.7	6.5
Fir timber, 3"x4" to 4"x4", 8/20'	3.3	6.2
Potatoes, Charlottetown		
Toilet soap		
Milk, fresh, Saskatoon		
Coal, U.S. anthracite, Toronto		
Beef hides, packer, steer		
Raw tobacco, cigar leaf		
Lemons, Toronto		
Cocoa beans, Lagos		
Eggs, Grade "A" large, Halifax		
Building stone		
Coffee beans, Santos		
Lard, Vancouver		
Gravel, Winnipeg		
Tea, black, India and Ceylon		
Rayon yarn, 40 filament		

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	<u>May 1953</u>	<u>May 1954</u>	<u>April 1955</u>	<u>May 1955</u>	<u>May 1955</u>	<u>May 1955</u>	<u>May 1955</u>
<u>TOTAL INDEX</u>	114.4	115.5	116.1	116.4	+ 1.7	+ 0.8	+ 0.3
Food	110.1	110.2	111.0	112.3	+ 2.0	+ 1.9	+ 1.2
Shelter	122.9	125.8	128.7	128.8	+ 4.8	+ 2.4	+ 0.1
Clothing	110.1	109.9	107.9	107.9	- 2.0	- 1.8	-
Household Operation	116.6	117.3	116.9	116.4	- 0.2	- 0.8	- 0.4
Other Commodities and Services	115.1	117.5	118.2	118.3	+ 2.8	+ 0.7	+ 0.1

RETAIL PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED ITEMS BETWEEN APRIL AND MAY 1955

	<u>INCREASES</u>	<u>p.c.</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>	<u>p.c.</u>
Potatoes	54.4		Automobile tires	7.7
Apples	7.8		Toilet soap	6.1
Onions	7.1		Fresh tomatoes	5.4
Turnips	7.0		Automobile insurance	5.4
Grapefruit	6.1		Veal, shoulder roast	4.8
Lettuce	5.4		Butter	3.5
Theatre admission	3.5		Coal	3.4
Oranges	3.5		Celery	3.0
Chicken	1.8		Margarine	2.6
Carrots	1.7		Evaporated milk	2.0

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	<u>May 1953</u>	<u>May 1954</u>	<u>April 1955</u>	<u>May 1955</u>	<u>May 1955</u>	<u>May 1955</u>	<u>April 1955</u>
<u>Total Investors' Index</u>	159.8	179.5	216.5	222.1	+ 39.0	+ 23.7	+ 2.6
Total Industrials	159.1	181.0	222.0	227.8	+ 43.2	+ 25.9	+ 2.6
Machinery & Equipment	381.6	474.2	641.3	658.4	+ 72.5	+ 38.8	+ 2.7
Pulp & Paper	471.0	679.8	911.0	991.4	+110.5	+ 45.8	+ 8.8
Milling	128.3	137.6	172.7	180.1	+ 40.4	+ 30.9	+ 4.3
Oils	134.6	147.6	157.5	154.0	+ 14.4	+ 4.3	- 2.2
Textiles & Clothing	235.1	153.2	169.4	170.0	- 27.7	+ 11.0	+ 0.4
Foods	118.2	133.0	169.8	171.0	+ 44.7	+ 28.6	+ 0.7
Beverages	395.9	476.4	507.8	556.7	+ 40.6	+ 16.9	+ 9.6
Building Materials	275.1	322.8	408.6	423.7	+ 54.0	+ 31.3	+ 3.7
Industrial Mines	116.4	118.9	166.3	170.8	+ 46.7	+ 43.7	+ 2.7
Total Utilities	160.4	162.4	185.6	191.7	+ 19.5	+ 18.0	+ 3.3
Transportation	307.7	274.6	338.8	362.5	+ 17.8	+ 32.0	+ 7.0
Telephone	101.1	110.1	118.1	122.1	+ 20.8	+ 10.9	+ 3.4
Power and Traction	143.4	152.6	173.6	173.4	+ 20.9	+ 13.6	- 0.1
Banks	166.3	204.0	233.0	234.4	+ 41.0	+ 14.9	+ 0.6
<u>Mining Stocks</u>							
General Index	93.8	89.4	110.2	114.2	+ 21.7	+ 27.7	+ 3.6
Golds	68.9	64.4	71.1	72.8	+ 5.7	+ 13.0	+ 2.4
Base Metals	150.9	146.5	199.8	209.0	+ 38.5	+ 42.7	+ 4.6

TABLE 4. - PRINCIPAL WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	General Whole- sale Price Index	Raw and Partly Manu- factured	Fully and Chiefly Manu- factured	Indus- trial Mate- rials	Canadian Farm Products (1)		
					Field	Animal	Total
1913	83.4	85.1	86.2	-	-	-	-
1920	203.2	194.7	208.2	-	-	-	-
1926	130.3	129.1	133.0	144.3	158.5	130.2	144.4
1929	124.6	126.1	123.7	132.8	137.2	144.4	140.8
1933	87.4	79.3	93.3	78.3	69.3	69.2	69.3
1938	102.0	99.4	103.5	95.8	100.9	104.8	102.9
1939	99.2	94.9	101.9	99.0	83.7	101.5	92.6
1940	108.0	103.1	109.9	113.3	85.4	106.7	96.1
1941	116.4	114.4	118.8	125.2	88.9	124.4	106.6
1942	123.0	123.0	123.7	135.1	109.7	144.6	127.1
1943	127.9	131.1	126.9	140.0	129.0	161.8	145.4
1944	130.6	134.4	129.1	143.1	144.5	166.1	155.3
1945	132.1	136.2	129.8	143.2	162.5	170.2	166.4
1946	138.9	140.1	138.0	148.6	177.9	181.2	179.5
1947	163.3	164.3	162.4	187.0	184.1	200.2	192.2
1948	193.4	196.3	192.4	222.7	200.6	263.7	232.1
1949	198.3	197.1	199.2	218.0	191.9	265.4	228.7
1950	211.2	212.8	211.0	244.6	191.9	281.4	236.7
1951	240.2	237.9	242.4	296.1	200.4	336.9	268.6
1952	226.0	218.7	230.7	252.6	223.0	277.5	250.2
1953	220.7	207.0	228.8	232.3	179.4	263.8	221.6
1954	217.0	204.8	224.2	223.7	164.6	256.2	210.4
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	167.6	269.9	218.7
Sept.	221.2	207.1	229.8	228.8	164.3	263.7	214.0
Oct.	220.4	205.0	228.8	227.0	162.1	265.3	213.7
Nov.	218.7	203.3	228.0	225.8	162.1	258.0	210.0
Dec.	219.0	204.4	227.6	225.8	162.2	261.6	211.9
1954 Jan.	219.8	206.4	227.8	224.1	162.9	266.3	214.6
Feb.	219.1	205.1	227.3	223.6	163.3	264.7	214.0
Mar.	218.7	204.4	226.9	222.8	161.7	262.0	211.9
Apr.	218.0	205.8	225.1	223.9	161.0	260.4	210.7
May	217.9	207.3	224.3	224.3	161.6	268.0	214.8
June	217.6	206.6	224.3	224.0	162.3	267.3	214.8
July	217.4	207.4	223.5	224.4	177.0	262.1	219.6
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
May	217.8	209.5	223.1	233.2	183.2	243.4	213.3

(1) See Prices and Price Indexes, May 1953, Table 21 for Canadian Farm Products Indexes, August 1945-July 1952. Indexes for the crop year August 1953-July 1954 are revised in this issue to include final payments for western wheat as announced May 19, 1955. Indexes subsequent to July 1954 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 Vegetable Products	Grains	Milled Cereal Foods	Live-stock and Poultry Feeds	Bakery Products	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
May	217.8	197.1	190.9	148.3	206.8	183.3	163.6	176.3	159.5

- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Vege-table Oils and Pro-ducts	Rubber and Its Pro-ducts	Sugar and Its Pro-ducts	Tea, Coffee and Cocoa	Pota-toes	Onions	Canned Vege-tables	Raw Leaf To-bacco
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
May	261.9	189.0	150.3	387.2	401.9	196.7	218.1	176.6

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

(1935-39 = 100)

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -

Date	Total Animal Products	Fishery Products	Raw Furs	Hides and Skins	Leather, Unmanufactured	Boots and Shoes	Live-stock	Steers
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
May	224.8	258.6	116.0	111.1	190.6	204.8	264.2	323.3

- 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
May	282.8	326.4	182.4	195.8	221.6	223.0	140.0	149.1

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
May	226.6	299.8	230.6	232.8	219.3	195.3	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
May	166.5	259.7	210.9	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 Products	Lumber and Timber	Spruce	Hard-woods	Hem-lock	Fir	Cedar	Wood-pulp	News-print	Wrapping 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	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
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
May	293.6	438.1	396.3	310.1	369.8	531.1	458.7	209.6	287.2	227.6

- IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS -

	Total Iron Products	Pig Iron	Rolling Mill Products	Pipe and Tubing	Hardware	Wire	Scrap Iron and Steel	Tin Plate and Galvanized 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
May	217.3	254.7	204.8	229.6	225.2	240.9	290.2	218.0

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

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Date	- NON-FERROUS METALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -									Combined Index Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals (2)
	Total Non-Ferrous Metals (1)	Anti-mony (2)	Copper and Its Products Lead and Its Products Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Products Solder					
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
May	184.2	253.3	175.6	332.2	297.2	226.4	173.6	288.7	187.9	232.3

- 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
May	173.3	233.1	153.7	167.6	213.7	223.1	-	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

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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
May	189.3	165.0	134.7	133.5	184.1	138.1	201.1

	- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded						
	Plaster	Lime	Cement	Sand and Gravel	Crushed Stone	Building 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
May	127.9	205.2	153.9	143.4	155.7	196.1	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
May	176.5	142.6	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
May	137.4	189.1	163.0	126.6	198.7

TABLE 6. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

(1935-39 = 100)

- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -

Date	Total Index *	Total Index (1949=100)	Cement, Sand and Gravel	Brick, Tile and Stone	Lumber and Its Pro- ducts	Lath, Plaster and Insu- lation	Roof- ing Mat- erial	Paint and Glass	Plumb- ing Equip- ment	Elec- trical Equip- ment 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	104.8	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
May	123.2	280.8	149.3	209.3	405.1	124.5	239.0	220.7	206.8	224.6	225.0

* 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
May	121.8	120.1	126.7	120.0	125.7	117.0	119.6
		Steel and Metal Work	Hard-ware	Lath, Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Materials	Paint and Glass	Miscellaneous Materials
1950	107.3	103.8		98.7	104.7	100.5	97.7
1951	122.0	120.3		107.1	128.9	113.0	106.0
1952	131.3	125.9		109.7	134.5	115.6	106.4
1953	134.7	129.3		110.0	133.6	125.3	103.8
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
May	126.1	129.6		107.7	123.3	134.1	96.4

TABLE 8. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity 1/	Unit	Yearly Average 1954	May 1954	Apr. 1955	May 1955
		\$	\$	\$	\$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern, Domestic ..	bu.	1.760	1.828	1.760	1.760
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern, I.W.A.	bu.	1.760	1.828	1.760	1.760
OATS, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	.803	.709	.918	.929
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed	bu.	1.012	.901	1.071	1.071
RYE, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	1.065	.881	.999	1.020
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto	bbl.	11.575	11.700	11.600	11.600
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal .	cwt.	7.110	7.078	7.172	6.982
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	.972	.698	.650
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John	75-lb. bag	1.608	.919	3.888	3.969
STEERS, Toronto	cwt.	19.528	19.310	19.710	19.760
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included)	cwt.	31.015	36.250	23.610	25.220
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers	lb.	.139	.145	.139	.125
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	.330
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade, Montreal ...	lb.	.599	.572	.600	.579
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.521	.462	.502	.489
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 15/16", New York	lb.	.342	.348	.338	.343
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	.550	.520	.520
WOOL, Raw, Australian, 64's	lb.	1.691	1.830	1.430	1.390
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Mill, in Canadian funds (Southern Quebec)	ton	108.684	109.980	110.155	109.945
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	84.750	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	29.530	35.375	35.375
LEAD, Pig, Electrolytic, domestic sales	cwt.	13.353	13.250	14.250	14.250
TIN INGOTS, 99.8%	lb.	.929	.945	.925	.925
ZINC, Grade "A", Electrolytic, domestic sales	cwt.	12.053	11.650	13.300	13.350
COAL, United States Anthracite	ton	19.124	18.690	19.240	17.440
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

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

TABLE 9. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

(1949 = 100)

	Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities & Services
1939	63.2	50.2	84.6	54.9	66.5	77.2
1940	65.7	52.6	86.6	59.9	70.3	77.9
1941	69.6	57.9	89.2	63.6	73.8	80.0
1942	72.9	63.4	90.7	65.8	76.0	82.0
1943	74.2	65.2	90.9	66.1	76.1	84.8
1944	74.6	65.5	91.2	66.6	75.7	86.1
1945	75.0	66.3	91.4	66.9	74.9	86.4
1946	77.5	70.0	91.8	69.2	77.2	88.7
1947	84.8	79.5	95.1	78.9	86.2	91.6
1948	97.0	97.5	98.3	95.6	96.8	96.5
1949	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950	102.9	102.6	106.2	99.7	102.4	103.1
1951	113.7	117.0	114.4	109.8	113.1	111.5
1952	116.5	116.8	120.2	111.8	116.2	116.0
1953	115.5	112.6	123.6	110.1	117.0	115.8
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	115.8
	October 1	116.0	115.1	121.5	109.9	116.4
	November 1	116.1	115.7	121.4	109.8	116.6
	December 1	115.8	114.1	122.2	109.7	116.6
<u>1953</u>	January 2	115.7	113.5	122.3	109.7	116.5
	February 2	115.5	112.7	122.5	109.6	116.6
	March 2	114.8	111.6	122.5	109.7	116.7
	April 1	114.6	110.9	122.7	109.7	116.9
	May 1	114.4	110.1	122.9	110.1	116.6
	June 1	114.9	111.4	123.6	110.1	115.1
	July 2	115.4	112.7	123.9	110.3	115.2
	August 1	115.7	112.8	124.1	110.4	115.8
	September 1	116.2	114.0	124.2	110.4	115.9
	October 1	116.7	115.5	124.5	110.3	116.0
	November 2	116.2	113.4	125.0	110.3	116.3
	December 1	115.8	112.1	125.2	110.2	116.3
<u>1954</u>	January 2	115.7	111.6	125.4	110.1	116.4
	February 1	115.7	111.7	125.4	110.0	116.5
	March 1	115.5	110.7	125.6	109.8	116.6
	April 1	115.6	110.4	125.6	109.9	117.2
	May 1	115.5	110.2	125.8	109.9	117.3
	June 1	116.1	112.0	126.4	109.7	117.1
	July 2	116.2	112.1	126.6	109.6	117.2
	August 2	117.0	114.4	127.0	109.6	117.2
	September 1	116.8	113.8	127.2	109.5	117.2
	October 1	116.8	113.8	127.4	108.4	117.3
	November 1	116.8	113.4	127.9	108.2	118.2
	December 1	116.6	112.6	128.2	108.1	118.2
<u>1955</u>	January 3	116.4	112.1	128.4	108.1	118.2
	February 1	116.3	111.5	128.5	108.1	118.3
	March 1	116.0	110.7	128.6	108.0	118.3
	April 1	116.1	111.0	128.7	107.9	118.2
	May 2	116.4	112.3	128.8	107.9	118.3

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

(1949 = 100)

	1952	1953	1954	May 1953	May 1954	Mar. 1955	Apr. 1955	May 1955
<u>Total Index</u>	116.5	115.5	116.2	114.4	115.5	116.0	116.1	116.4
<u>Food</u>	116.8	112.6	112.2	110.1	110.2	110.7	111.0	112.3
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	113.3	112.4	111.8	111.8	111.5	112.9	112.9	111.7
Cereal Products	117.4	119.3	122.4	117.6	122.5	122.1	121.7	121.6
Meats, Fish and Poultry	115.5	108.2	105.8	105.0	105.7	99.5	99.3	97.9
<u>Shelter</u>	120.2	123.6	126.5	122.9	125.8	128.6	128.7	128.8
Rent	120.9	125.4	129.8	124.3	128.9	132.4	132.5	132.7
Home-Ownership	119.3	121.2	122.2	121.0	121.8	123.5	123.6	123.7
<u>Clothing</u>	111.8	110.1	109.4	110.1	109.9	108.0	107.9	107.9
Men's Wear	115.2	113.5	113.8	113.3	113.9	113.3	113.0	112.9
Women's Wear	104.8	102.5	100.9	103.0	101.9	98.3	98.4	98.3
Children's Wear	111.5	108.6	107.5	108.6	107.5	106.4	106.4	106.3
Footwear	127.2	127.7	127.6	127.7	127.6	127.0	127.0	127.0
Piece Goods	107.4	106.2	108.7	104.4	108.7	108.7	108.4	108.4
<u>Household Operation</u>	116.2	117.0	117.4	116.6	117.3	117.0	116.9	116.4
Fuel	114.4	116.0	114.9	114.7	114.0	114.0	114.0	111.5
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	116.6	115.6	114.6	114.3	114.3
Furniture	115.6	117.2	117.6	117.3	117.5	116.5	116.5	116.4
Utensils and Equipment	118.9	121.2	122.1	120.5	122.1	123.1	123.0	122.7
Supplies and Services	116.8	118.7	121.8	118.2	122.1	122.7	122.6	122.7
Supplies	112.4	113.5	115.8	113.2	115.7	116.1	116.0	116.1
Services	119.7	122.2	126.0	121.6	126.5	127.2	127.2	127.2
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	116.0	115.8	117.4	115.1	117.5	118.3	118.2	118.3
Transportation	117.4	119.2	120.0	118.8	119.7	120.2	119.5	119.0
Automobile Operation	114.9	114.5	114.7	113.8	114.9	113.4	113.5	112.5
Recreation	115.7	116.7	119.5	115.5	119.9	121.5	121.4	123.2
Health Care	118.8	122.0	127.4	121.5	127.9	129.7	130.3	130.3
Drugs	107.9	108.7	109.5	108.7	109.3	110.7	110.9	110.9
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	113.3	108.0	107.3	107.1	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.5
Personal Care	115.5	115.9	117.9	116.1	118.0	118.6	118.6	117.7
Personal Supplies	112.7	111.5	113.6	111.7	113.7	114.3	114.3	112.6

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	Margarine
<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
May 2	101.5	110.5	98.5	89.2	104.6	94.5	98.9	101.9
	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
May 2	92.0	88.1	102.6	109.6	119.5	211.9	104.8	161.2
	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
May 2	118.5	112.7	125.8	106.2	100.8	111.3	134.7	171.0

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- atoon 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	
1952	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
1953	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
1954	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
1955	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
	May	2	105.0	115.4	118.1	117.0	117.3	118.9	115.6	114.4	114.2	117.2

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

(1949=100)

		St. John's Nfld.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver
<u>Food Index</u>											
<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
	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
	May 2	106.1	108.8	113.7	114.8	111.2	111.1	110.9	109.5	108.5	109.5
<u>Shelter Index</u>											
<u>1954</u>	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
	May 2	108.6	123.6	125.1	134.8	132.7	145.9	126.0	117.4	121.1	126.6

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>1954</u>	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
	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
	May 2	101.1	114.6	116.2	107.1	111.1	109.9	112.6	114.9	112.5	112.2
<u>Household Operation Index</u>											
<u>1954</u>	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
	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
	May 2	100.5	118.9	116.4	115.2	117.2	114.7	113.5	117.8	115.7	125.8
<u>Other Commodities and Services Index</u>											
<u>1954</u>	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
	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
	May 2	106.5	119.3	124.1	117.3	120.1	119.4	118.1	114.8	118.1	120.4

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		
			Actual Weekly Wages	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	The Consumer Price Index
			(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	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
<u>1954</u> - 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
<u>1955</u> - Jan. 1	56.12	48.21	134.5	115.6	116.4
Feb. 1	58.51	50.31	140.3	120.6	116.3
Mar. 1	59.12(P)	50.97(P)	141.7(P)	122.2(P)	116.0
Apr. 1	59.31(P)	51.09(P)	142.2(P)	122.5(P)	116.1

(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 Mater- ials (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	77.6	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	
<u>1953</u>	June ...	156.8	155.5	378.9	471.9	128.8	127.4	217.6	118.3	388.1	270.7
	July ...	160.7	160.5	394.9	494.9	129.8	129.3	202.7	124.3	408.6	278.5
	Aug. ...	161.2	161.6	396.9	518.9	136.4	131.3	211.5	125.7	411.4	283.8
	Sept. ...	152.9	152.2	375.2	509.2	132.8	120.8	199.4	123.2	397.8	269.4
	Oct. ...	151.9	150.9	374.3	503.3	131.3	118.5	189.9	123.3	400.8	267.0
	Nov. ...	154.2	153.2	392.7	533.9	131.0	117.8	175.2	124.6	417.9	273.6
	Dec. ...	153.6	152.7	391.5	544.4	129.1	119.4	180.7	122.4	420.4	276.1
<u>1954</u>	Jan. ...	157.4	156.5	395.3	562.6	129.3	126.1	168.8	122.9	434.5	283.6
	Feb. ...	163.2	163.2	418.4	589.4	129.9	136.3	158.4	123.6	447.9	286.8
	Mar. ...	165.0	165.1	432.8	596.4	131.1	136.4	166.3	123.8	440.0	285.2
	Apr. ...	173.6	174.7	458.8	628.5	133.9	145.4	163.1	124.6	453.6	298.6
	May ...	179.5	181.0	474.2	679.8	137.6	147.6	153.2	133.0	476.4	322.8
	June ...	180.5	180.4	469.1	685.1	134.0	142.8	151.4	136.8	474.5	321.7
	July ...	182.3	181.8	503.6	718.4	138.3	138.2	151.6	135.5	480.1	331.4
	Aug. ...	187.0	187.9	520.8	744.3	145.4	142.1	161.2	142.6	497.6	348.5
	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
<u>1955</u>	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
	May ...	222.1	227.8	658.4	991.4	180.1	154.0	170.0	171.0	556.7	423.7

Weekly Index

May 5	219.3	224.8	657.5	988.9	184.5	155.0	167.9	169.3	514.7	419.4
May 12	219.3	224.5	638.1	990.3	183.7	152.6	167.7	169.6	546.0	419.6
May 19	223.1	229.0	654.6	987.5	176.1	153.8	173.8	171.2	579.9	427.4
May 26	226.7	233.1	683.5	998.7	176.1	154.4	170.7	173.9	586.1	428.4

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	
<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
	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
	May	170.8	191.7	362.5	122.1	173.4	234.4	114.2	72.8	209.0
Weekly Index										
May 5	166.4	190.7	361.0	120.9	173.4	230.5	114.6	73.4	208.8	
May 12	167.8	189.0	347.2	122.1	172.7	237.1	112.8	72.2	205.8	
May 19	172.1	192.0	367.1	121.8	172.5	235.4	114.7	73.3	209.5	
May 26	177.0	195.2	374.8	123.5	175.1	234.6	114.8	72.4	212.0	

(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	176.1
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 PRICESSource: 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	96.2
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	May Average	April Average	May Average
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	.9834	.9732	.9843	.9862	.9859
United Kingdom	pound	2.7666	2.7339	2.7748	2.7586	2.7569
Argentina	peso (free)	.07079	.07006	.07085	.07099	.07097
Australia	pound	2.2133	2.1874	2.2198	2.2069	2.2056
Belgium (1)	franc	.01969	.01945	.01960	.01963	.01963
Brazil	cruzeiro (free)	-	.01456	-	.01237	.01231
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.5764	.5696	.5781	.5747	.5744
Ceylon	rupee	.2075	.2051	.2081	.2069	.2068
Chile	peso	.00890	.00843	.00895	.00493	.00493
Colombia	peso (basic)	.3921	.3894	.3937	.3945	.3944
Cuba	peso	.9834	.9733	.9843	.9862	.9859
Denmark	krone	.1424	.1409	.1425	.1428	.1428
Egypt	pound	2.8239	2.7949	2.8266	2.8319	2.8308
France and North Africa	franc	.00281	.00278	.00281	.00282	.00282
Germany	deutsche mark	.2342	.2317	.2344	.2344	.2343
Hong Kong	dollar	.1729	.1709	.1734	.1724	.1723
India	rupee	.2075	.2051	.2081	.2069	.2068
Ireland	pound	2.7666	2.7339	2.7748	2.7586	2.7569
Italy	lira	.00158	.00156	.00158	.00158	.00158
Jamaica	pound	2.7666	2.7339	2.7748	2.7586	2.7569
Japan	yen	.00273	.00270	.00273	.00274	.00274
Lebanon	pound (free)	.2872	.3031	.3074	.3053	.3052
Mexico	peso	.1137	.08810	.07875	.07890	.07887
Netherlands	guilder	.2588	.2568	.2601	.2596	.2594
New Zealand	pound	2.7666	2.7339	2.7748	2.7586	2.7569
Norway	krone	.1377	.1363	.1378	.1381	.1380
Pakistan	rupee	.2972	.2942	.2975	.2981	.2980
Peru	sol-certificate	.05908	.05011	.05088	.05191	.05189
Philippines	peso	.4917	.4866	.4922	.4931	.4930
Portugal	escudo	.03431	.03397	.03435	.03442	.03441
Singapore	dollar	.3228	.3190	.3238	.3218	.3217
Sweden	krona	.1901	.1881	.1903	.1906	.1906
Switzerland	franc	.2293	.2270	.2297	.2301	.2301
Turkey	lira	.3512	.3476	.3515	.3522	.3521
Union of South Africa	pound	2.7666	2.7339	2.7748	2.7586	2.7569
Venezuela	bolivar	.2936	.2905	.2938	.2944	.2943
Yugoslavia	dinar	.00328	.00324	.00328	.00329	.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

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IN CANADA AND OTHER SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

Country	Base Period	1939	1954	1954			1955		
				Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
<u>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1952-1953		102.5(a)	103.2			103.8		
Canada	1949	63.2	116.2	116.6	116.4	116.3	116.0	116.1	116.4
Denmark	1935	109	220		226			229	
France (Paris)	1949		143.3	144.9	145.3	145.0	144.9	144.8	
India (Bombay)	1933-1934	106	359	358	352	345			
Italy (Rome)	1938	105 (b)	5,183	5,289	5,274	5,258	5,266		
Malaya	January 1949 (c)		126	124	124				
Mexico	1939	100.0	473.1	499.1	503.8	506.3	522.8		
Netherlands	1949		126	127	129				
New Zealand	1st.qtr. 1949	74.8	139.5	139.9			141.8		
Norway	1949	63.8	142	144	143	142			
South Africa	1938	99.9	195.9	199.6	199.8	200.3	201.8	201.7	
Sweden	1949		129	129	129	129	130	131	
Switzerland	August, 1939		171.0	172.9	172.4	171.8	171.6		
United Kingdom	Jan. 15, 1952		107.7	109.8	110.2	110.2	110.2	110.8	
United States	1947-49	59.4	114.8	114.3	114.3	114.3	114.3	114.2	
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1936-1939	101.1	321 (a)	317	316				
Canada	1935-1939	99.2	217.0	215.4	215.7	217.4	217.4	218.5	217.8
Denmark	1935	118	341	346	348	346	350	350	
France	1949		135.9	135.2	135.5	135.0	135.2	134.8	137.0
India	Sept. '38-Aug. '39		397.5(e)	367.8	363.9	361.4	353.8		
Italy	1938		5,293	5,350	5,353	5,322(d)	5,317		
Mexico	1939	100.0	433.6	469.7	477.1	481.8	487.6	489.4	
Netherlands	1948		136	136	138	137	134	136	
New Zealand	1926 - 1930	107.1	254.6(f)	254.6(g)					
Norway	1938	102	280	281	280	278	277		
South Africa	1938	97.6	263.1	264.4	264.7	267.2			
Sweden	1935	115	297	299	300	302	304		
Switzerland	August, 1939		214.4	216.5	216.1	214.8	214.5		
United Kingdom	1930	102.8	329.9	335.4(d) 337.3(d)	338.3(d)	335.1	334.0		
United States	1947-49	50.1	110.3	109.5	110.1	110.4	110.0	110.5	110.9

(a) All indexes are from official sources.

(b) Average from July 1953 to June 1954.

(c) Annual average June 1928 = 100 converted to 1938 base.

(d) Source - United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics.

(e) Revised.

(f) Average from September 1953 to August 1954.

(g) 1953 average.

(g) November figure.

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 by writing to the Dominion Statistician. There is a charge of \$1.50 per copy.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXESCanadian Farm Products

Wheat prices used in this index are buying prices of Canadian Wheat Board, for Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Manitoba Northern at Fort William-Port Arthur. The initial payment price is first used and revised as further payments are announced.

For the crop year 1953-1954, the initial price for No. 1 of \$1.40 was used until November 1954, when the index was revised for the crop year on the basis of a price of \$1.50 as announced November 6, 1954. Final payments were announced May 19, 1955 and the price for No. 1 Manitoba Northern, for example, was adjusted from \$1.50 to \$1.563 per bushel. For the crop year 1954-55, the index is based on an initial payment of \$1.40 for No. 1, and is subject to revision.

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 1953-54 crop year were announced October 12, 1954 for barley, and October 29, 1954 for oats. Interim payments for the 1954-55 crop year were announced March 14, 1955 for barley, and March 18, 1955 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

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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