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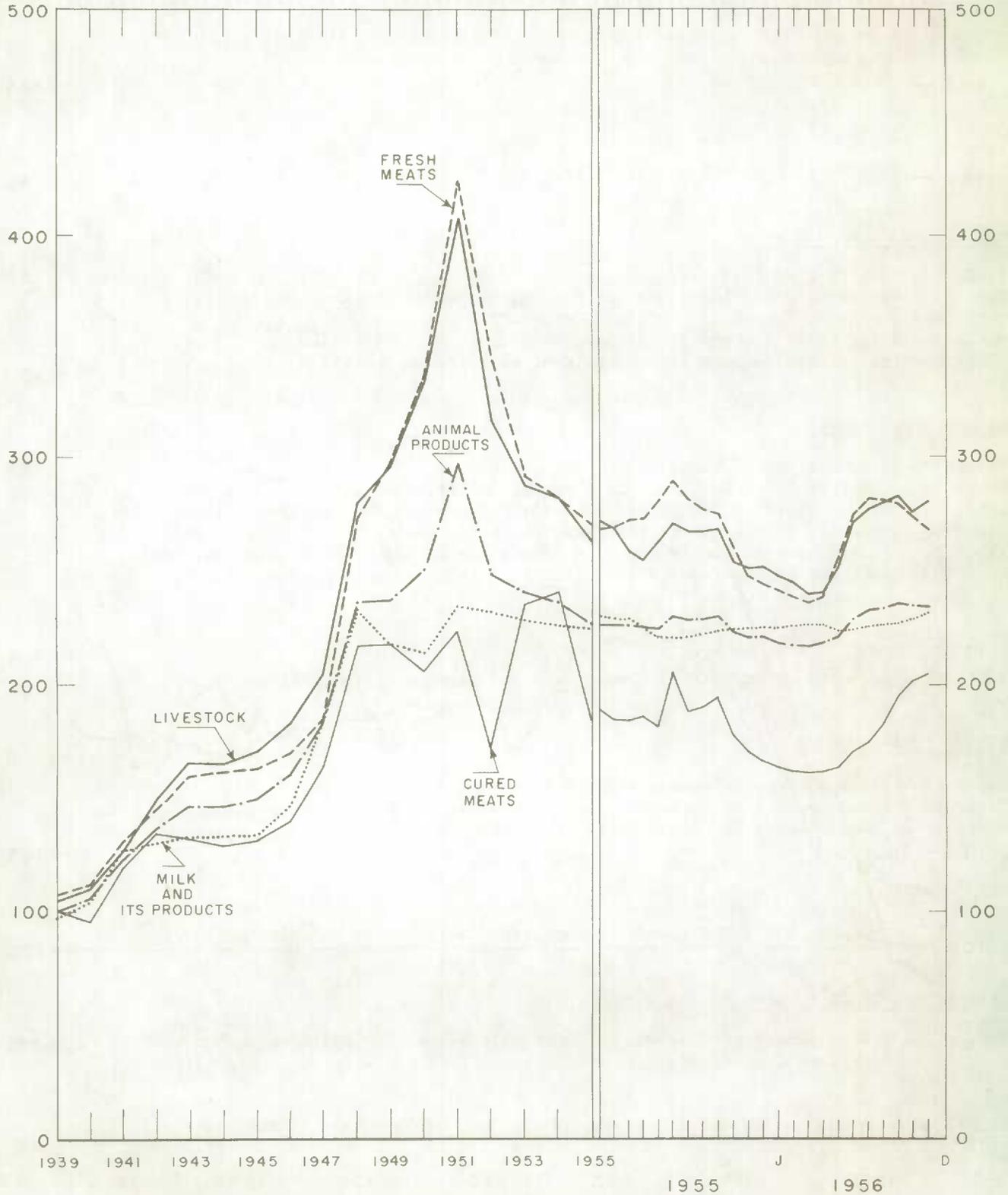
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**WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES**  
**ANIMAL PRODUCTS AND SELECTED SUB-GROUPS**  
 ANNUALLY, 1939 - 1955; MONTHLY, JANUARY 1955 - NOVEMBER 1956  
 ( 1935 - 39 = 100 )

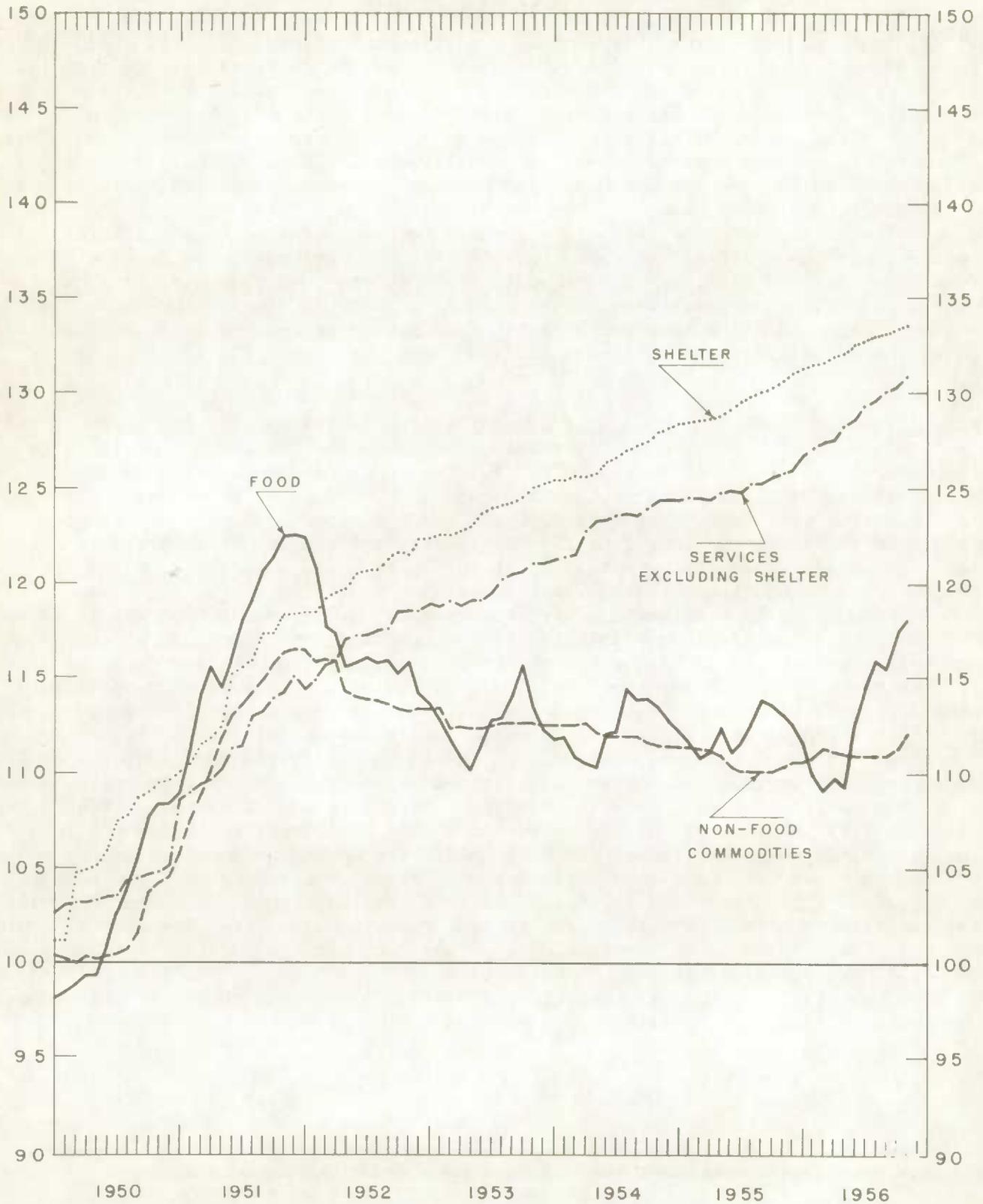


# CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

FOOD, NON-FOOD COMMODITIES, SHELTER, SERVICES EXCLUDING SHELTER

MONTHLY, JANUARY 1950 — NOVEMBER 1956

(1949=100)



THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:  
(1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index advanced 0.4 per cent from 119.8 to 120.3 between October and November 1956 to reach a new high. In November 1955 the index stood at 116.9. Increases in the Other Commodities and Services index and, to a lesser degree, in the Food index, were responsible for most of the latest change in the total index. Higher prices for 1957 models of passenger cars, together with increases for theatre admissions, haircuts and hairdressing, some drug items and liquor, resulted in the largest monthly movement in this component of the index in several years as it rose from 121.6 to 122.8. The Food index moved from 117.4 to 117.9 as higher prices were reported for bread, milk, most canned fruits and vegetables and some fresh imported vegetables. Fresh beef and pork declined seasonally while cured pork prices were somewhat higher. Eggs, grapefruit, bananas and domestic grown vegetables were lower. The Shelter index increased fractionally from 133.3 to 133.4 as the rent component advanced slightly and home-ownership remained unchanged. The Clothing index was practically unchanged as it declined from 108.5 to 108.4. Women's wear was lower as price decreases for fur coats and hosiery more than offset increases for other items. Increases for men's winter overcoats, shirts and hats, as well as other minor changes, moved men's wear to a higher level. Small price increases were recorded for footwear. A rise in the Household Operation index from 117.7 to 118.1 resulted from higher prices for coal, most items of furniture, some utensils and equipment and household supplies.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES:  
(1935-1939 = 100)

The General Wholesale Price Index declined 0.2 per cent between October and November, from 227.1 to 226.6. This is the second consecutive month the index has declined. Last November the index was 220.7. Four of the component groups increased during the month under review, but these changes were more than offset by the decreases in the remaining four groups. The largest price movement occurred in the Non-ferrous Metals group which receded 3.1 per cent from 193.3 to 187.3, due to decreases in copper products and brass sheet, which outweighed increases in tin ingots and solder. The Wood Products group declined 0.8 per cent, moving down from 301.4 to 299.1, as a result of lower prices for cedar shingles, fir timber and upholstered furniture, although prices were a little higher for white pine. Animal Products and Chemical Products both moved lower 0.1 per cent, to 235.1 and 180.3, respectively. Despite increases for fresh milk, whitefish, packer bends, hogs in some centres and cured meats, lower prices for eggs and beef carcasses were chiefly responsible for a slight downward movement in the Animal Products group. In the Chemical Products group the decline was due to price decreases in copper sulphate and oxygen, although higher prices were recorded for carbon black and ammonium Nitrate. Of the groups which moved higher, Non-metallic Minerals showed the largest increase, a rise of 1.4 per cent from 181.3 to 183.8, due mainly to higher prices for U.S. Anthracite and Bituminous coal, coke and some items of glassware. Increased prices for potatoes in most centres, raw rubber, cocoa beans and currants, moved the Vegetable Products index up 0.5 per cent from 196.3 to 197.3, although prices were lower for prunes, No. 2 Ontario peas, linseed oil and onions. In the Iron Products group, higher prices for castings and some hardware items, moved the index from 248.3 to 249.0, an increase of 0.3 per cent. The Textile Products group moved up slightly, 0.1 per cent, from 232.4 to 232.7, as a result of increased prices for jute bags, cotton yarns, and imported raw wool.

The composite index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets moved up 0.7 per cent from 208.0 to 209.4 between October and November. In the same interval the Eastern index climbed from 226.4 to 229.7 while the Western index fell slightly from 189.5 to 189.1. The composite Field Products series advanced 2.0 per cent to 163.1 compared to 159.9 in October, reflecting price increases for potatoes, Western hay, Eastern oats, rye and wheat. These outweighed declines for Eastern corn and peas and Western rye and flax. The Animal Products index dropped from 256.0 to 255.7, reflecting sharply lower prices for eggs in addition to weakness for steers in the East, and hogs and raw wool in the West. These overbalanced increases for calves, lambs, fluid milk, Western steers, Eastern hogs and cheesemilk.

The index of Residential building material prices declined between October and November from 293.5 to 293.3, reflecting further reductions for a few Roofing and Electrical Equipment items. Increases were, however, reported for a number of items included in Plumbing, Lumber and Other Materials.

On the base 1949 = 100, the Non-residential index dropped from 129.5 to 129.3 in the same period. In addition to declines for some copper items, the Tile Group was lower while Lumber also showed a net loss. The increase in Paint and Glass reflected a price increase for Glass only as lower quotations were recorded in the Paint sub-group.

(N.B. Canadian Farm Product Indexes for August 1955 to July 1956, Table 2, page 7, have been revised to adjust for final oats and barley payments by the Canadian Wheat Board.)

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:  
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 96 common stocks declined for the third successive month, falling 3.0 per cent from 270.3 to 262.3 between October and November. All three major groups were lower, with a decline of 3.1 per cent for 76 Industrials, from 284.8 to 276.0; for 7 Banks, 2.4 per cent from 275.3 to 268.8; and for 13 Utilities 2.3 per cent from 205.1 to 200.3. Since July, the week-to-week pattern for these groups and the total has shown a downward trend interrupted by spasmodic rallies. All sub-groups except two were lower in November, with losses distributed more evenly than in past months. Most important declines were 6.5 per cent for Machinery and Equipment, 6.1 per cent for Beverages and 5.6 per cent for Milling. The Oils and Food and Allied Products indexes moved against the trend, rising 1.3 and 0.1 per cent respectively.

The composite index of 26 Mining issues dropped 4.6 per cent in the period under review, from 133.5 to 127.4, reflecting declines of 5.4 per cent for 21 Gold stocks from 72.5 to 68.6 and 4.1 per cent for 5 Base Metals from 273.3 to 262.2.

The index of 28 Preferred stocks stood at 157.0 for November, 1.1 per cent under the October figure of 158.7.

TABLE 1 - SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE INDEXES

	INDEXES				PERCENTAGE CHANGES		
	Nov.	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Oct.
	1954	1955	1956	1956	1954	1955	1956
<b>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100) *</b>							
<u>GENERAL INDEX</u>	214.9	220.7	227.1	226.6	+ 5.4	+ 2.7	- 0.2
Vegetable Products	195.3	191.6	196.3	197.3	+ 1.0	+ 3.0	+ 0.5
Animal Products	224.4	221.3	235.4	235.1	+ 4.8	+ 6.2	- 0.1
Textile Products	227.8	226.1	232.4	232.7	+ 2.2	+ 2.9	+ 0.1
Wood Products	289.0	303.1	301.4	299.1	+ 3.5	- 1.3	- 0.8
Iron Products	213.8	228.0	248.3	249.0	+ 16.5	+ 9.2	+ 0.3
Non-ferrous Metals	168.4	200.5	193.3	187.3	+ 11.2	- 6.6	- 3.1
Non-metallic Minerals	175.8	176.2	181.3	183.8	+ 4.6	+ 4.3	+ 1.4
Chemical Products	176.9	177.8	180.4	180.3	+ 1.9	+ 1.4	- 0.1
<u>CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS (1)</u>	211.8	197.7	208.0	209.4	-	-	-
Eastern Total	223.4	209.8	226.4	229.7	-	-	-
Western Total	200.1	185.7r	189.5	189.1	-	-	-
Field	180.4	154.9r	159.9	163.1	-	-	-
Animal	243.1	240.5	256.0	255.7	-	-	-
<u>SELECTED PRICE INDEXES</u>							
Canadian Industrial Materials	224.4	240.8	247.7	247.7	+ 10.4	+ 2.9	Ø
Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	122.2	125.8	128.7	128.6	+ 5.2	+ 2.2	- 0.1
Non-Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	121.5	125.9	129.5	129.3	+ 6.4	+ 2.7	- 0.2
<u>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (1949=100)</u>							
<u>TOTAL INDEX</u>	116.8	116.9	119.8	120.3	+ 3.0	+ 2.9	+ 0.4
Food	113.4	113.0	117.4	117.9	+ 4.0	+ 4.3	+ 0.4
Shelter	127.9	130.6	133.3	133.4	+ 4.3	+ 2.1	+ 0.1
Clothing	108.2	107.9	108.5	108.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.5	- 0.1
Household Operation	117.2	116.5	117.7	118.1	+ 0.8	+ 1.4	+ 0.3
Other Commodities and Services	118.2	118.3	121.6	122.8	+ 3.9	+ 3.8	+ 1.0
<u>SECURITY PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100)</u>							
<u>TOTAL INVESTORS' INDEX</u>	199.5	245.6	270.3	262.3	+ 31.5	+ 6.8	- 3.0
Total Industrials	203.0	255.3	284.8	276.0	+ 36.0	+ 8.1	- 3.1
Machinery & Equipment	523.2	766.5	815.7	762.8	+ 45.8	- 0.5	- 6.5
Pulp & Paper	789.3	1062.5	1024.9	994.2	+ 26.0	- 6.4	- 30.0
Milling	158.4	213.3	160.2	151.2	- 4.5	- 29.1	- 5.6
Oils	158.4	168.8	236.2	239.2	+ 51.0	+ 41.7	+ 1.3
Textiles & Clothing	170.2	187.7	155.3	154.8	- 9.0	- 17.5	- 0.3
Foods	150.9	197.1	175.0	175.2	+ 16.1	- 11.1	+ 0.1
Beverages	519.8	593.2	518.7	487.1	- 6.3	- 17.9	- 6.1
Building Materials	358.7	453.8	469.8	452.0	+ 26.0	- 0.4	- 3.8
Industrial Mines	144.5	200.8	223.4	211.9	+ 46.6	+ 5.5	- 5.1
Total Utilities	173.8	201.4	205.1	200.3	+ 15.2	- 0.5	- 2.3
Transportation	314.6	370.6	370.9	351.5	+ 11.7	- 5.2	- 5.2
Telephone	115.6	129.6	119.5	117.8	+ 1.9	- 9.1	- 1.4
Power and Traction	156.6	184.7	215.0	212.5	+ 35.7	+ 15.1	- 1.2
Banks	224.2	250.8	275.3	268.8	+ 19.9	+ 7.2	- 2.4
<u>MINING STOCKS</u>							
General Index	97.0	119.6	133.5	127.4	+ 31.3	+ 6.5	- 4.6
Gold	65.6	71.2	72.5	68.6	+ 4.6	- 3.7	- 5.4
Base Metals	168.7	230.2	273.3	262.2	+ 55.4	+ 13.9	- 4.1

\* 1956 Wholesale Price Indexes are subject to revision.

†- Revised to include final barley and oats payments by Canadian Wheat Board announced on November 15 and 29, 1956, respectively.

(1) Percentages not shown because indexes subsequent to July 1955 are subject to major revisions as and when participation payments are included.

TABLE 2. - PRINCIPAL WHOLESALAE PRICE INDEXES

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	General Wholesale Price Index	Raw and Partly Manu- factured	Fully and Chiefly Manu- factured	Indus- trial Mate- rials	Canadian Farm Products (1)		
					Field	Animal	Total
1913 .....	83.4	85.1	86.2	-	-	-	-
1920 .....	203.2	194.7	208.2	-	-	-	-
1926 .....	130.3	129.1	133.0	144.3	158.5	130.2	144.4
1929 .....	124.6	126.1	123.7	132.8	137.2	144.4	140.8
1933 .....	87.4	79.3	93.3	78.3	69.3	69.2	69.3
1938 .....	102.0	99.4	103.5	95.8	100.9	104.8	102.9
1939 .....	99.2	94.9	101.9	99.0	83.7	101.5	92.6
1940 .....	108.0	103.1	109.9	113.3	85.4	106.7	96.1
1941 .....	116.4	114.4	118.8	125.2	88.9	124.4	106.6
1942 .....	123.0	123.0	123.7	135.1	109.7	144.6	127.1
1943 .....	127.9	131.1	126.9	140.0	129.0	161.8	145.4
1944 .....	130.6	134.4	129.1	143.1	144.5	166.1	155.3
1945 .....	132.1	136.2	129.8	143.2	162.5	170.2	166.4
1946 .....	138.9	140.1	138.0	148.6	177.9	181.2	179.5
1947 .....	163.3	164.3	162.4	187.0	184.1	200.2	192.2
1948 .....	193.4	196.3	192.4	222.7	200.6	263.7	232.1
1949 .....	198.3	197.1	199.2	218.0	191.9	265.4	228.7
1950 .....	211.2	212.8	211.0	244.6	191.9	281.4	236.7
1951 .....	240.2	237.9	242.4	296.1	200.4	336.9	268.6
1952 .....	226.0	218.7	230.7	252.6	223.0	277.5	250.2
1953 .....	220.7	207.0	228.8	232.3	179.4	263.8	221.6
1954 .....	217.0	204.8	224.2	223.7	170.9	256.2	213.6
1955 .....	218.9	209.7	224.5	236.0	174.4	245.1	209.7
1955 Jan. ....	215.8	205.0	222.2	225.7	180.8	248.3	214.6
Feb. ....	217.3	207.6	223.1	228.9	182.8	245.6	214.2
Mar. ....	217.3	206.3	223.9	229.9	181.3	241.3	211.3
Apr. ....	218.5	210.4	223.5	233.1	202.0	238.7	220.3
May ....	217.8	209.5	223.1	233.2	198.5	243.4	220.9
June ....	218.7	210.2	224.0	236.2	189.4	250.0	219.7
July ....	218.4	210.1	223.6	237.1	185.2	249.5	217.4
Aug. ....	219.7	210.7	225.4	240.9	160.8	250.6	205.7
Sept. ....	220.9	212.2	226.4	241.1	155.6	251.6	203.6
Oct. ....	220.0	210.8	225.8	240.7	153.5	241.9	197.7
Nov. ....	220.7	211.3	226.6	240.8	154.9	240.5	197.7
Dec. ....	221.5	212.6	226.7	244.2	156.9	239.4	198.2
1956 Jan. ....	222.0	212.9	227.3	246.1	160.2	235.0	197.6
Feb. ....	222.2	213.4	227.4	247.2	161.3	232.3	196.8
Mar. ....	223.3	214.7	228.3	248.8	165.7	231.1	198.4
Apr. ....	224.5	216.2	229.4	248.9	170.6	232.0	201.2
May ....	225.3	217.3	230.3	247.8	179.2	238.0	208.6
June ....	226.5	219.2	231.3	248.5	184.3	251.7	218.0
July ....	226.6	219.0	231.6	247.4	198.6	256.4	227.5
Aug. ....	227.0	217.0	233.3	249.2	171.1	257.6	214.4
Sept. ....	227.4	216.2	234.3	249.5	160.3	259.3	209.8
Oct. ....	227.1	214.4	232.2	247.7	159.9	256.0	208.0
Nov. ....	226.6	213.5	234.6	247.7	163.1	255.7	209.4

(1) Indexes August 1955 - July 1956 revised to include final barley and oats payments announced November 15 and 29, 1956, by the Canadian Wheat Board. For final revised indexes August 1946 - July 1952, see Prices and Price Indexes, May 1953, Table 21, and Table 4 of February 1954, May 1955 and May 1956 issues for subsequent crop years. Indexes from July 1955 are subject to revision. Please see note, Page 31.

TABLE 3. - 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
1955 Average ...	218.9	195.1	188.0	147.7	199.8	184.5	163.9	176.7	155.8
1955 May .....	217.8	197.1	190.9	148.3	206.8	183.3	163.6	176.3	159.5
June .....	218.7	196.2	190.4	148.4	197.4	181.7	161.9	176.3	161.6
July .....	218.4	195.5	188.0	148.3	194.6	181.7	163.2	176.3	157.3
Aug. ....	219.7	193.9	188.0	147.1	200.2	183.3	159.7	177.0	157.3
Sept. ....	220.9	192.9	186.3	148.0	192.7	183.3	159.2	177.0	151.0
Oct. ....	220.0	190.7	183.2	146.6	183.3	183.3	158.0	177.4	151.0
Nov. ....	220.7	191.6	183.7	145.9	190.8	184.8	184.3	178.3	149.8
Dec. ....	221.5	193.0	183.8	145.7	198.4	184.8	191.1	177.2	149.8
1956 Jan. ....	222.0	192.8	184.9	146.1	198.4	184.8	169.9	177.2	149.8
Feb. ....	222.2	193.3	186.6	146.0	191.2	184.8	171.1	178.5	150.9
Mar. ....	223.3	195.2	190.4	147.8	195.0	186.4	171.1	178.5	150.9
Apr. ....	224.5	196.7	191.2	148.0	210.0	186.4	173.5	178.5	150.9
May .....	225.3	198.4	191.7	148.4	211.9	186.4	189.4	178.5	150.9
June .....	226.5	199.5	190.6	148.2	202.5	195.9	189.7	180.3	154.2
July .....	226.6	202.7	188.4	150.7	195.0	195.9	166.3	181.5	156.3
Aug. ....	227.0	198.6	188.9	151.0	200.6	196.4	166.2	192.2	162.4
Sept. ....	227.4	196.1	188.8	150.4	198.7	196.4	178.5	198.1	164.8
Oct. ....	227.1	196.3	187.6	151.3	202.9	201.1	183.5	198.4	171.4
Nov. ....	226.6	197.3	185.9	151.4	197.2	202.7	180.8	190.5	173.1

## - 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
1955 Average ...	267.2	200.6	150.1	394.4	240.7	189.9	209.9	179.1
1955 May .....	261.9	189.0	150.3	386.2	401.9	196.7	218.1	176.6
June .....	269.7	192.9	150.1	392.4	316.4	196.7	218.1	178.1
July .....	276.2	200.2	149.9	388.4	293.9	232.4	206.4	178.1
Aug. ....	272.6	209.1	149.5	380.1	193.8	178.1	204.9	178.1
Sept. ....	265.5	217.0	150.7	378.9	147.0	132.8	204.9	178.1
Oct. ....	265.9	211.4	151.7	377.3	126.8	156.6	197.2	178.1
Nov. ....	265.9	211.2	150.2	372.1	140.3	169.7	202.2	178.1
Dec. ....	268.9	215.1	150.5	364.5	144.7	176.1	199.1	185.7
1956 Jan. ....	271.4	209.6	151.2	362.8	164.4	193.1	195.4	185.7
Feb. ....	284.1	204.7	151.2	363.7	176.3	210.5	195.4	185.7
Mar. ....	296.2	201.5	151.4	359.4	211.4	192.2	196.6	185.7
Apr. ....	310.7	199.2	151.7	356.2	249.1	169.0	196.6	185.7
May .....	312.9	196.4	154.2	353.1	329.1	169.0	198.1	185.7
June .....	301.6	196.8	154.0	359.0	384.9	169.0	199.5	183.3
July .....	296.4	200.5	155.5	367.2	535.2	369.2	207.5	183.3
Aug. ....	289.7	201.9	155.5	363.9	284.2	340.9	210.4	183.3
Sept. ....	286.9	199.2	153.4	364.7	177.8	204.6	210.4	183.3
Oct. ....	288.3	199.1	153.3	356.1	169.8	189.6	219.6	183.3
Nov. ....	284.2	202.4	158.4	359.9	201.6	172.6	227.5	183.3

TABLE 3. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued

(1935-39 = 100)

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -								
Date	Total Animal Products	Fishery Products	Raw Furs	Hides and Skins	Leather, Unmanu- factured	Boots and Shoes	Live- stock	Steers
1955 Average ...	226.0	274.1	110.3	114.4	194.5	204.4	263.2	321.6
1955 May .....	224.8	258.6	116.0	111.1	190.6	204.8	264.2	323.3
June .....	230.5	258.4	112.5	113.0	190.6	204.2	272.9	317.0
July .....	228.0	259.9	114.9	112.6	190.6	204.2	268.1	324.6
Aug. ....	228.6	261.6	114.9	113.2	197.6	204.2	268.0	322.4
Sept. ....	230.2	275.4	110.6	118.1	197.6	204.2	269.4	327.2
Oct. ....	223.6	277.4	110.6	119.4	197.6	204.9	254.5	324.8
Nov. ....	221.3	280.6	110.6	124.7	197.6	205.5	251.8	322.6
Dec. ....	221.1	292.4	110.6	129.4	200.9	205.1	252.0	315.4
1956 Jan. ....	218.9	293.1	110.6	142.5	202.5	205.5	248.6	302.3
Feb. ....	217.4	292.4	110.5	138.8	202.5	205.5	245.1	289.8
Mar. ....	217.7	308.9	98.7	137.5	204.1	206.3	240.4	283.4
Apr. ....	218.2	300.1	97.0	142.9	204.1	208.5	241.5	289.6
May .....	221.4	282.9	101.2	133.3	204.1	209.6	252.3	302.7
June .....	229.5	283.6	92.6	134.7	204.1	210.1	272.8	330.2
July .....	232.8	289.9	93.2	135.6	204.1	210.1	278.4	344.8
Aug. ....	234.0	293.1	93.2	132.9	204.1	210.1	280.8	355.9
Sept. ....	236.3	298.6	93.2	140.4	205.8	211.9	284.2	350.9
Oct. ....	235.4	301.1	93.2	126.4	205.8	212.7	277.3	322.3
Nov. ....	235.1	303.6	93.2	126.4	210.4	213.3	281.0	324.2
- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded								
	Meats, Fresh	Beef and Veal Carcass	Meats, Cured	Fowl, Dressed	Milk and Its Pro- ducts	Butter	Oils and Fats	Eggs
1955 Average ...	271.2	308.5	185.5	190.0	224.9	228.8	138.4	172.0
1955 May .....	282.8	326.4	182.4	195.8	221.6	223.0	140.0	149.1
June .....	290.3	325.4	205.6	201.8	221.1	221.9	129.0	169.6
July .....	283.7	319.7	188.2	210.8	221.6	223.0	124.8	187.6
Aug. ....	278.3	311.0	190.7	201.8	222.7	225.3	126.5	200.7
Sept. ....	276.2	310.1	194.5	192.8	223.4	226.7	138.8	203.7
Oct. ....	261.3	295.7	178.7	180.7	224.4	226.6	143.7	201.0
Nov. ....	248.7	290.0	171.7	198.8	224.8	227.3	143.4	194.9
Dec. ....	244.8	290.4	167.6	204.8	225.0	227.8	136.4	184.7
1956 Jan. ....	242.1	287.4	163.2	210.8	225.0	227.8	133.5	156.9
Feb. ....	239.1	280.0	162.6	198.8	225.9	227.8	132.5	154.1
Mar. ....	236.4	276.3	161.9	204.8	226.8	227.7	133.5	167.0
Apr. ....	240.1	282.3	161.8	210.8	226.0	226.8	135.3	172.2
May .....	255.9	295.1	163.8	222.9	223.6	225.1	138.3	173.7
June .....	276.3	311.2	171.3	210.8	223.9	223.9	135.3	189.8
July .....	283.6	321.3	175.4	198.8	225.6	223.5	132.2	194.2
Aug. ....	281.6	320.9	182.9	180.7	226.4	223.8	137.3	199.2
Sept. ....	281.0	312.9	195.9	156.6	227.1	225.5	148.0	195.6
Oct. ....	275.9	301.5	201.7	150.6	229.8	228.8	159.6	194.8
Nov. ....	270.3	291.9	203.8	150.6	232.6	229.3	162.1	153.7

TABLE 3. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued

(1935-39 = 100)

## - FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS -

Date	Total Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	Raw Cotton	Cotton Yarns	Cotton Fabrics	Cotton Knit Goods	Miscel- laneous Fibre Products	Silk and Nylon Thread	Rayon Fabrics
1955 Average ...	226.2	298.1	237.7	233.0	218.7	197.8	169.5	155.7
1955 May .....	226.6	299.8	230.6	232.8	219.3	195.3	169.5	155.6
June .....	226.9	303.7	230.6	232.8	219.3	195.8	169.5	155.6
July .....	226.9	304.1	232.1	232.8	217.6	196.4	169.5	155.6
Aug. ....	226.0	303.9	239.9	230.8	217.6	196.4	169.5	155.6
Sept. ....	226.2	294.2	250.0	234.6	217.6	196.4	169.5	155.6
Oct. ....	226.1	296.9	250.0	234.6	217.6	196.4	169.5	155.6
Nov. ....	226.1	302.0	250.0	234.9	217.6	196.4	169.5	154.2
Dec. ....	226.8	301.7	250.0	235.7	220.7	197.1	169.5	154.2
1956 Jan. ....	227.8	305.0	250.8	236.5	220.7	202.8	169.5	154.2
Feb. ....	228.9	314.6	253.2	237.1	220.7	203.9	169.5	154.2
Mar. ....	228.9	311.8	253.2	238.3	220.7	205.0	169.5	154.2
Apr. ....	229.2	311.1	253.9	238.7	220.7	208.6	169.5	154.2
May .....	228.9	295.6	253.9	239.4	220.7	209.2	169.5	154.2
June .....	229.6	305.7	250.0	239.4	220.7	207.0	169.5	154.2
July .....	228.7	297.7	248.5	239.0	220.7	207.0	169.5	154.2
Aug. ....	230.1	280.0	243.8	238.8	220.7	207.0	182.9	154.2
Sept. ....	232.5	282.1	243.8	238.8	224.4	213.1	182.9	154.2
Oct. ....	232.4	282.8	243.8	238.6	224.4	213.1	182.9	154.2
Nov. ....	232.7	281.7	245.4	238.6	224.4	215.4	182.9	155.6

## - FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Rayon Yarns	Raw Wool, Do- mestic	Raw Wool, Im- ported	Yarns, Worsted	Hosiery and Knit Goods, Chiefly Wool	Wool Blan- kets	Worsted and Wool Cloth	Carpets
1955 Average ...	166.0	244.0	206.8	203.0	230.9	252.5	238.1	225.3
1955 May .....	166.5	259.7	210.9	206.4	230.9	252.5	241.3	225.3
June .....	166.5	257.5	214.3	206.4	230.9	252.5	240.9	225.3
July .....	166.5	257.5	211.1	206.4	230.9	252.5	240.9	225.3
Aug. ....	166.5	244.9	196.0	206.4	230.9	252.5	238.2	225.3
Sept. ....	166.5	223.3	189.0	206.4	230.9	252.5	235.6	225.3
Oct. ....	166.5	218.1	191.4	198.7	230.9	252.5	236.4	225.3
Nov. ....	166.5	228.5	197.5	198.7	230.9	252.5	232.1	225.3
Dec. ....	166.5	237.8	204.7	198.7	230.9	252.5	232.7	225.3
1956 Jan. ....	166.5	247.0	207.6	198.7	230.9	252.5	232.7	225.3
Feb. ....	170.5	247.0	206.2	198.7	230.9	252.5	232.7	232.3
Mar. ....	170.5	241.0	199.0	198.7	230.9	271.2	232.0	232.3
Apr. ....	170.5	239.9	199.8	198.7	230.9	271.2	232.0	232.3
May .....	170.5	239.9	211.1	197.7	230.9	271.2	235.3	232.3
June .....	170.5	246.2	211.9	197.7	230.9	271.2	236.6	232.3
July .....	170.5	253.5	210.3	197.7	230.9	271.2	236.3	232.3
Aug. ....	170.5	254.6	209.6	201.9	230.9	271.2	239.3	232.3
Sept. ....	170.5	253.7	223.0	201.9	230.9	271.2	249.2	232.3
Oct. ....	170.5	251.6	219.1	204.5	230.9	271.2	247.9	232.3
Nov. ....	170.5	250.5	224.5	204.1	230.9	271.2	248.6	232.3

TABLE 3. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued

(1935-39 = 100)

- WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER -										
Date	Total Wood Products	Lumber and Timber	Spruce	Hardwoods	Hemlock	Fir	Cedar	Wood-pulp	News-print	Wrapping Paper, No. 1 Kraft
1955 Average ...	295.7	441.3	402.3	313.6	369.8	534.6	458.9	210.8	289.2	229.3
1955 May .....	293.6	438.1	396.3	310.1	369.8	531.1	458.7	209.6	287.2	227.6
June .....	294.5	440.8	402.6	310.1	369.8	534.6	458.9	209.4	286.9	227.6
July .....	295.2	443.4	406.5	310.1	369.8	538.8	460.3	209.5	287.1	227.6
Aug. ....	296.0	445.9	409.9	315.3	369.8	538.8	468.4	209.8	287.4	227.6
Sept. ....	296.3	446.0	409.9	319.4	369.8	538.8	467.0	210.7	287.9	227.6
Oct. ....	298.5	445.0	412.4	319.4	369.8	532.8	463.5	219.7	289.8	234.5
Nov. ....	303.1	443.1	412.4	319.4	369.8	530.0	457.5	220.8	301.5	234.5
Dec. ....	303.7	445.4	412.4	319.4	369.8	537.2	456.5	220.7	301.6	234.5
1956 Jan. ....	305.8	450.6	412.4	319.4	369.8	550.3	460.3	221.2	301.4	234.5
Feb. ....	305.8	450.3	412.4	319.4	369.8	549.1	460.5	221.3	301.5	234.5
Mar. ....	305.6	453.8	412.4	320.5	369.8	557.8	462.9	221.2	299.2	234.5
Apr. ....	306.6	455.6	414.1	328.7	369.8	559.3	462.7	222.1	299.0	239.3
May .....	306.0	456.9	416.0	328.7	386.9	557.2	461.2	221.2	297.1	239.3
June .....	304.9	455.4	416.0	334.9	386.9	555.4	451.3	220.2	295.6	239.3
July .....	304.4	455.5	417.8	334.9	386.9	554.8	450.5	219.3	294.6	239.3
Aug. ....	303.8	454.4	417.8	334.9	386.9	551.8	449.0	218.9	293.9	239.3
Sept. ....	302.5	449.2	416.4	334.9	386.9	542.2	439.1	218.1	292.9	239.3
Oct. ....	301.4	445.2	415.6	334.9	386.9	533.2	435.4	217.8	292.3	240.3
Nov. ....	299.1	441.9	415.6	334.9	386.9	530.2	418.2	215.8	289.2	240.3

## - IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS -

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	Total Iron Products	Pig Iron	Rolling Mill Products	Pipe and Tubing	Hardware	Wire	Scrap Iron and Steel	Tin Plate and Galvanized Sheet
1955 Average ...	221.4	259.8	209.1	231.6	230.3	248.2	301.1	220.0
1955 May .....	217.3	254.7	204.8	229.6	225.2	240.9	290.2	218.0
June .....	217.2	254.7	204.8	229.6	224.6	240.9	290.2	218.0
July .....	217.7	259.2	204.8	229.6	225.4	240.9	290.2	218.7
Aug. ....	226.5	266.0	213.9	232.7	236.2	261.4	324.7	220.7
Sept. ....	226.6	266.0	213.9	232.7	236.6	261.4	324.7	220.7
Oct. ....	227.4	266.0	213.9	232.7	241.7	261.4	324.7	220.7
Nov. ....	228.0	266.0	213.9	236.9	242.7	261.4	324.7	220.7
Dec. ....	229.6	266.0	213.9	236.9	242.7	261.4	361.0	220.7
1956 Jan. ....	230.7	266.0	213.9	236.9	240.9	261.4	382.0	221.5
Feb. ....	231.1	266.0	213.9	236.9	243.0	261.4	384.3	221.5
Mar. ....	232.4	266.0	213.9	236.9	249.7	261.4	384.3	221.5
Apr. ....	236.1	275.1	215.8	236.9	249.7	261.4	425.5	227.4
May .....	237.0	275.1	216.8	236.9	249.7	272.0	425.5	227.4
June .....	235.8	275.1	218.7	236.9	250.2	272.0	381.3	227.4
July .....	235.9	275.1	218.8	245.3	250.2	272.0	366.0	227.4
Aug. ....	243.8	286.4	230.9	248.7	251.1	272.0	410.2	230.3
Sept. ....	247.5	286.2	231.7	248.6	259.9	286.4	430.6	230.3
Oct. ....	248.3	286.2	231.7	248.6	260.0	286.4	432.9	230.3
Nov. ....	249.0	286.2	231.7	252.9	260.9	286.4	433.8	230.3

TABLE 3. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued

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- NON-FERROUS METALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -										
Date	Total Non-Ferrous Metals		Anti-mony	Copper and Its Products	Lead and Its Products	Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Products	Solder	Combined Index Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals (2)
	(1)	(2)								
1955 Average ...	187.6	259.3	178.7	346.6	300.1	226.9	179.4	294.7	196.5	237.2
1955 May .....	184.2	253.3	175.6	332.2	297.2	226.4	173.6	288.7	187.9	232.3
June .....	184.5	253.8	175.6	332.2	297.2	227.9	175.1	293.8	187.9	232.4
July .....	185.1	254.9	175.6	332.2	297.2	230.0	179.7	299.0	195.9	233.2
Aug. ....	188.8	261.4	175.6	350.3	297.2	231.3	180.3	299.0	203.8	241.0
Sept. ....	198.0	277.8	187.6	394.3	299.7	231.5	180.4	308.2	203.8	247.9
Oct. ....	199.5	280.0	187.6	397.5	307.6	235.9	183.6	309.2	203.8	249.3
Nov. ....	200.5	281.4	184.2	399.8	307.6	236.2	189.3	309.2	203.8	250.2
Dec. ....	200.6	281.6	180.7	399.8	309.0	233.3	201.1	309.2	220.4	251.3
1956 Jan. ....	202.2	284.5	180.7	399.8	326.5	233.1	200.1	319.2	222.3	253.1
Feb. ....	203.6	287.1	180.7	407.9	323.2	234.6	196.0	320.6	213.4	254.4
Mar. ....	207.3	293.7	177.3	426.5	323.2	235.1	198.4	320.6	213.4	257.9
Apr. ....	207.5	294.2	177.3	426.5	323.2	233.9	186.1	320.6	213.4	260.3
May .....	207.2	294.1	177.3	426.5	323.2	232.3	184.1	320.6	213.4	260.8
June .....	206.1	292.5	177.3	422.8	323.2	230.2	180.8	320.6	205.4	259.4
July .....	195.3	273.5	177.3	369.1	323.2	228.4	181.5	320.6	205.4	251.6
Aug. ....	195.4	273.6	177.3	367.7	323.2	229.7	184.8	320.6	205.4	256.2
Sept. ....	195.2	273.7	177.3	367.7	323.2	229.2	189.2	320.6	205.4	258.4
Oct. ....	193.3	270.5	173.9	358.4	323.2	229.2	188.1	320.6	205.4	257.6
Nov. ....	187.3	260.4	173.9	329.3	323.2	227.6	194.8	320.6	221.3	253.8

## - NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -

Date	Total Non-Metallic Products	Clay and Allied Material Products	Pottery	Coal	Coal Tar	Coke	Window Glass
1955 May .....	173.3	233.1	153.7	167.6	213.7	223.1	257.0
June .....	173.4	233.1	153.7	167.7	213.7	223.1	257.0
July .....	173.7	233.1	153.7	168.9	213.7	224.3	257.0
Aug. ....	173.7	233.1	153.7	168.9	213.7	224.3	257.0
Sept. ....	175.3	231.2	153.7	171.7	213.7	226.0	257.0
Oct. ....	176.2	231.2	153.7	175.7	213.7	226.0	257.0
Nov. ....	176.2	231.2	153.7	175.7	213.7	226.0	257.0
Dec. ....	176.9	231.2	153.7	177.7	213.7	228.1	257.0
1956 Jan. ....	178.7	231.2	158.3	179.6	213.7	228.1	270.2
Feb. ....	178.9	231.2	159.2	180.1	213.7	228.1	270.2
Mar. ....	180.0	238.7	159.2	181.4	271.6	228.1	270.2
Apr. ....	180.2	239.2	159.2	183.2	271.6	228.1	270.2
May .....	178.8	239.9	159.2	178.8	271.6	224.9	270.2
June .....	179.2	239.9	159.2	178.8	320.6	224.9	270.2
July .....	180.3	239.9	162.4	180.3	320.6	226.6	270.2
Aug. ....	180.3	240.5	162.4	180.3	320.6	226.6	270.2
Sept. ....	181.3	237.7	162.4	182.2	320.6	237.6	270.2
Oct. ....	181.3	237.7	161.9	182.2	320.6	237.6	270.2
Nov. ....	183.8	237.8	161.9	186.5	320.6	241.0	270.2

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

(2) Excludes Gold.

TABLE 3. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued

(1935-39 = 100)

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Continued							
Date	Plate Glass	Petroleum Products	Gasoline	Coal Oil	Asphalt	Asphalt Shingles	Sulphur
1955 Average ....	193.4	165.8	135.7	134.4	184.1	142.9	201.3
1955 May .....	189.3	165.0	134.7	133.5	184.1	138.1	201.1
June .....	189.3	165.1	134.7	133.5	184.1	146.4	200.9
July .....	189.3	165.1	134.7	133.5	184.1	146.4	201.0
Aug. ....	189.3	165.1	134.7	133.5	184.1	146.4	201.3
Sept. ....	201.5	167.4	137.8	136.2	184.1	146.4	201.6
Oct. ....	201.5	167.2	137.8	136.2	184.1	146.4	203.1
Nov. ....	201.5	167.2	137.8	136.2	184.1	146.4	204.1
Dec. ....	201.5	167.2	137.8	136.2	184.1	146.4	204.5
1956 Jan. ....	201.5	167.2	137.8	136.2	184.1	158.7	204.3
Feb. ....	201.5	167.2	137.8	136.2	184.1	158.7	204.4
Mar. ....	201.5	167.2	137.8	136.2	184.1	158.7	210.1
Apr. ....	201.5	167.2	137.8	136.2	183.0	158.7	210.0
May .....	201.5	166.9	137.8	136.2	183.0	158.7	208.7
June .....	201.5	166.9	137.8	136.2	183.0	163.7	206.4
July .....	201.5	168.1	139.2	136.2	184.8	163.7	205.7
Aug. ....	201.5	168.1	139.2	136.2	184.8	163.7	205.2
Sept. ....	217.0	168.1	139.2	136.2	184.8	163.7	204.2
Oct. ....	217.0	168.1	139.2	136.2	184.8	163.7	204.0
Nov. ....	217.0	168.1	139.2	136.2	184.8	163.7	201.6
- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded							
	Plaster	Lime	Cement	Sand and Gravel	Crushed Stone	Build- ing Stone	Asbestos and Its Products
1955 Average ....	127.9	205.2	153.9	144.0	160.4	197.6	267.1
1955 May .....	127.9	205.2	153.9	143.4	155.7	196.1	267.1
June .....	127.9	205.2	153.9	143.4	155.7	196.1	267.1
July .....	127.9	205.2	153.9	143.4	155.7	196.1	267.1
Aug. ....	127.9	205.2	153.9	143.4	155.7	196.1	267.1
Sept. ....	127.9	205.2	153.9	143.4	155.7	196.1	267.1
Oct. ....	127.9	205.2	153.9	143.4	155.7	196.1	267.1
Nov. ....	127.9	205.2	153.9	143.4	155.7	196.1	267.1
Dec. ....	127.9	205.2	153.9	144.8	155.7	196.1	267.1
1956 Jan. ....	127.9	205.2	153.9	144.8	183.7	199.7	283.6
Feb. ....	127.9	205.2	153.9	144.8	183.7	199.7	283.6
Mar. ....	127.9	205.2	153.9	144.8	183.7	199.7	286.3
Apr. ....	130.2	205.2	153.9	144.8	155.7	199.7	287.9
May .....	130.2	205.2	153.9	143.4	155.7	199.7	287.9
June .....	130.2	205.2	153.9	143.4	158.2	199.7	289.2
July .....	131.6	208.6	155.1	143.4	158.2	199.7	289.2
Aug. ....	133.4	208.6	155.1	143.4	159.8	194.4	289.2
Sept. ....	133.4	208.6	155.1	143.4	159.8	194.4	289.2
Oct. ....	133.4	208.6	155.1	143.4	159.8	205.1	289.2
Nov. ....	133.4	208.6	155.1	143.4	159.8	205.1	289.2

TABLE 3. - 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
1955 Average ....	177.0	142.9	178.6	191.6	183.4	289.6
1955 May .....	176.5	142.6	178.6	191.6	183.8	289.7
June .....	176.5	142.6	178.6	191.6	183.8	289.7
July .....	176.5	142.5	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Aug. ....	176.5	142.5	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Sept. ....	176.5	143.0	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Oct. ....	177.7	144.9	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Nov. ....	177.8	144.5	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Dec. ....	178.0	143.4	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
1956 Jan. ....	178.3	144.8	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Feb. ....	178.6	145.5	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Mar. ....	179.5	145.9	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Apr. ....	180.9	146.0	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
May .....	180.9	146.0	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
June .....	181.1	146.0	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
July .....	181.0	145.7	178.8	191.6	183.8	289.7
Aug. ....	180.9	145.8	178.8	191.6	183.8	289.7
Sept. ....	179.9	145.8	171.8	191.6	183.8	289.7
Oct. ....	180.4	147.1	171.8	191.6	183.8	289.7
Nov. ....	180.3	146.9	171.8	191.6	183.8	289.7

## - CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Ex- plosives	Paint, Prepared	Fertil- izer Materials	Indus- trial Gases	Soap
1955 Average ....	137.9	190.7	163.0	126.3	201.6
1955 May .....	137.4	189.1	163.0	126.8	198.7
June .....	137.4	189.1	163.0	126.6	198.7
July .....	137.4	189.1	163.0	129.3	198.7
Aug. ....	137.4	189.1	163.0	128.8	198.7
Sept. ....	137.4	189.1	163.0	126.3	198.7
Oct. ....	137.4	195.5	163.0	126.2	198.7
Nov. ....	137.4	195.5	163.0	124.1	200.6
Dec. ....	143.3	195.5	163.0	124.1	200.6
1956 Jan. ....	143.6	195.5	159.0	124.1	200.6
Feb. ....	143.6	195.5	159.4	131.6	200.6
Mar. ....	143.6	195.5	162.5	130.4	200.6
Apr. ....	143.6	206.9	163.0	131.3	200.6
May .....	143.6	206.9	163.0	132.9	200.6
June .....	143.6	206.9	163.0	138.2	200.6
July .....	143.6	206.9	161.9	139.6	200.6
Aug. ....	143.6	206.9	160.9	139.7	200.6
Sept. ....	143.6	206.9	159.2	138.2	200.6
Oct. ....	143.6	206.9	155.5	138.5	200.6
Nov. ....	143.6	206.9	155.6	134.4	200.6

TABLE 4. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity <u>1/</u>	Unit	Yearly Average 1955	November 1955	October 1956	November 1956
		\$	\$	\$	\$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern .....	bu.	1.744	1.729	1.716	1.699
OATS, No. 2 C.W. ....	bu.	.863	.802	.868	.856
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed .....	bu.	1.070	1.021	1.032	1.045
RYE, No. 2 C.W. ....	bu.	1.006	.952	1.355	1.354
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto .....	ttl.	11.467	11.200	*5.800	*5.800
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal ....	cwt.	7.078	7.078	7.268	7.410
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal .....	gal.	1.376	1.440	1.650	1.500
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's .....	lb.	.667	.650	.690	.675
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John .....	75-lb. bag	2.212	1.250	1.500	1.744
STEERS, Toronto .....	cwt.	19.593	19.650	19.840	19.800
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included) .....	cwt.	25.152	22.570	29.500	29.720
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers .....	lb.	.142	.160	.150	.152
LEATHER, Packer Bends, No. 1 and 2 .....	lb.	.620	.620	.640	.680
LEATHER, Box Sides D, f.o.b. Ontario Factory .....	sq.ft.	.338	.330	.370	.380
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade, Montreal .....	lb.	.597	.592	.590	.592
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal .....	doz.	.586	.663	.666	.504
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 1", New York <u>2/</u> ...	lb.	.341	.349	.335	.333
COTTON YARN, 10's, white .....	lb.	.687	.720	.690	.710
RAYON YARN, 36 filament, 150 denier .....	lb.	.772	.780	.800	.800
WOOL, Raw, Eastern Domestic, regular, Low medium staple, greasy .....	lb.	.492	.460	.490	.490
WOOL, Raw, Australian, 64's, clean .....	lb.	1.373	1.310	1.490	1.520
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Mill, in Canadian funds (Southern Quebec) .....	ton	110.726	115.430	111.899	110.716
PINE, No. 1 and 2 common, 1"x8", 8'-16' ..	M.bd.ft.	167.500	175.000	175.000	180.000
SPRUCE, Merchantable, 1" x 6" - 7" .....	M.bd.ft.	86.000	88.250	89.500	89.500
PIG IRON, Malleable .....	gr.ton	57.750	59.000	65.980	65.980
SCRAP IRON, No. 1 .....	gr.ton	43.167	43.000	51.000	51.000
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic sales .....	cwt.	37.030	43.000	38.136	34.886
LEAD, Pig, Electrolytic, domestic sales ..	cwt.	14.391	14.750	15.500	15.500
TIN INGOTS, 99.8% .....	lb.	.956	1.009	1.002	1.038
ZINC, Grade "A", Electrolytic, domestic sales .....	cwt.	13.654	14.350	14.850	14.850
COAL, United States Anthracite .....	ton	18.336	18.500	19.960	20.650
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto .....	gal.	.223	.226	.226	.226
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Winnipeg .....	gal.	.221	.224	.224	.224
CEMENT, Portland, Toronto .....	ttl.	3.370	3.370	3.410	3.410
CEMENT, Portland, Calgary .....	ttl.	3.140	3.140	3.180	3.180
SHINGLES, Asphalt .....	210-lb.sq.	8.032	8.230	9.200	9.200
SODA ASH, 58% light .....	cwt.	2.400	2.350	2.320	2.320
SULPHURIC ACID, 66° Baume .....	ton	26.270	26.350	25.350	25.350

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

2/ Previous to August 1956 quotation referred to 15/16".

\* Per 100 Lb. bag.

TABLE 5. - 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 Products	Lath, Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Material	Paint and Glass	Plumbing and Heating Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Fixtures	Other Materials
1926	48.1	109.6	105.5	103.2	110.9	101.4	104.3	156.8	110.2	91.6	112.0
1929	49.3	112.4	107.6	107.4	116.7	94.4	108.8	151.5	108.5	130.1	106.1
1932	38.4	87.5	103.7	101.8	72.7	85.0	95.5	111.7	108.1	79.1	89.5
1939	44.9	102.3	94.0	97.2	104.9	99.4	104.1	97.2	103.0	102.4	104.6
1940	48.4	110.3	94.6	98.0	119.1	99.7	110.4	115.2	106.5	107.1	109.2
1941	53.8	122.6	99.1	105.1	139.2	102.8	118.7	136.2	114.6	109.0	112.5
1942	57.4	130.9	100.8	109.0	153.2	104.8	123.4	146.9	120.0	110.3	117.6
1943	61.0	139.1	101.2	113.1	171.3	104.8	130.1	149.4	120.0	110.3	117.9
1944	64.3	146.6	101.8	114.9	188.4	104.8	136.0	146.6	120.0	110.3	117.9
1945	65.0	148.3	102.1	116.4	191.3	104.8	135.5	142.2	122.2	111.4	118.0
1946	67.8	154.5	102.0	121.0	202.1	104.2	146.2	144.2	127.2	116.9	126.4
1947	79.1	180.4	109.7	133.4	242.0	107.3	172.3	169.6	145.2	147.4	143.0
1948	95.4	217.5	122.3	143.1	305.8	116.7	201.6	183.1	168.3	169.8	162.3
1949	100.0	228.0	127.0	151.0	322.1	118.1	190.5	179.6	180.2	173.4	174.7
1950	106.4	242.7	131.3	163.8	349.2	116.7	235.4	174.8	183.2	184.5	181.1
1951	125.5	286.2	140.9	180.7	425.0	126.3	235.8	197.8	210.4	213.3	212.7
1952	124.9	284.8	149.5	195.3	415.7	128.5	217.7	194.9	215.6	212.0	226.3
1953	123.9	282.6	151.8	205.8	410.6	128.5	218.6	203.8	209.0	211.4	229.5
1954	121.7	277.5	151.3	207.4	400.5	128.8	233.4	208.9	202.8	207.7	226.6
1955	124.3	283.4	149.4	209.5	409.4	125.3	244.5	219.7	207.2	229.2	230.3
<u>1955</u>											
Jan.	122.3	278.8	149.6	210.0	403.6	125.1	239.0	212.5	203.6	208.0	225.5
Feb.	122.5	279.3	149.6	210.0	404.0	124.5	239.0	214.8	203.7	215.5	225.5
Mar.	122.6	279.4	149.6	210.0	403.5	124.5	239.0	215.3	204.9	216.8	227.4
Apr.	123.1	280.6	149.6	210.0	404.4	124.5	239.0	222.0	206.6	224.6	227.4
May	123.1	280.7	149.3	209.3	405.1	124.5	239.0	220.7	206.6	224.6	225.0
June	124.3	283.3	149.3	209.3	410.3	125.1	246.7	220.7	206.4	226.1	225.9
July	124.6	284.2	149.3	209.3	412.3	125.1	248.7	220.7	206.4	225.1	226.6
Aug.	125.2	285.5	149.3	209.3	413.7	125.1	248.7	219.8	208.6	225.1	232.1
Sept.	125.9	287.0	149.3	209.3	414.6	126.2	248.7	219.8	209.5	244.9	234.5
Oct.	125.9	287.0	149.3	209.3	413.9	126.2	248.7	223.1	209.5	245.3	237.8
Nov.	125.8	286.8	149.3	209.3	412.8	126.2	248.7	223.1	210.3	247.5	238.0
Dec.	126.1	287.8	149.6	209.3	414.6	126.2	248.7	223.9	210.3	247.5	238.0
<u>1956</u>											
Jan.	127.0	289.6	149.6	209.3	416.4	127.4	261.2	228.0	213.6	248.6	237.6
Feb.	127.0	289.6	149.6	209.3	416.1	127.3	261.2	226.3	214.1	248.4	238.8
Mar.	128.0	291.8	149.6	216.8	419.2	127.3	261.2	226.3	214.5	256.9	241.0
Apr.	128.7	293.4	149.6	216.8	422.0	130.0	260.8	228.0	214.6	257.3	241.0
May	129.0	294.1	149.3	221.3	423.3	130.0	260.8	228.0	214.6	256.4	241.0
June	129.0	294.1	149.3	221.3	423.2	130.6	264.8	226.7	214.6	255.6	241.0
July	128.9	293.9	149.8	221.3	422.8	132.9	264.8	226.7	216.1	238.4	241.0
Aug.	128.9	293.8	149.8	221.3	420.5	132.9	264.8	226.7	219.9	238.3	244.0
Sept.	128.6	293.3	149.8	221.3	418.8	132.9	264.8	226.7	220.4	238.3	248.5
Oct.	128.7	293.5	149.8	222.2	418.2	132.9	261.6	226.7	223.0	237.1	248.5
Nov.	128.6	293.3	149.8	222.2	418.6	132.9	255.2	226.7	223.8	225.9	250.4

\* Arithmetically converted to base 1949=100, for comparability with Price Indexes of Non-Residential Building Materials shown in Table 7.

TABLE 6. - 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
1955 .....	123.4	120.3	127.0	120.3	127.6	118.0	121.3
1955 July ...	122.3	120.1	126.7	120.0	128.7	116.5	120.6
Aug. ...	124.9	120.1	126.7	120.0	129.2	119.1	120.6
Sept. ...	125.8	120.1	126.7	120.0	129.3	120.4	124.9
Oct. ...	125.9	120.1	126.7	120.0	129.4	120.4	125.0
Nov. ...	125.9	120.1	126.7	120.0	129.2	120.6	124.7
Dec. ...	126.0	120.2	126.7	120.1	129.5	120.6	124.7
1956 Jan. ...	126.7	121.1	127.3	120.1	130.1	121.5	125.6
Feb. ...	126.9	121.1	127.2	120.1	130.1	122.3	124.9
Mar. ...	127.2	117.5	130.1	120.7	131.7	122.3	126.2
Apr. ...	127.2	116.6	130.1	121.8	132.0	122.4	126.3
May ....	127.4	116.6	131.4	121.8	132.4	122.4	126.1
June ...	127.5	115.5	131.4	121.8	132.6	122.4	126.0
July ...	127.1	115.7	131.2	121.8	132.6	122.1	123.2
Aug. ...	129.3	116.7	130.2	121.8	132.0	124.1	123.0
Sept. ...	129.3	116.7	130.2	116.6	131.2	124.6	123.0
Oct. ...	129.5	116.7	132.2	117.2	130.8	125.4	122.1
Nov. ...	129.3	116.7	132.2	116.8	130.6	125.5	120.2
		Steel and Metal Work	Hardware	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
1955 .....	129.9	132.6		108.1	127.3	133.3	97.4
1955 July ...	126.1	129.8		107.7	128.8	134.1	96.9
Aug. ...	134.9	136.0		107.7	129.8	134.1	96.9
Sept. ...	134.9	136.2		108.8	129.8	135.0	96.9
Oct. ...	134.9	139.1		108.8	129.8	136.2	96.9
Nov. ...	135.0	139.7		108.8	129.8	136.2	95.5
Dec. ...	135.0	139.7		108.9	129.8	136.3	95.5
1956 Jan. ...	135.1	138.7		108.9	136.5	139.6	95.7
Feb. ...	135.1	139.9		108.9	136.5	139.6	95.7
Mar. ...	135.2	143.8		108.9	136.5	139.6	95.7
Apr. ...	135.3	143.8		112.1	133.5	141.8	92.9
May ....	135.3	143.8		112.0	133.5	141.8	92.9
June ...	135.7	144.0		112.0	137.8	141.7	92.9
July ...	135.6	144.0		114.7	137.8	141.7	93.0
Aug. ...	144.4	144.6		114.7	139.1	141.7	93.0
Sept. ...	144.1	149.6		114.8	139.1	141.7	93.0
Oct. ...	144.1	149.7		114.8	139.1	141.7	93.0
Nov. ...	144.0	150.2		114.8	139.1	142.8	93.0

TABLE 7. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

(1949 = 100)

	Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities & Services
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
1955 .....	116.4	112.1	129.4	108.0	116.4	118.1
<u>1953</u> October	116.7	115.5	124.5	110.3	117.5	116.0
November	116.2	113.4	125.0	110.3	117.4	116.3
December	115.8	112.1	125.2	110.2	117.4	116.3
<u>1954</u> January	115.7	111.6	125.4	110.1	117.5	116.4
February	115.7	111.7	125.4	110.0	117.5	116.5
March	115.5	110.7	125.6	109.8	117.6	116.6
April	115.6	110.4	125.6	109.9	118.1	117.2
May	115.5	110.2	125.8	109.9	117.3	117.5
June	116.1	112.0	126.4	109.7	117.1	117.5
July	116.2	112.1	126.6	109.6	117.2	117.6
August	117.0	114.4	127.0	109.6	117.2	117.7
September	116.8	113.8	127.2	109.5	117.2	117.6
October	116.8	113.8	127.4	108.4	117.3	117.9
November	116.8	113.4	127.9	108.2	117.2	118.2
December	116.6	112.6	128.2	108.1	117.1	118.2
<u>1955</u> January	116.4	112.1	128.4	108.1	117.1	118.2
February	116.3	111.5	128.5	108.1	117.1	118.3
March	116.0	110.7	128.6	108.0	117.0	118.3
April	116.1	111.0	128.7	107.9	116.9	118.2
May	116.4	112.3	128.8	107.9	116.4	118.3
June	115.9	111.0	129.2	107.8	116.1	117.8
July	116.0	111.5	129.6	107.8	115.8	117.7
August	116.4	112.4	129.8	107.8	115.8	118.0
September	116.8	113.7	130.0	107.8	115.9	117.9
October	116.9	113.5	130.2	107.8	116.1	118.1
November	116.9	113.0	130.6	107.9	116.5	118.3
December	116.9	112.4	131.0	108.5	116.6	118.3
<u>1956</u> January	116.8	111.5	131.3	108.6	116.5	119.0
February	116.4	109.9	131.5	108.6	116.7	119.3
March	116.4	109.1	131.6	108.7	116.8	119.9
April	116.6	109.7	131.9	108.7	116.6	120.1
May	116.6	109.3	132.1	108.8	116.5	120.5
June	117.8	112.5	132.6	108.6	116.7	120.6
July	118.5	114.4	132.7	108.6	116.7	121.1
August	119.1	115.9	133.0	108.4	116.8	121.3
September	119.0	115.5	133.1	108.4	117.1	121.4
October	119.8	117.4	133.3	108.5	117.7	121.6
November	120.3	117.9	133.4	108.4	118.1	122.8

TABLE 8. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES - MAIN GROUPS AND SELECTED COMPONENTS

(1949 = 100)

	1953	1954	1955	Nov. 1954	Nov. 1955	Aug. 1956	Sept. 1956	Oct. 1956	Nov. 1956
<u>Total Index</u>	115.5	116.2	116.4	116.8	116.9	119.1	119.0	119.8	120.3
<u>Food</u>	112.6	112.2	112.1	113.4	113.0	115.9	115.5	117.4	117.9
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	112.4	111.8	111.9	111.5	111.5	111.6	111.6	111.9	114.1
Cereal Products	119.3	122.4	122.0	122.3	122.1	126.0	126.0	126.5	128.9
Meats, Fish and Poultry	108.2	105.8	101.3	104.2	105.5	100.6	105.8	109.1	111.0
<u>Shelter</u>	123.6	126.5	129.4	127.9	130.6	133.0	133.1	133.3	133.4
Rent	125.4	129.8	133.3	131.6	134.2	136.1	136.2	136.4	136.6
Home-Ownership	121.2	122.2	124.4	122.9	125.8	128.8	129.0	129.1	129.1
<u>Clothing</u>	110.1	109.4	108.0	108.2	107.9	108.4	108.4	108.5	108.4
Men's Wear	113.5	113.8	113.0	113.5	112.9	113.4	113.4	113.3	113.7
Women's Wear	102.5	100.9	98.4	98.5	98.2	98.3	98.3	98.5	97.9
Children's Wear	108.6	107.5	106.2	106.5	105.7	105.8	105.8	105.7	105.9
Footwear	127.7	127.6	127.3	127.3	128.3	130.0	130.1	130.3	130.6
Piece Goods	106.2	108.7	108.4	108.7	108.2	108.7	108.9	109.0	109.1
<u>Household Operation</u>	117.0	117.4	116.4	117.2	116.5	116.8	117.1	117.7	118.1
Fuel	116.0	114.9	112.7	114.1	113.8	113.8	114.0	115.5	116.5
Electricity	114.6	115.9	116.0	116.0	115.9	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6
Home Furnishings	116.7	115.6	113.7	115.0	113.0	113.0	113.2	113.8	114.2
Furniture	117.2	117.6	115.9	117.0	115.5	115.6	115.9	116.9	117.6
Utensils and Equipment	121.2	122.1	123.1	122.7	124.0	125.7	125.9	126.7	127.5
Supplies and Services	118.7	121.8	122.9	122.5	123.2	124.4	124.8	125.0	125.1
Supplies	113.5	115.8	116.3	116.0	116.6	117.3	117.3	117.8	118.0
Services	122.2	126.0	127.4	127.0	127.7	129.2	129.9	130.0	130.0
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	115.8	117.4	118.1	118.2	118.3	121.3	121.4	121.6	122.8
Transportation	119.2	120.0	118.5	120.5	117.7	123.9	124.3	124.3	126.5
Automobile Operation	114.5	114.7	111.0	114.1	109.0	111.7	112.2	112.1	115.6
Recreation	116.7	119.5	122.6	121.2	123.7	125.9	126.0	126.0	127.0
Health Care	122.0	127.4	130.4	129.2	131.4	134.8	134.8	135.9	136.0
Drugs	108.7	109.5	111.0	110.1	111.2	111.8	111.8	111.8	112.3
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	108.0	107.3	107.4	107.3	107.5	107.6	107.6	107.6	108.3
Personal Care	115.9	117.9	118.0	118.3	118.1	121.1	121.3	121.3	124.0
Personal Supplies	111.5	113.6	112.7	113.9	111.7	112.5	112.8	112.8	113.3

TABLE 9. - PRICE RELATIVES FOR SPECIFIED FOODS INCLUDED IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

(1949 = 100)

	Beef, Blade Roast	Beef, Sir- loin	Pork, Rib Chops	Bacon	Salmon, Canned	Chicken	Butter	Mar- garine
1953	106.2	113.0	113.7	101.0	95.9	108.6	100.7	117.9
1954	99.7	109.4	116.8	113.2	96.6	95.8	99.0	117.5
1955	101.7	113.6	108.2	91.4	105.9	93.8	99.2	104.7
1955								
Sept.	101.1	118.9	120.6	92.5	107.5	98.1	97.7	101.3
Oct.	103.0	116.7	120.5	93.0	108.7	96.2	98.0	101.9
Nov.	102.1	114.6	114.5	91.3	109.5	94.4	98.3	101.9
1956								
Mar.	97.2	107.9	98.4	82.6	109.9	94.7	98.7	100.3
Apr.	94.9	105.5	97.5	81.9	109.9	93.8	98.6	98.2
May	93.9	107.9	100.2	81.4	110.3	93.3	98.4	99.7
June	98.6	114.5	113.3	83.1	110.3	93.9	97.8	101.9
July	101.5	119.7	120.1	85.4	110.3	94.5	97.5	103.7
August	104.0	123.6	123.1	86.6	110.7	91.7	97.3	105.0
Sept.	108.8	127.3	124.7	89.9	111.1	89.3	97.3	105.6
Oct.	108.1	124.0	126.9	107.1	114.3	87.5	98.1	105.6
Nov.	106.3	119.0	125.7	111.3	117.6	86.1	98.9	106.2
	Short- ening	Eggs	Peaches, Canned	Oranges	Peas, Canned	Potatoes	Toma- toes, Fresh	Carrots
1953	87.4	109.9	97.7	94.8	120.0	111.8	102.3	132.3
1954	91.8	92.9	99.0	116.8	119.2	107.6	101.4	153.2
1955	91.8	99.9	102.5	108.2	117.9	134.5	100.4	152.8
1955								
Sept.	91.7	119.0	102.6	105.4	116.0	106.5	60.3	137.2
Oct.	92.3	118.7	102.6	107.3	115.3	97.0	78.3	133.2
Nov.	92.6	117.9	102.1	106.2	115.3	93.9	101.4	137.2
1956								
Mar.	92.6	90.4	101.6	117.9	113.2	116.5	142.0	161.2
Apr.	92.6	95.7	101.6	118.7	112.5	139.2	155.3	153.2
May	93.9	98.3	102.1	121.5	112.5	146.4	95.8	151.9
June	95.7	100.4	101.6	130.1	112.5	196.6	114.6	157.2
July	96.0	109.3	102.1	125.5	112.5	247.2	139.9	165.2
August	96.0	117.1	103.1	116.7	115.3	190.9	129.2	161.2
Sept.	95.7	116.3	103.5	115.6	116.7	115.7	66.7	139.9
Oct.	94.8	114.7	106.9	117.9	118.7	107.9	88.5	137.2
Nov.	95.1	110.0	109.3	122.7	120.1	109.4	103.9	134.6
	Milk, Fresh	Cheese, Pro- cessed	Bread	Flour	Sugar, Granu- lated	Jam, Straw- berry	Tea	Coffee
1953	118.5	113.2	121.5	108.9	107.8	104.5	98.1	164.1
1954	118.5	111.6	126.8	110.2	101.8	107.5	105.4	200.9
1955	118.5	112.8	126.4	106.4	99.7	110.3	129.5	173.7
1955								
Sept.	118.5	113.0	126.8	106.2	98.6	109.5	129.4	167.3
Oct.	118.5	113.0	126.8	106.2	98.6	109.5	129.4	171.8
Nov.	118.5	112.7	126.8	106.2	98.6	109.5	129.2	174.6
1956								
Mar.	118.5	111.0	127.8	107.6	98.6	109.5	128.5	175.2
Apr.	118.5	112.7	127.8	107.6	98.6	109.5	128.1	178.9
May	118.5	114.1	128.8	107.6	98.6	109.5	128.1	176.3
June	118.5	114.7	129.8	107.6	98.6	109.5	127.9	179.5
July	118.5	116.1	132.8	107.6	99.7	110.4	128.1	184.0
August	118.5	117.8	133.8	109.0	100.8	111.7	128.1	185.5
Sept.	118.5	118.5	133.8	109.0	100.8	112.5	127.7	187.3
Oct.	118.5	118.5	133.8	110.5	100.8	113.8	127.7	188.9
Nov.	121.9	118.5	137.8	111.9	100.8	113.8	127.5	189.5

TABLE 10. - 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
	1949=100									
	June 1951=100									
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
1955	104.2	114.8	117.7	116.9	117.2	118.8	115.9	114.6	114.6	117.9
<u>1953</u>										
October	102.8	114.0	116.1	117.4	116.4	118.4	115.0	114.3	115.3	116.7
November	103.1	113.6	115.9	117.0	116.0	117.8	115.2	113.7	114.9	116.5
December	102.7	113.2	115.5	116.7	115.5	117.6	114.7	113.3	114.5	116.3
<u>1954</u>										
January	102.6	113.2	115.4	116.7	115.3	117.7	114.9	113.2	114.4	116.2
February	102.4	113.8	115.8	116.8	115.5	117.6	115.0	113.5	114.3	116.4
March	102.2	113.7	116.2	116.3	115.3	117.4	114.7	113.7	114.4	116.3
April	102.0	113.8	115.9	116.3	115.5	117.7	114.9	113.6	114.3	116.9
May	102.2	113.6	115.8	116.3	115.5	117.7	114.8	113.5	114.4	116.9
June	102.5	113.9	116.2	117.0	116.1	118.2	115.3	114.1	114.8	117.1
July	102.6	113.8	116.2	117.2	116.4	118.8	115.5	114.1	114.8	117.0
August	104.4	115.3	117.6	117.2	117.0	119.0	116.4	115.3	115.4	118.1
September	103.4	114.8	117.7	116.6	116.9	118.8	115.7	115.1	115.7	118.1
October	103.0	114.6	117.6	117.0	117.3	118.9	115.5	115.2	115.6	118.6
November	102.8	114.5	117.5	117.1	117.2	118.9	115.7	114.8	115.3	118.6
December	102.9	114.5	117.5	117.0	117.0	118.8	115.5	113.9	115.0	118.3
<u>1955</u>										
January	102.6	114.3	117.4	117.1	117.0	118.9	115.5	113.9	114.6	118.4
February	102.7	114.6	117.6	117.1	117.0	118.7	115.4	113.8	114.5	118.3
March	102.9	114.5	117.6	116.7	116.8	118.2	115.2	113.7	114.2	117.9
April	103.5	114.6	117.6	116.7	116.9	118.4	115.3	113.9	114.2	117.2
May	105.0	115.4	118.1	117.0	117.3	118.9	115.6	114.4	114.2	117.2
June	104.3	114.6	117.3	116.3	116.9	118.3	115.0	114.3	113.8	116.8
July	104.5	114.7	117.3	116.7	117.0	118.7	115.5	114.3	114.1	116.5
August	105.8	115.1	117.8	116.8	117.3	118.5	116.1	115.1	114.6	116.8
September	105.1	115.2	118.1	117.1	117.5	119.2	116.5	115.4	115.2	118.1
October	104.8	114.9	117.8	117.0	117.7	119.4	116.6	115.5	115.2	118.5
November	104.6	114.9	117.6	117.1	117.7	119.0	116.9	115.6	115.1	118.6
December	104.5	114.7	117.7	116.7	117.8	118.9	116.9	115.7	115.1	120.3
<u>1956</u>										
January	104.7	114.5	117.4	117.4	117.5	118.8	116.8	115.2	114.8	120.0
February	104.9	114.1	117.1	117.0	117.3	118.3	116.5	114.7	114.1	118.5
March	105.0	114.3	117.4	116.7	117.3	118.2	116.8	114.7	114.3	118.6
April	105.9	114.8	117.6	116.7	117.7	118.7	116.5	114.9	114.6	118.6
May	106.6	114.7	117.5	116.6	117.7	119.1	116.1	114.6	114.3	117.7
June	107.6	115.6	118.2	118.1	118.8	120.4	116.6	115.2	114.9	118.4
July	108.1	116.0	118.7	119.1	119.4	121.5	117.6	115.6	115.7	119.3
August	110.2	117.6	120.3	118.9	120.4	122.0	117.0	116.2	116.1	119.6
September	107.3	117.2	119.6	118.8	120.0	121.7	117.5	116.8	116.8	120.5
October	106.9	117.7	120.0	119.9	120.9	122.5	118.1	117.2	117.5	121.2
November	107.0	118.0	120.4	120.9	121.5	123.1	118.4	117.2	117.7	121.5

TABLE 10. - 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	Saskatoon- Regina	Edmonton- Calgary	Van- couver	
<u>Food Index</u>											
<u>1954</u>	January	101.0	105.5	110.3	115.1	110.3	110.2	110.9	110.2	109.9	110.8
	February	100.4	106.5	110.6	115.5	110.5	110.0	111.1	110.4	109.9	111.6
	March	99.5	105.6	109.8	113.4	109.8	108.9	110.2	110.0	109.9	110.7
	April	98.9	105.5	109.2	112.6	109.3	108.9	110.2	108.7	109.0	110.4
	May	99.3	104.7	108.4	112.7	109.3	109.1	109.7	108.0	109.3	109.8
	June	100.0	105.7	109.1	114.3	110.8	110.9	111.0	110.6	110.4	111.6
	July	100.2	105.7	109.5	115.1	111.4	112.0	111.9	110.6	110.4	111.2
	August	105.0	110.5	113.8	114.8	113.1	112.8	114.7	114.3	112.8	113.6
	September	102.2	109.1	114.4	113.4	112.8	111.6	112.0	114.2	113.5	113.7
	October	101.3	108.4	113.8	115.0	113.8	111.9	111.7	114.1	112.7	113.5
	November	100.9	107.5	113.4	115.6	112.7	111.2	112.0	112.5	112.1	112.3
	December	101.1	107.8	113.2	115.3	112.0	110.5	110.9	110.2	110.7	111.6
<u>1955</u>	January	101.1	107.0	112.9	115.1	111.2	110.6	110.8	110.1	110.0	111.8
	February	101.4	106.8	112.6	115.4	111.0	109.6	110.5	109.7	109.4	111.6
	March	101.5	106.6	112.3	114.2	110.2	108.8	109.7	109.2	108.5	110.0
	April	102.1	106.5	112.2	114.0	110.7	109.6	110.1	109.6	108.4	109.4
	May	106.1	108.8	113.7	114.8	111.2	111.1	110.9	109.5	108.5	109.5
	June	103.9	106.2	111.0	112.7	110.2	109.9	109.9	109.6	108.0	108.6
	July	103.5	106.3	110.7	114.5	110.7	111.2	110.9	110.1	109.0	109.3
	August	105.2	107.6	112.7	114.7	111.4	110.5	111.6	112.7	110.7	110.1
	September	102.8	107.6	113.7	115.3	112.0	112.8	112.7	113.6	112.5	113.5
	October	101.3	106.5	112.0	114.9	112.0	112.8	112.8	114.2	112.3	114.8
	November	100.7	106.3	110.8	115.3	110.9	111.1	113.7	113.9	111.9	114.7
	December	100.5	105.7	110.9	113.9	110.5	110.2	113.5	113.7	111.5	115.9
<u>1956</u>	January	101.0	104.8	109.6	113.4	109.6	109.9	112.8	111.9	110.6	114.9
	February	101.0	103.6	108.8	111.9	107.6	107.7	111.5	110.2	107.7	111.4
	March	101.1	103.3	108.7	111.4	107.0	106.9	111.6	109.7	107.3	111.4
	April	102.2	105.2	109.8	111.5	107.9	107.6	110.7	110.6	107.6	111.8
	May	103.1	104.3	108.6	111.0	107.2	107.7	109.4	109.5	106.5	111.1
	June	106.1	106.9	110.1	114.7	111.1	112.0	110.8	111.6	108.1	111.9
	July	107.2	107.6	112.2	117.4	112.9	114.1	114.0	113.0	111.1	113.3
	August	113.8	112.4	117.4	116.9	115.2	115.6	111.8	114.3	112.7	114.8
	September	104.9	109.9	114.1	116.4	114.2	114.6	112.9	115.8	114.0	116.6
	October	102.7	111.2	115.6	119.2	116.2	116.6	114.9	117.0	115.9	118.5
	November	102.9	111.8	115.4	120.9	117.0	117.5	114.9	116.6	115.3	118.4
<u>Shelter Index</u>											
<u>1955</u>	July	108.6	124.3	125.6	136.0	133.4	146.9	126.0	118.1	121.1	127.4
	August	108.6	124.5	125.6	136.0	133.9	147.0	126.0	118.1	121.1	127.4
	September	109.7	124.6	125.6	136.0	134.0	147.7	126.3	118.1	121.1	127.6
	October	109.7	124.9	126.7	136.0	134.7	147.7	126.6	118.1	121.1	127.6
	November	109.7	124.9	127.2	136.1	135.7	147.7	126.9	118.1	121.1	127.8
	December	109.7	124.9	127.5	136.1	135.9	147.7	126.9	118.1	121.1	128.0
<u>1956</u>	January	109.7	125.1	127.5	136.1	135.9	147.9	127.0	118.1	121.1	128.0
	February	109.7	125.1	127.5	136.2	135.9	148.1	127.1	118.1	121.1	128.0
	March	109.7	125.2	127.5	136.2	136.2	148.1	127.1	118.1	121.2	128.2
	April	109.7	125.4	127.6	136.2	136.2	148.3	127.3	118.1	121.2	128.2
	May	109.8	125.6	128.5	136.2	136.8	148.3	127.6	118.1	121.2	128.2
	June	109.8	125.8	129.9	137.5	137.3	148.7	127.6	118.1	121.2	128.4
	July	109.8	126.3	130.1	137.8	137.9	148.9	127.6	118.1	121.2	128.7
	August	110.1	126.6	130.1	137.9	138.9	148.9	127.7	118.1	121.2	128.9
	September	110.1	126.8	130.1	138.0	138.9	148.9	127.8	118.1	121.2	128.9
	October	110.1	126.8	130.3	138.2	139.9	149.0	128.2	118.1	121.2	128.9
	November	110.1	127.1	130.6	138.3	140.4	149.2	128.4	118.1	121.2	129.3

TABLE 10. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR REGIONAL CITIES - Concluded

(1949 = 100)

	St. John's Nfld. I.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saskatoon- Regina	Edmonton- Calgary	Van- couver
<u>Clothing Index</u>										
<u>1955</u> July	100.7	114.6	116.1	107.1	111.1	109.7	112.5	114.6	112.5	112.2
August	100.7	114.5	116.1	107.1	111.0	109.9	112.4	114.6	112.5	112.2
September	100.6	114.5	116.1	107.1	111.0	109.9	112.4	114.4	112.5	112.3
October	100.3	114.6	116.1	107.0	111.1	110.0	112.4	114.4	112.5	112.5
November	100.3	114.5	116.1	107.1	111.2	110.1	112.3	114.4	112.5	112.6
December	100.5	114.5	116.2	108.0	111.6	110.8	113.1	114.7	112.9	112.8
<u>1956</u> January	100.5	114.8	116.2	108.1	111.6	110.9	113.2	114.7	113.0	112.8
February	100.5	114.8	116.2	108.2	111.6	110.8	113.2	114.7	113.1	112.8
March	100.8	114.9	116.7	108.2	111.8	111.0	113.2	114.8	113.6	112.9
April	100.8	114.8	116.7	108.0	111.6	111.3	113.2	114.8	113.8	113.3
May	100.8	114.2	116.7	108.0	111.4	111.2	113.2	114.8	113.9	113.5
June	100.8	114.5	116.8	107.8	111.4	111.1	112.8	114.7	113.9	113.7
July	100.9	114.8	116.8	107.7	111.7	111.1	112.8	114.7	112.7	113.7
August	99.4	114.8	116.8	107.4	111.6	111.1	113.1	114.7	112.3	112.5
September	100.0	115.2	116.8	107.2	111.6	111.1	113.1	115.0	112.7	112.5
October	100.2	115.2	116.8	107.2	111.4	111.4	113.2	115.0	112.7	112.5
November	100.2	115.4	116.8	106.8	111.6	111.2	113.7	115.0	113.4	112.5
<u>Household Operation Index</u>										
<u>1955</u> July	103.0	118.9	116.5	114.4	116.3	114.3	114.1	116.9	115.7	122.5
August	102.7	118.9	116.5	114.5	116.3	114.4	114.1	116.9	115.7	122.5
September	102.7	118.9	116.5	114.6	116.3	114.4	114.2	116.9	115.8	123.7
October	103.3	119.6	117.0	114.5	116.0	114.4	114.1	116.9	115.7	123.9
November	103.3	119.6	117.0	114.9	116.0	115.1	114.1	116.9	115.8	124.2
December	103.2	119.7	117.2	115.2	116.5	115.2	114.1	116.9	115.8	131.0
<u>1956</u> January	103.2	119.7	117.2	115.1	116.3	114.9	114.0	116.6	115.8	130.9
February	103.2	119.7	117.2	115.3	116.8	115.5	114.1	116.6	115.9	128.6
March	103.4	120.1	117.6	115.2	116.8	115.5	114.1	116.8	116.1	128.6
April	104.4	119.9	117.4	114.9	116.4	115.5	114.0	116.5	116.6	128.0
May	104.5	119.9	117.4	114.7	116.4	116.5	113.9	116.4	116.8	124.1
June	104.4	120.4	117.6	114.8	115.9	116.4	113.5	116.6	117.0	125.0
July	105.2	120.5	117.6	114.8	115.9	116.2	113.7	116.9	117.0	127.8
August	104.8	120.5	117.9	114.7	115.3	116.3	114.0	117.0	117.0	127.2
September	105.6	121.5	119.1	114.8	115.2	116.7	114.1	117.6	118.2	128.8
October	105.7	121.6	119.1	115.2	116.0	117.2	114.1	117.8	118.3	128.4
November	105.9	121.7	118.8	115.3	115.9	118.2	114.1	117.7	118.4	128.1
<u>Other Commodities and Services Index</u>										
<u>1955</u> July	106.6	119.1	124.0	116.8	119.5	118.4	117.4	114.2	117.3	119.6
August	110.0	119.1	124.0	116.8	119.6	118.6	119.0	114.2	117.3	119.6
September	110.1	119.1	124.0	116.8	119.5	118.3	119.1	114.3	117.1	119.6
October	110.9	119.1	124.0	116.8	120.2	118.4	119.4	114.5	117.6	119.6
November	110.9	119.1	124.1	116.6	120.8	118.8	119.0	115.2	117.6	119.6
December	110.9	119.2	124.1	116.6	120.8	118.8	119.2	116.0	117.6	119.6
<u>1956</u> January	110.9	119.2	124.1	119.8	120.8	118.9	119.6	116.0	117.6	119.7
February	111.7	119.2	124.1	119.8	122.6	118.9	120.2	115.9	117.8	119.7
March	111.7	119.7	124.5	120.0	123.1	119.5	120.6	116.6	119.5	120.4
April	113.0	119.7	124.5	119.9	123.7	120.2	121.0	116.5	119.6	120.2
May	114.5	120.3	124.8	120.5	124.2	120.9	120.8	116.5	119.7	120.1
June	114.5	120.3	124.8	120.6	124.2	120.9	121.6	116.5	119.7	120.7
July	114.5	120.3	124.5	120.6	123.9	122.8	121.3	116.5	119.7	120.7
August	114.6	120.4	124.7	120.9	124.5	122.8	121.3	117.0	119.8	120.7
September	114.6	121.2	124.7	121.1	124.7	123.0	121.6	117.0	119.9	120.8
October	115.9	121.2	124.8	121.2	124.7	123.0	121.8	117.2	120.2	121.6
November	115.7	121.6	126.5	122.8	125.8	123.8	122.1	117.8	121.3	122.9

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

TABLE 11. - ACTUAL AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES IN MANUFACTURING

ADJUSTED FOR CHANGES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1)

1945 - 1956

Year and Month	Actual (2) Weekly Wages	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	Index Numbers of		The Consumer Price Index
			Actual Weekly Wages	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	
	\$	\$	(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
1955 - Average	59.25	50.90	142.1	122.0	116.4
<u>1954</u> - 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	50.97	141.7	122.2	116.0
Apr. 1	59.31	51.09	142.2	122.5	116.1
May 1	59.90	51.46	143.6	123.4	116.4
June 1	59.66	51.48	143.0	123.4	115.9
July 1	59.31	51.13	142.2	122.6	116.0
Aug. 1	59.20	50.86	141.9	121.9	116.4
Sept. 1	59.25	50.73	142.1	121.6	116.8
Oct. 1	60.09	51.40	144.1	123.2	116.9
Nov. 1	60.63	51.86	145.4	124.3	116.9
Dec. 1	60.78	51.99	145.7	124.6	116.9
<u>1956</u> - Jan. 1	57.53	49.26	137.9	118.1	116.8
Feb. 1	60.69	52.14	145.5	125.0	116.4
Mar. 1	61.33	52.69	147.0	126.3	116.4
Apr. 1	61.86	53.05	148.3	127.2	116.6
May 1	62.56	53.65	150.0	128.6	116.6
June 1	62.13	52.74	149.0	126.4	117.8
July 1	62.91	53.09	150.8	127.3	118.5
Aug. 1	62.18	52.21	149.1	125.2	119.1
Sept. 1	62.51	52.53	149.9	125.9	119.0
Oct. 1	63.62 (p)	53.11 (p)	152.5 (p)	127.3 (p)	119.8

(1) For statement of uses and limitations see "Prices &amp; 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 12. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS

(1935-39=100)

	Composite Index Exclusive of Living Component (a)	Farm Machinery	Equipment and Materials	Taxes and Interest Rates (a)	Farm Wage Rates	Farm Family Living	Composite Index Inclusive of Living Component (a)
ALL CANADA							
1926 .....	130.6	97.6	119.9	135.5	164.5	121.1	126.8
1939 .....	99.3	103.6	95.7	101.1	110.3	99.5	99.4
1954 .....	237.2	197.9	203.3	174.6	441.2	204.5	224.2
1955 .....	238.3	198.8	204.6	177.2	439.7	203.8	224.5
1952 - August .....	245.4	194.0	212.5	161.4	471.9	204.5	229.0
1953 - August .....	243.6	198.0	206.3	168.2	475.8	204.9	228.1
1954 - August .....	240.0	198.0	201.9	174.6	463.2	204.5	225.8
1955 - April .....	240.8	198.1	204.7	177.2	454.2	203.8	226.0
August .....	241.8	199.8	203.3	177.2	465.5	203.8	226.6
1956 - January .....	234.8	209.4	206.0	177.2	413.4	203.2	222.2
April .....	249.0	209.2	209.6	177.2	485.1	204.0	231.0
August .....	254.3	209.7	210.7	177.2	512.5	206.2	235.1
EASTERN CANADA							
1926 .....	129.5	97.0	122.8	128.4	151.1	120.2	125.8
1939 .....	98.7	104.3	94.8	99.2	110.6	99.5	99.0
1954 .....	238.8	194.4	202.4	164.5	424.1	202.0	224.1
1955 .....	241.9	196.0	204.7	168.4	429.0	201.6	225.8
1952 - August .....	246.8	191.8	211.7	152.4	447.4	202.7	229.2
1953 - August .....	244.0	195.2	205.2	158.7	447.1	202.4	227.3
1954 - August .....	239.8	195.0	200.9	164.5	433.8	202.1	224.7
1955 - April .....	243.1	195.1	205.3	168.4	433.4	201.7	226.6
August .....	243.5	197.4	203.3	168.4	441.6	201.3	226.6
1956 - January .....	241.4	207.2	204.5	168.4	427.0	200.8	225.2
April .....	250.4	207.7	208.0	168.4	461.6	201.3	230.7
August .....	257.9	209.7	209.5	168.4	495.6	203.7	236.2
WESTERN CANADA							
1926 .....	131.8	97.8	117.1	141.6	183.5	121.9	127.8
1939 .....	99.8	103.3	96.6	102.7	109.9	99.5	99.7
1954 .....	235.7	199.2	204.2	183.2	465.5	207.0	224.2
1955 .....	234.7	199.9	204.5	184.8	454.8	206.1	223.2
1952 - August .....	243.9	194.9	213.2	169.0	506.8	206.3	228.9
1953 - August .....	243.2	199.1	207.3	176.3	516.6	207.4	228.9
1954 - August .....	240.2	199.2	202.8	183.2	505.1	206.9	226.9
1955 - April .....	238.5	199.3	204.1	184.8	483.8	205.9	225.4
August .....	240.2	200.7	203.4	184.8	499.4	206.3	226.6
1956 - January .....	228.2	210.3	207.4	184.8	394.0	205.7	219.2
April .....	247.7	209.8	211.1	184.8	518.4	206.6	231.3
August .....	250.7	209.7	211.8	184.8	536.6	208.7	233.9

(a) 1956 indexes are subject to revision, since tax and interest rate figures are preliminary.

TABLE 13. - INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

(1935-39=100)

INVESTORS' INDEX										
Number of Stocks	Inves- tors' Total (96)	Total Indus- trials (76)	Machin- ery and Equip- ment (10)	Pulp and Paper (9)	Mill- ing (2)	Oils (5)	Tex- tiles and Cloth- ing (9)	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	77.6	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
1955 .....	232.7	239.6	696.0	995.1	190.6	164.0	177.8	180.4	566.2	434.9
<u>1954</u> 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
June ....	237.1	244.4	726.2	1044.7	183.8	163.6	172.4	177.2	582.2	447.7
July ....	246.5	252.8	760.8	1069.8	197.0	169.2	178.3	187.5	589.3	458.7
Aug. ....	245.3	252.3	735.6	1066.9	198.5	164.7	176.2	194.8	592.0	457.2
Sept. ...	255.9	265.9	794.0	1098.2	215.1	174.1	183.2	199.6	640.1	467.9
Oct. ....	239.9	248.9	742.7	1044.9	227.1	164.1	187.3	196.2	609.8	435.8
Nov. ....	245.6	255.3	766.5	1062.5	213.3	168.8	187.7	197.1	593.2	453.8
Dec. ....	247.6	257.0	763.8	1073.3	209.1	170.8	178.2	200.0	581.9	457.8
<u>1956</u> Jan. ....	248.5	257.0	735.6	1070.0	209.4	175.5	179.9	196.8	583.7	458.4
Feb. ....	249.2	258.1	728.0	1077.3	199.2	182.6	174.0	197.3	579.0	464.0
Mar. ....	267.9	280.3	804.6	1153.0	199.6	205.2	178.8	199.7	590.4	503.6
Apr. ....	273.0	286.2	826.4	1123.9	187.4	210.0	170.9	191.8	577.5	519.5
May .....	268.5	282.9	848.1	1192.5	179.8	211.7	160.2	180.8	551.7	488.5
June ....	267.0	283.0	843.6	1146.0	167.3	219.4	158.8	181.5	549.1	466.3
July ....	282.4	299.0	913.7	1185.8	173.9	234.9	159.5	190.8	565.4	504.5
Aug. ....	291.8	308.9	915.4	1175.3	175.2	250.1	158.3	195.5	558.6	514.2
Sept. ...	278.9	294.4	855.3	1077.2	166.0	243.7	153.4	183.5	530.9	485.0
Oct. ....	270.3	284.8	815.7	1024.9	160.2	236.2	155.3	175.0	518.7	469.8
Nov. ....	262.3	276.0	762.8	994.2	151.2	239.2	154.8	175.2	487.1	452.0
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
Nov. 1 ..	267.9	282.7	807.0	1024.5	155.8	240.0	159.2	173.4	503.7	457.6
Nov. 8 ..	270.5	285.2	793.9	1031.0	158.4	243.9	156.1	176.0	501.2	471.4
Nov. 15 .	267.5	281.5	764.9	1017.2	157.7	245.5	155.7	181.4	492.4	460.6
Nov. 22 .	258.2	271.1	734.4	972.8	143.1	239.0	152.6	173.9	476.8	445.7
Nov. 29 .	247.6	259.3	713.9	925.7	141.2	227.7	150.3	171.3	461.2	424.5

TABLE 13. - INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES (Concluded)

(1935-39=100)

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS' INDEX					MINING INDEX (1)			
	Indus- trial Mines (2)	Total Utili- ties (13)	Trans- porta- tion (2)	Tele- phone (3)	Power and Traction (8)	Banks (7)	Mining Total (26)	Gold (21)	Base Metals (5)
1939 .....	98.9	86.1	56.0	109.3	88.9	102.5	104.5	95.6	121.7
1940 .....	77.1	80.9	62.5	101.0	80.6	95.6	81.2	73.7	95.6
1941 .....	69.5	70.7	61.4	96.4	65.8	90.5	72.4	65.1	87.0
1942 .....	66.5	70.4	65.7	89.2	66.1	81.2	52.3	40.8	75.1
1943 .....	74.8	101.3	112.8	97.2	99.1	80.5	70.1	61.4	86.8
1944 .....	69.2	100.8	125.2	100.1	93.3	82.0	81.3	74.1	94.2
1945 .....	86.9	120.2	178.2	108.8	105.5	95.7	95.2	91.0	101.1
1946 .....	98.0	132.5	203.5	125.2	114.0	130.0	97.8	87.6	116.1
1947 .....	90.0	117.3	147.9	117.1	109.1	130.8	86.7	76.0	106.1
1948 .....	100.5	120.2	180.6	108.3	104.7	129.3	82.0	65.0	115.8
1949 .....	92.1	117.4	161.6	105.9	109.2	134.4	87.4	71.7	117.9
1950 .....	98.3	132.5	208.8	103.5	123.7	147.4	89.9	67.4	134.9
1951 .....	126.0	162.3	325.6	101.4	142.5	144.6	99.2	69.8	166.4
1952 .....	139.7	168.3	378.6	94.6	139.8	148.4	103.6	73.9	171.5
1953 .....	118.1	157.2	297.5	99.2	142.4	168.9	92.1	66.2	151.3
1954 .....	123.2	165.0	291.6	111.0	150.2	208.0	91.3	64.8	151.9
1955 .....	184.3	197.0	365.8	125.5	181.2	246.3	116.9	72.3	219.0
<u>1954</u> 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
June ....	188.1	202.9	388.7	128.0	183.1	243.3	121.5	75.9	226.0
July ....	194.8	208.9	391.7	130.9	194.3	270.6	125.7	75.0	241.8
Aug. ....	203.0	207.0	383.2	129.5	195.2	263.2	129.1	76.3	250.0
Sept. ....	212.4	211.2	390.8	132.2	199.3	259.0	129.0	75.3	252.0
Oct. ....	191.2	200.6	371.0	129.6	182.1	240.0	117.6	71.0	224.2
Nov. ....	200.8	201.4	370.6	129.6	184.7	250.8	119.6	71.2	230.2
Dec. ....	204.5	204.2	386.1	129.3	186.0	253.4	121.4	72.6	233.0
<u>1956</u> Jan. ....	205.3	206.5	385.4	129.4	192.6	260.0	125.2	75.8	238.1
Feb. ....	200.6	204.1	373.3	129.5	190.6	264.2	125.1	76.7	235.8
Mar. ....	217.0	210.2	399.3	131.0	194.3	276.8	134.4	79.4	260.2
Apr. ....	222.1	209.3	394.8	127.7	200.2	288.7	136.8	78.8	269.7
May ....	218.0	204.2	370.2	125.2	201.0	271.7	136.5	78.8	268.5
June ....	217.2	199.8	356.8	119.2	206.0	260.7	136.4	76.7	273.1
July ....	223.5	207.9	361.7	122.2	222.4	287.4	144.0	79.5	291.5
Aug. ....	237.3	215.7	389.1	124.9	228.0	295.4	147.1	79.5	301.9
Sept. ....	228.2	209.2	380.0	121.1	220.1	283.8	137.4	74.1	282.2
Oct. ....	223.4	205.1	370.9	119.5	215.0	275.3	133.5	72.5	273.3
Nov. ....	211.9	200.3	351.5	117.8	212.5	268.8	127.4	68.6	262.2
<u>Weekly Index</u>									
Nov. 1 .....	219.0	202.3	363.1	118.1	212.8	270.3	132.0	71.4	270.8
Nov. 8 .....	222.9	205.9	359.9	120.4	220.8	272.0	133.8	71.4	276.7
Nov. 15 .....	216.9	202.9	350.8	119.2	218.0	275.7	130.6	69.4	270.6
Nov. 22 .....	206.2	198.3	345.5	117.7	209.3	267.4	123.1	66.6	252.6
Nov. 29 .....	194.3	192.0	338.1	113.8	201.6	258.8	117.6	64.1	240.1

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

TABLE 14. - INDEX NUMBERS OF PREFERRED STOCK PRICES

(1935-39=100)

	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
January .....	144.7	152.4	166.0	161.4	161.0	162.6	175.6	175.5
February .....	144.0	153.0	169.3	160.6	161.6	163.6	176.0	175.3
March .....	142.8	153.7	166.0	159.5	163.6	165.4	176.2	173.6
April .....	140.9	154.4	165.2	157.2	161.6	168.0	175.4	171.1
May .....	139.9	157.3	164.3	157.2	162.9	169.7	176.1	167.7
June .....	136.3	158.2	162.2	157.7	163.0	170.7	177.9	166.2
July .....	138.6	154.6	163.1	159.8	163.8	171.3	179.5	167.5
August .....	140.4	155.6	165.2	163.6	164.3	173.0	179.9	166.1
September .....	141.8	158.2	166.4	162.4	162.0	173.4	179.0	161.7
October .....	145.8	161.1	164.2	161.2	161.0	174.1	179.2	158.7
November .....	150.0	161.1	162.8	160.3	161.6	175.4	177.6	157.0
December .....	150.7	160.2	159.5	160.7	161.7	175.4	173.9	
Year .....	143.0	156.7	164.5	160.1	162.3	170.2	177.2	

TABLE 15. - INDEX NUMBERS OF UNITED STATES STOCK PRICES

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

	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
January .....	121.0	135.1	168.6	186.9	197.6	195.4	268.8	322.9
February .....	117.2	136.7	174.7	183.2	195.9	199.6	278.1	324.4
March .....	118.0	138.8	170.3	185.3	198.0	204.9	277.5	346.7
April .....	118.5	141.8	172.3	183.7	190.0	212.7	286.2	351.1
May .....	117.7	146.9	173.9	183.7	189.6	219.8	285.0	344.2
June .....	112.0	147.7	171.7	187.6	182.8	221.8	300.7	340.5
July .....	117.8	138.2	172.8	192.1	185.5	231.1	315.3	356.5
August .....	121.8	147.2	181.5	191.1	187.3	236.4	311.0	357.3
September .....	123.8	151.7	187.3	188.2	179.2	238.5	323.2	343.6
October .....	127.3	157.8	185.0	183.4	183.4	243.5	306.2	336.8
November .....	129.1	156.1	177.7	189.8	187.5	252.2	321.5	334.3
December .....	132.7	158.4	182.5	197.0	190.7	264.5	327.0	
Year .....	121.4	146.4	176.5	187.7	189.0	226.7	300.0	

TABLE 16. - 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	1954 Average	1955 Average	1955	1956	1956
				November Average	October Average	November Average
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	.9732	.9863	.9994	.9732	.9644
United Kingdom	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.8004	2.7106	2.6836
Argentina	peso (free)	.07006	.06386	.03111	.03101	.02871
Australia	pound	2.1874	2.2054	2.2403	2.1685	2.1469
Belgium (1)	franc	.01945	.01964	.01995	.01955	.01932
Brazil	cruzeiro (free)	.01456	.01344	.01511	.01453	.01445
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.5696	.5737	.5834	.5647	.5591
Ceylon	rupee	.2051	.2065	.2100	.2033	.2013
Chile	peso	.00843	.00493	.00500	.00196	.00192
Colombia	peso (basic)	.3894	.3945	.3998	.3898	.3858
Cuba	peso	.9733	.9863	.9994	.9732	.9644
Denmark	kroner	.1409	.1428	.1447	.1409	.1396
Egypt	pound	2.7949	2.8322	2.8700	2.7984	2.7692
France and North Africa	franc	.00278	.00282	.00286	.00278	.00276
Germany	deutsch mark	.2317	.2343	.2372	.2321	.2299
Hong Kong	dollar	.1709	.1721	.1750	.1694	.1677
India	rupee	.2051	.2065	.2100	.2033	.2013
Ireland	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.8004	2.7106	2.6836
Italy	lira	.00156	.00158	.00160	.00156	.00155
Jamaica	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.8004	2.7106	2.6836
Japan	yen	.00270	.00274	.00278	.00270	.00268
Lebanon	pound (free)	.3031	.3046	.3090	.3032	.3014
Mexico	peso	.08810	.07890	.07996	.07786	.07715
Netherlands	guilder	.2568	.2588	.2621	.2543	.2518
New Zealand	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.8004	2.7106	2.6836
Norway	kroner	.1363	.1381	.1399	.1363	.1350
Pakistan	rupee	.2942	.2597	.2100	.2033	.2013
Peru	sol-certificate	.05011	.05191	.05260	.05122	.05076
Philippines	peso	.4866	.4931	.4997	.4866	.4822
Portugal	escudo	.03397	.03442	.03488	.03396	.03366
Singapore	dollar	.3190	.3213	.3267	.3162	.3131
Sweden	krona	.1881	.1906	.1932	.1881	.1864
Switzerland	franc	.2270	.2301	.2333	.2271	.2250
Turkey	lira	.3476	.3522	.3569	.3476	.3444
Union of South Africa	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.8004	2.7106	2.6836
Venezuela	bolivar	.2905	.2944	.2983	.2905	.2879
Yugoslavia	dinar	.00324	.00329	.00333	.00324	.00321

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

(1) Includes Belgian Empire and Luxemburg.

TABLE 17. - INDEX NUMBERS OF CONSUMER AND WHOLESALE PRICES

## IN CANADA AND OTHER SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

Country	Base Period	1949	1955	1956					
				June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
<u>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia .....	1952-53		108.0(1)	110.8					
Canada .....	1949	100.0	116.4	117.8	118.5	119.1	119.0	119.8	120.3
France (Paris) .....	1949	100.0	114.9	147.1	146.7	147.1	148.3	148.0	148.2
Germany .....	1950	107	110	113	113	113	113	113	
India .....	1949	100	96	106	107				
Italy .....	1938	4,915	5,969	6,299	6,285	6,288	6,305		
Japan .....	1951	92.2	117.8	118.8	117.2	118.5(r)	118.5		
Mexico .....	1939	335.9	548.7	568.6	568.8	570.3	573.3	570.4	
Netherlands .....	1951		106	108	107	108	109	108	
Norway .....	1949	100	143	151	151	150			
South Africa .....	1938	153.2	202.1	206.4	207.1	205.4	206.5	206.9	
Sweden .....	1949	100	133	139	139	140	139		
Switzerland .....	August 1939		172.6	175.4	175.6	176.2	176.5	176.7	
United Kingdom .....	Jan. 17, 1956			102.4	102.0	102.3	102.1	102.7	
United Kingdom .....	June 17, 1947(3)	111	149	157	156	157	157	158	
United States .....	1947-49	101.8	114.5	116.2	117.0	116.8	117.1	117.7	
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia .....	1936-39		338(1)	353	358	366			
Canada .....	1935-39	198.3	218.9	226.5	226.6	227.0	227.4	227.1	226.6
France .....	1949		135.7	140.9	140.3	142.4	141.6	141.1	143.0
Germany .....	1950		125	129	127(r)	128(r)	128		
India .....	1938-39		337.5(2)	397.9(r)	409.0(r)	418.5(r)	419.8		
Italy .....	1938	5,169	5,320	5,369	5,331	5,307(r)	5,328		
Japan (Tokyo) .....	1952		97.9	101.4	101.6	102.8	104.7		
Mexico (Mexico City) .	1939	268.1	500.4	532.0	530.0	523.5	525.4	524.8	
Netherlands .....	1948	104	137	139	138				
Norway .....	1952		103	109	109	109			
South Africa .....	1938	184.7	271.5	272.9	272.7				
Sweden .....	1935	216	309	329	325	324	323		
Switzerland .....	August 1939		215.0	221.3	219.6	220.8	221.7	221.7	
United Kingdom .....	June 30, 1949(4)		152.4	155.2	154.1	155.8	157.1	155.4	
United Kingdom .....	June 30, 1949(5)		129.6	135.4	135.7	135.7(r)	135.9(r)	135.9	
United States .....	1947-49	99.2	110.7	114.2	114.0	114.7	115.3		

r - Revised. 1. Average from July 1955 to June 1956. 2. Average from Sept. 1954 to Aug. 1955.

3. Based on a supplementary calculation linking the new U.K. Index of Retail Prices (17 Jan. 1956 = 100) with the interim series (17 June 1947 = 100) formerly published.

4. Basic Materials Index (excl. fuel) for non-food manufacturing industries.

5. All manufactured products other than fuel, food and tobacco.

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PRICES 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 INDEXES

Canadian 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 1954/55, the initial price for No. 1 of \$1.40 was used until February 1956, when the index was revised for the crop year on the basis of a price of \$1.50 as announced February 2, 1956. Final payments were announced May 22, 1956 when the price for No. 1 Manitoba Northern was adjusted to \$1.65, No. 2 to \$1.61 and No. 3 to \$1.56 and the index revised accordingly. For the crop year 1955/56, 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. For the 1954-55 crop year final payments were announced November 22, and December 1, respectively. For the 1955-56 crop year final payments were announced November 29 and November 15, 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 96 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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