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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index averaged 118.1 over the year 1956 compared to 116.4 in 1955. A series of increases from May onward pushed the index above the previous post-War peak of 118.2 in January 1952, and by December 1956 it had reached 120.4. Between 1952 and May 1956, increases and decreases had practically cancelled each other and no noticeable trend had developed, but during the last half of 1956 the index advanced nearly every month. Although movements in the total index since 1952 have given the impression of a plateau in prices, there have been a number of divergent movements in the component groups, offsetting to a considerable degree, which have brought about this absence of movement at the total level. Shelter, with uninterrupted increases in both rent and home-ownership, moved from 118.3 in January 1952 to 133.5 in December 1956. Other service items in the index, as distinct from commodities, have also moved steadily upward, from 114.3 to 131.1 in the same period. Non-food commodities, after declining from a peak of 116.4 at the beginning of 1952 to a low of 110.1 in mid-1955, have risen slowly but steadily to reach 112.2 in December 1956. The Food index reached a high of 32.4 early in 1952. After dropping off from that peak, it fluctuated around a level ten points lower during 1953-55. During 1956 food was the component group most responsible for raising the total index. It climbed from 109.3 in May to 117.9 in November, almost 8 per cent. Perhaps half of this increase was seasonal in nature. The largest increase between May and November in the previous four years did not exceed 3 per cent. Higher prices were in evidence for many individual food items, including the first upward movement in some time for basic foods such as bread and milk.

The Index of Other Commodities and Services rose more during the year than it had for several years previously. Higher prices were spread through such varied items as new cars and men's haircuts. Household Operation, which hovered around 117 from 1952 to 1955, was not much higher at 117.1 in 1956 but it gained momentum late in the year to reach 118.6 in December. Fuel, utensils and equipment and furniture increases contributed to the rise. The Clothing index at 108.6 was less than one per cent above its 1955 level. This index was the only one of the major components to show an overall decline in the $1952-56$ period. The decline, however, was only about one per cent each year and its effect on the total index was overbalanced by the upward movement of all the other groups.

## WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES :

$(1935-1939=100)$ above the comparable index for December 1955, while the latter index was 2.8 per cent above that for December 1954. Price increases in 1956 were considerably more widespread than during 1955, when a very substantial proportion of the advance registered by the total increase was due to an increase of nearly 18 per cent in Non-ferrous Metals. On the other hand, during the twelve months ending December 1956, five of the eight main component groups registered advances of 3 to 9 per cent, one increased less than 2 per cent, while another decreased by about the same amount. In sharp contrast to 1955 Non-ferrous Metals averaged lower in 1956, weakening 5 per cent, as copper and its products receded in the latter half of the year from their earlier extreme highs.

Decreases registered by two of the component groups reflected particular circumstances which outweighed the general situation of strength as shown by the other six groups. In the case of Wood Products, the decline of 1.8 per cent between December 1955 and December 1956 reflected reduced receipts for export sales which resulted from the strength of the Canadian dollar. While as has been mentioned, the decrease in Non-ferrous Metals stemed from a reaction to the earlier gains in copper, the extent of the decline was partially offset by a substantial year-end increase in nickel. Among those groups which advanced during 1956, Iron and its Products recorded the most pronounced change, advancing 8.8 per cent from December to December, to continue a trend which began in mid-1955. Animal and Vegetable Products showed increases in 1956 for the first time in several years. The 6.6 per cent increase in Animal Products was substantially greater than the 3.8 per cent rise for the Vegetable Products index. This relative volatility displayed by the two indexes was consistent with their behaviour during the 195l-55 period when Animal Products declined mach more sharply than Vegetable Products. Non-metallic Minerals advanced 5.5 per cent over the same period reflecting widespread increases for items included in this component. The two remaining groups, Chemicals and Textiles, recorded
somewhat smaller increases of 1.7 per cent and 3.3 per cent respectively, during the twelve months ending December 1956. Even so, Chemicals during this period recorded a slightly larger rise than has occurred for some years, and the Textile increase was the first to occur since early 1951.

Residential building materials prices in 1956 continued at a more moderate pace the gradual upward trend begun in June 1954. The 12 -month comparison showed the December 1956 index of 292.7 to be 1.7 above December 1955, as against an increase of 3.2 per cent in the previous 12 months. Major gains among groups were Brick, Tile and Stone; Plumbing and Heating Equipment; Lath, Plaster and Insulation; and Other Materials. Lumber items advanced strongly during early months but gains were almost cancelled by subsequent weakness in Western lumber. The increase in steel prices which occurred in August was reflected in steel component items, while on the other hand, the sharp mid-year drop in copper prices was mainly responsible for declines in the Electrical Equipment and Fixtures group. It cancelled a large part of the 19.0 per cent gain made by this index during 1955.

The index of Non-residential Building Materials, on the base $1949=100$, advanced 2.9 per cent during 1956 to close the year at 129.6 , compared to 126.0 in December 1955. In the previous 12 -month period the increase was 3.8 per cent. Scattered price increases which occurred in 1956 were somewhat reduced by small decreases to hold the composite index relatively more stable. Among group changes Steel and Metal Work; Hardware; Plumbing and Heating and Other Equipment groups were all affected by the increased price for steel, while important advances were also noted for Roofing Materials; Lath, Plaster and Insulation; and Paint and Glass. Net declines over the 12 -month occurred for Electrical Equipment and Materials, Tile, and Miscellaneous Materials.

The index of 30 Industrial Materials, which registered an intermittant advance during 1956, changed from 244.2 to 249.8 between December 1955 and December 1956 for a gain of 2.3 per cent. This compared with an increase of almost four times that amount, or 8.8 per cent, in the previous twelve months. Among individual commodity changes substantial increases were noted for hogs, raw sugar, steel scrap, structural steel shapes and steel bars while declines occurred for copper, raw rubber and sisal.

A contributing factor on the negative side for commodities bought or sold in United States funds was the continued strength in the Canadian dollar.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
( $1935-1939=100$ )

The outstanding feature of common stock price movements in 1956 was their selectivity. This is borne out by an examination of the following table which reveals in percentage form the changes which have occurred between December 1955 and selected points in the past year.

Between December 1955 and December 1956, the Investors' composite index accumulated a net gain of 8.2 per cent as the level changed from 247.6 to 267.8 . Over the same interval, movements in the three major groups were as follows: Industrials +9.6 per cent, from 257.0 to 281.7 , Banks +9.0 per cent, from 253.4 to 276.2 and Utilities -0.3 per cent, from 204.2 to 203.6

As may be observed from the tabular material, the composite Investors' Index touched a 1956 monthly low of 248.5 in January, while the high point for the year was reached in August at an index level of 291.8 . This was also the pattern set by Industrials and Banks as the former series moved between 257.0 and 308.9 and the latter between 260.0 and 295.4. Utilities pursued a somewhat different trend with the low being reached in June at 199.8 and the peak occuring in August at 215.7.

Concealed within the broad picture of total and group index behaviour were the more volatile gyrations of sub-group series. A depressant to some stocks included in a number of sub-group indexes was the remarkable demonstration of strength of the Canadian dollar in terms of United States funds. For those companies receiving payment in United States funds, receipts from export sales of products were adversely affected. Some indication of the extent of this factor can be observed by studying the index fluctuations of such series as Pulp and Paper and Golds. In addition, many other factors tended to widen the gap between series which had apparently entered a declining cycle and those for which growth factors had not yet been fully discounted. For instance, over the past twelve months Milling
stocks suffered a net loss of 31.3 per cent, falling from 209.1 to 143.6 between the final months of 1955 and 1956 while 011 s advanced 43.3 per cent, from 170.8 to 244.8 .

No series managed to hold its maxinum increase over the year, while in two instances sub-group indexes were at their low points as the year closed. In a number of cases earlier net gains were transposed into net losses by the year-end.

Movements in Mining stocks parallelled in broad terms the fluctuations in Industrials and Utilities. The composite index reached a 1956 peak of 147.1 in August which compared with a low of 125.1 in $\mathbb{F e b r u a r y}$. The December to December comparison registered a net gain of 6.6 percent as the index closed at 129.4 against 121.4 . Sub-group changes presented a mixed appearance. As previously indicated, Gold stocks continued to weaken, to end the year at 68.9 for a loss of 5.1 per cent. On the other hand, Base Metals posted a 14.9 per cent advance to 267.8 , although an increase of 29.6 per cent had occurred earlier in the year, viz; between December 1955 and August 1956. Weakness in the latter series during the second half of the year was mainly a reflector of declining prices in the copper market.

Percentage Changes In Total, Group and Sub-Group Cormon Stock Price Indexes Between December 1955 and Specified Months in 1956

|  | Indexes (1935-39=100) |  |  |  | Percentage Change |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 1955 \\ \text { December } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 1956 |  |  | $\frac{1956 \text { High }}{1955 \text { Dec. }} \frac{1956 \text { Low }}{1955 \text { Dec. }}$ |  | $\frac{1956 \text { Close }}{1955 \text { Dec. }}$ |
|  |  | High | Low | Close |  |  |  |
| TOTAL INVESTORS' INDEX | 247.6 | 291.8 Aug. | 248.5 Jan . | 267.8 | + 17.9 | + 0.4 | + 8.2 |
| Total Industrials | 257.0 | 308.9 Aug. | 257.0 Jan. | 281.7 | + 20.2 | 0.0 | + 9.6 |
| Machinery \& Equipment | 763.8 | 915.4 Aug. | 728.0 Feb. | 776.8 | + 19.8 | - 4.7 | + 1.7 |
| Pulp and Paper | 1073.3 | 1192.5 May | 994.2 Nov. | 998.9 | + 11.1 | - 7.4 | 6.9 |
| Milling | 209.1 | 209.4 Jan. | 143.6 Dec . | 143.6 | + 0.1 | - 31.3 | - 31.3 |
| 0118 | 170.8 | 250.1 Aug. | 175.5 Jan . | 244.8 | + 46.4 | + 2.8 | $+43.3$ |
| Textiles and Clothing | 178.2 | 179.9 Jan. | 152.4 Dec . | 152.4 | + 1.0 | - 14.5 | - 14.5 |
| Food and Allied Products | 200.0 | 199.7 Mar. | 175.0 Oct. | 176.5 | - 0.2 | - 12.5 | - 11.8 |
| Beverages | 581.9 | 590.4 Mar. | 487.1 Nov. | 493.0 | + 1.5 | - 16.3 | - 15.3 |
| Building Materials | 457.8 | 519.5 Apr. | 452.0 Nov. | 459.6 | $+13.5$ | - 1.3 | + 0.4 |
| Industrial Mines | 204.5 | 237.3 Aug. | 200.6 Feb 。 | 219.0 | + 16.0 | 1.9 | + 7.1 |
| Total Utilities | 204.2 | 215.7 Aug. | 199.8 June | 203.6 | + 5.6 | - 2.2 | - 0.3 |
| Transportation | 386.1 | 399.3 Mar. | 351.5 Nov. | 367.1 | + 3.4 | - 9.0 | - 4.9 |
| Telephone | 129.3 | 131.0 Mar. | 117.8 Nov. | 118.3 | + 1.3 | - 8.9 | - 8.5 |
| Power and Traction | 186.0 | 228.0 Aug. | 190.6 Feb . | 214.4 | + 22.6 | + 2.5 | +15.3 |
| Banks | 253.4 | 295.4 Aug. | 260.0 Jan . | 276.2 | + 16.6 | + 2.6 | + 9.0 |
| Total Mining | 121.4 | 147.1 Aug. | 125.1 Feb . | 129.4 | $+21.2$ | + 3.0 | + 6.6 |
| Golds | 72.6 | 79.5 July | 68.6 Nov. | 68.9 | + 9.5 | - 5.5 | - 5.1 |
| Base Metals | 233.0 | 301.9 Aug. | 235.8 Feb . | 267.8 | + 29.6 | + 1.2 | + 14.9 |

## THE CURRENT MONTH

## THE CONSUMER FRICE INDEX:

 (1949=100)The Consumer Price Index increased fractionally from 120.3 to 120.4 between November and December 1956. In December 1955 the index stood at 116.9. During the month under review, increases in four of the five group indexes more than offset a decrease of 0.3 per cent in the Food index. Foods moved from 117.9 to 117.5 as a substantial decrease was recorded in egg prices while prices were lower for most auts of beef, some fresh vegetables, tea and coffee. Increases in bread and milk, which showed up in the November index in some cities, occurred in additional cities in December. Pork prices continued to move up while most canned fruits and vegetables, sugar and fam were higher. The Shelter index advanced from 133.4 to 133.5 as a result of increases in both the rent and home-ownershipcomponents. The Clothing index moved from 108.4 to 108.6 as increases were reported for men's and women's shoes and some items of men's and women's clothing. Higher prices for coal, furniture, utensils and equipment, laundry, dry cleaning and shoe repairs were responsible for an increase from 118.1 to 118.6 in the Household Operation index. The Other Comodities and Services index was slightly higher at 122.9 compared with 122.8 a month ago. Men's haircuts were higher.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES:
$(1935-1939=100)$

After slight declines during the two previlous months, the General Wholesale Price Index advanced 0.7 per cent between November and December, from 226.6 to 228.1. Seven of the eight component groups moved higher during the current month. The largest price movement occurred in Non-ferrous Metals, where higher nickel contract prices outweighed a slight decrease in the price of tin ingots, to move the index for this group 1.7 per cent, from 187.3 to 190.4. Vegetable Products and Non-metallic Minerals both increased 1.5 per cent, to 200.3 and 186.6 respectively. In the former group, higher prices for sugar, cocoa butter, potatoes, raw rubber, linseed oil and cocoanut oil more than offset decreases in the prices of coffee, lemons, oranges, oats, rye and barley. Increased prices for coal, sand and gravel in some centres, and for some items of glassware, were responsible for the upward movement in the Nonmetallic Minerals group. Textile Products also moved up 0.7 per cent, from 232.7 to 234.3, as a result of higher prices for raw wool, worsted yarns, cotton yarns, fancy worsted cloth and wool cloth. Animal Products and Iron and its Products both showed slight increases of 0.3 per cent, advancing to 235.8 and 249.7 , respectively. In the former group much lower prices for eggs and beef hides were overbalanced by higher prices for fish, herring oil, livestock, lard and most items of fresh meat; in the latter group, increased prices for pig iron and scrap iron and steel were responsible for the upward movement. The only group to decrease was Wood Products, which receded 0.3 per cent, from 299.1 to 298.1 , as a result of lower prices for fir and cedar.

Canadian Farm Products prices at terminal markets were fractionally higher in December, reflecting net gains over November for both Field and Animal Products. The total index advanced 0.4 per cent from 209.4 to 210.3 while group increases were 0.8 per cent for Field, from 163.1 to 164.4 , and 0.2 per cent for Arimal, from 255.7 to 256.2. In Field Products, Eastern potato prices advanced sharply and, coupled with smaller gains for Western potatoes, $f l a x$ and hay and Eastern oats and corn, greatly outweighed lower quotations for rye, and Eastern barley, wheat and hay. In Animal Products the index increase was supported by higher quotations for livestock, excluding Western steers which declined, fluid milk, raw wool and Eastern cheesemilk, to outweigh sharp seasonal weakness in eggs. Price declines in the West were sufficient to lower the total Westera Index slightly while in the East a converse price situation resulted in a higher index.

The index of Residential building material prices was fractionally lower at 292.7 in December compared to 293.3 in November, reflecting scattered price decreases chiefly in the Lumber group. Over the same period the index of Non-Residential building materials, on the base $1949=100$, advanced silghtly from 129.3 to 129.6. Increases in the Steel and Metal Work group coupled with a seasonal rise for sand and gravel served to more than offset lower lumber quotations.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)
The Investors' Index of 95 common stocks advanced 2.1 per cent from 262.3 to 267.8 between November and December thereby reversing the downward trend apparent In the three preceding months. Of the three wafor groups, 7 Banks advanoed 2.8 per cent from 268.8 to $276.2 ; 75$ Industrials 2.1 per cent from 276.0 to 281.7 ; and 13 Utilities 1.6 per cent from 200.3 to 203.6. All sub-groups except two reached slightly higher levels, led by Transportation 4.4 per cent, Industrial Mines 3.4 per cent, and 011 s 2.3 per cent. Milling and Textiles and Clothing declined 5.0 and 1.6 per cent respectively.

The composite index of 26 Mining stocks increased 1.6 per cent in the same period, from 127.4 to 129.4 , reflecting gains of 2.1 per cent for 6 Base Metals, from 262.2 to 267.8 and 0.4 per cent for 21 Gold issues, from 68.6 to 68.9.

The index of 28 Preferred stock issues declined for the fifth consecutive month, falling 1.7 per cent between November and December from 157.0 to 154.4.

|  |  |  | XES |  | PERC | TAGE C | NGES |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1956 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Dec. <br> 1956 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1956 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1954 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1955 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1956 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1956 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1954 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1955 \end{aligned}$ | Nov. $1956$ |
| WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES ( $1935-39=100$ ) * |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GGENERAL INDEX | 215.4 | 221.5 | 226.6 | 228.1 | + 5.9 | $+3.0$ | + 0.7 |
| Vegetable Products | 195.9 | 193.0 | 197.3 | 200.3 | + 2.2 | + 3.8 | + 1.5 |
| Animal Products | 225.4 | 221.1 | 235.1 | 235.8 | +4.6 | + 6.6 | + 0.3 |
| Textile Products | 226.9 | 226.8 | 232.7 | 234.3 | + 3.3 | + 3.3 | + 0.7 |
| Wood Products | 289.3 | 303.7 | 299.1 | 298.1 | $+3.0$ | - 1.8 | - 0.3 |
| Iron Products | 213.8 | 229.6 | 249.0 | 249.7 | $+16.8$ | + 8.8 | + 0.3 |
| Non-ferrous Metals | 170.6 | 200.6 | 187.3 | 190.4 | $+11.6$ | - 5.1 | + 1.7 |
| Non-metallic Minerals | 176.0 | 176.9 | 183.8 | 186.6 | $+6.0$ | + 5.5 | + 1.5 |
| Chemical Products | 176.9 | 178.0 | 180.3 | 181.1 | + 2.4 | + 1.7 | + 0.4 |
| CANADLAN FARM PRODUCTS (1) | 212.9 | 198.2 | 209.4 | 210.3 | - | - | - |
| Eastern Total | 224.1 | 210.9 | 229.7 | 231.9 | - | - | - |
| Western Total | 201.6 | 185.4 | 189.1 | 188.7 | - | - | - |
| Field | 179.8 | 156.9 | 163.1 | 164.4 | - | - | - |
| Anima 1 | 245.9 | 239.4 | 255.7 | 256.2 | - | - | - |
| SELECTED PRICE INDEXES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canadian Industrial Materials | 224.4 | 244.2 | 247.7 | 249.8 | $+11.3$ | + 2.3 | + 0.8 |
| Residential Building Materials $(1949=100)$ | 122.3 | 126.1 | 128.6 | 128.4 | + 5.0 | + 1.8 | 0.2 |
| Non-Residential Building Materials $(1949=100)$ | 121.4 | 126.0 | 129.3 | 129.6 | $+6.8$ | + 2.9 | $+0.2$ |

CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES $(1949=100)$

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TOTAL INDEX
    Food
    Shelter
    Clothing
    Household Operation
    Other Commodities and Services
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SECURITY PRICE INDEXES $(1935-39=100)$

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TOTAL INVESTORS' INDEX
    Total Industrials
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        Machinery \& Equipment
        Pulp \& Paper
        Milling
        \(011 s\)
        Textiles \& Clothing
        Foods
        Beverages
        Building Materials
        Industrial Mines
    Total Utilities
        Transportation
        Telephone
        Power and Traction
    Banks
    
## MINLNG STOCKS

General Index
Golds
Base Metals

| 206.8 | 247.6 | 262.3 | 267.8 | $+29.5$ | + 8.2 | + 2.1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 210.5 | 257.0 | 276.0 | 281.7 | + 33.8 | + 9.6 | 2.1 |
| 554.9 | 763.8 | 762.8 | 776.8 | $+40.0$ | + 1.7 | 1.8 |
| 830.4 | 1073.3 | 994.2 | 998.9 | + 20.3 | 6.9 | $+0.5$ |
| 156.5 | 209.1 | 151.2 | 143.6 | - 8.2 | - 31.3 | 5.0 |
| 163.5 | 170.8 | 239.2 | 244.8 | $+49.7$ | $+43.3$ | 2.3 |
| 175.2 | 178.2 | 154.8 | 152.4 | - 13.0 | - 14.5 | 1.6 |
| 150.8 | 200.0 | 175.2 | 176.5 | $+17.0$ | - 11.8 | + 0.7 |
| 521.5 | 581.9 | 487.1 | 493.0 | - 5.5 | - 15.3 | 1.2 |
| 385.6 | 457.8 | 452.0 | 459.6 | $+19.2$ | $+0.4$ | + 1.7 |
| 149.3 | 204.5 | 211.9 | 219.0 | $+46.7$ | $+7.1$ | 3.4 |
| 181.8 | 204.2 | 200.3 | 203.6 | $+12.0$ | 0.3 | 1.6 |
| 337.5 | 386.1 | 351.5 | 367.1 | + 8.8 | 4.9 | + 4.4 |
| 118.6 | 129.3 | 117.8 | 118.3 | - 0.3 | -8.5 | + 0.4 |
| 162.9 | 186.0 | 212.5 | 214.4 | + 31.6 | $+15.3$ | + 0.9 |
| 227.0 | 253.4 | 268.8 | 276.2 | $+21.7$ | 9.0 | 2.8 |


| 100.9 | 121.4 | 127.4 | $129.4+28.2+6.6+1.6$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 67.6 | 72.6 | 68.6 | $68.9+1.9+5.1+0.4$ |
| 177.2 | 233.0 | 262.2 | 267.8 |

[^0] and when participation payments are included.
$(1935-39=100)$

(1) Indexes August 1955 - July 1956 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 Indexer, May 1953, Table 21, and Table 4 of February 1954, May 1955 and May 1956 issues for subsequent crop years. Indexes subsequent to July 1955 are subject to revision. Please see note, Page 31.
$(1935-39=100)$
vegetable products -

$(1935-39=100)$

| Date |  | - ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total <br> Animal <br> Products | Fishery Products | Raw Furs | Hides and Skins | Leather, Unmanufactured | Boots and Shoes | Livestock | Steers |
| 1955 | Aver age | 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 |
|  | Dec. | 235.8 | 313.4 | 93.2 | 120.7 | 207.4 | 213.3 | 284.3 | 318.5 |
|  |  | - ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Meats, Fresh | Beef <br> and <br> Veal <br> Carcass | Meats, Cured | Fow 1, Dressed | ```Milk and Its Pro- ducts``` | Butter | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oils } \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { Pats } \end{aligned}$ | Eg8s |
| 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 |
|  | Dec. ... | 268.9 | 291.5 | 206.3 | 150.6 | 232.2 | 229.9 | 166.0 | 143.5 |

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| Date |  | - fibres, textiles and textile products - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total <br> Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products | Raw Cotton | Cotton Yarns | Cotton Fabrics | Cotton Knit Goods | Miscel- <br> laneous Fibre Products | Silk <br> and <br> Nylon <br> Thread | Rayon Fabrics |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1955 \\ & 1955 \end{aligned}$ | Average | 226.2 | 298.1 | 237.7 | 233.0 | 218.7 | 197.8 | 169.5 | 155.7 |
|  | 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 |
|  | Dec. | 234.3 | 279.9 | 247.7 | 238.7 | 224.4 | 215.4 | 182.9 | 155.6 |

- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS - Concluded

|  |  | Rayon Yarns | Raw <br> Wool, Domestic | Raw <br> Wool, Im= ported | Yarns, Worsted | Hosiery and Knit Goods, Chiefly Wool | Wool Blankets | 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 | Jen. | 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. | 170.5 170.5 | 251.6 250.5 | 219.1 224.5 | 204.5 | 230.9 230.9 | $271.2$ | 247.9 | 232.3 232.3 |
|  | Nov. | 170.5 170.5 | 250.5 260.8 | 224.5 227.1 | 204.1 214.4 | $\begin{aligned} & 230.9 \\ & 230.9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 271.2 \\ & 271.2 \end{aligned}$ | 248.6 253.9 | $\begin{aligned} & 232.3 \\ & 232.3 \end{aligned}$ |

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| Date |  | Total <br> Wood <br> Products | Lumber and Timber | Spruce | Hardwoods | Hemlock | Fir | Cedar | Woodpulp | News print | Wrap- <br> ping <br> Paper, <br> No. 1 <br> 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 |
|  | Dec. | 298.1 | 438.9 | 415.6 | 334.9 | 386.9 | 526.5 | 407.1 | 215.3 | 288.3 | 240.3 |

- IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS

|  |  | Total <br> Iron <br> Pro- <br> ducts | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pig } \\ & \text { Iron } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rolling } \\ & \text { Mill } \\ & \text { Pro- } \\ & \text { ducts } \end{aligned}$ | Pipe and Tubing | Hardware | Wire | Scrap <br> Iron and Steel | Tin <br> 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 |
|  | Dec. | 249.7 | 288.1 | 231.7 | 252.9 | 260.9 | 286.4 | 447.4 | 230.3 |

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| Date |  | - NON-FERROUS METALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Combined <br> Index <br> Iron and NonFerrous Metals (2) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total NonFerrous Metals |  | Antimony | Copper and Its Products | Lead <br> and <br> Its <br> Pro- <br> ducts | Silver | Tin | Zinc <br> and <br> Its <br> Pro- <br> ducts | Solder |  |
|  |  | (1) | (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1955 \\ & 1955 \end{aligned}$ | Average | 187.6 | 259.3 | 178.7 | 346.6 | 300.1 | 226.9 | 179.4 | 294.7 | 196.5 | 237.2 |
|  | 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 |
|  | Dec. | 190.4 | 266.4 | 173.9 | 328.1 | 323.2 | 226.6 | 191.4 | 320.6 | 221.3 | 256.7 |
|  |  | - NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total No Metal Produ |  | Clay <br> All <br> Mate <br> Prod |  | Pottery | Coal |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Coal } \\ \text { Tar } \end{gathered}$ | Coke | Window Glass |
|  | Aver age | 175 |  |  |  | 153.7 | 172.1 |  | 213.7 | 225.8 | 251.2 |
| 1955 | May ... | 173 |  |  |  | 153.7 | 167.6 |  | 213.7 | 223.1 | 257.0 |
|  | June | 173 |  |  |  | 153.7 | 167.7 |  | 213.7 | 223.1 | 257.0 |
|  | July | 173 |  |  |  | 153.7 | 168.9 |  | 213.7 | 224.3 | 257.0 |
|  | Aug. | 173 |  |  |  | 153.7 | 168.9 |  | 213.7 | 224.3 | 257.0 |
|  | Sept. | 175 |  |  |  | 153.7 | 171.7 |  | 213.7 | 226.0 | 257.0 |
|  | Oct. | 176 |  |  |  | 153.7 | 175.7 |  | 213.7 | 226.0 | 257.0 |
|  | Nov. | 176 |  |  |  | 153.7 | 175.7 |  | 213.7 | 226.0 | 257.0 |
|  | Dec. . | 176 |  |  |  | 153.7 | 177.7 |  | 213.7 | 228.1 | 257.0 |
| 1956 | Jan. | 178 |  |  |  | 158.3 | 179.6 |  | 213.7 | 228.1 | 270.2 |
|  | Feb. | 178 |  |  |  | 159.2 | 180.1 |  | 213.7 | 228.1 | 270.2 |
|  | Mar. | 180 |  |  |  | 159.2 | 181.4 |  | 271.6 | 228.1 | 270.2 |
|  | Apr. | 180 |  |  |  | 159.2 | 183.2 |  | 271.6 | 228.1 | 270.2 |
|  | May | 178 |  |  |  | 159.2 | 178.8 |  | 271.6 | 224.9 | 270.2 |
|  | June | 179 |  |  |  | 159.2 | 178.8 |  | 320.6 | 224.9 | 270.2 |
|  | July | 180 |  |  |  | 162.4 | 180.3 |  | 320.6 | 226.6 | 270.2 |
|  | Aug. | 180 |  |  |  | 162.4 | 180.3 |  | 320.6 | 226.6 | 270.2 |
|  | Sept. | 181 |  |  |  | 162.4 | 182.2 |  | 320.6 | 237.6 | 270.2 |
|  | Oct. | 181 |  |  |  | 161.9 | 182.2 |  | 320.6 | 237.6 | 270.2 |
|  | Nov. | 183 |  |  |  | 161.9 | 186.5 |  | 320.6 | 241.0 | 270.2 |
|  | Dec. | 186 |  |  |  | 161.9 | 191.7 |  | 320.6 | 241.0 | 270.2 |

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

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| Date |  | - NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Plate Glass | Petroleum Products | Gasoline | Coal | Asphalt | Asphalt <br> 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 |
|  | Dec. | 217.0 | 168.1 | 139.2 | 136.2 | 184.8 | 163.7 | 201.0 |
|  |  | - NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Plaster | Lime | Cement | Sand and Gravel | Crushed Stone | Build ing <br> 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 |
|  | Dec. ....... | 133.4 | 208.6 | 155.1 | 145.7 | 159.8 | 205.1 | 289.2 |

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| Date |  | - CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS - |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total Chemical Products | Inorganic <br> Chemicals | Organic Chemicals | Coal Tar Products | Dyeing <br> Materials | Tanning Materials |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1955 \\ & 1955 \end{aligned}$ | Average | 177.0 | 142.9 | 178.6 | 191.6 | 183.4 | 289.6 |
|  | 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 |
|  | Dec. | 181.1 | 146.9 | 171.8 | 191.6 | 183.8 | 289.7 |
|  |  | - ChEmicals and allied products - Concluded |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Ex- } \\ \text { plosives } \end{gathered}$ |  |  | Fertilizer Materials | Indus trial Gases | Soap |
| 1955 | Average | 137.9 |  |  | 163.0 | 126.3 | 201.6 |
| 1955 | May | 137.4 |  |  | 163.0 | 126.8 | 198.7 |
|  | June | 137.4 |  |  | 163.0 | 126.6 | 198.7 |
|  | July | 137.4 |  |  | 163.0 | 129.3 | 198.7 |
|  | Aug. | 137.4 |  |  | 163.0 | 128.8 | 198.7 |
|  | Sept. | 137.4 |  |  | 163.0 | 126.3 | 198.7 |
|  | Oct. | 137.4 |  |  | 163.0 | 126.2 | 198.7 |
|  | Nov. | 137.4 |  |  | 163.0 | 124.1 | 200.6 |
|  | Dec. | 143.3 |  |  | 163.0 | 124.1 | 200.6 |
| 1956 | Jan. | 143.6 |  |  | 159.0 | 124.1 | 200.6 |
|  | Feb. | 143.6 |  |  | 159.4 | 131.6 | 200.6 |
|  | Mar. | 143.6 |  |  | 162.5 | 130.4 | 200.6 |
|  | Apr. | 143.6 |  |  | 163.0 | 131.3 | 200.6 |
|  | May | 143.6 |  |  | 163.0 | 132.9 | 200.6 |
|  | June | 143.6 |  |  | 163.0 | 138.2 | 200.6 |
|  | July . | 143.6 |  |  | 161.9 | 139.6 | 200.6 |
|  | Aug. . | 143.6 |  |  | 160.9 | 139.7 | 200.6 |
|  | Sept. | 143.6 |  |  | 159.2 | 138.2 | 200.6 |
|  | Oct. . | 143.6 |  |  | 155.5 | 138.5 | 200.6 |
|  | Nov. | 143.6 |  |  | 155.6 | 134.4 | 200.6 |
|  | Dec. . | 143.6 |  |  | 155.8 | 134.0 | 206.6 |

## (All prices given in Canadian Funds)

| Commodity 1/ | Unit | $\begin{gathered} \text { Yearly } \\ \text { Average } \\ 1955 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } \\ 1955 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { November } \\ 1956 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } \\ 1956 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Wheat, No. 1 Man. Northern | bu. | 1.744 | 1.720 | 1.699 | 1.691 |
| OATS, No. 2 C.W. ....... | bu. | . 863 | . 815 | . 856 | . 821 |
| BARLEY, No. 1 Feed | bu. | 1.070 | 1.005 | 1.045 | 1.019 |
| RYE, No. 2 C.W. ...... | bu. | 1.006 | 1.030 | 1.354 | 1.264 |
| Flour, first Patent, Toronto | bbl. | 11.467 | 11.200 | *5.800 | *5.800 |
| SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal. | cwt. | 7.078 | 7.078 | 7.410 | 8.455 |
| LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal ... | $g \mathrm{ga}$. | 1.376 | 1.490 | 1.500 | 1.650 |
| COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos $2 / 3$ 's | 1 b . | . 667 | . 625 | . 675 | . 668 |
| potatoes, No. 1, Saint John ... | 75-1b. bag | 2.212 | 1.181 | 1.744 | 2.000 |
| STEERS, Toronto | cwt. | 19.593 | 19.380 | 19.800 | 19.880 |
| HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included) | cwt. | 25.152 | 22.640 | 29.720 | 30.470 |
| HIDES, Packer, Light native steers | 1 b . | . 142 | . 165 | . 152 | . 145 |
| LEATHER, Packer Bends, No. 1 and 2 | 1 b . | . 620 | . 620 | . 680 | . 640 |
| LEATHER, Box Sides D, f.o.b. Ontario Factory | sq.ft. | . 338 | . 350 | . 380 | . 380 |
| BUTTER, Prints, lst grade, Montreal | 1 b . | . 597 | . 594 | . 592 | . 594 |
| EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal ... | doz. | . 586 | . 590 | . 504 | . 464 |
| COTTON, Raw, Middling, $1^{\prime \prime}$, New York 2/ | 1 b . | . 341 | . 349 | . 333 | . 332 |
| COTTON YARN, $10^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$, white $\ldots . . . . . . .$. | 1 b . | . 687 | . 720 | . 710 | . 710 |
| RAYON YARN, 36 filament, 150 denier | 1 b . | . 772 | . 780 | . 800 | . 800 |
| WOOL, Raw, Eastern Domestic, regular, Low medium staple, greasy .......... | 16. | . 492 | . 480 | . 490 | . 510 |
| WOOL, Raw, Australian, 64 's, clean .. | 1 b . | 1.373 | 1.350 | 1.520 | 1.540 |
| NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Mill, in Canadian funds (Southern Quebec) | ton | 110.726 | 115.492 | 110.716 | 110.392 |
| PINE, No. 1 and 2 common, $1^{\prime \prime} \times 8^{\prime \prime},^{\prime \prime} 8^{\prime}-16^{\prime}$ | M.bd.ft. | 167.500 | 175.000 | 180.000 | 180.000 |
| SPRUCE, Merchantable, $1^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime}$ - 7 '' | M.bd.ft. | 86.000 | 88.250 | 89.500 | 89.500 |
| PIG IRON, Malleable | gr.ton | 57.750 | 59.000 | 65.980 | 67.040 |
| SCRAP IRON, No. 1 ....... | gr.ton | 43.167 | 45.000 | 51.000 | 51.000 |
| COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic sales | cwt. | 37.030 | 43.000 | 34.886 | 34.750 |
| LEAD, Pig, Electrolytic, domestic sales | cwt. | 14.391 | 14.821 | 15.500 | 15.500 |
| TIN INGOTS, $99.8 \%$. ........................... | 1 b . | . 956 | 1.072 | 1.038 | 1.020 |
| ZINC, Grade "A", Electrolytic, domestic sales ............... | cwt. | 13.654 | 14.350 | 14.850 | 14.850 |
| COAL, United States Anthracite | ton | 18.336 | 18.500 | 20.650 | 21.850 |
| GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto | gal. | . 223 | . 226 | . 226 | . 226 |
| GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Winnipeg | gal. | . 221 | . 224 | . 224 | . 224 |
| CEMENT, Portland, Toronto | bbl. | 3.370 | 3.370 | 3.410 | 3.410 |
| CEMENT, Portland, Calgary | bbl. | 3.140 | 3.140 | 3.180 | 3.180 |
| SHINGLES, Asphalt | 210-1b.sq. | 8.032 | 8.226 | 9.200 | 9.200 |
| SODA ASH, 58\% light | cwt. | 2.400 | 2.350 | 2.320 | 2.320 |
| SULPHURIC ACID, $66^{\circ}$ Baume | ton | 26.270 | 25.350 | 25.350 | 25.350 |

1/ Complete description and basis of quoting available upon request.
2/ Previous to August 1956 quotation referred to $15 / 16^{\prime \prime}$.

* Per 100 Lb . bag.


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| Date | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { Index* } \\ (1949=100) \end{gathered}$ | Total <br> Index | Cement, Sand and Grave 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Brick, } \\ & \text { Tile } \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { Stone } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lumber } \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { Its } \\ & \text { Pro- } \\ & \text { ducts } \end{aligned}$ | Lath, Plaster and Insu1ation | Roof ing Material | Paint and Glas | Plumb ing and <br> Heating Equipment | Electrical Equipment and Fix- | Other <br> Mate- <br> 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 |
| 1955 | 124.3 | 283.4 | 149.4 | 209.5 | 409.4 | 125.3 | 244.5 | 219.7 | 207.2 | 229.2 | 230.3 |


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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Jan. $\ldots \ldots$ | 122.3 | 278.8 | 149.6 | 210.0 | 403.6 | 125.1 | 239.0 | 212.5 | 203.6 | 208.0 | 225.5 |
| Feb. $\ldots \ldots$ | 122.5 | 279.3 | 149.6 | 210.0 | 404.0 | 124.5 | 239.0 | 214.8 | 203.7 | 215.5 | 225.5 |
| Mar. $\ldots \ldots$ | 122.6 | 279.4 | 149.6 | 210.0 | 403.5 | 124.5 | 239.0 | 215.3 | 204.9 | 216.8 | 227.4 |
| Apr. $\ldots \ldots$ | 123.1 | 280.6 | 149.6 | 210.0 | 404.4 | 124.5 | 239.0 | 222.0 | 206.6 | 224.6 | 227.4 |
| May $\ldots \ldots$ | 123.1 | 280.7 | 149.3 | 209.3 | 405.1 | 124.5 | 239.0 | 220.7 | 206.6 | 224.6 | 225.0 |
| June $\ldots \ldots$ | 124.3 | 283.3 | 149.3 | 209.3 | 410.3 | 125.1 | 246.7 | 220.7 | 206.4 | 226.1 | 225.9 |
| July $\ldots \ldots$ | 124.6 | 284.2 | 149.3 | 209.3 | 412.3 | 125.1 | 248.7 | 220.7 | 206.4 | 225.1 | 226.6 |
| Aug. $\ldots \ldots$ | 125.2 | 285.5 | 149.3 | 209.3 | 413.7 | 125.1 | 248.7 | 219.8 | 208.6 | 225.1 | 232.1 |
| Sept. $\ldots \ldots$ | 125.9 | 287.0 | 149.3 | 209.3 | 414.6 | 126.2 | 248.7 | 219.8 | 209.5 | 244.9 | 234.5 |
| Oct. $\ldots \ldots$ | 125.9 | 287.0 | 149.3 | 209.3 | 413.9 | 126.2 | 248.7 | 223.1 | 209.5 | 245.3 | 237.8 |
| Nov. $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 125.8 | 286.8 | 149.3 | 209.3 | 412.8 | 126.2 | 248.7 | 223.1 | 210.3 | 247.5 | 238.0 |
| Dec. $\ldots \ldots$ | 126.1 | 287.8 | 149.6 | 209.3 | 414.6 | 126.2 | 248.7 | 223.9 | 210.3 | 247.5 | 238.0 |


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| Jan. | 127.0 | 289.6 | 149.6 | 209.3 | 416.4 | 127.4 | 261.2 | 228.0 | 213.6 | 248.6 | 237.6 |
| Feb. $\ldots \ldots$ | 127.0 | 289.6 | 149.6 | 209.3 | 416.1 | 127.3 | 261.2 | 226.3 | 214.1 | 248.4 | 238.8 |
| Mar. $\ldots \ldots$ | 128.0 | 291.8 | 149.6 | 216.8 | 419.2 | 127.3 | 261.2 | 226.3 | 214.5 | 256.9 | 241.0 |
| Apr. $\ldots \ldots$ | 128.7 | 293.4 | 149.6 | 216.8 | 422.0 | 130.0 | 260.8 | 228.0 | 214.6 | 257.3 | 241.0 |
| May $\ldots \ldots$ | 129.0 | 294.1 | 149.3 | 221.3 | 423.3 | 130.0 | 260.8 | 228.0 | 214.6 | 256.4 | 241.0 |
| June $\ldots \ldots$ | 129.0 | 294.1 | 149.3 | 221.3 | 423.2 | 130.6 | 264.8 | 226.7 | 214.6 | 255.6 | 241.0 |
| July $\ldots \ldots$ | 128.9 | 293.9 | 149.8 | 221.3 | 422.8 | 132.9 | 264.8 | 226.7 | 216.1 | 238.4 | 241.0 |
| Aug. $\ldots \ldots$ | 128.9 | 293.8 | 149.8 | 221.3 | 420.5 | 132.9 | 264.8 | 226.7 | 219.9 | 238.3 | 244.0 |
| Sept. $\ldots \ldots$ | 128.6 | 293.3 | 149.8 | 221.3 | 418.8 | 132.9 | 264.8 | 226.7 | 220.4 | 238.3 | 248.5 |
| Oct. $\ldots \ldots$ | 128.7 | 293.5 | 149.8 | 222.2 | 418.2 | 132.9 | 261.6 | 226.7 | 223.0 | 237.1 | 248.5 |
| Nov. $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 128.6 | 293.3 | 149.8 | 222.2 | 418.6 | 132.9 | 255.2 | 226.7 | 223.8 | 225.9 | 250.4 |
| Dec. $\ldots \ldots$ | 128.4 | 292.7 | 150.4 | 222.2 | 417.6 | 132.9 | 255.2 | 225.8 | 223.0 | 225.4 | 250.4 |

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| Date |  | Total <br> Index. | - PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS - |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Aggregate, Cement and Concrete Mix | Blocks, Brick and Stone | Tile | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lumber } \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { Lumber } \\ & \text { Products } \end{aligned}$ | Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment | Electrical <br> Equipment and <br> 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 | 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 |
|  | Dec. . | 129.6 | 120.2 | 132.2 | 116.8 | 129.9 | 125.5 | 120.2 |


|  |  | Steel and Metal Work | Hardware | ```Lath Plaster and Insulation``` | Roof ing <br> Materials | Paint and Glass | Miscel- <br> laneous <br> 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 | 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 | 208.9 | 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 |
|  | Ang. .... | 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 |
|  | Dec. .... | 144.2 | 150.2 | 114.8 | 139.2 | 142.8 | 93.0 |

$(1949=100)$

|  |  | Total | Food | Shelter | Clothing | House - <br> hold <br> Opera - <br> tion | Other <br> Commod- <br>  <br> Services |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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 |
| 1956 |  | 118.1 | 113.4 | 132.5 | 108.6 | 117.1 | 120.9 |
| 1954 | 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 |
|  | Auguet | 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 |
| 1955 | 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 |
| 1956 | 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 |
|  | December | 120.4 | 117.5 | 133.5 | 108.6 | 118.6 | 122.9 |

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

$(1949-100)$

|  | 1954 | 1955 | 1956 | Dec. 1954 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1955 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1956 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 1956 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1956 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Index | 116.2 | 116.4 | 118.1 | 116.6 | 116.9 | 119.8 | 120.3 | 120.4 |
| Food | 112.2 | 112.1 | 113.4 | 112.6 | 112.4 | 117.4 | 117.9 | 117.5 |
| Dairy Products (incl. butter) | 111.8 | 111.9 | 112.1 | 112.7 | 111.6 | 111.9 | 114.1 | 114.6 |
| Cereal Products | 122.4 | 122.0 | 125.0 | 122.3 | 122.1 | 126.5 | 128.9 | 129.8 |
| Meats, Fish and Poultry | 105.8 | 101.3 | 102.1 | 104.9 | 104.6 | 109.1 | 111.0 | 112.1 |
| She 1ter | 126.5 | 129.4 | 132.5 | 128.2 | 131.0 | 133.3 | 133.4 | 133.5 |
| Rent | 129.8 | 133.3 | 135.6 | 131.9 | 134.4 | 136.4 | 136.6 | 136.7 |
| Home - Ownership | 122.2 | 124.4 | 128.4 | 123.3 | 126.5 | 129.1 | 129.1 | 129.2 |
| Clothing | 109.4 | 108.0 | 108.6 | 108.1 | 108.5 | 108.5 | 108.4 | 108.6 |
| Men's Wear | 113.8 | 113.0 | 113.4 | 113.5 | 112.9 | 113.3 | 113.7 | 113.9 |
| Women's Wear | 100.9 | 98.4 | 98.9 | 98.3 | 99.5 | 98.5 | 97.9 | 98.0 |
| Children's Wear | 107.5 | 106.2 | 105.9 | 106.4 | 105.6 | 105.7 | 105.9 | 105.9 |
| Footwear | 127.6 | 127.3 | 129.6 | 127.2 | 128.4 | 130.3 | 130.6 | 131.2 |
| Piece Goods | 108.7 | 108.4 | 108.5 | 108.7 | 108.2 | 109.0 | 109.1 | 109.1 |
| Household Operation | 117.4 | 116.4 | 117.1 | 117.1 | 116.6 | 117.7 | 118.1 | 118.6 |
| Fuel | 114.9 | 112.7 | 114.8 | 114.3 | 114.4 | 115.5 | 116.5 | 117.6 |
| Electricity | 115.9 | 116.0 | 115.6 | 116.0 | 115.9 | 115.6 | 115.6 | 115.6 |
| Home Furnishings | 115.6 | 113.7 | 113.2 | 114.8 | 112.9 | 113.8 | 114.2 | 114.4 |
| Furniture | 117.6 | 115.9 | 116.2 | 116.8 | 115.5 | 116.9 | 117.6 | 117.9 |
| Utensils and Equipment | 122.1 | 123.1 | 125.5 | 122.6 | 124.0 | 126.7 | 127.5 | 128.1 |
| Supplies and Services | 121.8 | 122.9 | 124.2 | 122.5 | 123.2 | 125.0 | 125.1 | 125.7 |
| Supplies | 115.8 | 116.3 | 117.2 | 116.0 | 116.5 | 117.8 | 118.0 | 118.0 |
| Services | 126.0 | 127.4 | 129.1 | 127.0 | 127.8 | 130.0 | 130.0 | 130.9 |
| Other Commodities and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Services | 117.4 | 118.1 | 120.9 | 118.2 | 118.3 | 121.6 | 122.8 | 122.9 |
| Transportation | 120.0 | 118.5 | 123.3 | 120.5 | 117.8 | 124.3 | 126.5 | 126.5 |
| Automobile Operation | 114.7 | 111.0 | 112.1 | 114.1 | 109.1 | 112.1 | 115.6 | 115.6 |
| Recreation | 119.5 | 122.6 | 125.3 | 121.2 | 123.7 | 126.0 | 127.0 | 127.0 |
| Health Care | 127.4 | 130.4 | 134.2 | 129.2 | 131.4 | 135.9 | 136.0 | 136.0 |
| Drugs | 109.5 | 111.0 | 111.7 | 110.1 | 111.2 | 111.8 | 112.3 | 112.3 |
| Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages | 107.3 | 107.4 | 107.7 | 107.3 | 107.5 | 107.6 | 108.3 | 108.3 |
| Personal Care | 117.9 | 118.0 | 120.5 | 118.3 | 118.1 | 121.3 | 124.0 | 124.4 |
| Personal Supplies | 113.6 | 112.7 | 112.4 | 113.9 | 111.7 | 112.8 | 113.3 | 113.3 |

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TABLE 9. - PRICE RELATIVES FOR SPECIFIED FOODS INCLUDED IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
$(1949-100)$

|  |  | Beef, Blade Roast | Beef, Sirloin | Pork, Rib Chops | Bacon | Salmon, Canned | Chicken | Butter | Mar garine |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1954 |  | 99.7 | 109.4 | 116.8 | 113.2 | 96.6 | 95.8 | 99.0 | 117.5 |
| $\underline{1955}$ |  | 101.7 | 113.6 | 108.2 | 91.4 | 105.9 | 93.8 | 99.2 | 104.7 |
| $\underline{1956}$ |  | 101.7 | 115.9 | 113.2 | 91.9 | 112.0 | 91.7 | 98.3 | 102.9 |
| 1955 | Dec. | 101.7 | 113.6 | 103.1 | 88.5 | 109.5 | 94.2 | 98.4 | 102.2 |
| $\underline{1956}$ | Jan. | 101.5 | 113.2 | 100.9 | 86.9 | 109.9 | 95.2 | 98.6 | 102.5 |
|  | Feb. | 100.3 | 111.3 | 98.1 | 84.0 | 109.9 | 93.9 | 98.7 | 99.7 |
| 1956 | 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 | 98.9 | 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 |
|  | Dec. | 105.2 | 116.6 | 129.0 | 113.9 | 119.6 | 86.3 | 99.2 | 106.5 |


|  |  | Short ening | Eggs | Peaches, Canned | Oranges | Peas, Canned | Potatoes | Toma toes, Fresh | Carrots |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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 |
| $\underline{1956}$ |  | 94.7 | 102.7 | 104.1 | 120.8 | 115.2 | 142.6 | 117.8 | 151.0 |
| 1955 | Dec. | 92.6 | 113.3 | 102.1 | 125.5 | 114.6 | 99.6 | 108.2 | 146.5 |
| $\underline{1956}$ | Jan. | 93.6 | 106.0 | 102.1 | 127.2 | 113.9 | 103.6 | 105.7 | 154.5 |
|  | Feb. | 93.6 | 85.8 | 102.1 | 114.2 | 113.2 | 114.8 | 136.9 | 158.5 |
| 1956 | 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 |
|  | Dec. | 97.0 | 88.9 | 112.7 | 121.5 | 120.8 | 122.9 | 135.2 | 137.2 |
|  |  | Milk, Fresh | Cheere, Processed | Bread | Flour | Sugar, Granulated | Jam, Straw berry | Tea | Coffee |
| 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 |
| $\underline{1956}$ |  | 119.1 | 115.6 | 131.6 | 108.8 | 100.4 | 111.3 | 128.0 | 181.5 |
| 1955 | Dec. | 118.5 | 112.7 | 126.8 | 106.2 | 98.6 | 109.5 | 129.2 | 174.2 |
| $\underline{1956}$ | Jan. | 118.5 | 113.0 | 126.8 | 106.2 | 98.6 | 109.5 | 128.8 | 174.1 |
|  | Feb. | 118.5 | 113.0 | 126.8 | 107.6 | 98.6 | 109.5 | 128.5 | 170.7 |
| 1956 | 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 |
|  | Dec. | 122.5 | 118.9 | 138.8 | 113.3 | 110.6 | 116.9 | 127.1 | 188.5 |

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.

$(1949=100)$

|  |  | St. John's Nfld. 1. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hal1- } \\ & \text { fax } \end{aligned}$ | Saint <br> John | Montreal | Ottawa | Tor- <br> onto | Winnipeg | SaskatoonRegina | EdmontonCalgary | Vancouver |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Food Index |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1954 | 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 |
| 1955 | 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 |
| 1956 | 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 |
|  | December | 104.1 | 112.8 | 116.7 | 120.2 | 116.9 | 117.2 | 114.1 | 114.6 | 114.2 | 118.4 |


| Shelter Index |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1955 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 |
| 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 |
| Apri1 | 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 |
| December | 110.1 | 127.3 | 131.3 | 138.4 | 140.5 | 149.3 | 128.4 | 118.7 | 121.2 | 129.4 |

$(1949=100)$

|  | St. John's Nfld. 1. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hali- } \\ & \text { fax } \end{aligned}$ | Saint <br> John | Montreal | Ottawa | Toronto | Winnipeg | SaskatoonRegina | EdmontonCalgary | Vancouver |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Clothing Index |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1955 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 |
| 1956 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 |
| December | 100.3 | 115.1 | 116.9 | 106.5 | 111.4 | 112.0 | 114.0 | 116.0 | 113.6 | 112.3 |
| Household Operation Index |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1955 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 |
| 1956 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 |
| December | 106.4 | 122.1 | 119.8 | 115.5 | 117.1 | 118.3 | 115.6 | 119.1 | 118.5 | 128.6 |

Other Commoditiea
and Services Index

1955 July | August |
| :--- |
| September |
| October |
| November |
| December |
| 1956 January |
| February |
| March |
| Apr11 |
| May |
| June |
| July |
| August |
| September |
| October |
| November |
| December |

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

(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 monchly publication "Man Hours and Hourly Earnings".
(p) Preliminary.

TABLE 12. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS
(1935-39=100)


| 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.
$(1935-39=100)$


(1) Mining Stocks are not included in Investors' Total Index.
$(1935-39=100)$

|  | 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 | 154.4 |
| Year | 143.0 | 156.7 | 164.5 | 160.1 | 162.3 | 170.2 | 177.2 | 166.2 |

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 |  |

## (Canadlan 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 <br> Average | $1955$ <br> Average | $1955$ <br> December Average | $1956$ <br> November Average | $1956$ <br> December Average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| United States | dollar | . 9732 | . 9863 | . 9995 | . 9644 | . 9605 |
| United Kingdom | pound | 2.7339 | 2.7535 | 2.8015 | 2.6836 | 2.6754 |
| Argentina | peso (free) | . 07006 | . 06386 | . 02806 | . 02871 | . 02705 |
| Australia | pound | 2.1874 | 2.2054 | 2.2412 | 2.1469 | 2.1403 |
| Belgium (1) | franc | . 01945 | . 01964 | . 01999 | . 01932 | . 01915 |
| Brazil | cruzeiro (free) | . 01456 | . 01344 | . 01496 | . 01445 | . 01472 |
| Br . West Indies |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (except Jamaica) | dollar | . 5696 | . 5737 | . 5837 | . 5591 | . 5574 |
| ceylon | rupee | . 2051 | . 2065 | . 2101 | . 2013 | . 2006 |
| Chile | peso | . 00843 | . 00493 | . 00500 | . 00192 | . 00185 |
| Colombia | peso (basic) | . 3894 | . 3945 | . 3998 | . 3858 | . 3842 |
| Cuba | peso | . 9733 | . 9863 | . 9995 | . 9644 | . 9605 |
| Denmark | krone | . 1409 | . 1428 | . 1447 | . 1396 | . 1391 |
| Egypt | pound | 2.7949 | 2.8322 | 2.8701 | 2.7692 | 2.7581 |
| France and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Africa | franc | . 00278 | . 00282 | . 00286 | . 00276 | . 00274 |
| Germany | deutsch mark | . 2317 | . 2343 | . 2372 | . 2299 | . 2288 |
| Hong Kong | dollar | . 1709 | . 1721 | . 1751 | . 1677 | . 1672 |
| India | rupee | . 2051 | . 2065 | . 2101 | . 2013 | . 2006 |
| Ireland | pound | 2.7339 | 2.7535 | 2.8015 | 2.6836 | 2.6754 |
| Italy | lira | . 00156 | . 00158 | . 00160 | . 00155 | . 00154 |
| Jamaica | pound | 2.7339 | 2.7535 | 2.8015 | 2.6836 | 2.6754 |
| Japan | yen | . 00270 | . 00274 | . 00278 | . 00268 | . 00267 |
| Lebanon | pound (free) | . 3031 | . 3046 | . 3079 | . 3014 | . 2990 |
| Mexico | peso | . 08810 | . 07890 | . 07996 | . 07715 | . 07684 |
| Netherlands | guilder | . 2568 | . 2588 | . 2612 | . 2518 | . 2508 |
| New Zealand | pound | 2.7339 | 2.7535 | 2.8015 | 2.6836 | 2.6754 |
| Norway | krone | . 1363 | . 1381 | . 1399 | . 1350 | . 1345 |
| Pakistan | rupee | . 2942 | . 2597 | . 2101 | . 2013 | . 2006 |
| Peru | sol-certificate | . 05011 | . 05191 | . 05260 | . 05076 | . 05055 |
| Philippines | peso | . 4866 | . 4931 | . 4997 | . 4822 | . 4802 |
| Portugal | escudo | . 03397 | . 03442 | . 03488 | . 03366 | . 03352 |
| Singapore | dollar | . 3190 | . 3213 | . 3268 | . 3131 | . 3121 |
| Sweden | krona | . 1881 | . 1906 | . 1932 | . 1864 | . 1857 |
| Switzerland | franc | . 2270 | . 2301 | . 2332 | . 2250 | . 2241 |
| Turkey | lira | . 3476 | . 3522 | . 3569 | . 3444 | . 3430 |
| Union of South Africa | pound | 2.7339 | 2.7535 | 2.8015 | 2.6836 | 2.6754 |
| Venezuela | bollvar | . 2905 | . 2944 | . 2983 | . 2879 | . 2867 |
| Yugos lavia | dinar | . 00324 | . 00329 | . 00333 | . 00321 | . 00320 |

For further information please refer to "Poreign Trade" published fortnightly by the Department of Trade and Commerce.
(1) Includes Belgian Empire and Luxemburg.

IN CANADA AND OTHER SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

| Country | Base Period | 1949 | 1955 | 1956 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
|  |  | CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Australia | 1952-53 |  | 108.0(1) | 110.8 (6) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 1949 | 100.0 | 116.4 | 118.5 | 119.1 | 119.0 | 119.8 | 120.3 | 120.4 |
| France (Paris). | 1949 | 100.0 | 114.9 | 146.7 | 147.1 | 148.3 | 148.0 | 148.2 | 148.1 |
| Crermany | 1950 | 107 | 110 | 113 | 113 | 113 | 113 | 114 |  |
| India ......... | 1949 | 100 | 96 | 107 | 109 |  |  |  |  |
| Italy | 1938 | 4,915 | 5,969 | 6,285 | 6,288 | 6,305 | 6,270 |  |  |
| Japan | 1951 | 92.2 | 117.8 | 117.2 | 118.5 | )118.5 |  |  |  |
| Mexico | 1939 | 335.9 | 548.7 | 568.8 | 570.3 | 573.3 | 570.4 | 582.5 |  |
| Netherlands | 1951 |  | 106 | 107 | 108 | 109 | 108 |  |  |
| Norway | 1949 | 100 | 143 | 151 | 150 | 149 |  |  |  |
| Suuth Africa ... | 1938 | 153.2 | 202.1 | 207.1 | 205.4 | 206.5 | 206.9 | 207.2 |  |
| Sweden | 1949 | 100 | 133 | 139 | 140 | 139 |  |  |  |
| Switzerland ... | August 1939 |  | 172.6 | 175.6 | 176.2 | 176.5 | 176.7 | 177.2 |  |
| kniced Kingdow. | Jan. 17, 1956 |  |  | 102.0 | 102.3 | 102.1 | 102.7 | 103.1 |  |
| United Kingdow. | June 17, 1947(3) | 111 | 149 | 156 | 157 | 157 | 158 | 158 |  |
| Writed States . | 1347-49 | 101.8 | 114.5 | 117.0 | 116.8 | 117.1 | 117.7 | 117.8 |  |


| Australia | 1936-39 |  | 338(1) | 343 | 344 | ) 347 | 344 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Canada | 1935-39 | 198.3 | 218.9 | 226.6 | 227.0 | 227.4 | 227.1 | 226.6 | 228.1 |
| France | 1949 |  | 135.7 | 140.3 | 142.4 | 141.6 | 141.1 | 143.0 | 144.3 |
| Ciermany | 1950 |  | 125 | 127 | 128 | 128 | 129 |  |  |
| 1: l ía | 1938-39 |  | $337.5(2)$ | 409.0 | 418.5 | 419.8 |  |  |  |
| Ataly | 1938 | 5,169 | 5,320 | 5,331 | 5,307 | 5,328 | 5,343 |  |  |
| Irpan (Tokyo). | 1952 |  | 97.9 | 101.6 | 102.8 | 104.7 | 104.5 |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Mexico (Mexico } \\ \text { City) } . . . . . \end{gathered}$ | 1939 | 268.1 | 500.4 | 530.0 | 523.5 | 525.4 | 524.8 | 531.9 |  |
| Netherlands | 1948 | 104 | 137 | 138 | 139 |  |  |  |  |
| Norway | 1952 |  | 103 | 109 | 109 | 109 |  |  |  |
| South Africa | 1938 | 184.7 | 271.5 | 272.7 | 274.2 | 276.3 |  |  |  |
| Sweden | 1935 | 216 | 309 | 325 | 324 | 323 | 324 |  |  |
| Switzerland | August 1939 |  | 215.0 | 219.6 | 220.8 | 221.7 | 221.7 | 224.5 |  |
| United King dom. | June 30, 1949(4) |  | 152.4 | 154.1 | . 155.8 | 157.1 | 155.4 |  |  |
| United Kingdow . | June 30, 1949(5) |  | 129.6 | 135.7 | 135.7 | 135.9 | 135.9 |  |  |
| United States .. | 1947-49 | 99.2 | 110.7 | 114.0 | 114.7 | 115.3 |  |  |  |

[^2]Appearing in this Bulletin

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 .

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## 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.

Comencing 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 theindex 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 5 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 $1948^{\prime \prime}$, 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 "NonResidential Building Materials Price Index" is shown in Table 6. 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 $1949 \pm 100$, using weights obtained from data on cost of building materials provided by general and trade contractors for a sample of bulldings 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 famlies. 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 deciined. 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 fanilies, 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

[^3]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 Comodities 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 comon 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.



[^0]:    (1) Percentages not shown because indexes subsequent to July 1955 are subject to major revisions as

[^1]:    * Arithmetically converted to base $1949=100$, for comparability with Price Indexes of Non-Residential Building Materials shown in Table 7.

[^2]:    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 ( $17 \mathrm{Jan} .1956=$
    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. 6. June 1956.

[^3]:    * Available in French under the title "L'Indice des Prix a la Consomation Janvier 1949-A00t 1952".
    (These reports obtainable for twenty-five cents each).

