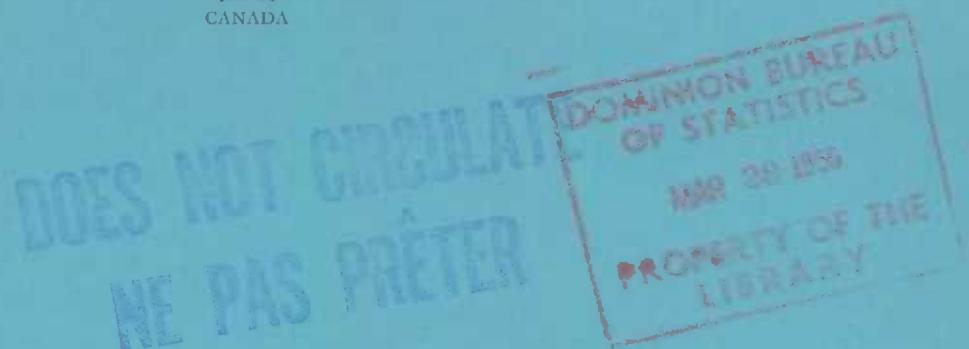


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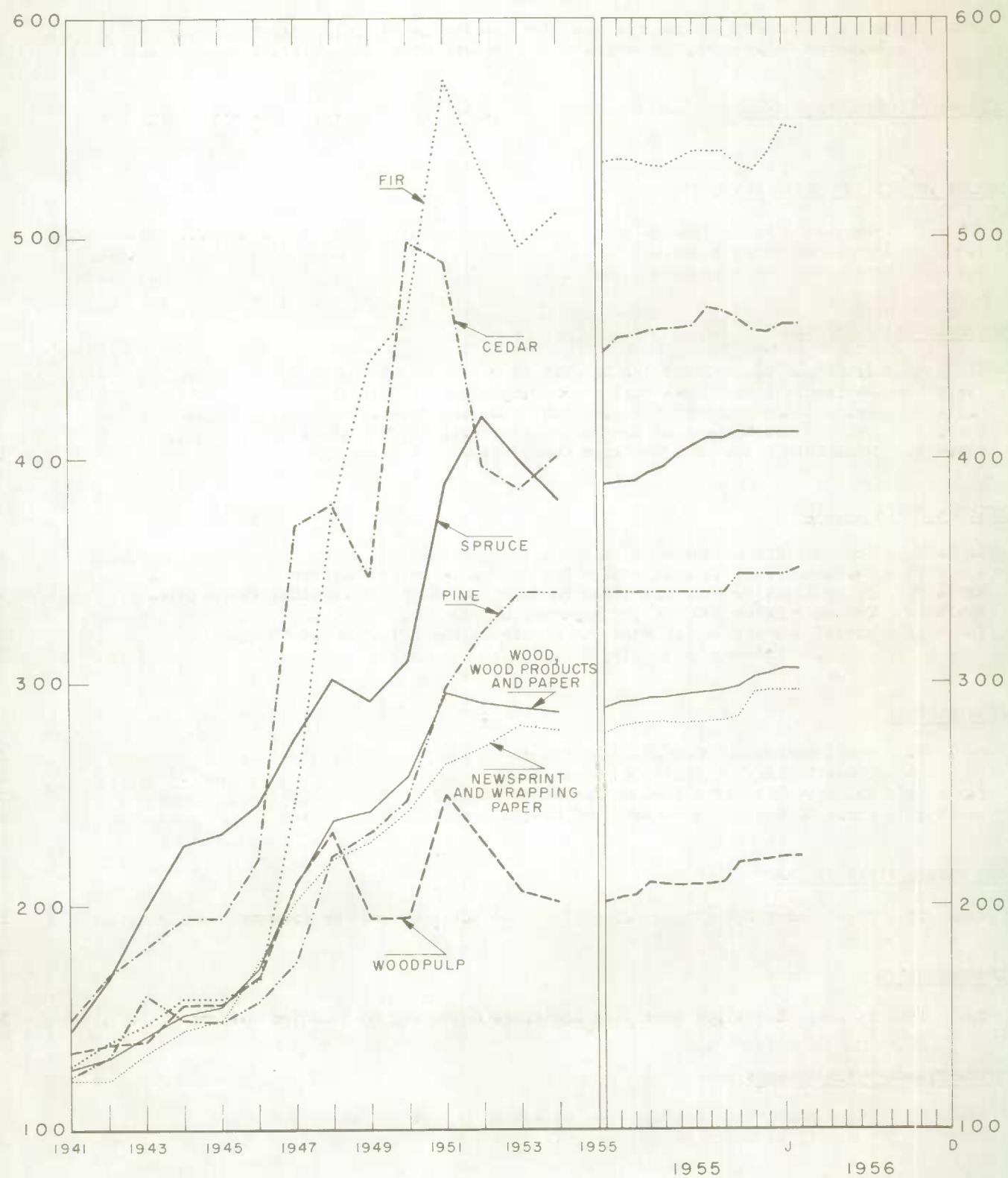
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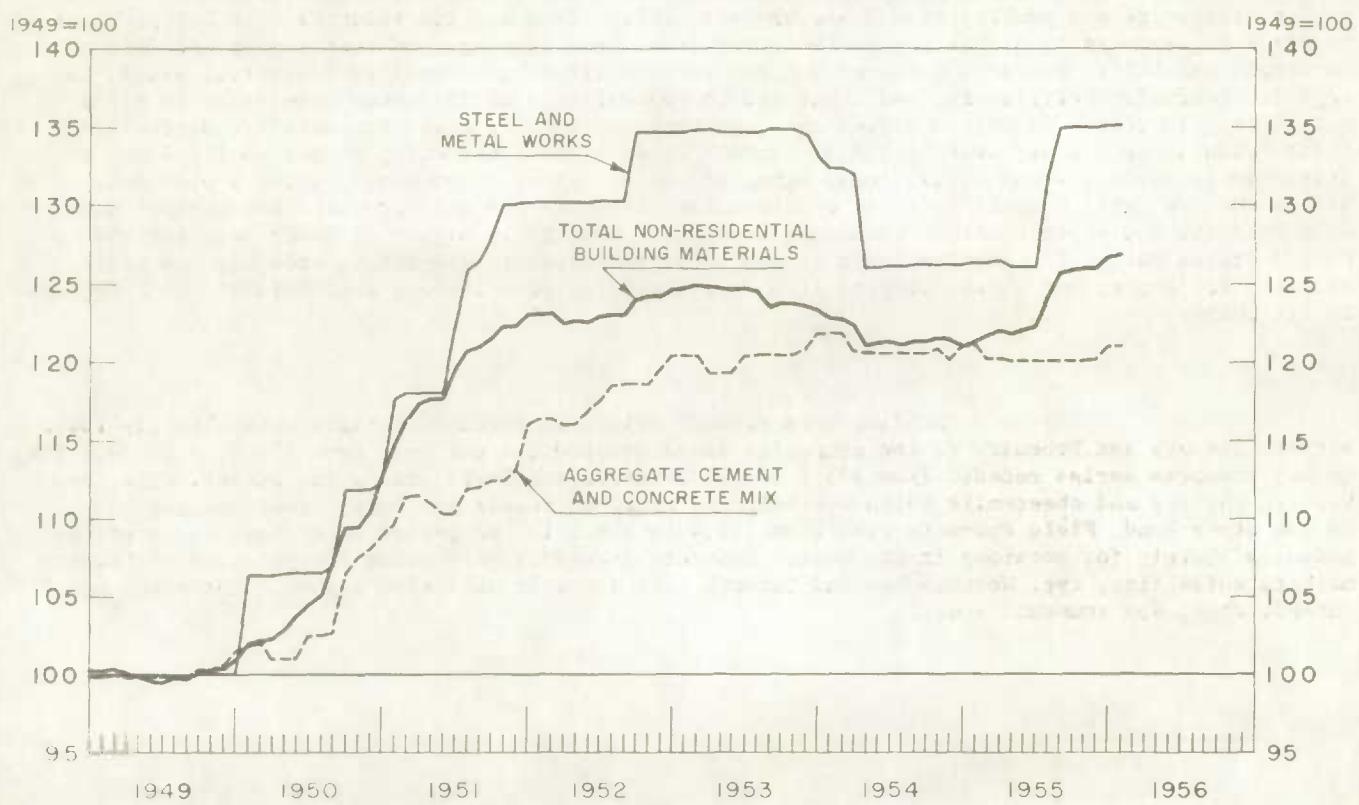
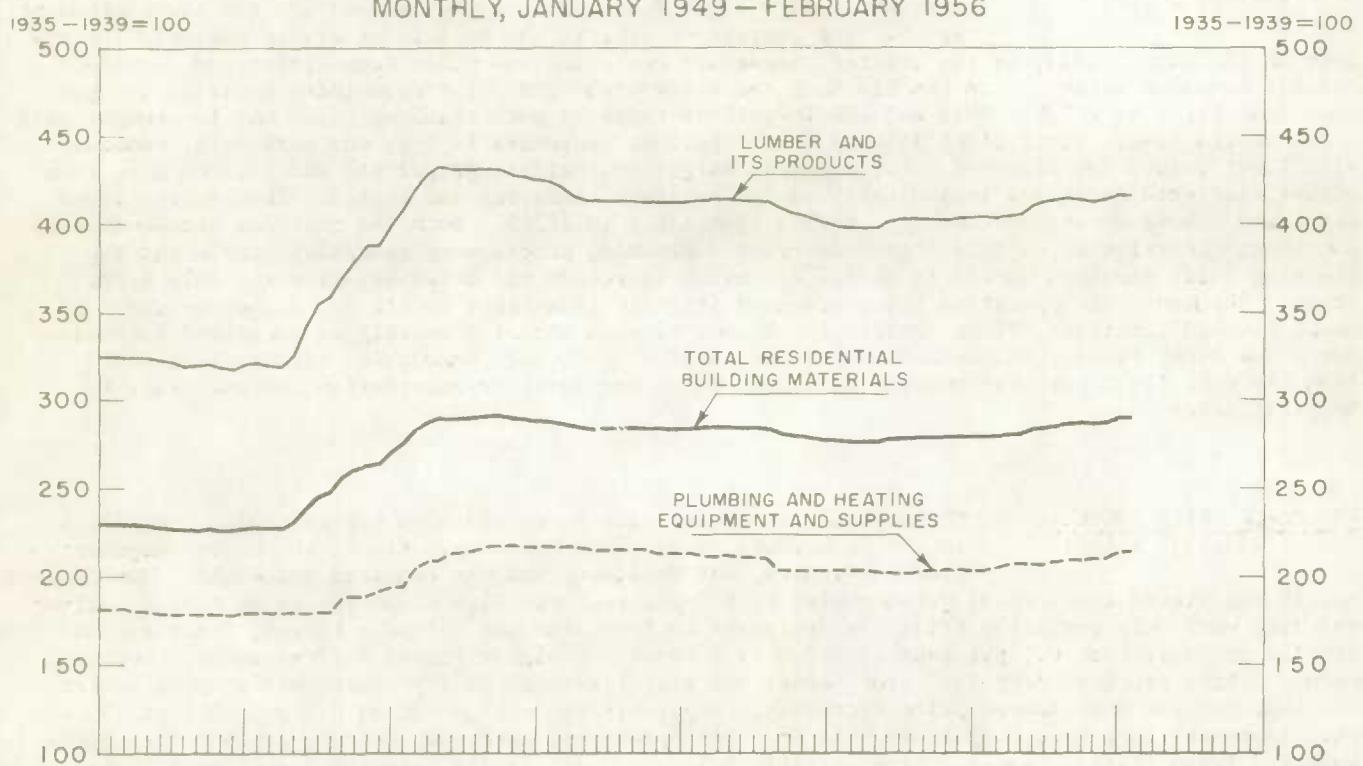
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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES  
WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER AND SELECTED SUB-GROUPS  
ANNUALLY, 1941-1954; MONTHLY 1955-1956  
1935-39=100



INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL  
BUILDING MATERIALS AND SELECTED COMPONENTS

MONTHLY, JANUARY 1949 – FEBRUARY 1956



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

The Consumer Price Index decreased 0.3 per cent from 116.8 to 116.4 between January 3 and February 1, 1956. A year ago the index stood at 116.3. The current decline in the Food index was responsible for the drop in the total index, as the Shelter, Household Operation and Other Commodities and Services indexes moved up slightly and the Clothing index was unchanged. The Food index declined 1.4 per cent from 111.5 to 109.9. This was the largest decrease in more than two years and it brought this index to its lowest level since January 1951. Further decreases in eggs and pork cuts, combined with lower prices for all beef cuts, oranges, margarine, coffee, grapefruit and lettuce more than offset scattered increases including those for potatoes, tomatoes and apples. The Shelter index continued a long upward movement as it rose from 131.3 to 313.5. Both the rent and home-ownership components contributed to this latest increase. Clothing prices were generally stable and the Clothing index remained unchanged at 108.6. Minor increases and decreases affected only a few items. The Household Operation index advanced slightly from 116.5 to 116.7. Higher prices for coal, kitchen furniture, floor coverings and some kitchen utensils outweighed scattered decreases for a few other items. An advance of 0.3 per cent in the Other Commodities and Services index from 119.0 to 119.3 was attributable to higher fares for local transportation and increases in hospital rates.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES:  
(1935-1939 = 100)

The General Wholesale Price Index advanced 0.1 per cent, from 222.0 to 222.2, between January and February. Six of the major component groups advanced, one declined, and one remained unchanged. Non-ferrous Metals registered the largest gain, moving up 0.7 per cent to 203.6 as increases in copper, silver and zinc were only partially offset by decreases in lead, tin and solder. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products rose 0.5 per cent to 228.9 as a result of higher prices for raw cotton, cotton yarns, cotton fabrics, carpets, rayon yarns, and miscellaneous fibre products while nylon hosiery and imported raw wool showed price decreases. Vegetable Products advanced 0.3 per cent to 193.3 when increases in grains, vegetable oils and their products, potatoes, onions, green coffee beans, imported fresh fruits, canned fruits, prairie hay, and dried fruits outweighed decreases in raw rubber, livestock and poultry feeds, and brewers' malt. Iron and Its Products rose 0.2 per cent to 231.1 in response to higher prices for scrap iron, iron castings and certain hardware items. Chemicals and Allied Products advanced 0.2 per cent to 178.6, increases in industrial gases, inorganic chemicals, fertilizers, and drugs and pharmaceuticals overbalanced a decrease in paint materials. Increases in United States coal, pottery and sulphur moved Non-metallic Minerals and Their Products up 0.1 per cent to 178.9. Animal Products declined 0.7 per cent to 217.4 due to decreases in steers, fresh meats, fowl, eggs, hides and skins, cured meats, fishery products, tallow and raw furs; a small increase occurred for cheese in the milk products sub-group. Wood, Wood Products and Paper remained unchanged at 305.8. A slightly higher midmonth rate for the United States dollar in Canadian funds caused small increases in newsprint, woodpulp and cedar shingles for export but these, coupled with an increase in pine lumber, were balanced by a decrease in fir lumber.

Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets were slightly lower between January and February as the composite index dropped 0.4 per cent from 196.7 to 195.9. The Animal Products series receded from 235.0 to 232.3 reflecting lower prices for steers, eggs, and Eastern poultry and cheesemilk which overbalanced minor increases for hogs, lambs and calves. On the other hand, Field Products rose from 158.4 to 159.5 in the period under review, as prices advanced sharply for potatoes in the West. Moderate increases were noted for potatoes on Eastern markets while flax, rye, Western hay and Ontario corn and oats were also higher. The price of Ontario wheat was somewhat lower.

The Residential Building Materials Index remained unchanged at 289.6 in February as minor offsetting price changes occurred for a few items. Some plumbing series, notably pipe, and spruce lumber registered gains, while offsetting decreases were reported for fir dimensions and shellac.

The Index of Non-residential Building Materials, on the base 1949 = 100, rose fractionally in the period under review from 126.7 to 126.9. Higher prices for metals were, in turn, translated into firmer quotations among Plumbing and Heating Equipment, and Hardware series. Eastern spruce lumber also reflected strength while declines occurred in shellac, building block and certain fir lumber specifications.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES  
(1935-1939 = 100)

7 Banks from 260.0 to 264.2

Common stock prices advanced moderately in February as the composite index for 96 issues rose from 248.5 in January to 249.2. The group index for 76 Industrials moved up from 257.0 to 258.1 and that for

On the other hand, 13 Utilities were weaker as the index for this group fell from 206.5 to 204.1.

Oils showed strength in the period under review, while fractional gains also occurred in Building Materials, Pulp and Paper, Food and Telephone issues. Weakness was evidenced chiefly by Milling, Textiles and Clothing and Transportation issues, followed by lesser declines in Industrial Mines, Machinery and Equipment, Power and Traction and Beverages.

The fractional drop in the Mining index from 125.2 to 125.1 reflected a decline in 5 Base Metal stocks from 238.1 to 235.8, which overbalanced an increase in 22 Golds from 75.8 to 76.7.

Preferred stocks which stood at an index level of 175.3 in February were down slightly from the January figure of 175.5.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE MOVEMENTS

TABLE 1. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100)

Note: 1955 and 1956 Wholesale Price Indexes are subject to revision.

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
				Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.
	Feb.	Feb.	Jan.	1954	1955	1956	1956
<u>GENERAL INDEX</u>	219.1	217.4	222.0	222.2	+ 1.4	+ 2.2	+ 0.1
Vegetable Products	200.6	198.2	192.8	193.3	- 3.6	- 2.5	+ 0.3
Animal Products	244.2	226.7	218.9	217.4	- 11.0	- 4.1	- 0.7
Textile Products	233.3	226.0	227.8	228.9	- 1.9	+ 1.3	+ 0.5
Wood Products	283.4	292.0	305.8	305.8	+ 7.9	+ 4.7	-
Iron Products	215.9	216.0	230.7	231.1	+ 7.0	+ 7.0	+ 0.2
Non-ferrous Metals	164.3	176.6	202.2	203.6	+23.9	+15.3	+ 0.7
Non-metallic Minerals	179.3	176.6	178.7	178.9	- 0.2	+ 1.3	+ 0.1
Chemical Products	175.4	177.1	178.3	178.6	+ 1.8	+ 0.8	+ 0.2
<u>CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS</u>	214.0	210.0	196.7	195.9	- 8.5	- 6.7	- 0.4
Field	163.3	174.2	158.4	159.5	- 2.3	- 8.4	+ 0.7
Animal	264.7	245.8	235.0	232.3	-12.2	- 5.5	- 1.1
<u>SELECTED PRICE INDEXES</u>							
Canadian Industrial Materials	223.6	229.0	246.1	247.2	+10.6	+ 7.9	+ 0.4
Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	121.2	122.4	127.0	127.0	+ 4.8	+ 3.8	-
Non-Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	122.8	121.3	126.7	126.9	+ 3.3	+ 4.6	+ 0.2

WHOLESALE PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED COMMODITIESBETWEEN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1956

	<u>INCREASES</u>		<u>DECREASES</u>
	P.C.		P.C.
Potatoes, at Winnipeg	39.2	Rubber, raw, smoked ribbed sheets	11.7
Linseed oil, raw	19.6	Lemons, at Toronto	9.5
Onions, Ontario, at Toronto	19.1	Cocoa beans, green, Lagos	7.7
Coffee, green, Colombian Medellins	11.3	Shellac	6.9
Soya bean oil	10.2	Eggs, grade A large, at Saint John	6.6
Muriate of potash	7.8	Animal feed, shorts	5.9
Flax, No. 1 C.W.	7.2	Cocoa butter, imported	5.7
Lead pipe	6.8	Fowl, at Toronto	5.7
Rye, No. 2 C.W.	5.8	Beef carcass, grade B	5.0
Quinine sulphate	5.7	Beef hides, butcher and country	5.0
Corn, Ontario	5.3	Steers, good, up to 1,000 lbs., at Toronto	4.2
Beef hides, packer, cow	5.3	Raw wool, New Zealand	4.0
Shortening, at Winnipeg	4.7	Solder	4.0
Cheese, new, at Toronto	4.7	Wheat, Ontario	3.2
Bananas, at Toronto	4.5	Lamb carcass	2.8

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

	INDEXES				PERCENTAGE CHANGES		
	Feb.		Jan.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.
	1954	1955	1956	1956	1954	1955	1956
TOTAL INDEX	115.7	116.3	116.8	116.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Food	111.7	111.5	111.5	109.9	- 1.6	- 1.4	- 1.4
Shelter	125.4	128.5	131.3	131.5	+ 4.9	+ 2.3	+ 0.2
Clothing	110.0	108.1	108.6	108.6	- 1.3	+ 0.5	-
Household Operation	117.5	117.1	116.5	116.7	- 0.7	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Other Commodities and Services	116.5	118.3	119.0	119.3	+ 2.4	+ 0.8	+ 0.3

## RETAIL PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED ITEMS BETWEEN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1956

	INCREASES		DECREASES
	p.c.		p.c.
Fresh Tomatoes	29.6	Lettuce	25.9
Potatoes	10.8	Eggs	12.3
Onions	6.4	Oranges	10.3
Apples	4.6	Grapefruit	4.1
Turnips	3.4	Pork, shoulder roast, Boston butt	3.6
Hospital rates	2.8	Bacon	3.3
Carrots	2.6	Cabbage	3.1
Canned tomatoes	2.0	Pork, rib chops, fresh	2.8
Flour	1.4	Margarine	2.6
Coal	1.3	Round steak	2.2

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

	INDEXES				PERCENTAGE CHANGES		
	Feb.		Jan.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.
	1954	1955	1956	1956	1954	1955	1956
Total Investors' Index	163.2	214.7	248.5	249.2	+ 52.7	+ 16.1	+ 0.3
Total Industrials	163.2	219.2	257.0	258.1	+ 58.1	+ 17.7	+ 0.4
Machinery & Equipment	418.4	592.7	735.6	728.0	+ 74.0	+ 22.8	- 1.0
Pulp & Paper	589.4	873.6	1070.0	1077.3	+ 82.8	+ 23.3	+ 0.7
Milling	129.9	171.0	209.4	199.2	+ 53.3	+ 16.5	- 4.9
Oils	136.3	162.0	175.5	182.6	+ 34.0	+ 12.7	+ 4.0
Textiles & Clothing	158.4	178.2	179.9	174.0	+ 9.8	- 2.4	- 3.3
Foods	123.6	157.6	196.8	197.3	+ 59.6	+ 25.2	+ 0.3
Beverages	447.9	518.7	583.7	579.0	+ 29.3	+ 11.6	- 0.8
Building Materials	286.8	407.4	458.4	464.0	+ 61.8	+ 13.9	+ 1.2
Industrial Mines	103.4	164.8	205.3	200.6	+ 94.0	+ 21.7	- 2.3
Total Utilities	151.9	184.0	206.5	204.1	+ 34.4	+ 10.9	- 1.2
Transportation	272.8	336.6	385.4	373.3	+ 36.8	+ 10.9	- 3.1
Telephone	103.6	119.4	129.4	129.5	+ 25.0	+ 8.5	+ 0.1
Power and Traction	134.0	167.7	192.6	190.6	+ 42.2	+ 13.7	- 1.0
Banks	189.6	241.1	260.0	264.2	+ 39.3	+ 9.6	+ 1.6
Mining Stocks							
General Index	83.4	106.4	125.2	125.1	+ 50.0	+ 17.6	- 0.1
Golds	62.1	69.3	75.8	76.7	+ 23.5	+ 10.7	+ 1.2
Base Metals	132.0	191.3	238.1	235.8	+ 78.6	+ 23.3	- 1.0

TABLE 4. - PRINCIPAL WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	General Whole- sale Price Index	Raw and Partly Manu- factured	Fully and Chiefly Manu- factured	Indus- trial Mat- erials	Canadian Farm Products (1)		
					Field	Animal	Total
1913 .....	83.4	85.1	86.2	-	-	-	-
1920 .....	203.2	194.7	208.2	-	-	-	-
1926 .....	130.3	129.1	133.0	144.3	158.5	130.2	144.4
1929 .....	124.6	126.1	123.7	132.8	137.2	144.4	140.8
1933 .....	87.4	79.3	93.3	78.3	69.3	69.2	69.3
1938 .....	102.0	99.4	103.5	95.8	100.9	104.8	102.9
1939 .....	99.2	94.9	101.9	99.0	83.7	101.5	92.6
1940 .....	108.0	103.1	109.9	113.3	85.4	106.7	96.1
1941 .....	116.4	114.4	118.8	125.2	88.9	124.4	106.6
1942 .....	123.0	123.0	123.7	135.1	109.7	144.6	127.1
1943 .....	127.9	131.1	126.9	140.0	129.0	161.8	145.4
1944 .....	130.6	134.4	129.1	143.1	144.5	166.1	155.3
1945 .....	132.1	136.2	129.8	143.2	162.5	170.2	166.4
1946 .....	138.9	140.1	138.0	148.6	177.9	181.2	179.5
1947 .....	163.3	164.3	162.4	187.0	184.1	200.2	192.2
1948 .....	193.4	196.3	192.4	222.7	200.6	263.7	232.1
1949 .....	198.3	197.1	199.2	218.0	191.9	265.4	228.7
1950 .....	211.2	212.8	211.0	244.6	191.9	281.4	236.7
1951 .....	240.2	237.9	242.4	296.1	200.4	336.9	268.6
1952 .....	226.0	218.7	230.7	252.6	223.0	277.5	250.2
1953 .....	220.7	207.0	228.8	232.3	179.4	263.8	221.6
1954 .....	217.0	204.8	224.2	223.7	167.4	256.2	211.8
1954 Aug. ....	215.8	204.9	222.3	222.5	175.3	248.2	211.8
Sept. ....	215.3	202.9	222.5	222.7	170.4	245.5	208.0
Oct. ....	214.3	201.4	221.8	223.6	169.6	240.5	205.0
Nov. ....	214.9	202.3	222.3	224.4	171.9	243.1	207.5
Dec. ....	215.4	203.5	222.4	224.4	171.2	245.9	208.6
1955 Jan. ....	215.7	205.0	222.1	225.9	172.2	248.4	210.3
Feb. ....	217.4	207.6	223.2	229.0	174.2	245.8	210.0
Mar. ....	217.4	206.2	224.1	229.9	172.7	241.3	207.0
Apr. ....	218.5	210.4	223.5	233.1	193.4	238.7	216.1
May ....	217.8	209.5	223.1	233.2	189.9	243.4	216.7
June ....	218.7	210.3	224.1	236.2	180.9	250.0	215.5
July ....	218.4	210.1	223.7	237.1	176.7	249.5	213.1
Aug. ....	219.6	210.7	225.3	240.6	159.0	250.6	204.8
Sept. ....	220.9	212.2	226.4	241.4	153.9	251.6	202.7
Oct. ....	220.0	210.8	225.7	240.7	151.7	241.9	196.8
Nov. ....	220.7	211.3	226.5	240.8	153.2	240.5	196.9
Dec. ....	221.4	212.4	226.6	244.2	155.2	239.0	197.1
1956 Jan. ....	222.0	212.9	227.3	246.1	158.4	235.0	196.7
Feb. ....	222.2	213.4	227.4	247.2	159.5	232.3	195.9

(1) See Prices and Price Indexes, May 1953, Table 21 for final revised Canadian Farm Products Indexes, August 1945 - July 1952; February 1954, Table 4 for indexes August 1952 - July 1953; and May 1955, Table 4, for indexes August 1953 - July 1954. Indexes subsequent to July 1954 are subject to revision. Please see note, Page 32.

TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	General Whole- Sale Index	- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS -								
		Total Vege- table Pro- ducts	Grains	Milled Cereal Foods	Live- stock and Poultry Feeds	Bakery Pro- ducts	Fruits, Fresh	Fruits, Dried	Fruits, Canned	
1954 Average ...	217.0	196.8	187.2	159.0	203.0	188.0	173.9	172.5	156.1	
1954 Aug. ....	215.8	197.1	181.6	144.9	193.3	188.0	195.2	169.0	157.5	
Sept. ....	215.3	194.2	184.1	146.3	188.6	188.0	192.4	168.8	155.4	
Oct. ....	214.3	194.6	184.6	147.3	188.0	188.0	184.1	168.8	157.5	
Nov. ....	214.9	195.3	186.2	148.7	188.0	188.0	166.5	175.7	157.5	
Dec. ....	215.4	195.9	186.6	148.0	207.4	188.0	157.2	175.7	157.5	
1955 Jan. ....	215.7	197.2	189.3	148.3	207.8	188.0	155.7	175.7	158.7	
Feb. ....	217.4	198.2	191.4	148.9	209.7	188.0	151.8	175.1	158.7	
Mar. ....	217.4	196.8	190.6	148.2	215.3	188.0	153.9	177.3	158.7	
Apr. ....	218.5	199.0	190.5	148.2	201.2	183.3	164.5	176.3	156.6	
May ....	217.8	197.1	190.9	148.3	206.8	183.3	163.6	176.3	159.5	
June ....	218.7	196.5	190.4	151.0	197.4	181.7	161.9	176.3	161.6	
July ....	218.4	195.8	188.0	150.9	194.6	181.7	163.2	176.3	157.3	
Aug. ....	219.6	193.9	188.0	147.1	200.2	183.3	159.7	177.0	157.3	
Sept. ....	220.9	192.9	186.3	148.0	192.7	183.3	159.2	177.0	151.0	
Oct. ....	220.0	190.7	183.2	146.6	183.3	183.3	158.0	177.4	151.0	
Nov. ....	220.7	191.6	183.7	145.9	190.8	184.8	184.3	178.3	149.8	
Dec. ....	221.4	192.9	183.8	145.7	198.4	184.8	186.6	177.2	149.8	
1956 Jan. ....	222.0	192.8	184.9	146.1	198.4	184.8	169.9	177.2	149.8	
Feb. ....	222.2	193.3	186.6	146.0	191.2	184.8	171.1	178.5	150.9	

- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS - CONCLUDED								
Vege- table Oils and Pro- ducts	Rubber and Its Pro- ducts	Sugar and Its Pro- ducts	Tea, Coffee and Cocoa	Pota- toes	Onions	Canned Vege- tables	Raw Leaf To- bacco	
1954 Average ...	272.2	173.8	149.9	470.9	183.3	164.7	178.0	180.2
1954 Aug. ....	270.2	173.0	148.4	498.5	290.8	255.5	164.6	181.0
Sept. ....	264.0	173.5	148.4	461.0	230.6	182.8	164.6	181.0
Oct. ....	270.4	176.2	148.4	443.0	215.4	197.0	213.7	181.0
Nov. ....	256.5	177.8	148.9	450.0	225.6	219.4	213.7	181.0
Dec. ....	261.5	179.5	148.9	448.5	219.7	223.8	213.7	181.0
1955 Jan. ....	264.9	183.6	149.0	445.5	219.7	228.8	216.6	181.0
Feb. ....	266.0	194.0	149.0	430.1	234.8	218.5	216.6	181.0
Mar. ....	272.5	194.8	148.9	408.5	234.9	195.4	216.6	177.9
Apr. ....	264.2	189.0	152.0	410.3	434.0	196.7	218.1	176.6
May ....	261.9	189.0	150.3	387.2	401.9	196.7	218.1	178.1
June ....	269.7	192.9	150.1	393.4	316.4	196.7	218.1	178.1
July ....	276.2	200.2	149.9	389.4	293.9	232.4	206.4	178.1
Aug. ....	272.6	209.1	149.5	380.1	193.8	178.1	204.9	178.1
Sept. ....	265.5	217.0	150.7	378.9	147.0	132.8	204.9	178.1
Oct. ....	265.9	211.4	151.7	377.3	126.8	156.6	197.2	178.1
Nov. ....	265.9	211.2	150.2	372.1	140.3	169.7	202.2	178.1
Dec. ....	268.9	215.1	150.5	364.5	144.7	176.1	199.1	185.7
1956 Jan. ....	271.4	209.6	151.2	362.8	164.4	193.1	195.4	185.7
Feb. ....	284.1	204.7	151.2	363.7	176.3	210.5	195.4	185.7

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

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- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -								
Date	Total Animal Products	Fishery Products	Raw Furs	Hides and Skins	Leather, Unmanufactured	Boots and Shoes	Live-stock	Steers
1954 Average ...	236.0	262.4	88.7	115.5	208.3	204.4	283.3	315.1
1954 Aug. ....	229.7	251.9	90.5	113.0	209.0	203.6	271.6	329.9
Sept. ....	228.9	265.4	84.2	97.8	207.6	203.6	266.7	332.6
Oct. ....	221.8	266.4	84.2	98.1	205.5	204.3	258.5	330.4
Nov. ....	224.4	270.4	84.2	105.0	202.2	204.0	262.1	322.3
Dec. ....	225.4	270.6	84.2	100.9	202.2	204.0	268.9	325.5
1955 Jan. ....	226.5	274.1	84.2	103.0	191.9	204.0	273.7	325.6
Feb. ....	226.7	279.9	113.3	103.4	191.7	204.0	269.3	321.4
Mar. ....	226.1	285.4	113.3	106.8	193.8	204.0	259.1	315.0
Apr. ....	225.0	285.6	112.3	117.7	193.8	204.0	255.5	320.4
May ....	224.8	258.6	116.0	111.1	190.6	204.8	264.2	323.3
June ....	230.5	258.4	112.5	113.0	190.6	204.2	272.9	317.0
July ....	227.9	258.4	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. ....	230.1	273.9	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. ....	220.8	292.4	110.6	129.4	200.9	205.1	251.6	314.6
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
- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded								
	Meats, Fresh	Beef and Veal Carcass	Meats, Cured	Fowl, Dressed	Milk and Its Products	Butter	Oils and Fats	Eggs
1954 Average ...	283.9	300.2	241.1	163.3	226.2	228.7	160.6	157.3
1954 Aug. ....	282.8	311.4	228.2	138.6	221.1	220.9	136.9	166.2
Sept. ....	278.8	312.6	225.4	138.6	221.7	222.0	153.3	174.3
Oct. ....	261.1	292.8	193.3	144.6	222.9	222.9	154.0	168.5
Nov. ....	261.1	286.9	198.6	147.6	229.3	235.9	158.9	152.0
Dec. ....	265.1	290.2	195.8	147.6	230.0	237.4	156.4	134.8
1955 Jan. ....	269.9	299.4	189.6	156.6	230.3	238.1	152.9	134.0
Feb. ....	270.7	306.3	185.6	159.6	230.3	238.0	141.7	139.2
Mar. ....	273.8	312.7	184.5	183.7	229.3	237.6	141.0	149.6
Apr. ....	274.3	315.3	186.4	192.8	225.0	230.1	142.8	150.5
May ....	282.8	326.4	182.4	195.8	221.6	223.0	140.0	149.1
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	198.8	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

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

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## - FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS -

Date	Total Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	Raw Cotton	Cotton Yarns	Cotton Fabrics	Cotton Knit Goods	Miscellaneous Fibre Products	Silk and Nylon Thread	Rayon Fabrics
1954 Average ...	231.1	288.6	225.2	230.1	224.0	220.6	169.5	159.0
1954 Aug. ....	230.8	288.8	224.7	228.4	224.5	210.6	169.5	158.3
Sept. ....	230.1	293.1	223.9	228.0	224.5	210.6	169.5	158.3
Oct. ....	229.3	289.7	222.8	230.1	222.4	210.6	169.5	158.3
Nov. ....	227.8	286.0	227.4	230.4	219.2	210.6	169.5	158.3
Dec. ....	226.9	291.1	227.4	230.4	219.2	210.6	169.5	158.3
1955 Jan. ....	224.0	291.1	227.4	230.7	219.3	210.6	169.5	158.3
Feb. ....	226.0	295.1	230.6	230.6	219.3	209.0	169.5	156.2
Mar. ....	227.4	293.0	230.6	232.8	219.3	209.0	169.5	154.2
Apr. ....	226.3	291.3	230.6	232.8	219.3	198.3	169.5	154.2
May ....	226.6	299.8	230.6	232.8	219.3	195.3	169.5	154.2
June ....	226.9	303.7	230.6	232.8	219.3	195.8	169.5	154.2
July ....	226.9	304.1	232.1	232.8	217.6	196.4	169.5	154.2
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

## - FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Rayon Yarns	Raw Wool, Do-mestic	Raw Wool, Im-port	Yarns, Worsted	Hosiery and Knit Goods, Chiefly Wool	Wool Blan-kets	Worsted and Wool Cloth	Carpets
1954 Average ...	175.4	261.1	242.8	213.3	235.1	252.5	259.7	225.3
1954 Aug. ....	176.9	278.5	255.1	219.9	235.6	252.5	259.7	225.3
Sept. ....	176.9	267.0	249.4	213.4	235.6	252.5	257.6	225.3
Oct. ....	176.9	263.8	234.3	213.4	234.4	252.5	254.8	225.3
Nov. ....	176.9	236.9	200.3	209.6	233.4	252.5	254.0	225.3
Dec. ....	158.3	239.9	207.5	197.7	230.9	252.5	254.0	225.3
1955 Jan. ....	158.3	239.9	202.3	197.7	230.9	252.5	234.5	225.3
Feb. ....	158.3	249.3	224.8	197.7	230.9	252.5	241.4	225.3
Mar. ....	171.9	254.5	227.0	206.4	230.9	252.5	241.4	225.3
Apr. ....	171.9	257.5	213.2	206.4	230.9	252.5	241.3	225.3
May ....	166.5	259.7	210.9	206.4	230.9	252.5	241.3	225.3
June ....	166.5	257.5	214.3	206.4	230.9	252.5	240.9	225.3
July ....	166.5	257.5	211.1	206.4	230.9	252.5	240.9	225.3
Aug. ....	166.5	244.9	196.0	206.4	230.9	252.5	238.2	225.3
Sept. ....	166.5	223.3	189.0	206.4	230.9	252.5	235.6	225.3
Oct. ....	166.5	218.1	191.4	198.7	230.9	252.5	236.4	225.3
Nov. ....	166.5	228.5	197.5	198.7	230.9	252.5	232.1	225.3
Dec. ....	166.5	237.8	204.7	198.7	230.9	252.5	232.7	225.3
1956 Jan. ....	166.5	247.0	207.6	198.7	230.9	252.5	232.7	225.3
Feb. ....	170.5	247.0	206.2	198.7	230.9	252.5	232.7	223.3

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

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- WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER -										
Date	Total Wood Products	Lumber and Timber	Spruce	Hard-woods	Hem-lock	Fir	Cedar	Wood-pulp	News-print	Wrapping Paper, No. 1 Kraft
1954 Average ...	286.8	419.0	382.0	313.4	370.3	510.6	401.9	201.3	283.9	227.6
1954 Aug. ....	287.6	424.3	383.7	310.1	369.8	519.5	415.3	200.6	283.0	227.6
Sept. ....	289.0	430.0	383.7	310.1	369.8	528.6	431.6	200.7	283.1	227.6
Oct. ....	289.1	430.0	383.7	310.1	369.8	528.6	431.7	200.4	283.3	227.6
Nov. ....	289.0	429.9	381.9	310.1	369.8	528.6	433.7	199.8	283.0	227.6
Dec. ....	289.3	432.6	381.9	310.1	369.8	533.4	440.3	199.4	282.3	227.6
1955 Jan. ....	289.7	435.7	389.8	310.1	369.8	533.4	448.5	201.2	281.6	227.6
Feb. ....	292.0	437.3	390.5	310.1	369.8	534.6	454.5	203.7	285.3	227.6
Mar. ....	292.5	437.3	390.8	310.1	369.8	534.0	455.7	204.7	286.3	227.6
Apr. ....	293.8	437.7	394.6	310.1	369.8	531.7	457.4	210.3	287.7	227.6
May ....	293.6	438.1	396.3	310.1	369.8	531.1	458.7	209.6	287.2	227.6
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	288.8	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	220.3	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
- IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS -										
	Total Iron Products	Pig Iron	Rolling Mill Products	Pipe and Tubing	Hardware	Wire	Scrap Iron and Steel		Tin Plate and Galvanized Sheet	
1954 Average ...	213.4	256.6	206.0	232.0	217.9	236.7	211.7		219.7	
1954 Aug. ....	211.7	254.7	204.6	228.7	216.7	233.2	200.9		219.7	
Sept. ....	212.3	254.7	206.1	228.7	216.7	233.2	200.9		220.5	
Oct. ....	212.4	254.7	206.1	228.7	217.4	233.2	200.9		220.5	
Nov. ....	213.8	254.7	206.3	229.6	217.4	233.2	228.1		220.5	
Dec. ....	213.8	254.7	206.3	229.6	217.4	233.2	228.1		220.5	
1955 Jan. ....	214.5	253.8	206.3	228.7	217.4	233.2	246.0		220.5	
Feb. ....	216.0	254.7	206.3	228.7	219.2	233.2	273.2		220.5	
Mar. ....	217.4	254.7	206.3	229.6	225.0	240.9	273.2		220.5	
Apr. ....	218.2	254.7	206.3	229.6	225.2	240.9	290.2		220.5	
May ....	217.3	254.7	204.8	229.6	225.2	240.9	290.2		218.8	
June ....	217.2	254.7	204.8	229.6	224.8	240.9	290.2		218.0	
July ....	217.5	259.2	204.8	229.6	224.8	240.9	290.2		218.7	
Aug. ....	226.0	266.0	212.7	232.7	235.7	261.4	324.7		220.7	
Sept. ....	226.7	266.0	213.9	232.7	236.9	261.4	324.7		220.7	
Oct. ....	227.1	266.0	213.9	232.7	239.6	261.4	324.7		220.7	
Nov. ....	227.6	266.0	213.9	236.9	240.6	261.4	324.7		220.7	
Dec. ....	229.3	266.0	213.9	236.9	240.6	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	

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

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Date	- NON-FERROUS METALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -									Combined Index Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals (2)
	Total Non-Ferrous Metals	Anti-mony	Copper and Its Products	Lead and Its Products	Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Products	Solder		
	(1)	(2)								
1954 Average ...	167.5	224.1	180.5	277.0	278.7	214.3	174.3	260.6	196.0	217.9
1954 Aug. ....	167.3	224.1	175.6	276.7	277.8	213.7	175.4	267.0	200.6	216.9
Sept. ....	168.1	225.5	175.6	276.6	289.0	213.4	175.1	275.1	200.6	217.8
Oct. ....	168.5	226.2	175.6	276.6	297.0	213.4	174.1	276.1	200.6	218.2
Nov. ....	168.4	226.2	175.6	276.5	297.2	213.4	172.1	276.1	200.6	219.0
Dec. ....	170.6	230.2	175.6	276.2	297.2	213.2	170.6	277.3	200.6	220.6
1955 Jan. ....	170.6	230.2	175.6	276.2	297.2	212.7	166.4	277.3	187.9	221.0
Feb. ....	176.6	240.4	175.6	303.6	297.2	215.0	173.8	277.3	187.9	226.2
Mar. ....	179.0	244.0	175.6	309.6	297.2	221.7	175.7	277.3	187.9	228.5
Apr. ....	183.8	252.5	175.6	331.2	297.2	221.7	173.6	287.7	187.9	232.5
May ....	184.2	253.3	175.6	332.2	297.2	226.4	173.6	288.7	187.9	232.3
June ....	184.5	253.8	175.6	332.2	297.2	227.9	175.1	293.8	187.9	232.4
July ....	185.0	254.8	175.6	332.2	297.2	230.0	179.7	299.0	195.9	233.0
Aug. ....	188.8	261.4	175.6	350.3	297.2	231.3	180.3	299.0	203.8	240.8
Sept. ....	198.0	277.8	187.6	394.3	299.7	231.5	180.4	308.2	203.8	248.0
Oct. ....	199.5	280.0	187.6	397.5	307.6	235.9	183.6	309.2	203.8	249.1
Nov. ....	200.5	281.4	184.2	399.8	307.6	236.2	189.3	309.2	203.8	250.0
Dec. ....	200.6	281.6	180.7	399.8	309.0	233.3	201.1	309.2	220.4	251.1
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
- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -										
	Total Non-Metallic Products	Clay and Allied Material Products	Pottery	Coal	Coal Tar	Coke	Manufactured Gas	Window Glass		
1954 Average ...	177.0	230.4	150.2	172.9	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8		
1954 Aug. ....	175.8	231.6	153.7	170.0	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8		
Sept. ....	175.9	231.6	153.7	170.0	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8		
Oct. ....	175.8	231.6	153.7	171.1	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8		
Nov. ....	175.8	231.6	153.7	171.5	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8		
Dec. ....	176.0	231.6	153.7	172.4	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8		
1955 Jan. ....	176.4	231.6	153.7	172.0	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8		
Feb. ....	176.6	231.6	153.7	172.0	213.7	227.3	138.9	233.8		
Mar. ....	174.5	231.6	153.7	172.0	213.7	227.3	-	233.8		
Apr. ....	175.2	233.1	153.7	174.2	213.7	227.3	-	257.0		
May ....	173.3	233.1	153.7	167.6	213.7	223.1	-	257.0		
June ....	173.4	233.1	153.7	167.7	213.7	223.1	-	257.0		
July ....	173.7	233.1	153.7	168.9	213.7	224.3	-	257.0		
Aug. ....	173.7	233.1	153.7	168.9	213.7	224.3	-	257.0		
Sept. ....	175.2	231.2	153.7	171.7	213.7	226.0	-	257.0		
Oct. ....	176.3	231.2	153.7	175.7	213.7	229.8	-	257.0		
Nov. ....	176.4	231.2	153.7	175.7	213.7	229.8	-	257.0		
Dec. ....	176.8	231.2	153.7	177.7	213.7	228.1	-	257.0		
1956 Jan. ....	178.7	231.2	158.3	179.6	213.7	228.1	-	270.2		
Feb. ....	178.9	231.2	159.2	180.1	213.7	228.1	-	270.2		

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

(2) Excludes Gold.

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

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- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -Continued							
Date	Plate Glass	Petroleum Products	Gasoline	Coal Oil	Asphalt	Asphalt Shingles	Sulphur
1954 Average ...	189.3	167.5	138.9	134.0	184.1	150.4	198.6
1954 Aug. ....	189.3	166.2	135.7	134.2	184.1	150.4	197.9
Sept. ....	189.3	166.2	135.7	134.2	184.1	150.4	198.0
Oct. ....	189.3	165.2	134.7	133.5	184.1	150.4	198.2
Nov. ....	189.3	165.0	134.7	133.5	184.1	150.4	197.9
Dec. ....	189.3	165.0	134.7	133.5	184.1	150.4	197.5
1955 Jan. ....	189.3	164.5	134.7	133.5	184.1	138.1	197.0
Feb. ....	189.3	164.9	134.7	133.5	184.1	138.1	199.6
Mar. ....	189.3	165.0	134.7	133.5	184.1	138.1	200.5
Apr. ....	189.3	165.0	134.7	133.5	184.1	138.1	201.5
May ....	189.3	165.0	134.7	133.5	184.1	138.1	201.1
June ....	189.3	165.1	134.7	133.5	184.1	146.4	200.9
July ....	189.3	165.0	134.7	133.5	184.1	146.4	201.0
Aug. ....	189.3	165.0	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
- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded							
	Plaster	Lime	Cement	Sand and Gravel	Crushed Stone	Building Stone	Asbestos and Its Products
1954 Average ...	127.1	194.6	158.1	142.0	163.9	200.7	267.1
1954 Aug. ....	126.7	192.6	158.5	139.8	155.7	200.7	267.1
Sept. ....	127.9	198.7	158.5	139.8	155.7	200.7	267.1
Oct. ....	127.9	199.3	158.5	139.8	155.7	200.7	267.1
Nov. ....	127.9	199.3	158.5	139.8	155.7	200.7	267.1
Dec. ....	127.9	199.3	153.8	142.6	155.7	200.7	267.1
1955 Jan. ....	127.9	205.5	153.8	144.8	183.7	200.7	267.1
Feb. ....	127.9	205.5	153.8	144.8	183.7	200.7	267.1
Mar. ....	127.9	205.5	153.9	144.8	155.7	200.7	267.1
Apr. ....	127.9	205.2	153.9	144.8	155.7	200.7	267.1
May ....	127.9	205.2	153.9	143.4	155.7	196.1	267.1
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	265.5
Oct. ....	127.9	205.2	153.9	143.4	155.7	196.1	265.5
Nov. ....	127.9	205.2	153.9	143.4	155.7	196.1	265.5
Dec. ....	127.9	205.2	153.9	144.8	155.7	196.1	265.5
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

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

(1935-39 = 100)

- CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS -						
Date	Total Chemical Products	Inorganic Chemicals	Organic Chemicals	Coal Tar Products	Dyeing Materials	Tanning Materials
1954 Average .....	176.4	141.1	179.3	191.6	182.2	288.8
1954 Aug. ....	176.7	141.5	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
Sept. ....	176.7	141.5	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
Oct. ....	177.0	141.5	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
Nov. ....	176.9	141.8	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
Dec. ....	176.9	142.0	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
1955 Jan. ....	176.6	142.0	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
Feb. ....	177.1	142.2	178.6	191.6	182.2	289.7
Mar. ....	176.9	142.2	178.6	191.6	182.2	289.7
Apr. ....	177.2	142.4	178.6	191.6	183.8	289.7
May ....	176.5	142.6	178.6	191.6	183.8	289.7
June ....	176.5	142.6	178.6	191.6	183.8	289.7
July ....	176.4	142.5	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Aug. ....	176.5	142.5	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Sept. ....	176.7	143.0	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Oct. ....	177.7	144.9	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Nov. ....	177.9	144.5	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Dec. ....	178.1	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
- CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS - Concluded						
	Ex- plosives	Paint, Prepared	Fertil- izer Materials	Indus- trial Gases	Soap	
1954 Average .....	137.4	189.1	165.6	126.0	205.6	
1954 Aug. ....	137.4	189.1	165.8	128.0	206.6	
Sept. ....	137.4	189.1	163.9	127.4	206.6	
Oct. ....	137.4	189.1	163.9	126.0	206.6	
Nov. ....	137.4	189.1	165.0	124.1	206.6	
Dec. ....	137.4	189.1	165.0	125.2	206.6	
1955 Jan. ....	137.4	189.1	163.0	125.2	206.6	
Feb. ....	137.4	189.1	163.8	126.8	206.6	
Mar. ....	137.4	189.1	163.0	124.1	206.6	
Apr. ....	137.4	189.1	163.0	125.7	206.6	
May ....	137.4	189.1	163.0	126.6	198.7	
June ....	137.4	189.1	163.0	126.8	198.7	
July ....	137.4	189.1	163.0	126.6	198.7	
Aug. ....	137.4	189.1	163.0	129.3	198.7	
Sept. ....	137.4	189.1	163.0	128.8	198.7	
Oct. ....	137.4	195.5	163.0	126.3	198.7	
Nov. ....	137.4	195.5	163.0	126.2	200.6	
Dec. ....	143.3	195.5	163.0	126.2	200.6	
1956 Jan. ....	143.6	195.5	159.0	124.1	200.6	
Feb. ....	143.6	195.5	159.4	131.6	200.6	

TABLE 6. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

(1935-39 = 100)

## - PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -

Date	Total	Total	Cement,	Brick,	Lumber	Lath,	Plaster	Roof-	Paint	Plumb-	Elec-
	Index *	Index	Sand and Gravel	Tile and Stone	Its Pro- ducts	and Insu- lation	and Mate- rial	Glass	and Heat- ing Equip- ment	ing Equip- ment and Fix- tures	Other Mater- ials
	(1949=100)										
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 .....	54.3	146.6	101.8	114.9	188.4	104.8	136.0	146.6	120.0	110.3	117.9
1945 .....	65.0	148.3	102.1	116.4	191.3	104.8	135.5	142.2	122.2	111.4	118.0
1946 .....	67.8	154.5	102.0	121.0	202.1	104.2	146.2	144.2	127.2	116.9	126.4
1947 .....	79.1	180.4	109.7	133.4	242.0	107.3	172.3	169.6	145.2	147.4	143.0
1948 .....	95.4	217.5	122.3	143.1	305.8	116.7	201.6	183.1	168.3	169.8	162.3
1949 .....	100.0	228.0	127.0	151.0	322.1	118.1	190.5	179.6	180.2	173.4	174.7
1950 .....	106.4	242.7	131.3	163.8	349.2	116.7	235.4	174.8	183.2	184.5	181.1
1951 .....	125.5	286.2	140.9	180.7	425.0	126.3	235.8	197.8	210.4	213.3	212.7
1952 .....	124.9	284.8	149.5	195.3	415.7	128.5	217.7	194.9	215.6	212.0	226.3
1953 .....	123.9	282.6	151.8	205.8	410.6	128.5	218.6	203.8	209.0	211.4	229.5
1954 .....	121.7	277.5	151.3	207.4	400.5	128.8	233.4	208.9	202.8	207.7	226.6
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<b>1954</b>											
Jan. ....	121.5	277.1	152.5	207.4	400.2	127.7	222.9	206.5	203.5	207.3	227.5
Feb. ....	121.2	276.4	152.5	207.4	398.3	127.7	226.2	206.5	203.5	205.8	227.2
Mar. ....	121.0	275.9	152.5	207.4	397.3	129.2	226.2	206.5	203.3	203.3	227.2
Apr. ....	121.1	276.1	151.7	207.4	397.3	129.2	226.1	205.2	203.8	208.8	227.2
May ....	121.0	275.9	151.1	207.4	397.4	129.2	226.1	206.9	202.2	208.8	227.2
June ....	121.6	277.3	151.1	207.4	400.4	129.2	229.3	208.2	202.1	209.4	227.8
July ....	122.0	278.2	151.1	207.4	402.4	129.2	235.8	209.5	200.9	209.4	227.8
Aug. ....	122.0	278.1	151.1	207.4	402.5	129.2	235.8	210.8	200.9	208.0	224.7
Sept. ....	122.2	278.7	151.1	207.4	402.5	129.2	242.2	210.8	203.0	208.0	225.5
Oct. ....	122.2	278.7	151.1	207.4	402.5	129.2	242.2	211.2	203.0	208.0	225.5
Nov. ....	122.2	278.6	151.1	207.4	401.9	129.2	242.2	211.7	203.6	208.0	225.5
Dec. ....	122.3	278.9	149.1	207.4	403.3	126.9	245.4	212.5	203.6	208.0	225.5
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<b>1955</b>											
Jan. ....	122.1	278.5	149.6	207.4	403.6	125.1	239.0	212.5	203.0	208.0	225.5
Feb. ....	122.4	279.1	149.6	210.0	404.0	124.5	239.0	214.8	203.0	215.5	225.5
Mar. ....	122.6	279.5	149.6	210.0	403.5	124.5	239.0	215.3	205.1	216.8	227.4
Apr. ....	123.1	280.7	149.6	210.0	404.4	124.5	239.0	222.0	206.8	224.6	227.4
May ....	123.2	280.8	149.3	209.3	405.1	124.5	239.0	220.7	206.8	224.6	225.0
June ....	124.3	283.4	149.3	209.3	410.3	125.1	246.7	220.7	206.7	226.1	225.9
July ....	124.6	284.2	149.3	209.3	412.3	125.1	248.7	220.7	206.7	225.1	226.6
Aug. ....	125.2	285.5	149.3	209.3	413.7	125.1	248.7	219.8	208.9	225.1	232.1
Sept. ....	125.8	286.8	149.3	209.3	414.6	125.1	248.7	219.8	209.2	244.9	234.5
Oct. ....	125.8	286.8	149.3	209.3	413.9	125.1	248.7	223.1	209.2	245.3	236.6
Nov. ....	125.7	286.7	149.3	209.3	412.8	126.2	248.7	223.1	210.3	247.7	236.8
Dec. ....	126.1	287.5	149.6	209.3	414.6	126.2	248.7	223.9	210.3	247.7	236.8
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<b>1956</b>											
Jan. ....	127.0	289.6	149.6	209.3	416.4	127.4	261.2	228.0	213.6	248.6	237.6
Feb. ....	127.0	289.6	149.6	209.3	416.1	127.3	261.2	226.3	214.1	248.4	238.8

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

TABLE 7. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

(1949 = 100)

Date	Total Index	- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -					
		Aggregate, Cement and Concrete Mix	Blocks, Brick and Stone	Tile	Lumber and Lumber Products	Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Materials
1950	105.0	103.2	104.3	104.9	110.3	103.0	105.8
1951	118.6	111.3	113.0	110.6	128.3	115.7	125.4
1952	123.2	117.4	119.7	115.5	127.9	121.3	121.7
1953	124.4	120.2	125.9	117.1	127.8	119.2	119.6
1954	121.8	120.9	127.0	120.6	124.5	115.2	117.6
1954	Aug. ....	121.1	120.6	127.3	121.1	125.2	116.8
	Sept. ....	121.3	120.6	127.5	121.1	124.8	116.8
	Oct. ....	121.3	120.6	127.5	121.1	124.8	116.8
	Nov. ....	121.5	120.8	127.5	121.1	124.9	116.8
	Dec. ....	121.4	120.1	127.5	121.0	125.3	116.8
1955	Jan. ....	121.1	121.1	127.5	121.0	125.4	116.3
	Feb. ....	121.3	121.1	127.5	121.0	125.5	117.5
	Mar. ....	121.7	120.2	127.5	121.0	125.3	119.0
	Apr. ....	122.0	120.2	127.5	120.1	125.5	120.2
	May ....	121.8	120.1	126.7	120.0	125.7	119.6
	June ....	122.1	120.1	126.7	120.0	127.8	119.8
	July ....	122.3	120.1	126.7	120.0	128.6	120.6
	Aug. ....	124.2	120.1	126.7	120.0	129.0	120.6
	Sept. ....	125.7	120.1	126.7	120.0	129.3	124.9
	Oct. ....	125.9	120.1	126.7	120.0	129.3	125.0
	Nov. ....	126.0	120.1	126.7	120.0	129.0	125.5
	Dec. ....	126.0	120.2	126.7	120.1	129.5	125.5
1956	Jan. ....	126.7	121.1	127.3	120.1	130.1	125.6
	Feb. ....	126.9	121.1	127.2	120.1	130.1	124.9
	Steel and Metal Work	Hard-ware	Lath, Plaster and Insulation		Roofing Materials	Paint and Glass	Miscel-laneous Materials
1950	107.3	103.8	98.7		104.7	100.5	97.7
1951	122.0	120.3	107.1		128.9	113.0	106.0
1952	131.3	125.9	109.7		134.5	115.6	106.4
1953	134.7	129.3	110.0		133.6	125.3	103.8
1954	128.2	125.4	109.7		132.8	128.2	100.9
1954	Aug. ....	126.1	124.8	109.8	132.7	128.2	100.2
	Sept. ....	126.2	124.8	110.0	133.1	128.3	100.2
	Oct. ....	126.2	125.2	110.4	133.1	128.3	100.2
	Nov. ....	126.2	125.2	110.4	133.1	128.3	100.2
	Dec. ....	126.2	125.2	108.2	133.2	128.4	100.2
1955	Jan. ....	126.2	125.2	108.2	124.5	128.4	100.2
	Feb. ....	126.3	126.2	107.7	124.5	128.4	100.2
	Mar. ....	126.3	129.5	107.7	124.5	128.5	100.2
	Apr. ....	126.4	129.6	107.7	124.5	134.1	96.4
	May ....	126.1	129.6	107.7	123.3	134.1	96.4
	June ....	126.1	129.4	107.7	128.5	134.1	96.4
	July ....	126.1	129.4	107.7	128.8	134.1	96.9
	Aug. ....	131.9	135.7	107.7	129.8	134.1	96.9
	Sept. ....	134.9	136.4	107.7	129.8	135.0	96.9
	Oct. ....	135.0	137.9	107.7	129.8	136.2	96.9
	Nov. ....	135.0	138.5	108.8	129.8	136.2	96.9
	Dec. ....	135.0	138.5	108.9	129.8	136.3	96.9
1956	Jan. ....	135.1	138.7	108.9	136.5	139.6	95.7
	Feb. ....	135.1	139.9	108.9	136.5	139.6	95.7

TABLE 8. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity <u>1/</u>	Unit	Yearly Average 1954	February 1955	January 1956	February 1956
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern, Domestic ...	bu.	1.760	1.736	1.721	1.734
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern, I.W.A. ....	bu.	1.760	1.736	1.721	1.734
OATS, No. 2 C.W. ....	bu.	.803	.952	.825	.849
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed ....	bu.	1.012	1.216	1.003	1.019
RYE, No. 2 C.W. ....	bu.	1.065	1.156	1.095	1.158
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto ....	bb1.	11.575	11.400	* 5.700	5.700
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal ..	cwt.	7.110	7.078	7.078	7.078
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal ....	gal.	1.144	1.120	1.530	1.830
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's ....	lb.	.900	.650	.625	.675
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John ....	75-lb. bag	1.608	2.250	1.369	1.525
STEERS, Toronto ....	cwt.	19.528	19.570	18.460	17.680
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included) ....	cwt.	31.015	25.310	22.470	22.510
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers ....	lb.	.139	.135	.165	.160
LEATHER, Packer Bends, No. 1 and 2 ....	lb.	.720	.620	.620	.620
LEATHER, Box Sides D, f.o.b. Ontario factory ....	sq.ft.	.367	.350	.360	.360
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade, Montreal ....	lb.	.599	.626	.592	.592
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal ....	doz.	.521	.460	.510	.498
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 15/16", New York	lb.	.342	.343	.352	.363
COTTON YARN, 10's white ....	lb.	.645	.670	.720	.720
RAYON YARN, 36 filament, 150 denier ....	lb.	.803	.730	.780	.800
WOOL, Raw, Eastern bright, 1/4 blood ...	lb.	.513	.500	.500	.500
WOOL, Raw, Australian, 64's ....	lb.	1.691	1.500	1.350	1.380
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Mill, in Canadian funds (Southern Quebec) ....	ton	108.684	109.250	115.383	115.456
PINE, No. 1 and 2 common, 1"x8", 8/16' .	M.bd.ft.	165.000	165.000	175.000	175.000
SPRUCE, Merchantable, 1"x6/7" ....	M.bd.ft.	81.917	82.750	88.250	88.250
PIG IRON, Malleable ....	gr.ton	56.875	56.500	59.000	59.000
SCRAP IRON, No. 1 ....	gr.ton	43.083	43.000	50.000	52.000
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic sales ...	cwt.	29.198	32.169	43.000	44.000
LEAD, Pig, Electrolytic, domestic sales	cwt.	13.353	14.250	15.667	15.500
TIN INGOTS, 99.8% ....	lb.	.929	.926	1.067	1.045
ZINC, Grade "A", Electrolytic, domestic sales ....	cwt.	12.053	12.850	14.779	14.850
COAL, United States Anthracite ....	ton	19.124	19.240	19.300	19.300
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto ....	gal.	.226	.221	.226	.226
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Winnipeg ....	gal.	.225	.219	.224	.224
CEMENT, Portland, Toronto ....	bb1.	3.462	3.370	3.370	3.370
CEMENT, Portland, Calgary ....	bb1.	3.232	3.240	3.140	3.140
SHINGLES, Asphalt ....	210-lb.sq.	8.450	7.760	8.920	8.920
SODA ASH, 58% light ....	cwt.	2.410	2.410	2.450	2.450
SULPHURIC ACID, 66° Baume ....	ton	26.350	26.350	25.350	25.350

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

\* Per 100 Lb. bag.

TABLE 9. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

(1949 = 100)

	Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities & Services
1940 .....	65.7	52.6	86.6	59.9	70.3	77.9
1941 .....	69.6	57.9	89.2	63.6	73.8	80.0
1942 .....	72.9	63.4	90.7	65.8	76.0	82.0
1943 .....	74.2	65.2	90.9	66.1	76.1	84.8
1944 .....	74.6	65.5	91.2	66.6	75.7	86.1
1945 .....	75.0	66.3	91.4	66.9	74.9	86.4
1946 .....	77.5	70.0	91.8	69.2	77.2	88.7
1947 .....	84.8	79.5	95.1	78.9	86.2	91.6
1948 .....	97.0	97.5	98.3	95.6	96.8	96.5
1949 .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950 .....	102.9	102.6	106.2	99.7	102.4	103.1
1951 .....	113.7	117.0	114.4	109.8	113.1	111.5
1952 .....	116.5	116.8	120.2	111.8	116.2	116.0
1953 .....	115.5	112.6	123.6	110.1	117.0	115.8
1954 .....	116.2	112.2	126.5	109.4	117.4	117.4
1955 .....	116.4	112.1	129.4	108.0	116.4	118.1
<u>1953</u>	January 2	115.7	113.5	122.3	109.7	116.5
	February 2	115.5	112.7	122.5	109.6	116.6
	March 2	114.8	111.6	122.5	109.7	116.7
	April 1	114.6	110.9	122.7	109.7	116.9
	May 1	114.4	110.1	122.9	110.1	116.6
	June 1	114.9	111.4	123.6	110.1	115.1
	July 2	115.4	112.7	123.9	110.3	115.2
	August 1	115.7	112.8	124.1	110.4	115.8
	September 1	116.2	114.0	124.2	110.4	115.9
	October 1	116.7	115.5	124.5	110.3	116.0
	November 2	116.2	113.4	125.0	110.3	116.3
	December 1	115.8	112.1	125.2	110.2	116.3
<u>1954</u>	January 2	115.7	111.6	125.4	110.1	116.4
	February 1	115.7	111.7	125.4	110.0	116.5
	March 1	115.5	110.7	125.6	109.8	116.6
	April 1	115.6	110.4	125.6	109.9	117.2
	May 1	115.5	110.2	125.8	109.9	117.3
	June 1	116.1	112.0	126.4	109.7	117.1
	July 2	116.2	112.1	126.6	109.6	117.2
	August 2	117.0	114.4	127.0	109.6	117.2
	September 1	116.8	113.8	127.2	109.5	117.2
	October 1	116.8	113.8	127.4	108.4	117.3
	November 1	116.8	113.4	127.9	108.2	118.2
	December 1	116.6	112.6	128.2	108.1	118.2
<u>1955</u>	January 3	116.4	112.1	128.4	108.1	117.1
	February 1	116.3	111.5	128.5	108.1	117.1
	March 1	116.0	110.7	128.6	108.0	117.0
	April 1	116.1	111.0	128.7	107.9	116.9
	May 2	116.4	112.3	128.8	107.9	116.4
	June 1	115.9	111.0	129.2	107.8	116.1
	July 2	116.0	111.5	129.6	107.8	115.8
	August 1	116.4	112.4	129.8	107.8	115.8
	September 1	116.8	113.7	130.0	107.8	115.9
	October 1	116.9	113.5	130.2	107.8	116.1
	November 1	116.9	113.0	130.6	107.9	116.5
	December 1	116.9	112.4	131.0	108.5	116.6
<u>1956</u>	January 3	116.8	111.5	131.3	108.6	119.0
	February 1	116.4	109.9	131.5	108.6	119.3

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

(1949 = 100)

	1953	1954	1955	February 1954	February 1955	December 1955	January 1956	February 1956
<u>Total Index</u>	115.5	116.2	116.4	115.7	116.3	116.9	116.8	116.4
<u>Food</u>	112.6	112.2	112.1	111.7	111.5	112.4	111.5	109.9
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	112.4	111.8	111.9	113.0	112.9	111.6	111.7	111.7
Cereal Products	119.3	122.4	122.0	122.5	122.2	122.1	122.1	122.3
Meats, Fish and Poultry	108.2	105.8	101.3	110.0	102.5	104.6	102.5	100.6
<u>Shelter</u>	123.6	126.5	129.4	125.4	128.5	131.0	131.3	131.5
Rent	125.4	129.8	133.3	128.1	132.3	134.4	134.5	134.6
Home-Ownership	121.2	122.2	124.4	121.8	123.5	126.5	127.1	127.4
<u>Clothing</u>	110.1	109.4	108.0	110.0	108.1	108.5	108.6	108.6
Men's Wear	113.5	113.8	113.0	113.8	113.4	112.9	113.1	113.1
Women's Wear	102.5	100.9	98.4	102.1	98.4	99.5	99.5	99.5
Children's Wear	108.6	107.5	106.2	108.2	106.4	105.6	105.7	105.7
Footwear	127.7	127.6	127.3	127.6	127.2	128.4	128.5	128.7
Piece Goods	106.2	108.7	108.4	108.6	108.7	108.2	108.2	108.2
<u>Household Operation</u>	117.0	117.4	116.4	117.5	117.1	116.6	116.5	116.7
Fuel	116.0	114.9	112.7	116.7	114.4	114.4	114.4	115.3
Electricity	114.6	115.9	116.0	115.6	116.2	115.9	115.6	115.6
Home Furnishings	116.7	115.6	113.7	116.2	114.6	112.9	112.7	112.8
Furniture	117.2	117.6	115.9	118.0	116.7	115.5	115.6	115.7
Utensils and Equipment	121.2	122.1	123.1	121.5	122.6	124.0	124.0	124.2
Supplies and Services	118.7	121.8	122.9	120.3	122.6	123.2	123.4	123.4
Supplies	113.5	115.8	116.3	115.3	116.2	116.5	116.7	116.7
Services	122.2	126.0	127.4	123.8	127.0	127.8	128.0	128.0
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	115.8	117.4	118.1	116.5	118.3	118.3	119.0	119.3
Transportation	119.2	120.0	118.5	119.5	120.5	117.8	120.2	120.5
Automobile Operation	114.5	114.7	111.0	114.8	114.1	109.1	109.2	109.2
Recreation	116.7	119.5	122.6	118.4	121.1	123.7	123.7	123.7
Health Care	122.0	127.4	130.4	124.5	129.7	131.4	131.4	132.3
Drugs	108.7	109.5	111.0	109.1	110.7	111.2	111.5	111.5
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	108.0	107.3	107.4	107.2	107.3	107.5	107.5	107.6
Personal Care	115.9	117.9	118.0	117.0	118.6	118.1	118.3	118.3
Personal Supplies	111.5	113.6	112.7	112.6	114.3	111.7	112.0	112.0

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

(1949 = 100)

	Beef, Blade Roast	Beef, Sir- loin	Pork, Rib Chops	Bacon	Salmon, Canned	Chicken	Butter	Mar- garine
<u>1953</u>	106.2	113.0	113.7	101.0	95.9	108.6	100.7	117.9
<u>1954</u>	99.7	109.4	116.8	113.2	96.6	95.8	99.0	117.5
<u>1955</u>	101.7	113.6	108.2	91.4	105.9	93.8	99.2	104.7
<u>1954</u> Dec. 1	101.1	112.1	105.0	95.6	103.4	85.5	102.1	116.9
<u>1955</u> Jan. 3	102.1	112.8	105.0	94.2	103.4	86.7	102.6	117.9
Feb. 1	102.3	111.3	103.4	93.0	103.8	85.7	102.8	114.2
<u>1955</u> June 1	101.5	112.3	104.6	89.2	105.0	97.8	96.4	101.9
July 2	101.9	114.5	114.1	92.3	105.4	98.7	96.0	100.9
Aug. 1	100.9	117.7	113.8	92.3	105.4	98.9	96.7	96.6
Sept. 1	101.1	118.9	120.6	92.5	107.5	98.1	97.7	101.3
Oct. 1	103.0	116.7	120.5	93.0	108.7	96.2	98.0	101.9
Nov. 1	102.1	114.6	114.5	91.3	109.5	94.4	98.3	101.9
Dec. 1	101.7	113.6	103.1	88.5	109.5	94.2	98.4	102.2
<u>1956</u> Jan. 3	101.5	113.2	100.9	86.9	109.9	95.2	98.6	102.5
Feb. 1	100.3	111.3	98.1	84.0	109.9	93.9	98.7	99.7
	Short- ening	Eggs	Peaches, Canned	Oranges	Peas, Canned	Potatoes	Toma- toes, Fresh	Carrots
<u>1953</u>	87.4	109.9	97.7	94.8	120.0	111.8	102.3	132.3
<u>1954</u>	91.8	92.9	99.0	116.8	119.2	107.6	101.4	153.2
<u>1955</u>	91.8	99.9	102.5	108.2	117.9	134.5	100.4	152.8
<u>1954</u> Dec. 1	91.4	85.2	101.6	111.0	119.5	124.9	107.8	146.5
<u>1955</u> Jan. 3	91.4	81.9	101.6	103.4	119.5	125.2	109.5	151.9
Feb. 1	91.1	79.0	101.6	107.3	119.5	128.6	120.6	159.9
<u>1955</u> June 1	92.0	87.6	103.1	109.6	118.8	184.6	100.9	158.5
July 2	91.7	106.6	103.5	108.5	118.8	166.2	115.5	173.2
Aug. 1	92.3	114.0	103.1	108.8	118.1	132.3	77.8	155.9
Sept. 1	91.7	119.0	102.6	105.4	116.0	106.5	60.3	137.2
Oct. 1	92.3	118.7	102.6	107.3	115.3	97.0	78.3	133.2
Nov. 1	92.6	117.9	102.1	106.2	115.3	93.9	101.4	137.2
Dec. 1	92.6	113.3	102.1	125.5	114.6	99.6	108.2	146.5
<u>1956</u> Jan. 3	93.6	106.0	102.1	127.2	113.9	103.6	105.7	154.5
Feb. 1	93.6	93.0	102.1	114.2	113.2	114.8	136.9	158.5
	Milk, Fresh	Cheese, Pro- cessed	Bread	Flour	Sugar, Granu- lated	Jam, Straw- berry	Tea	Coffee
<u>1953</u>	118.5	113.2	121.5	108.9	107.8	104.5	98.1	164.1
<u>1954</u>	118.5	111.6	126.8	110.2	101.8	107.5	105.4	200.9
<u>1955</u>	118.5	112.8	126.4	106.4	99.7	110.3	129.5	173.7
<u>1954</u> Dec. 1	118.5	112.0	126.8	107.6	100.8	110.8	115.9	193.8
<u>1955</u> Jan. 3	118.5	112.4	126.8	107.6	100.8	110.8	121.1	193.2
Feb. 1	118.5	112.7	126.8	106.2	100.8	110.8	126.3	189.8
<u>1955</u> June 1	118.5	112.7	125.8	106.2	99.7	110.8	130.2	166.7
July 2	118.5	113.0	125.8	106.2	98.6	110.8	129.4	165.4
Aug. 1	118.5	113.0	125.8	106.2	99.7	110.0	129.4	165.2
Sept. 1	118.5	113.0	126.8	106.2	98.6	109.5	129.4	167.3
Oct. 1	118.5	113.0	126.8	106.2	98.6	109.5	129.4	171.8
Nov. 1	118.5	112.7	126.8	106.2	98.6	109.5	129.2	174.6
Dec. 1	118.5	112.7	126.8	106.2	98.6	109.5	129.2	174.2
<u>1956</u> Jan. 3	118.5	113.0	126.8	106.2	98.6	109.5	128.8	174.1
Feb. 1	118.5	113.0	126.8	107.6	98.6	109.5	128.5	170.7

TABLE 12. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR REGIONAL CITIES

N.B. - Indexes shown in this table measure percentage changes in prices over time, and should not be used to compare actual levels of prices as between cities.

		St. John's Nfld.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver	
		June 1951=100							1949=100			
1942	.....		74.2	73.3	71.9	72.0	73.6	72.9	71.5	72.0	70.2	
1943	.....		76.0	74.7	73.4	73.1	74.4	74.0	72.6	73.9	72.4	
1944	.....		76.9	75.4	73.6	73.3	74.9	74.5	73.5	74.6	72.8	
1945	.....		77.6	75.8	74.4	73.8	75.3	75.2	74.0	75.3	73.6	
1946	.....		79.6	77.9	76.9	76.5	77.9	77.5	76.6	77.8	75.9	
1947	.....		86.3	84.6	84.3	84.5	85.5	84.3	84.4	84.6	83.3	
1948	.....		96.8	97.0	96.6	96.5	97.0	95.8	96.9	96.1	96.0	
1949	.....		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
1950	.....		102.1	103.3	103.7	103.1	104.1	103.8	102.2	103.9	103.6	
1951	.....		112.1	114.1	116.1	115.3	115.4	114.6	111.7	113.5	114.3	
1952	.....	103.5	115.3	117.4	117.6	116.8	117.5	116.1	112.8	114.8	117.4	
1953	.....	102.2	113.2	115.3	116.3	115.0	116.8	114.4	113.1	114.0	116.1	
1954	.....	102.8	114.1	116.6	116.8	116.2	118.3	115.3	114.2	114.9	117.4	
1955	.....	104.2	114.8	117.7	116.9	117.2	118.8	115.9	114.6	114.6	117.9	
1953	January	2	102.4	112.8	114.7	115.7	114.4	115.9	113.7	111.9	112.6	116.2
	February	2	102.3	113.1	114.8	116.2	114.8	116.0	114.1	112.1	112.6	115.7
	March	2	101.3	112.9	114.5	115.8	114.3	115.9	113.7	112.2	113.0	115.5
	April	1	101.5	112.7	114.6	114.8	114.3	115.7	113.9	112.3	113.1	115.6
	May	1	101.1	112.2	114.4	114.9	113.7	115.7	113.6	112.1	113.2	115.7
	June	1	101.2	112.7	114.9	116.0	114.7	116.5	114.1	112.9	114.0	115.8
	July	2	101.9	113.7	115.8	117.3	115.2	117.2	115.2	113.9	114.7	116.5
	August	1	102.9	114.2	116.7	117.0	115.4	117.5	115.0	114.2	115.3	116.0
	September	1	102.8	113.8	116.1	116.5	115.5	117.6	114.7	113.8	115.1	116.2
	October	1	102.8	114.0	116.1	117.4	116.4	118.4	115.0	114.3	115.3	116.7
	November	2	103.1	113.6	115.9	117.0	116.0	117.8	115.2	113.7	114.9	116.5
	December	1	102.7	113.2	115.5	116.7	115.5	117.6	114.7	113.3	114.5	116.3
1954	January	2	102.6	113.2	115.4	116.7	115.3	117.7	114.9	113.2	114.4	116.2
	February	1	102.4	113.8	115.8	116.8	115.5	117.6	115.0	113.5	114.3	116.4
	March	1	102.2	113.7	116.2	116.3	115.3	117.4	114.7	113.7	114.4	116.3
	April	1	102.0	113.8	115.9	116.3	115.5	117.7	114.9	113.6	114.3	116.9
	May	1	102.2	113.6	115.8	116.3	115.5	117.7	114.8	113.5	114.4	116.9
	June	1	102.5	113.9	116.2	117.0	116.1	118.2	115.3	114.1	114.8	117.1
	July	2	102.5	113.8	116.2	117.2	116.4	118.8	115.5	114.1	114.8	117.0
	August	2	104.4	115.3	117.6	117.2	117.0	119.0	116.4	115.3	115.4	118.1
	September	1	103.4	114.8	117.7	116.6	116.9	118.8	115.7	115.1	115.7	118.1
	October	1	103.0	114.6	117.6	117.0	117.3	118.9	115.5	115.2	115.6	118.6
	November	1	102.8	114.5	117.5	117.1	117.2	118.9	115.7	114.8	115.3	118.6
	December	1	102.9	114.5	117.5	117.0	117.0	118.8	115.5	113.9	115.0	118.3
1955	January	3	102.6	114.3	117.4	117.1	117.0	118.9	115.5	113.9	114.6	118.4
	February	1	102.7	114.6	117.6	117.1	117.0	118.7	115.4	113.8	114.5	118.3
	March	1	102.9	114.5	117.6	116.7	116.8	118.2	115.2	113.7	114.2	117.9
	April	1	103.5	114.6	117.6	116.7	116.9	118.4	115.3	113.9	114.2	117.2
	May	2	105.0	115.4	118.1	117.0	117.3	118.9	115.6	114.4	114.2	117.2
	June	1	104.3	114.6	117.3	116.3	116.9	118.3	115.0	114.3	113.8	116.8
	July	2	104.5	114.7	117.3	116.7	117.0	118.7	115.5	114.3	114.1	116.5
	August	1	105.8	115.1	117.8	116.8	117.3	118.5	116.1	115.1	114.6	116.8
	September	1	105.1	115.2	118.1	117.1	117.5	119.2	116.5	115.4	115.2	118.1
	October	1	104.8	114.9	117.8	117.0	117.7	119.4	116.6	115.5	115.2	118.5
	November	1	104.6	114.9	117.6	117.1	117.7	119.0	116.9	115.6	115.1	118.6
	December	1	104.5	114.7	117.7	116.7	117.8	118.9	116.9	115.7	115.1	120.3
1956	January	3	104.7	114.5	117.4	117.4	117.5	118.8	116.8	115.2	114.8	120.0
	February	1	104.9	114.1	117.1	117.0	117.3	118.3	116.5	114.7	114.1	118.5

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

(1949=100)

		St. John's Nfld.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver
<b>Food Index</b>											
<u>1953</u>	July	2	99.6	108.6	113.5	116.8	112.8	111.6	114.9	114.4	113.7
	August	1	101.8	109.8	115.1	116.0	112.9	111.7	113.8	114.6	113.9
	September	1	101.4	108.9	113.2	114.8	112.8	111.8	112.6	113.6	113.3
	October	1	101.4	108.6	113.1	117.4	115.5	114.1	112.8	114.6	113.6
	November	2	102.3	107.0	111.8	115.8	113.0	111.6	112.3	112.1	111.9
	December	1	101.3	105.7	110.8	115.1	111.4	110.3	110.8	110.8	111.3
<u>1954</u>	January	2	101.0	105.5	110.3	115.1	110.3	110.2	110.9	110.2	109.9
	February	1	100.4	106.5	110.6	115.5	110.5	110.0	111.1	110.4	109.9
	March	1	99.5	105.6	109.8	113.4	109.8	108.9	110.2	110.0	109.9
	April	1	98.9	105.5	109.2	112.6	109.3	108.9	110.2	108.7	109.0
	May	1	99.3	104.7	108.4	112.7	109.3	109.1	109.7	108.0	109.3
	June	1	100.0	105.7	109.1	114.3	110.8	110.9	111.0	110.6	110.4
	July	2	100.2	105.7	109.5	115.1	111.4	112.0	111.9	110.6	110.4
	August	2	105.0	110.5	113.8	114.8	113.1	112.8	114.7	114.3	112.8
	September	1	102.2	109.1	114.4	113.4	112.8	111.6	112.0	114.2	113.5
	October	1	101.3	108.4	113.8	115.0	113.8	111.9	111.7	114.1	112.7
	November	1	100.9	107.5	113.4	115.6	112.7	111.2	112.0	112.5	112.1
	December	1	101.1	107.8	113.2	115.3	112.0	110.5	110.9	110.2	110.7
<u>1955</u>	January	3	101.1	107.0	112.9	115.1	111.2	110.6	110.8	110.1	110.0
	February	1	101.4	106.8	112.6	115.4	111.0	109.6	110.5	109.7	109.4
	March	1	101.5	106.6	112.3	114.2	110.2	108.8	109.7	109.2	108.5
	April	1	102.1	106.5	112.2	114.0	110.7	109.6	110.1	109.6	108.4
	May	2	106.1	108.8	113.7	114.8	111.2	111.1	110.9	109.5	109.5
	June	1	103.9	106.2	111.0	112.7	110.2	109.9	109.9	109.6	108.6
	July	2	103.5	106.3	110.7	114.5	110.7	111.2	110.9	110.1	109.0
	August	1	105.2	107.6	112.7	114.7	111.4	110.5	111.6	112.7	110.7
	September	1	102.8	107.6	113.7	115.3	112.0	112.8	112.7	113.6	112.5
	October	1	101.3	106.5	112.0	114.9	112.0	112.8	112.8	114.2	112.3
	November	1	100.7	106.3	110.8	115.3	110.9	111.1	113.7	113.9	114.7
	December	1	100.5	105.7	110.9	113.9	110.5	110.2	113.5	113.7	111.5
<u>1956</u>	January	3	101.0	104.8	109.6	113.4	109.6	109.9	112.8	111.9	110.6
	February	1	101.0	103.6	108.8	111.9	107.6	107.7	111.5	110.2	107.7
<b>Shelter Index</b>											
<u>1954</u>	September	1	107.4	123.0	122.1	133.6	129.3	142.0	124.1	114.3	119.7
	October	1	107.5	123.3	122.1	134.0	129.7	142.5	124.4	114.9	120.9
	November	1	107.5	123.3	122.6	134.1	130.9	143.7	124.9	115.0	121.0
	December	1	107.5	123.3	124.1	134.1	131.1	144.7	125.7	115.2	121.0
<u>1955</u>	January	3	108.0	123.3	124.1	134.4	131.9	145.2	125.7	115.4	121.0
	February	1	108.0	123.3	124.8	134.4	132.2	145.6	125.7	115.6	121.0
	March	1	108.0	123.3	125.0	134.5	132.2	145.6	126.0	115.7	121.1
	April	1	108.0	123.5	125.1	134.6	132.3	145.8	126.0	116.0	121.1
	May	2	108.6	123.6	125.1	134.8	132.7	145.9	126.0	117.4	121.1
	June	1	108.6	123.7	125.1	135.8	133.3	146.4	126.0	117.8	121.1
	July	2	108.6	124.3	125.6	136.0	133.4	146.9	126.0	118.1	121.1
	August	1	108.6	124.5	125.6	136.0	133.9	147.0	126.0	118.1	121.1
	September	1	109.7	124.6	125.6	136.0	134.0	147.7	126.3	118.1	121.1
	October	1	109.7	124.9	126.7	136.0	134.7	147.7	126.6	118.1	121.1
	November	1	109.7	124.9	127.2	136.1	135.7	147.7	126.9	118.1	121.1
	December	1	109.7	124.9	127.5	136.1	135.9	147.7	126.9	118.1	121.1
<u>1956</u>	January	3	109.7	125.1	127.5	136.1	135.9	147.9	127.0	118.1	121.1
	February	1	109.7	125.1	127.5	136.2	135.9	148.1	127.1	118.1	121.1

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

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

(1949=100)

		St. John's Nfld.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver
<u>Clothing Index</u>											
<u>1954</u>	September	1	102.0	115.6	117.9	110.2	112.9	111.4	114.8	116.4	113.7
	October	1	101.9	115.2	117.9	107.3	111.8	110.5	113.1	116.4	112.8
	November	1	101.8	114.9	117.9	107.1	111.3	110.4	112.5	116.4	112.6
	December	1	101.8	114.5	116.5	107.2	111.3	110.4	112.4	114.9	112.6
<u>1955</u>	January	3	101.8	114.4	116.5	107.2	111.3	110.4	112.7	114.9	112.6
	February	1	101.6	114.6	116.5	107.2	111.3	110.3	112.7	114.9	112.6
	March	1	101.3	114.7	116.2	107.1	111.2	110.2	112.7	114.9	112.6
	April	1	101.2	114.6	116.2	107.2	111.1	109.9	112.6	114.9	112.6
	May	2	101.1	114.6	116.2	107.1	111.1	109.9	112.6	114.9	112.5
	June	1	100.7	114.6	116.1	107.1	111.1	109.9	112.6	114.6	112.5
	July	2	100.7	114.6	116.1	107.1	111.1	109.7	112.5	114.6	112.5
	August	1	100.7	114.5	116.1	107.1	111.0	109.9	112.4	114.6	112.5
	September	1	100.6	114.5	116.1	107.1	111.0	109.9	112.4	114.4	112.5
	October	1	100.3	114.6	116.1	107.0	111.1	110.0	112.4	114.4	112.5
	November	1	100.3	114.5	116.1	107.1	111.2	110.1	112.3	114.4	112.5
	December	1	100.5	114.5	116.2	108.0	111.6	110.8	113.1	114.7	112.9
<u>1956</u>	January	3	100.5	114.8	116.2	108.1	111.6	110.9	113.2	114.7	113.0
	February	1	100.5	114.8	116.2	108.2	111.6	110.8	113.2	114.7	112.8
<u>Household Operation Index</u>											
<u>1954</u>	September	1	103.5	119.0	116.4	115.9	115.9	116.3	113.5	118.4	115.5
	October	1	103.3	119.0	116.4	116.0	116.4	116.5	113.5	118.4	115.5
	November	1	102.9	118.9	116.4	115.9	116.4	116.1	113.6	118.4	115.5
	December	1	103.0	119.0	116.4	115.8	116.3	116.0	113.6	117.9	115.7
<u>1955</u>	January	3	100.8	119.0	116.4	115.8	116.7	116.2	113.5	117.9	115.7
	February	1	100.8	118.9	116.4	115.8	116.7	116.2	113.5	117.9	115.7
	March	1	100.5	118.9	116.3	116.0	116.6	115.4	113.5	117.9	115.7
	April	1	100.5	118.9	116.3	115.9	116.5	115.0	113.5	117.9	115.8
	May	2	100.5	118.9	116.4	115.2	117.2	114.7	113.5	117.8	115.7
	June	1	101.4	118.9	116.5	114.8	116.8	114.3	113.4	117.8	115.8
	July	2	103.0	118.9	116.5	114.4	116.3	114.3	114.1	116.9	115.7
	August	1	102.7	118.9	116.5	114.5	116.3	114.4	114.1	116.9	115.7
	September	1	102.7	118.9	116.5	114.6	116.3	114.4	114.2	116.9	115.8
	October	1	103.3	119.6	117.0	114.5	116.0	114.4	114.1	116.9	115.7
	November	1	103.3	119.6	117.0	114.9	116.0	115.1	114.1	116.9	115.8
	December	1	103.2	119.7	117.2	115.2	116.5	115.2	114.1	116.9	115.8
<u>1956</u>	January	3	103.2	119.7	117.2	115.1	116.3	114.9	114.0	116.6	115.8
	February	1	103.2	119.7	117.2	115.3	116.8	115.5	114.1	116.6	115.9
<u>Other Commodities and Services Index</u>											
<u>1954</u>	September	1	103.5	116.0	122.9	116.8	118.8	119.0	117.5	112.7	118.1
	October	1	103.5	116.1	123.0	116.8	119.1	119.1	117.6	113.0	118.3
	November	1	103.5	116.9	123.0	116.8	119.6	119.4	118.0	113.0	118.7
	December	1	103.5	116.9	123.0	116.8	119.6	119.4	118.0	113.2	118.7
<u>1955</u>	January	3	103.6	116.9	123.0	116.9	119.6	119.4	118.0	113.2	118.4
	February	1	103.6	118.5	123.8	116.9	119.8	119.4	118.0	113.2	118.5
	March	1	104.9	118.5	124.0	116.8	119.7	119.3	117.9	113.1	118.2
	April	1	106.3	118.8	124.0	116.9	119.8	119.4	118.0	113.2	118.3
	May	2	106.5	119.3	124.1	117.3	120.1	119.4	118.1	114.8	118.1
	June	1	106.5	119.1	124.0	116.8	119.6	118.6	117.5	114.2	117.4
	July	2	106.6	119.1	124.0	116.8	119.5	118.4	117.4	114.2	117.3
	August	1	110.0	119.1	124.0	116.8	119.6	118.6	119.0	114.2	117.3
	September	1	110.1	119.1	124.0	116.8	119.5	118.3	119.1	114.3	117.1
	October	1	110.9	119.1	124.0	116.8	120.2	118.4	119.4	114.5	117.6
	November	1	110.9	119.1	124.1	116.6	120.8	118.8	119.0	115.2	117.6
	December	1	110.9	119.2	124.1	116.6	120.8	118.8	119.2	116.0	117.6
<u>1956</u>	January	3	110.9	119.2	124.1	119.8	120.8	118.9	119.6	116.0	117.6
	February	1	111.7	119.2	124.1	119.8	122.6	118.9	120.2	115.9	117.8

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

TABLE 13. - ACTUAL AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES IN MANUFACTURING

ADJUSTED FOR CHANGES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1)

1945 - 1956

Year and Month	Actual (2) Weekly Wages	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	Index Numbers of		
			Actual Weekly Wages	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	The Consumer Price Index
	\$	\$	(1949 = 100)	(1949 = 100)	
1945 - Average	30.74	40.99	73.7	98.3	75.0
1946 - Average	29.87	38.54	71.6	92.4	77.5
1947 - Average	34.13	40.25	81.8	96.5	84.8
1948 - Average	38.53	39.72	92.4	95.2	97.0
1949 - Average	41.71	41.71	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950 - Average	43.82	42.59	105.1	102.1	102.9
1951 - Average	48.82	42.94	117.0	102.9	113.7
1952 - Average	53.62	46.03	128.6	110.4	116.5
1953 - Average	56.09	48.56	134.5	116.4	115.5
1954 - Average	57.16	49.19	137.0	117.9	116.2
1955 - Average	59.25	50.90	142.1	122.0	116.4
<u>1953</u> - July 1	56.25	48.74	134.9	116.9	115.4
Aug. 1	55.76	48.19	133.7	115.5	115.7
Sept. 1	55.64	47.88	133.4	114.8	116.2
Oct. 1	56.69	48.58	135.9	116.5	116.7
Nov. 1	56.88	48.95	136.4	117.4	116.2
Dec. 1	57.02	49.24	136.7	118.1	115.8
<u>1954</u> - Jan. 1	54.05	46.72	129.6	112.0	115.7
Feb. 1	57.14	49.39	137.0	118.4	115.7
Mar. 1	57.79	50.03	138.6	119.9	115.5
Apr. 1	57.67	49.89	138.3	119.6	115.6
May 1	57.57	49.84	138.0	119.5	115.5
June 1	56.60	48.75	135.7	116.9	116.1
July 1	57.35	49.35	137.5	118.3	116.2
Aug. 1	57.35	49.02	137.5	117.5	117.0
Sept. 1	57.06	48.85	136.8	117.1	116.8
Oct. 1	57.70	49.40	138.3	118.4	116.8
Nov. 1	58.03	49.68	139.1	119.1	116.8
Dec. 1	58.17	49.89	139.5	119.6	116.6
<u>1955</u> - Jan. 1	56.12	48.21	134.5	115.6	116.4
Feb. 1	58.51	50.31	140.3	120.6	116.3
Mar. 1	59.12	50.97	141.7	122.2	116.0
Apr. 1	59.31	51.09	142.2	122.5	116.1
May 1	59.90	51.46	143.6	123.4	116.4
June 1	59.66	51.48	143.0	123.4	115.9
July 1	59.31	51.13	142.2	122.6	116.0
Aug. 1	59.20	50.86	141.9	121.9	116.4
Sept. 1	59.25	50.73	142.1	121.6	116.8
Oct. 1	60.09	51.40	144.1	123.2	116.9
Nov. 1	60.63	51.86	145.4	124.3	116.9
Dec. 1	60.78	51.99	145.7	124.6	116.9
<u>1956</u> - Jan. 1	57.63(P)	49.34(P)	138.2(P)	118.3 (P)	116.8

(1) For statement of uses and limitations see "Prices &amp; Price Indexes" May 1953.

(2) Average Weekly Earnings of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners in Manufacturing. For details see monthly publication "Man Hours and Hourly Earnings".

(P) Preliminary.

TABLE 14. - INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

(1935-39=100)

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS' INDEX										
	Inves- tors' Total (96)	Total Indus- trial (76)	Machin- ery and Equip- ment (10)	Pulp and Paper (9)	Mill- ing (2)	Oils (5)	Tex- tiles and Cloth- ing (9)	Food and Allied Pro- ducts (14)	Bever- ages (10)	Build- ing Mat- erials (15)	
1939 .....	91.6	91.2	100.9	81.7	100.6	83.6	95.0	109.6	98.1	98.3	
1940 .....	77.4	74.2	88.9	90.7	94.2	62.2	121.8	103.3	100.8	90.6	
1941 .....	67.5	63.9	75.6	68.8	70.6	50.0	105.4	91.0	95.9	78.3	
1942 .....	64.2	60.4	76.5	62.9	69.4	47.1	104.0	77.6	97.8	74.5	
1943 .....	83.5	78.6	103.9	92.6	90.5	73.8	121.4	89.5	131.0	89.1	
1944 .....	83.8	78.8	112.8	125.0	99.3	73.1	124.8	97.5	153.3	92.7	
1945 .....	99.6	93.7	134.5	167.3	113.3	78.7	148.7	110.3	222.2	116.0	
1946 .....	115.7	108.6	183.8	255.5	132.4	73.9	193.9	129.1	363.9	149.6	
1947 .....	106.0	99.3	182.6	258.4	120.3	65.9	182.4	125.8	302.3	137.4	
1948 .....	112.5	107.2	220.1	264.0	107.4	74.0	207.5	114.0	308.5	135.7	
1949 .....	109.4	103.1	215.4	242.9	89.9	72.0	208.1	115.7	299.9	143.4	
1950 .....	131.6	127.6	295.5	362.2	87.9	94.2	264.1	122.0	389.0	185.8	
1951 .....	168.3	172.0	420.7	561.2	112.8	140.6	358.0	118.9	434.1	272.5	
1952 .....	173.1	176.6	428.3	515.2	131.0	155.1	277.2	108.6	365.7	283.6	
1953 .....	160.3	160.1	394.8	501.6	131.2	131.0	222.5	120.7	399.3	279.5	
1954 .....	181.2	182.3	480.1	692.9	141.9	144.4	161.7	136.2	479.6	326.1	
1955 .....	232.7	239.6	696.0	995.1	190.6	164.0	177.8	180.4	566.2	434.9	
<u>1954</u>	Jan. ....	157.4	156.5	395.3	562.6	129.3	126.1	168.8	122.9	434.5	283.6
	Feb. ....	163.2	163.2	418.4	589.4	129.9	136.3	158.4	123.6	447.9	286.8
	Mar. ....	165.0	165.1	432.8	596.4	131.1	136.4	166.3	123.8	440.0	285.2
	Apr. ....	173.6	174.7	458.8	628.5	133.9	145.4	163.1	124.6	453.6	298.6
	May ....	179.5	181.0	474.2	679.8	137.6	147.6	153.2	133.0	476.4	322.8
	June ....	180.5	180.4	469.1	685.1	134.0	142.8	151.4	136.8	474.5	321.7
	July ....	182.3	181.8	503.6	718.4	138.3	138.2	151.6	135.5	480.1	331.4
	Aug. ....	187.0	187.9	520.8	744.3	145.4	142.1	161.2	142.6	497.6	348.5
	Sept. ...	189.5	191.4	510.7	750.1	151.9	145.0	154.1	144.5	509.4	347.6
	Oct. ....	190.2	191.9	499.0	740.0	156.8	150.8	167.0	144.9	500.0	342.7
	Nov. ....	199.5	203.0	523.2	789.3	158.4	158.4	170.2	150.9	519.8	358.7
	Dec. ....	206.8	210.5	554.9	830.4	156.5	163.5	175.2	150.8	521.5	385.6
<u>1955</u>	Jan. ....	207.3	211.0	554.2	840.5	157.9	161.0	179.6	154.7	511.0	395.9
	Feb. ....	214.7	219.2	592.7	873.6	171.0	162.0	178.2	157.6	518.7	407.4
	Mar. ....	213.7	218.0	616.4	864.5	162.1	158.5	173.0	159.9	511.8	404.6
	Apr. ....	216.5	222.0	641.3	911.0	172.7	157.5	169.4	169.8	507.8	408.6
	May ....	222.1	227.8	658.4	991.4	180.1	154.0	170.0	171.0	556.7	423.7
	June ....	237.1	244.4	726.2	1044.7	183.8	163.6	172.4	177.2	582.2	447.7
	July ....	246.5	252.8	760.8	1069.8	197.0	169.2	178.3	187.5	589.3	458.7
	Aug. ....	245.3	252.3	735.6	1066.9	198.5	164.7	176.2	194.8	592.0	457.2
	Sept. ...	255.9	265.9	794.0	1098.2	215.1	174.1	183.2	199.6	640.1	467.9
	Oct. ....	239.9	248.9	742.7	1044.9	227.1	164.1	187.3	196.2	609.8	435.8
	Nov. ....	245.6	255.3	766.5	1062.5	213.3	168.8	187.7	197.1	593.2	453.8
	Dec. ....	247.6	257.0	763.8	1073.3	209.1	170.8	178.2	200.0	581.9	457.8
<u>1956</u>	Jan. ....	248.5	257.0	735.6	1070.0	209.4	175.5	179.9	196.8	583.7	458.4
	Feb. ....	249.2	258.1	728.0	1077.3	199.2	182.6	174.0	197.3	579.0	464.0
<u>Weekly Index</u>											
Feb. 2 .	248.7	257.5	724.5	1070.2	201.0	182.2	178.0	198.3	577.0	457.4	
Feb. 9 .	247.2	255.8	719.7	1070.3	200.5	180.3	173.3	196.6	579.2	461.6	
Feb. 16 .	248.5	257.2	722.0	1077.2	199.1	182.2	172.7	198.3	580.5	461.4	
Feb. 23 .	252.4	261.8	745.7	1091.4	196.4	185.8	172.1	195.9	579.3	475.8	

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

(1935-39=100)

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS' INDEX						MINING INDEX (1)			
	Indus- trial Mines	Total Utili- ties	Trans- porta- tion	Tele- phone	Power and Traction	Banks	Mining Total	Golds	Base Metals	
(2)	(13)	(2)	(3)	(8)	(7)	(27)	(22)	(5)		
1939 .....	98.9	86.1	56.0	109.3	88.9	102.5	104.5	95.6	121.7	
1940 .....	77.1	80.9	62.5	101.0	80.6	95.6	81.2	73.7	95.6	
1941 .....	69.5	70.7	61.4	96.4	65.8	90.5	72.4	65.1	87.0	
1942 .....	66.5	70.4	65.7	89.2	66.1	81.2	52.3	40.8	75.1	
1943 .....	74.8	101.3	112.8	97.2	99.1	80.5	70.1	61.4	86.8	
1944 .....	69.2	100.8	125.2	100.1	93.3	82.0	81.3	74.1	94.2	
1945 .....	86.9	120.2	178.2	108.8	105.5	95.7	95.2	91.0	101.1	
1946 .....	98.0	132.5	203.5	125.2	114.0	130.0	97.8	87.6	116.1	
1947 .....	90.0	117.3	147.9	117.1	109.1	130.8	86.7	76.0	106.1	
1948 .....	100.5	120.2	180.6	108.3	104.7	129.3	82.0	65.0	115.8	
1949 .....	92.1	117.4	161.6	105.9	109.2	134.4	87.4	71.7	117.9	
1950 .....	98.3	132.5	208.8	103.5	123.7	147.4	89.9	67.4	134.9	
1951 .....	126.0	162.3	325.6	101.4	142.5	144.6	99.2	69.8	166.4	
1952 .....	139.7	168.3	378.6	94.6	139.8	148.4	103.6	73.9	171.5	
1953 .....	118.1	157.2	297.5	99.2	142.4	168.9	92.1	66.2	151.3	
1954 .....	123.2	165.0	291.6	111.0	150.2	208.0	91.3	64.8	151.9	
1955 .....	184.3	197.0	365.8	125.5	181.2	246.3	116.9	72.3	219.0	
<u>1954</u>	Jan. ....	102.7	149.1	265.4	102.5	131.5	185.5	81.9	60.3	131.2
	Feb. ....	103.4	151.9	272.8	103.6	134.0	189.6	83.4	62.1	132.0
	Mar. ....	106.9	153.3	267.0	105.9	137.2	192.5	84.3	61.5	136.5
	Apr. ....	116.0	159.5	280.6	107.8	145.0	195.4	89.3	64.8	145.5
	May ....	118.9	162.4	274.6	110.1	152.6	204.0	89.4	64.4	146.5
	June ....	123.8	167.2	301.6	110.5	151.8	212.2	90.0	63.9	149.7
	July ....	122.3	169.4	297.5	112.9	156.4	216.4	92.0	64.9	154.0
	Aug. ....	125.0	170.2	296.6	114.6	156.7	217.3	95.6	67.8	159.2
	Sept. ....	133.3	170.4	295.0	114.0	159.0	215.0	96.4	68.3	160.8
	Oct. ....	132.0	171.4	296.6	115.4	158.8	217.4	95.0	66.2	161.0
	Nov. ....	144.5	173.8	314.6	115.6	156.6	224.2	97.0	65.6	168.7
	Dec. ....	149.3	181.8	337.5	118.6	162.9	227.0	100.9	67.6	177.2
<u>1955</u>	Jan. ....	152.5	181.0	329.6	117.5	165.6	230.8	102.7	68.3	181.3
	Feb. ....	164.8	184.0	336.6	119.4	167.7	241.1	106.4	69.3	191.3
	Mar. ....	162.8	185.2	339.7	119.8	168.9	236.5	105.7	69.0	189.6
	Apr. ....	166.3	185.6	338.8	118.1	173.6	233.0	110.2	71.1	199.8
	May ....	170.8	191.7	362.5	122.1	173.4	234.4	114.2	72.8	209.0
	June ....	188.1	202.9	388.7	128.0	183.1	243.3	121.5	75.9	226.0
	July ....	194.8	208.9	391.7	130.9	194.3	270.6	125.7	75.0	241.8
	Aug. ....	203.0	207.0	383.2	129.5	195.2	263.2	129.1	76.3	250.0
	Sept. ....	212.4	211.2	390.8	132.2	199.3	259.0	129.0	75.3	252.0
	Oct. ....	191.2	200.6	371.0	129.6	182.1	240.0	117.6	71.0	224.2
	Nov. ....	200.8	201.4	370.6	129.6	184.7	250.8	119.6	71.2	230.2
	Dec. ....	204.5	204.2	386.1	129.3	186.0	253.4	121.4	72.6	233.0
<u>1956</u>	Jan. ....	205.3	206.5	385.4	129.4	192.6	260.0	125.2	75.8	238.1
	Feb. ....	200.6	204.1	373.3	129.5	190.6	264.2	125.1	76.7	235.8
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
Feb. 2 .....	201.3	204.8	377.6	129.2	191.4	261.4	124.4	76.4	234.3	
Feb. 9 .....	198.6	203.3	369.1	129.2	190.7	262.4	124.3	76.7	233.4	
Feb. 16 .....	199.4	203.1	369.9	129.2	189.8	266.0	124.7	76.8	234.4	
Feb. 23 .....	203.1	205.1	376.7	130.3	190.6	266.8	126.9	76.9	241.3	

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

TABLE 15. - INDEX NUMBERS OF PREFERRED STOCK PRICES

(1935-39=100)

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

TABLE 16. - INDEX NUMBERS OF UNITED STATES STOCK PRICESSource: 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	
March .....	118.0	138.8	170.3	185.3	198.0	204.9	277.5	
April .....	118.5	141.8	172.3	183.7	190.0	212.7	286.2	
May .....	117.7	146.9	173.9	183.7	189.6	219.8	285.0	
June .....	112.0	147.7	171.7	187.6	182.8	221.8	300.7	
July .....	117.8	138.2	172.8	192.1	185.5	231.1	315.3	
August .....	121.8	147.2	181.5	191.1	187.3	236.4	311.0	
September .....	123.8	151.7	187.3	188.2	179.2	238.5	323.2	
October .....	127.3	157.8	185.0	183.4	183.4	243.5	306.2	
November .....	129.1	156.1	177.7	189.8	187.5	252.2	321.5	
December .....	132.7	158.4	182.5	197.0	190.7	264.5	327.0	
Year .....	121.4	146.4	176.5	187.7	189.0	226.7	300.0	

TABLE 17. - INDEX NUMBERS OF GOVERNMENT OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS

(1935-39=100)

	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
January .....	95.4	90.1	97.9	113.4	118.3	115.0	99.7	108.5
February .....	95.2	90.3	97.7	113.9	118.8	112.7	96.8	106.2
March .....	94.7	90.2	104.6	115.1	118.9	104.7	95.9	
April .....	94.4	90.7	104.9	115.3	118.9	100.2	95.2	
May .....	94.4	90.2	104.9	112.6	119.6	99.7	96.2	
June .....	94.4	90.2	105.3	114.0	120.6	99.7	95.7	
July .....	93.8	91.0	104.7	117.3	120.7	97.9	96.6	
August .....	92.7	90.5	104.9	119.1	121.0	97.3	101.5	
September .....	91.8	89.8	105.0	119.6	121.5	97.9	102.1	
October .....	89.1	92.0	105.7	118.6	120.8	98.1	102.9	
November .....	89.2	93.9	107.8	117.8	118.3	98.8	105.1	
December .....	90.3	96.7	112.0	118.0	117.3	98.9	110.2	
Year .....	93.0	91.3	104.6	116.2	119.6	101.7	99.8	

TABLE 18. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS

(1935-39 = 100)

	Composite Index Exclusive of Living Component	Equipment and Materials	Taxes and Interest Rates	Farm Wage Rates	Farm Family Living	Composite Index Inclusive of Living Component
	(a)		(a)			(a)
<b>ALL CANADA</b>						
1926 .....	130.6	119.9	135.5	164.5	121.1	126.8
1939 .....	99.3	95.7	101.1	110.3	99.5	99.4
1953 .....	239.8	207.4	168.2	449.1	203.6	225.3
1954 .....	237.2	203.3	174.6	441.2	204.5	224.2
1952 - August .....	245.4	212.5	161.4	471.9	204.5	229.0
1953 - August .....	243.6	206.3	168.2	475.8	204.9	228.1
1954 - April .....	239.3	204.1	174.6	450.8	204.2	225.3
August .....	240.0	201.9	174.6	463.2	204.5	225.8
1955 - January ....	231.8	205.8	174.6	399.4	203.9	220.6
April .....	240.3	204.7	174.6	454.2	203.8	225.7
August .....	241.3	203.3	174.6	465.5	203.8	226.3
<b>EASTERN CANADA</b>						
1926 .....	129.5	122.8	128.4	151.1	120.2	125.8
1939 .....	98.7	94.8	99.2	110.6	99.5	99.0
1953 .....	242.3	207.5	158.7	431.5	201.4	225.9
1954 .....	238.8	202.4	164.5	424.1	202.0	224.1
1952 - August .....	246.8	211.7	152.4	447.4	202.7	229.2
1953 - August .....	244.0	205.2	158.7	447.1	202.4	227.3
1954 - April .....	238.5	203.5	164.5	419.2	201.5	223.7
August .....	239.8	200.9	164.5	433.8	202.1	224.7
1955 - January ....	238.3	205.5	164.5	412.1	201.8	223.7
April .....	242.4	205.3	164.5	433.4	201.7	226.1
August .....	242.8	203.3	164.5	441.6	201.3	226.2
<b>WESTERN CANADA</b>						
1926 .....	131.8	117.1	141.6	183.5	121.9	127.8
1939 .....	99.8	96.6	102.7	109.9	99.5	99.7
1953 .....	237.3	207.3	176.3	474.1	205.8	224.7
1954 .....	235.7	204.2	183.2	465.5	207.0	224.2
1952 - August .....	243.9	213.2	169.0	506.8	206.3	228.9
1953 - August .....	243.2	207.3	176.3	516.6	207.4	228.9
1954 - April .....	240.2	204.7	183.2	495.7	206.9	226.9
August .....	240.2	202.8	183.2	505.1	206.9	226.9
1955 - January ....	225.2	206.1	183.2	381.3	206.0	217.5
April .....	238.1	204.1	183.2	483.8	205.9	225.2
August .....	239.8	203.4	183.2	499.4	206.3	226.4

(a) 1955 indexes are subject to revision, since tax and interest rate figures are preliminary.

TABLE 19. - EXCHANGE RATES

(Canadian Dollars)

Nominal quotations based on official parities, or market rates in terms of United States dollars or sterling, converted into Canadian dollars at noon Ottawa time. Source: Bank of Canada.

Country	Unit	1953	1954	1955	1956	1956
		Average	Average	February Average	January Average	February Average
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	.9834	.9732	.9769	.9987	.9991
United Kingdom	pound	2.7666	2.7339	2.7197	2.8035	2.8043
Argentina	peso (free)	.07079	.07006	.07032	.02559	.02370
Australia	pound	2.2133	2.1874	2.1758	2.2428	2.2435
Belgium (1)	franc	.01969	.01945	.01949	.01998	.01999
Brazil	cruzeiro (free)	-	.01456	.01276	.01400	.01430
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.5764	.5696	.5666	.5840	.5842
Ceylon	rupee	.2075	.2051	.2040	.2103	.2103
Chile	peso	.00890	.00843	.00488	.00333	.00333
Colombia	peso (basic)	.3921	.3894	.3907	.3995	.3996
Cuba	peso	.9834	.9733	.9769	.9987	.9991
Denmark	krone	.1424	.1409	.1414	.1446	.1446
Egypt	pound	2.8239	2.7949	2.8051	2.8678	2.8689
France and North Africa	franc	.00281	.00278	.00279	.00285	.00286
Germany	deutsche mark	.2342	.2317	.2326	.2370	.2371
Hong Kong	dollar	.1729	.1709	.1700	.1752	.1753
India	rupee	.2075	.2051	.2040	.2103	.2103
Ireland	pound	2.7666	2.7339	2.7197	2.8035	2.8043
Italy	lira	.00158	.00156	.00157	.00160	.00160
Jamaica	pound	2.7666	2.7339	2.7197	2.8035	2.8043
Japan	yen	.00273	.00270	.00271	.00277	.00278
Lebanon	pound (free)	.2872	.3031	.3001	.3079	.3092
Mexico	peso	.1137	.08810	.07815	.07990	.07993
Netherlands	guilder	.2588	.2568	.2569	.2610	.2611
New Zealand	pound	2.7666	2.7339	2.7197	2.8035	2.8043
Norway	krone	.1377	.1363	.1368	.1398	.1399
Pakistan	rupee	.2972	.2942	.2953	.2103	.2103
Peru	sol-certificate	.05908	.05011	.05141	.05256	.05258
Philippines	peso	.4917	.4866	.4884	.4993	.4995
Portugal	escudo	.03431	.03397	.03409	.03486	.03487
Singapore	dollar	.3228	.3190	.3173	.3271	.3272
Sweden	krona	.1901	.1881	.1888	.1931	.1931
Switzerland	franc	.2293	.2270	.2278	.2333	.2332
Turkey	lira	.3512	.3476	.3489	.3567	.3568
Union of South Africa	pound	2.7666	2.7339	2.7197	2.8035	2.8043
Venezuela	bolivar	.2936	.2905	.2916	.2981	.2982
Yugoslavia	dinar	.00328	.00324	.00326	.00333	.00333

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

(1) Includes Belgian Empire and Luxemburg.

TABLE 20. - INDEX NUMBERS OF CONSUMER AND WHOLESALE PRICES

IN CANADA AND OTHER SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

Country	Base Period	1939	1954	1955				1956	
				Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
<u>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia .....	1952-53		103.6(1)	105.7				107.0	
Canada .....	1949	63.2	116.2	116.8	116.9	116.9	116.9	116.8	116.4
France (Paris) .....	1949		144.9(2)	144.5	146.0	146.1	146.3	146.8	147.9
Germany .....	1950		110(2)	110	111	112	112	112	
India (New Delhi) .....	1949		104	101	102				
Italy .....	1938		5,969(2)	5,993	5,991	6,012	6,057		
Japan .....	1951		117.8(2)	117.4	119.0	115.9	115.7		
Mexico .....	1939	100.0	548.7(2)	572.7	581.8	581.2	583.5	583.0	
Netherlands .....	1951		105	105	105	105	105	105	
Norway .....	1949	63.8	142	143	143	143			
South Africa .....	1938	99.9	195.9	203.4	204.4	203.6	203.4	203.1	
Sweden .....	1949		133(2)	134	135	137	137	137	
Switzerland .....	August 1939		172.6(2)	173.1	173.4	173.6	173.6		
United Kingdom .....	Jan. 15, 1952		107.7	113.2	114.4	116.2	116.2		
United States .....	1947-49	59.4	114.5(2)	114.9	114.9	115.0	114.7	114.6	
Venezuela .....	1938	105.5	201.2	195.7(3)					
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia .....	1936-39	101.1	320(1)	335					
Canada .....	1935-39	99.2	217.0	220.9	220.0	220.7	221.4	222.0	222.2
France .....	1949		135.7(2)	136.6	136.4	137.4	137.7	138.9	142.9
Germany(4) .....	1950		123	126	127	128	128		
India .....	1938-39		386.7	353.2	357.2	364.7			
Italy .....	1938		5,320(2)	5,275	5,312(r)	5,339	5,366		
Japan (Tokyo) .....	1952		97.9(2)	97.7	98.0	97.8	97.9		
Mexico (Mexico City) ....	1939	100.0	500.4(2)	512.2	516.9	516.0	515.2		
Netherlands .....	1948		136	136	137	137	137		
Norway .....	1938	102	280	281	282	282	284	285	
South Africa .....	1938	97.6	263.1	275.0	274.3	275.4			
Sweden .....	1935	115	309(2)	312	313(r)	317	320		
Switzerland .....	August 1939		214.4	215.6	215.5	215.2	215.5		
United Kingdom .....	1930	102.8	340.3(2)	342.9	345.3	348.1	348.7		
United States .....	1947-49	50.1	110.3	111.7	111.6	111.2	111.3	111.8	
Venezuela .....	1938	106.2	175.1						

r. Revised

1. Average from July 1954 to June 1955.

2. Index for 1955.

3. Index for August 1955.

4. New Index, not comparable with data previously published.

Explanation of Methods Used and Additional Sources for Price SeriesAppearing in this BulletinPRICES AND PRICE INDEXES, 1949-1952 (VOLUME 23)

This report, which covers in a comprehensive manner prices and price indexes over the four year period 1949-1952, has, in addition, considerable historical data. In this respect more complete records have been shown for the first time for the Consumer Price Index on the base 1949 = 100 and the Wholesale Price Index on the base 1935-1939 = 100.

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

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXESCanadian Farm Products

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

For the crop year 1953-1954, the initial price for No. 1 of \$1.40 was used until November 1954, when the index was revised for the crop year on the basis of a price of \$1.50 as announced November 6, 1954. Final payments were announced May 19, 1955 and the price for No. 1 Manitoba Northern, for example, was adjusted from \$1.50 to \$1.563 per bushel. For the crop year 1954-55 the index is based on a price of \$1.50 for No. 1 and for 1955-56 on an initial payment price of \$1.40 and is subject to revision subsequent to July 1954.

Commencing August 1, 1949, western oats and barley were brought under control of the Canadian Wheat Board. Prices used for Canadian farm products since that time have been initial payments to farmers with participation payments included whenever they are announced. Final payments for the 1953-54 crop year were announced October 12, 1954 for barley, and October 29, 1954 for oats. For the 1954-55 crop year final payments were announced November 22, and December 1, respectively.

The Residential Building Materials Price Index (1935-1939 = 100)

This index, which was first published in 1949, was developed to meet the need for a measurement of the price change of that part of housing costs represented by materials. In addition to the composite index which measures the price change of all materials used in residential construction, price indexes are published for nine component material groups. The weights for individual material items and groups of items within the index were based on the estimated material requirement for a national housing target for the year 1946, and the index was calculated on the base 1935-1939 = 100. However, to facilitate comparisons of its movements with those of the new non-residential series, Table 6 shows it arithmetically converted to the base 1949 = 100. Additional information concerning this index may be found in the special bulletin "Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials, 1926 to 1948", obtainable for 10 cents on request to the Dominion Statistician.

The Non-Residential Building Materials Price Index (1949 = 100)

A second special purpose price index related to the construction industry titled "Non-Residential Building Materials Price Index" is shown in Table 7. This index has been constructed specifically to measure the price change of materials used in non-residential building construction. It supplements a price index applicable to materials used in residential construction which has been available for some years. The new index has been constructed on the base 1949=100, using weights obtained from data on cost of building materials provided by general and trade contractors for a sample of buildings constructed in Canada during the years 1948-1950.

The methods of constructing the index are explained in some detail in D.B.S. Reference Paper No. 43, entitled "Non-Residential Building Materials Price Index, 1935-1952", which was released on August 21, 1953 and which is available for the sum of 25 cents on request to the Dominion Statistician. This publication also comments on the uses and limitations of the index, and provides the total index by years from 1935 to 1952, and by months for the period January 1949-July 1953. Price indexes for twelve principal component material groups have been calculated by months from January 1949 to July 1953 and these indexes are also contained in the above mentioned publication.

#### RETAIL PRICE INDEXES

##### Consumer Price Index

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

While the Consumer Price Index is an entirely new index constructed from post-war expenditure patterns, it serves the same purpose as the Cost-of-Living Index. That is, it measures the average percentage change in retail prices of goods and services bought by a large and representative group of Canadian urban families. The change in title was made to clarify the fact that the index is a measure of price change and is not affected by changes in standards of living.

In a special report entitled "The Consumer Price Index, January 1949-August 1952,"\* the Bureau published an explanation of the construction of the new index and a record of its movements from January 1949 to August 1952. This report contains detailed information on such aspects of the new index as purpose, family coverage, base period, and details of items included as well as their relative importance. It also gives the formula used in calculating the index, outlines methods of price collection and explains special features of the index, such as the methods of incorporating seasonal variations in food consumption, and changes in the price element of home-ownership costs.

Nineteen forty-nine was selected as a reference level or base period for the Consumer Price Index for a variety of reasons. It is the most satisfactory post-war reference year, not only for price index comparisons, but also for other economic indicators. In addition, prices during 1949 were relatively stable. Dating from the termination of World War II there has been a steady shift of interest from pre-war to post-war comparisons in all fields of economic activity. Conditions have changed greatly since 1935-1939 and concern with things as they existed at that time has steadily declined. These circumstances are similar to those which led to the abandonment of 1900, 1913, and 1926 as base periods.

The index is based on goods and services reported purchased during the year ending August 31, 1948 by 1,517 families, representing all Canadian families with the following characteristics: (a) living in 27 Canadian cities with over 30,000 population; (b) ranging in size from two adults to two adults with four children; (c) with annual incomes during the survey year ranging from \$1,650 to \$4,050.

To measure the influence of price change on the cost of goods and services purchased by such families, the Consumer Price Index contains 224 items.

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities: Consumer Price Indexes are published monthly in this bulletin for the following cities or city combinations: St. John's, Halifax, Saint John, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Saskatoon-Regina, Edmonton-Calgary and Vancouver. With the exception of the index for St. John's, Newfoundland, which is constructed on the base June 1, 1951 = 100, all indexes are on the base 1949 = 100. The regional indexes with the exception of the one for

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

St. John's, are patterned after the Consumer Price Index for Canada. They are similar to this index in terms of family coverage, item content and weighting system.

These indexes fulfil the same purpose as the cost-of-living series which they replace, viz.: each index is designed to measure the influence of changes in retail prices taking place in the localities specified, upon the cost of a fixed basket of goods and services representing the level of consumption of a representative group of families in those particular areas.

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

Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers: The Index of Commodities and Services used by Farmers is designed to measure the change in retail prices of farm operating costs and farm living costs. It is calculated thrice yearly, viz.: January, April and August, and is on the base 1935-39 = 100. For an explanation of methods of construction and an historical record, please refer to "Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers, 1913 to 1948 (Revised 1948)." A special bulletin giving total and group index detail is released subsequent to each pricing date.

#### SECURITY PRICE INDEXES

Price index numbers of industrial, utility, bank and mining common stocks, and preferred stocks are calculated from Montreal and Toronto exchange quotations. The indexes are designed to reflect weekly and monthly changes of interest to the investor, rather than day-to-day changes of more speculative interest. Individual stock prices are weighted by the number of shares outstanding in January of each year. The list is reviewed completely in January of each year, when new series are introduced and series of declining importance are discontinued. The Investors' Index of 98 Common Stocks and the Mining Stocks Index are based on the average of the Thursday closing prices. The Preferred Stock Index is a monthly average of daily quotations.



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