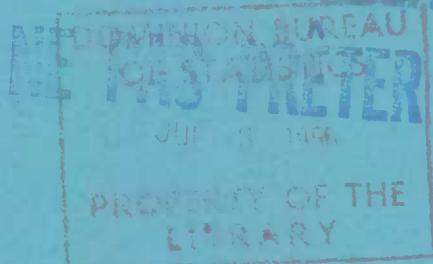


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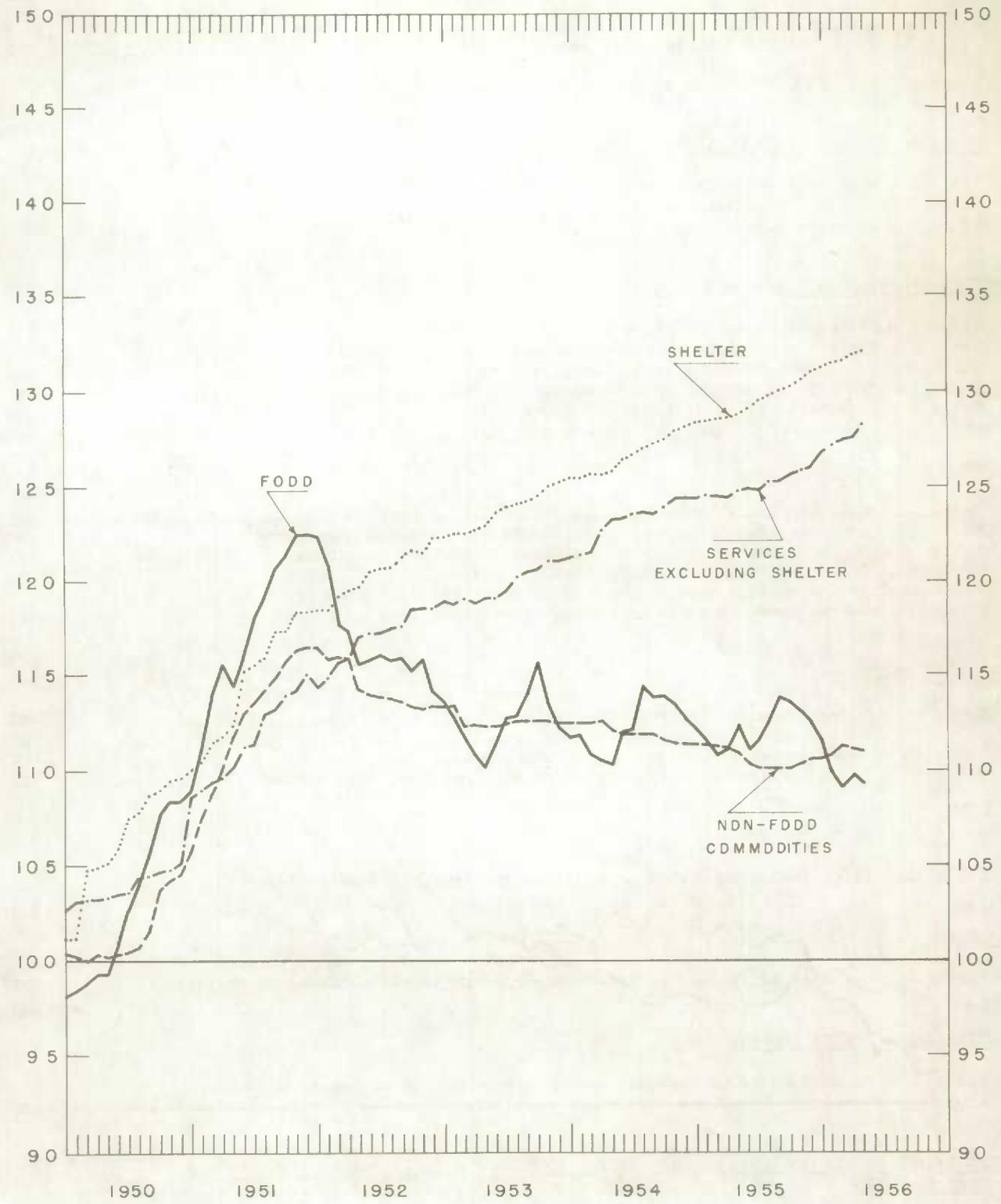
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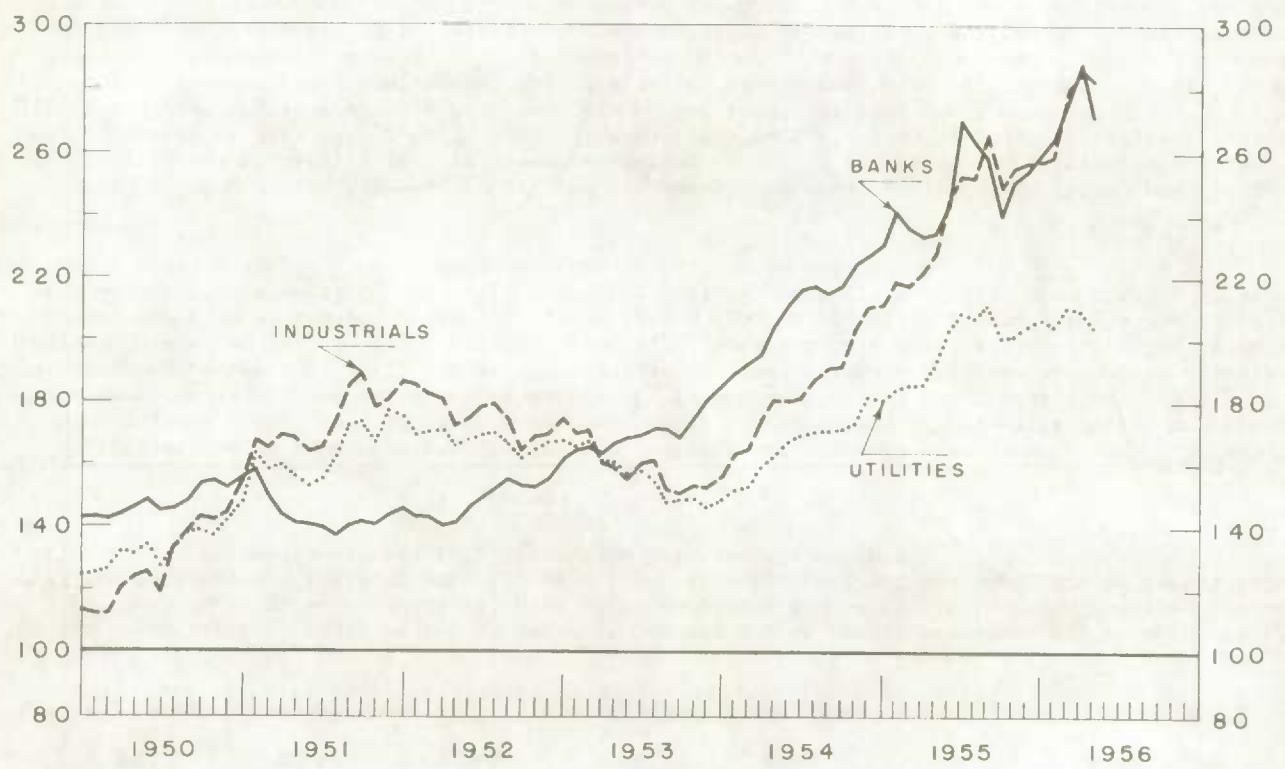
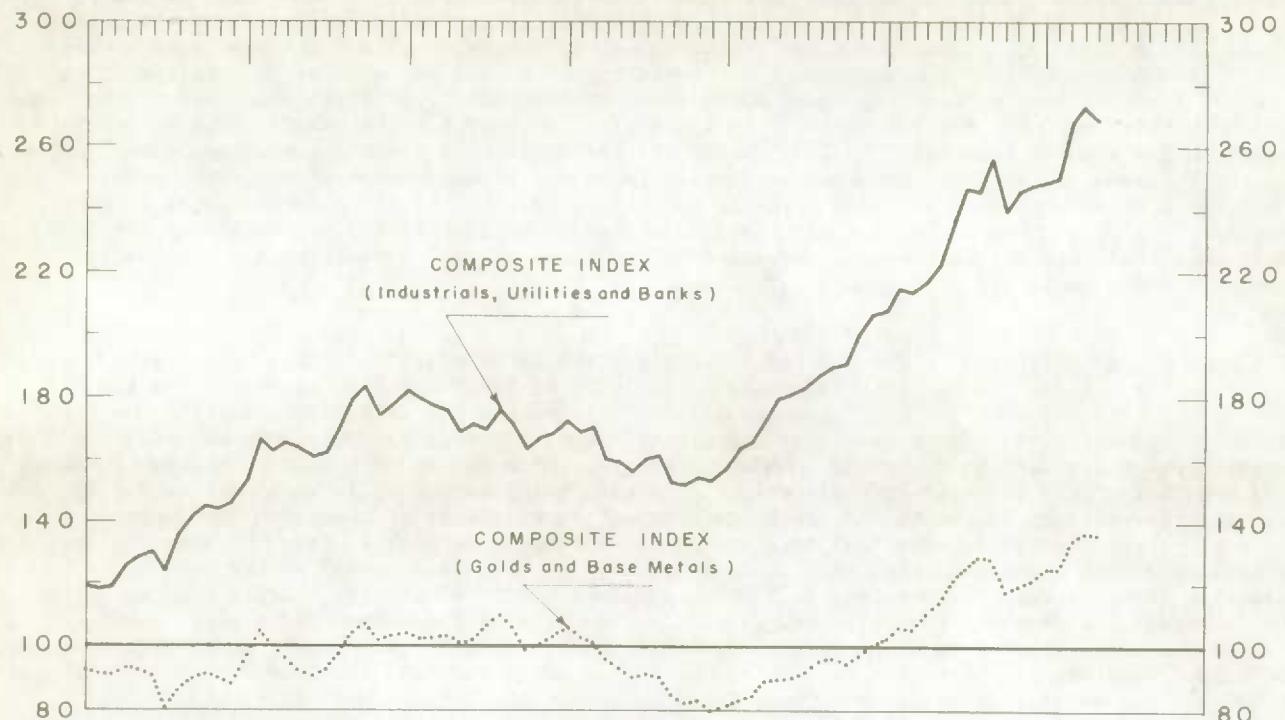
CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES
FOOD, NON-FOOD COMMODITIES, SHELTER, SERVICES EXCLUDING SHELTER
MONTHLY, JANUARY 1950 – MAY 1956
(1949=100)



PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

MONTHLY, JANUARY 1950 — MAY 1956

(1935 — 1939=100)



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

The Consumer Price Index remained unchanged at 116.6 between the beginning of April and May 1956. A year ago the index stood at 116.4, and in May 1954 it was 115.5. Current decreases in the Food and Household Operation indexes were counterbalanced by slight increases in the Shelter, Clothing and Other Commodities and Services series. The Food index declined from 109.7 to 109.3, as sharply lower prices were reported for tomatoes, along with lesser declines for coffee and some fresh vegetables and meats. Prices were higher for eggs, fresh and canned fruits, potatoes and most cuts of beef. Both rent and home-ownership components contributed to the upward movement of the Shelter index from 131.9 to 132.1. The Clothing index moved from 108.7 to 108.8, as slight increases in footwear and children's wear were partially offset by a decrease in women's spring coats. The household Operation index moved from 116.6 to 116.5 under the influence of a seasonal decrease in coal prices and lower insurance rates for household effects. Increased prices were reported for household supplies, kitchen utensils, and some items of furniture, as were higher telephone rates in some centres. The Other Commodities and Services index rose from 120.1 to 120.5. Prices of theatre admissions, haircuts and hairdressing advanced while prices of new automobiles and automobile insurance rates declined.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The General Wholesale Price Index advanced to 225.3 in May, 0.4 per cent above the April level of 224.5 and 3.4 per cent above the May 1955 level of 217.8. This marked the seventh consecutive month that the index has advanced. The movement of the eight component groups was mixed, three advancing, four receding and one remaining unchanged. Animal Products, which had shown a slight increase in April after several months of decline, registered the largest gain, moving up 1.5 per cent to 221.4. Substantial increases in livestock and fresh meats supported by lesser increases in fowl, cured meats, raw furs, boots and shoes, eggs, and lard and tallow were only partially offset by seasonal decreases in lobster in the shell and fresh milk along with decreases for beef hides, butter and cheese. Vegetable Products rose 0.9 per cent to 198.4. Potatoes continued to rise sharply and raw rubber and cocoa and its products to fall. Increases also occurred in fresh imported fruits, raw sugar and its products, grains, vegetable oils, livestock feeds, milled cereal foods, green coffee beans, and canned vegetables. Increases in wire and wire rods moved Iron and Its Products up 0.4 per cent to 237.0. Non-metallic Minerals and Their Products showed the largest decline with a drop of 0.8 per cent to 178.8 caused largely by seasonal decreases in United States anthracite coal, coke, and sand and gravel. Wood, Wood Products and Paper receded 0.2 per cent to 306.0 when an easier rate of exchange for the United States dollar in Canadian funds was reflected in lower export prices for newsprint, woodpulp and cedar shingles. Increases occurred for a few pine, spruce and hemlock lumber items. Weakness in the United States dollar was also responsible for decreases in gold and silver which along with a decrease in tin caused Non-ferrous Metals to decline 0.1 per cent to 207.2. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products also declined 0.1 per cent, to 228.9, when decreases in raw cotton and worsted yarns outweighed increases in worsted and wool cloth, imported raw wool, cotton fabrics, and miscellaneous fibre products. Chemicals and Allied Products held steady at 180.9.

The composite index of Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets advanced 3.6 per cent between April and May, from 200.4 to 207.7. An increase of 5.2 per cent in Field Products again mainly reflected sharply higher potato prices on Eastern markets and lesser gains in the West. Prices were also moderately firmer for Ontario corn, barley and wheat, while partially offsetting declines occurred in the West for hay, rye and flax. The Animal Products index rose 2.6 per cent, from 232.0 to 238.0 as spring lambs came onto Eastern markets at seasonably high levels and lesser gains took place in steers, hogs, and Western egg prices. Items showing lower prices were calves, Western fluid milk and Eastern cheesemilk. Western lambs were fractionally lower.

Residential building material prices rose fractionally in the period under review as the index changed from 293.4 to 294.1. In the same interval the index of Non-residential building material prices on the base 1949 = 100 also registered a small gain, from 127.2 to 127.4. Both series reflected higher quotations for a number of lumber items in addition to bricks.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 96 common stocks declined 1.6 per cent between April and May, from 273.0 to 268.5, reflecting decreases in all three major groups. Seven Banks moved down 5.9 per cent, from 288.7 to 271.7; 13 Utilities 2.4 per cent, from 209.3 to 204.2; and 76 Industrials 1.2, from 286.2 to 282.9. The May drop in the monthly total index is the first since the October 1955 break, although weakness has appeared in week-to-week movements over the past few months. Declines in sub-group indexes were led by Textiles and Clothing, Transportation, Building Materials, Foods and Allied Products, Beverages and Milling. Indexes for three groups showed very moderate gains: Machinery and Equipment, Oils and Power and Traction.

Mining stocks were fractionally lower in May as the composite index declined 0.2 per cent from 136.8 to 136.5. Accounting for the decrease, the Base Metals index receded 0.4 per cent from 269.7 to 268.5. Golds remained unchanged at 78.8.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE MOVEMENTS

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

Note: 1956 Wholesale Price Indexes are subject to revision.

	INDEXES				PERCENTAGE CHANGES		
					May 1956	May 1956	May 1956
	May 1954	May 1955	April 1956	May 1956	May 1954	May 1955	April 1956
GENERAL INDEX	217.9	217.8	224.5	225.3	+ 3.4	+ 3.4	+ 0.4
Vegetable Products	196.5	197.1	196.7	198.4	+ 1.0	+ 0.7	+ 0.9
Animal Products	243.9	224.8	218.2	221.4	- 9.2	- 1.5	+ 1.5
Textile Products	231.6	226.6	229.2	228.9	- 1.2	+ 1.0	- 0.1
Wood Products	286.2	293.6	306.6	306.0	+ 6.9	+ 4.2	- 0.2
Iron Products	211.8	217.3	236.1	237.0	+ 11.9	+ 9.1	+ 0.4
Non-ferrous Metals	168.0	184.2	207.5	207.2	+ 23.3	+ 12.5	- 0.1
Non-metallic Minerals	176.7	173.3	180.2	178.8	+ 1.2	+ 3.2	- 0.8
Chemical Products	176.3	176.5	180.9	180.9	+ 2.6	+ 2.5	-
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS	214.8	220.9	200.4	207.7	- 3.3	- 6.0	+ 3.6
Field	161.6	198.5	168.7	177.5	+ 9.8	- 10.6	+ 5.2
Animal	268.0	243.4	232.0	238.0	- 11.2	- 2.2	+ 2.6
SELECTED PRICE INDEXES							
Canadian Industrial Materials	224.3	233.2	248.9	247.8	+ 10.5	+ 6.3	- 0.4
Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	121.0	123.1	128.7	129.0	+ 6.6	+ 4.8	+ 0.2
Non-Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	121.1	121.8	127.2	127.4	+ 5.2	+ 4.6	+ 0.2

WHOLESALE PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED COMMODITIESBETWEEN APRIL AND MAY 1956

	<u>INCREASES</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>	
	p.c.	p.c.	
Potatoes, N. B., Montreal	37.3	Lobster, in the shell	49.5
Pork, fresh, loins	14.8	Fresh milk, Saskatoon	12.8
Oranges, Toronto	14.6	Beef hides, packer, cow	11.4
Lamb carcass	12.9	Coke, stove	10.1
Coal, U. K. anthracite	10.3	Coal, U.S. anthracite	8.4
Wool cloth	8.4	Rubber, raw, smoked ribbed sheets	8.0
Hogs, Bl, dressed, Montreal	6.7	Lemons, Toronto	7.8
Brick, face	6.7	Rye, No. 2 C.W.	6.8
Raw wool, Australian	6.7	Sand and gravel, Winnipeg	6.7
Ham, boiled	6.6	Cocoa butter	6.1
Beef carcass, commercial steer	6.5	Calves, Toronto	6.0
Bananas, Toronto	6.3	Cheese, new, Toronto	5.7
Wire rods (steel)	6.1	Cocoa beans, green, Accra	5.2
Fowl, dressed	5.7	Raw cotton	5.0
White pine, No. 4 common	5.3	Flax, No. 1 C.W.	2.2

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	<u>May</u> <u>1954</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>Apr.</u> <u>1956</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1956</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1954</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1956</u>
<u>TOTAL INDEX</u>	115.5	116.4	116.6	116.6	+ 1.0	+ 0.2	-
Food	110.2	112.3	109.7	109.3	- 0.8	- 2.7	- 0.4
Shelter	125.8	128.8	131.9	132.1	+ 5.0	+ 2.6	+ 0.2
Clothing	109.9	107.9	108.7	108.8	- 1.0	+ 0.8	+ 0.1
Household Operation	117.3	116.4	116.6	116.5	- 0.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Other Commodities and Services	117.5	118.3	120.1	120.5	+ 2.6	+ 1.9	+ 0.3

RETAIL PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED ITEMS BETWEEN APRIL AND MAY 1956

	<u>INCREASES</u> p.c.		<u>DECREASES</u> p.c.
Onions	11.0	Fresh tomatoes	38.3
Grapefruit	10.0	Automobile insurance	7.0
Apples	9.2	Cabbage	2.2
Potatoes	5.2	Household effects insurance	2.1
Theatre admission	4.9	Coal	2.0
Lettuce	4.7	Women's spring coats	1.9
Round steak	4.0	Celery	1.9
Eggs	2.7	Pork, shoulder roast, Boston butt	1.8
Pork, rib chops, fresh	2.7	Veal, loin chops, rib end	1.8
Ice	2.5	Coffee	1.4

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	<u>May</u> <u>1954</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>Apr.</u> <u>1956</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1956</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1954</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1956</u>
<u>Total Investors' Index</u>	179.5	222.1	273.0	268.5	+ 49.6	+ 20.9	- 1.6
<u>Total Industrials</u>	181.0	227.8	286.2	282.9	+ 56.3	+ 24.2	- 1.2
Machinery & Equipment	474.2	658.4	826.4	848.1	+ 78.8	+ 28.8	+ 2.6
Pulp & Paper	679.8	991.4	1223.9	1192.5	+ 75.4	+ 20.3	- 2.6
Milling	137.6	180.1	187.4	179.8	+ 30.7	- 0.2	- 4.1
Oils	147.6	154.0	210.0	211.7	+ 43.4	+ 37.5	+ 0.8
Textiles & Clothing	153.2	170.0	170.9	160.2	+ 4.6	- 5.8	- 6.3
Foods	133.0	171.0	191.8	180.8	+ 35.9	+ 5.7	- 5.7
Beverages	476.4	556.7	577.5	551.7	+ 15.8	- 0.9	- 4.5
Building Materials	322.8	423.7	519.5	488.5	+ 51.3	+ 15.3	- 6.0
Industrial Mines	118.9	170.8	222.1	218.0	+ 83.3	+ 27.6	- 1.8
<u>Total Utilities</u>	162.4	191.7	209.3	204.2	+ 25.7	+ 6.5	- 2.4
Transportation	274.6	362.5	394.8	370.2	+ 34.8	+ 2.1	- 6.2
Telephone	110.1	122.1	127.7	125.2	+ 13.7	+ 2.5	- 2.0
Power and Traction	152.6	173.4	200.2	201.0	+ 31.7	+ 15.9	+ 0.4
Banks	204.0	234.4	288.7	271.7	+ 33.2	+ 15.9	- 5.9
<u>Mining Stocks</u>							
General Index	89.4	114.2	136.8	136.5	+ 52.7	+ 19.5	- 0.2
Golds	64.4	72.8	78.8	78.8	+ 22.4	+ 8.2	0
Base Metals	146.5	209.0	269.7	268.5	+ 83.3	+ 28.5	- 0.4

TABLE 4. - PRINCIPAL WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	General	Raw and	Fully	Indus-	Canadian Farm		
	Whole- sale Price Index	Partly Manu- factured	and Chiefly Manu- factured	trial Mate- rials	Field	Animal	Total
1913	83.4	85.1	86.2	-	-	-	-
1920	203.2	194.7	208.2	-	-	-	-
1926	130.3	129.1	133.0	144.3	158.5	130.2	144.4
1929	124.6	126.1	123.7	132.8	137.2	144.4	140.8
1933	87.4	79.3	93.3	78.3	69.3	69.2	69.3
1938	102.0	99.4	103.5	95.8	100.9	104.8	102.9
1939	99.2	94.9	101.9	99.0	83.7	101.5	92.6
1940	108.0	103.1	109.9	113.3	85.4	106.7	96.1
1941	116.4	114.4	118.8	125.2	88.9	124.4	106.6
1942	123.0	123.0	123.7	135.1	109.7	144.6	127.1
1943	127.9	131.1	126.9	140.0	129.0	161.8	145.4
1944	130.6	134.4	129.1	143.1	144.5	166.1	155.3
1945	132.1	136.2	129.8	143.2	162.5	170.2	166.4
1946	138.9	140.1	138.0	148.6	177.9	181.2	179.5
1947	163.3	164.3	162.4	187.0	184.1	200.2	192.2
1948	193.4	196.3	192.4	222.7	200.6	263.7	232.1
1949	198.3	197.1	199.2	218.0	191.9	265.4	228.7
1950	211.2	212.8	211.0	244.6	191.9	281.4	236.7
1951	240.2	237.9	242.4	296.1	200.4	336.9	268.6
1952	226.0	218.7	230.7	252.6	223.0	277.5	250.2
1953	220.7	207.0	228.8	232.3	179.4	263.8	221.6
1954	217.0	204.8	224.2	223.7	170.9	256.2	213.6
1955	218.9	209.7	224.5	236.0	174.4	245.1	209.7
1954 Aug.	215.8	204.9	222.3	222.5	183.8	248.2	216.0
Sept.	215.3	202.9	222.6	222.7	178.9	245.5	212.2
Oct.	214.3	201.4	221.8	223.6	178.1	240.5	209.3
Nov.	214.9	202.3	222.3	224.4	180.4	243.1	211.8
Dec.	215.4	203.5	222.4	224.4	179.8	245.9	212.9
1955 Jan.	215.8	205.0	222.2	225.7	180.8	248.3	214.6
Feb.	217.3	207.6	223.1	228.9	182.8	245.6	214.2
Mar.	217.3	206.3	223.9	229.9	181.3	241.3	211.3
Apr.	218.5	210.4	223.5	233.1	202.0	238.7	220.3
May	217.8	209.5	223.1	233.2	198.5	243.4	220.9
June	218.7	210.2	224.0	236.2	189.4	250.0	219.7
July	218.4	210.1	223.6	237.1	185.2	249.5	217.4
Aug.	219.7	210.7	225.4	240.9	159.0	250.6	204.8
Sept.	220.9	212.2	226.4	241.1	153.9	251.6	202.7
Oct.	220.0	210.8	225.8	240.7	151.7	241.9	196.8
Nov.	220.7	211.3	226.6	240.8	153.2	240.5	196.9
Dec.	221.5	212.6	226.7	244.2	155.2	239.4	197.3
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
Mar.	223.3	214.7	228.3	248.8	164.0	231.1	197.5
Apr.	224.5	216.2	229.4	248.9	168.7	232.0	200.4
May	225.3	217.3	230.3	247.8	177.5	238.0	207.7

(1) Indexes August 1954 - July 1955 revised to include final wheat payments announced May 22, 1956 by Canadian Wheat Board. 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 1955 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
1955 Average ...	218.9	195.1	188.0	147.7	199.8	184.5	163.9	176.7	155.8
1955 Jan.	215.8	197.1	189.3	148.3	207.8	188.0	155.7	175.7	158.7
Feb.	217.3	198.2	191.4	148.9	209.7	188.0	151.8	175.1	158.7
Mar.	217.3	196.6	190.6	148.2	215.3	188.0	153.9	177.3	158.7
Apr.	218.5	198.9	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	196.2	190.4	148.4	197.4	181.7	161.9	176.3	161.6
July	218.4	195.5	188.0	148.3	194.6	181.7	163.2	176.3	157.3
Aug.	219.7	193.9	188.0	147.1	200.2	183.3	159.7	177.0	157.3
Sept.	220.9	192.9	186.3	148.0	192.7	183.3	159.2	177.0	151.0
Oct.	220.0	190.7	183.2	146.6	183.3	183.3	158.0	177.4	151.0
Nov.	220.7	191.6	183.7	145.9	190.8	184.8	184.3	178.3	149.8
Dec.	221.5	193.0	183.8	145.7	198.4	184.8	191.1	177.2	149.8
1956 Jan.	222.0	192.8	184.9	146.1	198.4	184.8	169.9	177.2	149.8
Feb.	222.2	193.3	186.6	146.0	191.2	184.8	171.1	178.5	150.9
Mar.	223.3	195.2	190.4	147.8	195.0	186.4	171.1	178.5	150.9
Apr.	224.5	196.7	191.2	148.0	210.0	186.4	173.5	178.5	150.9
May	225.3	198.4	191.7	148.4	211.9	186.4	189.4	178.5	150.9

	- 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	
1955 Average ...	267.2	200.6	150.1	394.4	240.7	189.9	209.9	179.1
1955 Jan.	264.9	183.6	148.9	445.5	219.7	228.8	216.6	181.0
Feb.	265.3	194.0	148.9	430.1	234.8	218.5	216.6	181.0
Mar.	265.0	194.8	148.9	408.5	234.9	195.4	216.6	177.9
Apr.	264.2	189.0	152.0	409.3	434.0	196.7	218.1	177.9
May	261.9	189.0	150.3	386.2	401.9	196.7	218.1	176.6
June	269.7	192.9	150.1	392.4	316.4	196.7	218.1	178.1
July	276.2	200.2	149.9	388.4	293.9	232.4	206.4	178.1
Aug.	272.6	209.1	149.5	380.1	193.8	178.1	204.9	178.1
Sept.	265.5	217.0	150.7	378.9	147.0	132.8	204.9	178.1
Oct.	265.9	211.4	151.7	377.3	126.8	156.6	197.2	178.1
Nov.	265.9	211.2	150.2	372.1	140.3	169.7	202.2	178.1
Dec.	268.9	215.1	150.5	364.5	144.7	176.1	199.1	185.7
1956 Jan.	271.4	209.6	151.2	362.8	164.4	193.1	195.4	185.7
Feb.	284.1	204.7	151.2	363.7	176.3	210.5	195.4	185.7
Mar.	296.2	201.5	151.4	359.4	211.4	192.2	196.6	185.7
Apr.	310.7	199.2	151.7	356.2	249.1	169.0	196.6	185.7
May	312.9	196.4	154.2	353.1	329.1	169.0	198.1	185.7

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

(1935-39 = 100)

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -

Date	Total Animal Products	Fishery Products	Raw Furs	Hides and Skins	Leather, Unmanufactured	Boots and Shoes	Livestock	Steers
1955 Average ...	226.0	274.1	110.3	114.4	194.5	204.4	263.2	321.6
1955 Jan.	226.4	274.1	84.2	103.0	191.9	204.0	273.7	325.6
Feb.	226.6	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	204.3	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	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

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Beef and Veal Carcass	Meats, Cured	Fowl, Dressed	Milk and Its Products	Butter	Oils and Fats	Eggs
1955 Average ...	271.2	308.5	185.5	190.0	224.9	228.8	138.4
1955 Jan.	269.9	299.4	189.6	156.6	230.0	238.1	152.9
Feb.	270.7	306.3	185.6	159.6	229.8	238.0	141.7
Mar.	273.8	312.7	184.5	183.7	229.3	237.6	141.0
Apr.	274.3	315.3	186.4	192.8	225.0	230.1	142.8
May	282.8	326.4	182.4	195.8	221.6	223.0	140.0
June	290.3	325.4	205.6	201.8	221.1	221.9	129.0
July	283.7	319.7	188.2	210.8	221.6	223.0	124.8
Aug.	278.3	311.0	190.7	201.8	222.7	225.3	126.5
Sept.	276.2	310.1	194.5	192.8	223.4	226.7	138.8
Oct.	261.3	295.7	178.7	180.7	224.4	226.6	143.7
Nov.	248.7	290.0	171.7	198.8	224.8	227.3	143.4
Dec.	244.8	290.4	167.6	204.8	225.0	227.8	136.4
1956 Jan.	242.1	287.4	163.2	210.8	225.0	227.8	133.5
Feb.	239.1	280.0	162.6	198.8	225.9	227.8	132.5
Mar.	236.4	276.3	161.9	204.8	226.8	227.7	133.5
Apr.	240.1	282.3	161.8	210.8	226.0	226.8	135.3
May	255.9	295.1	163.8	222.9	223.6	225.1	138.3

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

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	Total Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS -						Rayon Fabrics
		Raw Cotton	Cotton Yarns	Cotton Fabrics	Cotton Knit Goods	Miscel- laneous Fibre Products	Silk and Nylon Thread	
1955 Average ...	226.2	298.1	237.7	233.0	218.7	197.8	169.5	155.7
1955 Jan.	224.0	291.1	227.4	230.7	219.3	210.6	169.5	158.3
Feb.	225.2	295.1	230.6	230.6	219.3	197.2	169.5	156.9
Mar.	226.7	293.0	230.6	232.8	219.3	197.8	169.5	155.6
Apr.	226.3	291.3	230.6	232.8	219.3	198.3	169.5	155.6
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

	- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS - Concluded						Carpets	
	Rayon Yarns	Raw Wool, Do- mestic	Raw Wool, Im- ported	Yarns, Worsted	Hosiery and Knit Goods, Chiefly Wool	Wool Blan- kets		
1955 Average ...	166.0	244.0	206.8	203.0	230.9	252.5	238.1	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	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

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

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- WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER -										
Date	Total Wood Pro- ducts	Lumber and Timber	Spruce	Hard- woods	Hem- lock	Fir	Cedar	Wood- pulp	News- print	Wrap- ping Paper No. 1 Kraft
1955 Average ...	295.7	441.3	402.3	313.6	369.8	534.6	458.9	210.8	289.2	229.3
1955 Jan.	289.7	435.7	389.8	310.1	369.8	533.4	448.3	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	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
- IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS -										
	Total Iron Pro- ducts	Pig Iron	Rolling Mill Pro- ducts	Pipe and Tubing	Hard- ware	Wire	Scrap Iron and Steel	Tin Plate and Gal- vanized Sheet		
1955 Average ...	221.4	259.8	209.1	231.6	230.3	248.2	301.1	220.0		
1955 Jan.	214.9	254.7	206.3	229.6	219.2	233.2	246.0	220.5		
Feb.	216.1	254.7	206.3	229.6	219.2	233.2	273.2	220.5		
Mar.	217.4	254.7	206.3	229.6	225.0	240.9	273.2	220.5		
Apr.	218.2	254.7	206.3	229.6	225.2	240.9	290.2	220.5		
May	217.3	254.7	204.8	229.6	225.2	240.9	290.2	218.0		
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		

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)								
1955 Average ...	187.6	259.3	178.7	346.6	300.1	226.9	179.4	294.7	196.5	237.2
1955 Jan.	170.7	230.4	175.6	276.2	297.2	212.7	166.4	277.3	187.9	221.4
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.	184.0	252.8	175.6	331.8	297.2	221.7	173.6	287.7	187.9	232.6
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
- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -										
Total Non-Metallic Products	Clay and Allied Material Products	Pottery	Coal	Coal Tar	Coke	Window Glass				
1955 Average ...	175.2	232.1	153.7	172.1	213.7	225.8	251.2			
1955 Jan.	176.6	231.6	153.7	172.0	213.7	227.3	233.8			
Feb.	176.6	231.6	153.7	172.0	213.7	227.3	233.8			
Mar.	174.9	231.6	153.7	173.6	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.	175.3	231.2	153.7	171.7	213.7	226.0	257.0			
Oct.	176.2	231.2	153.7	175.7	213.7	226.0	257.0			
Nov.	176.2	231.2	153.7	175.7	213.7	226.0	257.0			
Dec.	176.9	231.2	153.7	177.7	213.7	228.1	257.0			
1956 Jan.	178.7	231.2	158.3	179.6	213.7	228.1	270.2			
Feb.	178.9	231.2	159.2	180.1	213.7	228.1	270.2			
Mar.	180.0	238.7	159.2	181.4	271.6	228.1	270.2			
Apr.	180.2	239.2	159.2	183.2	271.6	228.1	270.2			
May	178.8	239.9	159.2	178.8	271.6	224.9	270.2			

(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
1955 Average ...	193.4	165.8	135.7	134.4	184.1	142.9	201.3
1955 Jan.	189.3	164.9	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	165.1	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

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded							
	Plaster	Lime	Cement	Sand and Gravel	Crushed Stone	Building Stone	Asbestos and Its Products
1955 Average ...	127.9	205.2	153.9	144.0	160.4	197.6	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	205.2	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	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

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

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	- CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS -					
	Total Chemical Products	Inorganic Chemicals	Organic Chemicals	Coal Tar Products	Dyeing Materials	Tanning Materials
1955 Average ...	177.0	142.9	178.6	191.6	183.4	289.6
1955 Jan.	176.6	142.0	178.6	191.6	182.2	288.8
Feb.	176.9	142.2	178.6	191.6	182.2	289.7
Mar.	177.0	142.2	178.6	191.6	182.2	289.7
Apr.	177.3	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	176.5	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

	- CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS - Concluded				
	Ex- plosives	Paint, Prepared	Fertil- izer Materials	Indus- trial Gases	Soap
1955 Average ...	137.9	190.7	163.0	126.3	201.6
1955 Jan.	137.4	189.1	163.0	126.8	206.6
Feb.	137.4	189.1	163.0	124.1	206.6
Mar.	137.4	189.1	163.0	125.7	206.6
Apr.	137.4	189.1	163.0	126.6	206.6
May	137.4	189.1	163.0	126.8	198.7
June	137.4	189.1	163.0	126.6	198.7
July	137.4	189.1	163.0	129.3	198.7
Aug.	137.4	189.1	163.0	128.8	198.7
Sept.	137.4	189.1	163.0	126.3	198.7
Oct.	137.4	195.5	163.0	126.2	198.7
Nov.	137.4	195.5	163.0	124.1	200.6
Dec.	143.3	195.5	163.0	124.1	200.6
1956 Jan.	143.6	195.5	159.0	124.1	200.6
Feb.	143.6	195.5	159.4	131.6	200.6
Mar.	143.6	195.5	162.5	130.4	200.6
Apr.	143.6	206.9	163.0	131.3	200.6
May	143.6	206.9	163.0	132.9	200.6

TABLE 6. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -											
	Total Index* (1949=100)	Total Index	Cement,	Brick,	Lumber	Lath,	Plaster	Roof-	Paint	Plumb-	Elec-	
			Sand and Gravel	Tile and Stone	Its Pro- ducts	and Insu- lation	Mate- rial	Glass	and Heat- ing	Equip- ment	Equip- ment and Fix- tures	Other Mater- ials
1926	48.1	109.6	105.5	103.2	110.9	101.4	104.3	156.8	110.2	91.6	112.0	
1929	49.3	112.4	107.6	107.4	116.7	94.4	108.8	151.5	108.5	130.1	106.1	
1932	38.4	87.5	103.7	101.8	72.7	85.0	95.5	111.7	108.1	79.1	89.5	
1939	44.9	102.3	94.0	97.2	104.9	99.4	104.1	97.2	103.0	102.4	104.6	
1940	48.4	110.3	94.6	98.0	119.1	99.7	110.4	115.2	106.5	107.1	109.2	
1941	53.8	122.6	99.1	105.1	139.2	102.8	118.7	136.2	114.6	109.0	112.5	
1942	57.4	130.9	100.8	109.0	153.2	104.8	123.4	146.9	120.0	110.3	117.6	
1943	61.0	139.1	101.2	113.1	171.3	104.8	130.1	149.4	120.0	110.3	117.9	
1944	64.3	146.6	101.8	114.9	188.4	104.8	136.0	146.6	120.0	110.3	117.9	
1945	65.0	148.3	102.1	116.4	191.3	104.8	135.5	142.2	122.2	111.4	118.0	
1946	67.8	154.5	102.0	121.0	202.1	104.2	146.2	144.2	127.2	116.9	126.4	
1947	79.1	180.4	109.7	133.4	242.0	107.3	172.3	169.6	145.2	147.4	143.0	
1948	95.4	217.5	122.3	143.1	305.8	116.7	201.6	183.1	168.3	169.8	162.3	
1949	100.0	228.0	127.0	151.0	322.1	118.1	190.5	179.6	180.2	173.4	174.7	
1950	106.4	242.7	131.3	163.8	349.2	116.7	235.4	174.8	183.2	184.5	181.1	
1951	125.5	286.2	140.9	180.7	425.0	126.3	235.8	197.8	210.4	213.3	212.7	
1952	124.9	284.8	149.5	195.3	415.7	128.5	217.7	194.9	215.6	212.0	226.3	
1953	123.9	282.6	151.8	205.8	410.6	128.5	218.6	203.8	209.0	211.4	229.5	
1954	121.7	277.5	151.3	207.4	400.5	128.8	233.4	208.9	202.8	207.7	226.6	
1955	124.3	283.4	149.4	209.5	409.4	125.3	244.5	219.7	207.2	229.2	230.3	
 <u>1955</u>												
Jan.	122.3	278.8	149.6	210.0	403.6	125.1	239.0	212.5	203.6	208.0	225.5	
Feb.	122.5	279.3	149.6	210.0	404.0	124.5	239.0	214.8	203.7	215.5	225.5	
Mar.	122.6	279.4	149.6	210.0	403.5	124.5	239.0	215.3	204.9	216.8	227.4	
Apr.	123.1	280.6	149.6	210.0	404.4	124.5	239.0	222.0	206.6	224.6	227.4	
May	123.1	280.7	149.3	209.3	405.1	124.5	239.0	220.7	206.6	224.6	225.0	
June	124.3	283.3	149.3	209.3	410.3	125.1	246.7	220.7	206.4	226.1	225.9	
July	124.6	284.2	149.3	209.3	412.3	125.1	248.7	220.7	206.4	225.1	226.6	
Aug.	125.2	285.5	149.3	209.3	413.7	125.1	248.7	219.8	208.6	225.1	232.1	
Sept.	125.9	287.0	149.3	209.3	414.6	126.2	248.7	219.8	209.5	244.9	234.5	
Oct.	125.9	287.0	149.3	209.3	413.9	126.2	248.7	223.1	209.5	245.3	237.8	
Nov.	125.8	286.8	149.3	209.3	412.8	126.2	248.7	223.1	210.3	247.5	238.0	
Dec.	126.1	287.8	149.6	209.3	414.6	126.2	248.7	223.9	210.3	247.5	238.0	
 <u>1956</u>												
Jan.	127.0	289.6	149.6	209.3	416.4	127.4	261.2	228.0	213.6	248.6	237.6	
Feb.	127.0	289.6	149.6	209.3	416.1	127.3	261.2	226.3	214.1	248.4	238.8	
Mar.	128.0	291.8	149.6	216.8	419.2	127.3	261.2	226.3	214.5	256.9	241.0	
Apr.	128.7	293.4	149.6	216.8	422.0	130.0	260.8	228.0	214.6	257.3	241.0	
May	129.0	294.1	149.3	221.3	423.3	130.0	260.8	228.0	214.6	256.4	241.0	

* 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
1955	123.4	120.3	127.0	120.3	127.6	118.0	121.3
1955 Apr.	122.1	120.2	127.5	120.1	125.6	117.3	120.2
May	121.8	120.1	126.7	120.0	126.0	116.9	119.6
June	122.0	120.1	126.7	120.0	127.8	116.4	119.8
July	122.3	120.1	126.7	120.0	128.7	116.5	120.6
Aug.	124.9	120.1	126.7	120.0	129.2	119.1	120.6
Sept.	125.8	120.1	126.7	120.0	129.3	120.4	124.9
Oct.	125.9	120.1	126.7	120.0	129.4	120.4	125.0
Nov.	125.9	120.1	126.7	120.0	129.2	120.6	124.7
Dec.	126.0	120.2	126.7	120.1	129.5	120.6	124.7
1956 Jan.	126.7	121.1	127.3	120.1	130.1	121.5	125.6
Feb.	126.9	121.1	127.2	120.1	130.1	122.3	124.9
Mar.	127.2	117.5	130.1	120.7	131.7	122.3	126.2
Apr.	127.2	116.6	130.1	121.8	132.0	122.4	126.3
May	127.4	116.6	131.4	121.8	132.4	122.4	126.1
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	
1955	129.9	132.6	108.1	127.3	133.3	97.4	
1955 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	129.3	107.7	128.5	134.1	96.4	
July	126.1	129.8	107.7	128.8	134.1	96.9	
Aug.	134.9	136.0	107.7	129.8	134.1	96.9	
Sept.	134.9	136.2	108.8	129.8	135.0	96.9	
Oct.	134.9	139.1	108.8	129.8	136.2	96.9	
Nov.	135.0	139.7	108.8	129.8	136.2	95.5	
Dec.	135.0	139.7	108.9	129.8	136.3	95.5	
1956 Jan.	135.1	138.7	108.9	136.5	139.6	95.7	
Feb.	135.1	139.9	108.9	136.5	139.6	95.7	
Mar.	135.2	143.8	108.9	136.5	139.6	95.7	
Apr.	135.3	143.8	112.1	133.5	141.8	92.9	
May	135.3	143.8	112.0	133.5	141.8	92.9	

TABLE 8. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES
 (All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity <u>1/</u>	Unit	Yearly Average 1955	May 1955	April 1956	May 1956
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern	bu.	1.744	1.760	1.751	1.750
OATS, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	.863	.929	.882	.886
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed	bu.	1.070	1.071	1.145	1.151
RYE, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	1.006	1.020	1.314	1.225
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto	bbl.	11.467	11.600	*5.800	5.800
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal ...	cwt.	7.078	6.982	7.078	7.172
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal	gal.	1.376	1.300	1.970	1.930
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's	lb.	.667	.650	.642	.665
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John	75-lb. bag	2.212	3.969	2.250	2.820
STEERS, Toronto	cwt.	19.593	19.760	17.680	18.540
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included)	cwt.	25.152	25.220	22.180	23.320
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers	lb.	.142	.125	.155	.145
LEATHER, Packer Bends, No. 1 and 2	lb.	.620	.620	.620	.620
LEATHER, Box Sides D, f.o.b.					
Ontario factory	sq.ft.	.338	.330	.370	.370
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade, Montreal	lb.	.597	.579	.587	.582
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.586	.489	.568	.557
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 15/16", New York .	lb.	.341	.343	.367	.364
COTTON YARN, 10's, white	lb.	.687	.670	.730	.730
RAYON YARN, 36 filament, 150 denier	lb.	.772	.780	.800	.800
WOOL, Raw, Eastern bright, 1/4 blood	lb.	.492	.520	.480	.480
WOOL, Raw, Australian, 64's	lb.	1.373	1.390	1.350	1.440
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Mill, in Canadian funds (Southern Quebec)	ton	110.726	109.945	114.477	113.760
PINE, No. 1 and 2 common, 1"x8", 8/16' ..	M.bd.ft.	167.500	165.000	175.000	175.000
SPRUCE, Merchantable, 1"x6/7"	M.bd.ft.	86.000	84.750	88.250	89.250
PIG IRON, Malleable	gr.ton	57.750	56.500	61.000	61.000
SCRAP IRON, No. 1	gr.ton	43.167	43.000	52.000	52.000
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic sales	cwt.	37.030	35.375	46.000	46.000
LEAD, Pig, Electrolytic, domestic sales .	cwt.	14.391	14.250	15.500	15.500
TIN INGOTS, 99.8%	lb.	.956	.925	.992	.981
ZINC, Grade "A", Electrolytic, domestic sales	cwt.	13.654	13.350	14.850	14.850
COAL, United States Anthracite	ton	18.336	17.440	18.650	18.400
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto	gal.	.223	.221	.226	.226
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Winnipeg	gal.	.221	.219	.224	.224
CEMENT, Portland, Toronto	bbl.	3.370	3.370	3.370	3.370
CEMENT, Portland, Calgary	bbl.	3.140	3.140	3.140	3.140
SHINGLES, Asphalt	210-lb.sq.	8.032	7.760	8.920	8.920
SODA ASH, 58% light	cwt.	2.400	2.410	2.450	2.450
SULPHURIC ACID, 66° Baume	ton	26.270	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	House-hold 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>	April	114.6	110.9	122.7	109.7	115.0
	May	114.4	110.1	122.9	110.1	115.1
	June	114.9	111.4	123.6	110.1	115.1
	July	115.4	112.7	123.9	110.3	115.2
	August	115.7	112.8	124.1	110.4	115.8
	September	116.2	114.0	124.2	110.4	115.9
	October	116.7	115.5	124.5	110.3	116.0
	November	116.2	113.4	125.0	110.3	116.3
	December	115.8	112.1	125.2	110.2	116.3
<u>1954</u>	January	115.7	111.6	125.4	110.1	116.4
	February	115.7	111.7	125.4	110.0	116.5
	March	115.5	110.7	125.6	109.8	116.6
	April	115.6	110.4	125.6	109.9	117.2
	May	115.5	110.2	125.8	109.9	117.5
	June	116.1	112.0	126.4	109.7	117.1
	July	116.2	112.1	126.6	109.6	117.2
	August	117.0	114.4	127.0	109.6	117.2
	September	116.8	113.8	127.2	109.5	117.2
	October	116.8	113.8	127.4	108.4	117.3
	November	116.8	113.4	127.9	108.2	117.2
	December	116.6	112.6	128.2	108.1	118.2
<u>1955</u>	January	116.4	112.1	128.4	108.1	118.2
	February	116.3	111.5	128.5	108.1	118.3
	March	116.0	110.7	128.6	108.0	118.3
	April	116.1	111.0	128.7	107.9	116.9
	May	116.4	112.3	128.8	107.9	116.4
	June	115.9	111.0	129.2	107.8	116.1
	July	116.0	111.5	129.6	107.8	115.8
	August	116.4	112.4	129.8	107.8	115.8
	September	116.8	113.7	130.0	107.8	115.9
	October	116.9	113.5	130.2	107.8	116.1
	November	116.9	113.0	130.6	107.9	116.5
	December	116.9	112.4	131.0	108.5	116.6
<u>1956</u>	January	116.8	111.5	131.3	108.6	119.0
	February	116.4	109.9	131.5	108.6	119.3
	March	116.4	109.1	131.6	108.7	119.9
	April	116.6	109.7	131.9	108.7	120.1
	May	116.6	109.3	132.1	108.8	120.5

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

(1949 = 100)

	1953	1954	1955	May 1954	May 1955	March 1956	April 1956	May 1956
<u>Total Index</u>	115.5	116.2	116.4	115.5	116.4	116.4	116.6	116.6
<u>Food</u>	112.6	112.2	112.1	110.2	112.3	109.1	109.7	109.3
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	112.4	111.8	111.9	111.5	111.7	111.6	111.7	111.7
Cereal Products	119.3	122.4	122.0	122.5	121.6	122.7	122.9	123.3
Meats, Fish and Poultry	108.2	105.8	101.3	105.7	97.9	97.2	95.6	95.0
<u>Shelter</u>	123.6	126.5	129.4	125.8	128.8	131.6	131.9	132.1
Rent	125.4	129.8	133.3	128.9	132.7	134.7	134.9	135.2
Home-Ownership	121.2	122.2	124.4	121.8	123.7	127.5	128.0	128.1
<u>Clothing</u>	110.1	109.4	108.0	109.9	107.9	108.7	108.7	108.8
Men's Wear	113.5	113.8	113.0	113.9	112.9	113.2	113.3	113.3
Women's Wear	102.5	100.9	98.4	101.9	98.3	99.6	99.6	99.5
Children's Wear	108.6	107.5	106.2	107.5	106.3	105.9	105.9	106.1
Footwear	127.7	127.6	127.3	127.6	127.0	128.7	128.9	129.1
Piece Goods	106.2	108.7	108.4	108.7	108.4	108.2	108.2	108.2
<u>Household Operation</u>	117.0	117.4	116.4	117.3	116.4	116.8	116.6	116.5
Fuel	116.0	114.9	112.7	114.0	111.5	115.3	115.3	113.9
Electricity	114.6	115.9	116.0	116.0	116.2	115.6	115.6	115.6
Home Furnishings	116.7	115.6	113.7	115.6	114.3	112.8	112.6	112.8
Furniture	117.2	117.6	115.9	117.5	116.4	115.7	115.7	116.1
Utensils and Equipment	121.2	122.1	123.1	122.1	122.7	124.1	124.3	124.7
Supplies and Services	118.7	121.8	122.9	122.1	122.7	123.5	123.3	123.7
Supplies	113.5	115.8	116.3	115.7	116.1	116.7	116.4	117.1
Services	122.2	126.0	127.4	126.5	127.2	128.1	128.1	128.2
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	115.8	117.4	118.1	117.5	118.3	119.9	120.1	120.5
Transportation	119.2	120.0	118.5	119.7	119.0	122.4	122.7	122.2
Automobile Operation	114.5	114.7	111.0	114.9	112.5	112.3	112.7	111.9
Recreation	116.7	119.5	122.6	119.9	123.2	123.8	123.2	125.9
Health Care	122.0	127.4	130.4	127.9	130.3	132.7	134.0	134.0
Drugs	108.7	109.5	111.0	109.3	110.9	111.5	111.5	111.5
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	108.0	107.3	107.4	107.3	107.5	107.6	107.6	107.6
Personal Care	115.9	117.9	118.0	118.0	117.7	118.3	118.3	119.2
Personal Supplies	111.5	113.6	112.7	113.7	112.6	112.0	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	Margarine
1953	106.2	113.0	113.7	101.0	95.9	108.6	100.7	117.9
1954	99.7	109.4	116.8	113.2	96.6	95.8	99.0	117.5
1955	101.7	113.6	108.2	91.4	105.9	93.8	99.2	104.7
1955 Mar.	101.7	109.8	100.9	91.6	104.2	87.2	102.6	111.5
Apr.	101.1	110.1	99.2	90.1	104.2	92.8	102.5	104.6
May	101.5	110.5	98.5	89.2	104.6	94.5	98.9	101.9
Sept.	101.1	118.9	120.6	92.5	107.5	98.1	97.7	101.3
Oct.	103.0	116.7	120.5	93.0	108.7	96.2	98.0	101.9
Nov.	102.1	114.6	114.5	91.3	109.5	94.4	98.3	101.9
Dec.	101.7	113.6	103.1	88.5	109.5	94.2	98.4	102.2
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
Mar.	97.2	107.9	98.4	82.6	109.9	94.7	98.7	100.3
Apr.	94.9	105.5	97.5	81.9	109.9	93.8	98.6	98.2
May	93.9	107.9	100.2	81.4	110.3	93.3	98.4	99.7
	Short- ening	Eggs	Peaches, Canned	Oranges	Peas, Canned	Potatoes	Toma- toes, Fresh	Carrots
1953	87.4	109.9	97.7	94.8	120.0	111.8	102.3	132.3
1954	91.8	92.9	99.0	116.8	119.2	107.6	101.4	153.2
1955	91.8	99.9	102.5	108.2	117.9	134.5	100.4	152.8
1955 Mar.	91.1	84.7	102.1	101.4	119.5	130.6	116.3	159.9
Apr.	90.5	88.4	102.6	105.9	119.5	137.2	110.8	158.5
May	92.0	88.1	102.6	109.6	119.5	211.9	104.8	161.2
Sept.	91.7	119.0	102.6	105.4	116.0	106.5	60.3	137.2
Oct.	92.3	118.7	102.6	107.3	115.3	97.0	78.3	133.2
Nov.	92.6	117.9	102.1	106.2	115.3	93.9	101.4	137.2
Dec.	92.6	113.3	102.1	125.5	114.6	99.6	108.2	146.5
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
Mar.	92.6	90.4	101.6	117.9	113.2	116.5	142.0	161.2
Apr.	92.6	95.7	101.6	118.7	112.5	139.2	155.3	153.2
May	93.9	98.3	102.1	121.5	112.5	146.4	95.8	151.9
	Milk, Fresh	Cheese, Pro- cessed	Bread	Flour	Sugar, Granu- lated	Jam, Straw- berry	Tea	Coffee
1953	118.5	113.2	121.5	108.9	107.8	104.5	98.1	164.1
1954	118.5	111.6	126.8	110.2	101.8	107.5	105.4	200.9
1955	118.5	112.8	126.4	106.4	99.7	110.3	129.5	173.7
1955 Mar.	118.5	113.0	126.8	106.2	100.8	110.8	131.9	173.8
Apr.	118.5	113.0	125.8	107.6	100.8	110.8	134.1	171.5
May	118.5	112.7	125.8	106.2	100.8	111.3	134.7	171.0
Sept.	118.5	113.0	126.8	106.2	98.6	109.5	129.4	167.3
Oct.	118.5	113.0	126.8	106.2	98.6	109.5	129.4	171.8
Nov.	118.5	112.7	126.8	106.2	98.6	109.5	129.2	174.6
Dec.	118.5	112.7	126.8	106.2	98.6	109.5	129.2	174.2
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
Mar.	118.5	111.0	127.8	107.6	98.6	109.5	128.5	175.2
Apr.	118.5	112.7	127.8	107.6	98.6	109.5	128.1	178.9
May	118.5	114.1	128.8	107.6	98.6	109.5	128.1	176.3

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	
<u>1953</u>	April	101.5	112.7	114.6	114.8	114.3	115.7	113.9	112.3	113.1	115.6
	May	101.1	112.2	114.4	114.9	113.7	115.7	113.6	112.1	113.2	115.7
	June	101.2	112.7	114.9	116.0	114.7	116.5	114.1	112.9	114.0	115.8
	July	101.9	113.7	115.8	117.3	115.2	117.2	115.2	113.9	114.7	116.5
	August	102.9	114.2	116.7	117.0	115.4	117.5	115.0	114.2	115.3	116.0
	September	102.8	113.8	116.1	116.5	115.5	117.6	114.7	113.8	115.1	116.2
	October	102.8	114.0	116.1	117.4	116.4	118.4	115.0	114.3	115.3	116.7
	November	103.1	113.6	115.9	117.0	116.0	117.8	115.2	113.7	114.9	116.5
	December	102.7	113.2	115.5	116.7	115.5	117.6	114.7	113.3	114.5	116.3
<u>1954</u>	January	102.6	113.2	115.4	116.7	115.3	117.7	114.9	113.2	114.4	116.2
	February	102.4	113.8	115.8	116.8	115.5	117.6	115.0	113.5	114.3	116.4
	March	102.2	113.7	116.2	116.3	115.3	117.4	114.7	113.7	114.4	116.3
	April	102.0	113.8	115.9	116.3	115.5	117.7	114.9	113.6	114.3	116.9
	May	102.2	113.6	115.8	116.3	115.5	117.7	114.8	113.5	114.4	116.9
	June	102.5	113.9	116.2	117.0	116.1	118.2	115.3	114.1	114.8	117.1
	July	102.6	113.8	116.2	117.2	116.4	118.8	115.5	114.1	114.8	117.0
	August	104.4	115.3	117.6	117.2	117.0	119.0	116.4	115.3	115.4	118.1
	September	103.4	114.8	117.7	116.6	116.9	118.8	115.7	115.1	115.7	118.1
	October	103.0	114.6	117.6	117.0	117.3	118.9	115.5	115.2	115.6	118.6
	November	102.8	114.5	117.5	117.1	117.2	118.9	115.7	114.8	115.3	118.6
	December	102.9	114.5	117.5	117.0	117.0	118.8	115.5	113.9	115.0	118.3
<u>1955</u>	January	102.6	114.3	117.4	117.1	117.0	118.9	115.5	113.9	114.6	118.4
	February	102.7	114.6	117.6	117.1	117.0	118.7	115.4	113.8	114.5	118.3
	March	102.9	114.5	117.6	116.7	116.8	118.2	115.2	113.7	114.2	117.9
	April	103.5	114.6	117.6	116.7	116.9	118.4	115.3	113.9	114.2	117.2
	May	105.0	115.4	118.1	117.0	117.3	118.9	115.6	114.4	114.2	117.2
	June	104.3	114.6	117.3	116.3	116.9	118.3	115.0	114.3	113.8	116.8
	July	104.5	114.7	117.3	116.7	117.0	118.7	115.5	114.3	114.1	116.5
	August	105.8	115.1	117.8	116.8	117.3	118.5	116.1	115.1	114.6	116.8
	September	105.1	115.2	118.1	117.1	117.5	119.2	116.5	115.4	115.2	118.1
	October	104.8	114.9	117.8	117.0	117.7	119.4	116.6	115.5	115.2	118.5
	November	104.6	114.9	117.6	117.1	117.7	119.0	116.9	115.6	115.1	118.6
	December	104.5	114.7	117.7	116.7	117.8	118.9	116.9	115.7	115.1	120.3
<u>1956</u>	January	104.7	114.5	117.4	117.4	117.5	118.8	116.8	115.2	114.8	120.0
	February	104.9	114.1	117.1	117.0	117.3	118.3	116.5	114.7	114.1	118.5
	March	105.0	114.3	117.4	116.7	117.3	118.2	116.8	114.7	114.3	118.6
	April	105.9	114.8	117.6	116.7	117.7	118.7	116.5	114.9	114.6	118.6
	May	106.6	114.7	117.5	116.6	117.7	119.1	116.1	114.6	114.3	117.7

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

(1949 = 100)

	St. John's Nfld.	Hali- fax 1	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver
Food Index										
<u>1953</u>	October	101.4	108.6	113.1	117.4	115.5	114.1	112.8	114.6	113.6
	November	102.3	107.0	111.8	115.8	113.0	111.6	112.3	112.1	111.9
	December	101.3	105.7	110.8	115.1	111.4	110.3	110.8	110.8	110.7
<u>1954</u>	January	101.0	105.5	110.3	115.1	110.3	110.2	110.9	110.2	109.9
	February	100.4	106.5	110.6	115.5	110.5	110.0	111.1	110.4	109.9
	March	99.5	105.6	109.8	113.4	109.8	108.9	110.2	110.0	109.9
	April	98.9	105.5	109.2	112.6	109.3	108.9	110.2	108.7	109.0
	May	99.3	104.7	108.4	112.7	109.3	109.1	109.7	108.0	109.3
	June	100.0	105.7	109.1	114.3	110.8	110.9	111.0	110.6	110.4
	July	100.2	105.7	109.5	115.1	111.4	112.0	111.9	110.6	110.4
	August	105.0	110.5	113.8	114.8	113.1	112.8	114.7	114.3	112.8
	September	102.2	109.1	114.4	113.4	112.8	111.6	112.0	114.2	113.5
	October	101.3	108.4	113.8	115.0	113.8	111.9	111.7	114.1	112.7
	November	100.9	107.5	113.4	115.6	112.7	111.2	112.0	112.5	112.1
	December	101.1	107.8	113.2	115.3	112.0	110.5	110.9	110.2	110.7
<u>1955</u>	January	101.1	107.0	112.9	115.1	111.2	110.6	110.8	110.1	110.0
	February	101.4	106.8	112.6	115.4	111.0	109.6	110.5	109.7	109.4
	March	101.5	106.6	112.3	114.2	110.2	108.8	109.7	109.2	108.5
	April	102.1	106.5	112.2	114.0	110.7	109.6	110.1	109.6	108.4
	May	106.1	108.8	113.7	114.8	111.2	111.1	110.9	109.5	108.5
	June	103.9	106.2	111.0	112.7	110.2	109.9	109.9	109.6	108.0
	July	103.5	106.3	110.7	114.5	110.7	111.2	110.9	110.1	109.0
	August	105.2	107.6	112.7	114.7	111.4	110.5	111.6	112.7	110.7
	September	102.8	107.6	113.7	115.3	112.0	112.8	112.7	113.6	112.5
	October	101.3	106.5	112.0	114.9	112.0	112.8	112.8	114.2	112.3
	November	100.7	106.3	110.8	115.3	110.9	111.1	113.7	113.9	111.9
	December	100.5	105.7	110.9	113.9	110.5	110.2	113.5	113.7	111.5
<u>1956</u>	January	101.0	104.8	109.6	113.4	109.6	109.9	112.8	111.9	110.6
	February	101.0	103.6	108.8	111.9	107.6	107.7	111.5	110.2	107.7
	March	101.1	103.3	108.7	111.4	107.0	106.9	111.6	109.7	107.3
	April	102.2	105.2	109.8	111.5	107.9	107.6	110.7	110.6	107.6
	May	103.1	104.3	108.6	111.0	107.2	107.7	109.4	109.5	106.5
Shelter Index										
<u>1955</u>	January	108.0	123.3	124.1	134.4	131.9	145.2	125.7	115.4	121.0
	February	108.0	123.3	124.8	134.4	132.2	145.6	125.7	115.6	121.0
	March	108.0	123.3	125.0	134.5	132.2	145.6	126.0	115.7	121.1
	April	108.0	123.5	125.1	134.6	132.3	145.8	126.0	116.0	121.1
	May	108.6	123.6	125.1	134.8	132.7	145.9	126.0	117.4	121.1
	June	108.6	123.7	125.1	135.8	133.3	146.4	126.0	117.8	121.1
	July	108.6	124.3	125.6	136.0	133.4	146.9	126.0	118.1	121.1
	August	108.6	124.5	125.6	136.0	133.9	147.0	126.0	118.1	121.1
	September	109.7	124.6	125.6	136.0	134.0	147.7	126.3	118.1	121.1
	October	109.7	124.9	126.7	136.0	134.7	147.7	126.6	118.1	121.1
	November	109.7	124.9	127.2	136.1	135.7	147.7	126.9	118.1	121.1
	December	109.7	124.9	127.5	136.1	135.9	147.7	126.9	118.1	128.0
<u>1956</u>	January	109.7	125.1	127.5	136.1	135.9	147.9	127.0	118.1	121.1
	February	109.7	125.1	127.5	136.2	135.9	148.1	127.1	118.1	121.1
	March	109.7	125.2	127.5	136.2	136.2	148.1	127.1	118.1	121.2
	April	109.7	125.4	127.6	136.2	136.2	148.3	127.3	118.1	121.2
	May	109.8	125.6	128.5	136.2	136.8	148.3	127.6	118.1	121.2

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
Clothing Index										
<u>1955</u>	January	101.8	114.4	116.5	107.2	111.3	110.4	112.7	114.9	112.6
	February	101.6	114.6	116.5	107.2	111.3	110.3	112.7	114.9	112.6
	March	101.3	114.7	116.2	107.1	111.2	110.2	112.7	114.9	112.6
	April	101.2	114.6	116.2	107.2	111.1	109.9	112.6	114.9	112.6
	May	101.1	114.6	116.2	107.1	111.1	109.9	112.6	114.9	112.5
	June	100.7	114.6	116.1	107.1	111.1	109.9	112.6	114.6	112.2
	July	100.7	114.6	116.1	107.1	111.1	109.7	112.5	114.6	112.5
	August	100.7	114.5	116.1	107.1	111.0	109.9	112.4	114.6	112.2
	September	100.6	114.5	116.1	107.1	111.0	109.9	112.4	114.4	112.5
	October	100.3	114.6	116.1	107.0	111.1	110.0	112.4	114.4	112.5
	November	100.3	114.5	116.1	107.1	111.2	110.1	112.3	114.4	112.5
	December	100.5	114.5	116.2	108.0	111.6	110.8	113.1	114.7	112.9
<u>1956</u>	January	100.5	114.8	116.2	108.1	111.6	110.9	113.2	114.7	113.0
	February	100.5	114.8	116.2	108.2	111.6	110.8	113.2	114.7	113.1
	March	100.8	114.9	116.7	108.2	111.8	111.0	113.2	114.8	113.6
	April	100.8	114.8	116.7	108.0	111.6	111.3	113.2	114.8	113.8
	May	100.8	114.2	116.7	108.0	111.4	111.2	113.2	114.8	113.9
Household Operation Index										
<u>1955</u>	January	100.8	119.0	116.4	115.8	116.7	116.2	113.5	117.9	115.7
	February	100.8	118.9	116.4	115.8	116.7	116.2	113.5	117.9	115.7
	March	100.5	118.9	116.3	116.0	116.6	115.4	113.5	117.9	115.7
	April	100.5	118.9	116.3	115.9	116.5	115.0	113.5	117.9	115.8
	May	100.5	118.9	116.4	115.2	117.2	114.7	113.5	117.8	115.7
	June	101.4	118.9	116.5	114.8	116.8	114.3	113.4	117.8	115.8
	July	103.0	118.9	116.5	114.4	116.3	114.3	114.1	116.9	115.7
	August	102.7	118.9	116.5	114.5	116.3	114.4	114.1	116.9	112.5
	September	102.7	118.9	116.5	114.6	116.3	114.4	114.2	116.9	115.8
	October	103.3	119.6	117.0	114.5	116.0	114.4	114.1	116.9	115.7
	November	103.3	119.6	117.0	114.9	116.0	115.1	114.1	116.9	115.8
	December	103.2	119.7	117.2	115.2	116.5	115.2	114.1	116.9	115.8
<u>1956</u>	January	103.2	119.7	117.2	115.1	116.3	114.9	114.0	116.6	115.8
	February	103.2	119.7	117.2	115.3	116.8	115.5	114.1	116.6	115.9
	March	103.4	120.1	117.6	115.2	116.8	115.5	114.1	116.8	116.1
	April	104.4	119.9	117.4	114.9	116.4	115.5	114.0	116.5	116.6
	May	104.5	119.9	117.4	114.7	116.4	116.5	113.9	116.4	116.8
Other Commodities and Services Index										
<u>1955</u>	January	103.6	116.9	123.0	116.9	119.6	119.4	118.0	113.2	118.4
	February	103.6	118.5	123.8	116.9	119.8	119.4	118.0	113.2	118.5
	March	104.9	118.5	124.0	116.8	119.7	119.3	117.9	113.1	118.2
	April	106.3	118.8	124.0	116.9	119.8	119.4	118.0	113.2	118.3
	May	106.5	119.3	124.1	117.3	120.1	119.4	118.1	114.8	118.1
	June	106.5	119.1	124.0	116.8	119.6	118.6	117.5	114.2	117.4
	July	106.6	119.1	124.0	116.8	119.5	118.4	117.4	114.2	117.3
	August	110.0	119.1	124.0	116.8	119.6	118.6	119.0	114.2	117.3
	September	110.1	119.1	124.0	116.8	119.5	118.3	119.1	114.3	117.1
	October	110.9	119.1	124.0	116.8	120.2	118.4	119.4	114.5	117.6
	November	110.9	119.1	124.1	116.6	120.8	118.8	119.0	115.2	117.6
	December	110.9	119.2	124.1	116.6	120.8	118.8	119.2	116.0	117.6
<u>1956</u>	January	110.9	119.2	124.1	119.8	120.8	118.9	119.6	116.0	117.6
	February	111.7	119.2	124.1	119.8	122.6	118.9	120.2	115.9	117.8
	March	111.7	119.7	124.5	120.0	123.1	119.5	120.6	116.6	119.5
	April	113.0	119.7	124.5	119.9	123.7	120.2	121.0	116.5	119.6
	May	114.5	120.3	124.8	120.5	124.2	120.9	120.8	116.5	119.7
										120.1

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)
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> - 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	57.53	49.26	137.9	118.1	116.8
Feb. 1	60.69	52.14	145.5	125.0	116.4
Mar. 1	61.33	52.69	147.0	126.3	116.4
Apr. 1	61.81 (P)	53.01 (P)	148.2 (P)	127.1 (P)	116.6

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

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

(P) Preliminary.

TABLE 14. - INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

(1935-39=100)

INVESTORS' INDEX											
Number of Stocks	Inves- tors' Total	Total Indus- trial	Machin- ery and Equip- ment	Pulp and Paper	Mill- ing	Oils	Tex- tiles and Cloth- ing	Food and Allied Pro- ducts	Bever- ages	Build- ing Mate- rials	
	(96)	(76)	(10)	(9)	(2)	(5)	(9)	(14)	(10)	(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	
1954 Apr.	173.6	174.7	458.8	628.5	133.9	145.4	163.1	124.6	453.6	298.6	
May	179.5	181.0	474.2	679.8	137.6	147.6	153.2	133.0	476.4	322.8	
June	180.5	180.4	469.1	685.1	134.0	142.8	151.4	136.8	474.5	321.7	
July	182.3	181.8	503.6	718.4	138.3	138.2	151.6	135.5	480.1	331.4	
Aug.	187.0	187.9	520.8	744.3	145.4	142.1	161.2	142.6	497.6	348.5	
Sept.	189.5	191.4	510.7	750.1	151.9	145.0	154.1	144.5	509.4	347.6	
Oct.	190.2	191.9	499.0	740.0	156.8	150.8	167.0	144.9	500.0	342.7	
Nov.	199.5	203.0	523.2	789.3	158.4	158.4	170.2	150.9	519.8	358.7	
Dec.	206.8	210.5	554.9	830.4	156.5	163.5	175.2	150.8	521.5	385.6	
1955 Jan.	207.3	211.0	554.2	840.5	157.9	161.0	179.6	154.7	511.0	395.9	
Feb.	214.7	219.2	592.7	873.6	171.0	162.0	178.2	157.6	518.7	407.4	
Mar.	213.7	218.0	616.4	864.5	162.1	158.5	173.0	159.9	511.8	404.6	
Apr.	216.5	222.0	641.3	911.0	172.7	157.5	169.4	169.8	507.8	408.6	
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	
1956 Jan.	248.5	257.0	735.6	1070.0	209.4	175.5	179.9	196.8	583.7	458.4	
Feb.	249.2	258.1	728.0	1077.3	199.2	182.6	174.0	197.3	579.0	464.0	
Mar.	267.9	280.3	804.6	1153.0	199.6	205.2	178.8	199.7	590.4	503.6	
Apr.	273.0	286.2	826.4	1123.9	187.4	210.0	170.9	191.8	577.5	519.5	
May	268.5	282.9	848.1	1192.5	179.8	211.7	160.2	180.8	551.7	488.5	
<u>Weekly Index</u>											
May 3	276.2	291.4	891.2	1228.4	186.8	215.5	166.0	184.6	567.5	512.4	
May 10	272.5	287.6	852.9	1209.9	181.8	218.0	162.6	179.2	556.7	505.5	
May 17	269.5	284.4	856.1	1195.5	179.9	212.9	159.6	182.0	548.1	486.0	
May 24	260.6	273.7	813.4	1164.2	172.3	204.2	156.2	178.2	536.4	469.6	
May 31	263.6	277.6	827.0	1164.5	178.0	207.7	156.6	179.8	549.9	469.2	

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)	(26)	(21)	(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>	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
	Mar.	217.0	210.2	399.3	131.0	194.3	276.8	134.4	79.4	260.2
	Apr.	222.1	209.3	394.8	127.7	200.2	288.7	136.8	78.8	269.7
	May	218.0	204.2	370.2	125.2	201.0	271.7	136.5	78.8	268.5
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
	May 3	222.9	207.2	382.7	127.4	200.2	283.0	139.5	81.0	273.5
	May 10	220.3	206.3	375.3	126.4	202.8	273.6	137.7	80.0	269.8
	May 17	220.0	205.1	371.1	126.0	201.7	269.1	137.8	79.3	271.6
	May 24	211.6	200.4	358.2	122.9	199.6	267.7	133.3	76.5	263.4
	May 31	215.2	201.9	363.5	123.5	200.6	265.0	134.0	77.1	264.2

(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	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	
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	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	
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	107.9
April	94.4	90.7	104.9	115.3	118.9	100.2	95.2	112.1
May	94.4	90.2	104.9	112.6	119.6	99.7	96.2	115.6
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 (a)	Farm Machinery	Equipment and Materials	Taxes and Interest Rates (a)	Farm Wage Rates	Farm Family Living	Composite Index Inclusive of Living Component (a)
ALL CANADA							
1926	130.6	97.6	119.9	135.5	164.5	121.1	126.8
1939	99.3	103.6	95.7	101.1	110.3	99.5	99.4
1953	239.8	196.7	207.4	168.2	449.1	203.6	225.3
1954	237.2	197.9	203.3	174.6	441.2	204.5	224.2
1953 - January	233.1	194.0	207.7	168.2	408.0	202.6	202.9
1954 - January	232.4	197.8	204.0	174.6	409.5	204.8	221.4
1955 - January	231.8	198.6	205.8	174.6	399.4	203.9	220.6
April	240.3	198.1	204.7	174.6	454.2	203.8	225.7
August	241.3	199.8	203.3	174.6	465.5	203.8	226.3
1956 - January	235.0	210.6	206.3	177.4	413.4	203.2	222.3
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
1953	242.3	194.1	207.5	158.7	431.5	201.4	225.9
1954	238.8	194.4	202.4	164.5	424.1	202.0	224.1
1953 - January	239.6	191.9	208.9	158.7	413.4	200.5	224.0
1954 - January	238.1	194.1	202.9	164.5	419.2	202.5	223.9
1955 - January	238.3	195.5	205.5	164.5	412.1	201.8	223.7
April	242.4	195.1	205.3	164.5	433.4	201.7	226.1
August	242.8	197.4	203.3	164.5	441.6	201.3	226.2
1956 - January	241.6	208.3	204.7	168.6	427.0	200.8	225.3
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
1953	237.3	197.7	207.3	176.3	474.1	205.8	224.7
1954	235.7	199.2	204.2	183.2	465.5	207.0	224.2
1953 - January	226.6	194.8	206.6	176.3	400.4	204.8	217.9
1954 - January	226.6	199.2	205.1	183.2	395.8	207.2	218.8
1955 - January	225.2	199.8	206.1	183.2	381.3	206.0	217.5
April	238.1	199.3	204.1	183.2	483.8	205.9	225.2
August	239.8	200.7	203.4	183.2	499.4	206.3	226.4
1956 - January	228.5	211.5	207.9	185.0	394.0	205.7	219.4

(a) 1955 and 1956 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	1954	1955	1955	1956	1956
		Average	Average	May Average	April Average	May Average
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	.9732	.9863	.9859	.9968	.9918
United Kingdom	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.7569	2.7993	2.7849
Argentina	peso (free)	.07006	.06386	.07097	.02540	.02669
Australia	pound	2.1874	2.2054	2.2056	2.2394	2.2279
Belgium (1)	franc	.01945	.01964	.01963	.01998	.01985
Brazil	cruzeiro (free)	.01456	.01344	.01231	.01319	.01194
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.5696	.5737	.5744	.5832	.5802
Ceylon	rupee	.2051	.2065	.2068	.2100	.2089
Chile	peso	.00843	.00493	.00493	.00213(2)	.00205
Colombia	peso (basic)	.3894	.3945	.3944	.3987	.3967
Cuba	peso	.9733	.9863	.9859	.9968	.9918
Denmark	krone	.1409	.1428	.1428	.1443	.1436
Egypt	pound	2.7949	2.8322	2.8308	2.8623	2.8479
France and North Africa	franc	.00278	.00282	.00282	.00285	.00283
Germany	deutsche mark	.2317	.2343	.2343	.2365	.2355
Hong Kong	dollar	.1709	.1721	.1723	.1750	.1741
India	rupee	.2051	.2065	.2068	.2100	.2089
Ireland	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.7569	2.7993	2.7849
Italy	lira	.00156	.00158	.00158	.00160	.00159
Jamaica	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.7569	2.7993	2.7849
Japan	yen	.00270	.00274	.00274	.00277	.00276
Lebanon	pound (free)	.3031	.3046	.3052	.3085	.3078
Mexico	peso	.08810	.07890	.07887	.07974	.07934
Netherlands	guilder	.2568	.2588	.2594	.2605	.2590
New Zealand	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.7569	2.7993	2.7849
Norway	krone	.1363	.1381	.1380	.1396	.1388
Pakistan	rupee	.2942	.2597	.2980	.2099	.2089
Peru	sol-certificate	.05011	.05191	.05189	.05246	.05220
Philippines	peso	.4866	.4931	.4930	.4984	.4959
Portugal	escudo	.03397	.03442	.03441	.03479	.03461
Singapore	dollar	.3190	.3213	.3217	.3266	.3249
Sweden	krona	.1881	.1906	.1906	.1927	.1917
Switzerland	franc	.2270	.2301	.2301	.2326	.2315
Turkey	lira	.3476	.3522	.3521	.3560	.3542
Union of South Africa	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.7569	2.7993	2.7849
Venezuela	bolivar	.2905	.2944	.2943	.2976	.2960
Yugoslavia	dinar	.00324	.00329	.00329	.00332	.00331

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

(1) Includes Belgian Empire and Luxembourg.

(2) Free

TABLE 20. - INDEX NUMBERS OF CONSUMER AND WHOLESALE PRICES

IN CANADA AND OTHER SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

Country	Base Period	1939	1955	1955					1956			
				Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May			
<u>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES</u>												
Australia	1952-53		103.6(1)	107.0								
Canada	1949	63.2	116.4	116.9	116.8	116.4	116.4	116.6	116.6			
France (Paris)	1949		114.9	146.3	146.8	147.9	148.1	147.5	148.5			
Germany	1950		110	112	112	112	113	113				
India	1949		96	98	97	97	100					
Italy	1938		5,969	6,057	6,099(r)	6,181(r)	6,254					
Japan	1951		117.8	115.7	116.5	117.4	118.5					
Mexico	1939	100.0	548.7	583.5	583.0	586.9	588.3	579.0				
Netherlands	1951		106	105	105	106	107	107				
Norway	1949	63.8	143	143	143	144	145					
South Africa	1938	99.9	202.1	203.4	203.1	204.4	205.0	205.8				
Sweden	1949		133	137	137	137	138	138				
Switzerland	August 1939		172.6	173.6	172.6	173.0	173.5	173.2				
United Kingdom	Jan. 17, 1956 (3)		-	100.0	100.0	101.3	102.7					
United States	1947-49	59.4	114.5	114.7	114.6	114.6	114.7	114.9				
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</u>												
Australia	1936-39	101.1	320(1)	334	334							
Canada	1935-39	99.2	218.9	221.5	222.0	222.2	223.3	224.5	225.3			
France	1949		135.7	137.7	138.9	142.9	140.2	141.4(r)	142.3			
Germany	1950		125	128	127(r)	129	129					
India	1938-39		377.5(2)	368.4	376.0	378.4(r)	387.3					
Italy	1938		5,320	5,366	5,381	5,411(r)	5,427					
Japan (Tokyo)	1952		97.9	97.9	98.6	99.3	99.6					
Mexico (Mexico City)	1939	100.0	500.4	515.2	521.3	535.4	537.4	541.3				
Netherlands	1948		137	137	138	139						
Norway	1938	102	281	284	285	286	287					
South Africa	1938	97.6	271.5	275.2	275.4	275.8						
Sweden	1935	115	309	321	322	324	326					
Switzerland	August 1939		215.0	215.5	214.9	216.8	216.7	217.2				
United Kingdom	1930	102.8	340.3	348.7								
United States	1947-49	50.1	110.7	111.3	111.9	112.4	112.8	113.7				

r. Revised

1. Average from July 1954 to June 1955.

2. Average from Sept. 1954 to Aug. 1955.

3. New Index.

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 1954/55, the initial price for No. 1 of \$1.40 was used until February 1956, when the index was revised for the crop year on the basis of a price of \$1.50 as announced February 2, 1956. Final payments were announced May 22, 1956 when the price for No. 1 Manitoba Northern was adjusted to \$1.65, No. 2 to \$1.61 and No. 3 to \$1.56 and the index revised accordingly. For the crop year 1955/56, the index is based on an initial payment of \$1.40 for No. 1, and is subject to revision.

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

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

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

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

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

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

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES

Consumer Price Index

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES

Price index numbers of industrial, utility, bank and mining common stocks, and preferred stocks are calculated from Montreal and Toronto exchange quotations. The indexes are designed to reflect weekly and monthly changes of interest to the investor, rather than day-to-day changes of more speculative interest. Individual stock prices are weighted by the number of shares outstanding in January of each year. The list is reviewed completely in January of each year, when new series are introduced and series of declining importance are discontinued. The Investors' Index of 96 Common Stocks and the Mining Stocks Index are based on the average of the Thursday closing prices. The Preferred Stock Index is a monthly average of daily quotations.

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