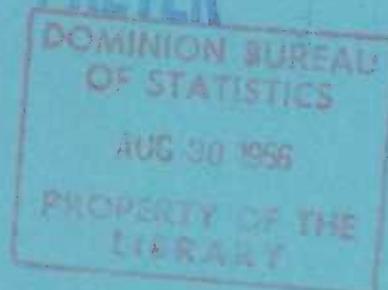


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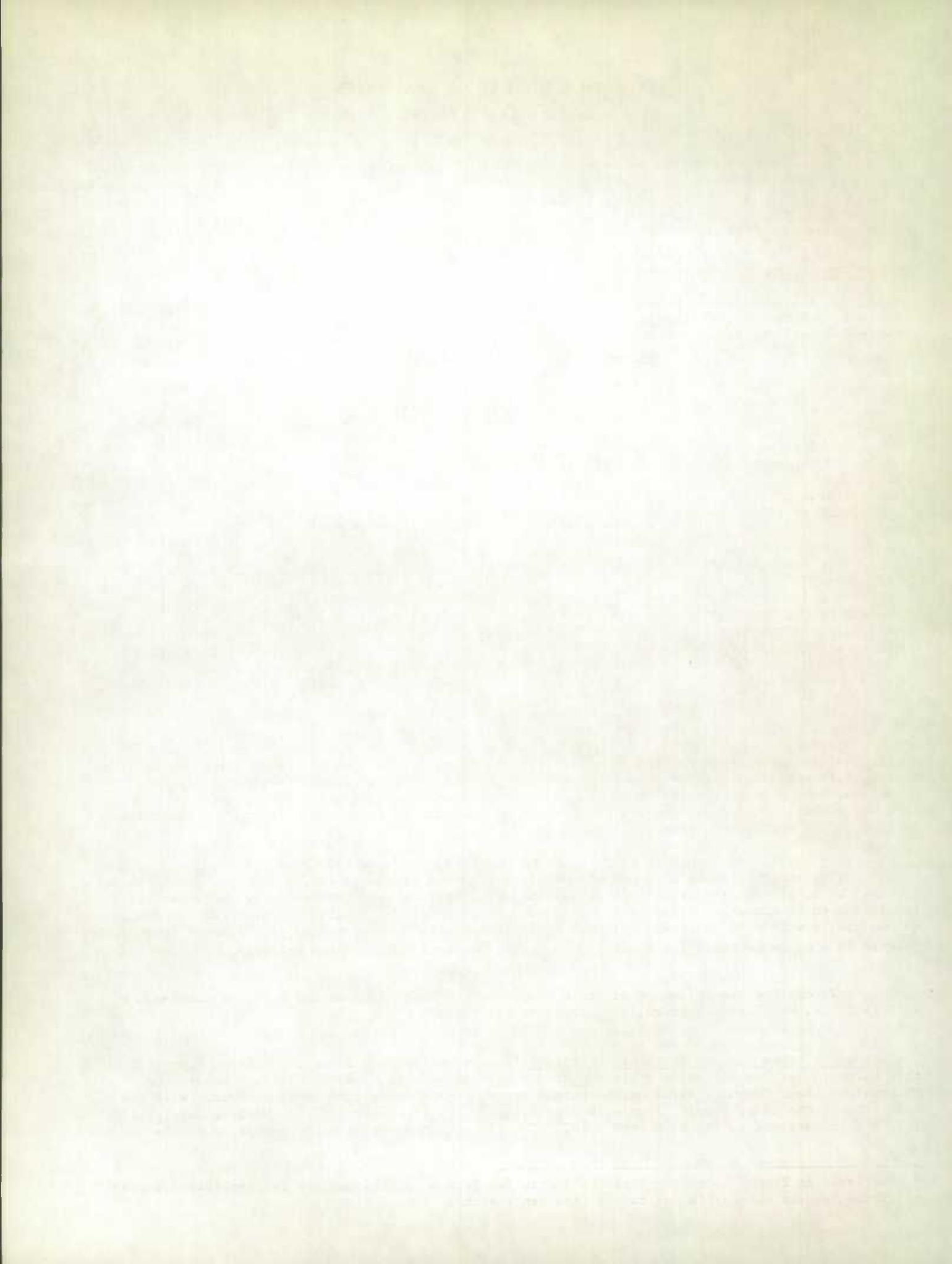
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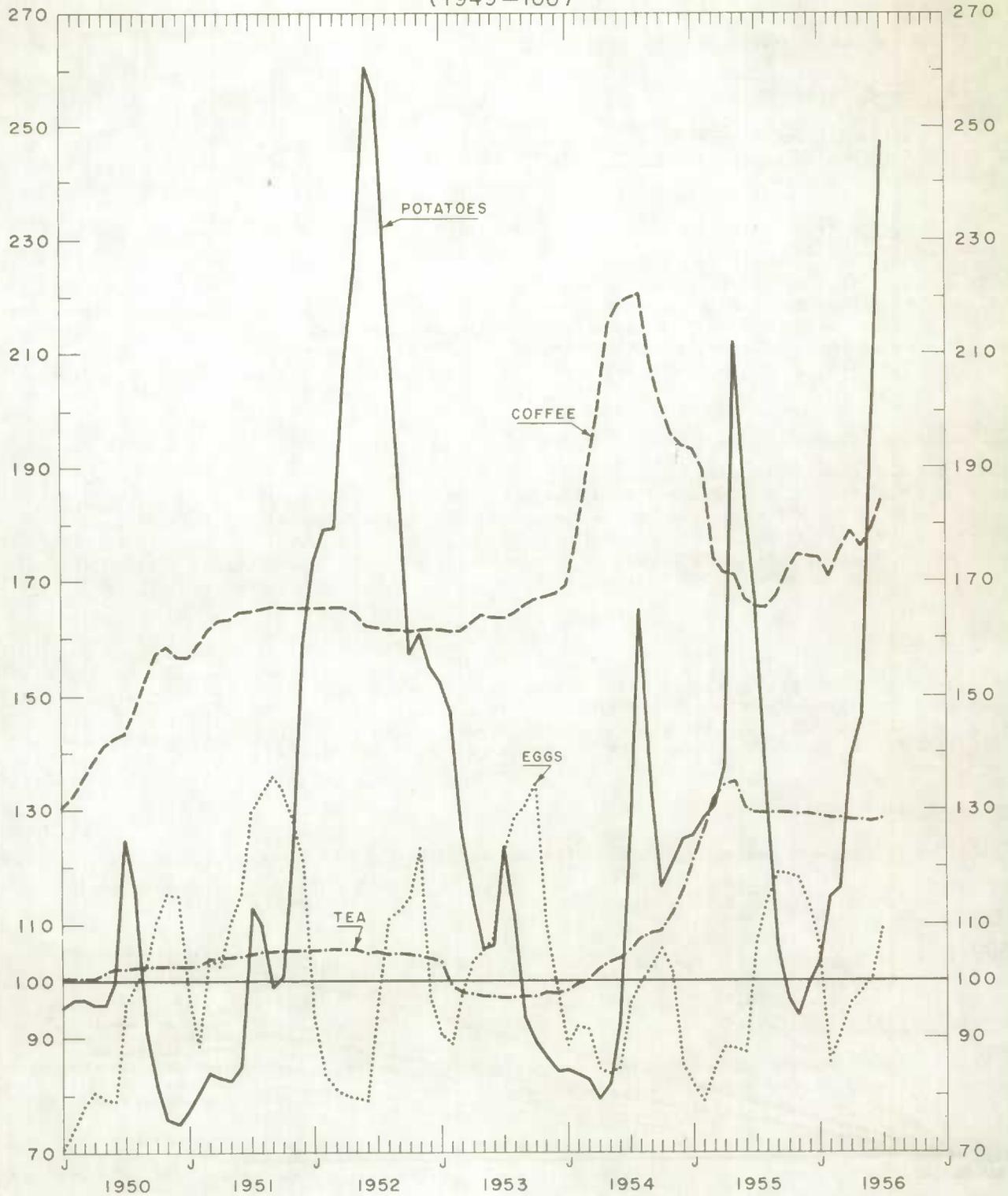
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# PRICE RELATIVES FOR SELECTED FOODS INCLUDED IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

JANUARY 1950—JULY 1956

(1949=100)



# INDEXES OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

JULY 1956

1935-39=100

INDEX

1200

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## LEGEND

TOTAL

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MAJOR GROUPS

- - -

SUB-GROUPS

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Figures in brackets indicate  
number of stocks priced

PULP AND PAPER (9)

MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT (10)

BEVERAGES (10)

BUILDING MATERIALS (18)

TRANSPORTATION (2)

TOTAL INDUSTRIALS (76)

TOTAL BANKS (7)

INVESTORS' TOTAL (86)

OILS (8)

INDUSTRIAL MINES (2)

POWER AND TRACTION (8)

TOTAL UTILITIES (13)

FOOD AND ALLIED PRODUCTS (14)

MILLING (2)

TEXTILES AND CLOTHING (9)

TELEPHONE (3)

JULY 1956

1935-39=100

1935-39=100

1935-39=100

1935-39=100

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:  
(1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index advanced 0.6 per cent from 117.8 to 118.5 between June and July 1956 to reach a level slightly above the previous post-war peak of 118.2 in January 1952. The current increase was almost entirely attributable to a rise of 1.7 per cent in foods, a large portion of which was seasonal. Over half of the increase in the Food index from 112.5 to 114.4 was due to an abnormal seasonal advance of over 25 per cent in the price of potatoes. Higher prices were also recorded for eggs, coffee, margarine, bread, tomatoes, and all cuts of meats. The Shelter index moved from 132.6 to 132.7 with both the rent and home-ownership components rising fractionally. The Clothing index was unchanged at 108.6 as slight increases and decreases balanced each other. The Household Operation index was unchanged at 116.7, higher appliance prices being offset by scattered decreases. Other Commodities and Services advanced from 120.6 to 121.1 under the influence of higher local transportation fares and newspaper rates which were partially counter-balanced by declines in new automobile prices.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES:  
(1935-39 = 100)

The General Wholesale Price Index remained practically unchanged in July, moving to 226.6, 0.04 per cent above the June level of 226.5 and 3.8 per cent above the July 1955 level of 218.4. The seeming stability in the index between June and July is largely due to the fact that sharp decreases in the prices of copper and copper products, reflected in Non-ferrous Metals, very nearly balanced fairly substantial increases in the Vegetable and Animal Products groups. Movements in the remaining five component groups were moderate, two registering gains and three losses. An increase of 1.6 per cent to 202.7 in Vegetable Products was caused largely by an increase in potato prices. Supporting increases occurred for onions, coffee beans, cocoa beans and cocoa butter, raw rubber, milled cereal foods, canned vegetables, sugar and its products, canned fruits and dried fruits, while offsetting decreases occurred for grains, fresh imported fruits, livestock and poultry feed, vegetable oils and their products, and hay. Animal Products rose 1.4 per cent to 232.8 when prices of livestock and meats continued the upward trend of the past three months. These gains along with increases in fishery products, milk products, eggs, hides and leather outweighed decreases in fowl and tallow. Increases in petroleum products, coal, coke, pottery, lime, cement, asphalt and plaster moved Non-metallic Minerals up 0.6 per cent to 180.3. Iron and Its Products advanced 0.04 per cent, an increase in cast iron pipe slightly outweighing a decrease in scrap steel. Non-ferrous Metals fell 5.2 per cent to 195.3 due to a sharp drop in copper and its products and lesser declines in gold and silver, while tin advanced slightly. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products receded 0.4 per cent to 228.7 as decreases in raw cotton, cotton fabrics, cotton yarns, wool cloth and imported raw wool overbalanced an increase in domestic raw wool. Wood, Wood Products and Paper showed a drop of 0.2 per cent to 304.4 when decreases occurred for newsprint, wood pulp, fir dimension and cedar shingles, while spruce lumber increased slightly. Weakness in the United States dollar in Canadian funds caused declines in some items of this and other groups. Chemicals and Allied Products fell 0.1 per cent to 181.0 when decreases in ammonium nitrate and copper sulphate outweighed increases in industrial gases and formaldehyde.

The index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets rose 4.3 per cent between June and July, from 217.2 to 226.6. The advance reflected

increases of 7.8 per cent in the Field Products index from 182.6 to 196.9, and 1.9 per cent in the Animal Products index from 251.7 to 256.4. Very sharp increases in potatoes during the month were almost entirely responsible for the change in the Field Products group index, with most substantial gains occurring on Eastern markets. Also in the East, corn was somewhat higher while new crop winter wheat entered the market at a lower price, and barley and rye were down fractionally. In the West, hay was lower. In Animal Products, prices were higher on both Eastern and Western markets for steers, hogs, eggs and raw wool, while Western lambs and Eastern cheese-milk also advanced. Lower prices were reported for calves and Eastern fowl and lambs.

The composite index of Residential building material prices was fractionally lower in July, at 293.9 compared to 294.1 a month earlier, as price declines for copper wire and fir dimensions overbalanced higher quotations for cast iron water pipe, plaster, and cement.

The index of Non-residential construction material prices, on the base 1949 = 100, also moved down in the same period, from 127.5 to 127.1, reflecting declines chiefly in copper component items, although a few prices were higher in the Lath, Plaster and Insulation, and Aggregate, Cement, and Concrete Mix groups. In Lumber, lower quotations for fir dimensions were offset by upturns for hemlock and Eastern spruce.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:  
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 96 common stocks advanced 5.8 per cent between June and July to a new monthly peak of 282.4. Losses experienced in May and June, after the April record high level of 273.0, have now been more than recouped on average. In the period under review strength was evident in all major groups. The index for 7 Banks increased 10.2 per cent, from 260.7 to 287.4; for 76 Industrials 5.7 per cent, from 283.0 to a new record monthly high of 299.0; and for 13 Utilities 4.1 per cent, from 199.8 to 207.9. Sub-groups were higher without exception, with gains led by Machinery and Equipment, Building Materials, Power and Traction, and Oils. Remaining sub-group indexes experienced more moderate improvement.

Mining stock prices were stronger also. The composite index of 26 issues rose 5.6 per cent from 136.4 to 144.0 between June and July, reflecting index increases of 6.7 per cent for 5 Base Metals, from 273.1 to 291.5 and 3.7 per cent for 21 Gold Stocks, from 76.7 to 79.5.

The index of 28 Preferred stock prices stood slightly higher at 167.5 in July compared to the June level of 166.2.

## SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE MOVEMENTS

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

Note: 1956 Wholesale Price Indexes are subject to revision.

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	July	July	June	July	July	July	July
	1954	1955	1956	1956	1954	1955	1956
<u>GENERAL INDEX</u>	217.4	218.4	226.5	226.6	+ 4.2	+ 3.8	+ 0.04
Vegetable Products	196.6	195.5	199.5	202.7	+ 3.1	+ 3.7	+ 1.6
Animal Products	240.0	228.0	229.5	232.8	- 3.0	+ 2.1	+ 1.4
Textile Products	231.0	226.9	229.6	228.7	- 1.0	+ 0.8	- 0.4
Wood Products	287.4	295.2	304.9	304.4	+ 5.9	+ 3.1	- 0.2
Iron Products	211.9	217.7	235.8	235.9	+ 11.3	+ 8.4	+ 0.04
Non-ferrous Metals	167.8	185.1	206.1	195.3	+ 16.4	+ 5.5	- 5.2
Non-metallic Minerals	176.4	173.7	179.2	180.3	+ 2.2	+ 3.8	+ 0.6
Chemical Products	176.6	176.5	181.1	181.0	+ 2.5	+ 2.5	- 0.1
<u>CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS</u>	219.6	217.4	217.2	226.6	+ 3.2	+ 4.2	+ 4.3
Field	177.0	185.2	182.6	196.9	+ 11.2	+ 6.3	+ 7.8
Animal	262.1	249.5	251.7	256.4	- 2.2	+ 2.8	+ 1.9
<u>SELECTED PRICE INDEXES</u>							
Canadian Industrial Materials	224.4	237.1	248.5	247.4	+ 10.2	+ 4.3	- 0.4
Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	122.0	124.6	129.0	128.9	+ 5.7	+ 3.5	- 0.1
Non-Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	121.2	122.3	127.5	127.1	+ 4.9	+ 3.9	- 0.3

WHOLESALE PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED COMMODITIESBETWEEN JUNE AND JULY 1956

	<u>INCREASES</u>		<u>DECREASES</u>	
	p.c.			p.c.
Potatoes, Toronto	51.1	Oranges, Toronto	17.2	
Peas, canned	13.8	Copper, electrolytic, domestic sales	13.4	
Rubber, raw, smoked ribbed sheets	11.5	Calves, good and choice, Winnipeg	13.3	
Raisins, Californian	10.6	Bananas, Montreal	12.1	
Lemons, Toronto	9.6	Copper wire	11.2	
Cheese, old, Montreal	8.9	Copper sulphate	9.6	
Eggs, grade "A" large, Saskatoon	8.5	Lambs, good, Toronto	9.3	
Corn, canned	8.3	Tallow, inedible, Toronto	8.8	
Cocoa beans, green, Lagos	7.9	Soya bean oil	8.1	
Rye, No. 2 C.W.	7.8	Bran	8.0	
Cured meat, smoked cottage roll	7.2	Wheat, No. 1 C.E.	7.6	
Bread, white, Calgary	6.7	Ammonium nitrate	6.8	
Wool, raw, western range	6.7	Steel scrap	4.7	
Beef carcass, choice steer	6.6	Cocoonut oil	4.4	
Lubricating oil	6.5	Oats, No. 1 feed	3.9	

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	July	July	June	July	July	July	
	1954	1955	1956	1956	1954	1955	1956
<u>TOTAL INDEX</u>	116.2	116.0	117.8	118.5	+ 2.0	+ 2.2	+ 0.6
Food	112.1	111.5	112.5	114.4	+ 2.1	+ 2.6	+ 1.7
Shelter	126.6	129.6	132.6	132.7	+ 4.8	+ 2.4	+ 0.1
Clothing	109.6	107.8	108.6	108.6	- 0.9	+ 0.7	-
Household Operation	117.2	115.8	116.7	116.7	- 0.4	+ 0.8	-
Other Commodities and Services	117.6	117.7	120.6	121.1	+ 3.0	+ 2.9	+ 0.4

RETAIL PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED ITEMS BETWEEN JUNE AND JULY 1956

	<u>INCREASES</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>	
	p.c.	p.c.	
Onions	34.9	Lettuce	9.9
Potatoes	25.7	Oranges	3.5
Fresh tomatoes	22.0	Women's cotton street dresses	3.2
Celery	12.1	Bananas	2.9
Grapefruit	9.7	Gas stoves	2.6
Eggs	8.7	Automobile replacement	1.2
Lamb, leg roast	8.5	Men's windbreakers	1.2
Apples	6.4	Cabbage	1.1
Pork, rib chops, fresh	5.9	Enamel saucepan	1.0
Carrots	5.1	Women's spring coats	.8

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	July	July	June	July	July	July	
	1954	1955	1956	1956	1954	1955	1956
<u>Total Investors' Index</u>	182.3	246.5	267.0	282.4	+ 54.9	+ 14.6	+ 5.8
<u>Total Industrials</u>	181.8	252.8	283.0	299.0	+ 64.5	+ 18.3	+ 5.7
Machinery & Equipment	503.6	760.8	843.6	913.7	+ 81.4	+ 20.1	+ 8.3
Pulp & Paper	718.4	1069.8	1146.0	1185.8	+ 65.1	+ 10.8	+ 3.5
Milling	138.3	197.0	167.3	173.9	+ 25.7	- 11.7	+ 3.9
Oils	138.2	169.2	219.4	234.9	+ 70.0	+ 38.8	+ 7.1
Textiles & Clothing	151.6	178.3	158.8	159.5	+ 5.2	- 10.5	+ 0.4
Foods	135.5	187.5	181.5	190.8	+ 40.8	+ 1.8	+ 5.1
Beverages	480.1	589.3	549.1	565.4	+ 17.8	- 4.1	+ 3.0
Building Materials	331.4	458.7	466.3	504.5	+ 52.2	+ 10.0	+ 8.2
Industrial Mines	122.3	194.8	217.2	223.5	+ 82.7	+ 14.7	+ 2.9
<u>Total Utilities</u>	169.4	208.9	199.8	207.9	+ 22.7	- 0.5	+ 4.1
Transportation	297.5	391.7	356.8	361.7	+ 21.6	- 7.7	+ 1.4
Telephone	112.9	130.9	119.2	122.2	+ 8.2	- 6.6	+ 2.5
Power and Traction	156.4	194.3	206.0	222.4	+ 42.2	+ 14.5	+ 8.0
Banks	216.4	270.6	260.7	287.4	+ 32.8	+ 6.2	+ 10.2
<u>Mining Stocks</u>							
General Index	92.0	125.7	136.4	144.0	+ 56.5	+ 14.6	+ 5.6
Golds	64.9	75.0	76.7	79.5	+ 22.5	+ 6.0	+ 3.7
Base Metals	154.0	241.8	273.1	291.5	+ 89.3	+ 20.6	+ 6.7

TABLE 4. - PRINCIPAL WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	General Wholesale Price Index	Raw and Partly Manufactured	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	Industrial Materials	Canadian Farm Products (1)		
					Field	Animal	Total
1913 .....	83.4	85.1	86.2	-	-	-	-
1920 .....	203.2	194.7	208.2	-	-	-	-
1926 .....	130.3	129.1	133.0	144.3	158.5	130.2	144.4
1929 .....	124.6	126.1	123.7	132.8	137.2	144.4	140.8
1933 .....	87.4	79.3	93.3	78.3	69.3	69.2	69.3
1938 .....	102.0	99.4	103.5	95.8	100.9	104.8	102.9
1939 .....	99.2	94.9	101.9	99.0	83.7	101.5	92.6
1940 .....	108.0	103.1	109.9	113.3	85.4	106.7	96.1
1941 .....	116.4	114.4	118.8	125.2	88.9	124.4	106.6
1942 .....	123.0	123.0	123.7	135.1	109.7	144.6	127.1
1943 .....	127.9	131.1	126.9	140.0	129.0	161.8	145.4
1944 .....	130.6	134.4	129.1	143.1	144.5	166.1	155.3
1945 .....	132.1	136.2	129.8	143.2	162.5	170.2	166.4
1946 .....	138.9	140.1	138.0	148.6	177.9	181.2	179.5
1947 .....	163.3	164.3	162.4	187.0	184.1	200.2	192.2
1948 .....	193.4	196.3	192.4	222.7	200.6	263.7	232.1
1949 .....	198.3	197.1	199.2	218.0	191.9	265.4	228.7
1950 .....	211.2	212.8	211.0	244.6	191.9	281.4	236.7
1951 .....	240.2	237.9	242.4	296.1	200.4	336.9	268.6
1952 .....	226.0	218.7	230.7	252.6	223.0	277.5	250.2
1953 .....	220.7	207.0	228.8	232.3	179.4	263.8	221.6
1954 .....	217.0	204.8	224.2	223.7	170.9	256.2	213.6
1955 .....	218.9	209.7	224.5	236.0	174.4	245.1	209.7
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
June ....	226.5	219.2	231.3	248.5	182.6	251.7	217.2
July ....	226.6	219.0	231.6	247.4	196.9	256.4	226.6

(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)

- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS -									
Date	General Whole- Sale Index	Total Vege- table Pro- ducts	Grains	Milled Cereal Foods	Live- stock and Poultry Feeds	Bakery Pro- ducts	Fruits, Fresh	Fruits, Dried	Fruits, Canned
1955 Average ...	218.9	195.1	188.0	147.7	199.8	184.5	163.9	176.7	155.8
1955 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
June ....	226.5	199.5	190.6	148.2	202.5	195.9	189.7	180.3	154.2
July ....	226.6	202.7	188.4	150.7	195.0	195.9	166.3	181.5	156.3
- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS - CONCLUDED									
	Vege- table Oils and Pro- ducts	Rubber and Its Pro- ducts	Sugar and Its Pro- ducts	Tea, Coffee and Cocoa	Pota- toes	Onions	Canned Vege- tables	Raw Leaf To- bacco	
1955 Average ...	267.2	200.6	150.1	394.4	240.7	189.9	209.9	179.1	
1955 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	
June ....	301.6	196.8	154.0	359.0	384.9	169.0	199.5	183.3	
July ....	296.4	200.5	155.5	367.2	535.2	369.2	207.5	183.3	

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, Unmanu- factured	Boots and Shoes	Live- stock	Steers
1955 Average ...	226.0	274.1	110.3	114.4	194.5	204.4	263.2	321.6
1955 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
June ....	229.5	283.6	92.6	134.7	204.1	210.1	272.8	330.2
July ....	232.8	289.9	93.2	135.6	204.1	210.1	278.4	344.8

## - ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Meats, Fresh	Beef and Veal Carcass	Meats, Cured	Fowl, Dressed	Milk and Its Pro- ducts	Butter	Oils and Fats	Eggs
1955 Average ...	271.2	308.5	185.5	190.0	224.9	228.8	138.4	172.0
1955 Jan. ....	269.9	299.4	189.6	156.6	230.0	238.1	152.9	134.0
Feb. ....	270.7	306.3	185.6	159.6	229.8	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	204.8	225.0	227.8	136.4	184.7
1956 Jan. ....	242.1	287.4	163.2	210.8	225.0	227.8	133.5	156.9
Feb. ....	239.1	280.0	162.6	198.8	225.9	227.8	132.5	154.1
Mar. ....	236.4	276.3	161.9	204.8	226.8	227.7	133.5	167.0
Apr. ....	240.1	282.3	161.8	210.8	226.0	226.8	135.3	172.2
May ....	255.9	295.1	163.8	222.9	223.6	225.1	138.3	173.7
June ....	276.3	311.2	171.3	210.8	223.9	223.9	135.3	189.8
July ....	283.6	321.3	175.4	198.8	225.6	223.5	132.2	194.2

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

(1935-39 = 100)

## - FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS -

Date	Total Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	Raw Cotton	Cotton Yarns	Cotton Fabrics	Cotton Knit Goods	Miscel- laneous Fibre Products	Silk and Nylon Thread	Rayon Fabrics
1955 Average ...	226.2	298.1	237.7	233.0	218.7	197.8	169.5	155.7
1955 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
June ....	229.6	305.7	250.0	239.4	220.7	207.0	169.5	154.2
July ....	228.7	297.7	248.5	239.0	220.7	207.0	169.5	154.2

## - FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Rayon Yarns	Raw Wool, Do- mestic	Raw Wool, Im- ported	Yarns, Worsted	Hosiery and Knit Goods, Chiefly Wool	Wool Blan- kets	Worsted and Wool Cloth	Carpets
1955 Average ...	166.0	244.0	206.8	203.0	230.9	252.5	238.1	225.3
1955 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
June ....	170.5	246.2	211.9	197.7	230.9	271.2	236.6	232.3
July ....	170.5	253.5	210.3	197.7	230.9	271.2	236.3	232.3

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

(1935-39 = 100)

## - WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER -

Date	Total Wood Products	Lumber and Timber	Spruce	Hardwoods	Hemlock	Fir	Cedar	Wood-pulp	News-print	Wrapping Paper, No. 1 Kraft
1955 Average ...	295.7	441.3	402.3	313.6	369.8	534.6	458.9	210.8	289.2	229.3
1955 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
June ....	304.9	455.4	416.0	334.9	386.9	555.4	451.3	220.2	295.6	239.3
July ....	304.4	455.5	417.8	334.9	386.9	554.8	450.5	219.3	294.6	239.3

## - 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
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
June ....	235.8	275.1	218.7	236.9	250.2	272.0	381.3	227.4
July ....	235.9	275.1	218.8	245.3	250.2	272.0	366.0	227.4

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

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	- NON-FERROUS METALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -										Combined Index Iron and Non- Ferrous Metals (2)
	Total Non- Ferrous Metals		Anti- mony	Copper and Its Pro- ducts	Lead and Its Pro- ducts	Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Pro- ducts	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
June ....	206.1	292.5	177.3	422.8	323.2	230.2	180.8	320.6	205.4		259.4
July ....	195.3	273.5	177.3	369.1	323.2	228.4	181.5	320.6	205.4		251.6

## - NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -

Date	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
June ....	179.2	239.9	159.2	178.8	320.6	224.9	270.2
July ....	180.3	239.9	162.4	180.3	320.6	226.6	270.2

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

(2) Excludes Gold.

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

(1935-39 = 100)

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Continued							
Date	Plate Glass	Petroleum Products	Gasoline	Coal Oil	Asphalt	Asphalt Shingles	Sulphur
1955 Average ...	193.4	165.8	135.7	134.4	184.1	142.9	201.3
1955 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
June ....	201.5	166.9	137.8	136.2	183.0	163.7	206.4
July ....	201.5	168.1	139.2	136.2	184.8	163.7	205.7
- 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
June ....	130.2	205.2	153.9	143.4	158.2	199.7	289.2
July ....	131.6	208.6	155.1	143.4	158.2	199.7	289.2

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
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
June ....	181.1	146.0	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
July ....	181.0	145.7	178.8	191.6	183.8	289.7

## - 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
June ....	143.6	206.9	163.0	138.2	200.6
July ....	143.6	206.9	161.9	139.6	200.6

TABLE 6. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

(1935-39 = 100)

- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -											
Date	Total Index* (1949=100)	Total Index	Cement, Sand and Gravel	Brick, Tile and Stone	Lumber and Its Products	Lath, Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Material	Paint and Glass	Plumbing and Heating Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Fixtures	Other Materials
1926 .....	48.1	109.6	105.5	103.2	110.9	101.4	104.3	156.8	110.2	91.6	112.0
1929 .....	49.3	112.4	107.6	107.4	116.7	94.4	108.8	151.5	108.5	130.1	106.1
1932 .....	38.4	87.5	103.7	101.8	72.7	85.0	95.5	111.7	108.1	79.1	89.5
1939 .....	44.9	102.3	94.0	97.2	104.9	99.4	104.1	97.2	103.0	102.4	104.6
1940 .....	48.4	110.3	94.6	98.0	119.1	99.7	110.4	115.2	106.5	107.1	109.2
1941 .....	53.8	122.6	99.1	105.1	139.2	102.8	118.7	136.2	114.6	109.0	112.5
1942 .....	57.4	130.9	100.8	109.0	153.2	104.8	123.4	146.9	120.0	110.3	117.6
1943 .....	61.0	139.1	101.2	113.1	171.3	104.8	130.1	149.4	120.0	110.3	117.9
1944 .....	64.3	146.6	101.8	114.9	188.4	104.8	136.0	146.6	120.0	110.3	117.9
1945 .....	65.0	148.3	102.1	116.4	191.3	104.8	135.5	142.2	122.2	111.4	118.0
1946 .....	67.8	154.5	102.0	121.0	202.1	104.2	146.2	144.2	127.2	116.9	126.4
1947 .....	79.1	180.4	109.7	133.4	242.0	107.3	172.3	169.6	145.2	147.4	143.0
1948 .....	95.4	217.5	122.3	143.1	305.8	116.7	201.6	183.1	168.3	169.8	162.3
1949 .....	100.0	228.0	127.0	151.0	322.1	118.1	190.5	179.6	180.2	173.4	174.7
1950 .....	106.4	242.7	131.3	163.8	349.2	116.7	235.4	174.8	183.2	184.5	181.1
1951 .....	125.5	286.2	140.9	180.7	425.0	126.3	235.8	197.8	210.4	213.3	212.7
1952 .....	124.9	284.8	149.5	195.3	415.7	128.5	217.7	194.9	215.6	212.0	226.3
1953 .....	123.9	282.6	151.8	205.8	410.6	128.5	218.6	203.8	209.0	211.4	229.5
1954 .....	121.7	277.5	151.3	207.4	400.5	128.8	233.4	208.9	202.8	207.7	226.6
1955 .....	124.3	283.4	149.4	209.5	409.4	125.3	244.5	219.7	207.2	229.2	230.3
<u>1955</u>											
Jan. ....	122.3	278.8	149.6	210.0	403.6	125.1	239.0	212.5	203.6	208.0	225.5
Feb. ....	122.5	279.3	149.6	210.0	404.0	124.5	239.0	214.8	203.7	215.5	225.5
Mar. ....	122.6	279.4	149.6	210.0	403.5	124.5	239.0	215.3	204.9	216.8	227.4
Apr. ....	123.1	280.6	149.6	210.0	404.4	124.5	239.0	222.0	206.6	224.6	227.4
May .....	123.1	280.7	149.3	209.3	405.1	124.5	239.0	220.7	206.6	224.6	225.0
June .....	124.3	283.3	149.3	209.3	410.3	125.1	246.7	220.7	206.4	226.1	225.9
July .....	124.6	284.2	149.3	209.3	412.3	125.1	248.7	220.7	206.4	225.1	226.6
Aug. ....	125.2	285.5	149.3	209.3	413.7	125.1	248.7	219.8	208.6	225.1	232.1
Sept. ....	125.9	287.0	149.3	209.3	414.6	126.2	248.7	219.8	209.5	244.9	234.5
Oct. ....	125.9	287.0	149.3	209.3	413.9	126.2	248.7	223.1	209.5	245.3	237.8
Nov. ....	125.8	286.8	149.3	209.3	412.8	126.2	248.7	223.1	210.3	247.5	238.0
Dec. ....	126.1	287.8	149.6	209.3	414.6	126.2	248.7	223.9	210.3	247.5	238.0
<u>1956</u>											
Jan. ....	127.0	289.6	149.6	209.3	416.4	127.4	261.2	228.0	213.6	248.6	237.6
Feb. ....	127.0	289.6	149.6	209.3	416.1	127.3	261.2	226.3	214.1	248.4	238.8
Mar. ....	128.0	291.8	149.6	216.8	419.2	127.3	261.2	226.3	214.5	256.9	241.0
Apr. ....	128.7	293.4	149.6	216.8	422.0	130.0	260.8	228.0	214.6	257.3	241.0
May .....	129.0	294.1	149.3	221.3	423.3	130.0	260.8	228.0	214.6	256.4	241.0
June .....	129.0	294.1	149.3	221.3	423.2	130.6	264.8	226.7	214.6	255.6	241.0
July .....	128.9	293.9	149.8	221.3	422.8	132.9	264.8	226.7	216.1	238.4	241.0

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

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

(1949 = 100)

- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -							
Date	Total Index	Aggregate, Cement and Concrete Mix	Blocks, Brick and Stone	Tile	Lumber and Lumber Products	Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Materials
1950 .....	105.0	103.2	104.3	104.9	110.3	103.0	105.8
1951 .....	118.6	111.3	113.0	110.6	128.3	115.7	125.4
1952 .....	123.2	117.4	119.7	115.5	127.9	121.3	121.7
1953 .....	124.4	120.2	125.9	117.1	127.8	119.2	119.6
1954 .....	121.8	120.9	127.0	120.6	124.5	115.2	117.6
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
June ...	127.5	115.5	131.4	121.8	132.6	122.4	126.0
July ...	127.1	115.7	131.2	121.8	132.6	122.1	123.2
	Steel and Metal Work	Hardware	Lath Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Materials	Paint and Glass	Miscellaneous Materials	
1950 .....	107.3	103.8	98.7	104.7	100.5	97.7	
1951 .....	122.0	120.3	107.1	128.9	113.0	106.0	
1952 .....	131.3	125.9	109.7	134.5	115.6	106.4	
1953 .....	134.7	129.3	110.0	133.6	125.3	103.8	
1954 .....	128.2	125.4	109.7	132.8	128.2	100.9	
1955 .....	129.9	132.6	108.1	127.3	133.3	97.4	
1955 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	
June ...	135.7	144.0	112.0	137.8	141.7	92.9	
July ...	135.6	144.0	114.7	137.8	141.7	93.0	

TABLE 8. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity <u>1/</u>	Unit	Yearly	July	June	July
		Average 1955	1955	1956	1956
		\$	\$	\$	\$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern .....	bu.	1.744	1.760	1.750	1.738
OATS, No. 2 C.W. ....	bu.	.863	.812	.869	.846
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed .....	bu.	1.070	1.045	1.042	1.035
RYE, No. 2 C.W. ....	bu.	1.006	.929	1.165	1.256
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto .....	bb1.	11.467	11.600	* 5.800	* 5.900
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal .....	cwt.	7.078	7.078	7.172	7.268
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal .....	gal.	1.376	1.570	1.790	1.790
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's .....	lb.	.667	.640	.680	.710
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John .....	75-lb. bag	2.212	2.938	3.594	4.531
STEERS, Toronto .....	cwt.	19.593	19.460	20.110	20.810
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included) .....	cwt.	25.152	26.680	26.470	27.650
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers .....	lb.	.142	.132	.150	.155
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	.577	.576	.574
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal .....	doz.	.586	.650	.636	.651
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 15/16", New York ...	lb.	.341	.341	.362	.348
COTTON YARN, 10's, white .....	lb.	.687	.670	.730	.710
RAYON YARN, 36 filament, 150 denier .....	lb.	.772	.780	.800	.800
WOOL, Raw, Eastern Domestic, regular, Low medium staple, greasy .....	lb.	.492	.520	.490	.500
WOOL, Raw, Australian, 64's, clean .....	lb	1.373	1.380	1.450	1.430
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Mill, in Canadian funds (Southern Quebec) .....	ton	110.726	109.910	113.192	112.797
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	86.500	89.250	89.500
PIG IRON, Malleable .....	gr.ton	57.750	59.000	61.000	61.000
SCRAP IRON, No. 1 .....	gr.ton	43.167	43.000	49.000	49.000
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic sales .....	cwt.	37.030	35.375	45.554	39.429
LEAD, Pig, Electrolytic, domestic sales ...	cwt.	14.391	14.250	15.500	15.500
TIN INGOTS, 99.8% .....	lb.	.956	.958	.963	.968
ZINC, Grade "A"; Electrolytic, domestic sales .....	cwt.	13.654	13.850	14.850	14.850
COAL, United States Anthracite .....	ton	18.336	17.640	18.340	18.960
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto .....	gal.	.223	.221	.226	.226
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Winnipeg .....	gal.	.221	.219	.224	.224
CEMENT, Portland, Toronto .....	bb1.	3.370	3.370	3.370	3.410
CEMENT, Portland, Calgary .....	bb1.	3.140	3.140	3.140	3.180
SHINGLES, Asphalt .....	210-lb.sq.	8.032	8.226	9.200	9.200
SODA ASH, 58% light .....	cwt.	2.400	2.410	2.450	2.470
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 Opera- tion	Other Commod- ities & 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> July	115.4	112.7	123.9	110.3	117.0	115.2
August	115.7	112.8	124.1	110.4	117.2	115.8
September	116.2	114.0	124.2	110.4	117.4	115.9
October	116.7	115.5	124.5	110.3	117.5	116.0
November	116.2	113.4	125.0	110.3	117.4	116.3
December	115.8	112.1	125.2	110.2	117.4	116.3
<u>1954</u> January	115.7	111.6	125.4	110.1	117.5	116.4
February	115.7	111.7	125.4	110.0	117.5	116.5
March	115.5	110.7	125.6	109.8	117.6	116.6
April	115.6	110.4	125.6	109.9	118.1	117.2
May	115.5	110.2	125.8	109.9	117.3	117.5
June	116.1	112.0	126.4	109.7	117.1	117.5
July	116.2	112.1	126.6	109.6	117.2	117.6
August	117.0	114.4	127.0	109.6	117.2	117.7
September	116.8	113.8	127.2	109.5	117.2	117.6
October	116.8	113.8	127.4	108.4	117.3	117.9
November	116.8	113.4	127.9	108.2	117.2	118.2
December	116.6	112.6	128.2	108.1	117.1	118.2
<u>1955</u> January	116.4	112.1	128.4	108.1	117.1	118.2
February	116.3	111.5	128.5	108.1	117.1	118.3
March	116.0	110.7	128.6	108.0	117.0	118.3
April	116.1	111.0	128.7	107.9	116.9	118.2
May	116.4	112.3	128.8	107.9	116.4	118.3
June	115.9	111.0	129.2	107.8	116.1	117.8
July	116.0	111.5	129.6	107.8	115.8	117.7
August	116.4	112.4	129.8	107.8	115.8	118.0
September	116.8	113.7	130.0	107.8	115.9	117.9
October	116.9	113.5	130.2	107.8	116.1	118.1
November	116.9	113.0	130.6	107.9	116.5	118.3
December	116.9	112.4	131.0	108.5	116.6	118.3
<u>1956</u> January	116.8	111.5	131.3	108.6	116.5	119.0
February	116.4	109.9	131.5	108.6	116.7	119.3
March	116.4	109.1	131.6	108.7	116.8	119.9
April	116.6	109.7	131.9	108.7	116.6	120.1
May	116.6	109.3	132.1	108.8	116.5	120.5
June	117.8	112.5	132.6	108.6	116.7	120.6
July	118.5	114.4	132.7	108.6	116.7	121.1

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

(1949 = 100)

	1953	1954	1955	July 1954	July 1955	April 1956	May 1956	June 1956	July 1956
<u>Total Index</u>	115.5	116.2	116.4	116.2	116.0	116.6	116.6	117.8	118.5
<u>Food</u>	112.6	112.2	112.1	112.1	111.5	109.7	109.3	112.5	114.4
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	112.4	111.8	111.9	110.8	110.9	111.7	111.7	111.5	111.5
Cereal Products	119.3	122.4	122.0	122.6	121.7	122.9	123.3	123.8	125.4
Meats, Fish and Poultry	108.2	105.8	101.3	104.9	98.9	95.6	95.0	96.7	98.5
<u>Shelter</u>	123.6	126.5	129.4	126.6	129.6	131.9	132.1	132.6	132.7
Rent	125.4	129.8	133.3	130.1	133.7	134.9	135.2	135.7	135.9
Home-Ownership	121.2	122.2	124.4	121.9	124.1	128.0	128.1	128.4	128.5
<u>Clothing</u>	110.1	109.4	108.0	109.6	107.8	108.7	108.8	108.6	108.6
Men's Wear	113.5	113.8	113.0	113.9	112.8	113.3	113.3	113.3	113.3
Women's Wear	102.5	100.9	98.4	101.2	98.2	99.6	99.5	99.2	99.1
Children's Wear	108.6	107.5	106.2	107.4	106.2	105.9	106.1	106.0	106.0
Footwear	127.7	127.6	127.3	127.6	127.0	128.9	129.1	129.2	129.4
Piece Goods	106.2	108.7	108.4	108.8	108.2	108.2	108.2	108.2	108.3
<u>Household Operation</u>	117.0	117.4	116.4	117.2	115.8	116.6	116.5	116.7	116.7
Fuel	116.0	114.9	112.7	113.7	110.7	115.3	113.9	113.3	113.3
Electricity	114.6	115.9	116.0	116.0	115.9	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6
Home Furnishings	116.7	115.6	113.7	115.3	113.0	112.6	112.8	113.0	113.1
Furniture	117.2	117.6	115.9	117.5	115.3	115.7	116.1	116.1	116.1
Utensils and Equipment	121.2	122.1	123.1	122.2	122.9	124.3	124.7	125.3	125.4
Supplies and Services	118.7	121.8	122.9	122.4	123.0	123.3	123.7	124.2	124.3
Supplies	113.5	115.8	116.3	116.0	116.4	116.4	117.1	117.0	117.1
Services	122.2	126.0	127.4	126.8	127.6	128.1	128.2	129.1	129.2
<u>Other Commodities and   Services</u>	115.8	117.4	118.1	117.6	117.7	120.1	120.5	120.6	121.1
Transportation	119.2	120.0	118.5	120.2	117.1	122.7	122.2	122.1	123.7
Automobile Operation	114.5	114.7	111.0	114.8	109.3	112.7	111.9	111.8	111.4
Recreation	116.7	119.5	122.6	119.5	123.0	123.2	125.9	125.9	125.9
Health Care	122.0	127.4	130.4	127.9	130.3	134.0	134.0	134.0	134.0
Drugs	108.7	109.5	111.0	109.5	111.0	111.5	111.5	111.7	111.7
Tobacco and Alcoholic									
Beverages	108.0	107.3	107.4	107.3	107.5	107.6	107.6	107.6	107.6
Personal Care	115.9	117.9	118.0	118.2	117.6	118.3	119.2	120.8	120.8
Personal Supplies	111.5	113.6	112.7	114.0	111.9	112.0	112.0	112.3	112.3

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
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 June	101.5	112.3	104.6	89.2	105.0	97.8	96.4	101.9
July	101.9	114.5	114.1	92.3	105.4	98.7	96.0	100.9
Aug.	100.9	117.7	113.8	92.3	105.4	98.9	96.7	96.6
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
June	98.6	114.5	113.3	83.1	110.3	93.9	97.8	101.9
July	101.5	119.7	120.1	85.4	110.3	94.5	97.5	103.7
	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 June	92.0	87.6	103.1	109.6	118.8	184.6	100.9	158.5
July	91.7	106.6	103.5	108.5	118.8	166.2	115.5	173.2
Aug.	92.3	114.0	103.1	108.8	118.1	132.3	77.8	155.9
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
June	95.7	100.4	101.6	130.1	112.5	196.6	114.6	157.2
July	96.0	109.3	102.1	125.5	112.5	247.2	139.9	165.2
	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 June	118.5	112.7	125.8	106.2	99.7	110.8	130.2	166.7
July	118.5	113.0	125.8	106.2	98.6	110.8	129.4	165.4
Aug.	118.5	113.0	125.8	106.2	99.7	110.0	129.4	165.2
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
June	118.5	114.7	129.8	107.6	98.6	109.5	127.9	179.5
July	118.5	116.1	132.8	107.6	99.7	110.4	128.1	184.0

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
	1949=100									
	June 1951=100									
1942 .....		74.2	73.3	71.9	72.0	73.6	72.9	71.5	72.0	70.2
1943 .....		76.0	74.7	73.4	73.1	74.4	74.0	72.6	73.9	72.4
1944 .....		76.9	75.4	73.6	73.3	74.9	74.5	73.5	74.6	72.8
1945 .....		77.6	75.8	74.4	73.8	75.3	75.2	74.0	75.3	73.6
1946 .....		79.6	77.9	76.9	76.5	77.9	77.5	76.6	77.8	75.9
1947 .....		86.3	84.6	84.3	84.5	85.5	84.3	84.4	84.6	83.3
1948 .....		96.8	97.0	96.6	96.5	97.0	95.8	96.9	96.1	96.0
1949 .....		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950 .....		102.1	103.3	103.7	103.1	104.1	103.8	102.2	103.9	103.6
1951 .....		112.1	114.1	116.1	115.3	115.4	114.6	111.7	113.5	114.3
1952 .....	103.5	115.3	117.4	117.6	116.8	117.5	116.1	112.8	114.8	117.4
1953 .....	102.2	113.2	115.3	116.3	115.0	116.8	114.4	113.1	114.0	116.1
1954 .....	102.8	114.1	116.6	116.8	116.2	118.3	115.3	114.2	114.9	117.4
1955 .....	104.2	114.8	117.7	116.9	117.2	118.8	115.9	114.6	114.6	117.9
<u>1953</u> 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
June	107.6	115.6	118.2	118.1	118.8	120.4	116.6	115.2	114.9	118.4
July	108.1	116.0	118.7	119.1	119.4	121.5	117.6	115.6	115.7	119.3

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

(1949 = 100)

	St. John's Nfld. 1	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver
<b>Food Index</b>										
<u>1954</u> January	101.0	105.5	110.3	115.1	110.3	110.2	110.9	110.2	109.9	110.8
February	100.4	106.5	110.6	115.5	110.5	110.0	111.1	110.4	109.9	111.6
March	99.5	105.6	109.8	113.4	109.8	108.9	110.2	110.0	109.9	110.7
April	98.9	105.5	109.2	112.6	109.3	108.9	110.2	108.7	109.0	110.4
May	99.3	104.7	108.4	112.7	109.3	109.1	109.7	108.0	109.3	109.8
June	100.0	105.7	109.1	114.3	110.8	110.9	111.0	110.6	110.4	111.6
July	100.2	105.7	109.5	115.1	111.4	112.0	111.9	110.6	110.4	111.2
August	105.0	110.5	113.8	114.8	113.1	112.8	114.7	114.3	112.8	113.6
September	102.2	109.1	114.4	113.4	112.8	111.6	112.0	114.2	113.5	113.7
October	101.3	108.4	113.8	115.0	113.8	111.9	111.7	114.1	112.7	113.5
November	100.9	107.5	113.4	115.6	112.7	111.2	112.0	112.5	112.1	112.3
December	101.1	107.8	113.2	115.3	112.0	110.5	110.9	110.2	110.7	111.6
<u>1955</u> January	101.1	107.0	112.9	115.1	111.2	110.6	110.8	110.1	110.0	111.8
February	101.4	106.8	112.6	115.4	111.0	109.6	110.5	109.7	109.4	111.6
March	101.5	106.6	112.3	114.2	110.2	108.8	109.7	109.2	108.5	110.0
April	102.1	106.5	112.2	114.0	110.7	109.6	110.1	109.6	108.4	109.4
May	106.1	108.8	113.7	114.8	111.2	111.1	110.9	109.5	108.5	109.5
June	103.9	106.2	111.0	112.7	110.2	109.9	109.9	109.6	108.0	108.6
July	103.5	106.3	110.7	114.5	110.7	111.2	110.9	110.1	109.0	109.3
August	105.2	107.6	112.7	114.7	111.4	110.5	111.6	112.7	110.7	110.1
September	102.8	107.6	113.7	115.3	112.0	112.8	112.7	113.6	112.5	113.5
October	101.3	106.5	112.0	114.9	112.0	112.8	112.8	114.2	112.3	114.8
November	100.7	106.3	110.8	115.3	110.9	111.1	113.7	113.9	111.9	114.7
December	100.5	105.7	110.9	113.9	110.5	110.2	113.5	113.7	111.5	115.9
<u>1956</u> January	101.0	104.8	109.6	113.4	109.6	109.9	112.8	111.9	110.6	114.9
February	101.0	103.6	108.8	111.9	107.6	107.7	111.5	110.2	107.7	111.4
March	101.1	103.3	108.7	111.4	107.0	106.9	111.6	109.7	107.3	111.4
April	102.2	105.2	109.8	111.5	107.9	107.6	110.7	110.6	107.6	111.8
May	103.1	104.3	108.6	111.0	107.2	107.7	109.4	109.5	106.5	111.1
June	106.1	106.9	110.1	114.7	111.1	112.0	110.8	111.6	108.1	111.9
July	107.2	107.6	112.2	117.4	112.9	114.1	114.0	113.0	111.1	113.3
<b>Shelter Index</b>										
<u>1955</u> April	108.0	123.5	125.1	134.6	132.3	145.8	126.0	116.0	121.1	126.1
May	108.6	123.6	125.1	134.8	132.7	145.9	126.0	117.4	121.1	126.6
June	108.6	123.7	125.1	135.8	133.3	146.4	126.0	117.8	121.1	127.3
July	108.6	124.3	125.6	136.0	133.4	146.9	126.0	118.1	121.1	127.4
August	108.6	124.5	125.6	136.0	133.9	147.0	126.0	118.1	121.1	127.4
September	109.7	124.6	125.6	136.0	134.0	147.7	126.3	118.1	121.1	127.6
October	109.7	124.9	126.7	136.0	134.7	147.7	126.6	118.1	121.1	127.6
November	109.7	124.9	127.2	136.1	135.7	147.7	126.9	118.1	121.1	127.8
December	109.7	124.9	127.5	136.1	135.9	147.7	126.9	118.1	121.1	128.0
<u>1956</u> January	109.7	125.1	127.5	136.1	135.9	147.9	127.0	118.1	121.1	128.0
February	109.7	125.1	127.5	136.2	135.9	148.1	127.1	118.1	121.1	128.0
March	109.7	125.2	127.5	136.2	136.2	148.1	127.1	118.1	121.2	128.2
April	109.7	125.4	127.6	136.2	136.2	148.3	127.3	118.1	121.2	128.2
May	109.8	125.6	128.5	136.2	136.8	148.3	127.6	118.1	121.2	128.2
June	109.8	125.8	129.9	137.5	137.3	148.7	127.6	118.1	121.2	128.4
July	109.8	126.3	130.1	137.8	137.9	148.9	127.6	118.1	121.2	128.7

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

(1949 = 100)

	St. John's Nfld. 1	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver
<u>Clothing Index</u>										
1955 April	101.2	114.6	116.2	107.2	111.1	109.9	112.6	114.9	112.6	112.5
May	101.1	114.6	116.2	107.1	111.1	109.9	112.6	114.9	112.5	112.2
June	100.7	114.6	116.1	107.1	111.1	109.9	112.6	114.6	112.5	112.2
July	100.7	114.6	116.1	107.1	111.1	109.7	112.5	114.6	112.5	112.2
August	100.7	114.5	116.1	107.1	111.0	109.9	112.4	114.6	112.5	112.2
September*	100.6	114.5	116.1	107.1	111.0	109.9	112.4	114.4	112.5	112.3
October	100.3	114.6	116.1	107.0	111.1	110.0	112.4	114.4	112.5	112.5
November	100.3	114.5	116.1	107.1	111.2	110.1	112.3	114.4	112.5	112.6
December	100.5	114.5	116.2	108.0	111.6	110.8	113.1	114.7	112.9	112.8
1956 January	100.5	114.8	116.2	108.1	111.6	110.9	113.2	114.7	113.0	112.8
February	100.5	114.8	116.2	108.2	111.6	110.8	113.2	114.7	113.1	112.8
March	100.8	114.9	116.7	108.2	111.8	111.0	113.2	114.8	113.6	112.9
April	100.8	114.8	116.7	108.0	111.6	111.3	113.2	114.8	113.8	113.3
May	100.8	114.2	116.7	108.0	111.4	111.2	113.2	114.8	113.9	113.5
June	100.8	114.5	116.8	107.8	111.4	111.1	112.8	114.7	113.9	113.7
July	100.9	114.8	116.8	107.7	111.7	111.1	112.8	114.7	112.7	113.7
<u>Household Operation Index</u>										
1955 April	100.5	118.9	116.3	115.9	116.5	115.0	113.5	117.9	115.8	125.8
May	100.5	118.9	116.4	115.2	117.2	114.7	113.5	117.8	115.7	125.8
June	101.4	118.9	116.5	114.8	116.8	114.3	113.4	117.8	115.8	124.9
July	103.0	118.9	116.5	114.4	116.3	114.3	114.1	116.9	115.7	122.5
August	102.7	118.9	116.5	114.5	116.3	114.4	114.1	116.9	115.7	122.5
September	102.7	118.9	116.5	114.6	116.3	114.4	114.2	116.9	115.8	123.7
October	103.3	119.6	117.0	114.5	116.0	114.4	114.1	116.9	115.7	123.9
November	103.3	119.6	117.0	114.9	116.0	115.1	114.1	116.9	115.8	124.2
December	103.2	119.7	117.2	115.2	116.5	115.2	114.1	116.9	115.8	131.0
1956 January	103.2	119.7	117.2	115.1	116.3	114.9	114.0	116.6	115.8	130.9
February	103.2	119.7	117.2	115.3	116.8	115.5	114.1	116.6	115.9	128.6
March	103.4	120.1	117.6	115.2	116.8	115.5	114.1	116.8	116.1	128.6
April	104.4	119.9	117.4	114.9	116.4	115.5	114.0	116.5	116.6	128.0
May	104.5	119.9	117.4	114.7	116.4	116.5	113.9	116.4	116.8	124.1
June	104.4	120.4	117.6	114.8	115.9	116.4	113.5	116.6	117.0	125.0
July	105.2	120.5	117.6	114.8	115.9	116.2	113.7	116.9	117.0	127.8
<u>Other Commodities and Services Index</u>										
1955 April	106.3	118.8	124.0	116.9	119.8	119.4	118.0	113.2	118.3	120.6
May	106.5	119.3	124.1	117.3	120.1	119.4	118.1	114.8	118.1	120.4
June	106.5	119.1	124.0	116.8	119.6	118.6	117.5	114.2	117.4	119.8
July	106.6	119.1	124.0	116.8	119.5	118.4	117.4	114.2	117.3	119.6
August	110.0	119.1	124.0	116.8	119.6	118.6	119.0	114.2	117.3	119.6
September	110.1	119.1	124.0	116.8	119.5	118.3	119.1	114.3	117.1	119.6
October	110.9	119.1	124.0	116.8	120.2	118.4	119.4	114.5	117.6	119.6
November	110.9	119.1	124.1	116.6	120.8	118.8	119.0	115.2	117.6	119.6
December	110.9	119.2	124.1	116.6	120.8	118.8	119.2	116.0	117.6	119.6
1956 January	110.9	119.2	124.1	119.8	120.8	118.9	119.6	116.0	117.6	119.7
February	111.7	119.2	124.1	119.8	122.6	118.9	120.2	115.9	117.8	119.7
March	111.7	119.7	124.5	120.0	123.1	119.5	120.6	116.6	119.5	120.4
April	113.0	119.7	124.5	119.9	123.7	120.2	121.0	116.5	119.6	120.2
May	114.5	120.3	124.8	120.5	124.2	120.9	120.8	116.5	119.7	120.1
June	114.5	120.3	124.8	120.6	124.2	120.9	121.6	116.5	119.7	120.7
July	114.5	120.3	124.5	120.6	123.9	122.8	121.3	116.5	119.7	120.7

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		The Consumer Price Index
			Actual Weekly Wages	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	
	\$	\$	(1949 = 100)	(1949 = 100)	(1949 = 100)
1945 - Average	30.74	40.99	73.7	98.3	75.0
1946 - Average	29.87	38.54	71.6	92.4	77.5
1947 - Average	34.13	40.25	81.8	96.5	84.8
1948 - Average	38.53	39.72	92.4	95.2	97.0
1949 - Average	41.71	41.71	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950 - Average	43.82	42.59	105.1	102.1	102.9
1951 - Average	48.82	42.94	117.0	102.9	113.7
1952 - Average	53.62	46.03	128.6	110.4	116.5
1953 - Average	56.09	48.56	134.5	116.4	115.5
1954 - Average	57.16	49.19	137.0	117.9	116.2
1955 - Average	59.25	50.90	142.1	122.0	116.4
<u>1954</u> - 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	61.86	53.05	148.3	127.2	116.6
May 1	62.56	53.65	150.0	128.6	116.6
June 1	62.24 (P)	52.84 (P)	149.2 (P)	126.7 (P)	117.8

(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	Investors' Total (96)	Total Indus- trials (76)	Machin- ery and Equip- ment (10)	Pulp and Paper (9)	Mill- ing (2)	Oils (5)	Tex- tiles and Cloth- ing (9)	Food and Allied Pro- ducts (14)	Bever- ages (10)	Build- ing Mate- rials (15)
1939 .....	91.6	91.2	100.9	81.7	100.6	83.6	95.0	109.6	98.1	98.3
1940 .....	77.4	74.2	88.9	90.7	94.2	62.2	121.8	103.3	100.8	90.6
1941 .....	67.5	63.9	75.6	68.8	70.6	50.0	105.4	91.0	95.9	78.3
1942 .....	64.2	60.4	76.5	62.9	69.4	47.1	104.0	77.6	97.8	74.5
1943 .....	83.5	78.6	103.9	92.6	90.5	73.8	121.4	89.5	131.0	89.1
1944 .....	83.8	78.8	112.8	125.0	99.3	73.1	124.8	97.5	153.3	92.7
1945 .....	99.6	93.7	134.5	167.3	113.3	78.7	148.7	110.3	222.2	116.0
1946 .....	115.7	108.6	183.8	255.5	132.4	73.9	193.9	129.1	363.9	149.6
1947 .....	106.0	99.3	182.6	258.4	120.3	65.9	182.4	125.8	302.3	137.4
1948 .....	112.5	107.2	220.1	264.0	107.4	74.0	207.5	114.0	308.5	135.7
1949 .....	109.4	103.1	215.4	242.9	89.9	72.0	208.1	115.7	299.9	143.4
1950 .....	131.6	127.6	295.5	362.2	87.9	94.2	264.1	122.0	389.0	185.8
1951 .....	168.3	172.0	420.7	561.2	112.8	140.6	358.0	118.9	434.1	272.5
1952 .....	173.1	176.6	428.3	515.2	131.0	155.1	277.2	108.6	365.7	283.6
1953 .....	160.3	160.1	394.8	501.6	131.2	131.0	222.5	120.7	399.3	279.5
1954 .....	181.2	182.3	480.1	692.9	141.9	144.4	161.7	136.2	479.6	326.1
1955 .....	232.7	239.6	696.0	995.1	190.6	164.0	177.8	180.4	566.2	434.9
<u>1954</u> 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
Mar. ....	267.9	280.3	804.6	1153.0	199.6	205.2	178.8	199.7	590.4	503.6
Apr. ....	273.0	286.2	826.4	1123.9	187.4	210.0	170.9	191.8	577.5	519.5
May .....	268.5	282.9	848.1	1192.5	179.8	211.7	160.2	180.8	551.7	488.5
June .....	267.0	283.0	843.6	1146.0	167.3	219.4	158.8	181.5	549.1	466.3
July .....	282.4	299.0	913.7	1185.8	173.9	234.9	159.5	190.8	565.4	504.5
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
July 5	277.4	294.4	888.8	1160.6	166.1	231.5	153.0	182.0	564.8	487.2
July 12	281.8	298.5	936.0	1175.1	166.1	232.2	160.1	188.8	563.7	503.2
July 19	284.1	300.6	915.3	1203.8	183.3	235.9	162.6	194.9	567.4	511.1
July 26	286.4	302.7	914.8	1203.8	180.0	239.9	162.3	197.7	565.9	516.5

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	Gold	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
June .....	217.2	199.8	356.8	119.2	206.0	260.7	136.4	76.7	273.1
July .....	223.5	207.9	361.7	122.2	222.4	287.4	144.0	79.5	291.5
<u>Weekly Index</u>									
July 5 .....	224.5	203.0	357.2	120.7	212.5	278.7	140.4	77.7	283.9
July 12 .....	222.3	206.9	357.5	121.6	222.4	286.5	143.0	79.8	287.8
July 19 .....	223.0	209.5	367.8	122.1	224.6	290.4	146.2	80.7	296.1
July 26 .....	224.1	212.2	364.3	124.2	230.3	294.2	146.2	79.7	298.3

(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	173.6
April .....	140.9	154.4	165.2	157.2	161.6	168.0	175.4	171.1
May .....	139.9	157.3	164.3	157.2	162.9	169.7	176.1	167.7
June .....	136.3	158.2	162.2	157.7	163.0	170.7	177.9	166.2
July .....	138.6	154.6	163.1	159.8	163.8	171.3	179.5	167.5
August .....	140.4	155.6	165.2	163.6	164.3	173.0	179.9	
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 PRICES

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

	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
January .....	121.0	135.1	168.6	186.9	197.6	195.4	268.8	322.9
February .....	117.2	136.7	174.7	183.2	195.9	199.6	278.1	324.4
March .....	118.0	138.8	170.3	185.3	198.0	204.9	277.5	346.7
April .....	118.5	141.8	172.3	183.7	190.0	212.7	286.2	351.1
May .....	117.7	146.9	173.9	183.7	189.6	219.8	285.0	344.2
June .....	112.0	147.7	171.7	187.6	182.8	221.8	300.7	340.5
July .....	117.8	138.2	172.8	192.1	185.5	231.1	315.3	356.5
August .....	121.8	147.2	181.5	191.1	187.3	236.4	311.0	
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 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
1954 .....	237.2	197.9	203.3	174.6	441.2	204.5	224.2
1955 .....	238.3	198.8	204.6	177.2	439.7	203.8	224.5
1952 - April .....	245.2	196.5	216.9	161.4	454.2	209.6	230.9
1953 - April .....	242.7	198.0	208.2	168.2	463.5	203.4	227.0
1954 - April .....	239.3	197.8	204.1	174.6	450.8	204.2	225.3
1955 - January .....	232.3(r)	198.6	205.8	177.2(r)	399.4	203.9	220.9(r)
April .....	240.8(r)	198.1	204.7	177.2(r)	454.2	203.8	226.0(r)
August .....	241.8(r)	199.8	203.3	177.2(r)	465.5	203.8	226.6(r)
1956 - January .....	234.8(r)	209.4(r)	206.0(r)	177.2(r)	413.4	203.2	222.2(r)
April .....	249.0	209.2	209.6	177.2	485.1	204.0	231.0
EASTERN CANADA							
1926 .....	129.5	97.0	122.8	128.4	151.1	120.2	125.8
1939 .....	98.7	104.3	94.8	99.2	110.6	99.5	99.0
1954 .....	238.8	194.4	202.4	164.5	424.1	202.0	224.1
1955 .....	241.9	196.0	204.7	168.4	429.0	201.6	225.8
1952 - April .....	247.9	194.1	218.2	152.4	432.8	207.9	231.9
1953 - April .....	243.3	195.2	208.4	158.7	434.0	201.4	226.5
1954 - April .....	238.5	194.2	203.5	164.5	419.2	201.5	223.7
1955 - January .....	239.1(r)	195.5	205.5	168.4(r)	412.1	201.8	224.2(r)
April .....	243.1(r)	195.1	205.3	168.4(r)	433.4	201.7	226.6(r)
August .....	243.5(r)	197.4	203.3	168.4(r)	441.6	201.3	226.6(r)
1956 - January .....	241.4(r)	207.2(r)	204.5(r)	168.4(r)	427.0	200.8	225.2(r)
April .....	250.4	207.7	208.0	168.4	461.6	201.3	230.7
WESTERN CANADA							
1926 .....	131.8	97.8	117.1	141.6	183.5	121.9	127.8
1939 .....	99.8	103.3	96.6	102.7	109.9	99.5	99.7
1954 .....	235.7	199.2	204.2	183.2	465.5	207.0	224.2
1955 .....	234.7	199.9	204.5	184.8	454.8	206.1	223.2
1952 - April .....	242.5	197.4	215.7	169.0	484.6	211.2	230.0
1953 - April .....	242.1	199.1	208.1	176.3	505.4	205.3	227.4
1954 - April .....	240.2	199.2	204.7	183.2	495.7	206.9	226.9
1955 - January .....	225.5(r)	199.8	206.1	184.8(r)	381.3	206.0	217.7(r)
April .....	238.5(r)	199.3	204.1	184.8(r)	483.8	205.9	225.4(r)
August .....	240.2(r)	200.7	203.4	184.8(r)	499.4	206.3	226.6(r)
1956 - January .....	228.2(r)	210.3(r)	207.4(r)	184.8(r)	394.0	205.7	219.2(r)
April .....	247.7	209.8	211.1	184.8	518.4	206.6	231.3

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

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	July Average	June Average	July Average
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	.9732	.9863	.9846	.9853	.9818
United Kingdom.	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.7425	2.7616	2.7430
Argentina	peso (free)	.07006	.06386	.07065	.02934	.03112
Australia	pound	2.1874	2.2054	2.1939	2.2093	2.1944
Belgium (1)	franc	.01945	.01964	.01957	.01974	.01973
Brazil	cruzeiro (free)	.01456	.01344	.01313	.01186	.01248
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.5696	.5737	.5714	.5753	.5715
Ceylon	rupee	.2051	.2065	.2057	.2071	.2057
Chile	peso	.00843	.00493	.00492	.00200	.00199
Colombia	peso (basic)	.3894	.3945	.3938	.3941	.3928
Cuba	peso	.9733	.9863	.9846	.9853	.9819
Denmark	kroner	.1409	.1428	.1425	.1426	.1422
Egypt	pound	2.7949	2.8322	2.8272	2.8294	2.8194
France and North Africa	franc	.00278	.00282	.00281	.00282	.00281
Germany	deutsche mark	.2317	.2343	.2337	.2346	.2342
Hong Kong	dollar	.1709	.1721	.1714	.1726	.1714
India	rupee	.2051	.2065	.2057	.2071	.2057
Ireland	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.7425	2.7616	2.7430
Italy	lira	.00156	.00158	.00158	.00158	.00158
Jamaica	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.7425	2.7616	2.7430
Japan	yen	.00270	.00274	.00274	.00274	.00273
Lebanon	pound (free)	.3031	.3046	.3039	.3059	.3048
Mexico	peso	.08810	.07890	.07877	.07883	.07855
Netherlands	guilder	.2568	.2588	.2577	.2573	.2564
New Zealand	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.7425	2.7616	2.7430
Norway	kroner	.1363	.1381	.1378	.1379	.1375
Pakistan	rupee	.2942	.2597	.2976	.2071	.2057
Peru	sol-certificate	.05011	.05191	.05182	.05186	.05168
Philippines	peso	.4866	.4931	.4923	.4927	.4909
Portugal	escudo	.03397	.03442	.03436	.03439	.03427
Singapore	dollar	.3190	.3213	.3200	.3222	.3200
Sweden	krona	.1881	.1906	.1903	.1905	.1898
Switzerland	franc	.2270	.2301	.2297	.2299	.2291
Turkey	lira	.3476	.3522	.3516	.3519	.3507
Union of South Africa	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.7425	2.7616	2.7430
Venezuela	bolivar	.2905	.2944	.2939	.2941	.2931
Yugoslavia	dinar	.00324	.00329	.00328	.00328	.00327

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

- (1) Includes Belgian Empire and Luxemburg.  
 (2) Free

TABLE 20. - INDEX NUMBERS OF CONSUMER AND WHOLESALE PRICES  
IN CANADA AND OTHER SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

Country	Base Period	1939	1955	1 9 5 6					
				Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
<u>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia .....	1952-53		103.6(1)		108.3				
Canada .....	1949	63.2	116.4	116.4	116.4	116.6	116.6	117.8	118.5
France (Paris) .....	1949		114.9	147.9	148.1	147.5	148.5	147.1	146.7
Germany .....	1950		110	112	113	113	113	113	
India .....	1949		96	97	100	103	104		
Italy .....	1938		5,969	6,181	6,254	6,292	6,325		
Japan .....	1951		117.8	117.4	118.5	119.1			
Mexico .....	1939	100.0	548.7	586.9	588.3	579.0	573.4	568.6	
Netherlands .....	1951		106	106	107	107	106	108	
Norway .....	1949	63.8	143	144	145	147	150	151	
South Africa .....	1938	99.9	202.1	204.4	205.0	205.8	205.8	206.4	
Sweden .....	1949		133	137	138	138	139	139	
Switzerland .....	August 1939		172.6	173.0	173.5	173.2	175.0	175.4	
United Kingdom .....	Jan. 17, 1956(3)			100.0	101.3	102.7	102.5	102.4	
United Kingdom .....	June 17, 1947(4)		149	153	155	158	157	157	
United States .....	1947-49	59.4	114.5	114.6	114.7	114.9	115.4	116.2	
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia .....	1936-39	101.1	320(1)	329	340	344	350		
Canada .....	1935-39	99.2	218.9	222.2	223.3	224.5	225.3	226.5	226.6
France .....	1949		135.7	142.9	140.2	141.4	142.7	140.9	140.3
Germany .....	1950		125	129	130(r)	130(r)	130		
India .....	1938-39		377.5(2)	378.4	387.3	391.3(r)	390.2		
Italy .....	1938		5,320	5,411	5,426	5,427	5,429		
Japan (Tokyo) .....	1952		97.9	99.3	99.6	100.2	101.3		
Mexico (Mexico City) .	1939	100.0	500.4	535.4	537.4	541.3	535.3		
Netherlands .....	1948		137	139	140	142	139		
Norway .....	1952(3)		103	105	105	107	109		
South Africa .....	1938	97.6	271.5	275.8	274.8				
Sweden .....	1935	115	309	324	326	327	326		
Switzerland .....	August 1939		215.0	216.8	216.7	217.2	220.7	221.3	
United Kingdom .....	June 30, 1949(5)		152.4	154.9	155.6	154.9	155.9(r)	155.2	
United Kingdom .....	June 30, 1949(6)		129.6	134.1	134.8	135.1	135.4	135.5	
United States .....	1947-49	50.1	110.7	112.4	112.8	113.6	114.4(r)	114.2	

r. Revised.

1. Average from July 1954 to June 1955.

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

3. New Index.

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

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

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

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 a 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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