

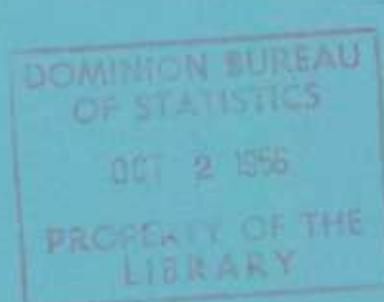
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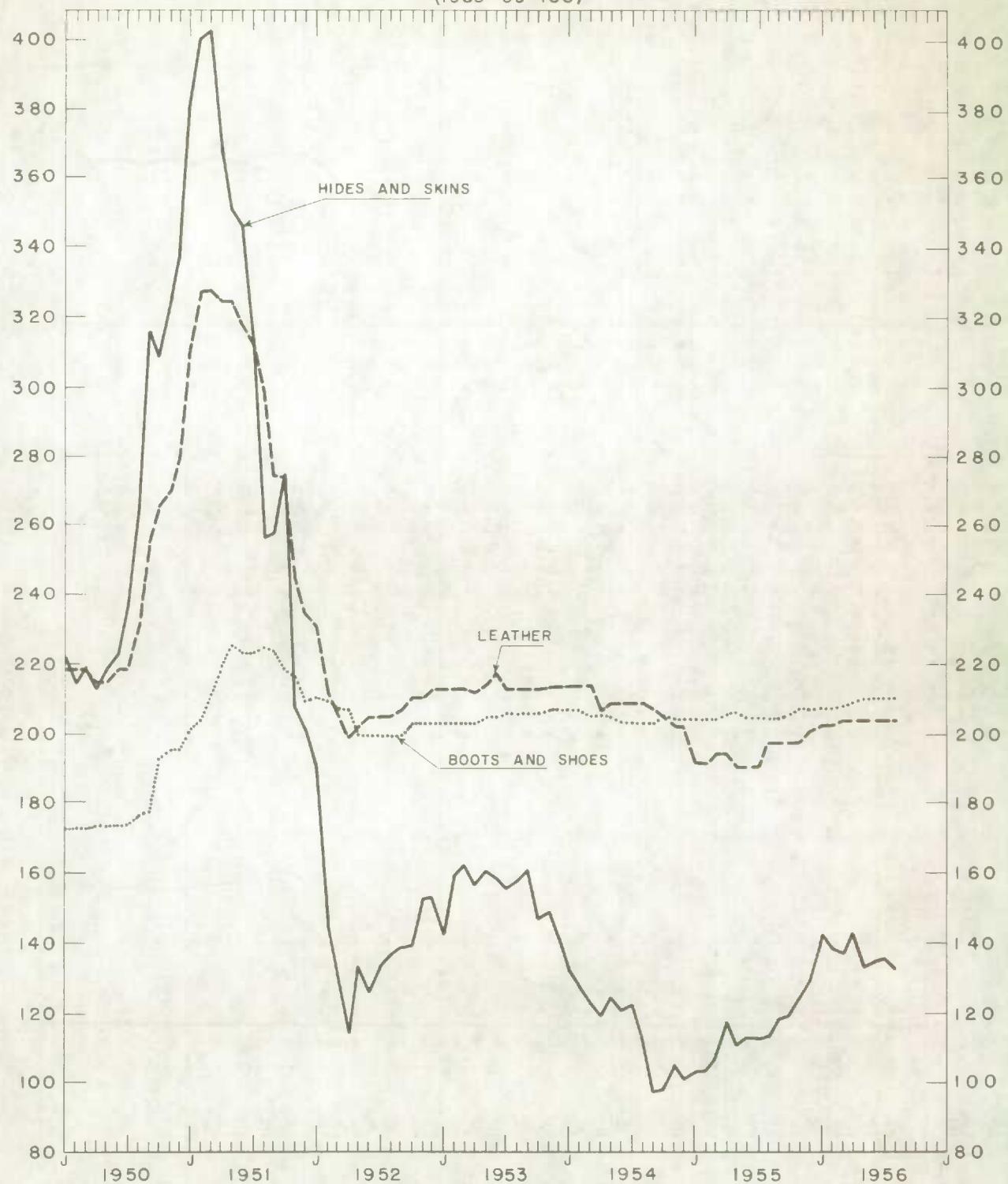
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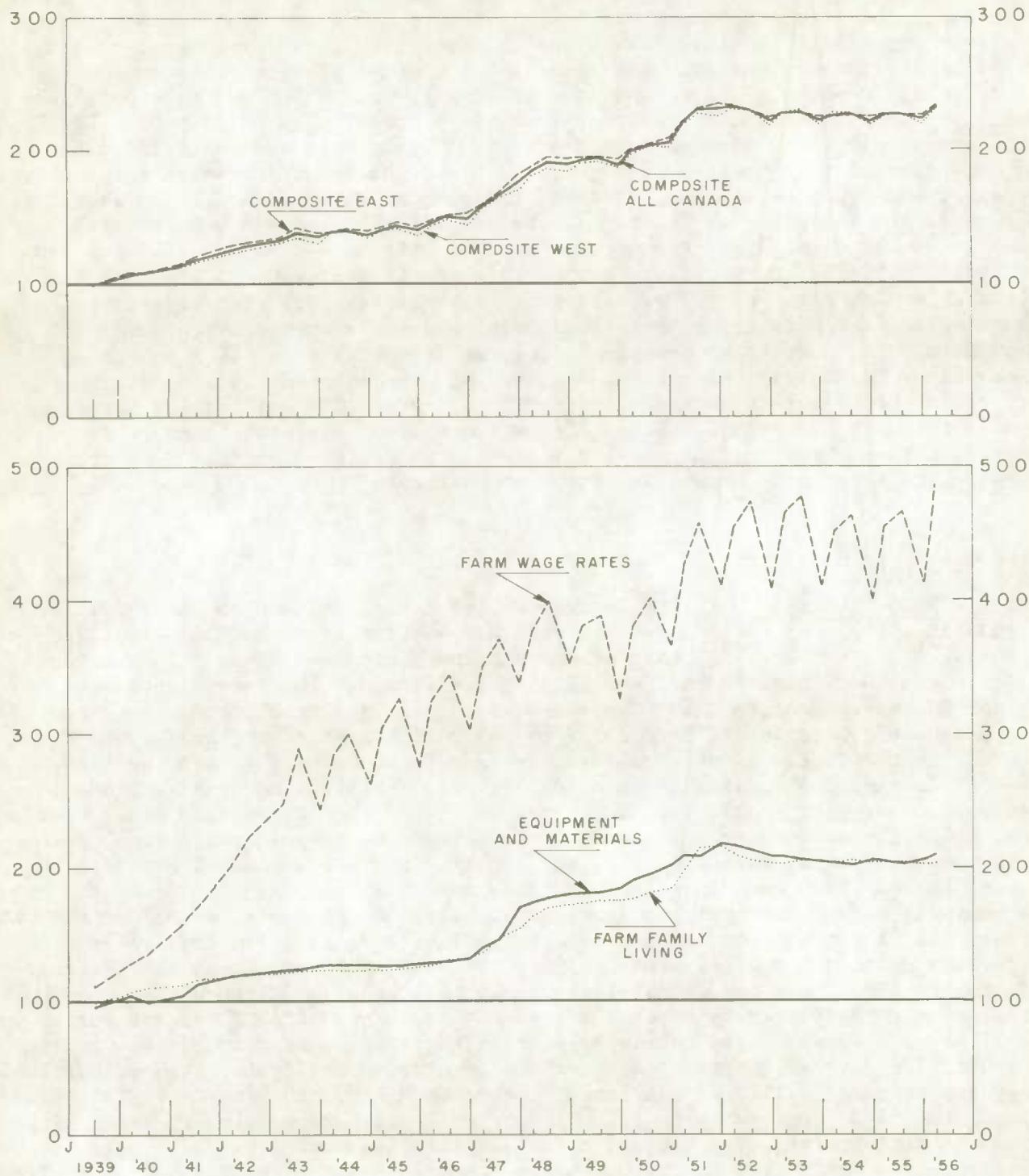
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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES
HIDES AND SKINS, LEATHER, AND BOOTS AND SHOES
JANUARY 1950 - AUGUST 1956
(1935-39=100)



PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES
AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS
COMPOSITE INDEX AND SELECTED GROUPS
1939-1956
(1935-1939=100)



THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:
(1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index advanced 0.5 per cent between July and August 1956 to reach a new high of 119.1. The August index stands 2.3 per cent above the level of a year ago. The latest movement was largely due to a 1.3 per cent advance in the Food index from 114.4 to 115.9, which approximated the usual July-August seasonal increase. The advance was somewhat greater than normal because of an unusually firm price for tomatoes, due to the late growing season, which was only partially offset by a sharp decrease in potatoes from the abnormal high of July to a level still appreciably above average August prices. Higher prices were recorded for eggs, all cuts of meat, coffee, and grapefruit. Significant decreases were confined to oranges and fresh vegetables. The Shelter component moved up 0.2 per cent to 133.0 under the influence of fractional changes in both rent and home-ownership. Clothing was the only major group to register a decline, moving down 0.2 per cent from 108.6 to 108.4. Lower prices for women's spring coats and cotton dresses, reflecting summer sale prices, were largely responsible. Somewhat higher levels were recorded for footwear, rayon piece goods, and men's work trousers and undershirts. The Household Operation index rose slightly from 116.7 to 116.8. Higher prices for soaps, detergents, a number of kitchen utensils and coal were just sufficient to offset declines in furniture. Other Commodities and Services advanced from 121.1 to 121.3. Hospitals in a number of eastern cities reported increased rates. Gasoline prices also increased in Eastern Canada. Some drug and personal care items were higher as were men's haircuts.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-39 = 100)

The General Wholesale Price Index advanced 0.2 per cent between July and August, from 226.6 to 227.0. Last August the index stood at 219.7. This marks the tenth consecutive month that the index has advanced. The increase between July and August was mainly due to an increase in Iron and Steel products. This group advanced 3.3 per cent, from 235.9 to 243.8 with most of the sub-groups contributing to the rise. Of the remaining seven major component groups three advanced, three receded and one remained unchanged. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products moved up 0.6 per cent to 230.1 as increases in cotton thread, worsted cloth, worsted yarns, nylon thread and domestic raw wool exceeded decreases in raw cotton, nylon hosiery, cotton yarns, cotton fabrics and imported raw wool. Animal Products rose 0.5 per cent to 234.0 when increases in cured meats, livestock, fish products, eggs, milk products and lard outweighed decreases in fowl, fresh meats, and hides and skins. Increases in aluminum ingot, silver and tin, offset a decrease in copper and moved Non-ferrous Metals up 0.1 per cent to 195.4. A drop of 2.0 per cent in Vegetable Products, to 198.6, was caused mainly by a seasonal drop in potato prices. Supporting decreases were registered by vegetable oils and their products, cocoa and coffee, onions, hay and fresh fruits, while offsetting increases were attributable to livestock and poultry feeds, raw rubber, grains, canned fruits, dried fruits, canned vegetables, bakery products and milled cereal foods. Wood, Wood Products and Paper fell 0.2 per cent to 303.8. Decreases in B.C. fir and cedar lumber and timber, along with decreases in newsprint, woodpulp and cedar shingles for export caused by a lower rate of exchange for the United States Dollar in Canadian funds, overbalanced an increase in pine lumber. Chemicals and Allied Products receded 0.1 per cent to 180.9 due to a decrease in ammonium nitrate. Increases occurred for copper sulphate, zinc oxide and acetylene gas. Non-metallic Minerals remained unchanged at 180.3 when increases in bricks and crushed stone balanced decreases in building stone and sulphur.

The price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets declined 5.4 per cent from 226.6 to 214.4, reflecting substantial losses in the Field Products group which recorded an index drop of 13.1 per cent, from 196.9 to 171.1. A major factor was the seasonal readjustment of potato prices, particularly on Eastern markets. Prices were also down for hay, wheat, flax and Eastern oats, while advances occurred in corn, barley and rye. The Animal Products index was fractionally higher in the same period, rising 0.5 per cent from 256.4 to 257.6. Higher prices were reported for steers, eggs, Eastern calves and Western wool, while lambs, hogs, Western calves and Eastern poultry and cheesemilk were down.

The price index of Residential building material prices remained virtually unchanged at 293.8 in August, only one-tenth point under July. Decreases in the prices of fir timber and cedar shingles were almost balanced by increases for a few steel and steel product items.

The Non-residential building materials price index; on the base 1949 = 100, advanced 1.7 per cent during August from 127.1 to 129.3. Chiefly responsible for the increase were higher prices for steel component items, reflected mainly in the Steel and Metal Work and Plumbing and Heating group indexes. The Cement Sand and Gravel group was also slightly higher while moderate decreases were reported for building stone and structural lumber.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 96 common stocks advanced 3.3 per cent between July and August, from 282.4 to 291.8. While this level represented a new monthly peak, the

underlying week-to-week movement indicated a high point reached in the second week of the month, followed by weakness through the remainder of August. The indexes for 76 Industrials and 13 Utilities showed similar movements while Banks declined over the entire month. Net monthly increases for the major groups were: Industrials 3.3 per cent, from 299.0 to 308.9; 13 Utilities 3.8 per cent, from 207.9 to 215.7; and 7 Banks 2.8 per cent, from 287.4 to 295.4. Nine sub-groups averaged higher in August as greater gains occurred for Transportation (7.6 per cent), Oils (6.5) and Industrial Mines (6.2). Three sub-groups were slightly lower: Beverages, Pulp and Paper, and Textiles and Clothing.

The composite index of 26 Mining stocks advanced 2.2 per cent in the month under review, from 144.0 to 147.1, reflecting a 3.6 per cent gain for 5 Base Metals from 291.5 to 301.9. The index for 21 Gold Stocks remained unchanged at the July level of 79.5.

The index of 28 Preferred stocks edged downward from the July level of 167.5 to 166.1 in August.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE MOVEMENTSTABLE 1. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100)

Note: 1956 Wholesale Price Indexes are subject to revision.

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
					<u>Aug.</u> <u>1956</u>	<u>Aug.</u> <u>1956</u>	<u>Aug.</u> <u>1956</u>
	<u>Aug.</u> <u>1954</u>	<u>Aug.</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1956</u>	<u>Aug.</u> <u>1956</u>	<u>Aug.</u> <u>1954</u>	<u>Aug.</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1956</u>
<u>GENERAL INDEX</u>	215.8	219.7	226.6	227.0	+ 5.2	+ 3.3	+ 0.2
Vegetable Products	197.1	193.9	202.7	198.6	+ 0.8	+ 2.4	- 2.0
Animal Products	229.7	228.6	232.8	234.0	+ 1.9	+ 2.4	+ 0.5
Textile Products	230.8	226.0	228.7	230.1	- 0.3	+ 1.8	+ 0.6
Wood Products	287.6	296.0	304.4	303.8	+ 5.6	+ 2.6	- 0.2
Iron Products	211.7	226.5	235.9	243.8	+ 15.2	+ 7.6	+ 3.3
Non-ferrous Metals	167.3	188.8	195.3	195.4	+ 16.8	+ 3.5	+ 0.1
Non-metallic Minerals	175.8	173.7	180.3	180.3	+ 2.6	+ 3.8	-
Chemical Products	176.7	176.5	181.0	180.9	+ 2.4	+ 2.5	- 0.1
<u>CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS</u>	216.0	204.8	226.6	214.4	- 0.7	+ 4.7	- 5.4
Field	183.8	159.0	196.9	171.1	- 6.9	+ 7.6	- 13.1
Animal	248.2	250.6	256.4	257.6	+ 3.8	+ 2.8	+ 0.5
<u>SELECTED PRICE INDEXES</u>							
Canadian Industrial Materials	222.5	240.9	247.4	249.2	+ 12.0	+ 3.4	+ 0.7
Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	122.0	125.2	128.9	128.9	+ 5.7	+ 3.0	Ø
Non-Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	121.1	124.2	127.1	129.3	+ 6.8	+ 4.1	+ 1.7

WHOLESALE PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED COMMODITIESBETWEEN JULY AND AUGUST 1956

	<u>INCREASES</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>
	p.c.	p.c.
Cotton thread	22.3	72.9
Nylon thread	20.5	21.8
Canned cherries	15.7	16.0
Steel scrap	14.3	12.1
Canned salmon, Cohoe	11.0	10.6
Bacon, side, sliced	10.7	9.8
Chain, fireweld	10.0	9.1
Bricks, sand lime	10.0	7.8
Corn meal	9.0	7.4
Corn, Ontario	8.9	7.4
Pork, fresh shoulders	8.8	7.3
Steel sheets, hot rolled	7.4	7.2
Steel bars	7.3	6.4
Structural shapes	6.9	6.0
Bananas, Montreal	6.4	5.2

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	<u>Aug. 1954</u>	<u>Aug. 1955</u>	<u>July 1956</u>	<u>Aug. 1956</u>	<u>Aug. 1956</u>	<u>Aug. 1956</u>	<u>Aug. 1956</u>
<u>TOTAL INDEX</u>	117.0	116.4	118.5	119.1	+ 1.8	+ 2.3	+ 0.5
Food	114.4	112.4	114.4	115.9	+ 1.3	+ 3.1	+ 1.3
Shelter	127.0	129.8	132.7	133.0	+ 4.7	+ 2.5	+ 0.2
Clothing	109.6	107.8	108.6	108.4	- 1.1	+ 0.6	- 0.2
Household Operation	117.2	115.8	116.7	116.8	- 0.3	+ 0.9	+ 0.1
Other Commodities and Services	117.7	118.0	121.1	121.3	+ 3.1	+ 2.8	+ 0.2

RETAIL PRICE CHANGES FOR SELECTED ITEMS BETWEEN JULY AND AUGUST 1956

	<u>INCREASES</u>	<u>p.c.</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>
			<u>p.c.</u>
Eggs	7.1	Lettuce	31.1
Onions	7.0	Potatoes	22.8
Pork, shoulder roast, Boston butt	5.0	Cabbage	21.3
Apples	4.8	Celery	18.8
Cottage roll, smoked, boneless	4.1	Cotton street dress	11.5
Round steak	3.9	Fresh tomatoes	7.6
Lamb, leg roast	3.4	Oranges	7.0
Face cream	3.4	Women's spring coats	4.9
Sirloin steak	3.2	Turnips	3.8
Hospital rates	2.6	Chicken	3.1

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

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	<u>Aug. 1954</u>	<u>Aug. 1955</u>	<u>July 1956</u>	<u>Aug. 1956</u>	<u>Aug. 1956</u>	<u>Aug. 1956</u>	<u>Aug. 1956</u>
<u>Total Investors' Index</u>	187.0	245.3	282.4	291.8	+ 56.0	+ 19.0	+ 3.3
<u>Total Industrials</u>	187.9	252.3	299.0	308.9	+ 64.4	+ 22.4	+ 3.3
Machinery & Equipment	520.8	735.6	913.7	915.4	+ 75.8	+ 24.4	+ 0.2
Pulp & Paper	744.3	1,066.9	1,185.8	1,175.3	+ 57.9	+ 10.2	- 0.9
Milling	145.4	198.5	173.9	175.2	+ 20.5	- 11.7	+ 0.7
Oils	142.1	164.7	234.9	250.1	+ 76.0	+ 51.9	+ 6.5
Textiles & Clothing	161.2	176.2	159.5	158.3	- 1.8	- 10.2	- 0.8
Foods	142.6	194.8	190.8	195.5	+ 37.1	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Beverages	497.6	592.0	565.4	558.6	+ 12.3	- 5.6	- 1.2
Building Materials	348.5	457.2	504.5	514.2	+ 47.5	+ 12.5	+ 1.9
Industrial Mines	125.0	203.0	223.5	237.3	+ 89.8	+ 16.9	+ 6.2
Total Utilities	170.2	207.0	207.9	215.7	+ 26.7	+ 4.2	+ 3.8
Transportation	296.6	383.2	361.7	389.1	+ 31.2	+ 1.5	+ 7.6
Telephone	114.6	129.5	122.2	124.9	+ 9.0	- 3.6	+ 2.2
Power and Traction	156.7	195.2	222.4	228.0	+ 45.5	+ 16.8	+ 2.5
Banks	217.3	263.2	287.4	295.4	+ 35.9	+ 12.2	+ 2.8
<u>Mining Stocks</u>							
General Index	95.6	129.1	144.0	147.1	+ 53.9	+ 13.9	+ 2.2
Golds	67.8	76.3	79.5	79.5	+ 17.3	+ 4.2	0
Base Metals	159.2	250.0	291.5	301.9	+ 89.6	+ 20.8	+ 3.6

TABLE 4. - PRINCIPAL WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	General Whole- sale Price Index	Raw and Partly Manu- factured	Fully and Chiefly Manu- factured	Indus- trial Mate- rials	Canadian Farm Products (1)		
					Field	Animal	Total
1913	83.4	85.1	86.2	-	-	-	-
1920	203.2	194.7	208.2	-	-	-	-
1926	130.3	129.1	133.0	144.3	158.5	130.2	144.4
1929	124.6	126.1	123.7	132.8	137.2	144.4	140.8
1933	87.4	79.3	93.3	78.3	69.3	69.2	69.3
1938	102.0	99.4	103.5	95.8	100.9	104.8	102.9
1939	99.2	94.9	101.9	99.0	83.7	101.5	92.6
1940	108.0	103.1	109.9	113.3	85.4	106.7	96.1
1941	116.4	114.4	118.8	125.2	88.9	124.4	106.6
1942	123.0	123.0	123.7	135.1	109.7	144.6	127.1
1943	127.9	131.1	126.9	140.0	129.0	161.8	145.4
1944	130.6	134.4	129.1	143.1	144.5	166.1	155.3
1945	132.1	136.2	129.8	143.2	162.5	170.2	166.4
1946	138.9	140.1	138.0	148.6	177.9	181.2	179.5
1947	163.3	164.3	162.4	187.0	184.1	200.2	192.2
1948	193.4	196.3	192.4	222.7	200.6	263.7	232.1
1949	198.3	197.1	199.2	218.0	191.9	265.4	228.7
1950	211.2	212.8	211.0	244.6	191.9	281.4	236.7
1951	240.2	237.9	242.4	296.1	200.4	336.9	268.6
1952	226.0	218.7	230.7	252.6	223.0	277.5	250.2
1953	220.7	207.0	228.8	232.3	179.4	263.8	221.6
1954	217.0	204.8	224.2	223.7	170.9	256.2	213.6
1955	218.9	209.7	224.5	236.0	174.4	245.1	209.7
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
Aug.	227.0	217.0	233.3	249.2	171.1	257.6	214.4

(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 Vegetable Products	Grains	Milled Cereal Foods	Live-stock and Poultry Feeds	Bakery Products	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
Aug.	227.0	198.6	188.9	151.0	200.6	196.4	166.2	192.2	162.4

- 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
Aug.	289.7	201.9	155.5	363.9	284.2	340.9	210.4	183.3

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

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- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -								
Date	Total Animal Products	Fishery Products	Raw Furs	Hides and Skins	Leather, Unmanufactured	Boots and Shoes	Live-stock	Steers
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
Aug.	234.0	293.1	93.2	132.9	204.1	210.1	280.8	355.9
- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded								
	Meats, Fresh	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	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
Aug.	281.6	320.9	182.9	180.7	226.4	223.8	137.3	199.2

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 -							
		Raw Cotton	Cotton Yarns	Cotton Fabrics	Cotton Knit Goods	Miscellaneous 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
	Aug.	230.1	280.0	243.8	238.8	220.7	207.0	182.9	154.2
- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS - Concluded									
	Rayon Yarns	Raw Wool, Domestic	Raw Wool, Imported	Yarns, Worsted	Hosiery and Knit Goods, Chiefly Wool	Wool Blankets	Worsted and Wool Cloth	Carpets	
1955	Average ...	166.0	244.0	206.8	203.0	230.9	252.5	238.1	225.3
1955	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
	Aug.	170.5	254.6	209.6	201.9	230.9	271.2	239.3	232.3

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 (1)	Anti- mony (2)	Copper and Its Pro- ducts	Lead and Its Pro- ducts	Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Pro- ducts	Solder		
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
Aug.	195.4	273.6	177.3	367.7	323.2	229.7	184.8	320.6	205.4	256.2
- 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			
June	179.2	239.9	159.2	178.8	320.6	224.9	270.2			
July	180.3	239.9	162.4	180.3	320.6	226.6	270.2			
Aug.	180.3	240.5	162.4	180.3	320.6	226.6	270.2			

(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
June	201.5	166.9	137.8	136.2	183.0	163.7	206.4
July	201.5	168.1	139.2	136.2	184.8	163.7	205.7
Aug.	201.5	168.1	139.2	136.2	184.8	163.7	205.2
- 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
Aug.	133.4	208.6	155.1	143.4	159.8	194.4	289.2

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

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- 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
Aug.	180.9	145.8	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	
Aug.	143.6	206.9	160.9	139.7	200.6	

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 July ...	122.3	120.1	126.7	120.0	128.7	116.5	120.6
Aug. ...	124.9	120.1	126.7	120.0	129.2	119.1	120.6
Sept. ...	125.8	120.1	126.7	120.0	129.3	120.4	124.9
Oct. ...	125.9	120.1	126.7	120.0	129.4	120.4	125.0
Nov. ...	125.9	120.1	126.7	120.0	129.2	120.6	124.7
Dec. ...	126.0	120.2	126.7	120.1	129.5	120.6	124.7
1956 Jan. ...	126.7	121.1	127.3	120.1	130.1	121.5	125.6
Feb. ...	126.9	121.1	127.2	120.1	130.1	122.3	124.9
Mar. ...	127.2	117.5	130.1	120.7	131.7	122.3	126.2
Apr. ...	127.2	116.6	130.1	121.8	132.0	122.4	126.3
May ...	127.4	116.6	131.4	121.8	132.4	122.4	126.1
June ...	127.5	115.5	131.4	121.8	132.6	122.4	126.0
July ...	127.1	115.7	131.2	121.8	132.6	122.1	123.2
Aug. ...	129.3	116.7	130.2	121.8	132.0	124.1	123.0

	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 July ...	126.1	129.8	107.7	128.8	134.1	96.9
Aug. ...	134.9	136.0	107.7	129.8	134.1	96.9
Sept. ...	134.9	136.2	108.8	129.8	135.0	96.9
Oct. ...	134.9	139.1	108.8	129.8	136.2	96.9
Nov. ...	135.0	139.7	108.8	129.8	136.2	95.5
Dec. ...	135.0	139.7	108.9	129.8	136.3	95.5
1956 Jan. ...	135.1	138.7	108.9	136.5	139.6	95.7
Feb. ...	135.1	139.9	108.9	136.5	139.6	95.7
Mar. ...	135.2	143.8	108.9	136.5	139.6	95.7
Apr. ...	135.3	143.8	112.1	133.5	141.8	92.9
May ...	135.3	143.8	112.0	133.5	141.8	92.9
June ...	135.7	144.0	112.0	137.8	141.7	92.9
July ...	135.6	144.0	114.7	137.8	141.7	93.0
Aug. ...	144.4	144.6	114.7	139.1	141.7	93.0

TABLE 8. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity <u>1/</u>	Unit	Yearly Average 1955	August 1955	July 1956	August 1956
		\$	\$	\$	\$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern	bu.	1.744	1.760	1.738	1.732
OATS, No. 2 C. W.	bu.	.863	.804	.846	.864
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed	bu.	1.070	1.034	1.035	1.044
RYE, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	1.006	.868	1.256	1.274
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto	bbl.	11.467	11.600	*5.900	*5.900
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal	cwt.	7.078	7.078	7.268	7.268
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal	gal.	1.376	1.570	1.790	1.650
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's	lb.	.667	.640	.710	.695
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John	75-1b. bag	2.212	1.825	4.531	2.975
STEERS, Toronto	cwt.	19.593	19.500	20.810	21.500
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included)	cwt.	25.152	27.120	27.650	26.890
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers	lb.	.142	.138	.155	.150
LEATHER, Packer Bends, No. 1 and 2	lb.	.620	.620	.620	.620
LEATHER, Box Sides D, f.o.b.	sq.ft.	.338	.330	.370	.370
Ontario factory	1b.	.597	.589	.574	.575
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade, Montreal	doz.	.586	.720	.651	.680
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	lb.	.341	.340	.348	+ .337
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 15/16", New York	lb.	.687	.690	.710	.690
RAYON YARN, 36 filament, 150 denier	lb.	.772	.780	.800	.800
WOOL, Raw, Eastern Domestic, regular,	lb.	.492	.500	.500	.500
Low medium staple, greasy	lb.	1.373	1.280	1.430	1.410
WOOL, Raw, Australian, 64's, clean	ton	110.726	110.050	112.797	112.545
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Mill, in Canadian funds (Southern Quebec)	M.bd.ft.	167.500	165.000	175.000	175.000
PINE, No. 1 and 2 common, 1"x8", 8/16'	M.bd.ft.	86.000	88.250	89.500	89.500
SPRUCE, Merchantable, 1"x6/7"	gr.ton	57.750	59.000	61.000	63.500
PIG IRON, Malleable	gr.ton	43.167	43.000	49.000	49.000
SCRAP IRON, No. 1	cwt.	37.030	37.602	39.429	39.250
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic sales	cwt.	14.391	14.250	15.500	15.500
LEAD, Pig, Electrolytic, domestic sales	lb.	.956	.961	.968	.985
TIN INCOTS, 99.8%	cwt.	13.654	13.850	14.850	14.850
ZINC, Grade "A", Electrolytic, domestic sales	ton	18.336	17.640	18.960	18.960
COAL, United States Anthracite	gal.	.223	.221	.226	.226
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto	gal.	.221	.219	.224	.224
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Winnipeg	bbl.	3.370	3.370	3.410	3.410
CEMENT, Portland, Toronto	bbl.	3.140	3.140	3.180	3.180
CEMENT, Portland, Calgary	210-lb.sq.	8.032	8.230	9.200	9.200
SHINGLES, Asphalt	cwt.	2.400	2.410	2.470	2.470
SODA ASH, 58% light	ton	26.270	26.350	25.350	25.350
SULPHURIC ACID, 66° Baume					

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

* Per 100 Lb. bag.

+ changed from 15/16", to 1".

TABLE 9. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

(1949 = 100)

	Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities & Services
1940	65.7	52.6	86.6	59.9	70.3	77.9
1941	69.6	57.9	89.2	63.6	73.8	80.0
1942	72.9	63.4	90.7	65.8	76.0	82.0
1943	74.2	65.2	90.9	66.1	76.1	84.8
1944	74.6	65.5	91.2	66.6	75.7	86.1
1945	75.0	66.3	91.4	66.9	74.9	86.4
1946	77.5	70.0	91.8	69.2	77.2	88.7
1947	84.8	79.5	95.1	78.9	86.2	91.6
1948	97.0	97.5	98.3	95.6	96.8	96.5
1949	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950	102.9	102.6	106.2	99.7	102.4	103.1
1951	113.7	117.0	114.4	109.8	113.1	111.5
1952	116.5	116.8	120.2	111.8	116.2	116.0
1953	115.5	112.6	123.6	110.1	117.0	115.8
1954	116.2	112.2	126.5	109.4	117.4	117.4
1955	116.4	112.1	129.4	108.0	116.4	118.1
<u>1953</u>	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	117.1
	May	115.5	110.2	125.8	109.9	117.3
	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	117.1
<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	118.2
	May	116.4	112.3	128.8	107.9	118.3
	June	115.9	111.0	129.2	107.8	117.8
	July	116.0	111.5	129.6	107.8	117.7
	August	116.4	112.4	129.8	107.8	118.0
	September	116.8	113.7	130.0	107.8	117.9
	October	116.9	113.5	130.2	107.8	118.1
	November	116.9	113.0	130.6	107.9	118.3
	December	116.9	112.4	131.0	108.5	118.3
<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
	June	117.8	112.5	132.6	108.6	120.6
	July	118.5	114.4	132.7	108.6	121.1
	August	119.1	115.9	133.0	108.4	121.3

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

(1949 = 100)

	1953	1954	1955	Aug. 1954	Aug. 1955	May 1956	June 1956	July 1956	Aug. 1956
Total Index	115.5	116.2	116.4	117.0	116.4	116.6	117.8	118.5	119.1
Food	112.6	112.2	112.1	114.4	112.4	109.3	112.5	114.4	115.9
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	112.4	111.8	111.9	110.9	111.1	111.7	111.5	111.5	111.6
Cereal Products	119.3	122.4	122.0	122.5	121.7	123.3	123.8	125.4	126.0
Meats, Fish and Poultry	108.2	105.8	101.3	104.5	99.6	95.0	96.7	98.5	100.6
Shelter	123.6	126.5	129.4	127.0	129.8	132.1	132.6	132.7	133.0
Rent	125.4	129.8	133.3	130.6	133.7	135.2	135.7	135.9	136.1
Home-Ownership	121.2	122.2	124.4	122.3	124.6	128.1	128.4	128.5	128.8
Clothing	110.1	109.4	108.0	109.6	107.8	108.8	108.6	108.6	108.4
Men's Wear	113.5	113.8	113.0	113.8	112.8	113.3	113.3	113.3	113.4
Women's Wear	102.5	100.9	98.4	101.2	98.3	99.5	99.2	99.1	98.3
Children's Wear	108.6	107.5	106.2	107.4	106.2	106.1	106.0	106.0	105.8
Footwear	127.7	127.6	127.3	127.6	127.0	129.1	129.2	129.4	130.0
Piece Goods	106.2	108.7	108.4	109.0	108.2	108.2	108.2	108.3	108.7
Household Operation	117.0	117.4	116.4	117.2	115.8	116.5	116.7	116.7	116.8
Fuel	116.0	114.9	112.7	113.9	110.8	113.9	113.3	113.3	113.8
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	115.2	113.0	112.8	113.0	113.1	113.0
Furniture	117.2	117.6	115.9	117.5	115.3	116.1	116.1	116.1	115.6
Utensils and Equipment	121.2	122.1	123.1	122.4	122.9	124.7	125.3	125.4	125.7
Supplies and Services	118.7	121.8	122.9	122.4	123.0	123.7	124.2	124.3	124.4
Supplies	113.5	115.8	116.3	116.0	116.4	117.1	117.0	117.1	117.3
Services	122.2	126.0	127.4	126.8	127.6	128.2	129.1	129.2	129.2
Other Commodities and Services	115.8	117.4	118.1	117.7	118.0	120.5	120.6	121.1	121.3
Transportation	119.2	120.0	118.5	120.0	117.7	122.2	122.1	123.7	123.9
Automobile Operation	114.5	114.7	111.0	114.5	109.2	111.9	111.8	111.4	111.7
Recreation	116.7	119.5	122.6	119.6	123.0	125.9	125.9	125.9	125.9
Health Care	122.0	127.4	130.4	128.5	130.6	134.0	134.0	134.0	134.8
Drugs	108.7	109.5	111.0	109.5	111.0	111.5	111.7	111.7	111.8
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	119.2	120.8	120.8	121.1
Personal Supplies	111.5	113.6	112.7	114.0	111.9	112.0	112.3	112.3	112.5

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	Marg- arine
<u>1953</u>	106.2	113.0	113.7	101.0	95.9	108.6	100.7	117.9
<u>1954</u>	99.7	109.4	116.8	113.2	96.6	95.8	99.0	117.5
<u>1955</u>	101.7	113.6	108.2	91.4	105.9	93.8	99.2	104.7
<u>1955</u> 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
<u>1956</u> 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
August	104.0	123.6	123.1	86.6	110.7	91.7	97.3	105.0
	Short- ening	Eggs	Peaches, Canned	Oranges	Peas, Canned	Potatoes	Toma- toes, Fresh	Carrots
<u>1953</u>	87.4	109.9	97.7	94.8	120.0	111.8	102.3	132.3
<u>1954</u>	91.8	92.9	99.0	116.8	119.2	107.6	101.4	153.2
<u>1955</u>	91.8	99.9	102.5	108.2	117.9	134.5	100.4	152.8
<u>1955</u> 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
<u>1956</u> 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
August	96.0	117.1	103.1	116.7	115.3	190.9	129.2	161.2
	Milk, Fresh	Cheese, Pro- cessed	Bread	Flour	Sugar, Granu- lated	Jam, Straw- berry	Tea	Coffee
<u>1953</u>	118.5	113.2	121.5	108.9	107.8	104.5	98.1	164.1
<u>1954</u>	118.5	111.6	126.8	110.2	101.8	107.5	105.4	200.9
<u>1955</u>	118.5	112.8	126.4	106.4	99.7	110.3	129.5	173.7
<u>1955</u> 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
<u>1956</u> 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
August	118.5	117.8	133.8	109.0	100.8	111.7	128.1	185.5

TABLE 13. - ACTUAL AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES IN MANUFACTURING

ADJUSTED FOR CHANGES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1)

1945 - 1956

Year and Month	Actual (2) Weekly Wages	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	Index Numbers of		
			Actual Weekly Wages	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	The Consumer Price Index
	\$	\$	(1949 = 100)		(1949 = 100)
1945 - Average	30.74	40.99	73.7	98.3	75.0
1946 - Average	29.87	38.54	71.6	92.4	77.5
1947 - Average	34.13	40.25	81.8	96.5	84.8
1948 - Average	38.53	39.72	92.4	95.2	97.0
1949 - Average	41.71	41.71	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950 - Average	43.82	42.59	105.1	102.1	102.9
1951 - Average	48.82	42.94	117.0	102.9	113.7
1952 - Average	53.62	46.03	128.6	110.4	116.5
1953 - Average	56.09	48.56	134.5	116.4	115.5
1954 - Average	57.16	49.19	137.0	117.9	116.2
1955 - Average	59.25	50.90	142.1	122.0	116.4
<u>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	62.13	52.74	149.0	126.4	117.8
July 1	62.91 (P)	53.09 (P)	150.8 (P)	127.3 (P)	118.5

(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 (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
1954 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
1955 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
1956 Jan.	205.3	206.5	385.4	129.4	192.6	260.0	125.2	75.8	238.1
Feb.	200.6	204.1	373.3	129.5	190.6	264.2	125.1	76.7	235.8
Mar.	217.0	210.2	399.3	131.0	194.3	276.8	134.4	79.4	260.2
Apr.	222.1	209.3	394.8	127.7	200.2	288.7	136.8	78.8	269.7
May	218.0	204.2	370.2	125.2	201.0	271.7	136.5	78.8	268.5
June	217.2	199.8	356.8	119.2	206.0	260.7	136.4	76.7	273.1
July	223.5	207.9	361.7	122.2	222.4	287.4	144.0	79.5	291.5
Aug.	237.3	215.7	389.1	124.9	228.0	295.4	147.1	79.5	301.9
Weekly Index									
Aug. 2	240.5	215.6	376.5	125.4	232.6	304.7	148.9	79.8	307.2
Aug. 9	241.9	219.0	394.6	126.2	233.1	298.2	149.4	80.1	308.2
Aug. 16	240.7	217.1	391.8	125.8	229.4	296.3	148.3	80.7	303.0
Aug. 23	234.5	215.5	394.4	125.0	224.9	289.0	146.4	78.9	301.0
Aug. 30	228.9	211.2	388.0	122.2	220.2	288.9	142.4	78.0	289.9

(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	166.1
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	340.5
July	117.8	138.2	172.8	192.1	185.5	231.1	315.3	356.5
August	121.8	147.2	181.5	191.1	187.3	236.4	311.0	357.3
September	123.8	151.7	187.3	188.2	179.2	238.5	323.2	
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. - 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 (a)	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 18. - 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	August Average	July Average	August Average
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	.9732	.9863	.9851	.9818	.9812
United Kingdom	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.7456	2.7430	2.7311
Argentina	peso (free)	.07006	.06386	.07068	.03112	.03240
Australia	pound	2.1874	2.2054	2.1966	2.1944	2.1846
Belgium (1)	franc	.01945	.01964	.01959	.01973	.01968
Brazil	cruzeiro (free)	.01456	.01344	.01364	.01248	.01314
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.5696	.5737	.5720	.5715	.5689
Ceylon	rupee	.2051	.2065	.2059	.2057	.2048
Chile	peso	.00843	.00493	.00493	.00199	.00198
Colombia	peso (basic)	.3894	.3945	.3941	.3928	.3924
Cuba	peso	.9733	.9863	.9852	.9819	.9811
Denmark	krone	.1409	.1428	.1426	.1422	.1420
Egypt	pound	2.7949	2.8322	2.8290	2.8194	2.8171
France and North Africa	franc	.00278	.00282	.00282	.00281	.00280
Germany	deutsche mark	.2317	.2343	.2338	.2342	.2341
Hong Kong	dollar	.1709	.1721	.1716	.1714	.1707
India	rupee	.2051	.2065	.2059	.2057	.2048
Ireland	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.7456	2.7430	2.7311
Italy	lira	.00156	.00158	.00158	.00158	.00157
Jamaica	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.7456	2.7430	2.7311
Japan	yen	.00270	.00274	.00274	.00273	.00273
Lebanon	pound (free)	.3031	.3046	.3047	.3048	.3063
Mexico	peso	.08810	.07890	.07882	.07855	.07849
Netherlands	guilder	.2568	.2588	.2575	.2564	.2562
New Zealand	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.7456	2.7430	2.7311
Norway	krone	.1363	.1381	.1379	.1375	.1374
Pakistan	rupee	.2942	.2597	.2059	.2057	.2048
Peru	sol-certificate	.05011	.05191	.05185	.05168	.05163
Philippines	peso	.4866	.4931	.4926	.4909	.4905
Portugal	escudo	.03397	.03442	.03438	.03427	.03424
Singapore	dollar	.3190	.3213	.3203	.3200	.3186
Sweden	krona	.1881	.1906	.1904	.1898	.1896
Switzerland	franc	.2270	.2301	.2299	.2291	.2290
Turkey	lira	.3476	.3522	.3518	.3507	.3504
Union of South Africa	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.7456	2.7430	2.7311
Venezuela	bolivar	.2905	.2944	.2941	.2931	.2928
Yugoslavia	dinar	.00324	.00329	.00328	.00327	.00327

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

(1) Includes Belgian Empire and Luxemburg.

TABLE 19. - INDEX NUMBERS OF CONSUMER AND WHOLESALE PRICES
IN CANADA AND OTHER SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

Country	Base Period	1949	1955					1	9	5	6
				Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.		
<u>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES</u>											
Australia	1952-53		108.0(1)	108.3			110.8				
Canada	1949	100.0	116.4	116.4	116.6	116.6	117.8	118.5	119.1		
France (Paris)	1949	100.0	114.9	148.1	147.5	148.5	147.1	146.7	147.1		
Germany	1950	107	110	113	113	113	113	113	113		
India	1949	100	96	100	103	104					
Italy	1938	4,915	5,969	6,254	6,292	6,325	6,299				
Japan	1951	92.2	117.8	118.5	119.1	118.1					
Mexico	1939	335.9	548.7	588.3	579.0	573.4	568.6	568.8			
Netherlands	1951		106	107	107	106	108				
Norway	1949	100	143	145	147	150	151				
South Africa	1938	153.2	202.1	205.0	205.8	205.8	206.4	207.1			
Sweden	1949	100	133	138	138	139	139				
Switzerland	August 1939		172.6	173.5	173.2	175.0	175.4	175.6			
United Kingdom	Jan. 17, 1956			101.3	102.7	102.5	102.4	102.0			
United Kingdom	June 17, 1947(3)	111	149	155	158	157	157	156			
United States	1947-49	101.8	114.5	114.7	114.9	115.4	116.2	117.0			
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</u>											
Australia	1936-39		338(1)	340	344	350	353				
Canada	1935-39	198.3	218.9	223.3	224.5	225.3	226.5	226.6	227.0		
France	1949		135.7	140.2	141.4	142.7	140.9	140.3	142.4		
Germany	1950		125	130	130	130	129				
India	1938-39		377.5(2)	387.3	391.3	390.2					
Italy	1938	5,169	5,320	5,426	5,427	5,428(r)	5,370				
Japan (Tokyo)	1952		97.9	99.6	100.2	101.3	101.4				
Mexico (Mexico City)	1939	268.1	500.4	537.4	541.3	535.3	532.0	530.0			
Netherlands	1948	104	137	140	142	139	139				
Norway	1952		103	105	107	109	109				
South Africa	1938	184.7	271.5	274.8	275.0						
Sweden	1935	216	309	326	327	326					
Switzerland	August 1939		215.0	216.7	217.2	220.7	221.3	219.6			
United Kingdom	June 30, 1949(4)	152.4	155.6	154.9	155.9	155.2	154.1				
United Kingdom	June 30, 1949(5)	129.6	134.8	135.1	135.4	135.6(r)	135.8				
United States	1947-49	99.2	110.7	112.8	113.6	114.4	114.2	114.0			

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

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

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

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

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.

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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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