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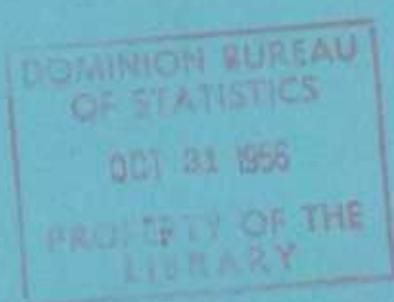


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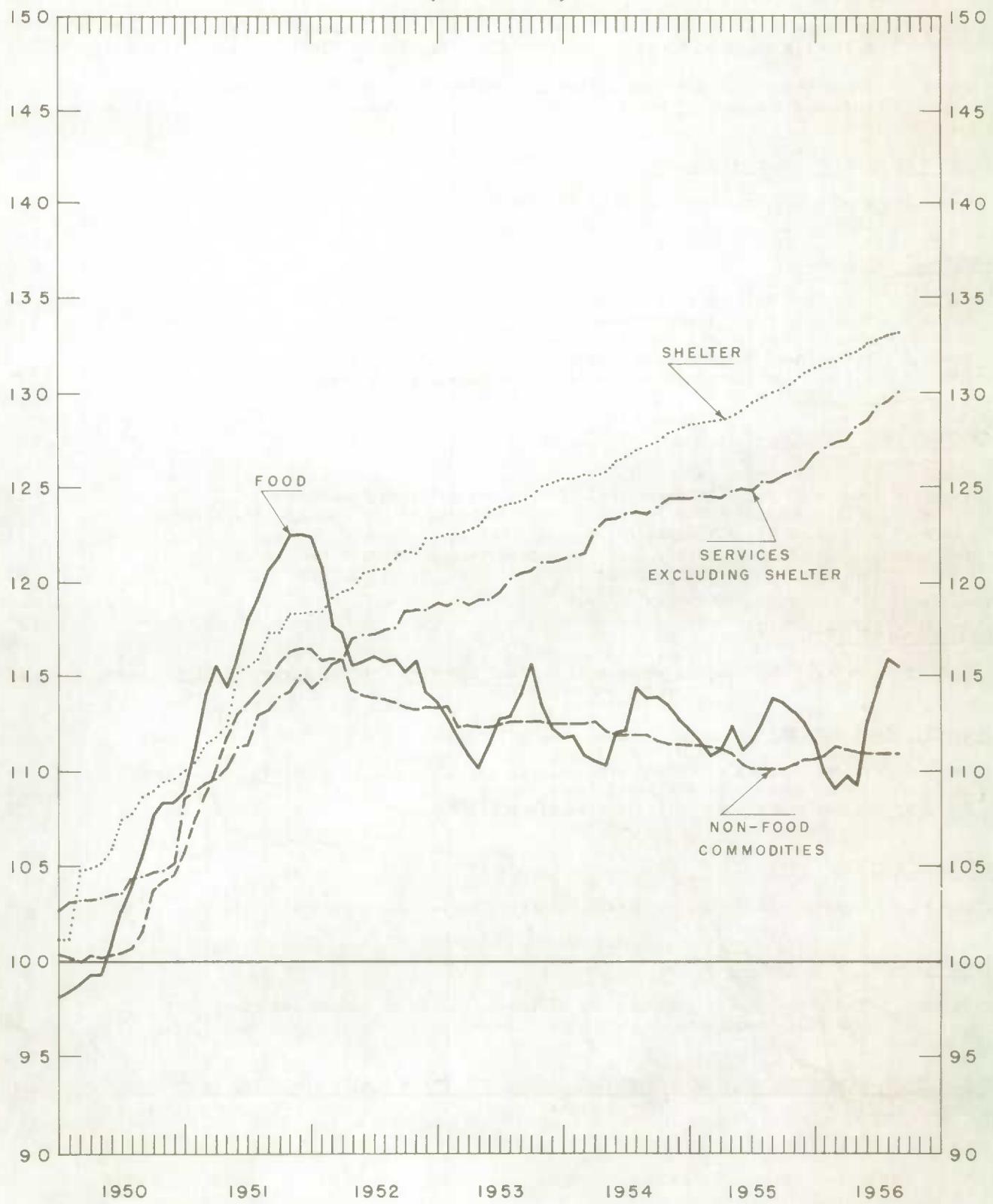
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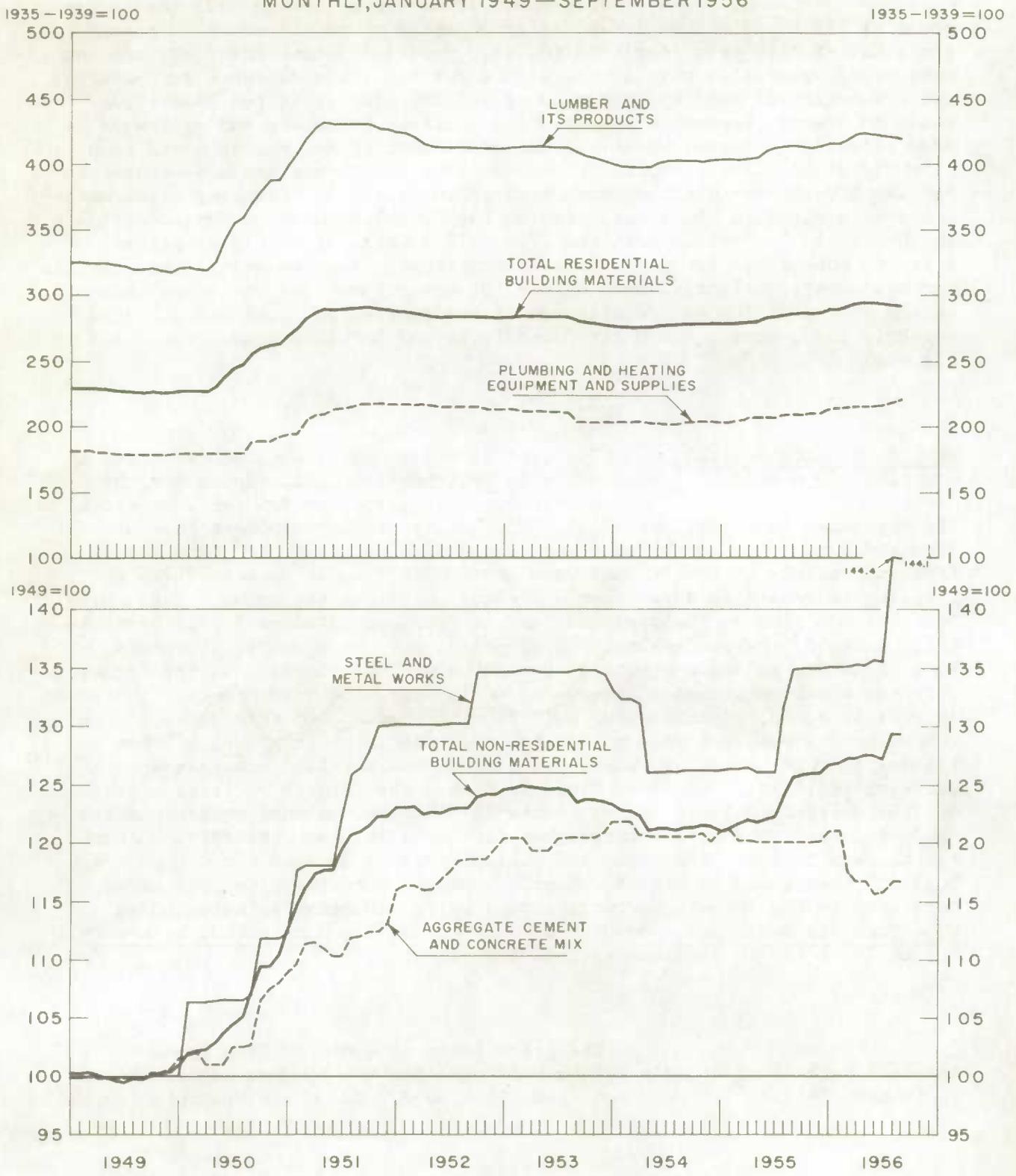
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES  
FOOD, NON-FOOD COMMODITIES, SHELTER, SERVICES EXCLUDING SHELTER  
MONTHLY, JANUARY 1950 - SEPTEMBER 1956  
(1949=100)



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

MONTHLY, JANUARY 1949—SEPTEMBER 1956



THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:  
(1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index declined fractionally from 119.1 to 119.0 between August and September 1956. In September 1955 the index stood at 116.8. The Food index, after a series of rather sharp increases since May of this year, declined to 115.5 from 115.9 in August. Prices for most fresh vegetables were lower, with a further large decrease for potatoes and a substantial decline in tomato prices bringing these two food items close to average September levels. Apple prices decreased and eggs were down slightly. However, most cuts of meats were up and coffee moved to a slightly higher level. Small increases in both the rent and home-ownership indexes brought the Shelter index from 133.0 to 133.1. Clothing price movements were minor in character, leaving the Clothing index unchanged at 108.4. The Household Operation index rose from 116.8 to 117.1 as higher prices affected sub-groups for dry cleaning, furniture, floor coverings and utensils and equipment. Slightly lower prices for new automobiles were more than offset by increases for car repairs, local transportation fares and magazine subscriptions, moving the Other Commodities and Services index from 121.3 to 121.4.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES:  
(1935-39 = 100)

The General Wholesale Price Index advanced to 227.4 in September, 0.2 per cent above the August level of 227.0 and 2.9 per cent above the September 1955 level of 220.9. Four of the eight component groups advanced during the month under review and four receded. Iron and Its Products registered the largest gain, moving up 1.5 per cent to 247.5 reflecting increases in scrap iron and steel, wire and car axles. Both Animal Products and Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products advanced 1.0 per cent to 236.3 and 232.5 respectively. Higher prices for cured meats, livestock, fish products, tallow and butter, brought about the increase in the former, although minor decreases occurred for fowl, eggs and fresh meats. Increases in worsted cloth, miscellaneous knit fibre products, imported raw wool, and cotton knit goods were responsible for the rise in their group. Price increases in coke, coal and plate glass moved Non-metallic Minerals up 0.6 per cent to 181.3. Vegetable Products showed the largest decline, a drop of 1.3 per cent to 196.1, as decreases in potatoes, onions, rubber and its products, sugar and grains outweighed increases in fresh, dried, and canned fruits, and coffee. Chemicals and Allied Products dropped off 0.6 per cent to 179.9; decreases in organic chemicals prices were the principal cause. Decreases in fir lumber, newsprint, wood pulp, and cedar shingles moved Wood Products and Paper down 0.4 per cent to 302.5. Non-ferrous Metals fell 0.1 to 195.2 due to declines in gold and silver.

The price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets recorded a further seasonal decline between August and September, falling 2.1 per cent from 214.4 to 209.8. Field Products dropped

6.3 per cent from 171.1 to 160.3 due mainly to lower prices for potatoes and lesser declines in flax. Increases were registered for Eastern grains, viz., rye, wheat, corn and barley, and for Western rye. A fractional advance in the Animal Products index from 257.6 to 259.3 reflected offsetting price movements within the group. Prices were higher on balance in the East where increases for cheesemilk, calves, hogs and butterfat outweighed losses for poultry, lambs, steers and eggs, while in the West, quotations were generally higher for livestock, eggs and wool.

The index of Residential Building Material prices moved down fractionally in the period under review to 293.3 compared to the August level of 293.8. Lower quotations for some lumber items, notably structural lumber, were largely offset by scattered minor increases for millwork and steel component items.

In the same period, the price index of Non-residential Building Materials, on the base 1949 = 100, remained unchanged at the August level of 129.3. Offsetting price changes were scattered throughout the index, with increases being noted for items in Plumbing and Heating, and Hardware, and declines in the Tile and Lumber group.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:  
(1935-39 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 96 common stocks declined 4.4 per cent between August and September from 291.8 to 278.9. The three major groups were weaker as the index for 76 Industrials moved down 4.7 per cent from 308.9 to 294.4; that for 7 Banks 3.9 per cent from 295.4 to 283.8, and 13 Utilities 3.0 per cent, from 215.7 to 209.2. Sub-group indexes declined without exception, with losses ranging down from 8.3 per cent for Pulp and Paper, 6.6 per cent for Machinery and Equipment, and 6.1 per cent for Foods and Allied Products to 2.6 per cent for Oils and 2.3 per cent for Transportation.

The composite index of 26 Mining stocks declined 6.6 per cent from 147.1 in August to 137.4 in September, reflecting losses in both component groups. The index for 21 Gold Stocks fell 6.8 per cent from 79.5 to 74.1 and that for 5 Base Metals 6.5 per cent from 301.9 to 282.2.

The index of 28 Preferred stocks declined 2.6 per cent in the period under review from 166.1 to 161.7.

TABLE 1 - SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE INDEXES

	INDEXES				PERCENTAGE CHANGES		
					Sept. 1954	Sept. 1956	Sept. 1956
	Sept. 1954	Sept. 1955	Aug. 1956	Sept. 1956	Sept. 1954	Sept. 1955	Aug. 1956
<b>WHOLESALE (1935-39=100)*</b>							
<b>GENERAL INDEX</b>	215.3	220.9	227.0	227.4	+ 5.6	+ 2.9	+ 0.2
Vegetable Products	194.2	192.9	198.6	196.1	+ 1.0	+ 1.7	- 1.3
Animal Products	228.9	230.2	234.0	236.3	+ 3.2	+ 2.6	+ 1.0
Textile Products	230.1	226.2	230.1	232.5	+ 1.0	+ 2.8	+ 1.0
Wood Products	289.0	296.3	303.8	302.5	+ 4.7	+ 2.1	- 0.4
Iron Products	212.3	226.6	243.8	247.5	+ 16.6	+ 9.2	+ 1.5
Non-ferrous Metals	168.1	198.0	195.4	195.2	+ 16.1	- 1.4	- 0.1
Non-metallic Minerals	175.9	175.3	180.3	181.3	+ 3.1	+ 3.4	+ 0.6
Chemical Products	176.7	176.5	180.9	179.9	+ 1.8	+ 1.9	- 0.6
<b>CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS</b>	212.2	202.7	214.4	209.8	- 1.1	+ 3.5	- 2.1
Field	178.9	153.9	171.1	160.3	- 10.4	+ 4.2	- 6.3
Animal	245.5	251.6	257.6	259.3	+ 5.6	+ 3.1	+ 0.7
<b>SELECTED PRICE INDEXES</b>							
Canadian Industrial Materials	222.7	241.1	249.2	249.5	+ 12.0	+ 3.5	+ 0.1
Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	122.2	125.9	128.9	128.6	+ 5.2	+ 2.1	- 0.2
Non-Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	121.3	125.8	129.3	129.3	+ 6.6	+ 2.8	0.0
<b>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (1949=100)</b>							
<b>TOTAL INDEX</b>	116.8	116.8	119.1	119.0	+ 1.9	+ 1.9	- 0.1
Food	113.8	113.7	115.9	115.5	+ 1.5	+ 1.6	- 0.3
Shelter	127.2	130.0	133.0	133.1	+ 4.6	+ 2.4	+ 0.1
Clothing	109.5	107.8	108.4	108.4	- 1.0	+ 0.6	-
Household operation	117.2	115.9	116.8	117.1	- 0.1	+ 1.0	+ 0.3
Other commodities and services	117.6	117.9	121.3	121.4	+ 3.2	+ 3.0	+ 0.1
<b>SECURITY PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100)</b>							
<b>TOTAL INVESTORS' INDEX</b>	189.5	255.9	291.8	278.9	+ 47.2	+ 9.0	- 4.4
Total Industrials	191.4	265.9	308.9	294.4	+ 53.8	+ 10.7	- 4.7
Machinery & Equipment	510.7	794.0	915.4	855.3	+ 67.5	+ 7.7	- 6.6
Pulp & Paper	750.1	1,098.2	1,175.3	1,077.2	+ 43.6	- 1.9	- 8.3
Milling	151.9	215.1	175.2	166.0	+ 9.3	- 22.8	- 5.3
Oils	145.0	174.1	250.1	243.7	+ 68.1	+ 40.0	- 2.6
Textiles & Clothing	154.1	183.2	158.3	153.4	- 0.5	- 16.3	- 3.1
Foods	144.5	199.6	195.5	183.5	+ 27.0	- 8.1	- 6.1
Beverages	509.4	640.1	558.6	530.9	+ 4.2	- 17.1	- 5.0
Building Materials	347.6	467.9	514.2	485.0	+ 39.5	+ 3.7	- 5.7
Industrial Mines	133.3	212.4	237.3	228.2	+ 71.2	+ 7.4	- 3.8
Total Utilities	170.4	211.2	215.7	209.2	+ 22.8	- 0.9	- 3.0
Transportation	295.0	390.8	389.1	380.0	+ 28.8	- 2.8	- 2.3
Telephone	114.0	132.2	124.9	121.1	+ 6.2	- 8.4	- 3.0
Power and Traction	159.0	199.3	228.0	220.1	+ 38.4	+ 10.4	- 3.5
Banks	215.0	259.0	295.4	283.8	+ 32.0	+ 9.6	- 3.9
<b>MINING STOCKS</b>							
General Index	96.4	129.0	147.1	137.4	+ 42.5	+ 6.5	- 6.6
Golds	68.3	75.3	79.5	74.1	+ 8.5	- 1.6	- 6.8
Base Metals	160.8	252.0	301.9	282.2	+ 75.5	+ 12.0	- 6.5

\* 1956 Wholesale Price Indexes are subject to revision.

TABLE 2. - 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
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
Sept.	227.4	216.2	234.3	249.5	160.3	259.3	209.8

(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 31.

TABLE 3.. - 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 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
Sept. ....	227.4	196.1	188.8	150.4	198.7	196.4	178.5	198.1	164.8

## - 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 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
Sept. ....	286.9	199.2	153.4	364.7	177.8	204.6	210.4	183.3

TABLE 3. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued

(1935-39 = 100)

## - ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -

Date	Total Animal Products	Fishery Products	Raw Furs	Hides and Skins	Leather, Unmanufactured	Boots and Shoes	Live-stock	Steers
1955 Average ...	226.0	274.1	110.3	114.4	194.5	204.4	263.2	321.6
1955 May .....	224.8	258.6	116.0	111.1	190.6	204.8	264.2	323.3
June .....	230.5	258.4	112.5	113.0	190.6	204.2	272.9	317.0
July .....	228.0	259.9	114.9	112.6	190.6	204.2	268.1	324.6
Aug. ....	228.6	261.6	114.9	113.2	197.6	204.2	268.0	322.4
Sept. ....	230.2	275.4	110.6	118.1	197.6	204.2	269.4	327.2
Oct. ....	223.6	277.4	110.6	119.4	197.6	204.9	254.5	324.8
Nov. ....	221.3	280.6	110.6	124.7	197.6	205.5	251.8	322.6
Dec. ....	221.1	292.4	110.6	129.4	200.9	205.1	252.0	315.4
1956 Jan. ....	218.9	293.1	110.6	142.5	202.5	205.5	248.6	302.3
Feb. ....	217.4	292.4	110.5	138.8	202.5	205.5	245.1	289.8
Mar. ....	217.7	308.9	98.7	137.5	204.1	206.3	240.4	283.4
Apr. ....	218.2	300.1	97.0	142.9	204.1	208.5	241.5	289.6
May ....	221.4	282.9	101.2	133.3	204.1	209.6	252.3	302.7
June ....	229.5	283.6	92.6	134.7	204.1	210.1	272.8	330.2
July ....	232.8	289.9	93.2	135.6	204.1	210.1	278.4	344.8
Aug. ....	234.0	293.1	93.2	132.9	204.1	210.1	280.8	355.9
Sept. ....	236.3	298.6	93.2	140.4	205.8	211.9	284.2	350.9

## - 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 May .....	282.8	326.4	182.4	195.8	221.6	223.0	140.0	149.1
June .....	290.3	325.4	205.6	201.8	221.1	221.9	129.0	169.6
July .....	283.7	319.7	188.2	210.8	221.6	223.0	124.8	187.6
Aug. ....	278.3	311.0	190.7	201.8	222.7	225.3	126.5	200.7
Sept. ....	276.2	310.1	194.5	192.8	223.4	226.7	138.8	203.7
Oct. ....	261.3	295.7	178.7	180.7	224.4	226.6	143.7	201.0
Nov. ....	248.7	290.0	171.7	198.8	224.8	227.3	143.4	194.9
Dec. ....	244.8	290.4	167.6	204.8	225.0	227.8	136.4	184.7
1956 Jan. ....	242.1	287.4	163.2	210.8	225.0	227.8	133.5	156.9
Feb. ....	239.1	280.0	162.6	198.8	225.9	227.8	132.5	154.1
Mar. ....	236.4	276.3	161.9	204.8	226.8	227.7	133.5	167.0
Apr. ....	240.1	282.3	161.8	210.8	226.0	226.8	135.3	172.2
May ....	255.9	295.1	163.8	222.9	223.6	225.1	138.3	173.7
June ....	276.3	311.2	171.3	210.8	223.9	223.9	135.3	189.8
July ....	283.6	321.3	175.4	198.8	225.6	223.5	132.2	194.2
Aug. ....	281.6	320.9	182.9	180.7	226.4	223.8	137.3	199.2
Sept. ....	281.0	312.9	195.9	156.6	227.1	225.5	148.0	195.6

TABLE 3. - 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 May .....	226.6	299.8	230.6	232.8	219.3	195.3	169.5	155.6
June .....	226.9	303.7	230.6	232.8	219.3	195.8	169.5	155.6
July .....	226.9	304.1	232.1	232.8	217.6	196.4	169.5	155.6
Aug. .....	226.0	303.9	239.9	230.8	217.6	196.4	169.5	155.6
Sept. .....	226.2	294.2	250.0	234.6	217.6	196.4	169.5	155.6
Oct. .....	226.1	296.9	250.0	234.6	217.6	196.4	169.5	155.6
Nov. .....	226.1	302.0	250.0	234.9	217.6	196.4	169.5	154.2
Dec. .....	226.8	301.7	250.0	235.7	220.7	197.1	169.5	154.2
1956 Jan. .....	227.8	305.0	250.8	236.5	220.7	202.8	169.5	154.2
Feb. .....	228.9	314.6	253.2	237.1	220.7	203.9	169.5	154.2
Mar. .....	228.9	311.8	253.2	238.3	220.7	205.0	169.5	154.2
Apr. .....	229.2	311.1	253.9	238.7	220.7	208.6	169.5	154.2
May .....	228.9	295.6	253.9	239.4	220.7	209.2	169.5	154.2
June .....	229.6	305.7	250.0	239.4	220.7	207.0	169.5	154.2
July .....	228.7	297.7	248.5	239.0	220.7	207.0	169.5	154.2
Aug. .....	230.1	280.0	243.8	238.8	220.7	207.0	182.9	154.2
Sept. .....	232.5	282.1	243.8	238.8	224.4	213.1	182.9	154.2

## - 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 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
Sept. .....	170.5	253.7	223.0	201.9	230.9	271.2	249.2	232.3

TABLE 3. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL -- Continued

(1935-39 = 100)

## - WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER -

Date	Total Wood Products	Lumber and Timber	Spruce	Hard-woods	Hem-lock	Fir	Cedar	Wood-pulp	News-print	Wrapping Paper, No. 1 Kraft
1955 Average ...	295.7	441.3	402.3	313.6	369.8	534.6	458.9	210.8	289.2	229.3
1955 May .....	293.6	438.1	396.3	310.1	369.8	531.1	458.7	209.6	287.2	227.6
June .....	294.5	440.8	402.6	310.1	369.8	534.6	458.9	209.4	286.9	227.6
July .....	295.2	443.4	406.5	310.1	369.8	538.8	460.3	209.5	287.1	227.6
Aug. ....	296.0	445.9	409.9	315.3	369.8	538.8	468.4	209.8	287.4	227.6
Sept. ....	296.3	446.0	409.9	319.4	369.8	538.8	467.0	210.7	287.9	227.6
Oct. ....	298.5	445.0	412.4	319.4	369.8	532.8	463.5	219.7	289.8	234.5
Nov. ....	303.1	443.1	412.4	319.4	369.8	530.0	457.5	220.8	301.5	234.5
Dec. ....	303.7	445.4	412.4	319.4	369.8	537.2	456.5	220.7	301.6	234.5
1956 Jan. ....	305.8	450.6	412.4	319.4	369.8	550.3	460.3	221.2	301.4	234.5
Feb. ....	305.8	450.3	412.4	319.4	369.8	549.1	460.5	221.3	301.5	234.5
Mar. ....	305.6	453.8	412.4	320.5	369.8	557.8	462.9	221.2	299.2	234.5
Apr. ....	306.6	455.6	414.1	328.7	369.8	559.3	462.7	222.1	299.0	239.3
May ....	306.0	456.9	416.0	328.7	386.9	557.2	461.2	221.2	297.1	239.3
June ....	304.9	455.4	416.0	334.9	386.9	555.4	451.3	220.2	295.6	239.3
July ....	304.4	455.5	417.8	334.9	386.9	554.8	450.5	219.3	294.6	239.3
Aug. ....	303.8	454.4	417.8	334.9	386.9	551.8	449.0	218.9	293.9	239.3
Sept. ....	302.5	449.2	416.4	334.9	386.9	542.2	439.1	218.1	292.9	239.3

## - IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS -

	Total Iron Products	Pig Iron	Rolling Mill Products	Pipe and Tubing	Hard-ware	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 May .....	217.3	254.7	204.8	229.6	225.2	240.9	290.2	218.0
June .....	217.2	254.7	204.8	229.6	224.6	240.9	290.2	218.0
July .....	217.7	259.2	204.8	229.6	225.4	240.9	290.2	218.7
Aug. ....	226.5	266.0	213.9	232.7	236.2	261.4	324.7	220.7
Sept. ....	226.6	266.0	213.9	232.7	236.6	261.4	324.7	220.7
Oct. ....	227.4	266.0	213.9	232.7	241.7	261.4	324.7	220.7
Nov. ....	228.0	266.0	213.9	236.9	242.7	261.4	324.7	220.7
Dec. ....	229.6	266.0	213.9	236.9	242.7	261.4	361.0	220.7
1956 Jan. ....	230.7	266.0	213.9	236.9	240.9	261.4	382.0	221.5
Feb. ....	231.1	266.0	213.9	236.9	243.0	261.4	384.3	221.5
Mar. ....	232.4	266.0	213.9	236.9	249.7	261.4	384.3	221.5
Apr. ....	236.1	275.1	215.8	236.9	249.7	261.4	425.5	227.4
May ....	237.0	275.1	216.8	236.9	249.7	272.0	425.5	227.4
June ....	235.8	275.1	218.7	236.9	250.2	272.0	381.3	227.4
July ....	235.9	275.1	218.8	245.3	250.2	272.0	366.0	227.4
Aug. ....	243.8	286.4	230.9	248.7	251.1	272.0	410.2	230.3
Sept. ....	247.5	286.2	231.7	248.6	259.9	286.4	430.6	230.3

TABLE 3. - 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 Products	Lead and Its Products	Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Products	Solder		
	(1)	(2)								
1955 Average ...	187.6	259.3	178.7	346.6	300.1	226.9	179.4	294.7	196.5	237.2
1955 May .....	184.2	253.3	175.6	332.2	297.2	226.4	173.6	288.7	187.9	232.3
June .....	184.5	253.8	175.6	332.2	297.2	227.9	175.1	293.8	187.9	232.4
July .....	185.1	254.9	175.6	332.2	297.2	230.0	179.7	299.0	195.9	233.2
Aug. ....	188.8	261.4	175.6	350.3	297.2	231.3	180.3	299.0	203.8	241.0
Sept. ....	198.0	277.8	187.6	394.3	299.7	231.5	180.4	308.2	203.8	247.9
Oct. ....	199.5	280.0	187.6	397.5	307.6	235.9	183.6	309.2	203.8	249.3
Nov. ....	200.5	281.4	184.2	399.8	307.6	236.2	189.3	309.2	203.8	250.2
Dec. ....	200.6	281.6	180.7	399.8	309.0	233.3	201.1	309.2	220.4	251.3
1956 Jan. ....	202.2	284.5	180.7	399.8	326.5	233.1	200.1	319.2	222.3	253.1
Feb. ....	203.6	287.1	180.7	407.9	323.2	234.6	196.0	320.6	213.4	254.4
Mar. ....	207.3	293.7	177.3	426.5	323.2	235.1	198.4	320.6	213.4	257.9
Apr. ....	207.5	294.2	177.3	426.5	323.2	233.9	186.1	320.6	213.4	260.3
May ....	207.2	294.1	177.3	426.5	323.2	232.3	184.1	320.6	213.4	260.8
June ....	206.1	292.5	177.3	422.8	323.2	230.2	180.8	320.6	205.4	259.4
July ....	195.3	273.5	177.3	369.1	323.2	228.4	181.5	320.6	205.4	251.6
Aug. ....	195.4	273.6	177.3	367.7	323.2	229.7	184.8	320.6	205.4	256.2
Sept. ....	195.2	273.7	177.3	367.7	323.2	229.2	189.2	320.6	205.4	258.4
- 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 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			
Sept. ....	181.3	237.7	162.4	182.2	320.6	237.6	270.2			

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

(2) Excludes Gold.

TABLE 3. - 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 May .....	189.3	165.0	134.7	133.5	184.1	138.1	201.1
June .....	189.3	165.1	134.7	133.5	184.1	146.4	200.9
July .....	189.3	165.1	134.7	133.5	184.1	146.4	201.0
Aug. ....	189.3	165.1	134.7	133.5	184.1	146.4	201.3
Sept. ....	201.5	167.4	137.8	136.2	184.1	146.4	201.6
Oct. ....	201.5	167.2	137.8	136.2	184.1	146.4	203.1
Nov. ....	201.5	167.2	137.8	136.2	184.1	146.4	204.1
Dec. ....	201.5	167.2	137.8	136.2	184.1	146.4	204.5
1956 Jan. ....	201.5	167.2	137.8	136.2	184.1	158.7	204.3
Feb. ....	201.5	167.2	137.8	136.2	184.1	158.7	204.4
Mar. ....	201.5	167.2	137.8	136.2	184.1	158.7	210.1
Apr. ....	201.5	167.2	137.8	136.2	183.0	158.7	210.0
May ....	201.5	166.9	137.8	136.2	183.0	158.7	208.7
June ....	201.5	166.9	137.8	136.2	183.0	163.7	206.4
July ....	201.5	168.1	139.2	136.2	184.8	163.7	205.7
Aug. ....	201.5	168.1	139.2	136.2	184.8	163.7	205.2
Sept. ....	217.0	168.1	139.2	136.2	184.8	163.7	204.2

## - 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 May .....	127.9	205.2	153.9	143.4	155.7	196.1	267.1
June .....	127.9	205.2	153.9	143.4	155.7	196.1	267.1
July .....	127.9	205.2	153.9	143.4	155.7	196.1	267.1
Aug. ....	127.9	205.2	153.9	143.4	155.7	196.1	267.1
Sept. ....	127.9	205.2	153.9	143.4	155.7	196.1	267.1
Oct. ....	127.9	205.2	153.9	143.4	155.7	196.1	267.1
Nov. ....	127.9	205.2	153.9	143.4	155.7	196.1	267.1
Dec. ....	127.9	205.2	153.9	144.8	155.7	196.1	267.1
1956 Jan. ....	127.9	205.2	153.9	144.8	183.7	199.7	283.6
Feb. ....	127.9	205.2	153.9	144.8	183.7	199.7	283.6
Mar. ....	127.9	205.2	153.9	144.8	183.7	199.7	286.3
Apr. ....	130.2	205.2	153.9	144.8	155.7	199.7	287.9
May ....	130.2	205.2	153.9	143.4	155.7	199.7	287.9
June ....	130.2	205.2	153.9	143.4	158.2	199.7	289.2
July ....	131.6	208.6	155.1	143.4	158.2	199.7	289.2
Aug. ....	133.4	208.6	155.1	143.4	159.8	194.4	289.2
Sept. ....	133.4	208.6	155.1	143.4	159.8	194.4	289.2

TABLE 3. - 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 May .....	176.5	142.6	178.6	191.6	183.8	289.7
June .....	176.5	142.6	178.6	191.6	183.8	289.7
July .....	176.5	142.5	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Aug. ....	176.5	142.5	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Sept. ....	176.5	143.0	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Oct. ....	177.7	144.9	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Nov. ....	177.8	144.5	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Dec. ....	178.0	143.4	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
1956 Jan. ....	178.3	144.8	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Feb. ....	178.6	145.5	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Mar. ....	179.5	145.9	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Apr. ....	180.9	146.0	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
May ....	180.9	146.0	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
June ....	181.1	146.0	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
July ....	181.0	145.7	178.8	191.6	183.8	289.7
Aug. ....	180.9	145.8	178.8	191.6	183.8	289.7
Sept. ....	179.9	145.8	171.8	191.6	183.8	289.7

## - 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 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
Sept. ....	143.6	206.9	159.2	138.2	200.6

TABLE 4. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity 1/	Unit	Yearly Average 1955	September 1955	August 1956	September 1956
		\$	\$	\$	\$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern .....	bu.	1.744	1.750	1.732	1.725
OATS, No. 2 C. W. .....	bu.	.863	.786	.864	.868
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed .....	bu.	1.070	1.016	1.044	1.050
RYE, No. 2 C.W. .....	bu.	1.006	.948	1.274	1.320
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto .....	bbl.	11.467	11.600	*5.900	*5.800
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal .....	cwt.	7.078	7.078	7.268	7.268
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal .....	gal.	1.376	1.440	1.650	1.650
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's .....	lb.	.667	.690	.695	.698
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John .....	75-lb. bag	2.212	1.262	2.975	1.594
STEERS, Toronto .....	cwt.	19.593	19.860	21.500	21.210
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included) .....	cwt.	25.152	26.740	26.890	28.040
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers .....	lb.	.142	.150	.150	.162
LEATHER, Packer Bends, No. 1 and 2 .....	lb.	.620	.620	.620	.640
LEATHER, Box Sides D, f.o.b.					
Ontario factory .....	sq.ft.	.338	.330	.370	.370
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade, Montreal .....	lb.	.597	.591	.575	.582
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal .....	doz.	.586	.729	.680	.676
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 15/16", New York .....	lb.	.341	.335	+ .337	.337
COTTON YARN, 10's, white .....	lb.	.687	.720	.690	.690
RAYON YARN, 36 filament, 150 denier .....	lb.	.772	.780	.800	.800
WOOL, Raw, Eastern Domestic, regular,					
Low medium staple, greasy .....	lb.	.492	.450	.500	.490
WOOL, Raw, Australian, 64's, clean .....	lb.	1.373	1.230	1.410	1.550
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Mill, in Canadian					
funds (Southern Quebec) .....	ton	110.726	110.224	112.545	112.154
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	88.250	89.500	89.500
PIG IRON, Malleable .....	gr.ton	57.750	59.000	63.500	65.980
SCRAP IRON, No. 1 .....	gr.ton	43.167	43.000	49.000	49.000
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic sales .....	cwt.	37.030	42.387	39.250	39.250
LEAD, Pig, Electrolytic, domestic sales .....	cwt.	14.391	14.369	15.500	15.500
TIN INGOTS, 99.8% .....	lb.	.956	.962	.985	1.008
ZINC, Grade "A", Electrolytic,					
domestic sales .....	cwt.	13.654	14.302	14.850	14.850
COAL, United States Anthracite .....	ton	18.336	17.940	18.960	19.210
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto .....	gal.	.223	.226	.226	.226
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Winnipeg .....	gal.	.221	.224	.224	.224
CEMENT, Portland, Toronto .....	bbl.	3.370	3.370	3.410	3.410
CEMENT, Portland, Calgary .....	bbl.	3.140	3.140	3.180	3.180
SHINGLES, Asphalt .....	210-lb.sq.	8.032	8.226	9.200	9.200
SODA ASH, 58% light .....	cwt.	2.400	2.410	2.470	2.320
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.

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

TABLE 5. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -											
	Total Index*	Total Index (1949=100)	Cement, Sand and Gravel	Brick, Tile and Stone	Lumber and Its Pro- ducts	Lath, Plaster and Insu- lation	Roof- ing Mate- rial	Paint and Glass	Plumb- ing and Heat- ing Equip- ment	Elec- trical Equip- ment and Fix- tures	Other Mate- rials	
1926 .....	48.1	109.6	105.5	103.2	110.9	101.4	104.3	156.8	110.2	91.6	112.0	
1929 .....	49.3	112.4	107.6	107.4	116.7	94.4	108.8	151.5	108.5	130.1	106.1	
1932 .....	38.4	87.5	103.7	101.8	72.7	85.0	95.5	111.7	108.1	79.1	89.5	
1939 .....	44.9	102.3	94.0	97.2	104.9	99.4	104.1	97.2	103.0	102.4	104.6	
1940 .....	48.4	110.3	94.6	98.0	119.1	99.7	110.4	115.2	106.5	107.1	109.2	
1941 .....	53.8	122.6	99.1	105.1	139.2	102.8	118.7	136.2	114.6	109.0	112.5	
1942 .....	57.4	130.9	100.8	109.0	153.2	104.8	123.4	146.9	120.0	110.3	117.6	
1943 .....	61.0	139.1	101.2	113.1	171.3	104.8	130.1	149.4	120.0	110.3	117.9	
1944 .....	64.3	146.6	101.8	114.9	188.4	104.8	136.0	146.6	120.0	110.3	117.9	
1945 .....	65.0	148.3	102.1	116.4	191.3	104.8	135.5	142.2	122.2	111.4	118.0	
1946 .....	67.8	154.5	102.0	121.0	202.1	104.2	146.2	144.2	127.2	116.9	126.4	
1947 .....	79.1	180.4	109.7	133.4	242.0	107.3	172.3	169.6	145.2	147.4	143.0	
1948 .....	95.4	217.5	122.3	143.1	305.8	116.7	201.6	183.1	168.3	169.8	162.3	
1949 .....	100.0	228.0	127.0	151.0	322.1	118.1	190.5	179.6	180.2	173.4	174.7	
1950 .....	106.4	242.7	131.3	163.8	349.2	116.7	235.4	174.8	183.2	184.5	181.1	
1951 .....	125.5	286.2	140.9	180.7	425.0	126.3	235.8	197.8	210.4	213.3	212.7	
1952 .....	124.9	284.8	149.5	195.3	415.7	128.5	217.7	194.9	215.6	212.0	226.3	
1953 .....	123.9	282.6	151.8	205.8	410.6	128.5	218.6	203.8	209.0	211.4	229.5	
1954 .....	121.7	277.5	151.3	207.4	400.5	128.8	233.4	208.9	202.8	207.7	226.6	
1955 .....	124.3	283.4	149.4	209.5	409.4	125.3	244.5	219.7	207.2	229.2	230.3	
 <b>1955</b>												
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	
 <b>1956</b>												
Jan. ....	127.0	289.6	149.6	209.3	416.4	127.4	261.2	228.0	213.6	248.6	237.6	
Feb. ....	127.0	289.6	149.6	209.3	416.1	127.3	261.2	226.3	214.1	248.4	238.8	
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	
Aug. ....	128.9	293.8	149.8	221.3	420.5	132.9	264.8	226.7	219.9	238.3	244.0	
Sept. ....	128.6	293.3	149.8	221.3	418.8	132.9	264.8	226.7	220.4	238.3	248.5	

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

TABLE 6. - 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
Sept. . . . .	129.3	116.7	130.2	116.6	131.2	124.6	123.0
	Steel and Metal Work	Hard-ware	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 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
Sept. . . . .	144.1	149.6	114.8		139.1	141.7	93.0

TABLE 7. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

(1949 = 100)

	Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	House-hold Operation	Other Commodities & Services
1940 .....	65.7	52.6	86.6	59.9	70.3	77.9
1941 .....	69.6	57.9	89.2	63.6	73.8	80.0
1942 .....	72.9	63.4	90.7	65.8	76.0	82.0
1943 .....	74.2	65.2	90.9	66.1	76.1	84.8
1944 .....	74.6	65.5	91.2	66.6	75.7	86.1
1945 .....	75.0	66.3	91.4	66.9	74.9	86.4
1946 .....	77.5	70.0	91.8	69.2	77.2	88.7
1947 .....	84.8	79.5	95.1	78.9	86.2	91.6
1948 .....	97.0	97.5	98.3	95.6	96.8	96.5
1949 .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950 .....	102.9	102.6	106.2	99.7	102.4	103.1
1951 .....	113.7	117.0	114.4	109.8	113.1	111.5
1952 .....	116.5	116.8	120.2	111.8	116.2	116.0
1953 .....	115.5	112.6	123.6	110.1	117.0	115.8
1954 .....	116.2	112.2	126.5	109.4	117.4	117.4
1955 .....	116.4	112.1	129.4	108.0	116.4	118.1
<u>1953</u>	July	115.4	112.7	123.9	110.3	115.2
	August	115.7	112.8	124.1	110.4	115.8
	September	116.2	114.0	124.2	110.4	115.9
	October	116.7	115.5	124.5	110.3	116.0
	November	116.2	113.4	125.0	110.3	116.3
	December	115.8	112.1	125.2	110.2	116.3
<u>1954</u>	January	115.7	111.6	125.4	110.1	116.4
	February	115.7	111.7	125.4	110.0	116.5
	March	115.5	110.7	125.6	109.8	116.6
	April	115.6	110.4	125.6	109.9	117.2
	May	115.5	110.2	125.8	109.9	117.3
	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	117.7
	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	118.2
	December	116.6	112.6	128.2	108.1	118.2
<u>1955</u>	January	116.4	112.1	128.4	108.1	118.2
	February	116.3	111.5	128.5	108.1	118.3
	March	116.0	110.7	128.6	108.0	118.3
	April	116.1	111.0	128.7	107.9	116.9
	May	116.4	112.3	128.8	107.9	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
	September	119.0	115.5	133.1	108.4	121.4

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

(1949 = 100)

	1953	1954	1955	Sept. 1954	Sept. 1955	May 1956	June 1956	July 1956	Aug. 1956	Sept. 1956
<u>Total Index</u>	115.5	116.2	116.4	116.8	116.8	116.6	117.8	118.5	119.1	119.0
<u>Food</u>	112.6	112.2	112.1	113.8	113.7	109.3	112.5	114.4	115.9	115.5
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	112.4	111.8	111.9	111.0	111.4	111.7	111.5	111.5	111.6	111.6
Cereal Products	119.3	122.4	122.0	122.4	122.1	123.3	123.8	125.4	126.0	126.0
Meats, Fish and Poultry	108.2	105.8	101.3	103.8	102.9	95.0	96.7	98.5	100.6	105.8
<u>Shelter</u>	123.6	126.5	129.4	127.2	130.0	132.1	132.6	132.7	133.0	133.1
Rent	125.4	129.8	133.3	130.8	133.9	135.2	135.7	135.9	136.1	136.2
Home-Ownership	121.2	122.2	124.4	122.4	124.8	128.1	128.4	128.5	128.8	129.0
<u>Clothing</u>	110.1	109.4	108.0	109.5	107.8	108.8	108.6	108.6	108.4	108.4
Men's Wear	113.5	113.8	113.0	113.7	112.8	113.3	113.3	113.3	113.4	113.4
Women's Wear	102.5	100.9	98.4	101.1	98.3	99.5	99.2	99.1	98.3	98.3
Children's Wear	108.6	107.5	106.2	107.4	106.3	106.1	106.0	106.0	105.8	105.8
Footwear	127.7	127.6	127.3	127.6	127.0	129.1	129.2	129.4	130.0	130.1
Piece Goods	106.2	108.7	108.4	109.0	108.2	108.2	108.2	108.3	108.7	108.9
<u>Household Operation</u>	117.0	117.4	116.4	117.2	115.9	116.5	116.7	116.7	116.8	117.1
Fuel	116.0	114.9	112.7	114.1	111.4	113.9	113.3	113.3	113.8	114.0
Electricity	114.6	115.9	116.0	116.0	115.9	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6
Home Furnishings	116.7	115.6	113.7	115.1	113.0	112.8	113.0	113.1	113.0	113.2
Furniture	117.2	117.6	115.9	117.4	115.2	116.1	116.1	116.1	115.6	115.9
Utensils and Equipment	121.2	122.1	123.1	122.4	123.2	124.7	125.3	125.4	125.7	125.9
Supplies and Services	118.7	121.8	122.9	122.4	123.0	123.7	124.2	124.3	124.4	124.8
Supplies	113.5	115.8	116.3	115.9	116.4	117.1	117.0	117.1	117.3	117.3
Services	122.2	126.0	127.4	126.8	127.6	128.2	129.1	129.2	129.2	129.9
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	115.8	117.4	118.1	117.6	117.9	120.5	120.6	121.1	121.3	121.4
Transportation	119.2	120.0	118.5	119.9	117.5	122.2	122.1	123.7	123.9	124.3
Automobile Operation	114.5	114.7	111.0	114.2	108.8	111.9	111.8	111.4	111.7	112.2
Recreation	116.7	119.5	122.6	119.7	123.0	125.9	125.9	125.9	125.9	126.0
Health Care	122.0	127.4	130.4	128.5	130.6	134.0	134.0	134.0	134.8	134.8
Drugs	108.7	109.5	111.0	109.5	111.0	111.5	111.7	111.7	111.8	111.8
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	108.0	107.3	107.4	107.3	107.5	107.6	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	121.3
Personal Supplies	111.5	113.6	112.7	114.0	111.9	112.0	112.3	112.3	112.5	112.8

TABLE 9. - 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
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 Sept.	101.1	118.9	120.6	92.5	107.5	98.1	97.7	101.3
Oct.	103.0	116.7	120.5	93.0	108.7	96.2	98.0	101.9
Nov.	102.1	114.6	114.5	91.3	109.5	94.4	98.3	101.9
1956 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
Sept.	108.8	127.3	124.7	98.9	111.1	89.3	97.3	105.6
	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 Sept.	91.7	119.0	102.6	105.4	116.0	106.5	60.3	137.2
Oct.	92.3	118.7	102.6	107.3	115.3	97.0	78.3	133.2
Nov.	92.6	117.9	102.1	106.2	115.3	93.9	101.4	137.2
1956 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
Sept.	95.7	116.3	103.5	115.6	116.7	115.7	66.7	139.9
	Milk, Fresh	Cheese, Pro- cessed	Bread	Flour	Sugar, Granu- lated	Jam, Straw- berry	Tea	Coffee
1953	118.5	113.2	121.5	108.9	107.8	104.5	98.1	164.1
1954	118.5	111.6	126.8	110.2	101.8	107.5	105.4	200.9
1955	118.5	112.8	126.4	106.4	99.7	110.3	129.5	173.7
1955 Sept.	118.5	113.0	126.8	106.2	98.6	109.5	129.4	167.3
Oct.	118.5	113.0	126.8	106.2	98.6	109.5	129.4	171.8
Nov.	118.5	112.7	126.8	106.2	98.6	109.5	129.2	174.6
1956 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
Sept.	118.5	118.5	133.8	109.0	100.8	112.5	127.7	187.3

TABLE 10. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR REGIONAL CITIES

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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.	Halif- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver	
	June 1951=100	1949=100									
1942 .....		74.2	73.3	71.9	72.0	73.6	72.9	71.5	72.0	70.2	
1943 .....		76.0	74.7	73.4	73.1	74.4	74.0	72.6	73.9	72.4	
1944 .....		76.9	75.4	73.6	73.3	74.9	74.5	73.5	74.6	72.8	
1945 .....		77.6	75.8	74.4	73.8	75.3	75.2	74.0	75.3	73.6	
1946 .....		79.6	77.9	76.9	76.5	77.9	77.5	76.6	77.8	75.9	
1947 .....		86.3	84.6	84.3	84.5	85.5	84.3	84.4	84.6	83.3	
1948 .....		96.8	97.0	96.6	96.5	97.0	95.8	96.9	96.1	96.0	
1949 .....		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
1950 .....		102.1	103.3	103.7	103.1	104.1	103.8	102.2	103.9	103.6	
1951 .....		112.1	114.1	116.1	115.3	115.4	114.6	111.7	113.5	114.3	
1952 .....	103.5	115.3	117.4	117.6	116.8	117.5	116.1	112.8	114.8	117.4	
1953 .....	102.2	113.2	115.3	116.3	115.0	116.8	114.4	113.1	114.0	116.1	
1954 .....	102.8	114.1	116.6	116.8	116.2	118.3	115.3	114.2	114.9	117.4	
1955 .....	104.2	114.8	117.7	116.9	117.2	118.8	115.9	114.6	114.6	117.9	
<u>1953</u>	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
	August	110.2	117.6	120.3	118.9	120.4	122.0	117.0	116.2	116.1	119.6
	September	107.3	117.2	119.6	118.8	120.0	121.7	117.5	116.8	116.8	120.5

TABLE 10. - 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	
<u>Food Index</u>											
<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
	August	113.8	112.4	117.4	116.9	115.2	115.6	111.8	114.3	112.7	114.8
	September	104.9	109.9	114.1	116.4	114.2	114.6	112.9	115.8	114.0	116.6
<u>Shelter Index</u>											
<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
	August	110.1	126.6	130.1	137.9	138.9	148.9	127.7	118.1	121.2	128.9
	September	110.1	126.8	130.1	138.0	138.9	148.9	127.8	118.1	121.2	128.9

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

TABLE 10. - 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>											
<u>1955</u>	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
<u>1956</u>	January	100.5	114.8	116.2	108.1	111.6	110.9	113.2	114.7	113.0	112.8
	February	100.5	114.8	116.2	108.2	111.6	110.8	113.2	114.7	113.1	112.8
	March	100.8	114.9	116.7	108.2	111.8	111.0	113.2	114.8	113.6	112.9
	April	100.8	114.8	116.7	108.0	111.6	111.3	113.2	114.8	113.8	113.3
	May	100.8	114.2	116.7	108.0	111.4	111.2	113.2	114.8	113.9	113.5
	June	100.8	114.5	116.8	107.8	111.4	111.1	112.8	114.7	113.9	113.7
	July	100.9	114.8	116.8	107.7	111.7	111.1	112.8	114.7	112.7	113.7
	August	99.4	114.8	116.8	107.4	111.6	111.1	113.1	114.7	112.3	112.5
	September	100.0	115.2	116.8	107.2	111.6	111.1	113.1	115.0	112.7	112.5
<u>Household Operation Index</u>											
<u>1955</u>	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
<u>1956</u>	January	103.2	119.7	117.2	115.1	116.3	114.9	114.0	116.6	115.8	130.9
	February	103.2	119.7	117.2	115.3	116.8	115.5	114.1	116.6	115.9	128.6
	March	103.4	120.1	117.6	115.2	116.8	115.5	114.1	116.8	116.1	128.6
	April	104.4	119.9	117.4	114.9	116.4	115.5	114.0	116.5	116.6	128.0
	May	104.5	119.9	117.4	114.7	116.4	116.5	113.9	116.4	116.8	124.1
	June	104.4	120.4	117.6	114.8	115.9	116.4	113.5	116.6	117.0	125.0
	July	105.2	120.5	117.6	114.8	115.9	116.2	113.7	116.9	117.0	127.8
	August	104.8	120.5	117.9	114.7	115.3	116.3	114.0	117.0	117.0	127.2
	September	105.6	121.5	119.1	114.8	115.2	116.7	114.1	117.6	118.2	128.8
<u>Other Commodities and Services Index</u>											
<u>1955</u>	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
<u>1956</u>	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
	August	114.6	120.4	124.7	120.9	124.5	122.8	121.3	117.0	119.8	120.7
	September	114.6	121.2	124.7	121.1	124.7	123.0	121.6	117.0	119.9	120.8

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

TABLE 11. - ACTUAL AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES IN MANUFACTURING

ADJUSTED FOR CHANGES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1)

1945 - 1956

Year and Month	Actual (2) Weekly Wages	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	Index Numbers of		
			Actual Weekly Wages	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	The Consumer Price Index
				(1949 = 100)	
	\$	\$			
1945 - Average	30.74	40.99	73.7	98.3	75.0
1946 - Average	29.87	38.54	71.6	92.4	77.5
1947 - Average	34.13	40.25	81.8	96.5	84.8
1948 - Average	38.53	39.72	92.4	95.2	97.0
1949 - Average	41.71	41.71	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950 - Average	43.82	42.59	105.1	102.1	102.9
1951 - Average	48.82	42.94	117.0	102.9	113.7
1952 - Average	53.62	46.03	128.6	110.4	116.5
1953 - Average	56.09	48.56	134.5	116.4	115.5
1954 - Average	57.16	49.19	137.0	117.9	116.2
1955 - Average	59.25	50.90	142.1	122.0	116.4
 <u>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	53.09	150.8	127.3	118.5
Aug. 1	62.33 (P)	52.33 (P)	149.4 (P)	125.5 (P)	119.1

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

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

(P) Preliminary.

TABLE 12. - 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 - August .....	245.4	194.0	212.5	161.4	471.9	204.5	229.0
1953 - August .....	243.6	198.0	206.3	168.2	475.8	204.9	228.1
1954 - August .....	240.0	198.0	201.9	174.6	463.2	204.5	225.8
1955 - April .....	240.8	198.1	204.7	177.2	454.2	203.8	226.0
August .....	241.8	199.8	203.3	177.2	465.5	203.8	226.6
1956 - January .....	234.8	209.4	206.0	177.2	413.4	203.2	222.2
April .....	249.0	209.2	209.6	177.2	485.1	204.0	231.0
August .....	254.3	209.7	210.7	177.2	512.5	206.2	235.1
EASTERN CANADA							
1926 .....	129.5	97.0	122.8	128.4	151.1	120.2	125.8
1939 .....	98.7	104.3	94.8	99.2	110.6	99.5	99.0
1954 .....	238.8	194.4	202.4	164.5	424.1	202.0	224.1
1955 .....	241.9	196.0	204.7	168.4	429.0	201.6	225.8
1952 - August .....	246.8	191.8	211.7	152.4	447.4	202.7	229.2
1953 - August .....	244.0	195.2	205.2	158.7	447.1	202.4	227.3
1954 - August .....	239.8	195.0	200.9	164.5	433.8	202.1	224.7
1955 - April .....	243.1	195.1	205.3	168.4	433.4	201.7	226.6
August .....	243.5	197.4	203.3	168.4	441.6	201.3	226.6
1956 - January .....	241.4	207.2	204.5	168.4	427.0	200.8	225.2
April .....	250.4	207.7	208.0	168.4	461.6	201.3	230.7
August .....	257.9	209.7	209.5	168.4	495.6	203.7	236.2
WESTERN CANADA							
1926 .....	131.8	97.8	117.1	141.6	183.5	121.9	127.8
1939 .....	99.8	103.3	96.6	102.7	109.9	99.5	99.7
1954 .....	235.7	199.2	204.2	183.2	465.5	207.0	224.2
1955 .....	234.7	199.9	204.5	184.8	454.8	206.1	223.2
1952 - August .....	243.9	194.9	213.2	169.0	506.8	206.3	228.9
1953 - August .....	243.2	199.1	207.3	176.3	516.6	207.4	228.9
1954 - August .....	240.2	199.2	202.8	183.2	505.1	206.9	226.9
1955 - April .....	238.5	199.3	204.1	184.8	483.8	205.9	225.4
August .....	240.2	200.7	203.4	184.8	499.4	206.3	226.6
1956 - January .....	228.2	210.3	207.4	184.8	394.0	205.7	219.2
April .....	247.7	209.8	211.1	184.8	518.4	206.6	231.3
August .....	250.7	209.7	211.8	184.8	536.6	208.7	233.9

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

TABLE 13. - INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

(1935-39=100)

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS' INDEX									
	Inves- tors' Total (96)	Total Indus- trial (76)	Machin- ery and Equip- ment (10)	Pulp and Paper (9)	Mill- ing (2)	Oils (5)	Tex- tiles and Cloth- ing (9)	Food and Allied Pro- ducts (14)	Bever- ages (10)	Build- ing 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
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<u>1954</u> 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
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<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
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<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
Aug. ....	291.8	308.9	915.4	1175.3	175.2	250.1	158.3	195.5	558.6	514.2
Sept. ...	278.9	294.4	855.3	1077.2	166.0	243.7	153.4	183.5	530.9	485.0
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<u>Weekly Index</u>										
Sept. 6	288.2	304.9	896.0	1142.6	170.1	249.5	156.7	190.5	547.4	505.9
Sept. 13	280.3	296.0	863.8	1094.4	166.4	243.0	151.8	185.4	534.1	484.9
Sept. 20	275.2	290.0	844.3	1045.9	164.8	243.4	153.8	179.8	520.2	474.2
Sept. 27	271.9	286.8	817.2	1026.1	162.7	238.9	151.2	178.2	521.9	474.8

TABLE 13. - INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES (Concluded)

(1935-39=100)

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS' INDEX						MINING INDEX (1)			
	Indus- trial Mines	Total Utili- ties	Trans- porta- tion	Tele- phone	Power and Traction	Banks	Mining Total	Golds	Base Metals	
	(2)	(13)	(2)	(3)	(8)	(7)	(26)	(21)	(5)	
1939 .....	98.9	86.1	56.0	109.3	88.9	102.5	104.5	95.6	121.7	
1940 .....	77.1	80.9	62.5	101.0	80.6	95.6	81.2	73.7	95.6	
1941 .....	69.5	70.7	61.4	96.4	65.8	90.5	72.4	65.1	87.0	
1942 .....	66.5	70.4	65.7	89.2	66.1	81.2	52.3	40.8	75.1	
1943 .....	74.8	101.3	112.8	97.2	99.1	80.5	70.1	61.4	86.8	
1944 .....	69.2	100.8	125.2	100.1	93.3	82.0	81.3	74.1	94.2	
1945 .....	86.9	120.2	178.2	108.8	105.5	95.7	95.2	91.0	101.1	
1946 .....	98.0	132.5	203.5	125.2	114.0	130.0	97.8	87.6	116.1	
1947 .....	90.0	117.3	147.9	117.1	109.1	130.8	86.7	76.0	106.1	
1948 .....	100.5	120.2	180.6	108.3	104.7	129.3	82.0	65.0	115.8	
1949 .....	92.1	117.4	161.6	105.9	109.2	134.4	87.4	71.7	117.9	
1950 .....	98.3	132.5	208.8	103.5	123.7	147.4	89.9	67.4	134.9	
1951 .....	126.0	162.3	325.6	101.4	142.5	144.6	99.2	69.8	166.4	
1952 .....	139.7	168.3	378.6	94.6	139.8	148.4	103.6	73.9	171.5	
1953 .....	118.1	157.2	297.5	99.2	142.4	168.9	92.1	66.2	151.3	
1954 .....	123.2	165.0	291.6	111.0	150.2	208.0	91.3	64.8	151.9	
1955 .....	184.3	197.0	365.8	125.5	181.2	246.3	116.9	72.3	219.0	
<u>1954</u>	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
	Aug. .....	237.3	215.7	389.1	124.9	228.0	295.4	147.1	79.5	301.9
	Sept. .....	228.2	209.2	380.0	121.1	220.1	283.8	137.4	74.1	282.2
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
Sept. 6 .....	235.1	214.6	393.9	124.3	223.8	290.4	143.7	77.8	294.7	
Sept. 13 .....	230.4	209.6	380.7	121.6	220.1	285.2	138.5	74.5	285.1	
Sept. 20 .....	222.2	207.5	376.6	119.9	218.9	282.5	134.5	72.0	277.5	
Sept. 27 .....	224.9	205.0	368.6	118.5	217.7	277.2	132.7	72.1	271.5	

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

TABLE 14. - 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	161.7
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 15. - INDEX NUMBERS OF UNITED STATES STOCK PRICES

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

	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
January .....	121.0	135.1	168.6	186.9	197.6	195.4	268.8	322.9
February .....	117.2	136.7	174.7	183.2	195.9	199.6	278.1	324.4
March .....	118.0	138.8	170.3	185.3	198.0	204.9	277.5	346.7
April .....	118.5	141.8	172.3	183.7	190.0	212.7	286.2	351.1
May .....	117.7	146.9	173.9	183.7	189.6	219.8	285.0	344.2
June .....	112.0	147.7	171.7	187.6	182.8	221.8	300.7	340.5
July .....	117.8	138.2	172.8	192.1	185.5	231.1	315.3	356.5
August .....	121.8	147.2	181.5	191.1	187.3	236.4	311.0	357.3
September .....	123.8	151.7	187.3	188.2	179.2	238.5	323.2	343.6
October .....	127.3	157.8	185.0	183.4	183.4	243.5	306.2	
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 16. - 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	September Average	August Average	September Average
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	.9732	.9863	.9878	.9812	.9777
United Kingdom	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.7522	2.7311	2.7214
Argentina	peso (free)	.07006	.06386	.07087	.03240	.03132
Australia	pound	2.1874	2.2054	2.2018	2.1846	2.1772
Belgium (1)	franc	.01945	.01964	.01964	.01968	.01962
Brazil	cruzeiro (free)	.01456	.01344	.01449	.01314	.01400
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.5696	.5737	.5734	.5689	.5670
Ceylon	rupee	.2051	.2065	.2064	.2048	.2041
Chile	peso	.00843	.00493	.00494	.00198	.00198
Colombia	peso (basic)	.3894	.3945	.3951	.3924	.3911
Cuba	peso	.9733	.9863	.9878	.9811	.9777
Denmark	krone	.1409	.1428	.1430	.1420	.1416
Egypt	pound	2.7949	2.8322	2.8365	2.8171	2.8074
France and North Africa	franc	.00278	.00282	.00282	.00280	.00279
Germany	deutsche mark	.2317	.2343	.2344	.2341	.2333
Hong Kong	dollar	.1709	.1721	.1720	.1707	.1701
India	rupee	.2051	.2065	.2064	.2048	.2041
Ireland	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.7522	2.7311	2.7214
Italy	lira	.00156	.00158	.00159	.00157	.00157
Jamaica	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.7522	2.7311	2.7214
Japan	yen	.00270	.00274	.00274	.00273	.00272
Lebanon	pound (free)	.3031	.3046	.3054	.3063	.3041
Mexico	peso	.08810	.07890	.07902	.07849	.07822
Netherlands	guilder	.2568	.2588	.2584	.2562	.2553
New Zealand	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.7522	2.7311	2.7214
Norway	krone	.1363	.1381	.1383	.1374	.1369
Pakistan	rupee	.2942	.2597	.2064	.2048	.2041
Peru	sol-certificate	.05011	.05191	.05199	.05163	.05146
Philippines	peso	.4866	.4931	.4939	.4905	.4888
Portugal	escudo	.03397	.03442	.03447	.03424	.03412
Singapore	dollar	.3190	.3213	.3211	.3186	.3175
Sweden	krona	.1881	.1906	.1909	.1896	.1890
Switzerland	franc	.2270	.2301	.2305	.2290	.2282
Turkey	lira	.3476	.3522	.3528	.3504	.3492
Union of South Africa	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.7522	2.7311	2.7214
Venezuela	bolivar	.2905	.2944	.2949	.2928	.2918
Yugoslavia	dinar	.00324	.00329	.00329	.00327	.00326

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

(1) Includes Belgian Empire and Luxembourg.

TABLE 17. - INDEX NUMBERS OF CONSUMER AND WHOLESALE PRICES  
IN CANADA AND OTHER SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

Country	Base Period	1949	1955	1956					
				Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
<u>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia .....	1952-53		108.0(1)			110.8			
Canada .....	1949	100.0	116.4	116.6	116.6	117.8	118.5	119.1	119.0
France (Paris) .....	1949	100.0	114.9	147.5	148.5	147.1	146.7	147.1	148.3
Germany .....	1950	107	110	113	113	113	113		113
India .....	1949	100	96	103	104				
Italy .....	1938	4,915	5,969	6,292	6,325	6,299	6,285		
Japan .....	1951	92.2	117.8	119.1	118.1	118.8			
Mexico .....	1939	335.9	548.7	579.0	573.4	568.6	568.8	570.3	
Netherlands .....	1951		106	107	106	108	107		
Norway .....	1949	100	143	147	150	151	151		
South Africa .....	1938	153.2	202.1	205.8	205.8	206.4	207.1	205.4	
Sweden .....	1949	100	133	138	139	139	139		
Switzerland .....	August 1939		172.6	173.2	175.0	175.4	175.6	176.2	
United Kingdom .....	Jan. 17, 1956			102.7	102.5	102.4	102.0	102.3	
United Kingdom .....	June 17, 1947(3)	111	149	158	157	157	156	157	
United States .....	1947-49	101.8	114.5	114.9	115.4	116.2	117.0	116.8	
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia .....	1936-39		338(1)	344	350	353	358		
Canada .....	1935-39	198.3	218.9	224.5	225.3	226.5	226.6	227.0	227.4
France .....	1949		135.7	141.4	142.7	140.9	140.3	142.4	141.5
Germany .....	1950		125	130	130	129	128		
India .....	1938-39		377.5(2)	391.3	390.2	398.0			
Italy .....	1938	5,169	5,320	5,427	5,428	5,369(r)	5,332		
Japan (Tokyo) .....	1952		97.9	100.2	101.3	101.4	101.6	102.8	
Mexico (Mexico City)	1939	268.1	500.4	541.3	535.3	532.0	530.0	523.5	
Netherlands .....	1948	104	137	142	139	139			
Norway .....	1952		103	107	109	109	109		
South Africa .....	1938	184.7	271.5	275.0	273.5	272.9			
Sweden .....	1935	216	309	327	326	329	325		
Switzerland .....	August 1939		215.0	217.2	220.7	221.3	219.6	220.8	
United Kingdom .....	June 30, 1949(4)	152.4	154.9	155.9	155.2	154.1	155.8		
United Kingdom .....	June 30, 1949(5)	129.6	135.1	135.4	135.6	135.8	135.9		
United States .....	1947-49	99.2	110.7	113.6	114.4	114.2	114.0	114.6	

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### SECURITY PRICE INDEXES

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