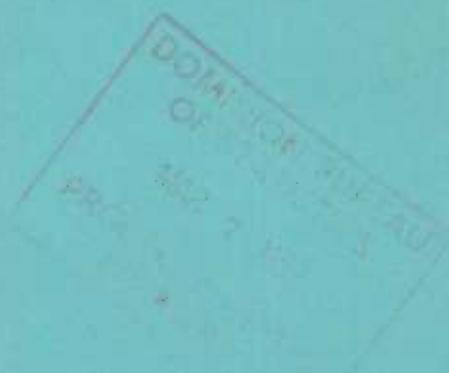


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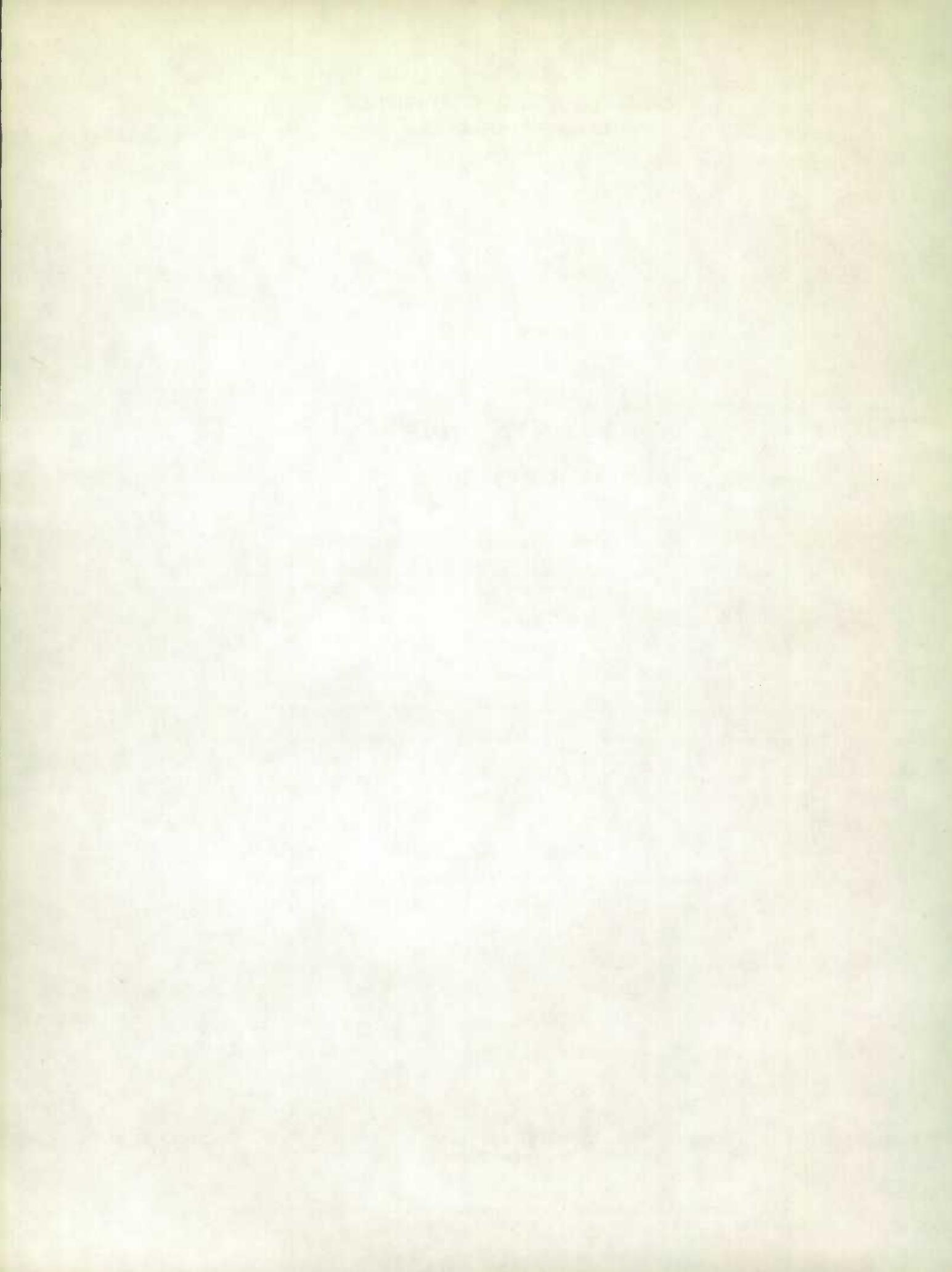
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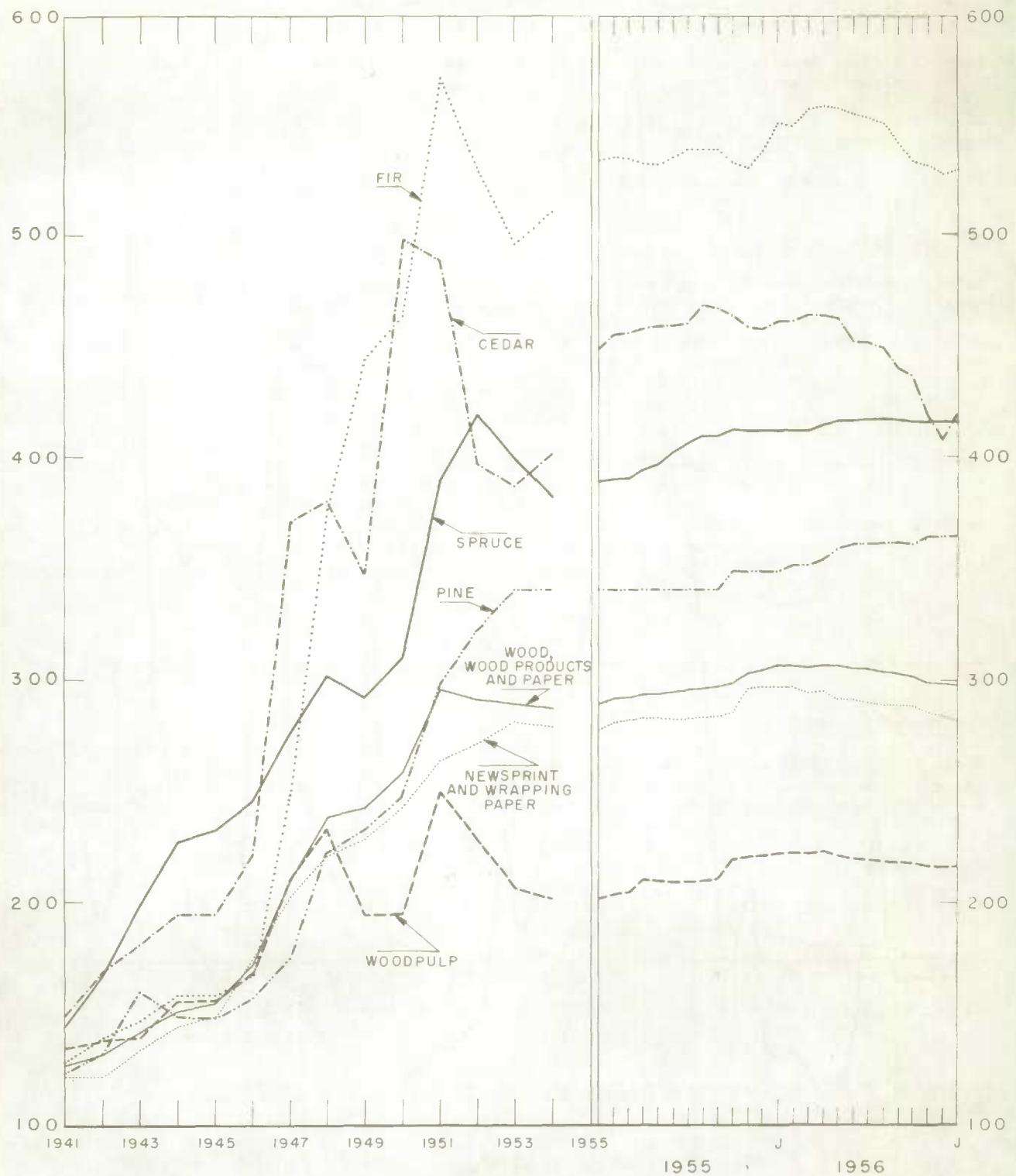
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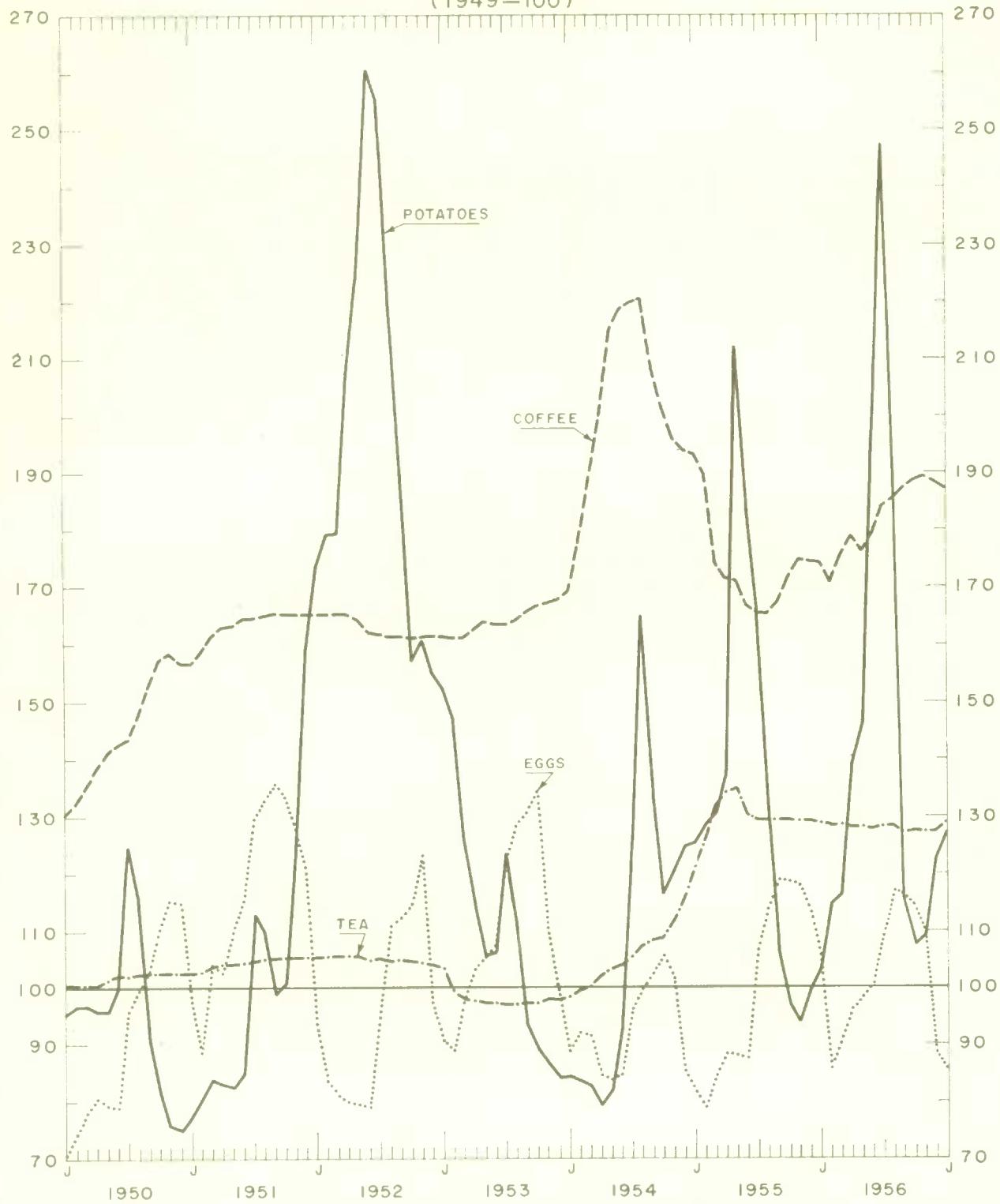
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PRICE RELATIVES FOR SELECTED FOODS
INCLUDED IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

JANUARY 1950 – JANUARY 1957

(1949=100)



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

The Consumer Price Index remained practically unchanged between December and January moving from 120.4 to 120.3 as decreases in the Food and Clothing indexes outweighed increases in the other three main groups. The Food component decreased from 117.5 to 117.1 as appreciably lower prices for eggs and imported fresh fruits and vegetables, combined with lesser decreases for pork items, coffee and chocolate bars, proved more important than fractional increases recorded by a lengthy list of food items. Clothing decreased from 108.6 to 107.6 as seasonally lower prices for items of winter wear, notably women's fur and cloth coats, outweighed increases for several items of men's wear. An increase in the Household Operation index from 118.6 to 119.0 was due to firmer prices for coal coupled with slight increases in household help and homefurnishings. Other Commodities and Services moved from 122.9 to 123.1 due mainly to a further increase in automobiles, following complete pricing of 1957 models. In addition, slight advances appeared in personal care items. Increases in both the rent and home-ownership components were responsible for the slight gain in the Shelter index from 133.5 to 133.6.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The General Wholesale Price Index recorded a further advance, rising 0.6 per cent to 229.4 between December and January. Thus the January index was 3.3 per cent above the comparable index for 1956, and 6.3 per cent above that of January 1955. Seven of the eight components groups were higher, with the largest price movement occurring in Vegetable Products, where increased prices for sugar, potatoes, onions, lemons and No. 2 Ontario peas outweighed decreases in raw rubber, cocoa beans and cocoa butter, to advance the index for this group 1.6 per cent to 203.5. Animal Products also moved up, increasing 0.8 per cent to 237.6, as higher prices for calves, veal carcasses, calfskins and pork products were partially offset by lower prices for grayfish oil, poultry, cheese and eggs. Non-metallic Minerals advanced 0.4 per cent to 187.4 following increases in brick, coal, coke, crude oil, sulphur, cement and crushed stone. Price advances accounting for the 0.4 per cent increase to 181.8 in Chemical Products were for soda ash, calcium carbide lump, some tanning and dyeing materials and hydrogen peroxide. Lower prices were recorded for acetic acid, lampblack and quinine sulphate. The indexes for Wood Products and Iron Products each increased 0.2 per cent to 298.8 and 250.3, respectively. The movement in the Wood Products group followed lower prices for some of its components: wallboard, cedar and some fir products. Increased prices for castings, tinplate and some hardware items were the important contributors to the slight movement of the Iron Products group index. Textile Products moved up fractionally to 234.6; increased prices for raw cotton and rayon yarns overbalanced decreases recorded for cotton yarns, men's cotton underwear and Axminster carpets. The only group to decline was Non-ferrous Metals, which receded 0.3 per cent to 189.8, as lower prices were recorded for tin ingots, electrolytic zinc and solder.

The index of Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets advanced 0.6 per cent from 210.3 to 211.6 between December and January, reflecting gains in both Eastern and Western Canada indexes. Field Products moved up 1.0 per cent from 164.4 to 166.0, as strength in Eastern potato, hay, peas and Western rye prices offset losses for Western potatoes and flax and Eastern wheat, oats, rye and corn. In Animal Products, which recorded an index increase of 0.4 per cent from 256.2 to 257.2, most livestock prices registered gains, with steers off slightly. Also higher were fluid milk, Eastern cheesemilk and Western butterfat, while eggs and Eastern poultry showed losses.

The index of Residential Building Material prices rose 0.2 per cent in the period under review, from 292.7 to 293.3 reflecting increased quotations for some lumber items and for cement. Small losses for the Electrical Equipment and Paint and Glass groups were caused by lower prices for electrical wire and shellac.

The index of Non-residential Building Material prices, on the base 1949 = 100, was also slightly higher in January at 130.0 compared to 129.6 in December as scattered increases affected several groups including Tile; Blocks, Brick and Stone; Cement, Sand and Gravel; and Hardware. Fractionally lower were Lumber and Electrical Equipment and Materials groups.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 95 common stocks advanced in January for the second month, changing from 267.8 to 273.7 for a gain of 2.2 per cent.

While this represents a moderate recovery since the November recession, the present level is still 6.2 per cent below the August peak of 291.8.

All groups shared in the increase, led by a 5.0 per cent change for 7 Banks, from 276.2 to 289.9 (highest since August), 2.0 per cent for 75 Industrials, from 281.7 to 287.3, and 1.9 per cent for 13 Utilities, from 203.6 to 207.5. All sub-groups except two showed improvement ranging between 7.4 per cent for Textiles and Clothing and 0.1 per cent for Telephones. Machinery and Equipment and Transportation issues registered minor declines.

The composite mining index of 27 stocks moved from 129.4 to 129.9 in the period under review, reflecting a gain for 21 Gold issues from 68.9 to 70.6 which was partially offset by a small decline in 6 Base Metals from 267.8 to 265.7.

TABLE 1 - SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE INDEXES

	INDEXES				PERCENTAGE CHANGES		
					Jan. 1957	Jan. 1957	Jan. 1957
	Jan. 1955	Jan. 1956	Dec. 1956	Jan. 1957	Jan. 1955	Jan. 1956	Dec. 1956
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100) *</u>							
<u>GENERAL INDEX</u>	215.8	222.0	228.1	229.4	+ 6.3	+ 3.3	+ 0.6
Vegetable Products	197.1	192.8	200.3	203.5	+ 3.2	+ 5.5	+ 1.6
Animal Products	226.4	218.9	235.8	237.6	+ 4.9	+ 8.5	+ 0.8
Textile Products	224.0	227.8	234.3	234.6	+ 4.7	+ 3.0	+ 0.1
Wood Products	289.7	305.8	298.1	298.8	+ 3.1	- 2.3	+ 0.2
Iron Products	214.9	230.7	249.7	250.3	+ 16.5	+ 8.5	+ 0.2
Non-ferrous Metals	170.7	202.2	190.4	189.8	+ 11.2	- 6.1	- 0.3
Non-metallic Minerals	176.6	178.7	186.6	187.4	+ 6.1	+ 4.9	+ 0.4
Chemical Products	176.6	178.3	181.1	181.8	+ 2.9	+ 2.0	+ 0.4
<u>CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS (1)</u>	214.6	200.6	210.3	211.6	-	-	-
Eastern Total	224.8	211.2	231.9	233.3	-	-	-
Western Total	204.4	190.0	188.7	189.9	-	-	-
Field	180.8	166.2	164.4	166.0	-	-	-
Animal	248.3	235.0	256.2	257.2	-	-	-
<u>SELECTED PRICE INDEXES</u>							
Canadian Industrial Materials	225.9	246.1	249.8	251.1	+ 11.2	+ 2.0	+ 0.5
Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	122.3	127.0	128.4	128.6	+ 5.2	+ 1.3	+ 0.2
Non-Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	121.1	126.7	129.6	130.0	+ 7.3	+ 2.6	+ 0.3
<u>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (1949=100)</u>							
<u>TOTAL INDEX</u>	116.4	116.8	120.4	120.3	+ 3.4	+ 3.0	- 0.1
Food	112.1	111.5	117.5	117.1	+ 4.5	+ 5.0	- 0.3
Shelter	128.4	131.3	133.5	133.6	+ 4.0	+ 1.8	+ 0.1
Clothing	108.1	108.6	108.6	107.6	- 0.5	- 0.9	- 0.9
Household Operation	117.1	116.5	118.6	119.0	+ 1.6	+ 2.1	+ 0.3
Other Commodities and Services	118.2	119.0	122.9	123.1	+ 4.1	+ 3.4	+ 0.2
<u>SECURITY PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100)</u>							
<u>TOTAL INVESTORS' INDEX</u>	207.3	248.5	267.8	273.7	+ 32.0	+ 10.1	+ 2.2
Total Industrials	211.0	257.0	281.7	287.3	+ 36.2	+ 11.8	+ 2.0
Machinery & Equipment	554.2	735.6	776.8	763.0	+ 37.7	+ 3.7	- 1.8
Pulp & Paper	840.5	1070.0	998.9	1005.3	+ 19.6	- 6.0	+ 0.6
Milling	157.9	209.4	143.6	147.8	- 6.4	- 29.4	+ 2.9
Oils	161.0	175.5	244.8	251.6	+ 56.3	+ 43.4	+ 2.8
Textiles & Clothing	179.6	179.9	152.4	163.7	- 8.9	- 9.0	+ 7.4
Foods	154.7	196.8	176.5	181.2	+ 17.1	- 7.9	+ 2.7
Beverages	511.0	583.7	493.0	506.3	- 0.9	- 13.3	+ 2.7
Building Materials	395.9	458.4	459.6	463.2	+ 17.0	+ 1.0	+ 0.8
Industrial Mines	152.5	205.3	219.0	228.4	+ 49.8	+ 11.3	+ 4.3
Total Utilities	181.0	206.5	203.6	207.5	+ 14.6	+ 0.5	+ 1.9
Transportation	329.6	385.4	367.1	363.5	+ 10.3	- 5.7	- 1.0
Telephone	117.5	129.4	118.3	118.4	+ 0.8	- 8.5	+ 0.1
Power and Traction	165.6	192.6	214.4	227.9	+ 37.6	+ 18.3	+ 6.3
Banks	230.8	260.0	276.2	289.9	+ 25.6	+ 11.5	+ 5.0
<u>MINING STOCKS</u>							
General Index	102.7	125.2	129.4	129.9	+ 26.5	+ 3.8	+ 0.4
Golds	68.3	75.8	68.9	70.6	+ 3.4	- 6.9	+ 2.5
Base Metals	181.3	238.1	267.8	265.7	+ 46.6	+ 11.6	- 0.8

* 1956 Wholesale Price Indexes are subject to revision.

(1) Percentages not shown because indexes subsequent to July 1955 are subject to major revisions as and when participation payments are included.

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	177.7	245.1	211.4
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	166.8	250.6	208.7
Sept.	220.9	212.2	226.4	241.1	161.6	251.6	206.6
Oct.	220.0	210.8	225.8	240.7	159.5	241.9	200.7
Nov.	220.7	211.3	226.6	240.8	161.0	240.5	200.8
Dec.	221.5	212.6	226.7	244.2	163.0	239.4	201.2
1956 Jan.	222.0	212.9	227.3	246.1	166.2	235.0	200.6
Feb.	222.2	213.4	227.4	247.2	167.3	232.3	199.8
Mar.	223.3	214.7	228.3	248.8	171.7	231.1	201.4
Apr.	224.5	216.2	229.4	248.9	176.6	231.9	204.2
May	225.3	217.3	230.3	247.8	185.3	238.0	211.6
June	226.5	219.2	231.3	248.5	190.4	251.7	221.1
July	226.6	219.0	231.6	247.4	204.7	256.4	230.5
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
Oct.	227.1	214.4	232.2	247.7	159.9	256.0	208.0
Nov.	226.6	213.5	234.6	247.7	163.1	255.7	209.4
Dec.	228.1	216.4	235.3	249.8	164.4	256.2	210.3
1957 Jan.	229.4	217.8	236.5	251.1	166.0	257.2	211.6

(1) Indexes August 1955 - July 1956 include final barley and oats payments announced November 15 and 29, 1956, and interim payment of 10 cents for wheat announced January 30, 1957, by the Canadian Wheat Board. For final revised indexes August 1946 - July 1952, see Prices and Price Indexes, May 1953, Table 21, and Table 4 of February 1954, May 1955 and May 1956 issues for subsequent crop years. 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)

Date	General Whole- Sale Index	- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS -							
		Total Vege- table Pro- ducts	Grains	Milled Cereal Foods	Live- stock and Poultry Feeds	Bakery Pro- ducts	Fruits, Fresh	Fruits, Dried	Fruits, Canned
1955 Average ...	218.9	195.1	188.0	147.7	199.8	184.5	163.9	176.7	155.8
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
Oct.	227.1	196.3	187.6	151.3	202.9	201.1	183.5	198.4	171.4
Nov.	226.6	197.3	185.9	151.4	197.2	202.7	180.8	190.5	173.1
Dec.	228.1	200.3	184.9	151.3	193.5	204.2	171.6	190.5	176.4
1957 Jan.	229.4	203.5	184.6	151.3	197.2	205.8	180.5	182.2	177.4

	- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS - CONCLUDED							Raw Leaf To- bacco
	Vege- table Oils and Pro- ducts	Rubber and Its Pro- ducts	Sugar and Its Pro- ducts	Tea, Coffee and Cocoa	Pota- toes	Onions	Canned Vege- tables	
1955 Average ...	267.2	200.6	150.1	394.4	240.7	189.9	209.9	179.1
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
Oct.	288.3	199.1	153.3	356.1	169.8	189.6	219.6	183.3
Nov.	284.2	202.4	158.4	359.9	201.6	172.6	227.5	183.3
Dec.	300.2	200.9	181.4	371.9	214.9	181.8	227.5	183.3
1957 Jan.	292.3	196.9	219.2	367.5	231.6	196.7	227.5	183.3

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

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -							
	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
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
Oct.	235.4	301.1	93.2	126.4	205.8	212.7	277.3	322.3
Nov.	235.1	303.6	93.2	126.4	210.4	213.3	281.0	324.2
Dec.	235.8	313.4	93.2	120.7	207.4	213.3	284.3	318.5
1957 Jan.	237.6	317.1	93.2	124.0	205.3	216.7	287.7	315.4

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Beef and Veal Carcass	Meats, Cured	Fowl, Dressed	Milk and Its Products	Butter	Oils and Fats	Eggs	
Meats, Fresh								
1955 Average	271.2	308.5	185.5	190.0	224.9	228.8	138.4	172.0
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
Oct.	275.9	301.5	201.7	150.6	229.8	228.8	159.6	194.8
Nov.	270.3	291.9	203.8	150.6	232.6	229.3	162.1	153.7
Dec.	268.9	291.5	206.3	150.6	232.2	229.9	166.0	143.5
1957 Jan.	276.0	300.6	207.4	144.6	232.0	229.9	168.4	136.0

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

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS -							
	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
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
Oct.	232.4	282.8	243.8	238.6	224.4	213.1	182.9	154.2
Nov.	232.7	281.7	245.4	238.6	224.4	215.4	182.9	155.6
Dec.	234.3	279.9	247.7	238.7	224.4	215.4	182.9	155.6
1957 Jan.	234.6	284.4	246.1	238.7	222.3	215.4	182.9	155.6

- 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
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
Oct.	170.5	251.6	219.1	204.5	230.9	271.2	247.9	232.3
Nov.	170.5	250.5	224.5	204.1	230.9	271.2	248.6	232.3
Dec.	170.5	260.8	227.1	214.4	230.9	271.2	253.9	232.3
1957 Jan.	178.4	260.8	227.3	213.4	230.9	271.2	254.0	231.9

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	Wrap-ping Paper, No. 1 Kraft
1955 Average ...	295.7	441.3	402.3	313.6	369.8	534.6	458.9	210.8	289.2	229.3
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
Oct.	301.4	445.2	415.6	334.9	386.9	533.2	435.4	217.8	292.3	240.3
Nov.	299.1	441.9	415.6	334.9	386.9	530.2	418.2	215.8	289.2	240.3
Dec.	298.1	438.9	415.6	334.9	386.9	526.5	407.1	215.3	288.3	240.3
1957 Jan.	298.8	441.8	415.6	334.9	386.9	529.7	418.7	215.5	286.1	240.3

- 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
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
Oct.	248.3	286.2	231.7	248.6	260.0	286.4	432.9	230.3
Nov.	249.0	286.2	231.7	252.9	260.9	286.4	433.8	230.3
Dec.	249.7	288.1	231.7	252.9	260.9	286.4	447.4	230.3
1957 Jan.	250.3	288.4	231.8	252.9	262.0	286.4	447.4	233.3

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
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
Oct.	193.3	270.5	173.9	358.4	323.2	229.2	188.1	320.6	205.4	257.6
Nov.	187.3	260.4	173.9	329.3	323.2	227.6	194.8	320.6	221.3	253.8
Dec.	190.4	266.4	173.9	328.1	323.2	226.6	191.4	320.6	221.3	256.7
1957 Jan.	189.8	265.2	175.6	328.1	320.0	226.6	186.5	310.7	205.4	256.5

Date	- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -						Window Glass
	Total Non-Metallic Products	Clay and Allied Material Products	Pottery	Coal	Coal Tar	Coke	
	(1)	(2)					
1955 Average ...	175.2	232.1	153.7	172.1	213.7	225.8	251.2
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
Oct.	181.3	237.7	161.9	182.2	320.6	237.6	270.2
Nov.	183.8	237.8	161.9	186.5	320.6	241.0	270.2
Dec.	186.6	237.8	161.9	191.7	320.6	241.0	270.2
1957 Jan.	187.4	240.4	174.6	193.7	320.6	242.7	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

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Continued						
	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
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
Oct. /	217.0	168.1	139.2	136.2	184.8	163.7	204.0
Nov.	217.0	168.1	139.2	136.2	184.8	163.7	201.6
Dec.	217.0	168.1	139.2	136.2	184.8	163.7	201.0
1957 Jan.	217.0	170.9	139.2	136.2	185.1	163.7	206.0

- 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
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
Oct.	133.4	208.6	155.1	143.4	159.8	205.1	289.2
Nov.	133.4	208.6	155.1	143.4	159.8	205.1	289.2
Dec.	133.4	208.6	155.1	145.7	159.8	205.1	289.2
1957 Jan.	132.3	208.6	158.9	145.7	164.8	205.1	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
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
Oct.	180.4	147.1	171.8	191.6	183.8	289.7
Nov.	180.3	146.9	171.8	191.6	183.8	289.7
Dec.	181.1	146.9	171.8	191.6	183.8	289.7
1957 Jan.	181.8	148.0	164.6	191.6	189.1	292.6

- 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
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
Oct.	143.6	206.9	155.5	138.5	200.6
Nov.	143.6	206.9	155.6	134.4	200.6
Dec.	143.6	206.9	155.8	134.0	206.6
1957 Jan.	143.6	206.9	155.6	134.0	206.6

TABLE 4. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

15.

(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity <u>1/</u>	Unit	Yearly	January	December	January
		Average 1955			
		\$	\$	\$	\$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern	bu.	1.744	1.721	1.691	1.691
OATS, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	.863	.825	.821	.829
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed	bu.	1.070	1.003	1.019	1.009
RYE, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	1.006	1.095	1.264	1.294
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto	bbl.	11.467	* 5.700	* 5.800	* 5.800
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal	cwt.	7.078	7.078	8.455	10.197
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal	gal.	1.376	1.530	1.650	1.320
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's	lb.	.667	.625	.668	.675
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John	75-lb. bag	2.212	1.369	2.000	2.085
STEERS, Toronto	cwt.	19.593	18.460	19.880	19.620
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included)	cwt.	25.152	22.470	30.470	30.640
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers	lb.	.142	.165	.145	.140
LEATHER, Packer Bends, No. 1 and 2	lb.	.620	.620	.640	.640
LEATHER, Box Sides D, f.o.b. Ontario Factory	sq.ft.	.338	.360	.380	.370
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade, Montreal	lb.	.597	.592	.594	.594
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.586	.510	.464	.436
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 1", New York 2/	lb.	.341	.352	.332	.335
COTTON YARN, 10's, white	lb.	.687	.720	.710	.710
RAYON YARN, 36 filament, 150 denier	lb.	.772	.780	.800	.840
WOOL, Raw, Eastern Domestic, regular, Low Medium staple, greasy	lb.	.492	.500	.510	.510
WOOL, Raw, Australian, 64's, clean	lb.	1.373	1.350	1.540	1.530
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Mill, in Canadian funds (Southern Quebec)	ton	110.726	115.383	110.392	109.559
PINE, No. 1 and 2 common, 1"x8", 8'-16' ...	M.bd.ft.	167.500	175.000	180.000	180.000
SPRUCE, Merchantable, 1"x6" - 7"	M.bd.ft.	86.000	88.250	89.500	89.750
PIG IRON, Malleable	gr.ton	57.750	59.000	67.040	67.180
SCRAP IRON, No. 1	gr.ton	43.167	50.000	51.000	51.000
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic sales	cwt.	37.030	43.000	34.750	34.750
LEAD, Pig, Electrolytic, domestic sales ...	cwt.	14.391	15.667	15.500	15.341
TIN INGOTS, 99.8%	lb.	.956	1.067	1.020	.994
ZINC, Grade "A", Electrolytic, domestic sales	cwt.	13.654	14.779	14.850	14.373
COAL, United States Anthracite	ton	18.336	19.300	21.850	22.010
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	3.440
CEMENT, Portland, Calgary	bbl.	3.140	3.140	3.180	3.210
SHINGLES, Asphalt	210-lb.sq.	8.032	8.920	9.200	9.200
SODA ASH, 58% light	cwt.	2.400	2.450	2.320	2.440
SULPHURIC ACID, 66° Baume	ton	26.270	25.350	25.350	25.350

1/ Complete description and basis of quoting available upon request.2/ Previous to August 1956 quotation referred to 15/16".

* Per 100 Lb. bag.

TABLE 5. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -											
	Total	Total	Cement,	Brick,	Lumber	Lath,	Plaster	Roof-	Paint	Plumb-	Elec-	
	Index*	Index	Sand	Tile	and	and	Its	and	Glass	ing	trical	
	(1949=100)		Gravel	Stone	Products	Insula-	Mate-	Material		and	Equip-	
1926	48.1	109.6	105.5	103.2	110.9	101.4	104.3	156.8	110.2	91.6	112.0	
1929	49.3	112.4	107.6	107.4	116.7	94.4	108.8	151.5	108.5	130.1	106.1	
1932	38.4	87.5	103.7	101.8	72.7	85.0	95.5	111.7	108.1	79.1	89.5	
1939	44.9	102.3	94.0	97.2	104.9	99.4	104.1	97.2	103.0	102.4	104.6	
1940	48.4	110.3	94.6	98.0	119.1	99.7	110.4	115.2	106.5	107.1	109.2	
1941	53.8	122.6	99.1	105.1	139.2	102.8	118.7	136.2	114.6	109.0	112.5	
1942	57.4	130.9	100.8	109.0	153.2	104.8	123.4	146.9	120.0	110.3	117.6	
1943	61.0	139.1	101.2	113.1	171.3	104.8	130.1	149.4	120.0	110.3	117.9	
1944	64.3	146.6	101.8	114.9	188.4	104.8	136.0	146.6	120.0	110.3	117.9	
1945	65.0	148.3	102.1	116.4	191.3	104.8	135.5	142.2	122.2	111.4	118.0	
1946	67.8	154.5	102.0	121.0	202.1	104.2	146.2	144.2	127.2	116.9	126.4	
1947	79.1	180.4	109.7	133.4	242.0	107.3	172.3	169.6	145.2	147.4	143.0	
1948	95.4	217.5	122.3	143.1	305.8	116.7	201.6	183.1	168.3	169.8	162.3	
1949	100.0	228.0	127.0	151.0	322.1	118.1	190.5	179.6	180.2	173.4	174.7	
1950	106.4	242.7	131.3	163.8	349.2	116.7	235.4	174.8	183.2	184.5	181.1	
1951	125.5	286.2	140.9	180.7	425.0	126.3	235.8	197.8	210.4	213.3	212.7	
1952	124.9	284.8	149.5	195.3	415.7	128.5	217.7	194.9	215.6	212.0	226.3	
1953	123.9	282.6	151.8	205.8	410.6	128.5	218.6	203.8	209.0	211.4	229.5	
1954	121.7	277.5	151.3	207.4	400.5	128.8	233.4	208.9	202.8	207.7	226.6	
1955	124.3	283.4	149.4	209.5	409.4	125.3	244.5	219.7	207.2	229.2	230.3	
 <u>1955</u>												
Jan.	122.3	278.8	149.6	210.0	403.6	125.1	239.0	212.5	203.6	208.0	225.5	
Feb.	122.5	279.3	149.6	210.0	404.0	124.5	239.0	214.8	203.7	215.5	225.5	
Mar.	122.6	279.4	149.6	210.0	403.5	124.5	239.0	215.3	204.9	216.8	227.4	
Apr.	123.1	280.6	149.6	210.0	404.4	124.5	239.0	222.0	206.6	224.6	227.4	
May	123.1	280.7	149.3	209.3	405.1	124.5	239.0	220.7	206.6	224.6	225.0	
June	124.3	283.3	149.3	209.3	410.3	125.1	246.7	220.7	206.4	226.1	225.9	
July	124.6	284.2	149.3	209.3	412.3	125.1	248.7	220.7	206.4	225.1	226.6	
Aug.	125.2	285.5	149.3	209.3	413.7	125.1	248.7	219.8	208.6	225.1	232.1	
Sept.	125.9	287.0	149.3	209.3	414.6	126.2	248.7	219.8	209.5	244.9	234.5	
Oct.	125.9	287.0	149.3	209.3	413.9	126.2	248.7	223.1	209.5	245.3	237.8	
Nov.	125.8	286.8	149.3	209.3	412.8	126.2	248.7	223.1	210.3	247.5	238.0	
Dec.	126.1	287.8	149.6	209.3	414.6	126.2	248.7	223.9	210.3	247.5	238.0	
 <u>1956</u>												
Jan.	127.0	289.6	149.6	209.3	416.4	127.4	261.2	228.0	213.6	248.6	237.6	
Feb.	127.0	289.6	149.6	209.3	416.1	127.3	261.2	226.3	214.1	248.4	238.8	
Mar.	128.0	291.8	149.6	216.8	419.2	127.3	261.2	226.3	214.5	256.9	241.0	
Apr.	128.7	293.4	149.6	216.8	422.0	130.0	260.8	228.0	214.6	257.3	241.0	
May	129.0	294.1	149.3	221.3	423.3	130.0	260.8	228.0	214.6	256.4	241.0	
June	129.0	294.1	149.3	221.3	423.2	130.6	264.8	226.7	214.6	255.6	241.0	
July	128.9	293.9	149.8	221.3	422.8	132.9	264.8	226.7	216.1	238.4	241.0	
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	
Oct.	128.7	293.5	149.8	222.2	418.2	132.9	261.6	226.7	223.0	237.1	248.5	
Nov.	128.6	293.3	149.8	222.2	418.6	132.9	255.2	226.7	223.8	225.9	250.4	
Dec.	128.4	292.7	150.4	222.2	417.6	132.9	255.2	225.8	223.0	225.4	250.4	
 <u>1957</u>												
Jan.	128.6	293.3	152.8	222.2	418.5	132.9	255.2	225.6	223.0	225.1	250.4	

* 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)

Date	Total Index	- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -					
		Aggregate, Cement and Concrete Mix	Blocks, Brick and Stone	Tile	Lumber and Lumber Products	Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Materials
1950	105.0	103.2	104.3	104.9	110.3	103.0	105.8
1951	118.6	111.3	113.0	110.6	128.3	115.7	125.4
1952	123.2	117.4	119.7	115.5	127.9	121.3	121.7
1953	124.4	120.2	125.9	117.1	127.8	119.2	119.6
1954	121.8	120.9	127.0	120.6	124.5	115.2	117.6
1955	123.4	120.3	127.0	120.3	127.6	118.0	121.3
1955 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
Oct.	129.5	116.7	132.2	117.2	130.8	125.4	122.1
Nov.	129.3	116.7	132.2	116.8	130.6	125.5	120.2
Dec.	129.6	120.2	132.2	116.8	129.9	125.5	120.2
1957 Jan.	130.0	120.9	133.4	119.7	129.6	125.7	120.1
		Steel and Metal Work	Hard-ware	Lath Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Materials	Paint and Glass	Miscel-laneous Materials
1950	107.3	103.8	98.7	104.7	100.5	97.7	
1951	122.0	120.3	107.1	128.9	113.0	106.0	
1952	131.3	125.9	109.7	134.5	115.6	106.4	
1953	134.7	129.3	110.0	133.6	125.3	103.8	
1954	128.2	125.4	109.7	132.8	128.2	100.9	
1955	129.9	132.6	108.1	127.3	133.3	97.4	
1955 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	
Oct.	144.1	149.7	114.8	139.1	141.7	93.0	
Nov.	144.0	150.2	114.8	139.1	142.8	93.0	
Dec.	144.2	150.2	114.8	139.2	142.8	93.0	
1957 Jan.	144.3	150.8	114.7	139.2	142.8	94.0	

TABLE 7. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

(1949 = 100)

	Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	House-hold Operation	Other Commodities & Services
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
1956	118.1	113.4	132.5	108.6	117.1	120.9
<u>1954</u>	January	115.7	111.6	125.4	110.1	117.5
	February	115.7	111.7	125.4	110.0	117.5
	March	115.5	110.7	125.6	109.8	117.6
	April	115.6	110.4	125.6	109.9	118.1
	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	116.1
	July	116.0	111.5	129.6	107.8	115.8
	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	116.1
	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
	October	119.8	117.4	133.3	108.5	121.6
	November	120.3	117.9	133.4	108.4	122.8
	December	120.4	117.5	133.5	108.6	122.9
<u>1957</u>	January	120.3	117.1	133.6	107.6	123.1

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

(1949 = 100)

	1954	1955	1956	Jan. 1955	Jan. 1956	Nov. 1956	Dec. 1956	Jan. 1957
<u>Total Index</u>	116.2	116.4	118.1	116.4	116.8	120.3	120.4	120.3
<u>Food</u>	112.2	112.1	113.4	112.1	111.5	117.9	117.5	117.1
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	111.8	111.9	112.1	112.9	111.7	114.1	114.6	115.8
Cereal Products	122.4	122.0	125.0	122.3	122.1	128.9	129.8	130.9
Miscellaneous Groceries	121.9	123.1	121.8	123.4	120.6	123.2	125.0	125.2
<u>Shelter</u>	126.5	129.4	132.5	128.4	131.3	133.4	133.5	133.6
Rent	129.8	133.3	135.6	132.1	134.5	136.6	136.7	136.8
Home-Ownership	122.2	124.4	128.4	123.4	127.1	129.1	129.2	129.3
<u>Clothing</u>	109.4	108.0	108.6	108.1	108.6	108.4	108.6	107.6
Men's Wear	113.8	113.0	113.4	113.4	113.1	113.7	113.9	114.3
Women's Wear	100.9	98.4	98.9	98.4	99.5	97.9	98.0	95.7
Children's Wear	107.5	106.2	105.9	106.4	105.7	105.9	105.9	104.8
Footwear	127.6	127.3	129.6	127.2	128.5	130.6	131.2	131.1
Piece Goods	108.7	108.4	108.5	108.7	108.2	109.1	109.1	109.1
<u>Household Operation</u>	117.4	116.4	117.1	117.1	116.5	118.1	118.6	119.0
Fuel	114.9	112.7	114.8	114.4	114.4	116.5	117.6	119.8
Electricity	115.9	116.0	115.6	116.2	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.4
Home Furnishings	115.6	113.7	113.2	114.6	112.7	114.2	114.4	114.3
Furniture	117.6	115.9	116.2	116.7	115.6	117.6	117.9	118.1
Utensils and Equipment	122.1	123.1	125.5	122.6	124.0	127.5	128.1	128.2
Supplies and Services	121.8	122.9	124.2	122.6	123.4	125.1	125.7	125.7
Supplies	115.8	116.3	117.2	116.1	116.7	118.0	118.0	117.9
Services	126.0	127.4	129.1	127.0	128.0	130.0	130.9	131.1
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	117.4	118.1	120.9	118.2	119.0	122.8	122.9	123.1
Transportation	120.0	118.5	123.3	120.5	120.2	126.5	126.5	127.3
Automobile Operation	114.7	111.0	112.1	114.1	109.2	115.6	115.6	116.9
Recreation	119.5	122.6	125.3	121.2	123.7	127.0	127.0	126.9
Health Care	127.4	130.4	134.2	129.3	131.4	136.0	136.0	136.0
Drugs	109.5	111.0	111.7	110.7	111.5	112.3	112.3	112.3
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	107.3	107.4	107.7	107.3	107.5	108.3	108.3	108.3
Personal Care	117.9	118.0	120.5	118.6	118.3	124.0	124.4	124.7
Personal Supplies	113.6	112.7	112.4	114.3	112.0	113.3	113.3	113.9

TABLE 9. - PRICE RELATIVES FOR SPECIFIED FOODS INCLUDED IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

(1949 = 100)

TABLE 10. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR REGIONAL CITIES

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

	St. John's Nfld.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver
	June 1951=100		1949=100							
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
1953		102.2	113.2	115.3	116.3	115.0	116.8	114.4	113.1	114.0
1954		102.8	114.1	116.6	116.8	116.2	118.3	115.3	114.2	114.9
1955		104.2	114.8	117.7	116.9	117.2	118.8	115.9	114.6	117.9
1956		106.8	116.1	118.8	118.4	119.2	120.6	117.2	115.8	119.6
<u>1954</u>	January	102.6	113.2	115.4	116.7	115.3	117.7	114.9	113.2	114.4
	February	102.4	113.8	115.8	116.8	115.5	117.6	115.0	113.5	114.3
	March	102.2	113.7	116.2	116.3	115.3	117.4	114.7	113.7	114.4
	April	102.0	113.8	115.9	116.3	115.5	117.7	114.9	113.6	114.3
	May	102.2	113.6	115.8	116.3	115.5	117.7	114.8	113.5	114.4
	June	102.5	113.9	116.2	117.0	116.1	118.2	115.3	114.1	114.8
	July	102.6	113.8	116.2	117.2	116.4	118.8	115.5	114.1	114.8
	August	104.4	115.3	117.6	117.2	117.0	119.0	116.4	115.3	115.4
	September	103.4	114.8	117.7	116.6	116.9	118.8	115.7	115.1	115.7
	October	103.0	114.6	117.6	117.0	117.3	118.9	115.5	115.2	115.6
	November	102.8	114.5	117.5	117.1	117.2	118.9	115.7	114.8	115.3
	December	102.9	114.5	117.5	117.0	117.0	118.8	115.5	113.9	115.0
<u>1955</u>	January	102.6	114.3	117.4	117.1	117.0	118.9	115.5	113.9	114.6
	February	102.7	114.6	117.6	117.1	117.0	118.7	115.4	113.8	114.5
	March	102.9	114.5	117.6	116.7	116.8	118.2	115.2	113.7	114.2
	April	103.5	114.6	117.6	116.7	116.9	118.4	115.3	113.9	114.2
	May	105.0	115.4	118.1	117.0	117.3	118.9	115.6	114.4	114.2
	June	104.3	114.6	117.3	116.3	116.9	118.3	115.0	114.3	113.8
	July	104.5	114.7	117.3	116.7	117.0	118.7	115.5	114.3	114.1
	August	105.8	115.1	117.8	116.8	117.3	118.5	116.1	115.1	114.6
	September	105.1	115.2	118.1	117.1	117.5	119.2	116.5	115.4	115.2
	October	104.8	114.9	117.8	117.0	117.7	119.4	116.6	115.5	118.5
	November	104.6	114.9	117.6	117.1	117.7	119.0	116.9	115.6	115.1
	December	104.5	114.7	117.7	116.7	117.8	118.9	116.9	115.7	115.1
<u>1956</u>	January	104.7	114.5	117.4	117.4	117.5	118.8	116.8	115.2	114.8
	February	104.9	114.1	117.1	117.0	117.3	118.3	116.5	114.7	114.1
	March	105.0	114.3	117.4	116.7	117.3	118.2	116.8	114.7	114.3
	April	105.9	114.8	117.6	116.7	117.7	118.7	116.5	114.9	114.6
	May	106.6	114.7	117.5	116.6	117.7	119.1	116.1	114.6	114.3
	June	107.6	115.6	118.2	118.1	118.8	120.4	116.6	115.2	114.9
	July	108.1	116.0	118.7	119.1	119.4	121.5	117.6	115.6	115.7
	August	110.2	117.6	120.3	118.9	120.4	122.0	117.0	116.2	116.1
	September	107.3	117.2	119.6	118.8	120.0	121.7	117.5	116.8	116.8
	October	106.9	117.7	120.0	119.9	120.9	122.5	118.1	117.2	117.5
	November	107.0	118.0	120.4	120.9	121.5	123.1	118.4	117.2	117.7
	December	107.5	118.5	121.1	120.7	121.6	123.1	118.4	117.1	117.4
<u>1957</u>	January	107.7	118.6	121.2	120.6	121.4	123.1	118.8	117.1	117.2

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	Saskatoon- Regina	Edmonton- Calgary	Van- couver	
Food Index											
<u>1954</u>											
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	
October	102.7	111.2	115.6	119.2	116.2	116.6	114.9	117.0	115.9	118.5	
November	102.9	111.8	115.4	120.9	117.0	117.5	114.9	116.6	115.3	118.4	
December	104.1	112.8	116.7	120.2	116.9	117.2	114.1	114.6	114.2	118.4	
<u>1957</u>	January	104.7	112.2	116.8	120.5	115.7	116.4	115.2	114.1	113.5	119.7
Shelter Index											
<u>1955</u>	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	
October	110.1	126.8	130.3	138.2	139.9	149.0	128.2	118.1	121.2	128.9	
November	110.1	127.1	130.6	138.3	140.4	149.2	128.4	118.1	121.2	129.3	
December	110.1	127.3	131.3	138.4	140.5	149.3	128.4	118.7	121.2	129.4	
<u>1957</u>	January	110.1	127.4	131.3	138.6	140.5	149.6	128.4	118.9	121.2	129.5

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	Saskatoon- Regina	Edmonton- Calgary	Van- couver
<u>Clothing Index</u>										
1955 October	100.3	114.6	116.1	107.0	111.1	110.0	112.4	114.4	112.5	112.5
November	100.3	114.5	116.1	107.1	111.2	110.1	112.3	114.4	112.5	112.6
December	100.5	114.5	116.2	108.0	111.6	110.8	113.1	114.7	112.9	112.8
1956 January	100.5	114.8	116.2	108.1	111.6	110.9	113.2	114.7	113.0	112.8
February	100.5	114.8	116.2	108.2	111.6	110.8	113.2	114.7	113.1	112.8
March	100.8	114.9	116.7	108.2	111.8	111.0	113.2	114.8	113.6	112.9
April	100.8	114.8	116.7	108.0	111.6	111.3	113.2	114.8	113.8	113.3
May	100.8	114.2	116.7	108.0	111.4	111.2	113.2	114.8	113.9	113.5
June	100.8	114.5	116.8	107.8	111.4	111.1	112.8	114.7	113.9	113.7
July	100.9	114.8	116.8	107.7	111.7	111.1	112.8	114.7	112.7	113.7
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
October	100.2	115.2	116.8	107.2	111.4	111.4	113.2	115.0	112.7	112.5
November	100.2	115.4	116.8	106.8	111.6	111.2	113.7	115.0	113.4	112.5
December	100.3	115.1	116.9	106.5	111.4	112.0	114.0	116.0	113.6	112.3
1957 January	100.6	114.9	116.9	103.8	111.0	111.1	113.3	116.0	113.5	111.7
<u>Household Operation Index</u>										
1955 October	103.3	119.6	117.0	114.5	116.0	114.4	114.1	116.9	115.7	123.9
November	103.3	119.6	117.0	114.9	116.0	115.1	114.1	116.9	115.8	124.2
December	103.2	119.7	117.2	115.2	116.5	115.2	114.1	116.9	115.8	131.0
1956 January	103.2	119.7	117.2	115.1	116.3	114.9	114.0	116.6	115.8	130.9
February	103.2	119.7	117.2	115.3	116.8	115.5	114.1	116.6	115.9	128.6
March	103.4	120.1	117.6	115.2	116.8	115.5	114.1	116.8	116.1	128.6
April	104.4	119.9	117.4	114.9	116.4	115.5	114.0	116.5	116.6	128.0
May	104.5	119.9	117.4	114.7	116.4	116.5	113.9	116.4	116.8	124.1
June	104.4	120.4	117.6	114.8	115.9	116.4	113.5	116.6	117.0	125.0
July	105.2	120.5	117.6	114.8	115.9	116.2	113.7	116.9	117.0	127.8
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
October	105.7	121.6	119.1	115.2	116.0	117.2	114.1	117.8	118.3	128.4
November	105.9	121.7	118.8	115.3	115.9	118.2	114.1	117.7	118.4	128.1
December	106.4	122.1	119.8	115.5	117.1	118.3	115.6	119.1	118.5	128.6
1957 January	106.8	123.9	119.7	115.6	116.9	119.4	116.2	119.6	118.2	128.9
<u>Other Commodities and Services Index</u>										
1955 October	110.9	119.1	124.0	116.8	120.2	118.4	119.4	114.5	117.6	119.6
November	110.9	119.1	124.1	116.6	120.8	118.8	119.0	115.2	117.6	119.6
December	110.9	119.2	124.1	116.6	120.8	118.8	119.2	116.0	117.6	119.6
1956 January	110.9	119.2	124.1	119.8	120.8	118.9	119.6	116.0	117.6	119.7
February	111.7	119.2	124.1	119.8	122.6	118.9	120.2	115.9	117.8	119.7
March	111.7	119.7	124.5	120.0	123.1	119.5	120.6	116.6	119.5	120.4
April	113.0	119.7	124.5	119.9	123.7	120.2	121.0	116.5	119.6	120.2
May	114.5	120.3	124.8	120.5	124.2	120.9	120.8	116.5	119.7	120.1
June	114.5	120.3	124.8	120.6	124.2	120.9	121.6	116.5	119.7	120.7
July	114.5	120.3	124.5	120.6	123.9	122.8	121.3	116.5	119.7	120.7
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
October	115.9	121.2	124.8	121.2	124.7	123.0	121.8	117.2	120.2	121.6
November	115.7	121.6	126.5	122.8	125.8	123.8	122.1	117.8	121.3	122.9
December	115.7	121.6	126.5	122.8	125.8	123.8	122.3	117.8	121.5	122.9
1957 January	115.4	121.6	126.7	122.9	126.1	124.2	122.4	117.9	121.6	123.0

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		The Consumer Price Index
			Actual Weekly Wages	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	
	\$	\$		(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> - 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	62.18	52.21	149.1	125.2	119.1
Sept. 1	62.51	52.53	149.9	125.9	119.0
Oct. 1	63.62	53.11	152.5	127.3	119.8
Nov. 1	64.36	53.50	154.3	128.3	120.3
Dec. 1	64.69 (p)	53.73 (p)	155.1 (p)	128.8 (p)	120.4

(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 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	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	Total Indus- trial	Machin- ery and Equip- ment	Pulp and Paper	Mill- ing	Oils	Tex- tiles and Cloth- ing	Food and Allied Pro- ducts	Bever- ages	Build- ing Mate- rials	
	(95)	(75)	(10)	(9)	(2)	(5)	(8)	(14)	(10)	(15)	
1939	91.6	91.2	100.9	81.7	100.6	83.6	95.0	109.6	98.1	98.3	
1940	77.4	74.2	88.9	90.7	94.2	62.2	121.8	103.3	100.8	90.6	
1941	67.5	63.9	75.6	68.8	70.6	50.0	105.4	91.0	95.9	78.3	
1942	64.2	60.4	76.5	62.9	69.4	47.1	104.0	77.6	97.8	74.5	
1943	83.5	78.6	103.9	92.6	90.5	73.8	121.4	89.5	131.0	89.1	
1944	83.8	78.8	112.8	125.0	99.3	73.1	124.8	97.5	153.3	92.7	
1945	99.6	93.7	134.5	167.3	113.3	78.7	148.7	110.3	222.2	116.0	
1946	115.7	108.6	183.8	255.5	132.4	73.9	193.9	129.1	363.9	149.6	
1947	106.0	99.3	182.6	258.4	120.3	65.9	182.4	125.8	302.3	137.4	
1948	112.5	107.2	220.1	264.0	107.4	74.0	207.5	114.0	308.5	135.7	
1949	109.4	103.1	215.4	242.9	89.9	72.0	208.1	115.7	299.9	143.4	
1950	131.6	127.6	295.5	362.2	87.9	94.2	264.1	122.0	389.0	185.8	
1951	168.3	172.0	420.7	561.2	112.8	140.6	358.0	118.9	434.1	272.5	
1952	173.1	176.6	428.3	515.2	131.0	155.1	277.2	108.6	365.7	283.6	
1953	160.3	160.1	394.8	501.6	131.2	131.0	222.5	120.7	399.3	279.5	
1954	181.2	182.3	480.1	692.9	141.9	144.4	161.7	136.2	479.6	326.1	
1955	232.7	239.6	696.0	995.1	190.6	164.0	177.8	180.4	566.2	434.9	
1956	269.0	282.7	818.8	1,109.9	176.1	221.1	163.0	187.0	548.8	482.1	
<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	1,044.7	183.8	163.6	172.4	177.2	582.2	447.7
	July	246.5	252.8	760.8	1,069.8	197.0	169.2	178.3	187.5	589.3	458.7
	Aug.	245.3	252.3	735.6	1,066.9	198.5	164.7	176.2	194.8	592.0	457.2
	Sept.	255.9	265.9	794.0	1,098.2	215.1	174.1	183.2	199.6	640.1	467.9
	Oct.	239.9	248.9	742.7	1,044.9	227.1	164.1	187.3	196.2	609.8	435.8
	Nov.	245.6	255.3	766.5	1,062.5	213.3	168.8	187.7	197.1	593.2	453.8
	Dec.	247.6	257.0	763.8	1,073.3	209.1	170.8	178.2	200.0	581.9	457.8
<u>1956</u>	Jan.	248.5	257.0	735.6	1,070.0	209.4	175.5	179.9	196.8	583.7	458.4
	Feb.	249.2	258.1	728.0	1,077.3	199.2	182.6	174.0	197.3	579.0	464.0
	Mar.	267.9	280.3	804.6	1,153.0	199.6	205.2	178.8	199.7	590.4	503.6
	Apr.	273.0	286.2	826.4	1,223.9	187.4	210.0	170.9	191.8	577.5	519.5
	May	268.5	282.9	848.1	1,192.5	179.8	211.7	160.2	180.8	551.7	488.5
	June	267.0	283.0	843.6	1,146.0	167.3	219.4	158.8	181.5	549.1	466.3
	July	282.4	299.0	913.7	1,185.8	173.9	234.9	159.5	190.8	565.4	504.5
	Aug.	291.8	308.9	915.4	1,175.3	175.2	250.1	158.3	195.5	558.6	514.2
	Sept.	278.9	294.4	855.3	1,077.2	166.0	243.7	153.4	183.5	530.9	485.0
	Oct.	270.3	284.8	815.7	1,024.9	160.2	236.2	155.3	175.0	518.7	469.8
	Nov.	262.3	276.0	762.8	994.2	151.2	239.2	154.8	175.2	487.1	452.0
	Dec.	267.8	281.7	776.8	998.9	143.6	244.8	152.4	176.5	493.0	459.6
<u>1957</u>	Jan.	273.7	287.3	763.0	1,005.3	147.8	251.6	163.7	181.2	506.3	463.2
<u>Weekly Index</u>											
	Jan. 3 .	274.2	288.9	762.8	1,017.3	149.3	255.2	154.0	177.2	506.3	460.2
	Jan. 10 .	275.9	290.1	760.0	1,016.5	150.0	253.3	159.5	183.7	511.3	469.6
	Jan. 17 .	274.7	288.0	761.9	1,017.5	150.6	252.2	169.7	181.9	510.7	464.7
	Jan. 24 .	272.2	285.2	760.4	993.2	146.3	247.5	169.7	182.4	505.9	461.7
	Jan. 31 .	271.4	284.3	769.7	982.1	142.6	249.6	165.8	180.8	497.3	459.6

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)	(27)	(21)	(6)	
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	
1956	218.6	206.3	375.0	123.8	208.1	275.8	134.4	75.8	268.7	
<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
	Oct.	223.4	205.1	370.9	119.5	215.0	275.3	133.5	72.5	273.3
	Nov.	211.9	200.3	351.5	117.8	212.5	268.8	127.4	68.6	262.2
	Dec.	219.0	203.6	367.1	118.3	214.4	276.2	129.4	68.9	267.8
<u>1957</u>	Jan.	228.4	207.5	363.5	118.4	227.9	289.9	129.9	70.6	265.7
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
	Jan. 3 ...	230.0	205.4	369.4	118.4	218.6	284.8	132.1	70.5	273.1
	Jan. 10 ...	233.5	208.3	368.1	119.0	227.0	289.9	131.1	70.4	270.0
	Jan. 17 ...	227.8	208.8	363.8	118.5	231.7	294.1	130.4	70.9	266.7
	Jan. 24 ...	227.9	207.6	358.1	118.2	230.9	290.8	128.1	70.6	259.7
	Jan. 31 ...	223.0	207.4	358.2	117.7	231.3	289.8	128.0	70.8	258.9

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

TABLE 14. - INDEX NUMBERS OF PREFERRED STOCK PRICES

(1935-39=100)

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
January	152.4	166.0	161.4	161.0	162.6	175.6	175.5	155.9
February	153.0	169.3	160.6	161.6	163.6	176.0	175.3	
March	153.7	166.0	159.5	163.6	165.4	176.2	173.6	
April	154.4	165.2	157.2	161.6	168.0	175.4	171.1	
May	157.3	164.3	157.2	162.9	169.7	176.1	167.7	
June	158.2	162.2	157.7	163.0	170.7	177.9	166.2	
July	154.6	163.1	159.8	163.8	171.3	179.5	167.5	
August	155.6	165.2	163.6	164.3	173.0	179.9	166.1	
September	158.2	166.4	162.4	162.0	173.4	179.0	161.7	
October	161.1	164.2	161.2	161.0	174.1	179.2	158.7	
November	161.1	162.8	160.3	161.6	175.4	177.6	157.0	
December	160.2	159.5	160.7	161.7	175.4	173.9	154.4	
Year	156.7	164.5	160.1	162.3	170.2	177.2	166.2	

TABLE 15. - INDEX NUMBERS OF UNITED STATES STOCK PRICESSource: Standard and Poor's
(1935-39=100)

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
January	135.1	168.6	186.9	197.6	195.4	268.8	322.9	
February	136.7	174.7	183.2	195.9	199.6	278.1	324.4	
March	138.8	170.3	185.3	198.0	204.9	277.5	346.7	
April	141.8	172.3	183.7	190.0	212.7	286.2	351.1	
May	146.9	173.9	183.7	189.6	219.8	285.0	344.2	
June	147.7	171.7	187.6	182.8	221.8	300.7	340.5	
July	138.2	172.8	192.1	185.5	231.1	315.3	356.5	
August	147.2	181.5	191.1	187.3	236.4	311.0	357.3	
September	151.7	187.3	188.2	179.2	238.5	323.2	343.6	
October	157.8	185.0	183.4	183.4	243.5	306.2	336.8	
November	156.1	177.7	189.8	187.5	252.2	321.5	334.3	
December	158.4	182.5	197.0	190.7	264.5	327.0	339.6	
Year	146.4	176.5	187.7	189.0	226.7	300.0	341.5	

TABLE 16. - EXCHANGE RATES

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(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	1956	1956	1957
		Average	Average	January Average	December Average	January Average
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	.9732	.9863	.9987	.9605	.9607
United Kingdom	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.8035	2.6754	2.6863
Argentina	peso (free)	.07006	.06386	.02559	.02705	.02555
Australia	pound	2.1874	2.2054	2.2428	2.1403	2.1490
Belgium (1)	franc	.01945	.01964	.01998	.01915	.01914
Brazil	cruzeiro (free)	.01456	.01344	.01400	.01472	.01473
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.5696	.5737	.5840	.5574	.5596
Ceylon	rupee	.2051	.2065	.2103	.2006	.2015
Chile	peso	.00843	.00493	.00333	.00185	.00177
Colombia	peso (basic)	.3894	.3945	.3995	.3842	.3843
Cuba	peso	.9733	.9863	.9987	.9605	.9606
Denmark	krone	.1409	.1428	.1446	.1391	.1391
Egypt	pound	2.7949	2.8322	2.8678	2.7581	2.7586
France and North Africa	franc	.00278	.00282	.00285	.00274	.00275
Germany	deutsche mark	.2317	.2343	.2370	.2288	.2288
Hong Kong	dollar	.1709	.1721	.1752	.1672	.1679
India	rupee	.2051	.2065	.2103	.2006	.2015
Ireland	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.8035	2.6754	2.6863
Italy	lira	.00156	.00158	.00160	.00154	.00154
Jamaica	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.8035	2.6754	2.6863
Japan	yen	.00270	.00274	.00277	.00267	.00267
Lebanon	pound (free)	.3031	.3046	.3079	.2990	.3000
Mexico	peso	.08810	.07890	.07990	.07684	.07686
Netherlands	guilder	.2568	.2588	.2610	.2508	.2509
New Zealand	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.8035	2.6754	2.6863
Norway	krone	.1363	.1381	.1398	.1345	.1345
Pakistan	rupee	.2942	.2597	.2103	.2006	.2015
Peru	sol-certificate	.05011	.05191	.05256	.05055	.05056
Philippines	peso	.4866	.4931	.4993	.4802	.4803
Portugal	escudo	.03397	.03442	.03486	.03352	.03353
Singapore	dollar	.3190	.3213	.3271	.3121	.3134
Sweden	krona	.1881	.1906	.1931	.1857	.1857
Switzerland	franc	.2270	.2301	.2333	.2241	.2241
Turkey	lira	.3476	.3522	.3567	.3430	.3431
Union of South Africa	pound	2.7339	2.7535	2.8035	2.6754	2.6863
Venezuela	bolivar	.2905	.2944	.2981	.2867	.2868
Yugoslavia	dinar	.00324	.00329	.00333	.00320	.00320

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

(1) Includes Belgian Empire and Luxemburg.

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

Country	Base Period	1949	1955	1956				1957	
				Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
<u>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1952-53		108.0(1)		114.4				
Canada	1949	100.0	118.1(7)	119.1	119.0	119.8	120.3	120.4	120.3
France (Paris) .	1949	100.0	147.7(7)	147.1	148.3	148.0	148.2	148.1	148.5
Germany	1950	107	110	113	113	113	114	114	
India	1949	100	96	109	108				
Italy	1938	4,915	5,969	6,288	6,305	6,270	6,277		
Japan	1951	92.2	117.8	118.5	118.5	119.4			
Mexico	1939	335.9	575.3(7)	570.3	573.3	570.4	582.5	570.7	
Netherlands	1951		106	108	109	108	109	110	
Norway	1949	100	143	150	149	149	149		
South Africa ...	1938	153.2	202.1	205.4	206.5	206.9	207.2	207.3	
Sweden	1949	100	133	140	139	139	141		
Switzerland	August 1939		172.6	176.2	176.5	176.7	177.2	177.4	
United Kingdom .	Jan. 17, 1956			102.3	102.1	102.7	103.1		
United Kingdom .	June 17, 1947(3)	111	149	157	157	158	158		
United States ..	1947-49	101.8	114.5	116.8	117.1	117.7	117.8	118.0	
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1936-39		338(1)	344	347	344			
Canada	1935-39	198.3	218.9	227.0	227.4	227.1	226.6	228.1	229.4
France	1949		141.6(7)	142.4	141.6	141.1	143.0	144.3	144.9
Germany	1950		125	128	128	129	131	131	
India	1938-39		360.3(2)	418.5	419.8	417.8			
Italy	1938	5,169	5,320	5,307	5,328	5,305(r)	5,387		
Japan (Tokyo) ..	1952		97.9	102.8	104.7	104.5	105.6		
Mexico (Mexico City)	1939	268.1	530.9(7)	523.5	525.4	524.8	531.9	534.4	
Netherlands	1948	104	137	139	140	141	143		
Norway	1952		103	109	109	109	110		
South Africa ...	1938	184.7	271.5	274.2	276.3	276.1			
Sweden	1935	216	309	324	323	324	325		
Switzerland	August 1939		215.0	220.8	221.7	221.7	224.5	225.1	
United Kingdom .	June 30, 1949(4)	152.4	155.8	157.1	155.4	159.2			
United Kingdom .	June 30, 1949(5)	129.6	136.0(r)	136.4(r)	136.4(r)	136.7			
United States ..	1947-49	99.2	110.7	114.7	115.5(r)	115.6	115.9	116.2	

- r- Revised. 1. Average from July 1955 to June 1956. 2. Average from Sept. 1955 to Aug. 1956.
 3. Based on a supplementary calculation linking the new U.K. Index 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. 6. June 1956. 7. Average 1956.

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, plus an interim payment of 10 cents announced January 30th, 1957. Indexes subsequent to July 1955 are 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. For the 1955-56 crop year final payments were announced November 29 and November 15, 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 5 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 6. 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 95 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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