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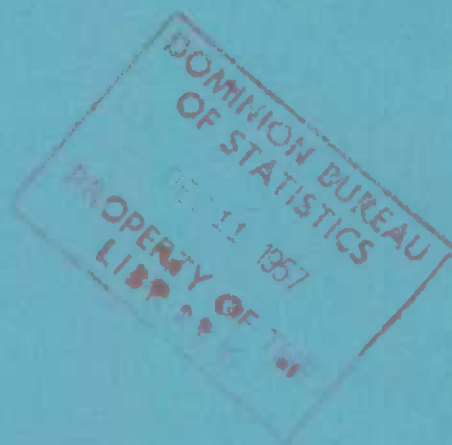


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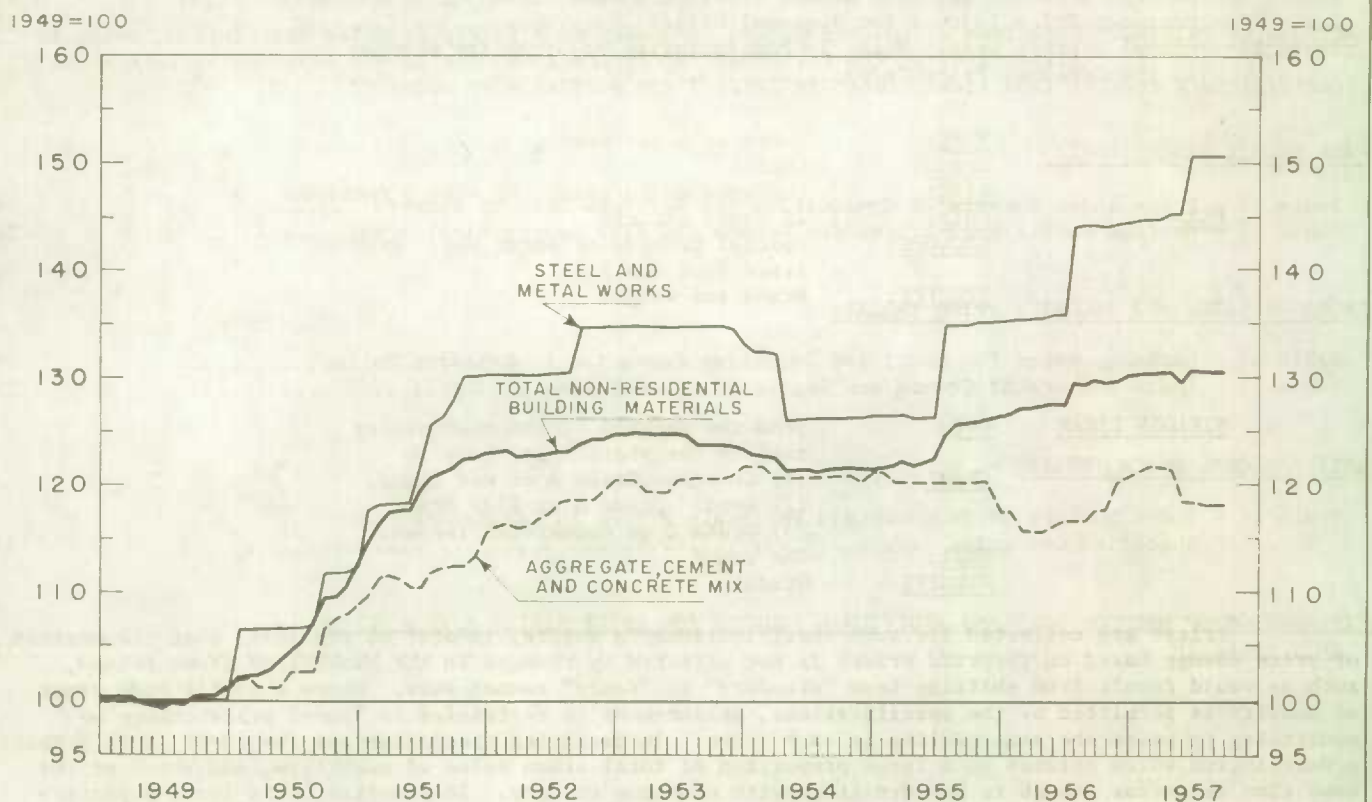
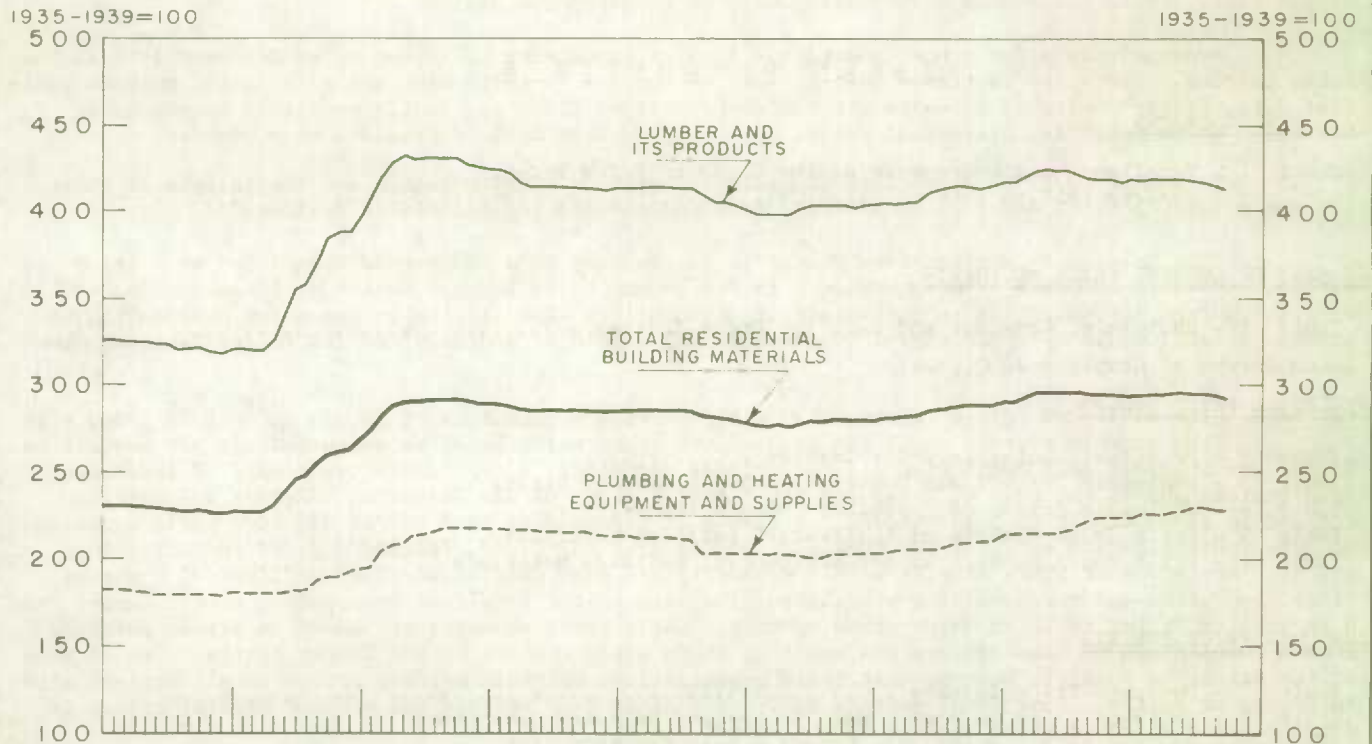
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MONTHLY, JANUARY 1949—OCTOBER 1957



NOTES ON PRICES AND PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

URBAN AVERAGE RETAIL FOOD PRICES: Commencing with this issue of Prices and Price Indexes, average urban retail prices for some sixty items of food will be published each month in table No. 9, pages 20 and 21. This Table will provide annual average prices for each of the past three years, the current month, the two previous months, the same month a year ago and two years ago. Single commodity price relatives for the latest month, on the base 1949 = 100, will also be published. This pattern of presentation will be repeated monthly.

Average prices for a more restricted list of foods were published up to December 1954 in the Labor Gazette. Users are cautioned that because of changes in collection and calculation methods since that date, prices published herewith are not comparable to those previously published in the Labor Gazette. Where possible, historical series of average prices will be provided upon request.

To enable users to appreciate the sources, methods of calculation and limitations of these average prices, a brief description of basic data and computation techniques follows.

This release of average food prices is in response to a widespread demand for such information. However, comments from subscribers to Prices and Price Indexes, which would assist the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in assessing the desirability of modifying or expanding publication of average prices, would be appreciated. Correspondence should be addressed to the Prices Section, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

COVERAGE The published prices relate to 33 cities having populations of 30,000 or over in 1951, with the monthly average price for each of the items being based on approximately 500 quotations. Prices are obtained each month from all chain foods companies, a representative sample of independent food stores, and in the case of bread and milk, from a group of manufacturing bakeries and dairies engaged in sales direct to householders. A sample of independent food stores has been built up using Census of Distribution material and knowledge acquired by the field officers engaged in collecting prices. Revisions of store samples within each city are made continuously in the light of changing store population and merchandising practices. The size of the sample of independent stores ranges from 8 in smaller cities to 20 in major urban centers. Chain store averages are based on prices obtained from a combination of head offices and specific chain store outlets in the larger cities. Use of head office prices is possible because most chain organizations maintain uniform prices in all outlets within a city or region. Some supplementary collection of produce weights and weekend special prices is done in selected chain store outlets in the larger cities.

METHODS OF PRICING Each item of food is priced according to a fairly detailed description, which is illustrated by the following "specifications" for canned peas and sirloin steak. Specifications for all food items listed in Table 9 are available on request.

	<u>TYPE:</u>	Sweet or sugar peas
	<u>Grade:</u>	Choice
	<u>SIZE:</u>	Ungraded as to size; or 4 to 5 combined
<u>PEAS</u>	<u>UNIT:</u>	15 fluid oz. tin
	<u>EXCLUDE:</u>	Special process or sugar pod: premium sizes 1, 2 and 3
	<u>SPECIFY:</u>	Brand and weight

<u>SIRLOIN STEAK</u>	<u>CUT:</u>	From the section of the hindquarter next to the short loin; bone in
	<u>GRADE:</u>	(1) Choice: Grade A or Red Brand, (2) Good: Grade B or Blue Brand (3) Grade C or Commercial (brown)
	<u>UNIT:</u>	One pound
	<u>SPECIFY:</u>	Grade

Prices are collected for such specifications to ensure, insofar as possible, that the measure of price change based on reported prices is not affected by changes in the quality of items priced, such as would result from shifting from "standard" to "fancy" canned peas. Where a fairly wide range of quality is permitted by the specifications, measurement is restricted to "pure" price change by continuing to price the same quality in each store. In designing specifications the ideal is to prepare a description which relates to a large proportion of total urban sales of each item, and which at the same time is narrow enough to be identified with a unique quality. In practice, this ideal objective is difficult to achieve because of the gradual shading in qualities of many items or because of the

widespread consumption of various qualities. As described later, prices are collected by both mail and by personal interview, and specifications pricing is adhered to more rigorously where prices are collected by the latter method.

In interpreting published average prices, users should consider the following effects of specification pricing:

(1) Published price averages exclude qualities which fall outside the range of specifications and which will usually sell for higher or lower prices. Thus, the price average for canned peas relates only to choice quality, and excludes prices of both standard and fancy qualities.

(2) The specifications encompass a range of qualities, which varies from item to item, and a corresponding range of prices. Thus, the specification for sirloin steak covers red, blue and commercial grades of beef, and the published average price for sirloin steak incorporates the range of prices associated with these varying grades. On the other hand, the specification for bread permits only the range of quality found within bread which is prepared from white wheat flour and which is sliced and wrapped.

Thus, the published prices are not based on prices of all qualities of the various items of food as sold in urban retail stores, and neither are they for a unique quality. Extreme care should be used in comparing these retail price averages with wholesale or farm prices which may be for different qualities. Similar limitations exist in attempting to make comparisons of retail prices as between Canada and other countries. This procedure of pricing specific qualities and excluding others affects the level of the published average prices, which would be somewhat different if prices were collected for different qualities. On the other hand, the use of specifications ensures that within extremely narrow limits, monthly changes in the published averages are not influenced by shifts in the quality of merchandise being sold or priced.

CALCULATION TECHNIQUES In building up to the published urban average price of a commodity, unweighted averages for each of thirty-three cities are first obtained separately for chain and independent stores. A simple all-city average independent store price is then calculated. The corresponding average urban Canada price for chain stores is obtained by weighting each average city price according to 1951 Census of Distribution city chain food store retail sales. To obtain the published prices, these average independent and chain prices are weighted in the ratio of 44 for chain stores to 56 for independent stores in accordance with the 1951 relative value of total chain to independent retail food sales. There are exceptions to this procedure for bread and milk, where door-to-door delivery prices are employed as well as chain and independent store prices, and the independent and store delivery prices for each city are weighted using population data. For these two items, the published price is obtained by weighting the three averages by the relative value of retail sales for the three types of outlets.

Average prices are calculated in such a way to achieve two objectives: First, to reflect for any one month the level of prices being paid by consumers (and received by retailers) in urban retail markets, and second, to measure as between months any price change which has occurred. These dual objectives are sought by calculating from collected prices an actual average price for a specific month. This was done in October 1952 for most of the food items listed in Table 9. These prices are then adjusted month by month on the basis of price change as determined from collected prices. This procedure ensures comparability as between months in the published averages, but means that for any specific month they may differ fractionally from straight averages based solely upon prices collected in any one month. For example, straight averages will be affected by changes in store samples, but published averages will not. In a few instances where significant changes in specifications have occurred since October 1952, price averages relate to the current specifications, and have been calculated for earlier periods on the basis of price changes recorded by the prior specifications.

PRICE COLLECTION Prices are collected by field officers of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in seventeen of the larger cities, and are obtained by mail for independent stores in the other cities. Chain store prices for cities where field officers are not located are obtained from the Head Office of chain store organizations. Prices collected by field officers are those being charged to consumers on those days prices are collected. Where "special" or "sale" prices are in effect, and where reasonable quantities of merchandise are available at such prices, these are obtained; no attempt is made to confine price collection to "regular" prices. Multiple unit prices, eg., 2 for 37 cents, are collected where merchandise is sold on this basis. For chain stores, prices are collected on the first Friday of each month, and for independent stores during the first five business days of the month. Within outlets, care is taken to price brands representing volume sales, and as between outlets to diversify brand coverage.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: The Consumer Price Index remained almost unchanged between September and October, moving from 123.3 to 123.4. A year ago the index was at level of (1949 = 100)

119.8. In the current month a decline in the Food index from 121.9 to 121.7 was not quite sufficient to balance increases in the other four component groups. Substantially lower prices were reported for pork, with lesser declines for beef, most fresh and canned fruits and vegetables, margarine, coffee and eggs. These declines were partially offset by higher prices for milk in a number of cities, butter, cereal items, tomatoes and oranges. The Shelter index moved from 135.6 to 135.9 as a result of further continued increases in both the rent and home-ownership components. Price increases for new seasonal lines, particularly women's and girls' winter coats, were largely responsible for moving the Clothing index from 108.3 to 108.7. A rise in the Household Operation index from 119.8 to 120.1 resulted from scattered increases in fuel, floor coverings, household supplies and appliances. In appliances, lower prices were reported for electric refrigerators and ranges, with price increases showing up on washing machines and vacuum cleaners. The fuel index was affected by higher prices for coal and lower fuel oil prices in parts of Eastern Canada. Further general increases in doctors, dentists and optometrists fees, as well as higher prepaid health care rates in the Maritimes, moved the Other Commodities and Services index from 127.1 to 127.4.

GENERAL WHOLESALE INDEX: The General Wholesale Price Index moved down 0.8 per cent between September (1935-1939 = 100) and October, from 226.7 to 224.8. The index is 1.0 per cent lower than it was a year ago, whereas over the twelve months ending October 1956 it rose 3.2 per cent. Of the five component groups which moved lower, Animal Products and Iron Products showed significant decreases; the other three groups, as well as the three that recorded increases moved less than one-half of one per cent.

Mainly responsible for the decrease of 3.9 per cent in Animal Products, which was down from 242.1 to 232.7, were lower prices for all livestock and meats, with the exception of calves and veal; these decreases more than outweighed increases in the prices of fresh milk, eggs, hides and tallow. Material decreases in the price of steel scrap accounted for most of the decline of 1.2 per cent in Iron Products, from 255.8 to 252.8. In Textile Products, which moved down slightly from 235.6 to 235.0, the main contributors were lower prices for imported raw wool, worsted yarns, botany serge and wool cloth. Vegetable Products declined a fractional 0.2 per cent, as decreases in the prices of sugar, potatoes, onions, raw rubber, and livestock and poultry feeds, outweighed increased prices for vegetable oils, fresh fruits, cocoa beans and some canned fruits, to move the index down from 193.1 to 192.8. The Chemical Products group remained practically unchanged at 182.5, as slightly lower prices for copper sulphate, white lead and sulphate of ammonia were offset by higher prices for calcium chloride and superphosphate.

Of the three component groups which were slightly higher in the month under review, Non-metallic Minerals moved up 0.4 per cent, from 189.0 to 189.7, due mainly to higher coal prices overbalancing decreased prices for coal oil in some centres, and sulphur. Domestic electrolytic copper, copper wire and brass sheet prices were higher, outweighing lower prices for antimony, lead and tin, to move Non-ferrous Metals up fractionally, 0.3 per cent, to 169.1. Wood Products was virtually unchanged from 299.3 to 299.7, as higher prices for most woodpulp items were offset by decreased prices for merchantable spruce.

CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS: Canadian farm product prices at terminal markets declined 3.7 per cent from (1935-1939 = 100) 208.5 to 200.7 between September and October. Chiefly responsible for the relatively sharp decrease were lower prices for Animal Products, which fell 5.8 per cent from 263.8 to 248.6. In addition to a substantial decline for hogs, lower prices were reported for steers, lambs, and eggs in Western Canada. Increases were recorded for calves, fluid milk, cheesemilk and Eastern eggs. The Field Products index declined only slightly from 153.2 to 152.8 reflecting lower prices for potatoes, rye, Eastern corn and oats. These were partially offset by increases for flax, and Eastern peas and wheat. Regional indexes were lower, the Eastern series declining 4.3 per cent from 225.3 to 215.6 and the Western index 3.1 per cent from 191.7 to 185.8.

BUILDING MATERIALS INDEXES: The Residential Building Materials Price Index declined fractionally from (1935-1939 = 100) 292.5 to 291.5 between September and October mainly reflecting further weakness in lumber. On the other hand, prices for copper wire and pipe were firmer. The Non-residential Building Materials Price Index, on the base 1949 = 100, remained unchanged at 130.2.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors' Index of 95 common stocks, now in its fifth consecutive monthly decline, dropped a further 9.3 per cent between September and October from 242.2 to 219.6. The current index is 18.8 per cent below the level of a year ago and 23.6 per cent under the 1957 peak of 287.6 touched in May. Losses for major groups during the month under review were as follows: 75 Industrials 9.8 per cent from 252.8 to 228.0, 13 Utilities 7.6 per cent from 191.2 to 176.7, and 7 Banks 6.9 per cent from 252.2 to 234.9. All sub-groups declined, led by Oils, Machinery and Equipment, Power and Traction, Transportation, and Building Materials.

The composite index of 27 mining issues registered a drop of 9.2 per cent from 104.6 to 95.0 between September and October, thus cancelling all gains accumulated since October 1954. Gold stocks fell 11.2 per cent from 71.4 to 63.4 and 6 Base Metals 7.5 per cent from 180.7 to 167.2.

The index of 28 Preferred stocks continuing a seven-month decline receded from 147.3 to 146.1. Since the 1957 peak of 156.4 touched in February, the index has dropped 6.6 per cent.

TABLE 1. - SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE INDEXES

	INDEXES				PERCENTAGE CHANGES		
	Oct. 1955	Oct. 1956	Sept. 1957	Oct. 1957	Oct. 1955	Oct. 1956	Sept. 1957
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100) (1)</u>							
<u>GENERAL INDEX</u>	220.0	227.0	226.7	224.8	+ 2.2	- 1.0	- 0.8
Vegetable Products	190.7	196.3	193.1	192.8	+ 1.1	- 1.8	- 0.2
Animal Products	223.6	235.4	242.1	232.7	+ 4.1	- 1.1	- 3.9
Textile Products	226.1	232.1	235.6	235.0	+ 3.9	+ 1.2	- 0.3
Wood Products	298.5	301.4	299.3	299.7	+ 0.4	- 0.6	+ 0.1
Iron Products	227.4	248.4	255.8	252.8	+ 11.2	+ 1.8	- 1.2
Non-ferrous Metals	199.5	192.8	168.6	169.1	- 15.2	- 12.3	+ 0.3
Non-metallic Minerals	176.2	181.4	189.0	189.7	+ 7.7	+ 4.6	+ 0.4
Chemical Products	177.7	179.7	182.6	182.5	+ 2.7	+ 1.6	- 0.05
<u>CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS (1) (2)</u>							
Eastern Total	203.7	203.1	208.5	200.7	-	-	-
Western Total	208.8	226.6	225.3	215.6	-	-	-
Field	198.5	189.5	191.7	185.8	-	-	-
Animal	165.4	159.9	153.2	152.8	-	-	-
	241.9	256.2	263.8	248.6	-	-	-
<u>SELECTED PRICE INDEXES (1)</u>							
Canadian Industrial Materials	240.7	247.7	236.4	232.5	- 3.4	- 6.1	- 1.7
Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	125.9	128.8	128.3	127.9	+ 1.6	- 0.7	- 0.3
Non-Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	125.9	129.8	130.2	130.2	+ 3.4	+ 0.3	-
<u>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (1949=100)</u>							
<u>TOTAL INDEX</u>	116.9	119.8	123.3	123.4	+ 5.6	+ 3.0	+ 0.1
Food	113.5	117.4	121.9	121.7	+ 7.2	+ 3.7	- 0.2
Shelter	130.2	133.3	135.6	135.9	+ 4.4	+ 2.0	+ 0.2
Clothing	107.8	108.5	108.3	108.7	+ 0.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Household Operation	116.1	117.7	119.8	120.1	+ 3.4	+ 2.0	+ 0.3
Other Commodities and Services	118.1	121.6	127.1	127.4	+ 7.9	+ 4.8	+ 0.2
<u>SECURITY PRICE INDEXES (1935 39=100)</u>							
<u>TOTAL INVESTORS' INDEX</u>	239.9	270.3	242.2	219.6	- 8.5	- 18.8	- 9.3
Total Industrials	248.9	284.8	252.8	228.0	- 8.4	- 19.9	- 9.8
Machinery & Equipment	742.7	815.7	728.5	641.7	- 13.6	- 21.3	- 11.9
Pulp & Paper	1,044.9	1,024.9	861.3	813.4	- 22.2	- 20.6	- 5.6
Milling	227.1	160.2	126.4	118.7	- 47.7	- 25.9	- 6.1
Oils	164.1	236.2	225.5	195.7	+ 19.3	- 17.1	- 13.2
Textiles & Clothing	187.3	155.3	155.1	145.8	- 22.2	- 6.1	- 6.0
Foods	196.2	175.0	189.6	183.8	- 6.3	+ 5.0	- 3.1
Beverages	609.8	518.7	466.9	459.7	- 24.6	- 11.4	- 1.5
Building Materials	435.8	469.8	424.0	384.0	- 11.9	- 18.3	- 9.4
Industrial Mines	191.2	223.4	172.1	156.7	- 18.0	- 29.9	- 8.9
Total Utilities	200.6	205.1	191.2	176.7	- 11.9	- 13.8	- 7.6
Transportation	371.0	370.9	343.0	306.9	- 17.3	- 17.3	- 10.5
Telephone	129.6	119.5	103.4	100.5	- 22.5	- 15.9	- 2.8
Power and Traction	182.1	215.0	219.4	195.9	+ 7.6	- 8.9	- 10.7
Banks	240.0	275.3	252.2	234.9	- 2.1	- 14.7	- 6.9
<u>MINING STOCKS</u>							
General Index	117.6	133.5	104.6	95.0	- 19.2	- 28.8	- 9.2
Gold	71.0	72.5	71.4	63.4	- 10.7	- 12.6	- 11.2
Base Metals	224.2	273.3	180.7	167.2	- 25.4	- 38.8	- 7.5

(1) All 1957 indexes are subject to revision.

(2) Percentages not shown since Canadian Farm Products indexes subsequent to July 1956 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or participation payments are announced.

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	180.1	245.1	212.6
1956	225.6	215.8	231.5	248.2	176.9	246.9	211.9
1955 Oct.	220.0	210.8	225.8	240.7	165.4	241.9	203.7
Nov.	220.7	211.3	226.6	240.8	166.9	240.5	203.7
Dec.	221.5	212.6	226.7	244.2	168.9	239.4	204.1
1956 Jan.	222.0	212.9	227.4	246.1	172.1	235.0	203.5
Feb.	222.2	213.3	227.6	247.2	173.2	232.3	202.8
Mar.	223.3	214.7	228.4	248.8	177.8	231.1	204.4
Apr.	224.6	216.3	229.5	248.9	182.7	231.9	207.3
May	225.4	217.3	230.3	247.8	191.5	238.0	214.7
June	226.5	219.2	231.3	248.5	196.4	251.9	224.2
July	226.6	219.0	231.6	247.4	210.6	256.5	233.5
Aug.	227.0	217.0	233.2	249.2	171.1	258.2	214.7
Sept.	227.4	216.2	234.4	249.5	160.3	259.6	209.9
Oct.	227.0	214.3	234.7	247.7	159.9	256.2	208.1
Nov.	226.6	213.3	234.6	247.7	163.1	255.9	209.5
Dec.	228.0	216.4	235.1	249.8	164.4	256.4	210.4
1957 Jan.	229.4	217.8	236.5	251.1	166.0	257.2	211.6
Feb.	228.4	214.9	236.8	248.4	161.3	259.0	210.1
Mar.	228.4	212.5	237.8	247.0	160.2	253.4	206.8
Apr.	228.4	211.7	238.3	246.2	159.9	255.1	207.5
May	228.0	209.6	238.8	242.3	157.5	255.3	206.4
June	228.0	209.8	238.8	240.6	154.6	262.2	208.4
July	228.2	209.1	239.5	239.8	155.1	270.2	212.7
Aug.	227.6	207.9	239.2	238.6	153.8	271.3	212.6
Sept.	226.7	206.4	238.6	236.4	153.2	263.8	208.5
Oct.	224.8	203.5	237.2	232.5	152.8	248.6	200.7

(1) Indexes August 1955 - July 1956 are final with the inclusion of final participation payments for Western wheat as announced in May 1957. Subsequent indexes are subject to revision. Please see note page 32 for specific publications wherein final indexes for earlier years may be found and for details concerning Western grain prices.

TABLE 3. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL

(1935-39 = 100)

- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS -										
Date		General Whole- Sale Index	Total Vege- table Pro- ducts	Grains	Milled Cereal Foods	Live- stock and Poultry Feeds	Bakery Pro- ducts	Fruits, Fresh	Fruits, Dried	Fruits, Canned
1956	Average ...	225.6	197.3	188.4	149.2	202.6	193.4	175.0	185.2	159.3
1956	May	225.4	198.6	192.0	148.4	217.6	186.4	189.4	178.5	150.9
	June	226.5	199.7	190.8	148.2	208.2	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.	227.0	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.	228.0	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
	Feb.	228.4	200.7	182.3	151.2	191.6	205.8	176.8	182.2	182.7
	Mar.	228.4	200.4	180.3	151.4	193.5	207.4	177.7	182.2	182.7
	Apr.	228.4	200.5	178.5	151.0	194.4	207.4	168.6	188.2	182.7
	May	228.0	197.5	174.5	150.6	186.9	207.4	173.9	188.3	182.7
	June	228.0	196.6	171.9	150.6	175.6	207.4	172.5	188.3	178.7
	July	228.2	195.2	170.6	150.0	171.8	207.4	166.3	188.3	181.0
	Aug.	227.6	192.8	170.3	148.8	166.1	207.4	169.9	181.1	177.4
	Sept.	226.7	193.1	171.8	149.0	166.1	207.4	178.9	181.1	171.0
	Oct.	224.8	192.8	170.6	148.9	158.6	207.4	192.1	181.8	172.6

- 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
1956	Average ...	293.5	201.0	155.9	361.6	258.2	213.5	207.0	184.3
1956	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	153.1	357.8	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
	Feb.	286.9	193.6	209.5	363.6	200.9	236.0	227.5	183.3
	Mar.	287.2	199.0	215.6	351.2	191.8	208.7	214.3	183.3
	Apr.	283.5	199.5	228.7	344.3	194.6	230.6	209.1	183.3
	May	271.1	199.0	214.6	341.4	184.8	230.6	209.1	186.4
	June	261.0	199.6	214.0	358.8	170.3	230.6	201.2	186.4
	July	270.7	199.6	201.9	354.0	185.6	253.3	197.5	186.4
	Aug.	276.5	199.0	181.7	356.5	177.4	184.0	195.3	186.4
	Sept.	275.7	197.1	189.3	363.0	162.0	162.3	203.3	186.4
	Oct.	280.3	196.6	178.7	365.4	157.8	158.2	203.3	186.4

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, Unmanu- factured	Boots and Shoes	Live- stock	Steers
1956	Average	227.7	296.9	97.5	134.1	204.9	209.7	265.6	317.9
1956	May	221.4	282.6	101.2	133.3	204.1	209.6	252.3	302.7
	June	229.5	284.1	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	139.2	205.8	211.9	284.2	350.9
	Oct.	235.4	301.1	93.2	125.1	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
	Feb.	238.4	320.4	93.2	124.2	205.3	217.3	287.6	303.1
	Mar.	236.3	322.4	93.9	123.4	202.1	217.3	278.3	307.1
	Apr.	236.6	312.4	89.9	107.7	198.8	217.6	281.8	323.4
	May	237.2	297.1	92.0	117.9	202.1	218.7	283.5	322.2
	June	241.6	294.9	92.0	119.7	205.3	219.1	292.9	322.3
	July	245.8	291.9	92.2	120.3	205.3	219.1	300.3	321.1
	Aug.	246.1	289.6	92.2	124.5	205.3	219.1	299.7	320.1
	Sept.	242.1	291.6	92.2	124.0	205.3	218.5	285.7	303.8
	Oct.	232.7	291.6	92.2	124.9	205.3	219.2	258.2	287.1

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded

		Meats, Fresh	Beef and Veal Carcass	Meats, Cured	Fowl, Dressed	Milk and Its Pro- ducts	Butter	Oils and Fats	Eggs
1956	Average	262.6	297.7	179.2	187.3	227.1	226.7	142.8	174.6
1956	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
	Feb.	274.6	293.9	213.2	138.6	232.3	229.7	170.6	141.1
	Mar.	273.5	301.1	210.9	147.6	232.7	230.0	169.6	141.0
	Apr.	280.8	313.5	209.0	144.6	233.4	229.9	167.6	138.3
	May	287.9	315.1	213.8	138.6	232.2	228.6	163.2	136.6
	June	293.7	309.6	225.9	135.5	233.3	227.9	162.5	140.2
	July	295.0	302.5	237.2	156.6	233.0	229.8	166.7	166.3
	Aug.	288.6	296.9	241.5	150.6	237.3	239.1	168.0	164.7
	Sept.	277.3	291.3	234.7	168.7	239.2	242.9	166.0	170.2
	Oct.	263.0	283.4	210.6	168.7	241.4	242.6	165.1	172.3

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

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- 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
1956	Average ...	230.2	295.7	249.2	238.2	221.9	209.0	175.1	154.4
1956	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.	232.1	282.8	243.8	237.5	224.4	213.1	182.9	154.2
	Nov.	232.6	281.7	247.7	237.6	224.4	215.4	182.9	155.6
	Dec.	234.0	279.9	247.7	237.6	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
	Feb.	235.2	286.1	246.1	238.5	222.3	211.3	182.9	156.9
	Mar.	235.5	283.5	244.6	237.8	222.3	211.3	182.9	156.9
	Apr.	236.4	284.4	244.6	237.4	222.3	207.6	182.9	156.9
	May.	237.1	285.4	244.6	237.3	222.3	207.6	182.9	156.9
	June	237.1	288.0	241.5	237.3	222.3	207.6	182.9	156.9
	July	237.4	287.0	241.5	237.3	230.7	206.4	182.9	156.9
	Aug.	236.8	280.5	241.5	236.4	230.7	206.4	182.9	156.9
	Sept.	235.6	280.1	241.5	234.5	230.7	206.4	182.9	156.9
	Oct.	235.0	287.7	241.5	234.5	230.7	206.4	182.9	156.9

- 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
1956	Average ...	170.2	248.8	212.4	201.2	230.9	268.2	239.7	231.7
1956	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
	Feb.	178.4	258.9	233.8	219.5	230.9	295.0	254.5	231.9
	Mar.	178.4	269.2	237.9	220.5	230.9	295.0	258.0	231.9
	Apr.	178.4	288.0	242.5	229.8	230.9	295.0	261.0	231.9
	May	178.4	288.0	255.7	232.7	230.9	295.0	262.2	231.9
	June	178.4	288.0	243.5	232.4	230.9	295.0	264.2	231.9
	July	188.4	288.0	243.5	229.8	230.9	295.0	263.0	231.9
	Aug.	188.4	288.0	244.3	229.8	230.9	295.0	263.8	231.9
	Sept.	188.4	276.6	235.6	224.7	233.4	295.0	261.1	231.9
	Oct.	188.4	276.6	221.0	216.7	233.4	295.0	259.0	231.9

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

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- WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER -

Date		Total Wood Pro- ducts	Lumber and Timber	Spruce	Hard- woods	Hem- lock	Fir	Cedar	Wood- Pulp	News- print	Wrap- ping Paper, No. 1 Kraft
1956	Average ...	303.7	450.6	415.2	330.1	381.2	547.3	446.5	219.3	295.4	238.5
1956	May	306.0	456.9	416.0	328.7	386.9	557.2	461.1	221.2	297.1	239.3
	June	304.9	455.4	416.0	334.9	386.9	555.4	451.3	219.9	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.	299.3	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
	Feb.	297.9	438.6	415.6	334.9	381.2	524.3	412.3	215.2	285.7	240.3
	Mar.	301.0	438.1	415.0	334.9	381.2	524.3	410.0	214.7	295.3	240.3
	Apr.	301.2	437.0	414.2	334.9	381.2	522.5	408.4	215.5	296.1	240.3
	May.	300.4	436.1	414.2	334.9	381.2	519.5	409.0	214.6	295.0	240.3
	June	300.0	436.3	412.4	334.9	381.2	519.5	412.8	214.1	294.2	240.3
	July	299.8	436.2	412.4	334.9	381.2	519.5	412.6	213.9	293.9	240.3
	Aug.	299.0	434.8	411.4	334.9	381.2	515.6	413.8	213.0	292.2	249.1
	Sept.	299.3	431.6	409.7	334.9	381.2	505.9	417.1	215.7	293.7	249.1
	Oct.	299.7	428.3	399.8	334.9	381.2	505.5	412.1	221.9	294.8	249.1

- IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS -

		Total Iron Pro- ducts	Pig Iron	Rolling Mill Pro- ducts	Pipe and Tubing	Hard- ware	Wire	Scrap Iron and Steel	Tin Plate and Gal- vanized Sheet
1956	Average ...	239.8	277.6	222.4	243.2	252.6	273.3	408.7	227.1
1956	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.	243.7	286.2	230.8	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.	248.4	286.2	231.7	248.6	260.6	286.4	433.8	230.3
	Nov.	249.1	286.2	231.7	252.9	261.5	286.4	433.8	230.3
	Dec.	249.9	288.1	231.7	252.9	262.0	286.4	447.4	230.3
1957	Jan.	250.3	288.4	231.8	252.9	262.0	286.4	447.4	233.3
	Feb.	250.8	288.4	235.7	252.9	262.0	286.4	416.7	236.7
	Mar.	250.4	288.4	235.7	254.1	262.0	286.4	404.8	236.7
	Apr.	249.8	295.3	235.7	254.1	263.4	286.4	368.2	241.1
	May	252.6	295.3	240.1	262.6	263.4	292.2	366.0	239.7
	June	253.1	295.3	240.1	262.6	263.4	292.2	379.6	238.9
	July	254.3	295.3	245.1	255.9	263.4	292.2	379.6	238.9
	Aug.	256.4	295.3	246.3	255.9	263.8	292.2	414.5	238.9
	Sept.	255.8	295.3	246.3	255.9	265.4	292.2	394.0	238.9
	Oct.	252.8	295.3	246.3	255.9	265.4	292.2	329.4	238.9

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

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- NON-FERROUS METALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -												Combined Index Iron and Non- Ferrous Metals (2)
Date		Total Non-Ferrous Metals		Anti-mony	Copper and Its Products	Lead and Its Products	Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Products	Solder		
		(1)	(2)									
1956	Average ..	199.2	280.2	177.0	385.9	323.5	230.7	189.6	320.5	212.1	256.6	
1956	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.	195.3	273.8	177.3	367.7	323.2	229.2	189.2	320.6	205.4	258.5	
	Oct.	192.8	269.6	173.9	358.4	323.2	229.2	188.1	320.6	205.4	257.2	
	Nov.	186.8	259.5	173.9	329.3	323.2	227.6	194.8	320.6	221.3	253.4	
	Dec.	190.4	266.4	173.9	328.1	323.2	226.6	191.4	320.6	221.3	256.8	
1957	Jan.	189.8	265.2	175.6	328.1	320.0	226.6	186.5	310.7	205.4	256.5	
	Feb.	182.7	252.8	175.6	294.5	318.1	226.1	183.1	305.1	205.4	251.6	
	Mar.	182.6	252.6	175.6	294.2	318.1	225.6	183.2	305.1	205.4	251.3	
	Apr.	182.7	252.7	175.6	294.2	318.1	226.4	182.7	305.1	205.4	251.0	
	May	180.4	248.8	175.6	293.7	305.1	225.3	181.1	270.6	205.4	251.0	
	June	176.3	241.6	172.1	283.1	283.0	222.7	179.2	249.5	202.2	248.3	
	July	172.4	234.8	168.7	269.0	276.8	221.7	175.6	232.8	202.2	246.2	
	Aug.	170.4	231.4	165.2	262.4	276.8	222.5	171.6	231.4	202.2	246.0	
	Sept.	168.6	227.3	165.2	250.3	276.8	224.5	172.8	231.4	202.2	243.9	
	Oct.	169.1	227.8	163.5	252.9	271.6	225.8	171.3	231.4	202.2	242.4	

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -

		Total Non-Metallic Products	Clay and Allied Material Products	Pottery	Coal	Coal Tar	Coke	Window Glass
1956 Average ..		180.8	237.5	160.6	182.1	300.2	231.0	270.2
1956 May		178.9	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.		181.4	237.8	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.		185.4	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
Feb.		189.7	240.4	174.6	194.3	320.6	242.7	270.2
Mar.		189.7	240.4	174.6	194.3	320.6	242.7	270.2
Apr.		188.6	240.6	174.6	189.8	320.6	242.7	270.2
May		188.8	240.6	174.6	191.0	320.6	239.3	270.2
June		188.9	238.8	174.6	190.8	320.6	239.3	270.2
July		188.6	238.8	174.6	189.9	320.6	239.3	270.2
Aug.		188.7	238.8	174.6	190.4	320.6	239.3	270.2
Sept.		189.0	238.8	174.6	193.1	320.6	239.3	270.2
Oct.		189.7	238.8	174.6	196.3	320.6	239.3	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)

		- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Continued						
Date		Plate Glass	Petroleum Products	Gasoline	Coal Oil	Asphalt	Asphalt Shingles	Sulphur
1956	Average ...	206.7	167.6	138.5	136.2	184.1	159.1	205.6
1956	May	201.5	166.9	137.8	136.2	183.0	148.8	207.7
	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	205.8
1957	Jan.	217.0	170.9	139.2	136.2	185.1	163.7	206.0
	Feb.	217.0	175.6	144.3	140.2	215.1	163.7	205.6
	Mar.	217.0	175.7	144.3	140.2	215.1	168.7	205.1
	Apr.	217.0	175.7	144.3	140.2	215.1	168.7	205.9
	May.	217.0	175.6	144.0	140.2	215.1	168.7	204.9
	June	217.0	176.0	144.0	140.2	215.1	168.7	204.3
	July	217.0	175.6	144.0	138.4	215.1	168.7	204.1
	Aug.	217.0	175.6	143.9	138.2	215.1	168.7	203.0
	Sept.	217.0	174.4	144.2	138.1	215.1	168.7	212.0
	Oct.	217.0	174.4	144.2	137.4	215.1	168.7	200.1

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded

		Plaster	Lime	Cement	Sand and Gravel	Crushed Stone	Build- ing Stone	Asbestos and Its Products
1956	Average ...	131.3	206.9	154.5	144.1	165.2	200.2	288.6
1956	May	130.5	205.2	153.9	143.4	158.2	199.7	287.9
	June	130.5	205.2	153.9	143.4	158.2	199.7	289.2
	July	133.4	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	210.5	155.1	143.4	159.8	205.1	289.2
	Nov.	133.4	210.5	155.1	143.4	159.8	205.1	289.2
	Dec.	133.4	210.5	155.1	145.7	159.8	205.1	289.2
1957	Jan.	132.3	210.5	158.9	145.7	164.8	205.1	289.2
	Feb.	132.3	210.5	158.9	150.9	164.8	205.1	289.2
	Mar.	132.3	210.5	158.9	150.9	164.8	205.1	289.2
	Apr.	132.3	210.5	158.9	148.7	164.8	205.1	289.2
	May.	135.4	211.2	158.9	150.5	164.8	205.1	289.2
	June	136.2	211.2	158.9	150.5	164.8	205.1	289.2
	July	136.2	211.2	158.9	150.5	164.8	205.1	289.2
	Aug.	136.2	211.2	158.9	150.5	164.8	205.1	289.2
	Sept.	136.2	211.2	158.9	150.5	164.8	205.1	289.2
	Oct.	136.2	211.2	158.9	150.5	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
1956	Average ...	180.1	146.0	176.4	191.6	183.8	289.7
1956	May	181.2	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.	180.6	145.8	178.8	191.6	183.8	289.7
	Sept.	180.1	145.8	171.8	191.6	183.8	289.7
	Oct.	179.7	147.1	171.8	191.6	183.8	289.7
	Nov.	179.7	146.9	171.8	191.6	183.8	289.7
	Dec.	180.7	146.9	171.8	191.6	183.8	289.7
1957	Jan.	181.8	148.0	164.6	191.6	189.1	292.6
	Feb.	182.5	147.2	164.6	191.6	204.9	292.6
	Mar.	182.1	147.3	164.6	191.6	204.9	292.6
	Apr.	182.2	147.3	168.2	191.6	204.9	292.6
	May.	182.4	147.3	168.2	191.6	204.9	294.5
	June	181.9	147.0	167.2	191.6	204.9	292.3
	July	182.9	147.0	167.2	191.6	204.9	292.3
	Aug.	182.8	147.5	167.2	191.6	204.9	292.3
	Sept.	182.6	147.5	167.2	191.6	204.9	272.4
	Oct.	182.5	147.3	167.2	191.6	204.9	272.4

- CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS - Concluded

		Ex- plosives	Paint, Prepared	Fertil- izer Materials	Indus- trial Gases	Soap
1956	Average ...	143.6	204.0	159.7	136.1	201.1
1956	May	143.6	206.9	163.0	138.2	200.6
	June	143.6	206.9	163.0	139.6	200.6
	July	143.6	206.9	161.9	139.7	200.6
	Aug.	143.6	206.9	159.1	138.2	200.6
	Sept.	143.6	206.9	159.0	139.1	200.6
	Oct.	143.6	206.9	155.5	134.4	200.6
	Nov.	143.6	206.9	155.6	134.0	200.6
	Dec.	143.6	206.9	155.8	143.6	206.6
1957	Jan.	143.6	206.9	155.6	134.0	206.6
	Feb.	143.6	206.9	156.0	143.6	206.6
	Mar.	143.6	206.9	157.6	143.3	206.6
	Apr.	143.6	206.9	156.5	143.0	206.6
	May.	143.6	206.9	156.5	146.1	210.6
	June	143.6	206.9	156.5	145.8	210.6
	July	143.6	214.9	158.2	146.7	210.6
	Aug.	143.6	214.9	158.2	146.0	210.6
	Sept.	143.6	214.9	158.2	149.5	210.6
	Oct.	143.6	214.9	158.2	147.4	210.6

TABLE 4. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity 1/	Unit	Yearly Average 1956	October 1956	September 1957	October 1957
		\$	\$	\$	\$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern	bu.	1.730	1.716	1.618	1.611
OATS, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	.859	868	.761	.742
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed	bu.	1.057	1.032	.930	.917
RYE, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	1.252	1.355	1.079	1.050
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto	100-lb. bag	5.800	5.800	5.800	5.800
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal	cwt.	7.299	7.268	9.207	8.860
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal	gal.	1.742	1.650	1.180	1.240
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's	lb.	.672	.690	.532	.565
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John	75-lb. bag	2.310	1.500	1.294	1.250
STEERS, Toronto	cwt.	19.408	19.840	18.550	17.360
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included)	cwt.	25.985	29.500	32.300	27.110
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers	lb.	.153	.150	.145	.148
LEATHER, Packer Bends, No. 1 and 2	lb.	.630	.640	.640	.640
LEATHER, Box Sides D, f.o.b. Ontario Factory	sq.ft.	.370	.370	.370	.370
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade, Montreal	lb.	.586	.590	.628	.631
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.578	.666	.615	.632
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 1", New York	lb.	-	.335	.334	.339
COTTON YARN, 10's, white	lb.	.712	.690	.690	.690
RAYON YARN, 36 filament, 150 denier	lb.	.798	.800	.890	.890
WOOL, Raw, Eastern Domestic, regular, Low Medium staple, greasy.....	lb.	.492	.490	.530	.530
WOOL, Raw, Australian, 64's, clean	lb.	1.438	1.490	1.560	1.430
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Mill, in Canadian funds (Southern Quebec)	ton	113.110	111.899	112.453	112.891
PINE, No. 1 and 2 common, 1"x8", 8'-16'	M bd.ft.	175.833	175.000	180.000	180.000
SPRUCE, Merchantable, 1"x6" - 7"	M bd.ft.	89.042	89.500	89.750	84.500
PIG IRON, Foundry 2/	gr.ton	-	65.980	65.000	65.000
SCRAP IRON, No. 1	gr.ton	50.583	51.000	49.000	49.000
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic sales	cwt.	41.355	38.136	25.750	26.045
LEAD, Pig, Electrolytic, domestic sales	cwt.	15.514	15.500	13.250	13.000
TIN INGOTS, 99.8%	lb.	1.011	1.002	.921	.913
ZINC, Grade "A", Electrolytic, domestic sales	cwt.	14.844	14.850	10.600	10.600
COAL, United States Anthracite	ton	19.419	20.020	20.990	21.560
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto	gal.	.226	.226	.233	.233
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Winnipeg	gal.	.224	.224	.231	.231
CEMENT, Portland, Toronto	bb1.	3.390	3.410	3.440	3.440
CEMENT, Portland, Calgary	bb1.	3.160	3.180	3.040	3.040
SHINGLES, Asphalt	210-lb.sq.	8.943	9.200	9.480	9.480
SODA ASH, 58% light	cwt.	-	2.320	2.440	2.450
SULPHURIC ACID, 66° Baume	ton	25.350	25.350	25.350	25.350

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

2/ Previous to July 1957 quotations referred to malleable.

TABLE 5. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

(1935-39 = 100)

- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -											
Date	Total Index* (1949=100)	Total Index	Cement, Sand and Gravel	Brick, Tile and Stone	Lumber and Its Products	Lath, Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Materials	Paint and Glass	Plumbing and Heating Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Fixtures	Other Materials
1926	48.1	109.6	105.5	103.2	110.9	101.4	104.3	156.8	110.2	91.6	112.0
1929	49.3	112.4	107.6	107.4	116.7	94.4	108.8	151.5	108.5	130.1	106.1
1932	38.4	87.5	103.7	101.8	72.7	85.0	95.5	111.7	108.1	79.1	89.5
1939	44.9	102.3	94.0	97.2	104.9	99.4	104.1	97.2	103.0	102.4	104.6
1940	48.4	110.3	94.6	98.0	119.1	99.7	110.4	115.2	106.5	107.1	109.2
1941	53.8	122.6	99.1	105.1	139.2	102.8	118.7	136.2	114.6	109.0	112.5
1942	57.4	130.9	100.8	109.0	153.2	104.8	123.4	146.9	120.0	110.3	117.6
1943	61.0	139.1	101.2	113.1	171.3	104.8	130.1	149.4	120.0	110.3	117.9
1944	64.3	146.6	101.8	114.9	188.4	104.8	136.0	146.6	120.0	110.3	117.9
1945	65.0	148.3	102.1	116.4	191.3	104.8	135.5	142.2	122.2	111.4	118.0
1946	67.8	154.5	102.0	121.0	202.1	104.2	146.2	144.2	127.2	116.9	126.4
1947	79.1	180.4	109.7	133.4	242.0	107.3	172.3	169.6	145.2	147.4	143.0
1948	95.4	217.5	122.3	143.1	305.8	116.7	201.6	183.1	168.3	169.8	162.3
1949	100.0	228.0	127.0	151.0	322.1	118.1	190.5	179.6	180.2	173.4	174.7
1950	106.4	242.7	131.3	163.8	349.2	116.7	235.4	174.8	183.2	184.5	181.1
1951	125.5	286.2	140.9	180.7	425.0	126.3	235.8	197.8	210.4	213.3	212.7
1952	124.9	284.8	149.5	195.3	415.7	128.5	217.7	194.9	215.6	212.0	226.3
1953	123.9	282.6	151.8	205.8	410.6	128.5	218.6	203.8	209.0	211.4	229.5
1954	121.7	277.5	151.3	207.4	400.5	128.8	233.4	208.9	202.8	207.7	226.6
1955	124.3	283.4	149.4	209.5	409.4	125.3	244.5	219.7	207.2	229.2	230.3
1956	128.5	292.9	149.7	218.8	420.2	130.8	259.6	226.9	217.9	243.7	243.7
1956											
Jan.	127.1	289.9	149.6	209.3	416.7	127.3	261.2	228.0	214.1	248.4	238.8
Feb.	127.1	289.9	149.6	209.3	416.6	127.3	261.2	226.3	214.6	248.4	238.8
Mar.	127.9	291.6	149.6	216.8	419.4	127.3	254.3	226.3	214.6	256.0	241.0
Apr.	128.8	293.7	149.6	216.8	423.4	130.0	253.9	228.0	214.6	256.4	241.0
May	129.1	294.4	149.3	221.3	424.6	130.0	253.9	228.0	214.6	256.3	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	129.0	294.2	149.8	221.3	423.6	132.9	264.8	226.7	216.1	238.3	241.0
Aug.	129.0	294.2	149.8	221.3	421.5	132.9	264.8	226.7	219.9	238.3	244.0
Sept.	128.7	293.5	149.8	221.3	418.8	132.9	264.8	226.7	221.5	237.9	248.5
Oct.	128.8	293.6	149.8	222.2	418.4	132.9	261.6	226.7	223.0	237.1	248.5
Nov.	128.7	293.4	149.8	222.2	418.8	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
1957											
Jan.	128.6	293.3	152.8	222.2	418.5	132.9	255.2	225.6	223.0	225.1	250.4
Feb.	128.7	293.4	153.8	225.6	417.1	132.9	255.2	224.3	225.6	218.9	256.5
Mar.	128.9	293.8	153.8	223.7	418.4	132.9	258.7	223.9	225.6	213.9	256.5
Apr.	128.8	293.6	153.3	223.5	418.1	134.0	255.5	223.9	225.6	213.9	255.6
May	129.2	294.5	153.7	223.5	418.5	138.7	255.5	223.9	227.2	213.9	254.1
June	129.1	294.3	153.7	223.5	418.0	138.7	255.5	223.9	227.5	213.6	253.3
July	129.0	294.1	153.7	223.5	417.3	138.7	255.5	228.0	229.1	206.2	252.6
Aug.	128.6	293.3	153.7	223.5	416.0	138.7	252.3	226.3	229.1	203.8	252.6
Sept.	128.3	292.5	153.7	223.5	414.5	138.7	252.3	226.3	228.8	200.2	254.0
Oct.	127.9	291.5	153.7	223.5	412.0	138.7	252.3	226.3	228.8	201.3	254.0

* Arithmetically converted to base 1949=100, for comparability with Price Indexes of Non-residential Building Materials shown in Table 6.

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
1956	128.0	117.0	130.3	120.8	131.5	123.4	123.6
1956 June	127.5	116.1	131.0	122.0	132.6	122.4	125.8
July	127.2	116.7	131.2	119.3	132.8	122.3	123.0
Aug.	129.4	116.7	130.2	123.1	132.3	124.3	123.0
Sept.	129.2	116.7	130.2	120.4	131.2	124.8	120.5
Oct.	129.8	117.8	132.2	121.0	130.9	125.2	122.1
Nov.	129.5	117.8	132.2	120.1	130.6	125.2	120.2
Dec.	129.7	120.2	132.2	119.7	129.9	125.1	120.2
1957 Jan.	130.0	120.9	133.4	119.7	129.6	125.7	120.1
Feb.	130.1	121.2	133.4	120.0	129.1	126.0	119.1
Mar.	130.1	121.7	133.4	120.0	129.4	125.6	119.5
Apr.	130.1	121.6	133.4	119.8	129.3	125.6	119.5
May	130.2	121.3	133.4	119.8	129.6	125.3	119.5
June	129.5	118.5	134.2	117.2	129.7	123.6	119.4
July	130.6	118.5	134.3	116.5	129.7	124.3	118.2
Aug.	130.4	118.1	134.3	118.3	129.1	124.2	117.8
Sept.	130.2	118.1	134.3	117.5	128.4	124.0	116.9
Oct.	130.2	118.1	134.6	117.2	127.6	124.1	117.0
		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
1956	139.0	145.4		112.7	137.3	141.6	93.6
1956 June	135.7	144.0		112.5	137.8	141.7	92.9
July	135.6	144.0		114.8	137.8	141.7	93.0
Aug.	144.0	144.6		114.8	139.1	141.7	93.0
Sept.	144.1	149.6		114.8	139.1	142.9	93.0
Oct.	144.1	150.0		114.8	139.1	142.9	93.0
Nov.	144.0	150.5		114.8	139.1	142.8	93.0
Dec.	144.2	150.8		114.8	139.2	142.8	93.0
1957 Jan.	144.3	150.8		114.7	139.2	142.8	94.0
Feb.	144.8	150.8		114.1	141.0	142.8	94.0
Mar.	144.8	150.8		114.1	141.0	143.6	94.0
Apr.	144.8	151.6		114.6	140.9	143.6	94.0
May	145.1	151.6		116.5	140.3	143.6	94.0
June	145.1	151.6		116.6	139.9	143.6	94.0
July	150.5	151.6		116.6	139.6	145.2	93.7
Aug.	150.5	151.9		115.8	139.6	145.1	93.7
Sept.	150.5	152.8		115.8	139.6	145.1	93.7
Oct.	150.5	152.8		115.8	139.6	145.1	93.7

TABLE 7. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

(1949 = 100)

		Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	House- hold Opera- tion	Other Commod- ities & 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>	October	116.8	113.8	127.4	108.4	117.3	117.9
	November	116.8	113.4	127.9	108.2	117.2	118.2
	December	116.6	112.6	128.2	108.1	117.1	118.2
<u>1955</u>	January	116.4	112.1	128.4	108.1	117.1	118.2
	February	116.3	111.5	128.5	108.1	117.1	118.3
	March	116.0	110.7	128.6	108.0	117.0	118.3
	April	116.1	111.0	128.7	107.9	116.9	118.2
	May	116.4	112.3	128.8	107.9	116.4	118.3
	June	115.9	111.0	129.2	107.8	116.1	117.8
	July	116.0	111.5	129.6	107.8	115.8	117.7
	August	116.4	112.4	129.8	107.8	115.8	118.0
	September	116.8	113.7	130.0	107.8	115.9	117.9
	October	116.9	113.5	130.2	107.8	116.1	118.1
	November	116.9	113.0	130.6	107.9	116.5	118.3
	December	116.9	112.4	131.0	108.5	116.6	118.3
<u>1956</u>	January	116.8	111.5	131.3	108.6	116.5	119.0
	February	116.4	109.9	131.5	108.6	116.7	119.3
	March	116.4	109.1	131.6	108.7	116.8	119.9
	April	116.6	109.7	131.9	108.7	116.6	120.1
	May	116.6	109.3	132.1	108.8	116.5	120.5
	June	117.8	112.5	132.6	108.6	116.7	120.6
	July	118.5	114.4	132.7	108.6	116.7	121.1
	August	119.1	115.9	133.0	108.4	116.8	121.3
	September	119.0	115.5	133.1	108.4	117.1	121.4
	October	119.8	117.4	133.3	108.5	117.7	121.6
	November	120.3	117.9	133.4	108.4	118.1	122.8
	December	120.4	117.5	133.5	108.6	118.6	122.9
<u>1957</u>	January	120.3	117.1	133.6	107.6	119.0	123.1
	February	120.5	117.2	133.8	107.4	119.1	123.8
	March	120.5	116.4	134.0	108.2	119.5	124.2
	April	120.9	116.7	134.0	108.5	119.4	125.1
	May	121.1	116.7	134.2	108.5	119.2	126.3
	June	121.6	117.7	134.8	108.4	119.1	126.5
	July	121.9	118.2	135.1	108.4	119.6	126.5
	August	122.6	120.2	135.3	108.2	119.7	126.9
	September	123.3	121.9	135.6	108.3	119.8	127.1
	October	123.4	121.7	135.9	108.7	120.1	127.4

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

(1949 = 100)

	1954	1955	1956	October 1955	October 1956	August 1957	September 1957	October 1957
<u>Total Index</u>	116.2	116.4	118.1	116.9	119.8	122.6	123.3	123.4
<u>Food</u>	112.2	112.1	113.4	113.5	117.4	120.2	121.9	121.7
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	111.8	111.9	112.1	111.5	111.9	117.8	119.3	121.5
Cereal Products	122.4	122.0	125.0	122.2	126.5	132.7	132.7	133.0
Miscellaneous Groceries	121.9	123.1	121.8	122.2	123.1	126.9	126.2	124.8
<u>Shelter</u>	126.5	129.4	132.5	130.2	133.3	135.3	135.6	135.9
Rent	129.8	133.3	135.6	134.1	136.4	138.5	138.7	138.9
Home-Ownership	122.2	124.4	128.4	125.1	129.1	131.1	131.5	131.9
<u>Clothing</u>	109.4	108.0	108.6	107.8	108.5	108.2	108.3	108.7
Men's Wear	113.8	113.0	113.4	112.9	113.3	115.7	116.0	116.0
Women's Wear	100.9	98.4	98.9	98.2	98.5	95.7	95.6	96.8
Children's Wear	107.5	106.2	105.9	106.1	105.7	104.4	104.2	104.4
Footwear	127.6	127.3	129.6	127.1	130.3	132.2	132.2	132.1
Piece Goods	108.7	108.4	108.5	108.2	109.0	111.8	111.8	109.9
<u>Household Operation</u>	117.4	116.4	117.1	116.1	117.7	119.7	119.8	120.1
Fuel	114.9	112.7	114.8	112.3	115.5	117.7	117.7	118.1
Electricity	115.9	116.0	115.6	115.9	115.6	114.9	114.9	114.9
Home Furnishings	115.6	113.7	113.2	112.8	113.8	115.8	115.9	116.0
Furniture	117.6	115.9	116.2	115.5	116.9	119.8	120.0	119.8
Utensils and Equipment	122.1	123.1	125.5	123.2	126.7	131.0	131.1	131.3
Supplies and Services	121.8	122.9	124.2	123.1	125.0	127.4	127.7	128.3
Supplies	115.8	116.3	117.2	116.5	117.8	119.2	119.6	121.1
Services	126.0	127.4	129.1	127.7	130.0	133.1	133.3	133.3
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	117.4	118.1	120.9	118.1	121.6	126.9	127.1	127.4
Transportation	120.0	118.5	123.3	117.8	124.3	130.2	131.1	131.0
Automobile Operation	114.7	111.0	112.1	109.2	112.1	119.5	119.4	119.3
Recreation	119.5	122.6	125.3	122.9	126.0	131.2	131.2	131.2
Health Care	127.4	130.4	134.2	131.4	135.9	144.3	144.3	145.8
Drugs	109.5	111.0	111.7	111.2	111.8	115.4	115.4	115.4
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	107.3	107.4	107.7	107.5	107.6	109.6	109.6	109.6
Personal Care	117.9	118.0	120.5	117.5	121.3	128.9	128.9	128.9
Personal Supplies	113.6	112.7	112.4	111.7	112.8	118.1	118.1	118.1

TABLE 9. - AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES FOR CANADA - SELECTED FOOD ITEMS

Item	Unit	1954	1955	1956	Oct. 1955	Oct. 1956	Aug. 1957	Sept. 1957	Oct. 1957	Oct. 1957 Price Relative 1949=100
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Beef -										
Sirloin steak	lb.	77.0	80.0	81.6	82.2	87.3	87.7	87.2	84.8	120.4
Round steak	lb.	71.9	73.6	75.2	75.2	80.5	80.8	80.2	78.4	117.0
Prime rib roast ⁽¹⁾	lb.	71.3	72.2	73.2	73.1	77.2	77.0	76.9	76.0	113.3
Blade roast ⁽²⁾	lb.	48.2	49.2	49.2	49.8	52.3	52.9	52.8	52.6	108.8
Stewing beef	lb.	49.1	49.3	49.5	49.9	51.7	53.2	53.0	53.0	113.6
Hamburg	lb.	38.7	38.0	37.1	38.0	38.0	38.9	38.7	38.3	101.1
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Pork -										
Shoulder roast, Boston butt, fresh	lb.	59.6	51.6	51.0	53.9	59.5	66.9	67.8	61.6	111.4 ⁽³⁾
Rib chops, fresh	lb.	66.4	61.5	64.4	68.5	72.2	82.9	83.1	74.0	130.1 ⁽⁴⁾
Ham, smoked, boneless, to be cooked ⁽⁶⁾	lb.	N.A.	84.4	85.0	86.8	84.8	110.3	107.9	95.7	112.6 ⁽⁵⁾
Bacon, side, fancy, sliced, rind off	1/2 lb.	48.0	38.7	39.0	39.4	45.4	55.1	55.9	54.2	128.0
Sausage, pure pork	lb.	53.6	50.8	50.6	50.8	51.5	59.1	59.3	57.9	117.2
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Other Meats -										
Veal, loin chops, rib end	lb.	79.2	75.9	76.9	76.4	78.2	79.0	79.6	79.2	106.6
Lamb, leg roast	lb.	78.4	75.4	76.7	73.9	76.6	83.9	79.4	75.9	105.4
Bologna, sliced	lb.	35.8	34.0	33.6	33.9	34.0	39.0	39.1	38.4	93.1
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Fish -										
Salmon, canned, fancy pink ...	8 Oz.	23.9	26.2	27.7	26.9	28.3	30.3	30.3	30.3	122.4
Cod fillets, frozen ⁽⁷⁾	lb.	34.4	33.0	32.5	32.9	32.4	33.3	33.3	33.3	102.5 ⁽⁵⁾
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Poultry -										
Chicken, grade A eviscerated (1 1/2 - 3 lb.) ⁽⁷⁾	lb.	N.A.	56.6	52.2	57.1	49.2	55.5	52.8	51.3	98.3 ⁽⁵⁾
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Fruits -										
Bananas, yellow	lb.	19.8	20.0	20.1	20.0	20.3	21.2	21.4	21.1	112.4
Oranges, California, medium size (138's)	doz.	41.2	38.1	42.5	37.8	41.5	41.9	42.4	44.9	127.5
Apples, volume seller	lb.	15.1	14.1	13.3	10.0	12.6	18.2	14.7	12.8	125.0
Grapefruit, white, 96's	1/2 doz.	45.0	47.0	49.9	52.7	59.6	56.7	56.4	49.9	129.8
Peaches, canned, choice, halves	15 oz.	20.5	21.2	21.5	21.2	22.1	24.2	23.9	23.3	112.7
Pears, canned, choice	15 oz.	19.8	20.3	19.9	20.4	19.7	20.7	20.7	20.6	95.6
Orange juice, unsweetened	20 oz.	17.0	16.9	18.2	17.5	18.8	16.8	16.6	16.6	78.8
Apple juice, choice	20 oz.	16.0	14.7	13.7	14.4	13.7	15.2	15.2	15.1	130.8
Raisins, California and Australia	lb.	23.4	23.1	23.3	23.2	23.6	24.9	25.1	25.4	144.0
Strawberries, frozen, fancy, pkg.	15 oz.	48.2	47.2	46.8	47.1	46.4	43.1	43.5	43.3	92.5 ⁽⁵⁾

1 - Includes cuts with bone-in and boned and rolled.

2 - Includes cuts with blade-in and blade removed.

3 - Based on price movement for whole Shoulder Roast, prior to Jan. 1955.

4 - Based on price movement for Loin Chops, prior to Jan. 1955.

5 - 1956=100.

6 - Average prices based on chain store prices in 7 cities.

7 - Average prices based on chain store prices in 11 cities.

TABLE 9. - AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES FOR CANADA - SELECTED FOOD ITEMS - Concluded

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Item	Unit	1954	1955	1956	Oct. 1955	Oct. 1956	Aug. 1957	Sept. 1957	Oct. 1957	Oct. 1957 Price Relative 1949=100
										1949=100
Vegetables -										
Potatoes, No. 1 table	10 lb.	37.5	46.8	49.7	33.8	37.6	42.1	38.5	38.3	109.9
Tomatoes, fresh	1b.	23.7	23.5	27.5	18.3	20.7	21.2	15.7	21.0	89.8
Lettuce, head, fresh	1b.	18.7	20.6	20.0	20.6	19.9	19.2	21.9	19.6	127.8
Carrots	1b.	11.5	11.5	11.3	10.0	10.3	13.0	11.6	11.0	146.8
Celery stalks, green	1b.	14.8	16.2	15.4	13.6	13.4	16.4	13.8	13.3	78.8
Cabbage	1b.	7.2	8.2	8.0	6.0	5.7	8.9	8.2	7.0	91.2
Onions, No. 1, cooking	1b.	7.8	8.5	9.9	7.1	9.2	11.3	9.3	8.3	112.7
Turnips, Canada No. 1	1b.	6.2	6.2	6.5	5.9	5.9	8.2	7.1	6.5	130.1
Tomatoes, canned, choice	28 oz.	21.5	26.3	27.3	24.1	28.4	29.1	28.8	28.1	140.0
Peas, canned, choice	15 oz.	17.3	17.2	16.8	16.8	17.3	16.9	16.7	16.6	113.9
Corn, canned, cream, choice	20 oz.	17.9	19.0	18.8	18.8	18.9	20.8	20.8	20.8	108.9
Beans, with pork and tomato sauce	15 oz.	16.4	16.8	17.3	16.9	17.3	17.5	17.6	17.7	127.8
Soup, vegetable	10 oz.	13.7	13.6	13.6	13.6	13.6	14.1	14.2	14.3	117.5
Green peas, frozen, fancy, pkg..	12 oz.	27.6	25.6	25.2	25.2	25.0	23.7	23.6	23.1	91.7(5)
Dairy Products -										
Milk, fresh	qt.	21.1	21.1	21.2	21.1	21.1	22.4	22.5	23.1	129.8
Milk, evaporated	16 oz.	15.4	15.1	14.8	15.0	14.8	16.1	16.1	16.1	108.6
Butter, creamery, first grade ..	1b.	64.0	64.1	63.5	63.3	63.4	65.4	67.8	68.3	105.7
Cheese, plain, processed	1/2 lb.	32.6	32.9	33.7	33.0	34.6	35.7	35.8	35.8	122.6
Cereal Products -										
Bread, plain, white, wrapped, sliced	1b.	12.8	12.8	13.3	12.8	13.5	14.3	14.3	14.3	141.8
Flour, white, all purpose	1b.	7.7	7.4	7.6	7.4	7.7	7.9	7.9	7.9	113.3
Cake mix, white, only liquid to be added, pkg.	14-16 oz.	33.5	33.4	32.9	33.3	32.4	33.4	33.3	33.5	105.3
Corn flakes, pkg.	8 oz.	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.5	18.5	18.5	19.1	135.2
Macaroni, dry, pkg.	1b.	17.2	17.1	17.2	17.2	17.3	17.4	17.5	17.6	128.1
Fats -										
Margarine	1b.	37.9	33.7	33.1	32.8	34.0	34.2	34.0	33.6	104.4
Shortening	1b.	29.6	29.6	30.6	29.8	30.6	32.7	32.6	32.7	101.3
Lard, pure	1b.	26.3	22.4	21.8	21.5	22.6	25.5	25.5	25.5	108.6
Eggs -										
Eggs, fresh, grade A large	doz.	57.1	61.5	63.2	73.0	70.6	63.4	65.7	64.5	104.8
Miscellaneous Groceries -										
Sugar, granulated	1b.	9.4	9.2	9.3	9.1	9.3	12.6	12.3	12.1	131.2
Jam, Strawberry, 2 lb. jar (24 fl.oz.) with pectin and pure	1b.	24.9	25.6	25.8	25.4	26.4	27.9	27.9	27.9	120.3
Peanut butter, plain, jar	16 oz.	38.9	39.2	38.9	39.2	38.8	38.7	38.6	38.7	106.6
Pickles, sweet, mixed, jar	16 oz.	34.3	34.1	34.1	33.9	34.0	35.0	34.9	35.0	125.9
Infant's food, vegetable, tin .	5 oz.	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.9	10.1	121.7
Tea, black, pkg.	1/2 lb.	51.7	63.5	62.8	63.4	62.6	61.0	61.0	61.0	124.4
Tea bags, orange pekoe, pkg. ...	60-bag.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	82.2	81.5	81.7	81.6	N.A.
Coffee, medium quality, pkg. ...	1b.	125.0	108.1	112.9	106.9	117.5	99.2	98.5	94.1	151.2
Coffee, instant, dried, jar	6 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	149.1	147.8	146.5	N.A.
Jelly powders, flavoured, pkg. .	3 oz.	N.A.	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	10.1	10.0	10.1	104.1

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	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
1956	.....	106.8	116.1	118.8	118.4	119.2	120.6	117.2	115.8	115.7	119.6
1954	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
1955	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
1956	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
	October	106.9	117.7	120.0	119.9	120.9	122.5	118.1	117.2	117.5	121.2
	November	107.0	118.0	120.4	120.9	121.5	123.1	118.4	117.2	117.7	121.5
	December	107.5	118.5	121.1	120.7	121.6	123.1	118.4	117.1	117.4	121.7
1957	January	107.7	118.6	121.2	120.6	121.4	123.1	118.8	117.1	117.2	122.1
	February	108.5	118.8	122.1	120.5	121.6	123.4	118.7	117.6	117.4	122.5
	March	108.8	118.7	122.1	120.3	121.6	123.5	118.4	117.8	117.4	122.4
	April	108.7	119.4	122.1	120.5	122.4	124.2	119.2	117.9	117.7	122.2
	May	109.3	119.1	121.9	120.7	122.8	125.0	119.2	117.9	118.1	122.0
	June	109.5	119.1	122.0	121.5	123.2	125.2	119.6	118.8	118.4	121.5
	July	109.6	119.3	122.4	122.0	123.4	125.5	120.0	119.3	119.1	121.7
	August	110.5	120.6	123.3	122.2	124.0	125.9	120.7	120.2	119.8	122.5
	September	110.2	120.9	123.5	122.8	124.7	126.8	121.2	121.1	120.5	123.5
	October	109.9	120.6	123.3	123.3	125.0	126.7	120.9	121.0	120.6	123.8

TABLE 10. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR REGIONAL CITIES - Continued

(1949 = 100)

		St. John's Nfld. I.	Halifax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saskatoon- Regina	Edmonton- Calgary	Van- couver
<u>Food Index</u>											
1955	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
1956	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
1957	January	104.7	112.2	116.8	120.5	115.7	116.4	115.2	114.1	113.5	119.7
	February	105.6	112.3	117.2	120.2	116.1	116.3	114.9	114.6	113.6	119.2
	March	106.2	111.4	116.6	119.3	115.4	115.4	113.7	114.1	113.2	117.6
	April	105.8	112.5	115.6	118.8	116.0	116.3	114.6	113.9	113.0	118.0
	May	107.2	111.2	114.8	118.7	115.6	116.8	114.0	113.4	113.0	117.5
	June	107.7	110.5	114.6	120.3	117.0	117.5	115.1	115.2	113.9	116.5
	July	108.1	110.9	115.1	121.3	117.1	118.3	116.2	116.6	115.8	116.8
	August	110.6	115.0	118.9	121.6	119.2	119.5	118.5	119.8	117.7	118.7
	September	109.4	115.3	119.1	123.6	121.5	121.6	119.6	122.2	119.5	121.3
	October	108.1	114.6	118.1	124.1	121.3	120.9	117.9	121.1	119.2	121.3
<u>Shelter Index</u>											
1956	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
1957	January	110.1	127.4	131.3	138.6	140.5	149.6	128.4	118.9	121.2	129.5
	February	110.3	127.8	131.5	138.6	140.5	149.6	128.5	118.9	121.2	129.9
	March	110.4	127.8	131.7	138.7	140.5	149.7	128.6	118.9	121.2	130.1
	April	110.4	128.1	131.7	138.7	141.2	149.8	128.9	118.9	121.2	130.3
	May	110.5	128.1	131.9	138.8	141.2	150.1	128.9	118.9	121.2	130.7
	June	110.5	128.8	132.3	140.0	141.6	150.2	128.9	118.9	121.2	131.1
	July	110.5	128.9	132.8	140.3	142.4	150.5	128.9	118.9	121.3	131.5
	August	110.5	129.5	132.8	140.4	142.7	150.8	129.0	118.9	121.6	132.1
	September	111.0	129.9	133.4	140.5	142.8	151.0	129.0	118.9	122.3	132.5
	October	111.0	130.2	134.1	140.5	143.5	151.4	129.2	119.0	122.4	133.0

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>											
1956	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
	February	100.4	113.8	116.9	103.5	110.9	111.6	111.4	116.0	113.7	111.9
	March	101.1	114.0	117.3	104.1	111.2	112.2	111.8	117.9	114.1	113.7
	April	101.6	114.0	117.3	104.7	111.9	112.2	112.0	117.9	116.5	113.9
	May	101.7	114.0	117.3	104.9	112.0	112.0	111.8	117.9	116.6	114.3
	June	101.8	114.0	117.8	104.7	112.0	111.9	112.6	118.5	115.9	113.5
	July	101.8	113.2	117.8	104.9	111.7	111.8	112.6	118.5	115.9	113.4
	August	102.0	113.2	117.8	104.8	111.7	111.8	112.6	118.5	116.0	111.7
	September	102.1	113.3	117.8	104.6	111.8	112.0	112.8	118.9	115.8	111.8
	October	102.3	113.7	117.8	105.0	112.5	112.2	113.1	118.9	116.1	112.9
<u>Household Operation Index</u>											
1956	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
	February	108.3	125.1	120.6	115.5	117.3	119.5	116.2	120.3	118.3	130.2
	March	108.4	125.1	120.7	116.1	117.4	120.0	115.9	120.4	118.4	131.0
	April	108.4	125.3	121.0	115.4	118.2	120.1	116.5	120.2	119.1	128.7
	May	108.8	125.5	121.1	115.8	118.8	120.1	116.3	120.2	119.1	127.5
	June	108.8	125.5	121.2	115.9	118.6	119.4	116.7	121.3	119.7	126.7
	July	108.9	125.8	121.7	116.6	118.8	119.6	117.1	121.6	119.9	127.2
	August	108.8	125.3	121.2	116.7	118.6	119.5	116.9	121.6	119.9	128.9
	September	108.8	125.4	121.3	116.5	118.7	119.8	117.3	122.1	119.9	129.2
	October	109.0	124.5	120.7	117.4	118.9	120.1	117.0	122.1	120.0	129.1
<u>Other Commodities and Services Index</u>											
1956	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
	February	116.1	122.2	129.0	123.4	126.8	124.9	123.1	118.6	122.2	124.1
	March	116.1	122.3	129.2	123.5	127.3	125.8	123.3	118.8	122.4	124.2
	April	116.0	123.4	130.2	124.5	128.4	127.0	124.6	119.8	122.5	124.4
	May	116.0	124.1	130.3	125.6	129.8	129.6	126.0	120.9	123.6	124.7
	June	116.0	124.4	130.5	125.7	129.9	130.1	125.4	121.1	123.8	124.8
	July	116.0	124.6	130.3	125.7	129.9	129.9	125.4	121.0	123.9	124.4
	August	116.0	125.3	130.3	126.0	129.9	130.2	125.4	120.9	124.1	124.6
	September	116.1	125.4	130.5	126.0	129.9	130.5	126.1	121.1	124.4	124.9
	October	116.6	125.9	131.0	126.3	130.1	130.6	126.4	121.9	124.8	125.3

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)

1946 - 1957

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)
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
1956 - Average	62.27	52.73	149.3	126.4	118.1
1955 - 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
1956 - 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	64.53	53.60	154.7	128.5	120.4
1957 - Jan. 1	59.88	49.78	143.6	119.3	120.3
Feb. 1	64.42	53.46	154.4	128.2	120.5
Mar. 1	64.46	53.49	154.5	128.2	120.5
Apr. 1	65.23	53.95	156.4	129.3	120.9
May 1	64.96	53.64	155.7	128.6	121.1
June 1	65.08	53.52	156.0	128.3	121.6
July 1	65.37	53.63	156.7	128.6	121.9
Aug. 1	64.96	52.99	155.7	127.0	122.6
Sept. 1	64.68(p)	52.46(p)	155.1(p)	125.8(p)	123.3

(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 SERVICE 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
1955	238.3	198.8	204.6	177.2	439.7	203.8	224.5
1956	247.6	209.4	208.8	184.7	470.3	204.5	230.3
1954 - August	240.0	198.0	201.9	174.6	463.2	204.5	225.8
1955 - August	241.8	199.8	203.3	177.2	465.5	203.8	226.6
1956 - April	250.6	209.2	209.6	184.7	485.1	204.0	231.9
- August	255.9	209.7	210.7	184.7	512.5	206.2	236.0
1957 - January	247.0	223.1	212.3	184.7	453.8	208.6	231.7
- April	258.6	223.8	212.0	184.7	523.9	213.5	240.6
- August	257.6	224.5	209.7	184.7	526.4	216.0	241.0
EASTERN CANADA							
1926	129.5	97.0	122.8	128.4	151.1	120.2	125.8
1939	98.7	104.3	94.8	99.2	110.6	99.5	99.0
1955	241.9	196.0	204.7	168.4	429.0	201.6	225.8
1956	251.9	208.2	207.3	178.8	461.4	201.9	231.9
1954 - August	239.8	195.0	200.9	164.5	433.8	202.1	224.7
1955 - August	243.5	197.4	203.3	168.4	441.6	201.3	226.6
1956 - April	252.3	207.7	208.0	178.8	461.6	201.3	231.9
- August	259.9	209.7	209.5	178.8	495.6	203.7	237.4
1957 - January	257.3	224.0	210.8	178.8	478.2	206.2	236.9
- April	261.3	224.6	210.8	178.8	498.6	211.0	241.2
- August	259.6	225.1	206.5	178.8	503.4	214.3	241.5
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
1955	234.7	199.9	204.5	184.8	454.8	206.1	223.2
1956	243.3	209.9	210.1	189.8	483.0	207.0	228.8
1954 - August	240.2	199.2	202.8	183.2	505.1	206.9	226.9
1955 - August	240.2	200.7	203.4	184.8	499.4	206.3	226.6
1956 - April	248.9	209.8	211.1	189.8	518.4	206.6	232.0
- August	251.8	209.7	211.8	189.8	536.6	208.7	234.6
1957 - January	236.8	222.7	213.7	189.8	419.2	211.0	226.5
- April	256.0	223.5	213.2	189.8	559.9	216.0	240.0
- August	255.6	224.2	212.9	189.8	559.0	217.8	240.5

(a) 1957 indexes are subject to revision, since tax and interest rate figures are preliminary.

TABLE 13. - AVERAGE RETAIL FEED PRICES FOR CANADA AND FIVE GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS

First of the Month Prices - Dollars per cwt

ITEM	CANADA			MARITIMES			QUEBEC		
	1956	1957	1957	1956	1957	1957	1956	1957	1957
	Oct. \$	Sept. \$	Oct. \$	Oct. \$	Sept. \$	Oct. \$	Oct. \$	Sept. \$	Oct. \$
1. Corn, cracked	4.22	3.81	3.81	4.65	4.07	4.06	3.99	3.52	3.50
2. Oats, unground	3.10	2.78	2.77	3.37	2.93	2.95	3.07	2.75	2.73
3. Barley, ground	3.05	2.78	2.72	3.29	2.94	2.92	2.96	2.68	2.66
4. Wheat, unground	3.13	2.90	2.87	3.34	3.20	3.13	3.03	2.80	2.76
5. Bran	2.70	2.50	2.45	2.68	2.40	2.31	2.58	2.30	2.26
6. Shorts	2.91	2.66	2.61	2.97	2.59	2.53	2.89	2.52	2.47
7. Middlings	3.08	2.86	2.83	3.15	2.81	2.77	3.06	2.75	2.73
8. Linseed oil meal	4.92	4.66	4.60	5.03	4.82	4.65	4.76	4.46	4.40
9. Soybean oil meal	4.63	4.40	4.39	4.78	4.64	4.49	4.48	4.20	4.24
10. Calf starter (20-24%)	5.19	5.14	5.12	5.07	5.03	4.95	4.87	4.77	4.77
11. Dairy ration (16%)	3.59	3.47	3.45	3.62	3.48	3.46	3.45	3.34	3.31
12. Dairy supplement (24%) (East)	4.15	4.12	4.09	4.18	4.16	4.16	4.04	4.05	4.03
13. Dairy supplement (32%) (West)	5.18	5.08	5.04	-	-	-	-	-	-
14. Pig starter mash	4.53	4.41	4.40	4.35	4.34	4.30	4.20	4.10	4.08
15. Hog concentrate (35%)	5.40	5.30	5.30	6.00	5.98	5.97	5.47	5.29	5.28
16. Hog grower mash	3.76	3.58	3.55	3.83	3.62	3.61	3.66	3.48	3.42
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%)	4.76	4.66	4.62	4.82	4.78	4.72	4.45	4.37	4.29
18. Growing mash	4.24	4.08	4.07	4.24	4.00	4.00	4.20	4.05	4.04
19. Laying mash (18%)	4.31	4.17	4.17	4.38	4.19	4.19	4.27	4.12	4.08
20. Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	5.12	4.92	4.90	4.80	4.91	4.95	5.06	4.87	4.84
21. Turkey growing mash	4.67	4.56	4.53	4.78	4.66	4.62	4.58	4.49	4.48

	ONTARIO			PRAIRIES			BRITISH COLUMBIA		
	1956	1957	1957	1956	1957	1957	1956	1957	1957
	Oct. \$	Sept. \$	Oct. \$	Oct. \$	Sept. \$	Oct. \$	Oct. \$	Sept. \$	Oct. \$
1. Corn, cracked	3.96	3.63	3.63	5.26	5.22	5.22	4.70	4.18	4.23
2. Oats, unground	3.10	2.76	2.75	2.65	2.49	2.45	3.26	2.92	2.91
3. Barley, ground	3.05	2.77	2.67	2.72	2.59	2.54	3.23	2.92	2.86
4. Wheat, unground	3.10	2.85	2.81	2.89	2.66	2.66	3.31	3.04	3.02
5. Bran	2.74	2.49	2.44	2.74	2.75	2.71	2.77	2.67	2.59
6. Shorts	2.95	2.63	2.58	2.86	2.81	2.81	2.91	2.80	2.70
7. Middlings	3.11	2.89	2.85	2.83	2.70	2.69	3.13	3.08	3.06
8. Linseed oil meal	4.72	4.42	4.36	5.23	4.94	4.90	5.20	4.96	4.95
9. Soybean oil meal	4.44	4.18	4.17	4.95	5.04	5.04	4.99	4.68	4.68
10. Calf starter (20-24%)	5.04	4.94	4.94	5.18	5.13	5.08	6.15	6.16	6.16
11. Dairy ration (16%)	3.71	3.56	3.54	3.53	3.46	3.40	3.63	3.56	3.57
12. Dairy supplement (24%)	4.20	4.15	4.11	-	-	-	-	-	-
13. Dairy supplement (32%)	-	-	-	5.17	5.02	4.98	5.20	5.18	5.15
14. Pig starter mash	4.70	4.53	4.53	4.99	4.85	4.83	4.32	4.20	4.20
15. Hog concentrate (35%)	5.21	5.08	5.09	5.35	5.31	5.30	5.79	5.77	5.77
16. Hog grower mash	3.75	3.54	3.50	3.61	3.54	3.52	3.93	3.82	3.83
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%)	4.84	4.70	4.69	4.94	4.87	4.85	4.88	4.76	4.73
18. Growing mash	4.18	4.01	4.00	4.32	4.15	4.13	4.32	4.20	4.20
19. Laying mash (18%)	4.29	4.11	4.12	4.35	4.32	4.32	4.32	4.17	4.21
20. Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	5.04	4.78	4.74	5.13	4.97	4.94	5.32	5.12	5.11
21. Turkey growing mash	4.75	4.59	4.55	4.57	4.50	4.40	4.70	4.62	4.64

TABLE 14. - 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	1955 Average	1956 Average	1956 October Average	1957 September Average	1957 October Average
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	.9863	.9841	.9732	.9592	.9647
United Kingdom	pound	2.7535	2.7516	2.7106	2.6719	2.7013
Argentina	peso (free)	.06386	.02826	.03101	.02147	.02435
Australia	pound	2.2054	2.2014	2.1685	2.1376	2.1611
Belgium (1)	franc	.01964	.01972	.01955	.01907	.01923
Brazil	cruzeiro (free)	.01344	.01355	.01453	.01195	.01161
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.5737	.5733	.5647	.5567	.5628
Ceylon	rupee	.2065	.2064	.2033	.2004	.2026
Chile	peso	.00493	.00232	.00196	.00160	.00161
Colombia (2)	peso (basic)	.3945	.3937	.3898	.1871	.1893
Cuba	peso	.9863	.9841	.9732	.9592	.9647
Denmark	krone	.1428	.1425	.1409	.1389	.1397
Egypt	pound	2.8322	2.8262	2.7984	2.7543	2.7705
France and North Africa	franc	.00282	.00281	.00278	.00228	.00230
Germany	deutsche mark	.2343	.2342	.2321	.2283	.2296
Hong Kong	dollar	.1721	.1720	.1694	.1670	.1688
India	rupee	.2065	.2064	.2033	.2004	.2026
Ireland	pound	2.7535	2.7516	2.7106	2.6719	2.7013
Italy	lira	.00158	.00158	.00156	.00154	.00155
Jamaica	pound	2.7535	2.7516	2.7106	2.6719	2.7013
Japan	yen	.00274	.00273	.00270	.00266	.00268
Lebanon	pound (free)	.3046	.3056	.3032	.3031	.3069
Mexico	peso	.07890	.07873	.07786	.07674	.07718
Netherlands	guilder	.2588	.2571	.2543	.2505	.2538
New Zealand	pound	2.7535	2.7516	2.7106	2.6719	2.7013
Norway	krone	.1381	.1378	.1363	.1343	.1351
Pakistan	rupee	.2597	.2064	.2033	.2004	.2026
Peru	sol-certificat	.05191	.05179	.05122	.05048	.05077
Philippines	peso	.4931	.4920	.4866	.4796	.4824
Portugal	escudo	.03442	.03434	.03396	.03348	.03367
Singapore	dollar	.3213	.3210	.3162	.3117	.3152
Sweden	krona	.1906	.1902	.1881	.1854	.1865
Switzerland	franc	.2301	.2297	.2271	.2238	.2251
Turkey	lira	.3522	.3514	.3476	.3425	.3445
Union of South Africa	pound	2.7535	2.7516	2.7106	2.6719	2.7013
Venezuela	bolivar	.2944	.2937	.2905	.2863	.2880
Yugoslavia	dinar	.00329	.00328	.00324	.00320	.00322

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

(1) Includes Belgian Empire and Luxemburg.

(2) Certificate commencing June 1957.

TABLE 15. - INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCK PRICES

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(1935-39=100)

INVESTORS' INDEX										
Number of Stocks	INVESTORS' TOTAL (95)	TOTAL INDUS- TRIALS (75)	Machin- ery and Equip- ment (10)	Pulp and Paper (9)	Mill- ing (2)	Oils (5)	Tex- tiles and Cloth- ing (8)	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
1956	269.0	282.7	818.8	1,109.9	176.1	221.1	163.0	187.0	548.8	482.1
1955 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
1956 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
1957 Jan. ..	273.7	287.3	763.0	1,005.3	147.8	251.6	163.7	181.2	506.3	463.2
Feb. ..	263.2	276.0	756.6	946.4	141.4	244.8	154.7	181.4	488.8	433.4
Mar. ..	267.5	281.0	790.4	966.4	134.8	246.2	153.5	182.8	485.9	438.0
Apr. ..	278.8	294.2	825.6	997.0	138.2	262.9	153.4	197.6	490.9	453.5
May. ..	287.6	304.8	868.0	996.4	155.0	278.8	157.2	204.7	516.0	470.9
June ..	286.9	303.5	882.7	998.9	141.9	275.6	161.8	208.2	514.6	482.4
July ..	284.7	301.6	932.2	991.9	137.5	274.2	162.5	204.5	506.2	483.4
Aug. ..	259.0	272.4	803.9	915.9	135.8	245.9	160.3	195.8	485.9	458.3
Sept. ..	242.2	252.8	728.5	861.3	126.4	225.5	155.1	189.6	466.9	424.0
Oct. ..	219.6	228.0	641.7	813.4	113.7	195.7	145.8	183.8	459.7	384.0
Weekly Index										
Oct. 3	234.8	245.1	695.9	851.9	121.1	214.4	149.9	189.5	468.4	415.1
Oct. 10	222.3	230.3	649.1	828.0	117.4	195.1	147.4	184.8	467.3	398.1
Oct. 17	210.1	218.1	624.4	796.5	117.4	183.2	143.4	179.6	449.7	364.1
Oct. 24	213.7	221.2	621.1	793.4	116.6	190.8	145.5	182.4	453.9	369.0
Oct. 31	217.2	225.1	617.8	797.3	120.9	194.8	142.6	182.8	459.4	373.9

TABLE 15. - INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCK PRICES (Concluded)

(1935-39=100)

Number of stocks	INVESTORS' INDEX						MINING INDEX (1)			PREFERRED STOCKS
	Indus- trial Mines	TOTAL UTILI- TIES	Trans- porta- tion	Tele- phone	Power and Traction	BANKS	MINING TOTAL	Gold	Base Metals	
	(2)	(13)	(2)	(3)	(8)	(7)	(27)	(21)	(6)	(28)
1939	98.9	86.1	56.0	109.3	88.9	102.5	104.5	95.6	121.7	101.6
1940	77.1	80.9	62.5	101.0	80.6	95.6	81.2	73.7	95.6	100.8
1941	69.5	70.7	61.4	96.4	65.8	90.5	72.4	65.1	87.0	99.7
1942	66.5	70.4	65.7	89.2	66.1	81.2	52.3	40.8	75.1	96.6
1943	74.8	101.3	112.8	97.2	99.1	80.5	70.1	61.4	86.8	112.4
1944	69.2	100.8	125.2	100.1	93.3	82.0	81.3	74.1	94.2	123.1
1945	86.9	120.2	178.2	108.8	105.5	95.7	95.2	91.0	101.1	137.0
1946	98.0	132.5	203.5	125.2	114.0	130.0	97.8	87.6	116.1	155.9
1947	90.0	117.3	147.9	117.1	109.1	130.8	86.7	76.0	106.1	154.0
1948	100.5	120.2	180.6	108.3	104.7	129.3	82.0	65.0	115.8	144.6
1949	92.1	117.4	161.6	105.9	109.2	134.4	87.4	71.7	117.9	143.0
1950	98.3	132.5	208.8	103.5	123.7	147.4	89.9	67.4	134.9	156.7
1951	126.0	162.3	325.6	101.4	142.5	144.6	99.2	69.8	166.4	164.5
1952	139.7	168.3	378.6	94.6	139.8	148.4	103.6	73.9	171.5	160.1
1953	118.1	157.2	297.5	99.2	142.4	168.9	92.1	66.2	151.3	162.3
1954	123.2	165.0	291.6	111.0	150.2	208.0	91.3	64.8	151.9	170.2
1955	184.3	197.0	365.8	125.5	181.2	246.3	116.9	72.3	219.0	177.2
1956	218.6	206.3	375.0	123.8	208.1	275.8	134.4	75.8	268.7	166.2
1955 July ..	194.8	208.9	391.7	130.9	194.3	270.6	125.7	75.0	241.8	179.5
Aug. ..	203.0	207.0	383.2	129.5	195.2	263.2	129.1	76.3	250.0	179.9
Sept. ..	212.4	211.2	390.8	132.2	199.3	259.0	129.0	75.3	252.0	179.0
Oct. ..	191.2	200.6	371.0	129.6	182.1	240.0	117.6	71.0	224.2	179.2
Nov. ..	200.8	201.4	370.6	129.6	184.7	250.8	119.6	71.2	230.2	177.6
Dec. ..	204.5	204.2	386.1	129.3	186.0	253.4	121.4	72.6	233.0	173.9
1956 Jan. ..	205.3	206.5	385.4	129.4	192.6	260.0	125.2	75.8	238.1	175.5
Feb. ..	200.6	204.1	373.3	129.5	190.6	264.2	125.1	76.7	235.8	175.3
Mar. ..	217.0	210.2	399.3	131.0	194.3	276.8	134.4	79.4	260.2	173.6
Apr. ..	222.1	209.3	394.8	127.7	200.2	288.7	136.8	78.8	269.7	171.1
May. ..	218.0	204.2	370.2	125.2	201.0	271.7	136.5	78.8	268.5	167.7
June ..	217.2	199.8	356.8	119.2	206.0	260.7	136.4	76.7	273.1	166.2
July ..	223.5	207.9	361.7	122.2	222.4	287.4	144.0	79.5	291.5	167.5
Aug. ..	237.3	215.7	389.1	124.9	228.0	295.4	147.1	79.5	301.9	166.1
Sept. ..	228.2	209.2	380.0	121.1	220.1	283.8	137.4	74.1	282.2	161.7
Oct. ..	223.4	205.1	370.9	119.5	215.0	275.3	133.5	72.5	273.3	158.7
Nov. ..	211.9	200.3	351.5	117.8	212.5	268.8	127.4	68.6	262.2	157.0
Dec. ..	219.0	203.6	367.1	118.3	214.4	276.2	129.4	68.9	267.8	154.4
1957 Jan. ..	228.4	207.5	363.5	118.4	227.9	289.9	129.9	70.6	265.7	155.9
Feb. ..	211.8	203.6	343.2	116.5	228.9	271.3	122.2	69.3	243.2	156.4
Mar. ..	218.2	209.2	364.2	115.7	239.0	266.2	123.3	68.1	249.6	154.8
Apr. ..	225.5	212.5	385.8	114.0	243.6	277.5	128.0	72.4	255.4	153.4
May. ..	223.9	216.1	397.2	113.1	251.9	279.0	124.2	76.2	234.2	153.1
June ..	217.6	216.8	401.0	107.6	264.6	281.8	125.4	80.6	227.7	150.8
July ..	204.3	213.8	398.0	105.2	262.0	277.8	122.8	79.3	222.2	150.0
Aug. ..	182.4	200.6	364.5	104.1	237.8	260.2	109.5	73.2	192.6	149.4
Sept. ..	172.1	191.2	343.0	103.4	219.4	252.2	104.6	71.4	180.7	147.3
Oct. ..	156.7	176.7	306.9	100.5	195.9	234.9	95.0	63.4	167.2	146.1
Weekly Index										
Oct. 3	169.2	185.6	335.0	102.0	208.0	245.5	103.3	69.7	180.3	
Oct. 10	159.0	179.4	312.8	101.3	200.1	240.7	97.5	64.8	172.4	
Oct. 17	149.4	170.0	293.1	98.4	185.7	222.3	91.1	60.9	160.1	(2)
Oct. 24	149.2	173.0	298.8	100.2	188.3	232.2	89.7	60.2	157.2	
Oct. 31	156.5	175.5	294.7	100.6	197.3	234.0	93.3	61.5	166.0	

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

(2) No weekly indexes calculated for Preferred Stocks.

TABLE 16. - INDEX NUMBERS OF CONSUMER AND WHOLESALE PRICES
IN CANADA AND OTHER SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

Country	Base Period	1949	1956	1957					
				May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
<u>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1952 - 53		114.3(1)		114.8				
Canada	1949	100.0	118.1	121.1	121.6	121.9	122.6	123.3	123.4
France (Paris)	1956 - 57(2)	68.1	100.6	100.8	101.5	102.2	103.4	104.7	
Germany	1950	107	113	114	115	116	116	116	
India	1949	100	105	109	111	112	113		
Italy	1938	4,915	6,226	6,322	6,335	6,374	6,379		
Japan	1951	92.2	118.4	123.4	122.8	122.9			
Mexico	1939	335.9	575.3	596.5	604.1	616.8	627.7	632.4	
Netherlands	1951		108	116	120	121	123		
Norway	1949	100	148	153	153	152			
South Africa	1938	153.2	205.9	209.5	210.2	211.2	215.2	216.6	
Sweden	1949	100	139	144	145	146	145	146	
Switzerland	August 1949		175	178.0	178.1	178.5	179.5	179.9	
United Kingdom	Jan. 17, 1956		102.0	104.6	105.7	106.6	106.4	106.1	
United States	1947 - 49	101.8	116.2	119.6	120.2	120.8	121.0	121.1	
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1936 - 39		44(1)	340	345				
Canada	1935 - 39	198.3	225.6	228.0	228.0	228.2	227.6	226.7	224.8
France	1949		141.6	146.2	146.2	147.5	149.6		
Germany	1950		129	130	131	133	133	132	
India	1952 - 53			109.0	110.7(r)	111.9	112.1		
Italy	1938	5,169	5,380	5,206	5,226(r)	5,231	5,238		
Japan (Tokyo)	1952		102.2	106.0	105.6	104.6	104.0	104.2	
Mexico (Mexico City) ..	1939	268.1	530.9	546.3	550.4	560.7	590.4	590.8	
Netherlands	1948	104	140	144	144	145			
Norway	1952		108	113	112	111			
South Africa	1938	184.7	275.3	277.1	277.6	279.2			
Sweden	1935	216	325	325	325	326	322		
Switzerland	August 1939		220.0	225.1	226.3	224.4	223.2	222.7	
United Kingdom	June 30, 1949(3)		156.2	159.8	155.7	154.8	154.2		
United Kingdom	June 30, 1949(4)		135.6	138.7	139.3	139.6	140.1		
United States	1947 - 49	99.2	114.3	117.1	117.4	118.2	118.4	118.0	

r - Revised. 1. Average from July 1956 to June 1957. 2. France (Paris) 1949=100 index discontinued.
3. Basic Materials Index (excl. fuel) for non-food manufacturing industries.
4. All manufactured products other than fuel, food and tobacco.

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Wheat prices used in this index are buying prices of the 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.

Final wheat participation payments for the crop year August 1955 - July 1956 were announced May 15, 1957. The price of No. 1 Manitoba Northern was adjusted to \$1.607 per bushel, No. 2 to \$1.576, and No. 3 to \$1.498, and the index revised accordingly. Subsequent monthly indexes are based on an initial payment of \$1.40 for No. 1 Manitoba Northern.

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. For the 1955-56 crop year, final payments were announced November 15th for barley and November 29th for oats. Initial payments for the crop years 1956-57 and 1957-58 are 65 and 60 cents respectively for No. 2 C.W. oats, and 87 cents for No. 1 Feed barley.

For final revised indexes August 1945 - 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. Table 2, page 7 of this issue presents final indexes for 1955-1956. Indexes subsequent to July 1956 are subject to revision.

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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