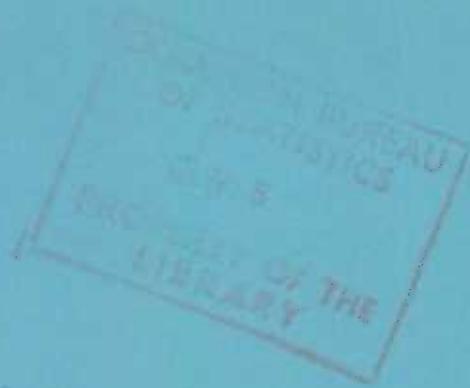


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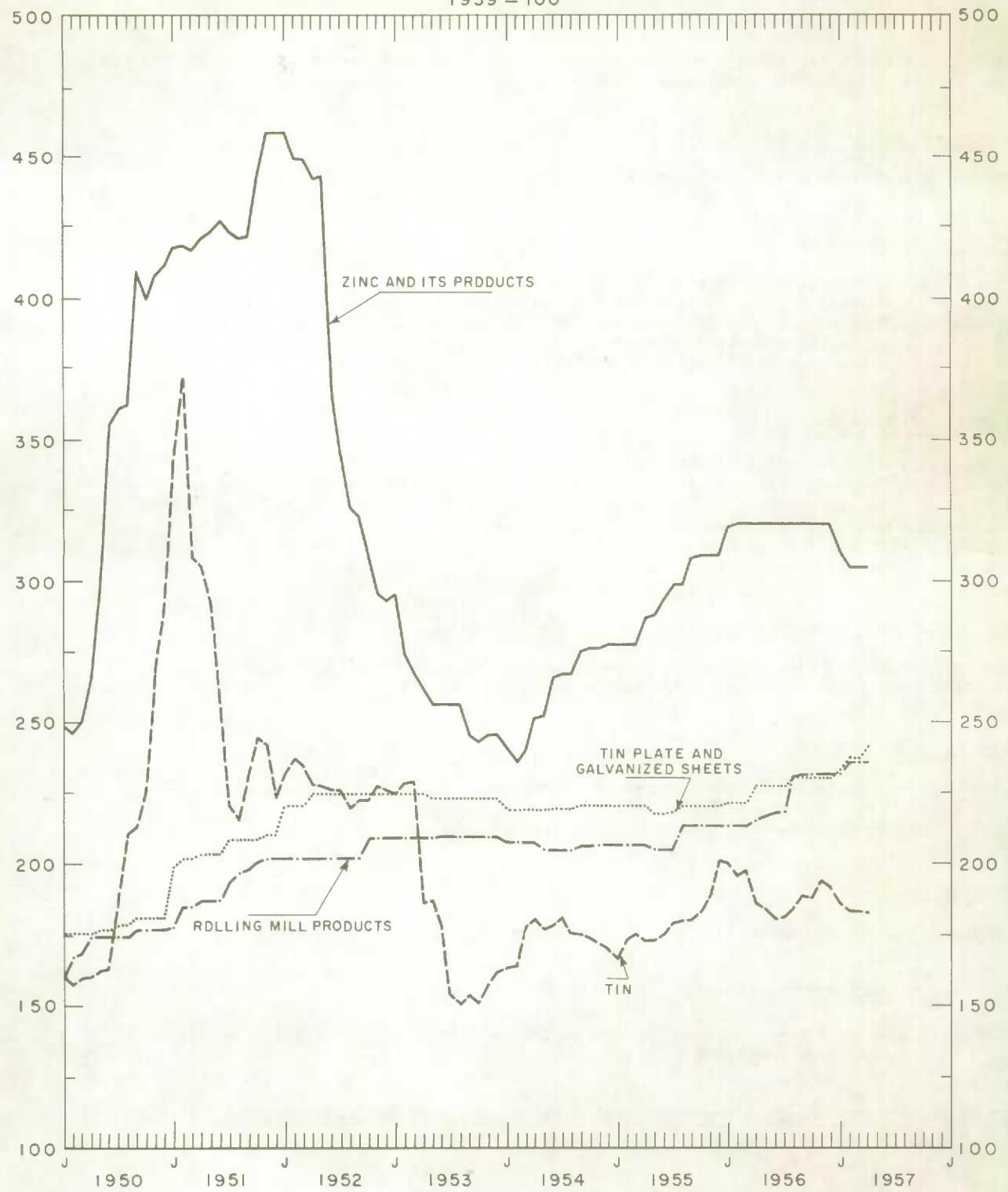
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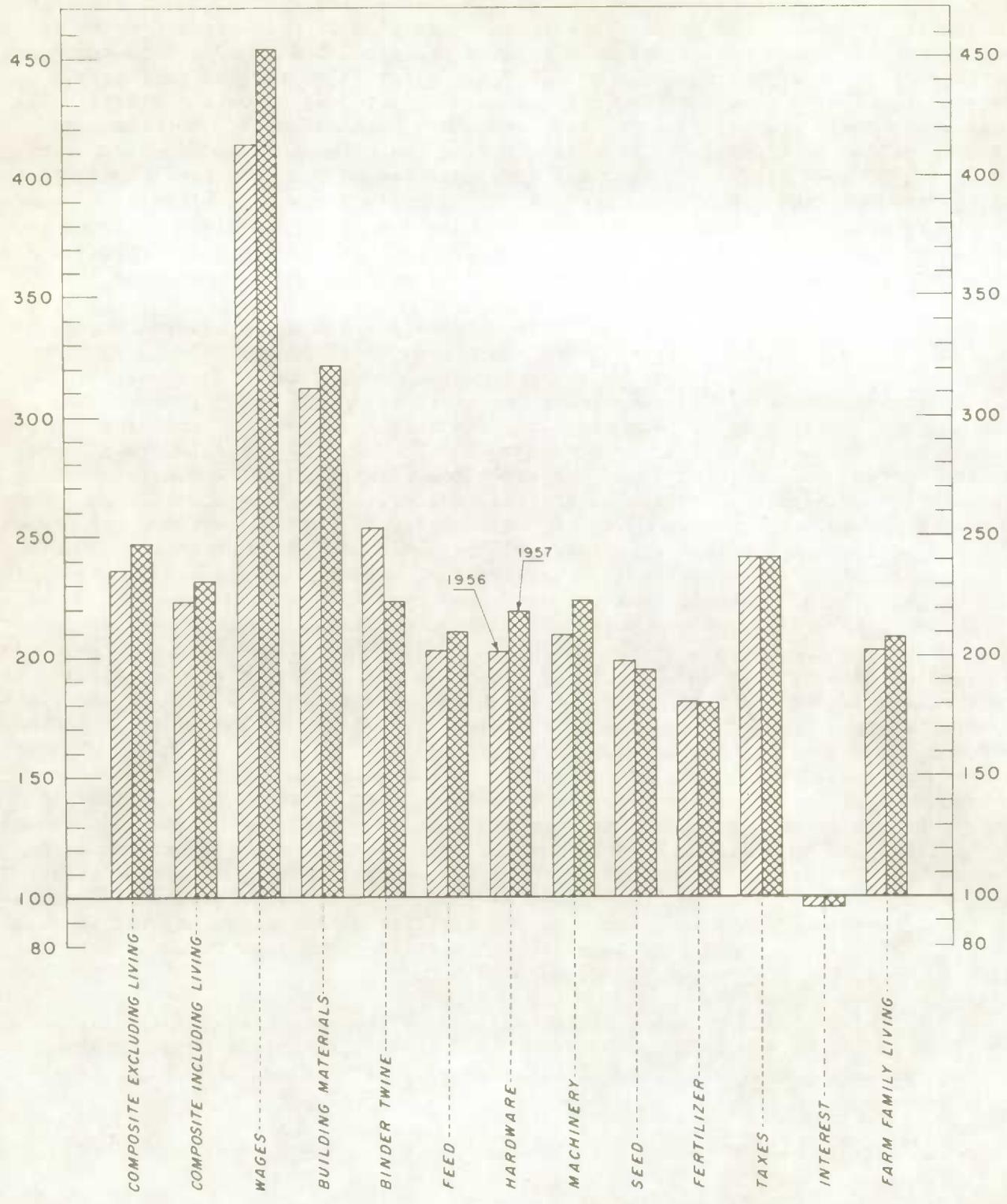
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MONTHLY, JANUARY 1950 - APRIL 1957

1939 = 100



GROUP PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES
USED BY FARMERS AT JANUARY 1956 AND JANUARY 1957

1935-1939 = 100



THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949 = 100) The Consumer Price Index increased 0.3 per cent from 120.5 to 120.9 between March and April 1957. This new peak stands 3.7 per cent above the April 1956 level of 116.6. An advance of 0.7 per cent in the Other Commodities and Services index from 124.2 to 125.1 was responsible for most of the current month's movement. Substantial increases for prepaid health care, coupled with lesser increases in doctors, dentists and optical care fees moved the group index. The Food component increased 0.3 per cent from 116.4 to 116.7 as increases outweighed decreases. Sharply higher prices were recorded for tomatoes, lettuce, cabbage and lesser increases for fresh fruits, sugar, bread, chocolate bars and beef. Potatoes and celery were lower in price, as were tea, coffee, eggs, bananas and pork. Clothing, reflecting to some degree new seasonal lines, increased 0.3 per cent from 108.2 to 108.5. Footwear and a number of men's and children's items were higher. A decrease of 0.1 per cent in the Household Operation index from 119.5 to 119.4 followed lower prices for most appliances; furniture, floor coverings, textiles and utensils and equipment were somewhat higher. The Shelter series remained unchanged at 134.0.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES: (1935-1939 = 100) For the third consecutive month the General Wholesale Price Index was unchanged at 228.4. The April index stands 1.7 per cent above the index of a year ago. Changes in all of the eight component groups were less than one per cent, six moving fractionally upward, balancing small decreases in the two remaining groups. Textile Products moved up 0.4 per cent from 235.5 to 236.4. In this group higher prices for raw wool, both imported and domestic, worsted yarns, and worsted and wool cloth, outweighed decreases in the prices of jute bags and some cotton fabrics. The index for Animal Products moved up fractionally from 236.3 to 236.6, mainly due to higher prices for fresh fish, steers, lambs, beef and lamb carcasses, and beaver skins, which exceeded decreases in hogs, lobster, haddock, weasel and muskrat skins, beef hides, calfskins, veal, pork products, and eggs in some centres. Higher prices for cedar bevel siding and woodpulp overbalanced decreases in fir timber and cedar shingles to move Wood Products from 301.0 to 301.2. The slight upward movement in Non-ferrous Metals, from 182.6 to 182.7 primarily resulted from an increase in the price of tin ingots. The effect of higher prices for acetic acid and carbon black was greater than that of lower ones for muriate of potash and lamp black, causing the Chemical Products index to move up fractionally, from 182.1 to 182.2. Vegetable Products increased negligibly, from 200.4 to 200.5, as higher prices for sugar, rubber, malt, cocoa beans, raisins, cocoa butter, bran, onions, and potatoes in Eastern Canada, offset decreases in bananas, vegetable oils and shortening, grains, hay, coffee, and potatoes in Western centres. Of the two groups which showed decreases, the larger decline occurred in the Non-Metallic Minerals group, which eased 0.6 per cent, from 189.7 to 188.6, as lower prices were recorded for Anthracite coal, sand and gravel. Scrap iron and steel price decreases negated increases for pig iron, tinplate and some hardware items to move the Iron Products group slightly down, 0.2 per cent, from 250.4 to 249.8.

Canadian Farm Products prices at terminal markets changed slightly between March and April, as the index moved from 206.8 to 207.5. Animal Products showed moderate strength, moving up from 253.4 to 255.1, the increase of 0.7 per cent

reflecting higher prices for steers, lambs, fluid milk, raw wool and Eastern calves, which were only partially offset by declines in hogs, eggs, calves on Western markets, and Eastern poultry. An index loss of 0.2 per cent from 160.2 to 159.9 for Field Products was due to declines for most Eastern grains, and rye, flax and potatoes in Western Canada which overbalanced higher potato quotations in the East. Both regional indexes showed gains: the Eastern total rose 0.6 per cent from 224.4 to 225.7 and the Western total 0.1 per cent from 189.2 to 189.3.

Prices were steady for building materials in April as the Residential Index changed from 293.8 to 293.6 and the Non-residential series (on the base 1949 = 100) remained stable at 130.1. Seasonal declines for sand and gravel, together with lower quotations for some lumber specifications, offset slight gains in the Hardware group and stucco.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors' Index of 95 common stocks advanced 4.2 per cent from 267.5 to 278.8 between March and April representing a sharp recovery from the 1957 low of 263.2 touched for February. The current index, however, is 4.7 per cent below the all time high to date of 291.8 reached in August 1956. Latest gains for major groups were: 75 Industrials, 4.7 per cent from 281.0 to 294.2; 7 Banks, 4.2 per cent from 266.2 to 277.5; and 13 Utilities, 1.6 per cent, from 209.2 to 212.5. Increases for sub-groups were led by Food and Allied Products (8.1 per cent), Oils (6.8) and Transportation (5.9). Two sub-groups, Telephones and Textiles and Clothing were slightly lower.

The composite index of 27 Mining issues rose 3.8 per cent in the same period, reflecting increases of 6.3 per cent for 21 Gold stocks from 68.1 to 72.4, and 2.3 per cent for 6 Base Metals from 249.6 to 255.4.

The Preferred Stock index moved down from 154.8 in March to 153.4, for a decline of 0.9 per cent.

RETAIL FEED PRICES: Commencing with this report a new table of feed prices (No. 13) has been included. The table shows monthly price averages for selected periods covering a representative list of 21 animal feeds in five geographical areas and Canada. The price averages have been built up from monthly quotations received from a sample of dealers in the areas specified.

TABLE 1.- SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE INDEXES

	<u>INDEXES</u>				<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
					April 1957	April 1957	April 1957
	April 1955	April 1956	March 1957	April 1957	April 1955	April 1956	March 1957
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100)</u> ⁽¹⁾							
<u>GENERAL INDEX</u>	218.5	224.6	228.4	228.4	+ 4.5	+ 1.7	-
Vegetable Products	198.9	196.9	200.4	200.5	+ 0.8	+ 1.8	+ 0.5
Animal Products	225.0	218.2	236.3	236.6	+ 5.2	+ 8.4	+ 0.1
Textile Products	226.3	229.2	235.5	236.4	+ 4.5	+ 3.1	+ 0.4
Wood Products	293.8	306.6	301.0	301.2	+ 2.5	- 1.8	+ 0.1
Iron Products	218.2	236.1	250.4	249.8	+ 14.5	+ 5.8	- 0.2
Non-ferrous Metals	184.0	207.5	182.6	182.7	- 0.7	- 12.0	+ 0.1
Non-metallic Minerals	175.2	180.2	189.7	188.6	+ 7.6	+ 4.7	- 0.6
Chemical Products	177.3	180.9	182.1	182.2	+ 2.8	+ 0.7	+ 0.1
<u>CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS</u> ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	220.3	204.4	206.8	207.5	-	-	-
Eastern Total	240.0	218.3	224.4	225.7	-	-	-
Western Total	200.7	190.4	189.2	189.3	-	-	-
Field	202.0	176.9	160.2	159.9	-	-	-
Animal	238.7	231.9	253.4	255.1	-	-	-
<u>SELECTED PRICE INDEXES</u> ⁽¹⁾							
Canadian Industrial Materials	233.1	248.9	247.0	246.2	+ 5.6	- 1.1	- 0.3
Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	123.1	128.8	128.9	128.8	+ 4.6	-	- 0.1
Non-Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	122.1	127.1	130.1	130.1	+ 6.6	+ 2.4	-
<u>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (1949=100)</u>							
<u>TOTAL INDEX</u>	116.1	116.6	120.5	120.9	+ 4.1	+ 3.7	+ 0.3
Food	111.0	109.7	116.4	116.7	+ 5.1	+ 6.4	+ 0.3
Shelter	128.7	131.9	134.0	134.0	+ 4.1	+ 1.6	-
Clothing	107.9	108.7	108.2	108.5	+ 0.6	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Household Operation	116.9	116.6	119.5	119.4	+ 2.1	+ 2.4	- 0.1
Other Commodities and Services	118.2	120.1	124.2	125.1	+ 5.8	+ 4.2	+ 0.7
<u>SECURITY PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100)</u>							
<u>TOTAL INVESTORS' INDEX</u>	216.5	273.0	267.5	278.8	+ 28.8	+ 2.1	+ 4.2
Total Industrials	222.0	286.2	281.0	294.2	+ 32.5	+ 2.8	+ 4.7
Machinery & Equipment	641.3	826.4	790.4	825.6	+ 28.7	- 0.1	+ 4.5
Pulp & Paper	911.0	1,223.9	966.4	997.0	+ 9.4	- 18.5	+ 3.2
Milling	172.7	187.4	134.8	138.2	- 20.0	- 26.3	+ 2.5
Oils	157.5	210.0	246.2	262.9	+ 66.9	+ 25.2	+ 6.8
Textiles & Clothing	169.4	170.9	153.5	153.4	- 9.4	- 10.2	- 0.1
Foods	169.8	191.8	182.8	197.6	+ 16.4	+ 3.0	+ 8.1
Beverages	507.8	577.5	485.9	490.9	- 3.3	- 15.0	+ 1.0
Building Materials	408.6	519.5	438.0	453.5	+ 11.0	- 12.7	+ 3.5
Industrial Mines	166.3	222.1	218.2	225.5	+ 35.6	+ 1.5	+ 3.3
Total Utilities	185.6	209.3	209.2	212.5	+ 14.5	+ 1.5	+ 1.6
Transportation	338.8	394.8	364.2	385.8	+ 13.9	- 2.3	+ 5.9
Telephone	118.1	127.7	115.7	114.0	- 3.5	- 10.7	- 1.5
Power and Traction	173.6	200.2	239.0	243.6	+ 40.3	+ 21.7	+ 1.9
Banks	233.0	288.7	266.2	277.5	+ 19.1	- 3.9	+ 4.2
<u>MINING STOCKS</u>							
General Index	110.2	136.8	123.3	128.0	+ 16.2	- 6.4	+ 3.8
Golds	71.1	78.8	68.1	72.4	+ 1.8	- 8.1	+ 6.3
Base Metals	199.8	269.7	249.6	255.4	+ 27.8	- 5.3	+ 2.3

(1) Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1955 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or participation payments are announced. All 1957 indexes are subject to revision.

(2) Percentages not shown, since indexes are subject to revision. See Note (1).

TABLE 2. - PRINCIPAL WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	General	Fully	Indus-	Canadian Farm		
	Whole- sale Price Index	Raw and Partly Manu- factured		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
1929	124.6	126.1	123.7	132.8	137.2	144.4
1933	87.4	79.3	93.3	78.3	69.3	69.2
1938	102.0	99.4	103.5	95.8	100.9	104.8
1939	99.2	94.9	101.9	99.0	83.7	101.5
1940	108.0	103.1	109.9	113.3	85.4	106.7
1941	116.4	114.4	118.8	125.2	88.9	124.4
1942	123.0	123.0	123.7	135.1	109.7	144.6
1943	127.9	131.1	126.9	140.0	129.0	161.8
1944	130.6	134.4	129.1	143.1	144.5	166.1
1945	132.1	136.2	129.8	143.2	162.5	170.2
1946	138.9	140.1	138.0	148.6	177.9	181.2
1947	163.3	164.3	162.4	187.0	184.1	200.2
1948	193.4	196.3	192.4	222.7	200.6	263.7
1949	198.3	197.1	199.2	218.0	191.9	265.4
1950	211.2	212.8	211.0	244.6	191.9	281.4
1951	240.2	237.9	242.4	296.1	200.4	336.9
1952	226.0	218.7	230.7	252.6	223.0	277.5
1953	220.7	207.0	228.8	232.3	179.4	263.8
1954	217.0	204.8	224.2	223.7	170.9	256.2
1955	218.9	209.7	224.5	236.0	177.7	245.1
1956	225.6	215.8	231.5	248.2	173.5	246.9
1955 Apr.	218.5	210.4	223.5	233.1	202.0	238.7
May	217.8	209.5	223.1	233.2	198.5	243.4
June	218.7	210.2	224.0	236.2	189.4	250.0
July	218.4	210.1	223.6	237.1	185.2	249.5
Aug.	219.7	210.7	225.4	240.9	166.8	250.6
Sept.	220.9	212.2	226.4	241.1	161.6	251.6
Oct.	220.0	210.8	225.8	240.7	159.5	241.9
Nov.	220.7	211.3	226.6	240.8	161.0	240.5
Dec.	221.5	212.6	226.7	244.2	163.0	239.4
1956 Jan.	222.0	212.9	227.4	246.1	166.2	235.0
Feb.	222.2	213.3	227.6	247.2	167.3	232.3
Mar.	223.3	214.7	228.4	248.8	171.9	231.1
Apr.	224.6	216.3	229.5	248.9	176.9	231.9
May	225.4	217.3	230.3	247.8	185.6	238.0
June	226.5	219.2	231.3	248.5	190.5	251.9
July	226.6	219.0	231.6	247.4	204.7	256.5
Aug.	227.0	217.0	233.2	249.2	171.1	258.2
Sept.	227.4	216.2	234.4	249.5	160.3	259.6
Oct.	227.0	214.3	234.7	247.7	159.9	256.2
Nov.	226.6	213.3	234.6	247.7	163.1	255.9
Dec.	228.0	216.4	235.1	249.8	164.4	256.4
1957 Jan.	229.4	217.8	236.5	251.1	166.0	257.2
Feb.	228.4	214.9	236.8	248.4	161.3	259.0
Mar.	228.4	212.5	237.8	247.0	160.2	253.4
Apr.	228.4	211.7	238.3	246.2	159.9	255.1

(1) Indexes August 1955 - July 1956 include final barley and oats payments announced November 15 and 29, 1956, and interim payment of 10 cents for wheat announced January 30, 1957, by the Canadian Wheat Board. For final revised indexes August 1946 - July 1952, see Prices and Price Indexes, May 1953, Table 21, and Table 4 of February 1954, May 1955 and May 1956 issues for subsequent crop years. Indexes subsequent to July 1955 are subject to revision. Please see note, Page 32.

TABLE 3. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	General Whole- Sale Index	- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS -							
		Total Vege- table Pro- ducts	Grains	Milled Cereal Foods	Live- stock and Poultry Feeds	Bakery Pro- ducts	Fruits, Fresh	Fruits, Dried	Fruits, Canned
1956 Average ...	225.6	197.3	188.4	149.2	202.6	193.4	175.0	185.2	159.3
1956 Jan.	222.0	192.9	184.9	146.1	204.0	184.8	167.7	177.2	149.8
Feb.	222.2	193.4	186.6	146.0	196.9	184.8	169.0	178.5	150.9
Mar.	223.3	195.3	190.5	147.8	200.6	186.4	166.7	178.5	150.9
Apr.	224.6	196.9	191.5	148.0	215.7	186.4	171.1	178.5	150.9
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
- 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 Jan.	271.4	209.6	151.2	362.8	164.4	193.1	195.4	185.7	
Feb.	284.1	204.7	151.2	363.7	176.3	210.5	195.4	185.7	
Mar.	296.2	201.5	151.4	359.4	211.4	192.2	196.6	185.7	
Apr.	310.7	199.2	151.7	356.2	249.1	169.0	196.6	185.7	
May	312.9	196.4	154.2	353.1	329.1	169.0	198.1	185.7	
June	301.6	196.8	154.0	359.0	384.9	169.0	199.5	183.3	
July	296.4	200.5	155.5	367.2	535.2	369.2	207.5	183.3	
Aug.	289.7	201.9	155.5	363.9	284.2	340.9	210.4	183.3	
Sept.	286.9	199.2	153.4	364.7	177.8	204.6	210.4	183.3	
Oct.	288.3	199.1	153.1	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	

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

(1935-39 = 100)

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -

Date	Total Animal Products	Fishery Products	Raw Furs	Hides and Skins	Leather, Unmanufactured	Boots and Shoes	Live-stock	Steers
1956 Average	227.7	296.9	97.5	134.1	204.9	209.7	265.6	317.9
1956 Jan.	218.9	293.1	110.6	142.5	202.5	205.5	248.6	302.3
Feb.	217.5	293.9	110.5	138.8	202.5	205.5	245.1	289.8
Mar.	217.8	310.1	98.7	137.5	204.1	206.3	240.4	283.4
Apr.	218.2	300.1	97.0	142.9	204.1	208.5	241.5	289.6
May	221.4	282.6	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

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Beef Meats, Fresh and Veal Carcass	Meats, Cured	Fowl, Dressed	Milk and Its Products	Butter	Oils and Fats	Eggs	
1956 Average	262.6	297.7	179.2	187.3	227.1	226.7	142.8	174.6
1956 Jan.	242.1	287.4	163.2	210.8	225.0	227.8	133.5	156.9
Feb.	239.1	280.0	162.6	198.8	225.9	227.8	132.5	154.1
Mar.	236.4	276.3	161.9	204.8	226.8	227.7	133.5	167.0
Apr.	240.1	282.3	161.8	210.8	226.0	226.8	135.3	172.2
May	255.9	295.1	163.8	222.9	223.6	225.1	138.3	173.7
June	276.3	311.2	171.3	210.8	223.9	223.9	135.3	189.8
July	283.6	321.3	175.4	198.8	225.6	223.5	132.2	194.2
Aug.	281.6	320.9	182.9	180.7	226.4	223.8	137.3	199.2
Sept.	281.0	312.9	195.9	156.6	227.1	225.5	148.0	195.6
Oct.	275.9	301.5	201.7	150.6	229.8	228.8	159.6	194.8
Nov.	270.3	291.9	203.8	150.6	232.6	229.3	162.1	153.7
Dec.	268.9	291.5	206.3	150.6	232.2	229.9	166.0	143.5
1957 Jan.	276.0	300.6	207.4	144.6	232.0	229.9	168.4	136.0
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	233.4	167.6	138.3

TABLE 3. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued
(1935-39 = 100)

Date	- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS -							
	Total Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	Raw Cotton	Cotton Yarns	Cotton Fabrics	Cotton Knit Goods	Miscellaneous 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 Jan.	227.5	305.0	250.8	236.5	220.7	202.8	169.5	154.2
Feb.	228.9	314.6	253.2	237.1	220.7	203.9	169.5	154.2
Mar.	228.9	311.8	253.2	238.3	220.7	205.0	169.5	154.2
Apr.	229.2	311.1	253.9	238.7	220.7	208.6	169.5	154.2
May	228.9	295.6	253.9	239.4	220.7	209.2	169.5	154.2
June	229.6	305.7	250.0	239.4	220.7	207.0	169.5	154.2
July	228.7	297.7	248.5	239.0	220.7	207.0	169.5	154.2
Aug.	230.1	280.0	243.8	238.8	220.7	207.0	182.9	154.2
Sept.	232.5	282.1	243.8	238.8	224.4	213.1	182.9	154.2
Oct.	232.1	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

	- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS - Concluded							
	Rayon Yarns	Raw Wool, Domestic	Raw Wool, Imported	Yarns, Worsted	Hosiery and Knit Goods, Chiefly Wool	Wool Blankets	Worsted and Wool Cloth	Carpets
1956 Average ...	170.2	248.8	212.4	201.2	230.9	268.2	239.7	231.7
1956 Jan.	166.5	247.0	207.6	198.7	230.9	252.5	232.7	225.3
Feb.	170.5	247.0	206.2	198.7	230.9	252.5	232.7	232.3
Mar.	170.5	241.0	199.0	198.7	230.9	271.2	232.0	232.3
Apr.	170.5	239.9	199.8	198.7	230.9	271.2	232.0	232.3
May	170.5	239.9	211.1	197.7	230.9	271.2	235.3	232.3
June	170.5	246.2	211.9	197.7	230.9	271.2	236.6	232.3
July	170.5	253.5	210.3	197.7	230.9	271.2	236.3	232.3
Aug.	170.5	254.6	209.6	201.9	230.9	271.2	239.3	232.3
Sept.	170.5	253.7	223.0	201.9	230.9	271.2	249.2	232.3
Oct.	170.5	251.6	219.1	204.5	230.9	271.2	247.9	232.3
Nov.	170.5	250.5	224.5	204.1	230.9	271.2	248.6	232.3
Dec.	170.5	260.8	227.1	214.4	230.9	271.2	253.9	232.3
1957 Jan.	178.4	260.8	227.3	213.4	230.9	271.2	254.0	231.9
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

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 Jan.	305.8	450.6	412.4	319.4	369.8	550.3	460.3	221.2	301.4	234.5
Feb.	305.8	450.3	412.4	319.4	369.8	549.1	460.5	221.3	301.5	234.5
Mar.	305.6	453.8	412.4	320.5	369.8	557.8	462.9	221.1	299.2	234.5
Apr.	306.6	455.6	414.1	328.7	369.8	559.3	462.7	222.1	299.0	239.3
May	306.0	456.9	416.0	328.7	386.9	557.2	461.1	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

- 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 Jan.	231.0	266.0	213.9	236.9	243.0	261.4	382.0	221.5
Feb.	231.1	266.0	213.9	236.9	243.0	261.4	384.3	221.5
Mar.	232.4	266.0	213.9	236.9	249.7	261.4	384.3	221.5
Apr.	236.1	275.1	215.8	236.9	249.7	261.4	425.5	227.4
May	237.0	275.1	216.8	236.9	249.7	272.0	425.5	227.4
June	235.8	275.1	218.7	236.9	250.2	272.0	381.3	227.4
July	235.9	275.1	218.8	245.3	250.2	272.0	366.0	227.4
Aug.	243.7	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

TABLE 3. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued
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Data	- NON-FERROUS METALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -									Combined Index Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals (2)
	Total Non-Ferrous Metals	Anti-mony	Copper and Its Products	Lead and Its Products	Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Products	Solder		
	(1)	(2)								
1956 Average ...	199.2	280.2	177.0	385.9	323.5	230.7	189.6	320.5	212.1	256.6
1956 Jan.	202.2	284.5	180.7	399.8	326.5	233.1	200.1	319.2	222.3	253.3
Feb.	203.6	287.1	180.7	407.9	323.2	234.6	196.0	320.6	213.4	254.4
Mar.	207.3	293.7	177.3	426.5	323.2	235.1	198.4	320.6	213.4	257.9
Apr.	207.5	294.2	177.3	426.5	323.2	233.9	186.1	320.6	213.4	260.3
May	207.2	294.1	177.3	426.5	323.2	232.3	184.1	320.6	213.4	260.8
June	206.1	292.5	177.3	422.8	323.2	230.2	180.8	320.6	205.4	259.4
July	195.3	273.5	177.3	369.1	323.2	228.4	181.5	320.6	205.4	251.6
Aug.	195.4	273.6	177.3	367.7	323.2	229.7	184.8	320.6	205.4	256.2
Sept.	195.3	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
- 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				
1956 Jan.	179.2	231.2	158.3	179.6	271.6	228.1				
Feb.	179.4	231.2	159.2	180.1	271.6	228.1				
Mar.	180.0	237.3	159.2	181.4	271.6	228.1				
Apr.	180.2	239.2	159.2	183.2	271.6	228.1				
May	178.9	239.9	159.2	178.8	271.6	224.9				
June	179.2	239.9	159.2	178.8	320.6	224.9				
July	180.3	239.9	162.4	180.3	320.6	226.6				
Aug.	180.3	240.5	162.4	180.3	320.6	226.6				
Sept.	181.3	237.7	162.4	182.2	320.6	237.6				
Oct.	181.4	237.8	161.9	182.2	320.6	237.6				
Nov.	183.8	237.8	161.9	186.5	320.6	241.0				
Dec.	185.4	237.8	161.9	191.7	320.6	241.0				
1957 Jan.	187.4	240.4	174.6	193.7	320.6	242.7				
Feb.	189.7	240.4	174.6	194.3	320.6	242.7				
Mar.	189.7	240.4	174.6	194.3	320.6	242.7				
Apr.	188.6	240.6	174.6	189.8	320.6	242.7				

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

(2) Excludes Gold.

TABLE 3. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued
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Date	- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Continued						
	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 Jan.	201.5	167.2	137.8	136.2	184.1	158.7	204.3
Feb.	201.5	167.2	137.8	136.2	184.1	158.7	204.4
Mar.	201.5	167.2	137.8	136.2	183.0	148.8	209.1
Apr.	201.5	167.2	137.8	136.2	183.0	148.8	209.0
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

	- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded						
	Plaster	Lime	Cement	Sand and Gravel	Crushed Stone	Building Stone	Asbestos and Its Products
1956 Average ...	131.3	206.9	154.5	144.1	165.2	200.2	288.6
1956 Jan.	127.9	205.2	153.9	144.8	183.7	199.7	286.8
Feb.	127.9	205.2	153.9	144.8	183.7	199.7	287.9
Mar.	127.9	205.2	153.9	144.8	183.7	199.7	287.9
Apr.	130.5	205.2	153.9	144.8	158.2	199.7	287.9
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	208.6	155.1	143.4	159.8	205.1	289.2
Nov.	133.4	208.6	155.1	143.4	159.8	205.1	289.2
Dec.	133.4	208.6	155.1	145.7	159.8	205.1	289.2
1957 Jan.	132.3	208.6	158.9	145.7	164.8	205.1	289.2
Feb.	132.3	201.8	158.9	150.9	164.8	205.1	289.2
Mar.	132.3	201.8	158.9	150.9	164.8	205.1	289.2
Apr.	132.3	201.8	158.9	148.7	164.8	205.1	289.2

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

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	- CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS -					
	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 Jan.	178.5	144.8	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Feb.	178.6	145.5	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Mar.	179.5	145.9	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
Apr.	180.9	146.0	178.7	191.6	183.8	289.7
May	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

	- 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 Jan.	143.6	195.5	159.0	131.6	200.6
Feb.	143.6	195.5	159.4	130.4	200.6
Mar.	143.6	195.5	162.5	131.3	200.6
Apr.	143.6	206.9	163.0	132.9	200.6
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

TABLE 4. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity 1/	Unit	Yearly	April	March	April
		Average 1956			
		\$	\$	\$	\$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern	bu.	1.730	1.751	1.682	1.672
OATS, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	.859	.882	.772	.759
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed	bu.	1.057	1.145	.944	.930
RYE, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	1.252	1.314	1.142	1.085
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto	100-lb. bag	5.800	5.800	5.800	5.800
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal	cwt.	7.299	7.078	10.098	10.494
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal	gal.	1.742	1.970	1.180	1.190
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's	lb.	.672	.642	.680	.605
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John	75-lb. bag	2.310	2.250	1.625	1.706
STEERS, Toronto	cwt.	19.408	17.680	18.780	19.940
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included)	cwt.	25.985	22.180	29.190	28.500
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers	lb.	.153	.155	.135	.120
LEATHER, Packer Bends, No. 1 and 2	lb.	.630	.620	.640	.640
LEATHER, Box Sides D, f.o.b.					
Ontario Factory	sq.ft.	.370	.370	.350	.330
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade, Montreal	lb.	.586	.587	.595	.595
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.578	.568	.448	.450
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 1", New York 2/	lb.	-	.367	.338	.340
COTTON YARN, 10's, white	lb.	.712	.730	.690	.690
RAYON YARN, 36 filament, 150 denier	lb.	.798	.800	.840	.840
WOOL, Raw, Eastern Domestic, regular,					
Low Medium staple, greasy	lb.	.492	.480	.520	.550
WOOL, Raw, Australian, 64's, clean	lb.	1.438	1.350	1.600	1.620
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Mill, in Canadian					
funds (Southern Quebec)	ton	113.110	114.477	113.074	113.362
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	88.250	89.750	89.750
PIG IRON, Malleable	gr.ton	-	61.000	67.180	68.070
SCRAP IRON, No. 1	gr.ton	50.583	52.000	51.000	51.000
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic sales	cwt.	41.355	46.000	30.750	30.750
LEAD, Pig, Electrolytic, domestic sales...	cwt.	15.514	15.500	15.250	15.250
TIN INGOTS, 99.8%	lb.	1.011	.992	.976	.974
ZINC, Grade "A", Electrolytic,					
domestic sales	cwt.	14.844	14.850	14.100	14.100
COAL, United States Anthracite	ton	19.419	18.650	21.940	19.940
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto	gal.	.226	.226	.233	.233
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Winnipeg	gal.	.224	.224	.231	.231
CEMENT, Portland, Toronto	bbl.	3.390	3.370	3.440	3.440
CEMENT, Portland, Calgary	bbl.	3.160	3.140	3.210	3.210
SHINGLES, Asphalt	210-lb.sq.	8.943	8.920	9.480	9.480
SODA ASH, 58% light	cwt.	-	2.450	2.440	2.440
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 August 1956 quotation referred to 15/16".

TABLE 5. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -										
	Total Index*	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
<u>1955</u>											
July	124.6	284.2	149.3	209.3	412.3	125.1	248.7	220.7	206.4	225.1	226.6
Aug.	125.2	285.5	149.3	209.3	413.7	125.1	248.7	219.8	208.6	225.1	232.1
Sept.	125.9	287.0	149.3	209.3	414.6	126.2	248.7	219.8	209.5	244.9	234.5
Oct.	125.9	287.0	149.3	209.3	413.9	126.2	248.7	223.1	209.5	245.3	237.8
Nov.	125.8	286.8	149.3	209.3	412.8	126.2	248.7	223.1	210.3	247.5	238.0
Dec.	126.1	287.8	149.6	209.3	414.6	126.2	248.7	223.9	210.3	247.5	238.0
<u>1956</u>											
Jan.	127.1	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
<u>1957</u>											
Jan.	128.6	293.3	152.8	222.2	418.5	132.9	255.2	225.6	223.0	225.1	250.4
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

* 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)

Date	Total Index	- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -					
		Aggregate, Cement and Concrete Mix	Blocks, Brick and Stone	Tile	Lumber and Lumber Products	Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Materials
1950	105.0	103.2	104.3	104.9	110.3	103.0	105.8
1951	118.6	111.3	113.0	110.6	128.3	115.7	125.4
1952	123.2	117.4	119.7	115.5	127.9	121.3	121.7
1953	124.4	120.2	125.9	117.1	127.8	119.2	119.6
1954	121.8	120.9	127.0	120.6	124.5	115.2	117.6
1955	123.4	120.3	127.0	120.3	127.6	118.0	121.3
956	128.0	117.0	130.3	120.8	131.5	123.4	123.6
1956 Jan.	126.3	117.5	127.3	120.1	130.2	121.7	124.9
Feb.	126.5	117.5	126.9	120.1	130.2	122.6	124.9
Mar.	127.0	115.8	129.8	120.7	131.7	122.4	126.1
Apr.	127.1	115.6	129.8	121.8	132.4	122.4	126.1
May.	127.2	115.5	131.0	121.6	132.8	122.4	125.9
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
		Steel and Metal Work	Hard- ware	Lath Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Materials	Paint and Glass	Miscel- laneous Materials
1950	107.3	103.8		98.7	104.7	100.5	97.7
1951	122.0	120.3		107.1	128.9	113.0	106.0
1952	131.3	125.9		109.7	134.5	115.6	106.4
1953	134.7	129.3		110.0	133.6	125.3	103.8
1954	128.2	125.4		109.7	132.8	128.2	100.9
1955	129.9	132.6		108.1	127.3	133.3	97.4
1956	139.0	145.4		112.7	137.3	141.6	93.6
1956 Jan.	135.1	139.9		108.9	136.5	139.6	95.7
Feb.	135.2	139.9		108.9	136.5	139.6	95.7
Mar.	135.2	143.8		108.9	136.5	139.6	95.7
Apr.	135.3	143.8		112.1	133.5	141.8	92.9
May.	135.3	143.8		112.5	133.5	141.8	92.9
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

TABLE 7. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

(1949 = 100)

	Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities & Services
1941	69.6	57.9	89.2	63.6	73.8	80.0
1942	72.9	63.4	90.7	65.8	76.0	82.0
1943	74.2	65.2	90.9	66.1	76.1	84.8
1944	74.6	65.5	91.2	66.6	75.7	86.1
1945	75.0	66.3	91.4	66.9	74.9	86.4
1946	77.5	70.0	91.8	69.2	77.2	88.7
1947	84.8	79.5	95.1	78.9	86.2	91.6
1948	97.0	97.5	98.3	95.6	96.8	96.5
1949	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950	102.9	102.6	106.2	99.7	102.4	103.1
1951	113.7	117.0	114.4	109.8	113.1	111.5
1952	116.5	116.8	120.2	111.8	116.2	116.0
1953	115.5	112.6	123.6	110.1	117.0	115.8
1954	116.2	112.2	126.5	109.4	117.4	117.4
1955	116.4	112.1	129.4	108.0	116.4	118.1
1956	118.1	113.4	132.5	108.6	117.1	120.9
<u>1954</u>	April	115.6	110.4	125.6	109.9	117.2
	May	115.5	110.2	125.8	109.9	117.5
	June	116.1	112.0	126.4	109.7	117.5
	July	116.2	112.1	126.6	109.6	117.2
	August	117.0	114.4	127.0	109.6	117.7
	September	116.8	113.8	127.2	109.5	117.2
	October	116.8	113.8	127.4	108.4	117.3
	November	116.8	113.4	127.9	108.2	118.2
	December	116.6	112.6	128.2	108.1	118.2
<u>1955</u>	January	116.4	112.1	128.4	108.1	118.2
	February	116.3	111.5	128.5	108.1	118.3
	March	116.0	110.7	128.6	108.0	118.3
	April	116.1	111.0	128.7	107.9	118.2
	May	116.4	112.3	128.8	107.9	118.3
	June	115.9	111.0	129.2	107.8	117.8
	July	116.0	111.5	129.6	107.8	117.7
	August	116.4	112.4	129.8	107.8	118.0
	September	116.8	113.7	130.0	107.8	117.9
	October	116.9	113.5	130.2	107.8	118.1
	November	116.9	113.0	130.6	107.9	118.3
	December	116.9	112.4	131.0	108.5	118.3
<u>1956</u>	January	116.8	111.5	131.3	108.6	119.0
	February	116.4	109.9	131.5	108.6	119.3
	March	116.4	109.1	131.6	108.7	119.9
	April	116.6	109.7	131.9	108.7	120.1
	May	116.6	109.3	132.1	108.8	120.5
	June	117.8	112.5	132.6	108.6	120.6
	July	118.5	114.4	132.7	108.6	121.1
	August	119.1	115.9	133.0	108.4	121.3
	September	119.0	115.5	133.1	108.4	121.4
	October	119.8	117.4	133.3	108.5	121.6
	November	120.3	117.9	133.4	108.4	122.8
	December	120.4	117.5	133.5	108.6	122.9
<u>1957</u>	January	120.3	117.1	133.6	107.6	123.1
	February	120.5	117.2	133.8	107.4	123.8
	March	120.5	116.4	134.0	108.2	124.2
	April	120.9	116.7	134.0	108.5	125.1

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

(1949 = 100)

	1954	1955	1956	Apr. 1955	Apr. 1956	Feb. 1957	Mar. 1957	Apr. 1957
<u>Total Index</u>	116.2	116.4	118.1	116.1	116.6	120.5	120.5	120.9
<u>Food</u>	112.2	112.1	113.4	111.0	109.7	117.2	116.4	116.7
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	111.8	111.9	112.1	112.9	111.7	116.1	116.1	116.2
Cereal Products	122.4	122.0	125.0	121.7	122.9	131.4	131.5	132.1
Miscellaneous Groceries	121.9	123.1	121.8	124.5	121.6	128.7	128.7	129.1
<u>Shelter</u>	126.5	129.4	132.5	128.7	131.9	133.8	134.0	134.0
Rent	129.8	133.3	135.6	132.5	134.9	137.0	137.2	137.2
Home-Ownership	122.2	124.4	128.4	123.6	128.0	129.5	129.7	129.8
<u>Clothing</u>	109.4	108.0	108.6	107.9	108.7	107.4	108.2	108.5
Men's Wear	113.8	113.0	113.4	113.0	113.3	114.7	115.0	115.6
Women's Wear	100.9	98.4	98.9	98.4	99.6	95.2	96.4	96.3
Children's Wear	107.5	106.2	105.9	106.4	105.9	104.6	104.6	105.0
Footwear	127.6	127.3	129.6	127.0	128.9	130.7	131.1	132.0
Piece Goods	108.7	108.4	108.5	108.4	108.2	109.1	110.5	111.6
<u>Household Operation</u>	117.4	116.4	117.1	116.9	116.6	119.1	119.5	119.4
Fuel	114.9	112.7	114.8	114.0	115.3	120.6	120.6	120.2
Electricity	115.9	116.0	115.6	116.2	115.6	115.4	115.4	115.4
Home Furnishings	115.6	113.7	113.2	114.3	112.6	114.3	114.8	114.7
Furniture	117.6	115.9	116.2	116.5	115.7	118.4	119.0	119.3
Utensils and Equipment	122.1	123.1	125.5	123.0	124.3	128.3	128.8	130.2
Supplies and Services	121.8	122.9	124.2	122.6	123.3	125.6	126.1	126.1
Supplies	115.8	116.3	117.2	116.0	116.4	117.6	117.7	117.7
Services	126.0	127.4	129.1	127.2	128.1	131.1	131.8	131.8
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	117.4	118.1	120.9	118.2	120.1	123.8	124.2	125.1
Transportation	120.0	118.5	123.3	119.5	122.7	127.8	129.1	129.1
Automobile Operation	114.7	111.0	112.1	113.5	112.7	117.7	119.6	119.6
Recreation	119.5	122.6	125.3	121.4	123.2	127.0	127.0	127.0
Health Care	127.4	130.4	134.2	130.3	134.0	138.1	138.1	143.1
Drugs	109.5	111.0	111.7	110.9	111.5	113.6	113.6	113.6
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	107.3	107.4	107.7	107.3	107.6	108.6	108.6	108.6
Personal Care	117.9	118.0	120.5	118.6	118.3	125.2	125.5	125.7
Personal Supplies	113.6	112.7	112.4	114.3	112.0	114.5	115.1	115.3

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

(1949 = 100)

	Beef, Blade Roast	Beef, Sir- loin	Pork, Rib Chops	Bacon	Salmon, Canned	Chicken	Butter	Mar- garine
1954	99.7	109.4	116.8	113.2	96.6	95.8	99.0	117.5
1955	101.7	113.6	108.2	91.4	105.9	93.8	99.2	104.7
1956	101.7	115.9	113.2	91.9	112.0	91.7	98.3	102.9
1956	Feb.	100.3	111.3	98.1	84.0	109.9	98.7	99.7
	Mar.	97.2	107.9	98.4	82.6	109.9	98.7	100.3
	April	94.9	105.5	97.5	81.9	109.9	98.6	98.2
1956	August	104.0	123.6	123.1	86.6	110.7	91.7	105.0
	Sept.	108.8	127.3	124.7	98.9	111.1	89.3	105.6
	Oct.	108.1	124.0	126.9	107.1	114.3	87.5	105.6
	Nov.	106.3	119.0	125.7	111.3	117.6	86.1	106.2
	Dec.	105.2	116.6	129.0	113.9	119.6	86.3	106.5
1957	Jan.	104.2	116.5	126.6	112.7	120.4	85.7	106.8
	Feb.	106.3	116.3	126.9	112.5	120.8	86.3	107.5
	Mar.	106.3	115.2	126.6	113.2	121.6	85.8	103.1
	Apr.	106.5	116.6	124.0	112.0	122.0	86.5	105.6
	Short- ening	Eggs	Peaches, Canned	Oranges	Peas, Canned	Potatoes	Toma- toes, Fresh	Carrots
1954	91.8	92.9	99.0	116.8	119.2	107.6	101.4	153.2
1955	91.8	99.9	102.5	108.2	117.9	134.5	100.4	152.8
1956	94.7	102.7	104.1	120.8	115.2	142.6	117.8	151.0
1956	Feb.	93.6	85.8	102.1	114.2	113.2	114.8	158.5
	Mar.	92.6	90.4	101.6	117.9	113.2	116.5	161.2
	April	92.6	95.7	101.6	118.7	112.5	139.2	153.2
1956	August	96.0	117.1	103.1	116.7	115.3	190.9	161.2
	Sept.	95.7	116.3	103.5	115.6	116.7	115.7	139.9
	Oct.	94.8	114.7	106.9	117.9	118.7	107.9	137.2
	Nov.	95.1	110.0	109.3	122.7	120.1	109.4	134.6
	Dec.	97.0	88.9	112.7	121.5	120.8	122.9	137.2
1957	Jan.	98.8	85.2	113.7	118.7	120.8	127.2	141.2
	Feb.	101.3	81.6	115.6	123.3	120.8	133.5	146.8
	Mar.	101.9	82.3	116.1	123.3	119.4	125.7	156.6
	Apr.	101.6	81.5	116.1	127.5	119.4	119.7	156.6
	Milk, Fresh	Cheese, Pro- cessed	Bread	Flour	Sugar, Granu- lated	Jam, Straw- berry	Tea	Coffee
1954	118.5	111.6	126.8	110.2	101.8	107.5	105.4	200.9
1955	118.5	112.8	126.4	106.4	99.7	110.3	129.5	173.7
1956	119.1	115.6	131.6	108.8	100.4	111.3	128.0	181.5
1956	Feb.	118.5	113.0	126.8	107.6	98.6	109.5	170.7
	Mar.	118.5	111.0	127.8	107.6	98.6	109.5	175.2
	April	118.5	112.7	127.8	107.6	98.6	109.5	178.9
1956	August	118.5	117.8	133.8	109.0	100.8	111.7	185.5
	Sept.	118.5	118.5	133.8	109.0	100.8	112.5	187.3
	Oct.	118.5	118.5	133.8	110.5	100.8	113.8	188.9
	Nov.	121.9	118.5	137.8	111.9	100.8	113.8	189.5
	Dec.	122.5	118.9	138.8	113.3	110.6	116.9	188.5
1957	Jan.	124.2	120.6	139.8	113.3	116.0	117.7	187.1
	Feb.	124.2	121.6	140.8	113.3	135.5	119.9	183.1
	Mar.	124.2	120.2	140.8	113.3	135.5	121.6	181.3
	Apr.	124.2	121.3	141.8	113.3	137.7	122.0	169.4

TABLE 10. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR REGIONAL CITIES

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

	St. John's Nfld.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver
	June 1951=100		1949=100							
1943		76.0	74.7	73.4	73.1	74.4	74.0	72.6	73.9	72.4
1944		76.9	75.4	73.6	73.3	74.9	74.5	73.5	74.6	72.8
1945		77.6	75.8	74.4	73.8	75.3	75.2	74.0	75.3	73.6
1946		79.6	77.9	76.9	76.5	77.9	77.5	76.6	77.8	75.9
1947		86.3	84.6	84.3	84.5	85.5	84.3	84.4	84.6	83.3
1948		96.8	97.0	96.6	96.5	97.0	95.8	96.9	96.1	96.0
1949		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950		102.1	103.3	103.7	103.1	104.1	103.8	102.2	103.9	103.6
1951		112.1	114.1	116.1	115.3	115.4	114.6	111.7	113.5	114.3
1952		103.5	115.3	117.4	117.6	116.8	117.5	116.1	112.8	114.8
1953		102.2	113.2	115.3	116.3	115.0	116.8	114.4	113.1	114.0
1954		102.8	114.1	116.6	116.8	116.2	118.3	115.3	114.2	114.9
1955		104.2	114.8	117.7	116.9	117.2	118.8	115.9	114.6	114.6
1956		106.8	116.1	118.8	118.4	119.2	120.6	117.2	115.8	115.7
<u>1954</u>	April	102.0	113.8	115.9	116.3	115.5	117.7	114.9	113.6	114.3
	May	102.2	113.6	115.8	116.3	115.5	117.7	114.8	113.5	114.4
	June	102.5	113.9	116.2	117.0	116.1	118.2	115.3	114.1	114.8
	July	102.6	113.8	116.2	117.2	116.4	118.8	115.5	114.1	117.0
	August	104.4	115.3	117.6	117.2	117.0	119.0	116.4	115.3	115.4
	September	103.4	114.8	117.7	116.6	116.9	118.8	115.7	115.1	115.7
	October	103.0	114.6	117.6	117.0	117.3	118.9	115.5	115.2	115.6
	November	102.8	114.5	117.5	117.1	117.2	118.9	115.7	114.8	115.3
	December	102.9	114.5	117.5	117.0	117.0	118.8	115.5	113.9	115.0
<u>1955</u>	January	102.6	114.3	117.4	117.1	117.0	118.9	115.5	113.9	114.6
	February	102.7	114.6	117.6	117.1	117.0	118.7	115.4	113.8	114.5
	March	102.9	114.5	117.6	116.7	116.8	118.2	115.2	113.7	114.2
	April	103.5	114.6	117.6	116.7	116.9	118.4	115.3	113.9	114.2
	May	105.0	115.4	118.1	117.0	117.3	118.9	115.6	114.4	114.2
	June	104.3	114.6	117.3	116.3	116.9	118.3	115.0	114.3	113.8
	July	104.5	114.7	117.3	116.7	117.0	118.7	115.5	114.3	114.1
	August	105.8	115.1	117.8	116.8	117.3	118.5	116.1	115.1	114.6
	September	105.1	115.2	118.1	117.1	117.5	119.2	116.5	115.4	115.2
	October	104.8	114.9	117.8	117.0	117.7	119.4	116.6	115.5	115.2
	November	104.6	114.9	117.6	117.1	117.7	119.0	116.9	115.6	115.1
	December	104.5	114.7	117.7	116.7	117.8	118.9	116.9	115.7	120.3
<u>1956</u>	January	104.7	114.5	117.4	117.4	117.5	118.8	116.8	115.2	114.8
	February	104.9	114.1	117.1	117.0	117.3	118.3	116.5	114.7	114.1
	March	105.0	114.3	117.4	116.7	117.3	118.2	116.8	114.7	114.3
	April	105.9	114.8	117.6	116.7	117.7	118.7	116.5	114.9	114.6
	May	106.6	114.7	117.5	116.6	117.7	119.1	116.1	114.6	114.3
	June	107.6	115.6	118.2	118.1	118.8	120.4	116.6	115.2	114.9
	July	108.1	116.0	118.7	119.1	119.4	121.5	117.6	115.6	115.7
	August	110.2	117.6	120.3	118.9	120.4	122.0	117.0	116.2	116.1
	September	107.3	117.2	119.6	118.8	120.0	121.7	117.5	116.8	120.5
	October	106.9	117.7	120.0	119.9	120.9	122.5	118.1	117.2	117.5
	November	107.0	118.0	120.4	120.9	121.5	123.1	118.4	117.2	117.7
	December	107.5	118.5	121.1	120.7	121.6	123.1	118.4	117.1	117.4
<u>1957</u>	January	107.7	118.6	121.2	120.6	121.4	123.1	118.8	117.1	117.2
	February	108.5	118.8	122.1	120.5	121.6	123.4	118.7	117.6	117.4
	March	108.8	118.7	122.1	120.3	121.6	123.5	118.4	117.8	117.4
	April	108.7	119.4	122.1	120.5	122.4	124.2	119.2	117.9	117.7

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

(1949 = 100)

	St. John's Nfld. 1.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saskatoon- Regina	Edmonton- Calgary	Van- couver
Food Index										
<u>1954</u>	July	100.2	105.7	109.5	115.1	111.4	112.0	111.9	110.6	110.4
	August	105.0	110.5	113.8	114.8	113.1	112.8	114.7	114.3	112.8
	September	102.2	109.1	114.4	113.4	112.8	111.6	112.0	114.2	113.5
	October	101.3	108.4	113.8	115.0	113.8	111.9	111.7	114.1	112.7
	November	100.9	107.5	113.4	115.6	112.7	111.2	112.0	112.5	112.1
	December	101.1	107.8	113.2	115.3	112.0	110.5	110.9	110.2	110.7
<u>1955</u>	January	101.1	107.0	112.9	115.1	111.2	110.6	110.8	110.1	110.0
	February	101.4	106.8	112.6	115.4	111.0	109.6	110.5	109.7	109.4
	March	101.5	106.6	112.3	114.2	110.2	108.8	109.7	109.2	108.5
	April	102.1	106.5	112.2	114.0	110.7	109.6	110.1	109.6	108.4
	May	106.1	108.8	113.7	114.8	111.2	111.1	110.9	109.5	108.5
	June	103.9	106.2	111.0	112.7	110.2	109.9	109.9	109.6	108.0
	July	103.5	106.3	110.7	114.5	110.7	111.2	110.9	110.1	109.0
	August	105.2	107.6	112.7	114.7	111.4	110.5	111.6	112.7	110.7
	September	102.8	107.6	113.7	115.3	112.0	112.8	112.7	113.6	112.5
	October	101.3	106.5	112.0	114.9	112.0	112.8	112.8	114.2	112.3
	November	100.7	106.3	110.8	115.3	110.9	111.1	113.7	113.9	111.9
	December	100.5	105.7	110.9	113.9	110.5	110.2	113.5	113.7	111.5
<u>1956</u>	January	101.0	104.8	109.6	113.4	109.6	109.9	112.8	111.9	110.6
	February	101.0	103.6	108.8	111.9	107.6	107.7	111.5	110.2	107.7
	March	101.1	103.3	108.7	111.4	107.0	106.9	111.6	109.7	107.3
	April	102.2	105.2	109.8	111.5	107.9	107.6	110.7	110.6	107.6
	May	103.1	104.3	108.6	111.0	107.0	107.2	109.4	109.5	106.5
	June	106.1	106.9	110.1	114.7	111.1	112.0	110.8	111.6	108.1
	July	107.2	107.6	112.2	117.4	112.9	114.1	114.0	113.0	111.1
	August	113.8	112.4	117.4	116.9	115.2	115.6	111.8	114.3	112.7
	September	104.9	109.9	114.1	116.4	114.2	114.6	112.9	115.8	114.0
	October	102.7	111.2	115.6	119.2	116.2	116.6	114.9	117.0	115.9
	November	102.9	111.8	115.4	120.9	117.0	117.5	114.9	116.6	115.3
	December	104.1	112.8	116.7	120.2	116.9	117.2	114.1	114.6	114.2
<u>1957</u>	January	104.7	112.2	116.8	120.5	115.7	116.4	115.2	114.1	113.5
	February	105.6	112.3	117.2	120.2	116.1	116.3	114.9	114.6	113.6
	March	106.2	111.4	116.6	119.3	115.4	115.4	113.7	114.1	113.2
	April	105.8	112.5	115.6	118.8	116.0	116.3	114.6	113.9	113.0
Shelter Index										
<u>1956</u>	January	109.7	125.1	127.5	136.1	135.9	147.9	127.0	118.1	121.1
	February	109.7	125.1	127.5	136.2	135.9	148.1	127.1	118.1	121.1
	March	109.7	125.2	127.5	136.2	136.2	148.1	127.1	118.1	121.2
	April	109.7	125.4	127.6	136.2	136.2	148.3	127.3	118.1	121.2
	May	109.8	125.6	128.5	136.2	136.8	148.3	127.6	118.1	121.2
	June	109.8	125.8	129.9	137.5	137.3	148.7	127.6	118.1	121.2
	July	109.8	126.3	130.1	137.8	137.9	148.9	127.6	118.1	121.2
	August	110.1	126.6	130.1	137.9	138.9	148.9	127.7	118.1	121.2
	September	110.1	126.8	130.1	138.0	138.9	148.9	127.8	118.1	121.2
	October	110.1	126.8	130.3	138.2	139.9	149.0	128.2	118.1	121.2
	November	110.1	127.1	130.6	138.3	140.4	149.2	128.4	118.1	121.2
	December	110.1	127.3	131.3	138.4	140.5	149.3	128.4	118.7	121.2
<u>1957</u>	January	110.1	127.4	131.3	138.6	140.5	149.6	128.4	118.9	121.2
	February	110.3	127.8	131.5	138.6	140.5	149.6	128.5	118.9	121.2
	March	110.4	127.8	131.7	138.7	140.5	149.7	128.6	118.9	121.2
	April	110.4	128.1	131.7	138.7	141.2	149.8	128.9	118.9	121.2

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

TABLE 10. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR REGIONAL CITIES - Concluded
(1949 = 100)

	St. John's Nfld. 1.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saskatoon- Regina	Edmonton- Calgary	Van- couver	
<u>Clothing Index</u>											
<u>1956</u>	January	100.5	114.8	116.2	108.1	111.6	110.9	113.2	114.7	113.0	112.8
	February	100.5	114.8	116.2	108.2	111.6	110.8	113.2	114.7	113.1	112.8
	March	100.8	114.9	116.7	108.2	111.8	111.0	113.2	114.8	113.6	112.9
	April	100.8	114.8	116.7	108.0	111.6	111.3	113.2	114.8	113.8	113.3
	May	100.8	114.2	116.7	108.0	111.4	111.2	113.2	114.8	113.9	113.5
	June	100.8	114.5	116.8	107.8	111.4	111.1	112.8	114.7	113.9	113.7
	July	100.9	114.8	116.8	107.7	111.7	111.1	112.8	114.7	112.7	113.7
	August	99.4	114.8	116.8	107.4	111.6	111.1	113.1	114.7	112.3	112.5
	September	100.0	115.2	116.8	107.2	111.6	111.1	113.1	115.0	112.7	112.5
	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
<u>1957</u>	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
<u>Household Operation Index</u>											
<u>1956</u>	January	103.2	119.7	117.2	115.1	116.3	114.9	114.0	116.6	115.8	130.9
	February	103.2	119.7	117.2	115.3	116.8	115.5	114.1	116.6	115.9	128.6
	March	103.4	120.1	117.6	115.2	116.8	115.5	114.1	116.8	116.1	128.6
	April	104.4	119.9	117.4	114.9	116.4	115.5	114.0	116.5	116.6	128.0
	May	104.5	119.9	117.4	114.7	116.4	116.5	113.9	116.4	116.8	124.1
	June	104.4	120.4	117.6	114.8	115.9	116.4	113.5	116.6	117.0	125.0
	July	105.2	120.5	117.6	114.8	115.9	116.2	113.7	116.9	117.0	127.8
	August	104.8	120.5	117.9	114.7	115.3	116.3	114.0	117.0	117.0	127.2
	September	105.6	121.5	119.1	114.8	115.2	116.7	114.1	117.6	118.2	128.8
	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
<u>1957</u>	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
<u>Other Commodities and Services Index</u>											
<u>1956</u>	January	110.9	119.2	124.1	119.8	120.8	118.9	119.6	116.0	117.6	119.7
	February	111.7	119.2	124.1	119.8	122.6	118.9	120.2	115.9	117.8	119.7
	March	111.7	119.7	124.5	120.0	123.1	119.5	120.6	116.6	119.5	120.4
	April	113.0	119.7	124.5	119.9	123.7	120.2	121.0	116.5	119.6	120.2
	May	114.5	120.3	124.8	120.5	124.2	120.9	120.8	116.5	119.7	120.1
	June	114.5	120.3	124.8	120.6	124.2	120.9	121.6	116.5	119.7	120.7
	July	114.5	120.3	124.5	120.6	123.9	122.8	121.3	116.5	119.7	120.7
	August	114.6	120.4	124.7	120.9	124.5	122.8	121.3	117.0	119.8	120.7
	September	114.6	121.2	124.7	121.1	124.7	123.0	121.6	117.0	119.9	120.8
	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
<u>1957</u>	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

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 (1949 = 100)
			Actual Weekly Wages	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	
			(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
<u>1954</u> - Oct. 1	57.70	49.40	138.3	118.4	116.8
Nov. 1	58.03	49.68	139.1	119.1	116.8
Dec. 1	58.17	49.89	139.5	119.6	116.6
<u>1955</u> - Jan. 1	56.12	48.21	134.5	115.6	116.4
Feb. 1	58.51	50.31	140.3	120.6	116.3
Mar. 1	59.12	50.97	141.7	122.2	116.0
Apr. 1	59.31	51.09	142.2	122.5	116.1
May 1	59.90	51.46	143.6	123.4	116.4
June 1	59.66	51.48	143.0	123.4	115.9
July 1	59.31	51.13	142.2	122.6	116.0
Aug. 1	59.20	50.86	141.9	121.9	116.4
Sept. 1	59.25	50.73	142.1	121.6	116.8
Oct. 1	60.09	51.40	144.1	123.2	116.9
Nov. 1	60.63	51.86	145.4	124.3	116.9
Dec. 1	60.78	51.99	145.7	124.6	116.9
<u>1956</u> - Jan. 1	57.53	49.26	137.9	118.1	116.8
Feb. 1	60.69	52.14	145.5	125.0	116.4
Mar. 1	61.33	52.69	147.0	126.3	116.4
Apr. 1	61.86	53.05	148.3	127.2	116.6
May 1	62.56	53.65	150.0	128.6	116.6
June 1	62.13	52.74	149.0	126.4	117.8
July 1	62.91	53.09	150.8	127.3	118.5
Aug. 1	62.18	52.21	149.1	125.2	119.1
Sept. 1	62.51	52.53	149.9	125.9	119.0
Oct. 1	63.62	53.11	152.5	127.3	119.8
Nov. 1	64.36	53.50	154.3	128.3	120.3
Dec. 1	64.53	53.60	154.7	128.5	120.4
<u>1957</u> - 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	64.62(p)	53.63(p)	154.9(p)	128.6(p)	120.5

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

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

(P) Preliminary.

TABLE 12. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS
(1935-39=100)

	Composite Index Exclusive of Living Component (a)	Farm Machinery	Equipment and Materials	Taxes and Interest Rates (a)	Farm Wage Rates	Farm Family Living	Composite Index Inclusive of Living Component (a)
ALL CANADA							
1926	130.6	97.6	119.9	135.5	164.5	121.1	126.8
1939	99.3	103.6	95.7	101.1	110.3	99.5	99.4
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 - January	232.4	197.8	204.0	174.6	409.5	204.8	221.4
1955 - January	232.3	198.6	205.8	177.2	399.4	203.9	220.9
1956 - January	236.3 (r)	209.4	206.0	184.7 (r)	413.4	203.2	223.1 (r)
- April	250.6 (r)	209.2	209.6	184.7 (r)	485.1	204.0	231.9 (r)
- August	255.9 (r)	209.7	210.7	184.7 (r)	512.5	206.2	236.0 (r)
1957 - January	247.0	223.1	212.3	184.7	453.8	208.6	231.7
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 - January	238.1	194.1	202.9	164.5	419.2	202.5	223.9
1955 - January	239.1	195.5	205.5	168.4	412.1	201.8	224.2
1956 - January	243.4 (r)	207.2	204.5	178.8 (r)	427.0	200.8	226.4 (r)
- April	252.3 (r)	207.7	208.0	178.8 (r)	461.6	201.3	231.9 (r)
- August	259.9 (r)	209.7	209.5	178.8 (r)	495.6	203.7	237.4 (r)
1957 - January	257.3	224.0	210.8	178.8	478.2	206.2	236.9
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 - January	226.6	199.2	205.1	183.2	395.8	207.2	218.8
1955 - January	225.5	199.8	206.1	184.8	381.3	206.0	217.7
1956 - January	229.3 (r)	210.3	207.4	189.8 (r)	394.0	205.7	219.9 (r)
- April	248.9 (r)	209.8	211.1	189.8 (r)	518.4	206.6	232.0 (r)
- August	251.8 (r)	209.7	211.8	189.8 (r)	536.6	208.7	234.6 (r)
1957 - January	236.8	222.7	213.7	189.8	419.2	211.0	226.5

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

(r) Revised.

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		1956		1957		1956		1957	
	April	\$	March	\$	April	\$	March	\$	April	\$	March	\$
1. Corn, cracked	3.73		3.99		3.94		3.85		4.26		4.16	
2. Oats, unground	3.12		3.06		2.99		3.32		3.27		3.21	
3. Barley, ground	3.09		3.01		2.95		3.26		3.23		3.16	
4. Wheat, unground	2.97		3.21		3.18		3.18		3.45		3.43	
5. Bran	2.77		2.71		2.70		2.78		2.70		2.68	
6. Shorts	2.87		2.89		2.85		2.86		2.88		2.84	
7. Middlings	3.04		3.11		3.06		3.06		3.16		3.10	
8. Linseed oil meal	5.00		4.86		4.84		5.15		5.01		4.95	
9. Soybean oil meal	4.63		4.44		4.41		4.98		4.73		4.74	
10. Calf starter (20-24%)	5.20		5.21		5.18		4.95		5.13		5.12	
11. Dairy ration (16%)	3.54		3.61		3.59		3.54		3.65		3.63	
12. Dairy supplement (24%) (East)	4.11		4.24		4.24		4.14		4.28		4.28	
13. Dairy supplement (32%) (West)	5.20		5.13		5.13		-		-		-	
14. Pig starter mash	4.47		4.53		4.53		4.23		4.46		4.46	
15. Hog concentrate (35%)	5.34		5.34		5.31		5.95		5.96		5.96	
16. Hog grower mash	3.68		3.74		3.72		3.75		3.85		3.82	
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%)	4.70		4.79		4.75		4.72		4.89		4.89	
18. Growing mash	4.19		4.24		4.22		4.14		4.27		4.25	
19. Laying mash (18%)	4.23		4.32		4.29		4.27		4.41		4.37	
20. Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	4.97		5.08		5.02		4.88		5.04		5.02	
21. Turkey growing mash	4.61		4.69		4.68		4.58		4.78		4.78	

	ONTARIO				PRAIRIES				BRITISH COLUMBIA			
	1956		1957		1956		1957		1956		1957	
	April	\$	March	\$	April	\$	March	\$	April	\$	March	\$
1. Corn, cracked	3.33		3.80		3.76		4.75		5.10		5.10	
2. Oats, unground	3.15		3.06		2.99		2.64		2.57		2.53	
3. Barley, ground	3.11		3.02		2.95		2.71		2.65		2.59	
4. Wheat, unground	2.94		3.19		3.14		2.74		2.83		2.81	
5. Bran	2.83		2.76		2.76		2.73		2.74		2.75	
6. Shorts	2.91		2.94		2.92		2.81		2.87		2.87	
7. Middlings	3.06		3.18		3.13		2.81		2.85		2.82	
8. Linseed oil meal	4.72		4.69		4.63		5.19		5.11		5.13	
9. Soybean oil meal	4.38		4.19		4.16		4.90		5.03		5.03	
10. Calf starter (20-24%)	4.99		5.10		5.05		5.19		5.15		5.11	
11. Dairy ration (16%)	3.64		3.73		3.71		3.47		3.49		3.49	
12. Dairy supplement (24%)	4.15		4.26		4.26		-		-		-	
13. Dairy supplement (32%)	-		-		-		5.14		5.05		5.06	
14. Pig starter mash	4.59		4.69		4.69		4.91		4.86		4.88	
15. Hog concentrate (35%)	5.09		5.14		5.10		5.31		5.29		5.27	
16. Hog grower mash	3.64		3.73		3.71		3.57		3.49		3.52	
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%)	4.72		4.86		4.83		4.89		4.95		4.88	
18. Growing mash	4.10		4.18		4.16		4.27		4.25		4.23	
19. Laying mash (18%)	4.16		4.28		4.25		4.24		4.33		4.29	
20. Broiler starter (20-23%)	4.82		4.98		4.88		5.11		5.01		5.00	
21. Turkey growing mash	4.70		4.79		4.77		4.51		4.48		4.52	

TABLE 14. - INDEX NUMBERS OF PREFERRED STOCK PRICES

(1935-39=100)

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
January	152.4	166.0	161.4	161.0	162.6	175.6	175.5	155.9
February	153.0	169.3	160.6	161.6	163.6	176.0	175.3	156.4
March	153.7	166.0	159.5	163.6	165.4	176.2	173.6	154.8
April	154.4	165.2	157.2	161.6	168.0	175.4	171.1	153.4
May	157.3	164.3	157.2	162.9	169.7	176.1	167.7	
June	158.2	162.2	157.7	163.0	170.7	177.9	166.2	
July	154.6	163.1	159.8	163.8	171.3	179.5	167.5	
August	155.6	165.2	163.6	164.3	173.0	179.9	166.1	
September	158.2	166.4	162.4	162.0	173.4	179.0	161.7	
October	161.1	164.2	161.2	161.0	174.1	179.2	158.7	
November	161.1	162.8	160.3	161.6	175.4	177.6	157.0	
December	160.2	159.5	160.7	161.7	175.4	173.9	154.4	
Year	156.7	164.5	160.1	162.3	170.2	177.2	166.2	

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

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
January	135.1	168.6	186.9	197.6	195.4	268.8	322.9	334.9
February	136.7	174.7	183.2	195.9	199.6	278.1	324.4	321.9
March	138.8	170.3	185.3	198.0	204.9	277.5	346.7	
April	141.8	172.3	183.7	190.0	212.7	286.2	351.1	
May	146.9	173.9	183.7	189.6	219.8	285.0	344.2	
June	147.7	171.7	187.6	182.8	221.8	300.7	340.5	
July	138.2	172.8	192.1	185.5	231.1	315.3	356.5	
August	147.2	181.5	191.1	187.3	236.4	311.0	357.3	
September	151.7	187.3	188.2	179.2	238.5	323.2	343.6	
October	157.8	185.0	183.4	183.4	243.5	306.2	336.8	
November	156.1	177.7	189.8	187.5	252.2	321.5	334.3	
December	158.4	182.5	197.0	190.7	264.5	327.0	339.6	
Year	146.4	176.5	187.7	189.0	226.7	300.0	341.5	

TABLE 16. - INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES

(1935-39=100)

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS' INDEX										
	Inves-	Total	Machin-	Pulp	Tex-	Food	Build-				
	tors'	Indus-	ery and	and	titles	and	ing				
Total	(95)	(75)	(10)	(9)	(2)	(5)	(8)	(14)	(10)	(15)	
1939	91.6	91.2	100.9	81.7	100.6	83.6	95.0	109.6	98.1	98.3	
1940	77.4	74.2	88.9	90.7	94.2	62.2	121.8	103.3	100.8	90.6	
1941	67.5	63.9	75.6	68.8	70.6	50.0	105.4	91.0	95.9	78.3	
1942	64.2	60.4	76.5	62.9	69.4	47.1	104.0	77.6	97.8	74.5	
1943	83.5	78.6	103.9	92.6	90.5	73.8	121.4	89.5	131.0	89.1	
1944	83.8	78.8	112.8	125.0	99.3	73.1	124.8	97.5	153.3	92.7	
1945	99.6	93.7	134.5	167.3	113.3	78.7	148.7	110.3	222.2	116.0	
1946	115.7	108.6	183.8	255.5	132.4	73.9	193.9	129.1	363.9	149.6	
1947	106.0	99.3	182.6	258.4	120.3	65.9	182.4	125.8	302.3	137.4	
1948	112.5	107.2	220.1	264.0	107.4	74.0	207.5	114.0	308.5	135.7	
1949	109.4	103.1	215.4	242.9	89.9	72.0	208.1	115.7	299.9	143.4	
1950	131.6	127.6	295.5	362.2	87.9	94.2	264.1	122.0	389.0	185.8	
1951	168.3	172.0	420.7	561.2	112.8	140.6	358.0	118.9	434.1	272.5	
1952	173.1	176.6	428.3	515.2	131.0	155.1	277.2	108.6	365.7	283.6	
1953	160.3	160.1	394.8	501.6	131.2	131.0	222.5	120.7	399.3	279.5	
1954	181.2	182.3	480.1	692.9	141.9	144.4	161.7	136.2	479.6	326.1	
1955	232.7	239.6	696.0	995.1	190.6	164.0	177.8	180.4	566.2	434.9	
1956	269.0	282.7	818.8	1,109.9	176.1	221.1	163.0	187.0	548.8	482.1	
<u>1955</u>	Jan. ..	207.3	211.0	554.2	840.5	157.9	161.0	179.6	154.7	511.0	395.9
	Feb. ..	214.7	219.2	592.7	873.6	171.0	162.0	178.2	157.6	518.7	407.4
	Mar. ..	213.7	218.0	616.4	864.5	162.1	158.5	173.0	159.9	511.8	404.6
	Apr. ..	216.5	222.0	641.3	911.0	172.7	157.5	169.4	169.8	507.8	408.6
	May ..	222.1	227.8	658.4	991.4	180.1	154.0	170.0	171.0	556.7	423.7
	June ..	237.1	244.4	726.2	1,044.7	183.8	163.6	172.4	177.2	582.2	447.7
	July ..	246.5	252.8	760.8	1,069.8	197.0	169.2	178.3	187.5	589.3	458.7
	Aug. ..	245.3	252.3	735.6	1,066.9	198.5	164.7	176.2	194.8	592.0	457.2
	Sept. ..	255.9	265.9	794.0	1,098.2	215.1	174.1	183.2	199.6	640.1	467.9
	Oct. ..	239.9	248.9	742.7	1,044.9	227.1	164.1	187.3	196.2	609.8	435.8
	Nov. ..	245.6	255.3	766.5	1,062.5	213.3	168.8	187.7	197.1	593.2	453.8
	Dec. ..	247.6	257.0	763.8	1,073.3	209.1	170.8	178.2	200.0	581.9	457.8
<u>1956</u>	Jan. ..	248.5	257.0	735.6	1,070.0	209.4	175.5	179.9	196.8	583.7	458.4
	Feb. ..	249.2	258.1	728.0	1,077.3	199.2	182.6	174.0	197.3	579.0	464.0
	Mar. ..	267.9	280.3	804.6	1,153.0	199.6	205.2	178.8	199.7	590.4	503.6
	Apr. ..	273.0	286.2	826.4	1,223.9	187.4	210.0	170.9	191.8	577.5	519.5
	May ..	268.5	282.9	848.1	1,192.5	179.8	211.7	160.2	180.8	551.7	488.5
	June ..	267.0	283.0	843.6	1,146.0	167.3	219.4	158.8	181.5	549.1	466.3
	July ..	282.4	299.0	913.7	1,185.8	173.9	234.9	159.5	190.8	565.4	504.5
	Aug. ..	291.8	308.9	915.4	1,175.3	175.2	250.1	158.3	195.5	558.6	514.2
	Sept. ..	278.9	294.4	855.3	1,077.2	166.0	243.7	153.4	183.5	530.9	485.0
	Oct. ..	270.3	284.8	815.7	1,024.9	160.2	236.2	155.3	175.0	518.7	469.8
	Nov. ..	262.3	276.0	762.8	994.2	151.2	239.2	154.8	175.2	487.1	452.0
	Dec. ..	267.8	281.7	776.8	998.9	143.6	244.8	152.4	176.5	493.0	459.6
<u>1957</u>	Jan. ..	273.7	287.3	763.0	1,005.3	147.8	251.6	163.7	181.2	506.3	463.2
	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
<u>Weekly Index</u>											
	Apr. 4	272.2	285.5	788.1	985.6	139.5	254.8	152.5	191.2	484.6	444.8
	Apr. 11	276.6	291.0	803.8	1,001.4	134.8	261.5	149.4	199.7	490.7	447.7
	Apr. 18	282.7	299.4	845.9	999.6	139.6	266.5	152.7	198.2	494.6	463.4
	Apr. 25	283.8	300.8	864.6	1,001.5	138.8	268.8	159.1	201.5	493.6	458.2

TABLE 16. - INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES (Concluded)

(1935-39=100)

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS'S INDEX					MINING INDEX (1)				
	Indus- trial Mines	Total Utili- ties	Trans- porta- tion	Tele- phone	Power and Traction	Banks	Mining Total	Golds	Base Metals	
	(2)	(13)	(2)	(3)	(8)	(7)	(27)	(21)	(6)	
1939	98.9	86.1	56.0	109.3	88.9	102.5	104.5	95.6	121.7	
1940	77.1	80.9	62.5	101.0	80.6	95.6	81.2	73.7	95.6	
1941	69.5	70.7	61.4	96.4	65.8	90.5	72.4	65.1	87.0	
1942	66.5	70.4	65.7	89.2	66.1	81.2	52.3	40.8	75.1	
1943	74.8	101.3	112.8	97.2	99.1	80.5	70.1	61.4	86.8	
1944	69.2	100.8	125.2	100.1	93.3	82.0	81.3	74.1	94.2	
1945	86.9	120.2	178.2	108.8	105.5	95.7	95.2	91.0	101.1	
1946	98.0	132.5	203.5	125.2	114.0	130.0	97.8	87.6	116.1	
1947	90.0	117.3	147.9	117.1	109.1	130.8	86.7	76.0	106.1	
1948	100.5	120.2	180.6	108.3	104.7	129.3	82.0	65.0	115.8	
1949	92.1	117.4	161.6	105.9	109.2	134.4	87.4	71.7	117.9	
1950	98.3	132.5	208.8	103.5	123.7	147.4	89.9	67.4	134.9	
1951	126.0	162.3	325.6	101.4	142.5	144.6	99.2	69.8	166.4	
1952	139.7	168.3	378.6	94.6	139.8	148.4	103.6	73.9	171.5	
1953	118.1	157.2	297.5	99.2	142.4	168.9	92.1	66.2	151.3	
1954	123.2	165.0	291.6	111.0	150.2	208.0	91.3	64.8	151.9	
1955	184.3	197.0	365.8	125.5	181.2	246.3	116.9	72.3	219.0	
1956	218.6	206.3	375.0	123.8	208.1	275.8	134.4	75.8	268.7	
<u>1955</u>	Jan.	152.5	181.0	329.6	117.5	165.6	230.8	102.7	68.3	181.3
	Feb.	164.8	184.0	336.6	119.4	167.7	241.1	106.4	69.3	191.3
	Mar.	162.8	185.2	339.7	119.8	168.9	236.5	105.7	69.0	189.6
	Apr.	166.3	185.6	338.8	118.1	173.6	233.0	110.2	71.1	199.8
	May	170.8	191.7	362.5	122.1	173.4	234.4	114.2	72.8	209.0
	June	188.1	202.9	388.7	128.0	183.1	243.3	121.5	75.9	226.0
	July	194.8	208.9	391.7	130.9	194.3	270.6	125.7	75.0	241.8
	Aug.	203.0	207.0	383.2	129.5	195.2	263.2	129.1	76.3	250.0
	Sept.	212.4	211.2	390.8	132.2	199.3	259.0	129.0	75.3	252.0
	Oct.	191.2	200.6	371.0	129.6	182.1	240.0	117.6	71.0	224.2
	Nov.	200.8	201.4	370.6	129.6	184.7	250.8	119.6	71.2	230.2
	Dec.	204.5	204.2	386.1	129.3	186.0	253.4	121.4	72.6	233.0
<u>1956</u>	Jan.	205.3	206.5	385.4	129.4	192.6	260.0	125.2	75.8	238.1
	Feb.	200.6	204.1	373.3	129.5	190.6	264.2	125.1	76.7	235.8
	Mar.	217.0	210.2	399.3	131.0	194.3	276.8	134.4	79.4	260.2
	Apr.	222.1	209.3	394.8	127.7	200.2	288.7	136.8	78.8	269.7
	May	218.0	204.2	370.2	125.2	201.0	271.7	136.5	78.8	268.5
	June	217.2	199.8	356.8	119.2	206.0	260.7	136.4	76.7	273.1
	July	223.5	207.9	361.7	122.2	222.4	287.4	144.0	79.5	291.5
	Aug.	237.3	215.7	389.1	124.9	228.0	295.4	147.1	79.5	301.9
	Sept.	228.2	209.2	380.0	121.1	220.1	283.8	137.4	74.1	282.2
	Oct.	223.4	205.1	370.9	119.5	215.0	275.3	133.5	72.5	273.3
	Nov.	211.9	200.3	351.5	117.8	212.5	268.8	127.4	68.6	262.2
	Dec.	219.0	203.6	367.1	118.3	214.4	276.2	129.4	68.9	267.8
<u>1957</u>	Jan.	228.4	207.5	363.5	118.4	227.9	289.9	129.9	70.6	265.7
	Feb.	211.8	203.6	343.2	116.5	228.9	271.3	122.2	69.3	243.2
	Mar.	218.2	209.2	364.2	115.7	239.0	266.2	123.3	68.1	249.6
	Apr.	225.5	212.5	385.8	114.0	243.6	277.5	128.0	72.4	255.4
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
Apr. 4	218.5	212.1	382.9	113.8	244.0	276.7	126.0	69.2	256.0	
Apr. 11	221.3	212.7	390.7	114.0	242.0	279.1	128.6	72.7	256.7	
Apr. 18	232.4	212.7	384.3	113.8	245.2	276.6	130.1	73.5	259.6	
Apr. 25	229.9	212.6	385.2	114.5	243.1	277.7	127.4	74.1	249.5	

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

TABLE 17. - 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	1956	1956	1957	1957
		Average	Average	April Average	March Average	April Average
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	.9863	.9841	.9968	.9561	.9597
United Kingdom	pound	2.7535	2.7516	2.7993	2.6710	2.6771
Argentina	peso (free)	.06386	.02826	.02540	.02467	.02385
Australia	pound	2.2054	2.2014	2.2394	2.1368	2.1417
Belgium (1)	franc	.01964	.01972	.01998	.01903	.01909
Brazil	cruzeiro (free)	.01344	.01355	.01319	.01470	.01436
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.5737	.5733	.5832	.5564	.5577
Ceylon	rupee	.2065	.2064	.2100	.2003	.2008
Chile	peso	.00493	.00232	.00213	.00172	.00169
Colombia	peso (basic)	.3945	.3937	.3987	.3824	.3839
Cuba	peso	.9863	.9841	.9968	.9561	.9597
Denmark	krone	.1428	.1425	.1443	.1384	.1389
Egypt	pound	2.8322	2.8262	2.8623	2.7454	2.7558
France and North Africa	franc	.00282	.00281	.00285	.00273	.00274
Germany	deutsche mark	.2343	.2342	.2365	.2275	.2284
Hong Kong	dollar	.1721	.1720	.1750	.1669	.1673
India	rupee	.2065	.2064	.2100	.2003	.2008
Ireland	pound	2.7535	2.7516	2.7993	2.6710	2.6771
Italy	lira	.00158	.00158	.00160	.00154	.00154
Jamaica	pound	2.7535	2.7516	2.7993	2.6710	2.6771
Japan	yen	.00274	.00273	.00277	.00266	.00267
Lebanon	pound (free)	.3046	.3056	.3085	.2989	.2998
Mexico	peso	.07890	.07873	.07974	.07649	.07678
Netherlands	guilder	.2588	.2571	.2605	.2498	.2509
New Zealand	pound	2.7535	2.7516	2.7993	2.6710	2.6771
Norway	krone	.1381	.1378	.1396	.1338	.1344
Pakistan	rupee	.2597	.2064	.2099	.2003	.2008
Peru	sol-certificat	.05191	.05179	.05246	.05032	.05051
Philippines	peso	.4931	.4920	.4984	.4780	.4799
Portugal	escudo	.03442	.03434	.03479	.03337	.03349
Singapore	dollar	.3213	.3210	.3266	.3116	.3124
Sweden	krona	.1906	.1902	.1927	.1848	.1855
Switzerland	franc	.2301	.2297	.2326	.2230	.2239
Turkey	lira	.3522	.3514	.3560	.3414	.3428
Union of South Africa	pound	2.7535	2.7516	2.7993	2.6710	2.6771
Venezuela	bolivar	.2944	.2937	.2976	.2854	.2865
Yugoslavia	dinar	.00329	.00328	.00332	.00319	.00320

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

(1) Includes Belgian Empire and Luxemburg.

TABLE 18. - INDEX NUMBERS OF CONSUMER AND WHOLESALE PRICES

IN CANADA AND OTHER SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

Country	Base Period	1949	1956	1956		1957			
				Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
<u>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1952 - 53		108.0(1)		114.2				
Canada	1949	100.0	118.1	120.3	120.4	120.3	120.5	120.5	120.9
France (Paris) ..	1949	100.0	147.1	148.2	148.1	148.5	148.9	147.3	147.1
Germany	1950	107	113	114	114	114	114	114	114
India	1949	100	96(7)	110	109				
Italy	1938	4,915	6,266	6,277	6,311	6,373			
Japan	1951	92.2	118.4	118.5	120.1	121.3			
Mexico	1939	335.9	575.3	582.5	570.7	568.4	563.8		
Netherlands	1951		108	109	110	115(r)	115		
Norway	1949	100	148	149	150	150			
South Africa	1938	153.2	205.9	207.2	207.3	208.2	208.5	208.9	
Sweden	1949	100	139	141	142	144	144		
Switzerland	August 1939		175	177.2	177.4	177.1	176.8	176.3	
United Kingdom ..	Jan. 17, 1956(3)		102.0	103.1	103.4	104.4	104.3	104.1	
United States ...	1947 - 49	101.8	116.2	117.8	118.0	118.2	118.7	118.9	
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</u>									
Australia	1936 - 39		334(1)	342	343	343	345		
Canada	1935 - 39	198.3	225.6	226.6	228.1	229.4	228.4	228.4	228.4
France	1949		141.6	143.0	144.3	144.9	144.4	143.6	143.8
Germany	1950		125(7)	131	131	131	130		
India	1938 - 39		360.3(2)	427.7	428.9				
Italy	1938	5,169	5,380	5,373	5,427	5,393			
Japan (Tokyo) ...	1952		102.2	105.6	106.4	106.7	106.6		
Mexico (Mexico City)	1939	268.1	530.9	531.9	534.4	532.3	528.2		
Netherlands	1948	104	140	143	144	145			
Norway	1952		108	110	111	111			
South Africa	1938	184.7	275.3	277.9	279.2	278.9			
Sweden	1935	216	325	325	328	329	326		
Switzerland	August 1939		215.0(7)	224.5	225.1	224.4	223.3	222.7	
United Kingdom ..	June 30, 1949(4)		156.2	159.2	161.6	160.8	159.6(r)	158.7	
United Kingdom ..	June 30, 1949(5)		135.6	136.7	137.3	138.0(r)	138.2(r)	138.3	
United States ...	1947 - 49	99.2	110.7(7)	115.9	116.3	116.9	117.0	116.9	

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

3. Publication of interim series (17 June 1947 = 100) discontinued.

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

5. All manufactured products other than fuel, food and tobacco. 6. June 1956. 7. Average 1955.

Appearing in this BulletinWHOLESALE PRICE INDEXESCanadian Farm Products

Wheat prices used in this index are buying prices of Canadian Wheat Board, for Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Manitoba Northern at Fort William-Port Arthur. The initial payment price is first used and revised as further payments are announced.

For the crop year 1954/55, the initial price for No. 1 of \$1.40 was used until February 1956, when the index was revised for the crop year on the basis of a price of \$1.50 as announced February 2, 1956. Final payments were announced May 22, 1956 when the price for No. 1 Manitoba Northern was adjusted to \$1.65, No. 2 to \$1.61 and No. 3 to \$1.56 and the index revised accordingly. For the crop year 1955/56, the index is based on an initial payment of \$1.40 for No. 1, plus an interim payment of 10 cents announced January 30th, 1957. Indexes subsequent to July 1955 are subject to revision.

Commencing August 1, 1949, western oats and barley were brought under control of the Canadian Wheat Board. Prices used for Canadian farm products since that time have been initial payments to farmers with participation payments included whenever they are announced. Final payments for the 1953-54 crop year were announced October 12, 1954 for barley, and October 29, 1954 for oats. For the 1954-55 crop year final payments were announced November 22, and December 1, respectively. For the 1955-56 crop year final payments were announced November 29 and November 15, respectively.

The Residential Building Materials Price Index (1935-1939 = 100)

This index, which was first published in 1949, was developed to meet the need for a measurement of the price change of that part of housing costs represented by materials. In addition to the composite index which measures the price change of all materials used in residential construction, price indexes are published for nine component material groups. The weights for individual material items and groups of items within the index were based on the estimated material requirement for a national housing target for the year 1946, and the index was calculated on the base 1935-1939=100. However, to facilitate comparisons of its movements with those of the new non-residential series, Table 5 shows it arithmetically converted to the base 1949=100. Additional information concerning this index may be found in the special bulletin "Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials, 1926 to 1948", obtainable for 10 cents on request to the Dominion Statistician.

The Non-Residential Building Materials Price Index (1949 = 100)

A second special purpose price index related to the construction industry titled "Non-Residential Building Materials Price Index" is shown in Table 6. This index has been constructed specifically to measure the price change of materials used in non-residential building construction. It supplements a price index applicable to materials used in residential construction which has been available for some years. The new index has been constructed on the base 1949=100, using weights obtained from data on cost of building materials provided by general and trade contractors for a sample of buildings constructed in Canada during the years 1948-1950.

The methods of constructing the index are explained in some detail in D.B.S. Reference Paper No. 43, entitled "Non-Residential Building Materials Price Index, 1935-1952", which was released on August 21, 1953 and which is available for the sum of 25 cents on request to the Dominion Statistician. This publication also comments on the uses and limitations of the index, and provides the total index by years from 1935 to 1952, and by months for the period January 1949-July 1953. Price indexes for twelve principal component material groups have been calculated by months from January 1949 to July 1953 and these indexes are also contained in the above mentioned publication.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES

Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index was constructed to replace the Cost-of-Living Index and was first published October 23, 1952.

While the Consumer Price Index is an entirely new index constructed from post-war expenditure patterns, it serves the same purpose as the Cost-of-Living Index. That is, it measures the average percentage change in retail prices of goods and services bought by a large and representative group of Canadian urban families. The change in title was made to clarify the fact that the index is a measure of price change and is not affected by changes in standards of living.

In a special report entitled "The Consumer Price Index, January 1949-August 1952,"* the Bureau published an explanation of the construction of the new index and a record of its movements from January 1949 to August 1952. This report contains detailed information on such aspects of the new index as purpose, family coverage, base period, and details of items included as well as their relative importance. It also gives the formula used in calculating the index, outlines methods of price collection and explains special features of the index, such as the methods of incorporating seasonal variations in food consumption, and changes in the price element of home-ownership costs.

Nineteen forty-nine was selected as a reference level or base period for the Consumer Price Index for a variety of reasons. It is the most satisfactory post-war reference year, not only for price index comparisons, but also for other economic indicators. In addition, prices during 1949 were relatively stable. Dating from the termination of World War II there has been a steady shift of interest from pre-war to post-war comparisons in all fields of economic activity. Conditions have changed greatly since 1935-1939 and concern with things as they existed at that time has steadily declined. These circumstances are similar to those which led to the abandonment of 1900, 1913, and 1926 as base periods.

The index is based on goods and services reported purchased during the year ending August 31, 1948 by 1,517 families, representing all Canadian families with the following characteristics: (a) living in 27 Canadian cities with over 30,000 population; (b) ranging in size from two adults to two adults with four children; (c) with annual incomes during the survey year ranging from \$1,650 to \$4,050.

To measure the influence of price change on the cost of goods and services purchased by such families, the Consumer Price Index contains 224 items.

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities: Consumer Price Indexes are published monthly in this bulletin for the following cities or city combinations: St. John's, Halifax, Saint John, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Saskatoon-Regina, Edmonton-Calgary and Vancouver. With the exception of the index for St. John's, Newfoundland, which is constructed on the base June 1, 1951 = 100, all indexes are on the base 1949 = 100. The regional indexes with the exception of the one for

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

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

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

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

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

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES

Price index numbers of industrial, utility, bank and mining common stocks, and preferred stocks are calculated from Montreal and Toronto exchange quotations. The indexes are designed to reflect weekly and monthly changes of interest to the investor, rather than day-to-day changes of more speculative interest. Individual stock prices are weighted by the number of shares outstanding in January of each year. The list is reviewed completely in January of each year, when new series are introduced and series of declining importance are discontinued. The Investors' Index of 95 Common Stocks and the Mining Stocks Index are based on the average of the Thursday closing prices. The Preferred Stock Index is a monthly average of daily quotations.

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