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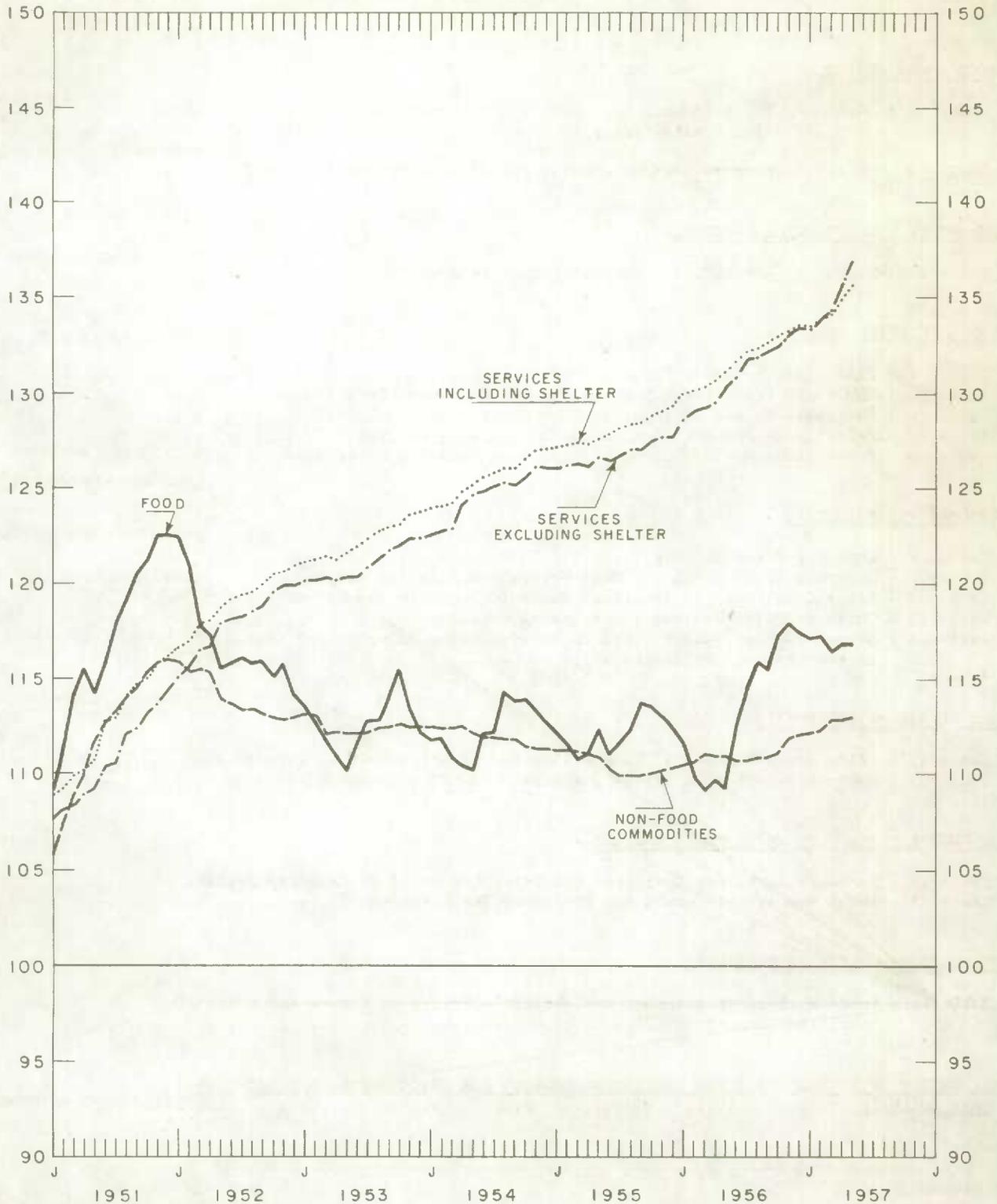
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# CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

FOOD, NON-FOOD COMMODITIES, SERVICES INCLUDING AND EXCLUDING SHELTER

MONTHLY, JANUARY 1951 - APRIL 1957

1949 = 100



# PRICE INDEXES OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

MAY 1957

1949 = 100

INDEX

160

150

140

130

120

110

100

90

## LEGEND

- TOTAL
- MAJOR GROUPS

HARDWARE

STEEL AND METAL WORK

PAINT AND GLASS

ROOFING MATERIALS

BLOCKS, BRICK AND STONE

TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL

LUMBER AND LUMBER PROD.

PLUMBING, HEATING AND  
OTHER EQUIPMENT

AGGREGATE, CEMENT AND  
CONCRETE MIX

TILE

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT  
AND MATERIALS

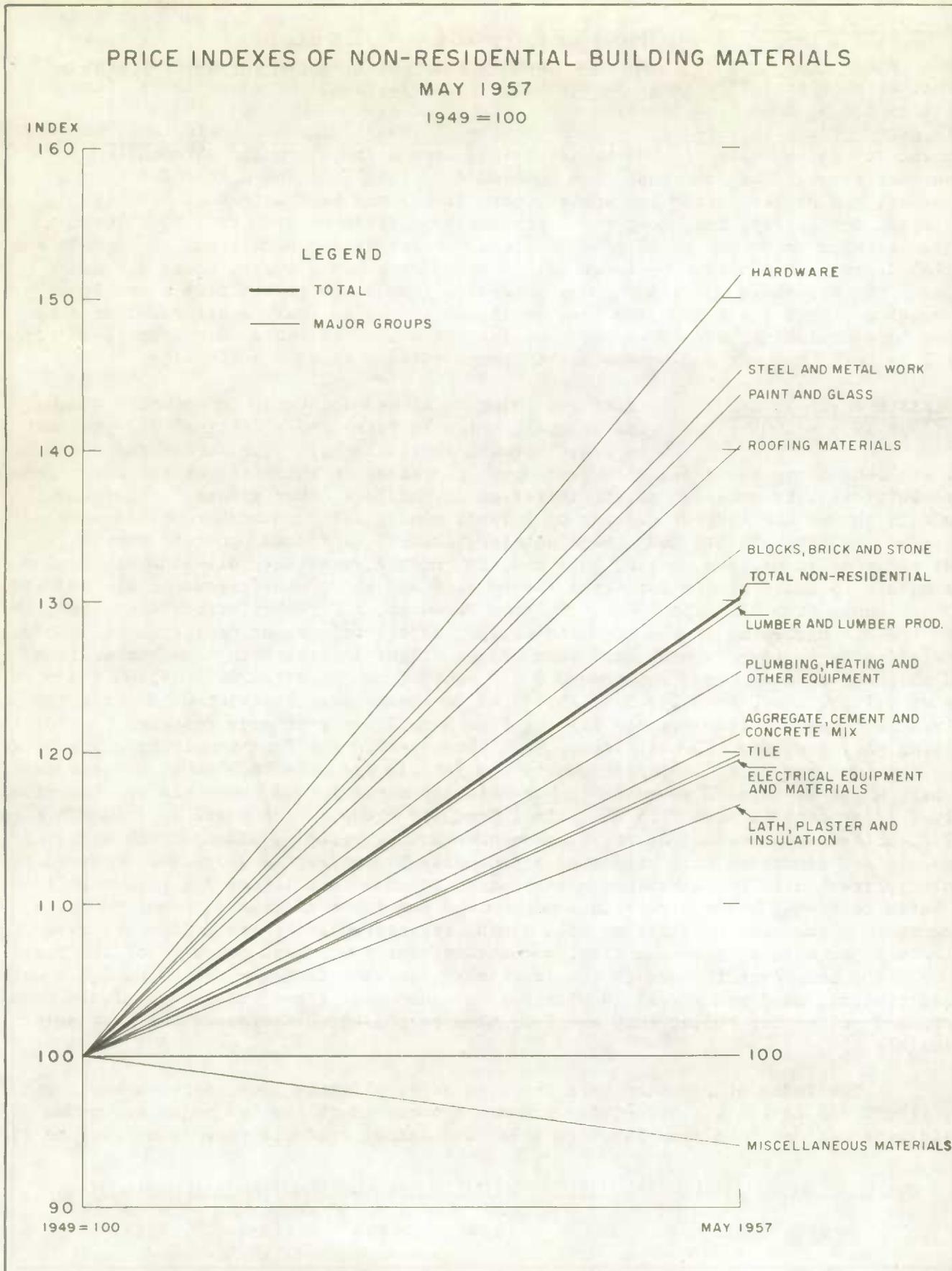
LATH, PLASTER AND  
INSULATION

100

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS

1949 = 100

MAY 1957



THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:  
(1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index increased 0.2 per cent from 120.9 to 121.1 between April and May 1957. A year ago the index stood at 116.6. In the current month, a further substantial increase in the Other Commodities and Services index, from 125.1 to 126.3, accounted for almost all of the change in the total index. In this group prices advanced for a wide variety of items: theatre admissions, street car and bus fares, haircuts and hairdressing, newspapers, beer and automobile insurance rates. The Food index was unchanged at 116.7. A sharp increase in tomatoes, and higher prices for apples, corn flakes and beef were balanced by decreases for coffee, tea, most pork cuts and some fresh vegetables. The Clothing index was also unchanged at 108.5. Scattered increases for such items as women's and girls' dresses were offset by lower sale prices for women's spring coats and men's shoes. The Household Operation index decreased from 119.4 to 119.2 as a result of seasonal declines for coal which were partially offset by small scattered increases among homefurnishings and household supplies. The Shelter index rose from 134.0 to 134.2 as both the rent and homeownership components advanced fractionally.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES:  
(1935-1939 = 100)

After remaining unchanged for three consecutive months, the General Wholesale Price Index declined 0.2 per cent to 228.0 between April and May. The latest index stands 1.2 per cent above the index of a year ago. Decreases in three of the component groups were sufficient to outweigh slight increases in the five other groups. Vegetable Products showed the largest decline of 1.5 per cent. Although higher prices were recorded for fresh fruits and unmanufactured tobacco, decreases occurred over a wide range of items, e.g. sugar, potatoes, raw rubber, vegetable oils and all grains. Due mainly to lower prices for brass sheet, lead and zinc, Non-ferrous Metals decreased 1.3 per cent, from 182.7 to 180.4. In Wood Products, fir timber prices decreased, and with the strengthening of the Canadian dollar, export prices for newsprint and woodpulp were effectively lower, which more than offset slight increases in some lumber items and matches, to move the group down 0.3 per cent, from 301.2 to 300.4. Iron Products was up 1.1 per cent, from 249.8 to 252.6, as decreases were restricted to scrap iron and galvanized sheet, while advances ranging from 3 to 7 per cent were recorded for forgings, rolling mill products and cast iron pipe. Increases in the four remaining groups were less than one per cent. Animal Products and Textile Products both moved 0.3 per cent higher, while the upward movement in Non-metallic Minerals and Chemicals was fractional, only 0.1 per cent in both. In the Animal Products group, which moved up from 236.6 to 237.2, price increases and decreases were numerous; livestock, hides, fresh meats, pork products and condensed milk prices were generally higher, while decreases occurred for poultry, fresh milk in Saskatchewan and butter in some localities; egg prices followed no definite trend, being higher in some centres and lower in others. Wool products, ranging from raw wool to finished wool cloth, registered increased prices, to overbalance a decrease in grey sheeting, and account for the upward movement of the Textiles group. The main contributors to the fractional increase in Non-metallic Minerals were plaster, lime, sand and gravel in Winnipeg and some coal items; in the Chemicals group increased prices for toilet soap and lump alum overbalanced decreases for most paint materials.

The index of Canadian Farm Products edged slightly lower between April and May from 207.5 to 206.4. Offsetting movements occurred in the two major groups as Field Products declined from 159.9 to 157.5 and Animal Products rose from 255.1 to 255.3.

In the Field group, lower grain and potato prices, chiefly in the East, more than offset slight gains for Eastern tobacco and hay. A minor increase for Animal Products reflected higher prices for hogs, steers on Western markets, and lambs in the East. Partially offsetting declines occurred in calves, steers in the East, and lambs, eggs and fluid milk on Western markets. Regional total index movements were divergent as the Eastern series changed from 225.7 to 223.0 and the Western index from 189.3 to 189.8.

Table 2 in this issue presents finally revised indexes for the crop year August 1955 to July 1956. These now include final participation payments for Western wheat as announced on May 15, 1957 by the Canadian Wheat Board. Similar payments for oats and barley had been incorporated earlier. Indexes subsequent to July 1956 include only initial payments for Western wheat, oats and barley, and are subject to revision as and when interim and final payments are announced.

The index of Residential Building Material Prices advanced from 293.6 to 294.5 between April and May, reflecting small increases in four groups viz: Lath, Plaster and Insulation; Plumbing and Heating; Lumber; and Cement, Sand and Gravel.

The index of Non-residential Building Material Prices, on the base 1949 = 100, remained practically unchanged, moving from 130.1 to 130.2 in this period. Among commodity price changes increases were noted for interior plaster, a few Douglas Fir descriptions and cold rolled steel sheets, while lower quotations were apparent for concrete mix in the West, and copper pipe.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:  
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 95 common stocks advanced 3.2 per cent between April and May from 278.8 to 287.6.

Major group indexes were firmer, as indicated by the following advances: 3.6 per cent for 75 Industrials, from 294.2 to 304.8; 1.7 per cent for 13 Utilities from 212.5 to 216.1; and 0.5 per cent for 7 Banks from 277.5 to 279.0. Sub-group index increases were led by Milling (12.2 per cent), Oils (6.0), Beverages (5.1) and Machinery and Equipment (5.1). Three sub-groups showed a slightly weaker tendency: Telephones, Industrial Mines, and Pulp and Paper.

The composite index of 27 Mining stocks declined 3.0 per cent in this period, from 128.0 to 124.2. Losses in 6 Base Metals lowered this index 8.3 per cent, from 255.4 to 234.2, to overbalance a gain of 5.2 per cent for 21 Gold stocks from 72.4 to 76.2.

The Preferred Stock index receded from 153.4 in April to 153.1 in May.

TABLE 1. - SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE INDEXES

	INDEXES				PERCENTAGE CHANGES		
	May	May	April	May	May	May	May
	1955	1956	1957	1957	1955	1956	1957
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100) (1)</u>							
<u>GENERAL INDEX</u>	217.8	225.4	228.4	228.0	+ 4.7	+ 1.2	- 0.2
Vegetable Products	197.1	198.6	200.5	197.5	+ 0.2	- 0.6	- 1.5
Animal Products	224.8	221.4	236.6	237.2	+ 5.5	+ 7.1	+ 0.3
Textile Products	226.6	228.9	236.4	237.1	+ 4.6	+ 3.6	+ 0.3
Wood Products	293.6	306.0	301.2	300.4	+ 2.3	- 1.8	- 0.3
Iron Products	217.3	237.0	249.8	252.6	+ 16.2	+ 6.6	+ 1.1
Non-ferrous Metals	184.2	207.2	182.7	180.4	- 2.1	- 12.9	- 1.3
Non-metallic Minerals	173.3	178.9	188.6	188.8	+ 8.9	+ 5.5	+ 0.1
Chemical Products	176.5	181.2	182.2	182.4	+ 3.3	+ 0.7	+ 0.1
<u>CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS (1) (2)</u>							
<u>Eastern Total</u>	220.9	214.7	207.5	206.4	-	-	-
Western Total	238.8	231.9	225.7	223.0	-	-	-
Field	203.1	197.6	189.3	189.8	-	-	-
Animal	198.5	191.5	159.9	157.5	-	-	-
	243.4	238.0	255.1	255.3	-	-	-
<u>SELECTED PRICE INDEXES (1)</u>							
Canadian Industrial Materials	233.2	247.8	246.2	242.3	+ 3.9	- 2.2	- 1.6
Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	123.1	129.1	128.8	129.2	+ 5.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Non-Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	121.8	127.2	130.1	130.2	+ 6.9	+ 2.4	+ 0.1
<u>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (1949=100)</u>							
<u>TOTAL INDEX</u>	116.4	116.6	120.9	121.1	+ 4.0	+ 3.9	+ 0.2
Food	112.3	109.3	116.7	116.7	+ 3.9	+ 6.8	-
Shelter	128.8	132.1	134.0	134.2	+ 4.2	+ 1.6	+ 0.1
Clothing	107.9	108.8	108.5	108.5	+ 0.6	- 0.3	-
Household Operation	116.4	116.5	119.4	119.2	+ 2.4	+ 2.3	- 0.2
Other Commodities and Services	118.3	120.5	125.1	126.3	+ 6.8	+ 4.8	+ 1.0
<u>SECURITY PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100)</u>							
<u>TOTAL INVESTORS' INDEX</u>	222.1	268.5	278.8	287.6	+ 29.5	+ 7.1	+ 3.2
Total Industrials	227.8	282.9	294.2	304.8	+ 33.8	+ 7.7	+ 3.6
Machinery & Equipment	658.4	848.1	825.6	868.0	+ 31.8	+ 2.3	+ 5.1
Pulp & Paper	991.4	1,192.5	997.0	996.4	+ 0.5	- 16.4	- 0.1
Milling	180.1	179.8	138.2	155.0	- 13.9	- 13.8	+12.2
Oils	154.0	211.7	262.9	278.8	+ 81.0	+ 31.7	+ 6.0
Textiles & Clothing	170.0	160.2	153.4	157.2	- 7.5	- 1.9	+ 2.5
Foods	171.0	180.8	197.6	204.7	+ 19.7	+ 13.2	+ 3.6
Beverages	556.7	551.7	490.9	516.0	- 7.3	- 6.5	+ 5.1
Building Materials	423.7	488.5	453.5	470.9	+ 11.1	- 3.6	+ 3.8
Industrial Mines	170.8	218.0	225.5	223.9	+ 31.1	+ 2.7	- 0.7
Total Utilities	191.7	204.2	212.5	216.1	+ 12.7	+ 5.8	+ 1.7
Transportation	362.5	370.2	385.8	397.2	+ 9.6	+ 7.3	+ 3.0
Telephone	122.1	125.2	114.0	113.1	- 7.4	- 9.7	- 0.8
Power and Traction	173.4	201.0	243.6	251.9	+ 45.3	+ 25.3	+ 3.4
Banks	234.4	271.7	277.5	279.0	+ 19.0	+ 2.7	+ 0.5
<u>MINING STOCKS</u>							
General Index	114.2	136.5	128.0	124.2	+ 8.8	- 9.0	- 3.0
Gold	72.8	78.8	72.4	76.2	+ 4.7	- 3.3	+ 5.2
Base Metals	209.0	268.5	255.4	234.2	+ 12.1	- 12.8	- 8.3

(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 Apr. ....	218.5	210.4	223.5	233.1	202.0	238.7	220.3
May .....	217.8	209.5	223.1	233.2	198.5	243.4	220.9
June .....	218.7	210.2	224.0	236.2	189.4	250.0	219.7
July .....	218.4	210.1	223.6	237.1	185.2	249.5	217.4
Aug. ....	219.7	210.7	225.4	240.9	172.7	250.6	211.7
Sept. ....	220.9	212.2	226.4	241.1	167.6	251.6	209.6
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

(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 31 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)

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
May ....	228.0	197.5	174.5	150.6	186.9	207.4	173.9	188.3	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	
May ....	271.1	199.0	214.6	341.4	184.8	230.6	209.1	186.4	

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, 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 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
May ....	237.2	297.1	92.0	117.9	202.1	218.7	283.5	322.2

## - 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 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	229.9	167.6	138.3
May ....	287.9	315.1	213.8	138.6	232.2	228.6	163.2	136.6

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

(1935-39 = 100)

- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS -								
Date	Total Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products	Raw Cotton	Cotton Yarns	Cotton Fabrics	Cotton Knit Goods	Miscel- laneous Fibre Products	Silk and Nylon Thread	Rayon Fabrics
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
May ....	237.1	285.4	244.6	237.3	222.3	207.6	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 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
May ....	178.4	288.0	255.7	232.7	230.9	295.0	262.2	231.9

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

(1935-39 = 100)

## - WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER -

Date	Total Wood Products	Lumber and Timber	Spruce	Hardwoods	Hemlock	Fir	Cedar	Woodpulp	Newsprint	Wrapping 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
May ....	300.4	436.1	414.2	334.9	381.2	519.5	409.0	214.6	295.0	240.3

## - IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS -

	Total Iron Products	Pig Iron	Rolling Mill Products	Pipe and Tubing	Hardware	Wire	Scrap Iron and Steel	Tin Plate and Galvanized 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
May ....	252.6	295.3	240.1	262.6	263.4	292.2	366.0	239.7

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

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	- NON-FERROUS METALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -									Combined Index Iron and Non- Ferrous Metals (2)
	Total Non- Ferrous Metals		Anti- mony	Copper and Its Pro- ducts	Lead and Its Pro- ducts	Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Pro- ducts	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
May ....	180.4	248.8	175.6	293.7	305.1	225.3	181.1	270.6	205.4	251.0

Date	- 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 Jan. ....	179.2	231.2	158.3	179.6	271.6	228.1	270.2
Feb. ....	179.4	231.2	159.2	180.1	271.6	228.1	270.2
Mar. ....	180.0	237.3	159.2	181.4	271.6	228.1	270.2
Apr. ....	180.2	239.2	159.2	183.2	271.6	228.1	270.2
May ....	178.9	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

(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 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
May ....	217.0	175.6	144.0	140.2	215.1	168.7	204.9

## - 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 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
May ....	135.4	202.5	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 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
May. ....	182.4	147.3	168.2	191.6	204.9	294.5

## - 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
May. ....	143.6	206.9	156.5	146.1	210.6

TABLE 4. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity <sup>1/</sup>	Unit	Yearly	May	April	May
		Average 1956	1956	1957	1957
		\$	\$	\$	\$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern .....	bu.	1.730	1.750	1.672	1.638
OATS, No. 2 C.W. ....	bu.	.859	.886	.759	.756
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed .....	bu.	1.057	1.151	.930	.930
RYE, No. 2 C.W. ....	bu.	1.252	1.225	1.085	1.011
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto .....	100-lb. bag	5.800	5.800	5.800	5.800
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal ....	cwt.	7.299	7.172	10.494	10.246
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal .....	gal.	1.742	1.930	1.190	1.130
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's .....	lb.	.672	.665	.605	.585
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John .....	75-lb. bag	2.310	2.820	1.706	1.590
STEERS, Toronto .....	cwt.	19.408	18.540	19.940	19.610
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included) .....	cwt.	25.985	23.320	28.500	29.050
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers .....	lb.	.153	.145	.120	.125
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	.330	.350
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade, Montreal .....	lb.	.586	.582	.595	.591
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal .....	doz.	.578	.557	.450	.451
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 1", New York <sup>2/</sup> ...	lb.	-	.364	.340	.339
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	.550	.550
WOOL, Raw, Australian, 64's, clean .....	lb.	1.438	1.440	1.620	1.710
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Mill, in Canadian funds (Southern Quebec) .....	ton	113.110	113.760	113.362	112.963
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	89.250	89.750	89.750
PIG IRON, Malleable .....	gr.ton	-	61.000	68.070	68.070
SCRAP IRON, No. 1 .....	gr.ton	50.583	52.000	51.000	49.000
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	14.620
TIN INGOTS, 99.8% .....	lb.	1.011	.981	.974	.965
ZINC, Grade "A", Electrolytic, domestic sales .....	cwt.	14.844	14.850	14.100	12.490
COAL, United States Anthracite .....	ton	19.419	18.400	19.940	19.940
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto .....	gal.	.226	.226	.233	.233
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Winnipeg .....	gal.	.224	.224	.231	.199
CEMENT, Portland, Toronto .....	bb1.	3.390	3.370	3.440	3.440
CEMENT, Portland, Calgary .....	bb1.	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

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

<sup>2/</sup> Previous to August 1956 quotation referred to 15/16".

TABLE 5. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	Total Index* (1949=100)	- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -									
		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
May. ....	129.2	294.5	153.7	223.5	418.5	138.7	255.5	223.9	227.2	213.9	254.1

\* 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	- 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
1956 .....	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
May ....	130.2	121.3	133.4	119.8	129.6	125.3	119.5
		Steel and Metal Work	Hardware	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 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
May ....	145.1	151.6		116.5	140.3	143.6	94.0

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> April	115.6	110.4	125.6	109.9	118.1	117.2
May	115.5	110.2	125.8	109.9	117.3	117.5
June	116.1	112.0	126.4	109.7	117.1	117.5
July	116.2	112.1	126.6	109.6	117.2	117.6
August	117.0	114.4	127.0	109.6	117.2	117.7
September	116.8	113.8	127.2	109.5	117.2	117.6
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

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

(1949 = 100)

	1954	1955	1956	May 1955	May 1956	Mar. 1957	Apr. 1957	May 1957
<u>Total Index</u>	116.2	116.4	118.1	116.4	116.6	120.5	120.9	121.1
<u>Food</u>	112.2	112.1	113.4	112.3	109.3	116.4	116.7	116.7
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	111.8	111.9	112.1	111.7	111.7	116.1	116.2	116.2
Cereal Products	122.4	122.0	125.0	121.6	123.3	131.5	132.1	132.4
Miscellaneous Groceries	121.9	123.1	121.8	124.6	121.3	128.7	129.1	128.9
<u>Shelter</u>	126.5	129.4	132.5	128.8	132.1	134.0	134.0	134.2
Rent	129.8	133.3	135.6	132.7	135.2	137.2	137.2	137.4
Home-Ownership	122.2	124.4	128.4	123.7	128.1	129.7	129.8	129.9
<u>Clothing</u>	109.4	108.0	108.6	107.9	108.8	108.2	108.5	108.5
Men's Wear	113.8	113.0	113.4	112.9	113.3	115.0	115.6	115.7
Women's Wear	100.9	98.4	98.9	98.3	99.5	96.4	96.3	96.4
Children's Wear	107.5	106.2	105.9	106.3	106.1	104.6	105.0	105.0
Footwear	127.6	127.3	129.6	127.0	129.1	131.1	132.0	131.7
Piece Goods	108.7	108.4	108.5	108.4	108.2	110.5	111.6	111.7
<u>Household Operation</u>	117.4	116.4	117.1	116.4	116.5	119.5	119.4	119.2
Fuel	114.9	112.7	114.8	111.5	113.9	120.6	120.2	118.5
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	112.8	114.8	114.7	114.8
Furniture	117.6	115.9	116.2	116.4	116.1	119.0	119.3	119.6
Utensils and Equipment	122.1	123.1	125.5	122.7	124.7	128.8	130.2	130.3
Supplies and Services	121.8	122.9	124.2	122.7	123.7	126.1	126.1	126.6
Supplies	115.8	116.3	117.2	116.1	117.1	117.7	117.7	119.2
Services	126.0	127.4	129.1	127.2	128.2	131.8	131.8	131.7
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	117.4	118.1	120.9	118.3	120.5	124.2	125.1	126.3
Transportation	120.0	118.5	123.3	119.0	122.2	129.1	129.1	130.1
Automobile Operation	114.7	111.0	112.1	112.5	111.9	119.6	119.6	120.3
Recreation	119.5	122.6	125.3	123.2	125.9	127.0	127.0	130.2
Health Care	127.4	130.4	134.2	130.3	134.0	138.1	143.1	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	107.5	107.6	108.6	108.6	109.6
Personal Care	117.9	118.0	120.5	117.7	119.2	125.5	125.7	127.2
Personal Supplies	113.6	112.7	112.4	112.6	112.0	115.1	115.3	115.7

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	May	93.9	107.9	100.2	81.4	110.3	93.3	98.4	99.7
	June	98.6	114.5	113.3	83.1	110.3	93.9	97.8	101.9
	July	101.5	119.7	120.1	85.4	110.3	94.5	97.5	103.7
1956	Nov.	106.3	119.0	125.7	111.3	117.6	86.1	98.9	106.2
	Dec.	105.2	116.6	129.0	113.9	119.6	86.3	99.2	106.5
1957	Jan.	104.2	116.5	126.6	112.7	120.4	85.7	99.5	106.8
	Feb.	106.3	116.3	126.9	112.5	120.8	86.3	99.7	107.5
	Mar.	106.3	115.2	126.6	113.2	121.6	85.8	99.8	103.1
	Apr.	106.5	116.6	124.0	112.0	122.0	86.5	99.8	105.6
	May	109.2	120.4	123.1	110.9	122.0	87.1	99.8	105.9
	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	May	93.9	98.3	102.1	121.5	112.5	146.4	95.8	151.9
	June	95.7	100.4	101.6	130.1	112.5	196.6	114.6	157.2
	July	96.0	109.3	102.1	125.5	112.5	247.2	139.9	165.2
1956	Nov.	95.1	110.0	109.3	122.7	120.1	109.4	103.9	134.6
	Dec.	97.0	88.9	112.7	121.5	120.8	122.9	135.2	137.2
1957	Jan.	98.8	85.2	113.7	118.7	120.8	127.2	110.8	141.2
	Feb.	101.3	81.6	115.6	123.3	120.8	133.5	95.0	146.8
	Mar.	101.9	82.3	116.1	123.3	119.4	125.7	102.7	156.6
	Apr.	101.6	81.5	116.1	127.5	119.4	119.7	116.3	156.6
	May	101.3	81.8	116.1	126.7	119.4	122.0	138.2	158.0
	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	May	118.5	114.1	128.8	107.6	98.6	109.5	128.1	176.3
	June	118.5	114.7	129.8	107.6	98.6	109.5	127.9	179.5
	July	118.5	116.1	132.8	107.6	99.7	110.4	128.1	184.0
1956	Nov.	121.9	118.5	137.8	111.9	100.8	113.8	127.5	189.5
	Dec.	122.5	118.9	138.8	113.3	110.6	116.9	127.1	188.5
1957	Jan.	124.2	120.6	139.8	113.3	116.0	117.7	129.6	187.1
	Feb.	124.2	121.6	140.8	113.3	135.5	119.9	130.8	183.1
	Mar.	124.2	120.2	140.8	113.3	135.5	121.6	131.2	181.3
	Apr.	124.2	121.3	141.8	113.3	137.7	122.0	126.7	169.4
	May	124.2	121.6	141.8	113.3	138.7	122.5	126.1	166.2

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
<u>1954</u> April	102.0	113.8	115.9	116.3	115.5	117.7	114.9	113.6	114.3	116.9
May	102.2	113.6	115.8	116.3	115.5	117.7	114.8	113.5	114.4	116.9
June	102.5	113.9	116.2	117.0	116.1	118.2	115.3	114.1	114.8	117.1
July	102.6	113.8	116.2	117.2	116.4	118.8	115.5	114.1	114.8	117.0
August	104.4	115.3	117.6	117.2	117.0	119.0	116.4	115.3	115.4	118.1
September	103.4	114.8	117.7	116.6	116.9	118.8	115.7	115.1	115.7	118.1
October	103.0	114.6	117.6	117.0	117.3	118.9	115.5	115.2	115.6	118.6
November	102.8	114.5	117.5	117.1	117.2	118.9	115.7	114.8	115.3	118.6
December	102.9	114.5	117.5	117.0	117.0	118.8	115.5	113.9	115.0	118.3
<u>1955</u> January	102.6	114.3	117.4	117.1	117.0	118.9	115.5	113.9	114.6	118.4
February	102.7	114.6	117.6	117.1	117.0	118.7	115.4	113.8	114.5	118.3
March	102.9	114.5	117.6	116.7	116.8	118.2	115.2	113.7	114.2	117.9
April	103.5	114.6	117.6	116.7	116.9	118.4	115.3	113.9	114.2	117.2
May	105.0	115.4	118.1	117.0	117.3	118.9	115.6	114.4	114.2	117.2
June	104.3	114.6	117.3	116.3	116.9	118.3	115.0	114.3	113.8	116.8
July	104.5	114.7	117.3	116.7	117.0	118.7	115.5	114.3	114.1	116.5
August	105.8	115.1	117.8	116.8	117.3	118.5	116.1	115.1	114.6	116.8
September	105.1	115.2	118.1	117.1	117.5	119.2	116.5	115.4	115.2	118.1
October	104.8	114.9	117.8	117.0	117.7	119.4	116.6	115.5	115.2	118.5
November	104.6	114.9	117.6	117.1	117.7	119.0	116.9	115.6	115.1	118.6
December	104.5	114.7	117.7	116.7	117.8	118.9	116.9	115.7	115.1	120.3
<u>1956</u> January	104.7	114.5	117.4	117.4	117.5	118.8	116.8	115.2	114.8	120.0
February	104.9	114.1	117.1	117.0	117.3	118.3	116.5	114.7	114.1	118.5
March	105.0	114.3	117.4	116.7	117.3	118.2	116.8	114.7	114.3	118.6
April	105.9	114.8	117.6	116.7	117.7	118.7	116.5	114.9	114.6	118.6
May	106.6	114.7	117.5	116.6	117.7	119.1	116.1	114.6	114.3	117.7
June	107.6	115.6	118.2	118.1	118.8	120.4	116.6	115.2	114.9	118.4
July	108.1	116.0	118.7	119.1	119.4	121.5	117.6	115.6	115.7	119.3
August	110.2	117.6	120.3	118.9	120.4	122.0	117.0	116.2	116.1	119.6
September	107.3	117.2	119.6	118.8	120.0	121.7	117.5	116.8	116.8	120.5
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
<u>1957</u> 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

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

(1949 = 100)

	St. John's Nfld. I.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saskatoon- Regina	Edmonton- Calgary	Van- couver
<b>Food Index</b>										
<u>1954</u> July	100.2	105.7	109.5	115.1	111.4	112.0	111.9	110.6	110.4	111.2
August	105.0	110.5	113.8	114.8	113.1	112.8	114.7	114.3	112.8	113.6
September	102.2	109.1	114.4	113.4	112.8	111.6	112.0	114.2	113.5	113.7
October	101.3	108.4	113.8	115.0	113.8	111.9	111.7	114.1	112.7	113.5
November	100.9	107.5	113.4	115.6	112.7	111.2	112.0	112.5	112.1	112.3
December	101.1	107.8	113.2	115.3	112.0	110.5	110.9	110.2	110.7	111.6
<u>1955</u> January	101.1	107.0	112.9	115.1	111.2	110.6	110.8	110.1	110.0	111.8
February	101.4	106.8	112.6	115.4	111.0	109.6	110.5	109.7	109.4	111.6
March	101.5	106.6	112.3	114.2	110.2	108.8	109.7	109.2	108.5	110.0
April	102.1	106.5	112.2	114.0	110.7	109.6	110.1	109.6	108.4	109.4
May	106.1	108.8	113.7	114.8	111.2	111.1	110.9	109.5	108.5	109.5
June	103.9	106.2	111.0	112.7	110.2	109.9	109.9	109.6	108.0	108.6
July	103.5	106.3	110.7	114.5	110.7	111.2	110.9	110.1	109.0	109.3
August	105.2	107.6	112.7	114.7	111.4	110.5	111.6	112.7	110.7	110.1
September	102.8	107.6	113.7	115.3	112.0	112.8	112.7	113.6	112.5	113.5
October	101.3	106.5	112.0	114.9	112.0	112.8	112.8	114.2	112.3	114.8
November	100.7	106.3	110.8	115.3	110.9	111.1	113.7	113.9	111.9	114.7
December	100.5	105.7	110.9	113.9	110.5	110.2	113.5	113.7	111.5	115.9
<u>1956</u> January	101.0	104.8	109.6	113.4	109.6	109.9	112.8	111.9	110.6	114.9
February	101.0	103.6	108.8	111.9	107.6	107.7	111.5	110.2	107.7	111.4
March	101.1	103.3	108.7	111.4	107.0	106.9	111.6	109.7	107.3	111.4
April	102.2	105.2	109.8	111.5	107.9	107.6	110.7	110.6	107.6	111.8
May	103.1	104.3	108.6	111.0	107.2	107.7	109.4	109.5	106.5	111.1
June	106.1	106.9	110.1	114.7	111.1	112.0	110.8	111.6	108.1	111.9
July	107.2	107.6	112.2	117.4	112.9	114.1	114.0	113.0	111.1	113.3
August	113.8	112.4	117.4	116.9	115.2	115.6	111.8	114.3	112.7	114.8
September	104.9	109.9	114.1	116.4	114.2	114.6	112.9	115.8	114.0	116.6
October	102.7	111.2	115.6	119.2	116.2	116.6	114.9	117.0	115.9	118.5
November	102.9	111.8	115.4	120.9	117.0	117.5	114.9	116.6	115.3	118.4
December	104.1	112.8	116.7	120.2	116.9	117.2	114.1	114.6	114.2	118.4
<u>1957</u> January	104.7	112.2	116.8	120.5	115.7	116.4	115.2	114.1	113.5	119.7
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
<b>Shelter Index</b>										
<u>1956</u> January	109.7	125.1	127.5	136.1	135.9	147.9	127.0	118.1	121.1	128.0
February	109.7	125.1	127.5	136.2	135.9	148.1	127.1	118.1	121.1	128.0
March	109.7	125.2	127.5	136.2	136.2	148.1	127.1	118.1	121.2	128.2
April	109.7	125.4	127.6	136.2	136.2	148.3	127.3	118.1	121.2	128.2
May	109.8	125.6	128.5	136.2	136.8	148.3	127.6	118.1	121.2	128.2
June	109.8	125.8	129.9	137.5	137.3	148.7	127.6	118.1	121.2	128.4
July	109.8	126.3	130.1	137.8	137.9	148.9	127.6	118.1	121.2	128.7
August	110.1	126.6	130.1	137.9	138.9	148.9	127.7	118.1	121.2	128.9
September	110.1	126.8	130.1	138.0	138.9	148.9	127.8	118.1	121.2	128.9
October	110.1	126.8	130.3	138.2	139.9	149.0	128.2	118.1	121.2	128.9
November	110.1	127.1	130.6	138.3	140.4	149.2	128.4	118.1	121.2	129.3
December	110.1	127.3	131.3	138.4	140.5	149.3	128.4	118.7	121.2	129.4
<u>1957</u> January	110.1	127.4	131.3	138.6	140.5	149.6	128.4	118.9	121.2	129.5
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

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
<b>Clothing Index</b>										
<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
May	101.7	114.0	117.3	104.9	112.0	112.0	111.8	117.9	116.6	114.3
<b>Household Operation Index</b>										
<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
May	108.8	125.5	121.1	115.8	118.8	120.1	116.3	120.2	119.1	127.5
<b>Other Commodities and Services Index</b>										
<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
May	116.0	124.1	130.3	125.6	129.8	129.6	126.0	120.9	123.6	124.7

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)	(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	64.46	53.49	154.5	128.2	120.5
Apr. 1	65.23 (p)	53.95 (p)	156.4 (p)	129.3 (p)	120.9

(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	1957	1956	1957	1957	1956	1957	1957
	May \$	April \$	May \$	May \$	April \$	May \$	May \$	April \$	May \$
1. Corn, cracked	3.82	3.94	3.90	3.94	4.16	4.17	3.61	3.71	3.64
2. Oats, unground	3.15	2.99	2.91	3.40	3.21	3.08	3.20	2.95	2.91
3. Barley, ground	3.14	2.95	2.89	3.37	3.16	3.07	3.13	2.89	2.81
4. Wheat, unground	3.00	3.18	3.13	3.23	3.43	3.38	2.94	3.17	3.11
5. Bran	2.83	2.70	2.71	2.86	2.68	2.68	2.84	2.60	2.63
6. Shorts	2.92	2.85	2.84	2.92	2.84	2.82	2.92	2.78	2.75
7. Middlings	3.08	3.06	3.02	3.11	3.10	3.05	3.07	3.00	2.95
8. Linseed oil meal	4.98	4.84	4.82	5.11	4.95	4.92	4.82	4.74	4.71
9. Soybean oil meal	4.64	4.41	4.41	5.01	4.74	4.73	4.46	4.27	4.22
10. Calf starter (20-24%)	5.22	5.18	5.16	5.00	5.12	5.09	4.94	4.85	4.82
11. Dairy ration (16%)	3.57	3.59	3.57	3.59	3.63	3.60	3.50	3.44	3.43
12. Dairy supplement (24%) (East)	4.16	4.24	4.22	4.20	4.28	4.26	4.04	4.16	4.13
13. Dairy supplement (32%) (West)	5.18	5.13	5.14	-	-	-	-	-	-
14. Pig starter mash	4.48	4.53	4.50	4.29	4.46	4.44	4.20	4.22	4.20
15. Hog concentrate (35%)	5.36	5.31	5.32	6.00	5.96	5.99	5.52	5.38	5.37
16. Hog grower mash	3.71	3.72	3.68	3.79	3.82	3.78	3.68	3.67	3.64
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%)	4.71	4.75	4.75	4.76	4.89	4.86	4.48	4.45	4.48
18. Growing mash	4.22	4.22	4.18	4.19	4.25	4.20	4.25	4.18	4.17
19. Laying mash (18%)	4.27	4.29	4.27	4.29	4.37	4.39	4.29	4.30	4.27
20. Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	5.00	5.02	5.00	5.10	5.02	5.02	4.94	5.00	4.96
21. Turkey growing mash	4.64	4.68	4.65	4.66	4.78	4.78	4.58	4.68	4.62

ITEM	ONTARIO			PRAIRIES			BRITISH COLUMBIA		
	1956	1957	1957	1956	1957	1957	1956	1957	1957
	May \$	April \$	May \$	May \$	April \$	May \$	May \$	April \$	May \$
1. Corn, cracked	3.44	3.76	3.72	4.75	5.10	5.13	4.48	4.31	4.23
2. Oats, unground	3.15	2.99	2.91	2.67	2.53	2.51	3.20	3.18	3.04
3. Barley, ground	3.15	2.95	2.91	2.77	2.59	2.60	3.21	3.09	3.03
4. Wheat, unground	2.97	3.14	3.09	2.78	2.81	2.80	3.12	3.28	3.22
5. Bran	2.91	2.76	2.77	2.77	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.72	2.71
6. Shorts	3.00	2.92	2.90	2.85	2.87	2.87	2.89	2.86	2.85
7. Middlings	3.14	3.13	3.10	2.83	2.82	2.79	3.14	3.11	3.10
8. Linseed oil meal	4.76	4.63	4.60	5.16	5.13	5.11	5.29	4.99	5.01
9. Soybean oil meal	4.41	4.16	4.18	4.85	5.03	5.02	4.98	4.74	4.73
10. Calf starter (20-24%)	5.02	5.05	5.02	5.17	5.11	5.11	6.17	6.12	6.13
11. Dairy ration (16%)	3.69	3.71	3.68	3.49	3.49	3.46	3.54	3.64	3.62
12. Dairy supplement (24%)	4.21	4.26	4.26	-	-	-	-	-	-
13. Dairy supplement (32%)	-	-	-	5.12	5.06	5.07	5.28	5.26	5.26
14. Pig starter mash	4.62	4.69	4.66	4.88	4.88	4.88	4.30	4.31	4.24
15. Hog concentrate (35%)	5.13	5.10	5.09	5.29	5.27	5.31	5.85	5.77	5.77
16. Hog grower mash	3.68	3.71	3.65	3.59	3.52	3.50	3.86	3.93	3.88
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%)	4.74	4.83	4.83	4.91	4.88	4.89	4.79	4.86	4.81
18. Growing mash	4.14	4.16	4.12	4.29	4.23	4.18	4.27	4.32	4.26
19. Laying mash (18%)	4.24	4.25	4.22	4.26	4.29	4.30	4.26	4.27	4.22
20. Broiler starter (20-23%)	4.87	4.88	4.88	5.11	5.00	4.98	5.12	5.27	5.24
21. Turkey growing mash	4.78	4.77	4.74	4.59	4.52	4.50	4.58	4.70	4.67

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	1956	1956	1957	1957
		Average	Average	May Average	April Average	May Average
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	.9863	.9841	.9918	.9597	.9556
United Kingdom	pound	2.7535	2.7516	2.7849	2.6771	2.6676
Argentina	peso (free)	.06386	.02826	.02669	.02385	.02450
Australia	pound	2.2054	2.2014	2.2279	2.1417	2.1341
Belgium (1)	franc	.01964	.01972	.01985	.01909	.01899
Brazil	cruzeiro (free)	.01344	.01355	.01194	.01436	.01341
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.5737	.5733	.5802	.5577	.5558
Ceylon	rupee	.2065	.2064	.2089	.2008	.2001
Chile	peso	.00493	.00232	.00205	.00169	.00166
Colombia	peso (basic)	.3945	.3937	.3967	.3839	.3824
Cuba	peso	.9863	.9841	.9918	.9597	.9556
Denmark	kroner	.1428	.1425	.1436	.1389	.1384
Egypt	pound	2.8322	2.8262	2.8479	2.7558	2.7441
France and North Africa	franc	.00282	.00281	.00283	.00274	.00273
Germany	deutsche mark	.2343	.2342	.2355	.2284	.2275
Hong Kong	dollar	.1721	.1720	.1741	.1673	.1667
India	rupee	.2065	.2064	.2089	.2008	.2001
Ireland	pound	2.7535	2.7516	2.7849	2.6771	2.6676
Italy	lira	.00158	.00158	.00159	.00154	.00153
Jamaica	pound	2.7535	2.7516	2.7849	2.6771	2.6676
Japan	yen	.00274	.00273	.00276	.00267	.00265
Lebanon	pound (free)	.3046	.3056	.3078	.2998	.2984
Mexico	peso	.07890	.07873	.07934	.07678	.07645
Netherlands	guilder	.2588	.2571	.2590	.2509	.2498
New Zealand	pound	2.7535	2.7516	2.7849	2.6771	2.6676
Norway	kroner	.1381	.1378	.1388	.1344	.1338
Pakistan	rupee	.2597	.2064	.2089	.2008	.2001
Peru	sol-certificat	.05191	.05179	.05220	.05051	.05030
Philippines	peso	.4931	.4920	.4959	.4799	.4778
Portugal	escudo	.03442	.03434	.03461	.03349	.03335
Singapore	dollar	.3213	.3210	.3249	.3124	.3112
Sweden	krona	.1906	.1902	.1917	.1855	.1847
Switzerland	franc	.2301	.2297	.2315	.2239	.2230
Turkey	lira	.3522	.3514	.3542	.3428	.3413
Union of South Africa	pound	2.7535	2.7516	2.7849	2.6771	2.6676
Venezuela	bolivar	.2944	.2937	.2960	.2865	.2853
Yugoslavia	dinar	.00329	.00328	.00331	.00320	.00318

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

(1) Includes Belgian Empire and Luxemburg.

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

(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
<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
May ...	287.6	304.8	868.0	996.4	155.0	278.8	157.2	204.7	516.0	470.9
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
May 2	285.3	303.0	878.4	988.6	150.1	272.3	157.7	198.3	512.5	462.0
May 9	285.1	302.0	881.2	993.2	153.8	271.6	154.4	199.4	521.4	466.0
May 16	287.1	304.3	861.1	983.6	157.3	280.2	158.7	205.9	516.2	468.0
May 23	290.0	307.4	855.1	1,009.8	161.1	284.4	156.3	209.2	518.8	477.4
May 30	290.5	307.5	864.2	1,006.7	152.5	285.5	159.0	210.8	511.2	481.1

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

(1935-39=100)

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS'S INDEX						MINING INDEX (1)			PREFERRED STOCKS
	Indus- trial Mines (2)	TOTAL UTILI- TIES (13)	Trans- porta- tion (2)	Tele- phone (3)	Power and Traction (8)	BANKS (7)	MINING TOTAL (27)	Gold (21)	Base Metals (6)	
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
<u>1955</u> Jan. ..	152.5	181.0	329.6	117.5	165.6	230.8	102.7	68.3	181.3	175.6
Feb. ..	164.8	184.0	336.6	119.4	167.7	241.1	106.4	69.3	191.3	176.0
Mar. ..	162.8	185.2	339.7	119.8	168.9	236.5	105.7	69.0	189.6	176.2
Apr. ..	166.3	185.6	338.8	118.1	173.6	233.0	110.2	71.1	199.8	175.4
May ...	170.8	191.7	362.5	122.1	173.4	234.4	114.2	72.8	209.0	176.1
June ..	188.1	202.9	388.7	128.0	183.1	243.3	121.5	75.9	226.0	177.9
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
<u>1956</u> 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
<u>1957</u> 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
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
May 2	228.0	212.7	390.2	113.2	244.2	274.9	126.2	75.2	242.8	
May 9	222.3	214.7	400.8	112.5	247.1	277.2	123.4	76.3	231.1	
May 16	222.8	216.6	400.7	113.5	251.1	276.6	123.6	76.4	231.8	(2)
May 23	224.5	216.7	394.0	112.9	255.5	283.8	124.8	76.7	234.9	
May 30	222.0	219.8	400.1	113.4	261.5	282.6	123.0	76.2	230.3	

(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						
				Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	
<u>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES</u>										
Australia .....	1952 - 53		108.0(1)	114.2						
Canada .....	1949	100.0	118.1	120.4	120.3	120.5	120.5	120.9	121.1	
France (Paris) ..	1949	100.0	147.1	148.1	148.5	148.9	147.3	147.1		
Germany .....	1950	107	113	114	114	114	114	114		
India .....	1949	100	105	109	108	107				
Italy .....	1938	4,915	6,266	6,311	6,373	6,335	6,304			
Japan .....	1951	92.2	118.4	120.1	121.3	121.5				
Mexico .....	1939	335.9	575.3	570.7	568.4	563.8	572.2	582.2		
Netherlands .....	1951		108	110	115	115	114			
Norway .....	1949	100	148	150	150	151				
South Africa ....	1938	153.2	205.9	207.3	208.2	208.5	208.9	208.9		
Sweden .....	1949	100	139	142	144	144	143	144		
Switzerland .....	August 1939		175	177.4	177.1	176.8	176.3	176.9		
United Kingdom ..	Jan. 17, 1956(3)		102.0	103.4	104.4	104.3	104.1	104.5		
United States ...	1947 - 49	101.8	116.2	118.0	118.2	118.7	118.9	119.3		
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</u>										
Australia .....	1936 - 39		334(1)	343	343	345				
Canada .....	1935 - 39	198.3	225.6	228.1	229.4	228.4	228.4	228.4	228.0	
France .....	1949		141.6	144.3	144.9	144.4	143.6	143.8		
Germany .....	1950		129	131	131	130	129	131		
India .....	1938 - 39		360.3(2)	428.9						
Italy .....	1938	5,169	5,380	5,427	5,391(r)	5,322	5,276			
Japan (Tokyo) ...	1952		102.2	106.4	106.7	106.6	106.6			
Mexico (Mexico City) .....	1939	268.1	530.9	534.4	532.3	528.2	532.0	541.7		
Netherlands .....	1948	104	140	144	145	144				
Norway .....	1952		108	111	111	111				
South Africa ....	1938	184.7	275.3	279.2	278.9					
Sweden .....	1935	216	325	328	329	327(r)	324			
Switzerland .....	August 1939		220.0	225.1	224.4	223.3	222.7	224.4		
United Kingdom ..	June 30, 1949(4)		156.2	161.6	160.8	159.6	159.1(r)	160.0		
United Kingdom ..	June 30, 1949(5)		135.6	137.3	138.0	138.2	138.3	138.4		
United States ...	1947 - 49	99.2	114.3	116.3	116.9	117.0	116.9	117.2		

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.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

Canadian Farm Products

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 year 1956-1957 currently in the index are 65 cents per bushel 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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