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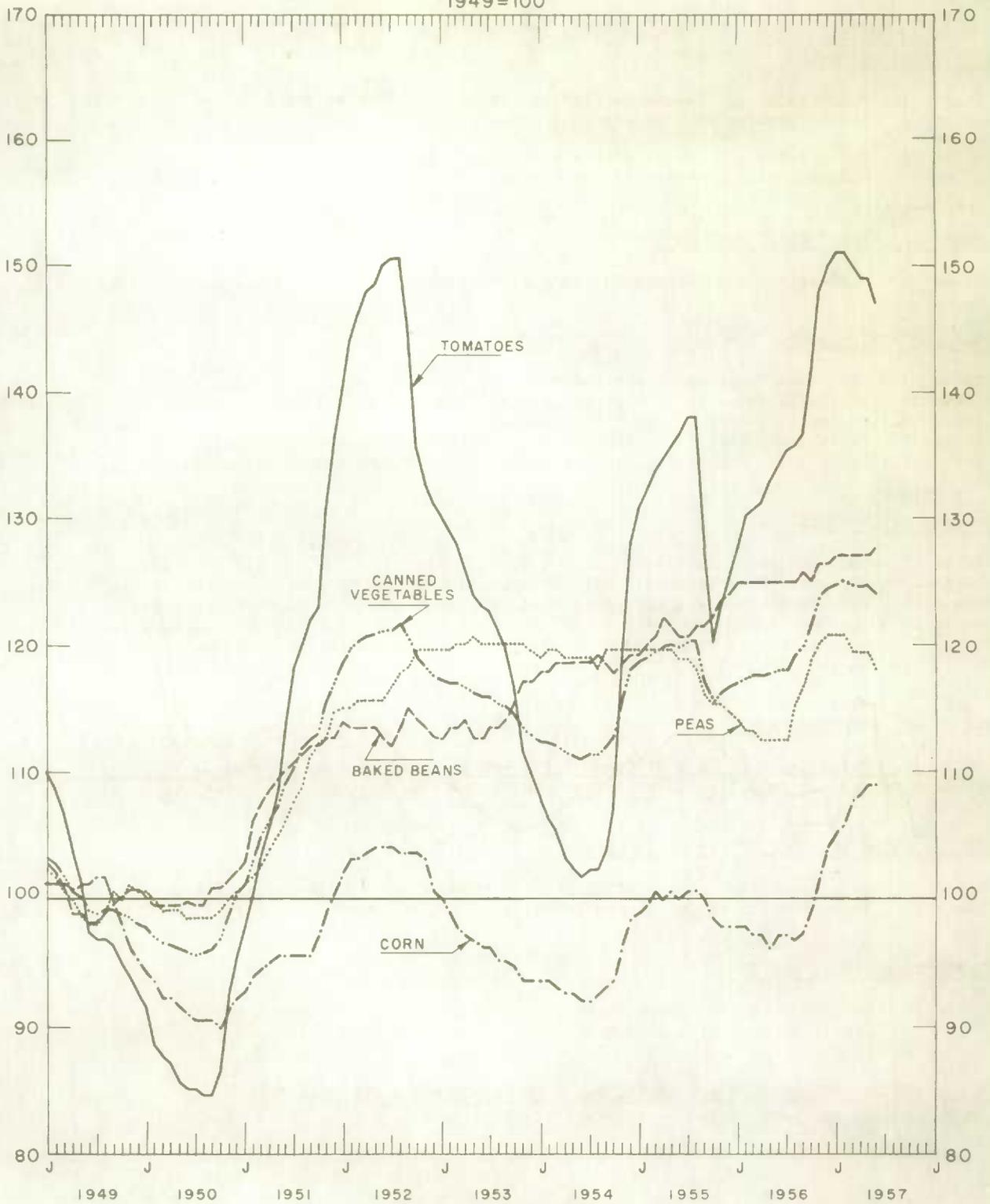
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JANUARY 1949 — FEBRUARY 1957

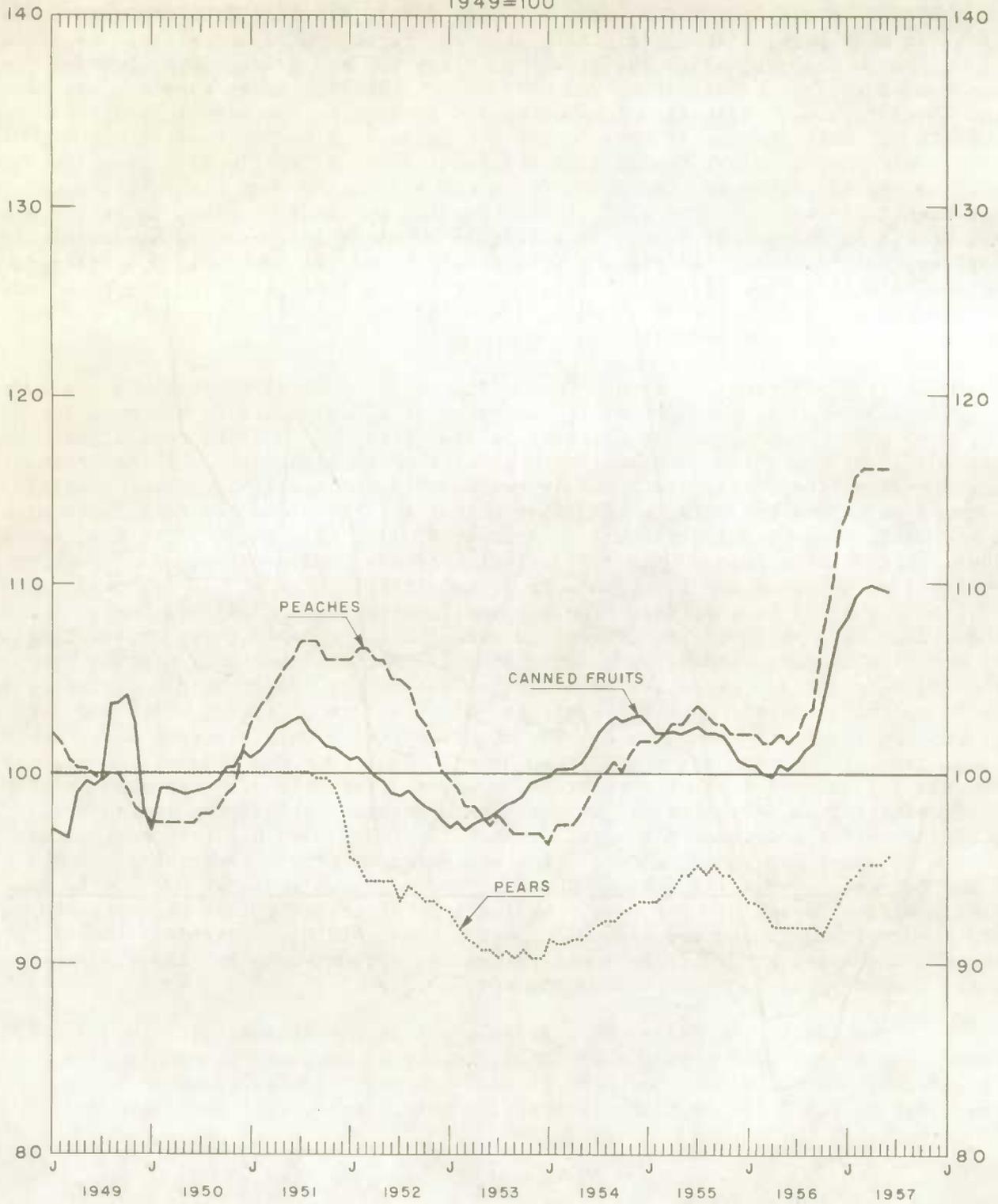
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# PRICE INDEX FOR CANNED FRUITS AND PRICE RELATIVES FOR SELECTED CANNED FRUITS

JANUARY 1949 — FEBRUARY 1957

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:      The Consumer Price Index advanced 0.4 per cent from 121.1 to a new high of 121.6 between May and June 1957, (1949 = 100) largely as a result of higher food prices. The increase in the first half of this year approximates one per cent, and the index stands 3.2 per cent above the level of a year ago. Most of the May-June advance of 0.9 per cent in the Food index, from 116.7 to 117.7, resulted from strength in all meats, notably pork, although higher prices for fresh fruits, some fresh vegetables and milk also contributed to the rise. Declines in food prices were recorded for some canned and fresh vegetables and coffee. The Shelter index rose 0.4 per cent from 134.2 to 134.8 reflecting like movements in both home-ownership and rent components. Rent changes in this period are influenced by the traditional May first moving date. Other Commodities and Services rose fractionally from 126.3 to 126.5 as higher prices were reported for train and inter-urban bus fares, newspapers, pharmaceuticals and personal care items. Further seasonal declines in coal prices were more than sufficient to offset a scatter of minor increases in homefurnishings, supplies, dry cleaning, laundry and shoe repairs, and the Household Operation index declined slightly from 119.2 to 119.1. The Clothing index also registered a small decrease from 108.5 to 108.4, as women's and children's wear were lower, and men's wear and footwear somewhat higher.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES:      Between May and June the General Wholesale Price Index (1935-1939 = 100) remained unchanged at 228.0. This is the same level as December of last year, and 0.7 per cent higher than June 1956. Of the three component groups which moved higher, only Animal Products showed a significant increase. Mainly responsible for the 1.9 per cent upward movement of Animal Products, were higher prices for hides and leather, fresh milk in Montreal, Vancouver and Victoria, evaporated milk, eggs in most centres, and all livestock and fresh meats, with the exception of beef and poultry. Increased prices for steel scrap moved the Iron Products group slightly higher, 0.2 per cent, from 252.6 to 253.1. In Non-metallic Minerals small decreases in coal and hollow building tile prices were not quite sufficient to outweigh increased prices for lubricating oil and fine gauging plaster, resulting in the fractional movement of this group from 188.8 to 188.9. Decreases recorded in four of the five remaining groups were less than one per cent, with the exception of Non-ferrous Metals, which declined 2.3 per cent, from 180.4 to 176.3. The contributors to this decrease were lower prices for base metals, antimony, brass sheet, tin ingots and solder. In Vegetable Products prices were lower for potatoes, oranges, vegetable oils, sugar, hay and most grains; these decreases slightly outweighed higher prices for raw rubber, molasses, coffee and cocoa products, to move the index down 0.5 per cent. Lower prices for copper sulphate, wood alcohol and paint materials contributed to the slight decrease of 0.3 per cent in Chemical Products, while in Wood Products the fractional decline of 0.1 per cent resulted from decreased prices of merchantable spruce outweighing increased prices for cedar bevel siding. Textile Products remained unchanged at 237.1, as lower prices for cotton yarns and imported raw wool offset higher prices for raw cotton and worsted cloth.

The index of Canadian Farm Product Prices at terminal markets was slightly higher in June at 208.4 compared to 206.4 for May as opposing movements were evidenced by the two major component groups. Animal Products advanced 2.7 per cent from 255.3 to 262.2 due to higher prices for hogs, lambs, eggs and fluid milk

and for steers in the East. These outweighed lower quotations for calves, steers in the West, and Eastern poultry, cheesemilk and butterfat. The Field Products index declined 1.8 per cent, from 157.5 to 154.6, reflecting generally lower prices in the East coupled with a weaker flax price in the West. These were partially offset by gains for rye on both Eastern and Western markets and for potatoes in the West. Regional composite indexes both showed improvement; with the Eastern index rising from 223.0 to 224.2 and the Western series from 189.8 to 192.6.

The index of Residential Building Materials prices at 294.3 in June was almost unchanged from 294.5 in May. Scattered minor price changes, mainly of an offsetting nature, were noted in Lumber, Plumbing and Heating Equipment, Electrical Equipment and Fixtures, and Other Materials groups.

The index of Non-residential Building Materials prices, on the base 1949 equals 100, moved down slightly from 130.2 to 129.5 in the period under review. Declines were noted in Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment items in addition to concrete mix, tile, galvanized steel sheet, electrical wire, linseed oil and some lumber specifications. On the other hand, higher quotations were received for some items in the Blocks Brick & Stone group, and for plaster.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:      Somewhat easier common stock prices in the second half  
(1935 - 1939 = 100)              of June were reflected in the monthly Investors' Index  
of 95 issues edging fractionally lower in June to 286.9  
from 287.6 in May. Among groups the index decline for 75 Industrials from 304.8  
to 303.5 was partially offset by gains for the remaining 2 major groups as 13  
Utilities moved from 216.1 to 216.8 and 7 Banks from 279.0 to 281.8. Sub-groups  
registering weakness during the month were Milling, 8.5 per cent, Telephone, 4.9,  
Industrial Mines 2.8, Oils 1.1 and Beverages 0.3. Gains ranged from 5.0 per cent  
for Power and Traction to 0.3 per cent for Pulp and Paper.

The index for 27 Mining stocks moved slightly upward from 124.2 to 125.4 in the period under review. Gains for 21 Golds, which moved from an index level of 76.2 to 80.6 overbalanced losses in 6 Base Metals which declined from 234.2 to 227.7.

The index of 28 Preferred Stocks changed from 153.1 to 150.8 between May and June.

TABLE 1. - SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE INDEXES

	INDEXES				PERCENTAGE CHANGES		
	June	June	May	June	June	June	June
	1955	1956	1957	1957	1955	1956	1957
<b>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100) (1)</b>							
<b>GENERAL INDEX</b>	218.7	226.5	228.0	228.0	+ 4.3	+ 0.7	-
Vegetable Products	196.2	199.7	197.5	196.6	+ 0.2	- 1.6	- 0.5
Animal Products	230.5	229.5	237.2	241.6	+ 4.8	+ 5.3	+ 1.9
Textile Products	226.9	229.6	237.1	237.1	+ 4.5	+ 3.3	-
Wood Products	294.5	304.9	300.4	300.0	+ 1.9	- 1.6	- 0.1
Iron Products	217.2	235.8	252.6	253.1	+ 16.5	+ 7.3	+ 0.2
Non-ferrous Metals	184.5	206.1	180.4	176.3	- 4.4	- 14.5	- 2.3
Non-metallic Minerals	173.4	179.2	188.8	188.9	+ 8.9	+ 5.4	+ 0.1
Chemical Products	176.5	181.1	182.4	181.9	+ 3.1	+ 0.4	- 0.3
<b>CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS (1) (2)</b>							
Eastern Total	234.4	244.3	223.0	224.2	-	-	-
Western Total	205.0	204.0	189.8	192.6	-	-	-
Field	189.4	196.4	157.5	154.6	-	-	-
Animal	250.0	251.9	255.3	262.2	-	-	-
<b>SELECTED PRICE INDEXES (1)</b>							
Canadian Industrial Materials	236.2	248.5	242.3	240.6	+ 1.9	- 3.2	- 0.7
Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	124.3	129.0	129.2	129.1	+ 3.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Non-Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	122.0	127.5	130.2	129.5	+ 6.1	+ 1.6	- 0.5
<b>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (1949=100)</b>							
<b>TOTAL INDEX</b>	115.9	117.8	121.1	121.6	+ 4.9	+ 3.2	+ 0.4
Food	111.0	112.5	116.7	117.7	+ 6.0	+ 4.6	+ 0.9
Shelter	129.2	132.6	134.2	134.8	+ 4.3	+ 1.7	+ 0.4
Clothing	107.8	108.6	108.5	108.4	+ 0.6	- 0.2	- 0.1
Household Operation	116.1	116.7	119.2	119.1	+ 2.6	+ 2.1	- 0.1
Other Commodities and Services	117.8	120.6	126.3	126.5	+ 7.4	+ 4.9	+ 0.2
<b>SECURITY PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100)</b>							
<b>TOTAL INVESTORS' INDEX</b>	237.1	267.0	287.6	286.9	+ 21.0	+ 7.5	- 0.2
Total Industrials	244.4	283.0	304.8	303.5	+ 24.2	+ 7.2	- 0.4
Machinery & Equipment	726.2	843.6	868.0	882.7	+ 21.6	+ 4.6	+ 1.7
Pulp & Paper	1,044.7	1,146.0	996.4	998.9	- 4.4	- 12.8	+ 0.3
Milling	183.8	167.3	155.0	141.9	- 22.8	- 15.2	- 8.5
Oils	163.6	219.4	278.8	275.6	+ 68.5	+ 25.6	- 1.1
Textiles & Clothing	172.4	158.8	157.2	161.8	- 6.1	+ 1.9	+ 2.9
Foods	177.2	181.5	204.7	208.2	+ 17.5	+ 14.7	+ 1.7
Beverages	582.2	549.1	516.0	514.6	- 11.6	- 6.3	- 0.3
Building Materials	447.7	466.3	470.9	482.4	+ 7.8	+ 3.5	+ 2.4
Industrial Mines	188.1	217.2	223.9	217.6	+ 15.7	+ 0.2	- 2.8
Total Utilities	202.9	199.8	216.1	216.8	+ 6.9	+ 8.5	+ 0.3
Transportation	388.7	356.8	397.2	401.0	+ 3.2	+ 12.4	+ 1.0
Telephone	128.0	119.2	113.1	107.6	- 15.9	- 9.7	- 4.9
Power and Traction	183.1	206.0	251.9	264.6	+ 44.5	+ 28.4	+ 5.0
Banks	243.3	260.7	279.0	281.8	+ 15.8	+ 8.1	+ 1.0
<b>MINING STOCKS</b>							
General Index	121.5	136.4	124.2	125.4	+ 3.2	- 8.1	+ 1.0
Gold	75.9	76.7	76.2	80.6	+ 6.2	+ 5.1	+ 5.8
Base Metals	226.0	273.1	234.2	227.7	+ 0.8	- 16.6	- 2.8

(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
June .....	228.0	209.8	238.8	240.6	154.6	262.2	208.4

(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
June .....	228.0	196.6	171.9	150.6	175.6	207.4	172.5	188.3	178.7
- 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	
June .....	261.0	199.6	214.0	358.8	170.3	230.6	201.2	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
June ....	241.6	294.9	92.0	119.7	205.3	219.1	292.9	322.3
- 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
June ....	293.7	309.6	225.9	135.5	233.3	227.9	162.5	140.2

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
June ....	237.1	288.0	241.5	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
June ....	178.4	288.0	243.5	232.4	230.9	295.0	264.2	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
June ....	300.0	436.3	412.4	334.9	381.2	519.5	412.8	214.1	294.2	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
June ....	253.1	295.3	240.1	262.6	263.4	292.2	379.6	238.9

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
June ....	176.3	241.6	172.1	283.1	283.0	222.7	179.2	249.5	202.2	248.3
Date	- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -							Window Glass		
	Total Non- Metallic Products		Clay and Allied Material Products	Pottery	Coal	Coal Tar	Coke			
	(1)	(2)								
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		
June ....	188.9	238.8		174.6	190.8	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
June ....	217.0	176.0	144.0	140.2	215.1	168.7	204.3
- 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	*210.5	155.1	143.4	159.8	205.1	289.2
Nov. ....	133.4	*210.5	155.1	143.4	159.8	205.1	289.2
Dec. ....	133.4	*210.5	155.1	145.7	159.8	205.1	289.2
1957 Jan. ....	132.3	*210.5	158.9	145.7	164.8	205.1	289.2
Feb. ....	132.3	*210.5	158.9	150.9	164.8	205.1	289.2
Mar. ....	132.3	*210.5	158.9	150.9	164.8	205.1	289.2
Apr. ....	132.3	*210.5	158.9	148.7	164.8	205.1	289.2
May ....	135.4	*211.2	158.9	150.5	164.8	205.1	289.2
June ....	136.2	211.2	158.9	150.5	164.8	205.1	289.2

\* Lime revised.

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
June ....	181.9	147.0	167.2	191.6	204.9	292.3

## - 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
June ....	143.6	206.9	156.5	145.8	210.6

TABLE 4. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity <u>1/</u>	Unit	Yearly	June	May	June
		Average 1956	1956	1957	1957
		\$	\$	\$	\$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern .....	bu.	1.730	1.750	1.638	1.625
OATS, No. 2 C.W. ....	bu.	.859	.869	.756	.751
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed .....	bu.	1.057	1.042	.930	.930
RYE, No. 2 C.W. ....	bu.	1.252	1.165	1.011	1.022
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto .....	100-lb. bag	5.800	5.800	5.800	5.800
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal .....	cwt.	7.299	7.172	10.246	10.000
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal .....	gal.	1.742	1.790	1.130	1.010
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's .....	lb.	.672	.680	.585	.620
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John .....	75-lb. bag	2.310	3.594	1.590	1.469
STEERS, Toronto .....	cwt.	19.408	20.110	19.610	19.670
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included) .....	cwt.	25.985	26.470	29.050	31.600
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers .....	lb.	.153	.150	.125	.130
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	.370
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade, Montreal .....	lb.	.586	.576	.591	.587
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal .....	doz.	.578	.636	.451	.469
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 1", New York <u>2/</u> ....	lb.	-	.362	.339	.338
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	.490	.550	.550
WOOL, Raw, Australian, 64's, clean .....	lb.	1.438	1.450	1.710	1.620
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Mill, in Canadian funds (Southern Quebec) .....	ton	113.110	113.192	112.963	112.630
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	49.000	49.000	49.000
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic sales .....	cwt.	41.355	45.554	30.750	29.475
LEAD, Pig, Electrolytic, domestic sales ...	cwt.	15.514	15.500	14.620	13.550
TIN INGOTS, 99.8% .....	lb.	1.011	.963	.965	.955
ZINC, Grade "A", Electrolytic, domestic sales .....	cwt.	14.844	14.850	12.490	11.475
COAL, United States Anthracite .....	ton	19.419	18.340	19.940	19.940
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto .....	gal.	.226	.226	.233	.233
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Winnipeg .....	gal.	.224	.224	.199	.199
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	9.200	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)

- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -											
Date	Total Index* (1949=100)	Total Index	Cement, Sand and Gravel	Brick, Tile and Stone	Lumber and Its Pro- ducts	Lath, Plaster and Insu- lation	Roof- ing Mate- rials	Paint and Glass	Plumb- ing and Heat- ing Equip- ment	Elec- trical Equip- ment and Fix- tures	Other Mate- rials
1926	48.1	109.6	105.5	103.2	110.9	101.4	104.3	156.8	110.2	91.6	112.0
1929	49.3	112.4	107.6	107.4	116.7	94.4	108.8	151.5	108.5	130.1	106.1
1932	38.4	87.5	103.7	101.8	72.7	85.0	95.5	111.7	108.1	79.1	89.5
1939	44.9	102.3	94.0	97.2	104.9	99.4	104.1	97.2	103.0	102.4	104.6
1940	48.4	110.3	94.6	98.0	119.1	99.7	110.4	115.2	106.5	107.1	109.2
1941	53.8	122.6	99.1	105.1	139.2	102.8	118.7	136.2	114.6	109.0	112.5
1942	57.4	130.9	100.8	109.0	153.2	104.8	123.4	146.9	120.0	110.3	117.6
1943	61.0	139.1	101.2	113.1	171.3	104.8	130.1	149.4	120.0	110.3	117.9
1944	64.3	146.6	101.8	114.9	188.4	104.8	136.0	146.6	120.0	110.3	117.9
1945	65.0	148.3	102.1	116.4	191.3	104.8	135.5	142.2	122.2	111.4	118.0
1946	67.8	154.5	102.0	121.0	202.1	104.2	146.2	144.2	127.2	116.9	126.4
1947	79.1	180.4	109.7	133.4	242.0	107.3	172.3	169.6	145.2	147.4	143.0
1948	95.4	217.5	122.3	143.1	305.8	116.7	201.6	183.1	168.3	169.8	162.3
1949	100.0	228.0	127.0	151.0	322.1	118.1	190.5	179.6	180.2	173.4	174.7
1950	106.4	242.7	131.3	163.8	349.2	116.7	235.4	174.8	183.2	184.5	181.1
1951	125.5	286.2	140.9	180.7	425.0	126.3	235.8	197.8	210.4	213.3	212.7
1952	124.9	284.8	149.5	195.3	415.7	128.5	217.7	194.9	215.6	212.0	226.3
1953	123.9	282.6	151.8	205.8	410.6	128.5	218.6	203.8	209.0	211.4	229.5
1954	121.7	277.5	151.3	207.4	400.5	128.8	233.4	208.9	202.8	207.7	226.6
1955	124.3	283.4	149.4	209.5	409.4	125.3	244.5	219.7	207.2	229.2	230.3
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
June	129.1	294.3	153.7	223.5	418.0	138.7	255.5	223.9	227.5	213.6	253.3

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

TABLE 6. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

(1949 = 100)

- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -							
Date	Total Index	Aggregate, Cement and Concrete Mix	Blocks, Brick and Stone	Tile	Lumber and Lumber Products	Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Materials
1950 .....	105.0	103.2	104.3	104.9	110.3	103.0	105.8
1951 .....	118.6	111.3	113.0	110.6	128.3	115.7	125.4
1952 .....	123.2	117.4	119.7	115.5	127.9	121.3	121.7
1953 .....	124.4	120.2	125.9	117.1	127.8	119.2	119.6
1954 .....	121.8	120.9	127.0	120.6	124.5	115.2	117.6
1955 .....	123.4	120.3	127.0	120.3	127.6	118.0	121.3
1956 .....	128.0	117.0	130.3	120.8	131.5	123.4	123.6
1956 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
June ....	129.5	118.5	134.2	117.2	129.7	123.6	119.4
	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	
June ....	145.1	151.6	116.6	139.9	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> 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
June	121.6	117.7	134.8	108.4	119.1	126.5

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

(1949 = 100)

	1954	1955	1956	June 1955	June 1956	Apr. 1957	May 1957	June 1957
<b>Total Index</b>	116.2	116.4	118.1	115.9	117.8	120.9	121.1	121.6
<b>Food</b>	112.2	112.1	113.4	111.0	112.5	116.7	116.7	117.7
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	111.8	111.9	112.1	111.0	111.5	116.2	116.2	117.1
Cereal Products	122.4	122.0	125.0	121.7	123.8	132.1	132.4	132.6
Miscellaneous Groceries	121.9	123.1	121.8	123.3	120.4	129.1	128.9	128.7
<b>Shelter</b>	126.5	129.4	132.5	129.2	132.6	134.0	134.2	134.8
Rent	129.8	133.3	135.6	133.3	135.7	137.2	137.4	138.0
Home-Ownership	122.2	124.4	128.4	123.8	128.4	129.8	129.9	130.6
<b>Clothing</b>	109.4	108.0	108.6	107.8	108.6	108.5	108.5	108.4
Men's Wear	113.8	113.0	113.4	112.9	113.3	115.6	115.7	115.8
Women's Wear	100.9	98.4	98.9	98.2	99.2	96.3	96.4	96.1
Children's Wear	107.5	106.2	105.9	106.2	106.0	105.0	105.0	104.6
Footwear	127.6	127.3	129.6	127.0	129.2	132.0	131.7	132.1
Piece Goods	108.7	108.4	108.5	108.2	108.2	111.6	111.7	111.7
<b>Household Operation</b>	117.4	116.4	117.1	116.1	116.7	119.4	119.2	119.1
Fuel	114.9	112.7	114.8	110.5	113.3	120.2	118.5	117.0
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	114.0	113.0	114.7	114.8	114.9
Furniture	117.6	115.9	116.2	115.5	116.1	119.3	119.6	119.6
Utensils and Equipment	122.1	123.1	125.5	122.9	125.3	130.2	130.3	130.5
Supplies and Services	121.8	122.9	124.2	122.7	124.2	126.1	126.6	127.2
Supplies	115.8	116.3	117.2	116.1	117.0	117.7	119.2	119.5
Services	126.0	127.4	129.1	127.3	129.1	131.8	131.7	132.4
<b>Other Commodities and Services</b>	117.4	118.1	120.9	117.8	120.6	125.1	126.3	126.5
Transportation	120.0	118.5	123.3	117.1	122.1	129.1	130.1	130.2
Automobile Operation	114.7	111.0	112.1	109.3	111.8	119.6	120.3	120.1
Recreation	119.5	122.6	125.3	123.2	125.9	127.0	130.2	130.5
Health Care	127.4	130.4	134.2	130.3	134.0	143.1	143.1	143.3
Drugs	109.5	111.0	111.7	110.9	111.7	113.6	113.6	115.0
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	107.3	107.4	107.7	107.5	107.6	108.6	109.6	109.6
Personal Care	117.9	118.0	120.5	117.5	120.8	125.7	127.2	128.2
Personal Supplies	113.6	112.7	112.4	112.3	112.3	115.3	115.7	116.9

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
June	110.2	123.4	136.0	117.7	122.8	89.1	99.4	106.5
	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
June	101.3	81.5	116.1	127.2	118.0	120.9	124.9	173.4
	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
June	125.8	121.9	141.8	113.3	138.7	122.5	126.1	164.3

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
	June	109.5	119.1	122.0	121.5	123.2	125.2	119.6	118.8	118.4	121.5

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

(1949 = 100)

	St. John's Nfld. 1.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	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
	June	107.7	110.5	114.6	120.3	117.0	117.5	115.1	115.2	113.9	116.5
<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
	June	110.5	128.8	132.3	140.0	141.6	150.2	128.9	118.9	121.2	131.1

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. I.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saskatoon- Regina	Edmonton- Calgary	Van- couver	
<u>Clothing Index</u>											
1956	January	100.5	114.8	116.2	108.1	111.6	110.9	113.2	114.7	113.0	112.8
	February	100.5	114.8	116.2	108.2	111.6	110.8	113.2	114.7	113.1	112.8
	March	100.8	114.9	116.7	108.2	111.8	111.0	113.2	114.8	113.6	112.9
	April	100.8	114.8	116.7	108.0	111.6	111.3	113.2	114.8	113.8	113.3
	May	100.8	114.2	116.7	108.0	111.4	111.2	113.2	114.8	113.9	113.5
	June	100.8	114.5	116.8	107.8	111.4	111.1	112.8	114.7	113.9	113.7
	July	100.9	114.8	116.8	107.7	111.7	111.1	112.8	114.7	112.7	113.7
	August	99.4	114.8	116.8	107.4	111.6	111.1	113.1	114.7	112.3	112.5
	September	100.0	115.2	116.8	107.2	111.6	111.1	113.1	115.0	112.7	112.5
	October	100.2	115.2	116.8	107.2	111.4	111.4	113.2	115.0	112.7	112.5
	November	100.2	115.4	116.8	106.8	111.6	111.2	113.7	115.0	113.4	112.5
	December	100.3	115.1	116.9	106.5	111.4	112.0	114.0	116.0	113.6	112.3
1957	January	100.6	114.9	116.9	103.8	111.0	111.1	113.3	116.0	113.5	111.7
	February	100.4	113.8	116.9	103.5	110.9	111.6	111.4	116.0	113.7	111.9
	March	101.1	114.0	117.3	104.1	111.2	112.2	111.8	117.9	114.1	113.7
	April	101.6	114.0	117.3	104.7	111.9	112.2	112.0	117.9	116.5	113.9
	May	101.7	114.0	117.3	104.9	112.0	112.0	111.8	117.9	116.6	114.3
	June	101.8	114.0	117.8	104.7	112.0	111.9	112.6	118.5	115.9	113.5
<u>Household Operation Index</u>											
1956	January	103.2	119.7	117.2	115.1	116.3	114.9	114.0	116.6	115.8	130.9
	February	103.2	119.7	117.2	115.3	116.8	115.5	114.1	116.6	115.9	128.6
	March	103.4	120.1	117.6	115.2	116.8	115.5	114.1	116.8	116.1	128.6
	April	104.4	119.9	117.4	114.9	116.4	115.5	114.0	116.5	116.6	128.0
	May	104.5	119.9	117.4	114.7	116.4	116.5	113.9	116.4	116.8	124.1
	June	104.4	120.4	117.6	114.8	115.9	116.4	113.5	116.6	117.0	125.0
	July	105.2	120.5	117.6	114.8	115.9	116.2	113.7	116.9	117.0	127.8
	August	104.8	120.5	117.9	114.7	115.3	116.3	114.0	117.0	117.0	127.2
	September	105.6	121.5	119.1	114.8	115.2	116.7	114.1	117.6	118.2	128.8
	October	105.7	121.6	119.1	115.2	116.0	117.2	114.1	117.8	118.3	128.4
	November	105.9	121.7	118.8	115.3	115.9	118.2	114.1	117.7	118.4	128.1
	December	106.4	122.1	119.8	115.5	117.1	118.3	115.6	119.1	118.5	128.6
1957	January	106.8	123.9	119.7	115.6	116.9	119.4	116.2	119.6	118.2	128.9
	February	108.3	125.1	120.6	115.5	117.3	119.5	116.2	120.3	118.3	130.2
	March	108.4	125.1	120.7	116.1	117.4	120.0	115.9	120.4	118.4	131.0
	April	108.4	125.3	121.0	115.4	118.2	120.1	116.5	120.2	119.1	128.7
	May	108.8	125.5	121.1	115.8	118.8	120.1	116.3	120.2	119.1	127.5
	June	108.8	125.5	121.2	115.9	118.6	119.4	116.7	121.3	119.7	126.7
<u>Other Commodities and Services Index</u>											
1956	January	110.9	119.2	124.1	119.8	120.8	118.9	119.6	116.0	117.6	119.7
	February	111.7	119.2	124.1	119.8	122.6	118.9	120.2	115.9	117.8	119.7
	March	111.7	119.7	124.5	120.0	123.1	119.5	120.6	116.6	119.5	120.4
	April	113.0	119.7	124.5	119.9	123.7	120.2	121.0	116.5	119.6	120.2
	May	114.5	120.3	124.8	120.5	124.2	120.9	120.8	116.5	119.7	120.1
	June	114.5	120.3	124.8	120.6	124.2	120.9	121.6	116.5	119.7	120.7
	July	114.5	120.3	124.5	120.6	123.9	122.8	121.3	116.5	119.7	120.7
	August	114.6	120.4	124.7	120.9	124.5	122.8	121.3	117.0	119.8	120.7
	September	114.6	121.2	124.7	121.1	124.7	123.0	121.6	117.0	119.9	120.8
	October	115.9	121.2	124.8	121.2	124.7	123.0	121.8	117.2	120.2	121.6
	November	115.7	121.6	126.5	122.8	125.8	123.8	122.1	117.8	121.3	122.9
	December	115.7	121.6	126.5	122.8	125.8	123.8	122.3	117.8	121.5	122.9
1957	January	115.4	121.6	126.7	122.9	126.1	124.2	122.4	117.9	121.6	123.0
	February	116.1	122.2	129.0	123.4	126.8	124.9	123.1	118.6	122.2	124.1
	March	116.1	122.3	129.2	123.5	127.3	125.8	123.3	118.8	122.4	124.2
	April	116.0	123.4	130.2	124.5	128.4	127.0	124.6	119.8	122.5	124.4
	May	116.0	124.1	130.3	125.6	129.8	129.6	126.0	120.9	123.6	124.7
	June	116.0	124.4	130.5	125.7	129.9	130.1	125.4	121.1	123.8	124.8

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	53.95	156.4	129.3	120.9
May 1	64.92(p)	53.61(p)	155.6(p)	128.5(p)	121.1

(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 - April .....	239.3	197.8	204.1	174.6	450.8	204.2	225.3
1955 - April .....	240.8	198.1	204.7	177.2	454.2	203.8	226.0
1956 - January .....	236.3	209.4	206.0	184.7	413.4	203.2	223.1
- April .....	250.6	209.2	209.6	184.7	485.1	204.0	231.9
- August .....	255.9	209.7	210.7	184.7	512.5	206.2	236.0
1957 - January .....	247.0	223.1	212.3	184.7	453.8	208.6	231.7
- April .....	258.6	223.8	212.0	184.7	523.9	213.5	240.6
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 - April .....	238.5	194.2	203.5	164.5	419.2	201.5	223.7
1955 - April .....	243.1	195.1	205.3	168.4	433.4	201.7	226.6
1956 - January .....	243.4	207.2	204.5	178.8	427.0	200.8	226.4
- April .....	252.3	207.7	208.0	178.8	461.6	201.3	231.9
- August .....	259.9	209.7	209.5	178.8	495.6	203.7	237.4
1957 - January .....	257.3	224.0	210.8	178.8	478.2	206.2	236.9
- April .....	261.3	224.6	210.8	178.8	498.6	211.0	241.2
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 - April .....	240.2	199.2	204.7	183.2	495.7	206.9	226.9
1955 - April .....	238.5	199.3	204.1	184.8	483.8	205.9	225.4
1956 - January .....	229.3	210.3	207.4	189.8	394.0	205.7	219.9
- April .....	248.9	209.8	211.1	189.8	518.4	206.6	232.0
- August .....	251.8	209.7	211.8	189.8	536.6	208.7	234.6
1957 - January .....	236.8	222.7	213.7	189.8	419.2	211.0	226.5
April .....	256.0	223.5	213.2	189.8	559.9	216.0	240.0

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

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

## First of the Month Prices - Dollars per cwt

ITEM	CANADA			MARITIMES			QUEBEC		
	1956	1957	1957	1956	1957	1957	1956	1957	1957
	June	May	June	June	May	June	June	May	June
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1. Corn, cracked	3.93	3.90	3.87	4.10	4.17	4.14	3.70	3.64	3.59
2. Oats, unground	3.16	2.91	2.86	3.41	3.08	3.01	3.20	2.91	2.85
3. Barley, ground	3.16	2.89	2.85	3.37	3.07	2.99	3.11	2.81	2.76
4. Wheat, unground	3.01	3.13	3.08	3.23	3.38	3.34	2.94	3.11	3.02
5. Bran	2.87	2.71	2.67	2.91	2.68	2.65	2.88	2.63	2.56
6. Shorts	2.96	2.84	2.80	2.98	2.82	2.77	2.96	2.75	2.71
7. Middlings	3.11	3.02	2.98	3.14	3.05	2.98	3.09	2.95	2.90
8. Linseed oil meal	4.96	4.82	4.81	5.05	4.92	4.91	4.80	4.71	4.68
9. Soybean oil meal	4.71	4.41	4.39	5.03	4.73	4.71	4.56	4.22	4.17
10. Calf starter (20-24%)	5.24	5.16	5.15	4.99	5.09	5.01	4.92	4.82	4.82
11. Dairy ration (16%)	3.60	3.57	3.53	3.63	3.60	3.56	3.49	3.43	3.38
12. Dairy supplement (24%) (East)	4.20	4.22	4.19	4.25	4.26	4.20	4.04	4.13	4.15
13. Dairy supplement (32%) (West)	5.20	5.14	5.13	-	-	-	-	-	-
14. Pig starter mash	5.52	4.50	4.47	4.30	4.44	4.39	4.20	4.20	4.16
15. Hog concentrate (35%)	5.41	5.32	5.29	6.00	5.99	5.98	5.54	5.37	5.36
16. Hog grower mash	3.73	3.68	3.64	3.84	3.78	3.74	3.68	3.64	3.58
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%)	4.74	4.75	4.70	4.80	4.86	4.81	4.45	4.48	4.40
18. Growing mash	4.24	4.18	4.15	4.21	4.20	4.16	4.25	4.17	4.13
19. Laying mash (18%)	4.28	4.27	4.24	4.32	4.39	4.33	4.28	4.27	4.22
20. Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	5.05	5.00	4.97	5.10	5.02	4.99	4.96	4.96	4.92
21. Turkey growing mash	4.66	4.65	4.62	4.76	4.78	4.72	4.60	4.62	4.56

ITEM	ONTARIO			PRAIRIES			BRITISH COLUMBIA		
	1956	1957	1957	1956	1957	1957	1956	1957	1957
	June	May	June	June	May	June	June	May	June
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1. Corn, cracked	3.58	3.72	3.71	5.16	5.13	5.13	4.57	4.23	4.20
2. Oats, unground	3.16	2.91	2.85	2.70	2.51	2.49	3.22	3.04	3.03
3. Barley, ground	3.18	2.91	2.85	2.79	2.60	2.59	3.27	3.03	3.03
4. Wheat, unground	2.97	3.09	3.03	2.81	2.80	2.73	3.14	3.22	3.23
5. Bran	2.95	2.77	2.70	2.79	2.75	2.74	2.79	2.71	2.70
6. Shorts	3.03	2.90	2.83	2.86	2.87	2.86	2.95	2.85	2.84
7. Middlings	3.16	3.10	3.05	2.85	2.79	2.77	3.17	3.10	3.10
8. Linseed oil meal	4.73	4.60	4.59	5.26	5.11	5.11	5.25	5.01	5.02
9. Soybean oil meal	4.54	4.18	4.16	4.95	5.02	5.02	4.98	4.73	4.74
10. Calf starter (20-24%)	5.09	5.02	4.99	5.18	5.11	5.12	6.20	6.13	6.13
11. Dairy ration (16%)	3.73	3.68	3.66	3.53	3.46	3.44	3.59	3.62	3.61
12. Dairy supplement (24%)	4.26	4.26	4.21	-	-	-	-	-	-
13. Dairy supplement (32%)	-	-	-	5.16	5.07	5.07	5.26	5.26	5.26
14. Pig starter mash	4.69	4.66	4.60	4.92	4.88	4.91	4.35	4.24	4.26
15. Hog concentrate (35%)	5.24	5.09	5.04	5.31	5.31	5.29	5.85	5.77	5.77
16. Hog grower mash	3.72	3.65	3.59	3.61	3.50	3.50	3.88	3.88	3.86
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%)	4.79	4.83	4.77	4.95	4.89	4.91	4.80	4.81	4.80
18. Growing mash	4.17	4.12	4.09	4.32	4.18	4.16	4.28	4.26	4.24
19. Laying mash (18%)	4.28	4.22	4.17	4.28	4.30	4.31	4.27	4.22	4.22
20. Broiler starter (20-23%)	5.00	4.88	4.83	5.11	4.98	4.98	5.14	5.24	5.21
21. Turkey growing mash	4.80	4.74	4.68	4.61	4.50	4.51	4.57	4.67	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 Average	1956 Average	1956 June Average	1957 May Average	1957 June Average
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	dollar	.9863	.9841	.9853	.9556	.9532
United Kingdom	pound	2.7535	2.7516	2.7616	2.6676	2.6602
Argentina	peso (free)	.06386	.02826	.02934	.02450	.02370
Australia	pound	2.2054	2.2014	2.2093	2.1341	2.1282
Belgium (1)	franc	.01964	.01972	.01974	.01899	.01895
Brazil	cruzeiro (free)	.01344	.01355	.01186	.01341	.01310
Br. West Indies (except Jamaica)	dollar	.5737	.5733	.5753	.5558	.5542
Ceylon	rupee	.2065	.2064	.2071	.2001	.1995
Chile	peso	.00493	.00232	.00200	.00166	.00161
Colombia	peso (basic)	.3945	.3937	.3941	.3824	(2) .1966
Cuba	peso	.9863	.9841	.9853	.9556	.9532
Denmark	krone	.1428	.1425	.1426	.1384	.1380
Egypt	pound	2.8322	2.8262	2.8294	2.7441	2.7372
France and North Africa	franc	.00282	.00281	.00282	.00273	.00272
Germany	deutsche mark	.2343	.2342	.2346	.2275	.2269
Hong Kong	dollar	.1721	.1720	.1726	.1667	.1663
India	rupee	.2065	.2064	.2071	.2001	.1995
Ireland	pound	2.7535	2.7516	2.7616	2.6676	2.6602
Italy	lira	.00158	.00158	.00158	.00153	.00153
Jamaica	pound	2.7535	2.7516	2.7616	2.6676	2.6602
Japan	yen	.00274	.00273	.00274	.00265	.00265
Lebanon	pound (free)	.3046	.3056	.3059	.2984	.2980
Mexico	peso	.07890	.07873	.07883	.07645	.07626
Netherlands	guilder	.2588	.2571	.2573	.2498	.2489
New Zealand	pound	2.7535	2.7516	2.7616	2.6676	2.6602
Norway	krone	.1381	.1378	.1379	.1338	.1335
Pakistan	rupee	.2597	.2064	.2071	.2001	.1995
Peru	sol-certificat	.05191	.05179	.05186	.05030	.05017
Philippines	peso	.4931	.4920	.4927	.4778	.4766
Portugal	escudo	.03442	.03434	.03439	.03335	.03326
Singapore	dollar	.3213	.3210	.3222	.3112	.3104
Sweden	krona	.1906	.1902	.1905	.1847	.1843
Switzerland	franc	.2301	.2297	.2299	.2230	.2225
Turkey	lira	.3522	.3514	.3519	.3413	.3404
Union of South Africa	pound	2.7535	2.7516	2.7616	2.6676	2.6602
Venezuela	bolivar	.2944	.2937	.2941	.2853	.2845
Yugoslavia	dinar	.00329	.00328	.00328	.00318	.00318

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

(1) Includes Belgian Empire and Luxemburg.

(2) Certificate.

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

(1935-39=100)

INVESTORS' INDEX										
Number of Stocks	INVESTORS' TOTAL (95)	TOTAL INDUSTRIES (75)	Machinery and Equipment (10)	Pulp and Paper (9)	Mill-ing (2)	Oils (5)	Textiles and Cloth-ing (8)	Food and Allied Products (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
June ..	286.9	303.5	882.7	998.9	141.9	275.6	161.8	208.2	514.6	482.4
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
June 6	290.7	308.0	874.0	1,000.7	144.4	284.2	155.2	211.0	516.4	487.1
June 13	290.8	308.3	883.7	1,002.2	138.8	281.9	163.5	210.6	525.9	485.0
June 20	283.0	298.6	878.7	991.6	144.4	267.9	165.7	208.9	506.9	478.1
June 27	283.0	299.0	894.5	1,001.2	139.9	268.2	162.6	202.3	509.3	479.3

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 s (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
June. .	217.6	216.8	401.0	107.6	264.6	281.8	125.4	80.6	227.7	150.8
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
June 6	222.4	218.4	405.1	109.0	264.8	283.2	124.9	81.2	224.8	
June 13	223.4	217.8	406.0	108.2	264.3	283.8	128.4	82.1	234.3	
June 20	213.5	216.0	398.6	107.2	264.2	280.7	124.6	80.2	226.1	(2)
June 27	211.1	214.9	394.5	106.1	265.0	279.4	123.6	79.1	225.6	

(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						
				Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	
<b>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES</b>										
Australia .....	1952 - 53		108.0(1)	114.2(6)						
Canada .....	1949	100.0	118.1	120.3	120.5	120.5	120.9	121.1	121.6	
France (Paris) ...	1949	100.0	147.1	148.5	148.9	147.3	147.1	148.0		
Germany .....	1950	107	113	114	114	114	114	114		
India .....	1949	100	105	108	107					
Italy .....	1938	4,915	6,266	6,373	6,335	6,304	6,300			
Japan .....	1951	92.2	118.4	121.3	121.5	122.4				
Mexico .....	1939	335.9	575.3	568.4	563.8	572.2	582.2			
Netherlands .....	1951		108	115	115	114	115			
Norway .....	1949	100	148	150	151	152				
South Africa .....	1938	153.2	205.9	208.2	208.5	208.9	208.9	209.5		
Sweden .....	1949	100	139	144	144	143	144			
Switzerland .....	August 1939		175	177.1	176.8	176.3	176.9	178.0		
United Kingdom ...	Jan. 17, 1956(3)		102.0	104.4	104.3	104.1	104.5	104.6		
United States ....	1947 - 49	101.8	116.2	118.2	118.7	118.9	119.3	119.6		
<b>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES</b>										
Australia .....	1936 - 39		334(1)	343	345					
Canada .....	1935 - 39	198.3	225.6	229.4	228.4	228.4	228.4	228.0	228.0	
France .....	1949		141.6	144.9	144.4	143.6	143.8	146.2		
Germany .....	1950		129	131	130	129	131			
India .....	1952 - 53			107.2	106.6					
Italy .....	1938	5,169	5,380	5,391	5,322	5,270(r)	5,222			
Japan (Tokyo) ....	1952		102.2	106.7	106.6	106.6	106.5			
Mexico (Mexico City) .....	1939	268.1	530.9	532.3	528.2	532.0	541.7	546.3		
Netherlands .....	1948	104	140	145	144	143				
Norway .....	1952		108	111	111	111				
South Africa .....	1938	184.7	275.3	278.9	278.4	276.3				
Sweden .....	1935	216	325	329	327	324	324			
Switzerland .....	August 1939		220.0	224.4	223.3	222.7	224.4	225.1		
United Kingdom ...	June 30, 1949(4)		156.2	160.8	159.6	159.1	160.2(r)	159.7		
United Kingdom ...	June 30, 1949(5)		135.6	138.0	138.2	138.3	138.6(r)	138.6		
United States ....	1947 - 49	99.2	114.3	116.9	117.0	116.9	117.2	117.1		

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### SECURITY PRICE INDEXES

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