

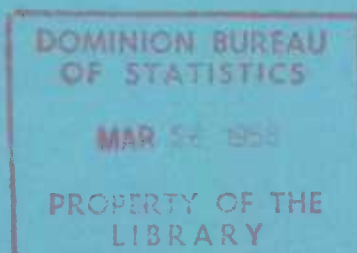
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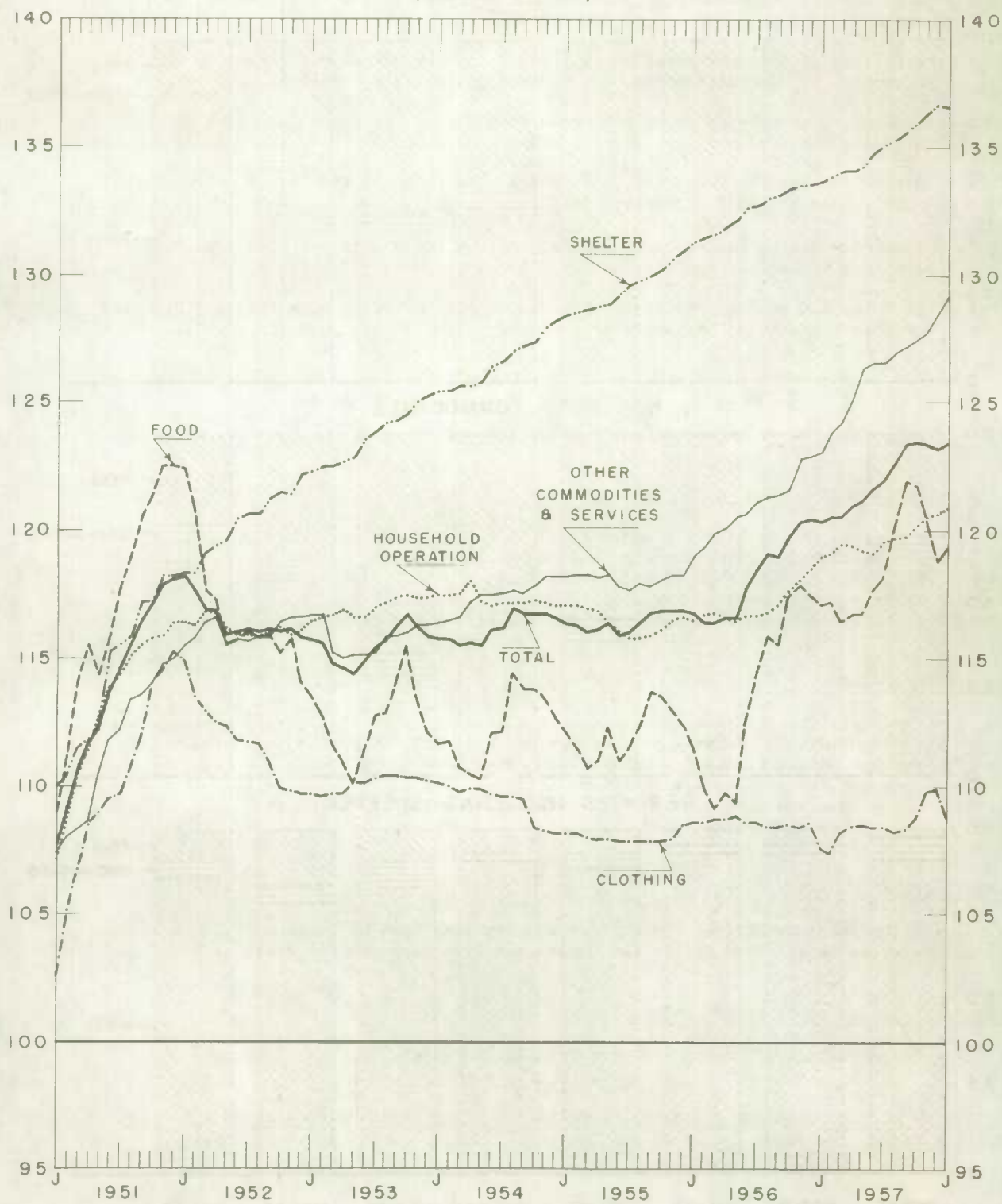
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MONTHLY, JANUARY 1951 — JANUARY 1958

(1949 = 100)



PERCENTAGE OF CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ITEMS  
FOR WHICH PRICES FELL, ROSE OR WERE UNCHANGED, BY  
SPECIFIED GROUPS, AS BETWEEN YEARS, 1949-1957



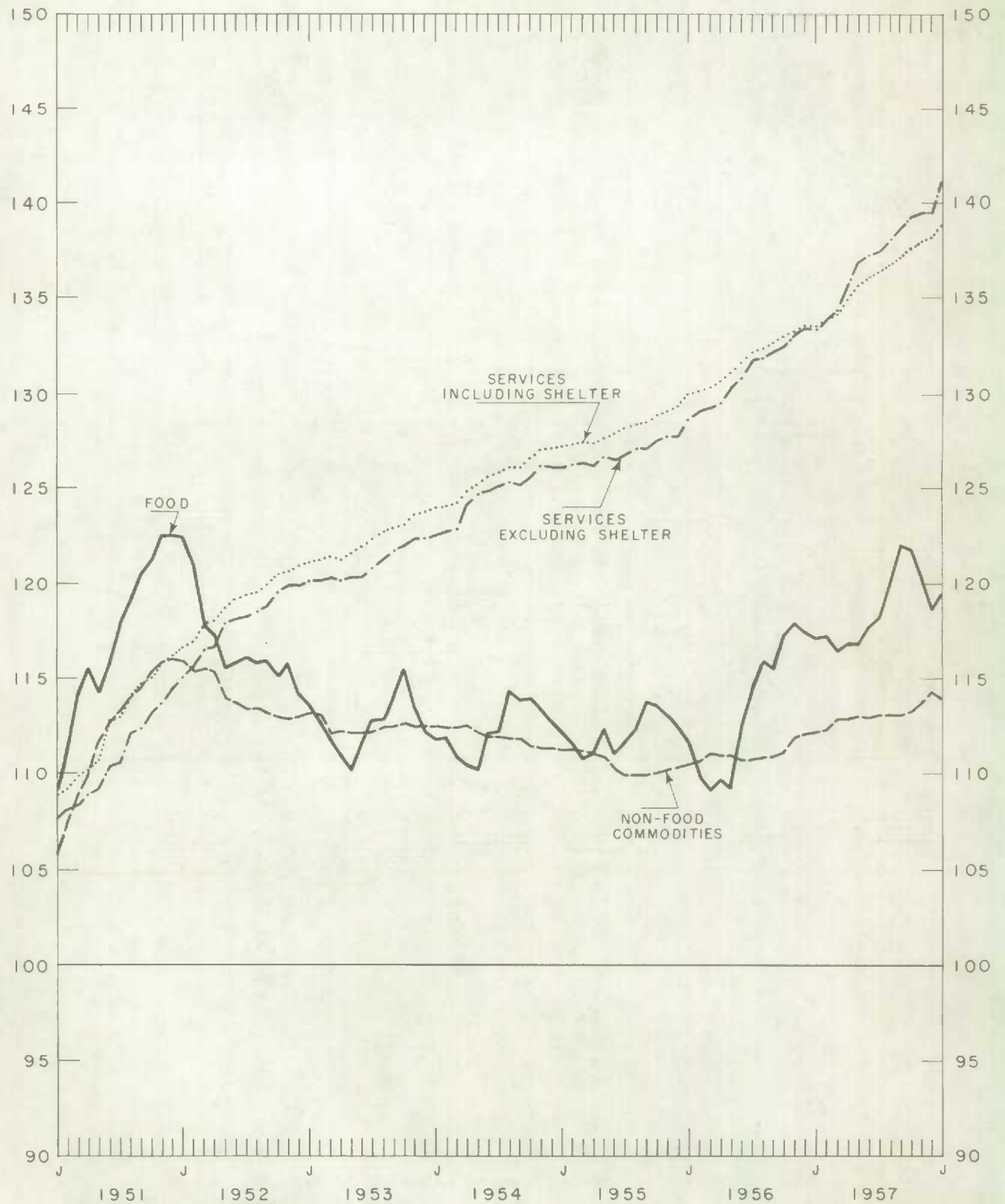


## CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

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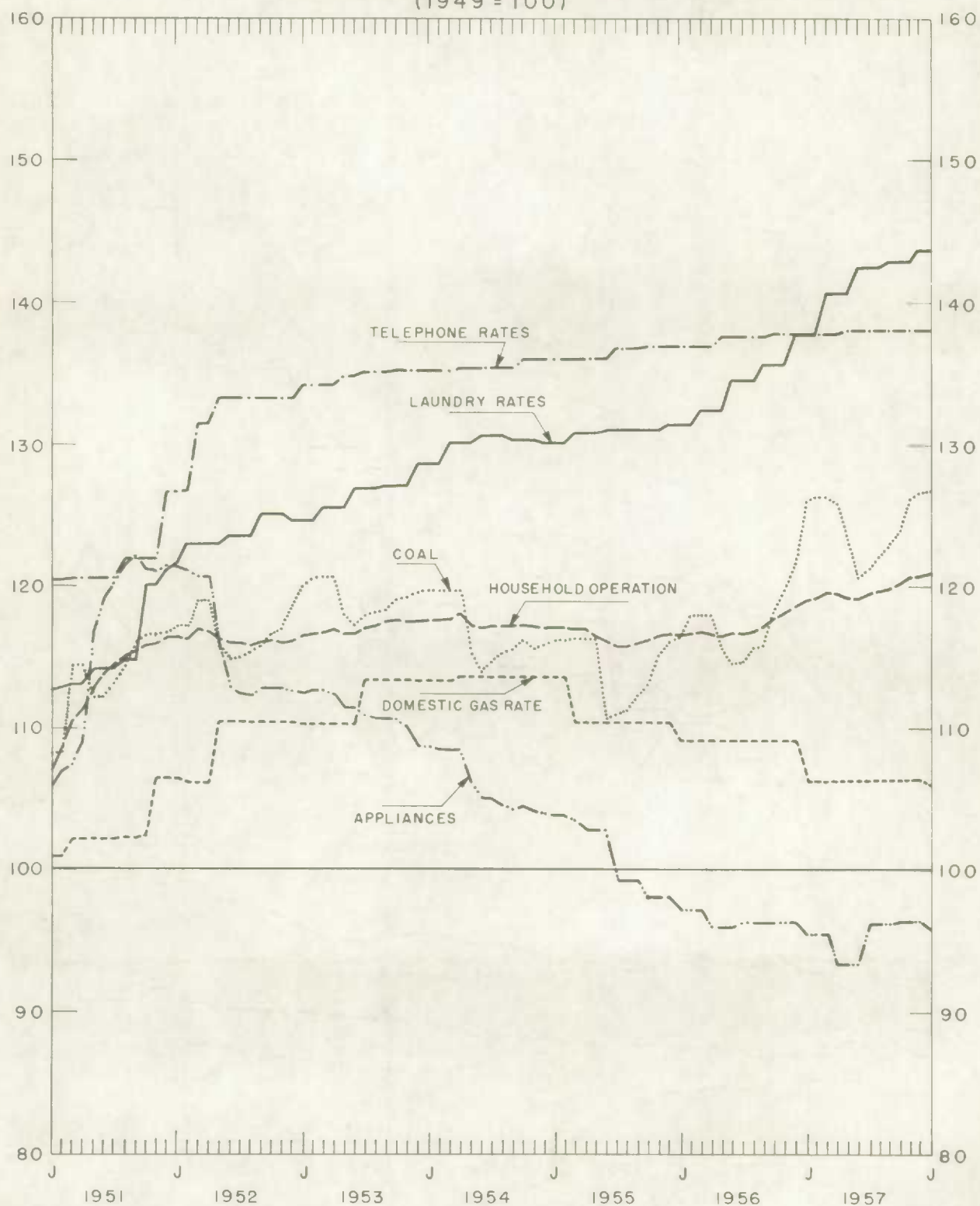
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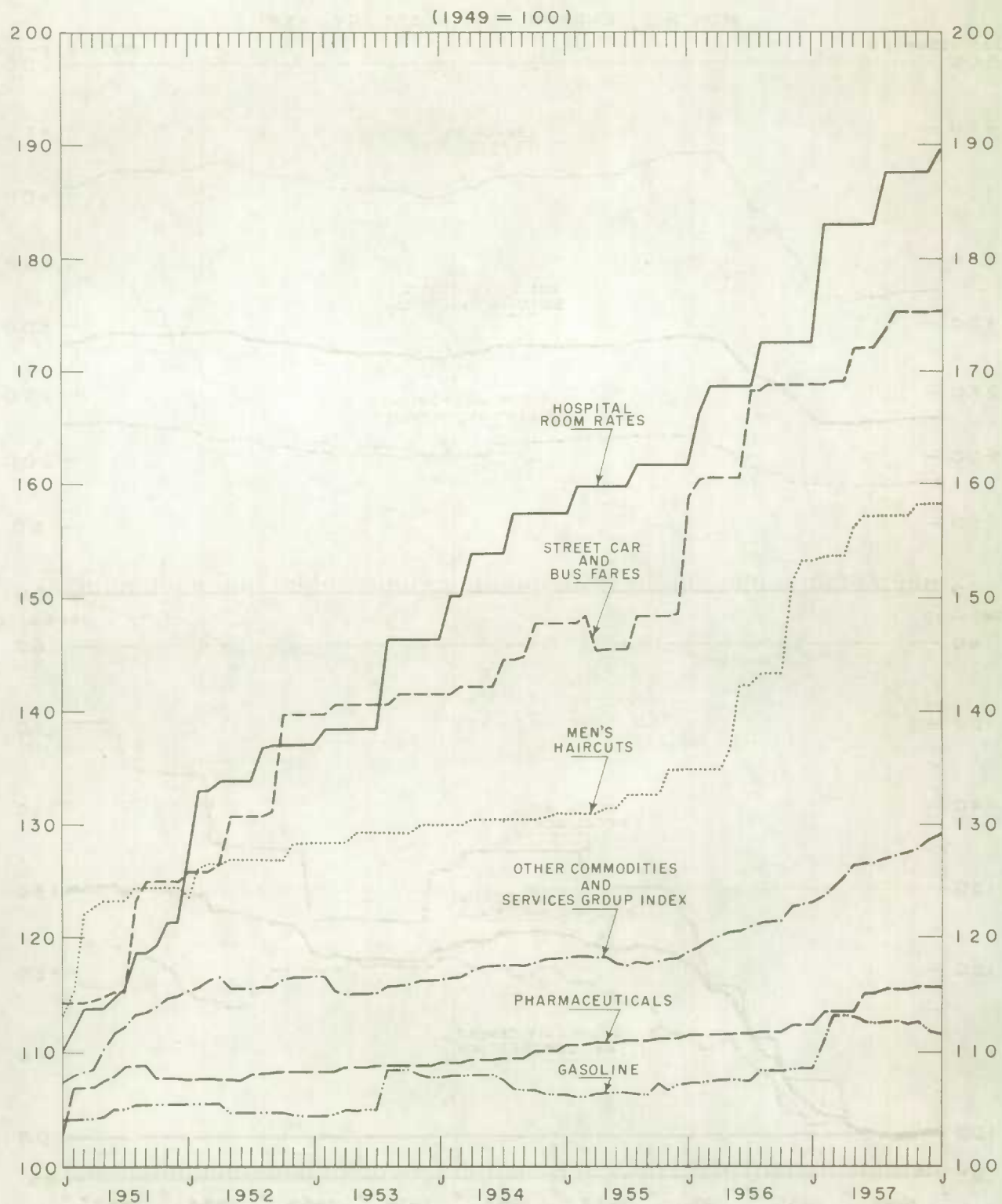
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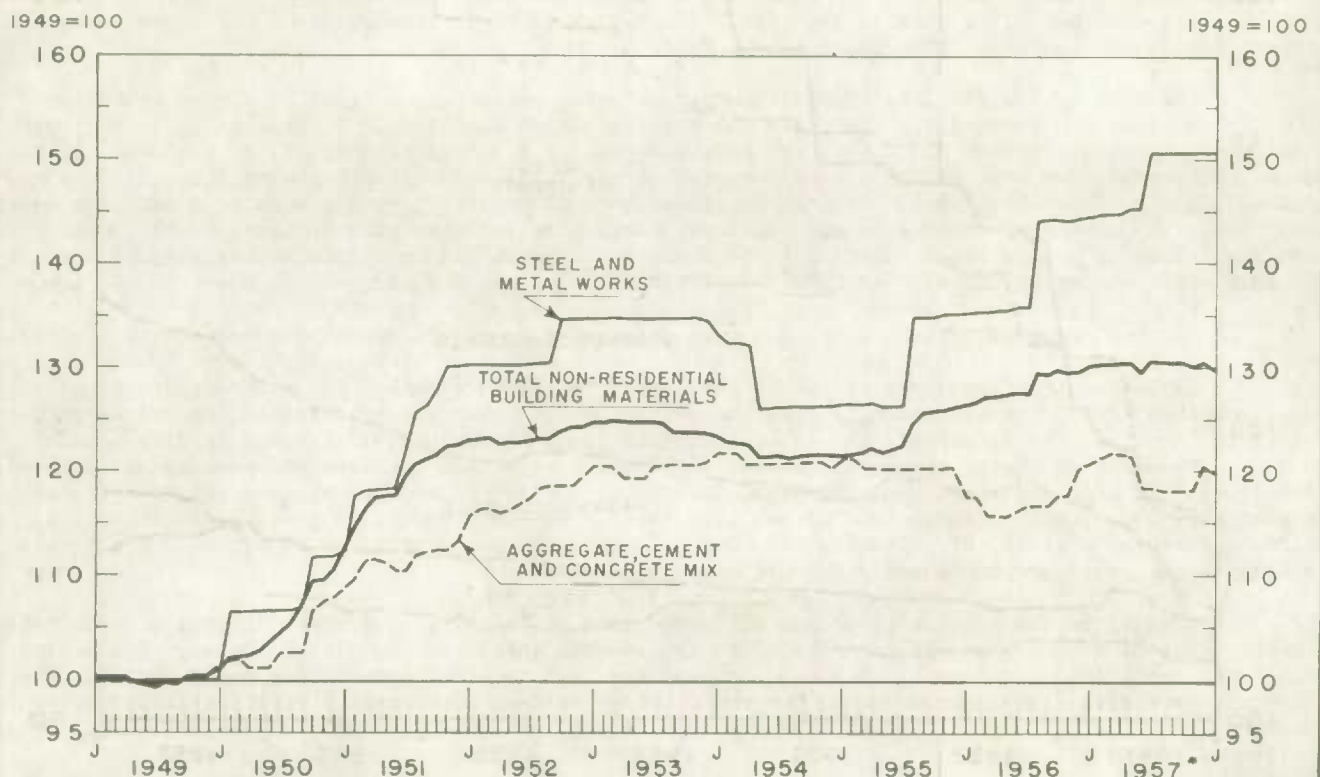
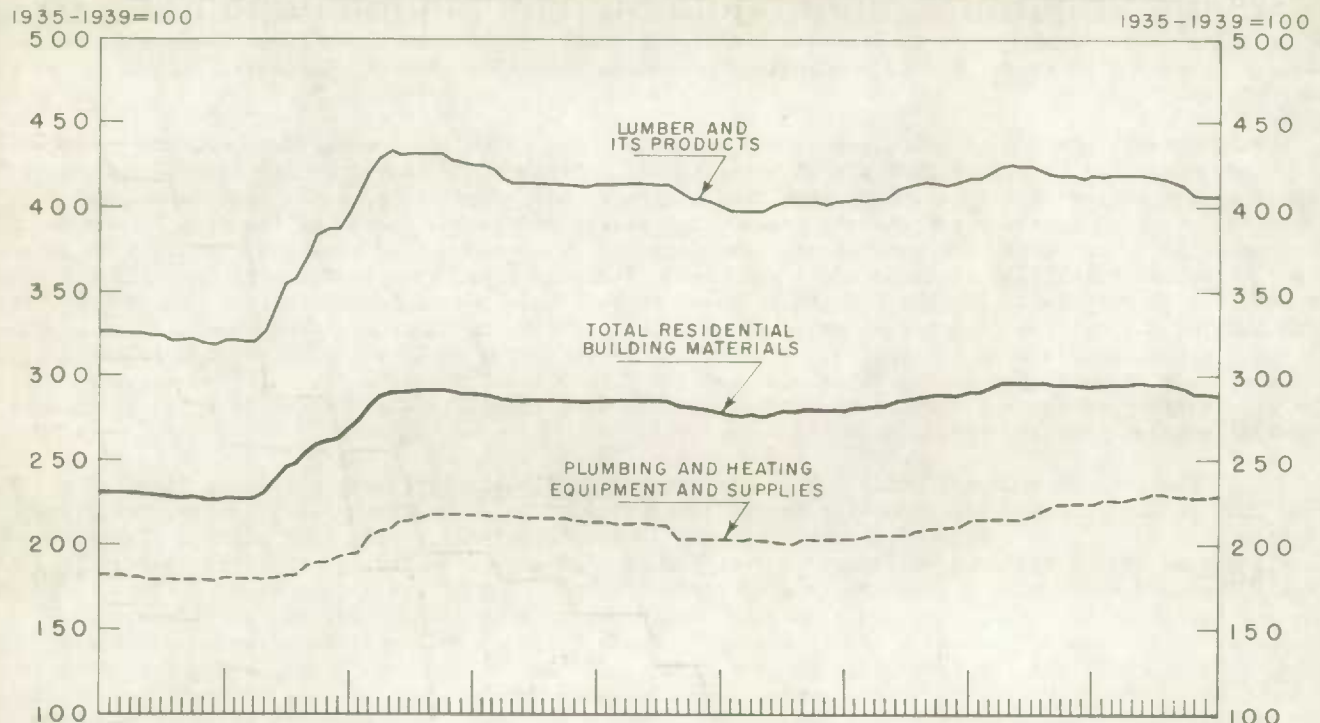


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• 1957 FIGURES ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION



RETAIL PRICE MOVEMENTS - 1957: The twelve years of almost continuous economic growth which have followed the close of the 1939-1945 War, have had associated with them several distinct periods of retail price behaviour, the latest of which was in evidence throughout the year 1957.

The gradual relaxation of price controls in 1946, combined with consumer demands far in excess of supply, brought on a period of rapidly advancing prices, and between 1946 and 1948 the Consumer Price Index advanced more than 25 per cent. A significant exception to these general price increases was the behaviour of rents, which, continuing under some degree of control, increased 7 per cent in the same period.

Towards the end of 1948, production appeared to be matching consumer demands, and during the slight recession of 1949, consumer prices levelled off. Between the latter months of 1948 and May 1950, retail prices increased only slightly more than one per cent. However, with the outbreak of War in Korea in June 1950 came a resurgence of pressure on prices and in the course of the next 18 months, further major upward movements took place. The Consumer Price Index rose from 102.7 in July 1950 to 118.1 by December 1951, an increase of 15 per cent. Foods advanced sharply from 102.6 to 122.5 for an increase of 20 per cent. The shelter index, based on both home-ownership and rents -- the latter freed from most of the wartime controls -- moved from 107.4 to 118.2 for an increase of about 10 per cent. Clothing experienced a more substantial rise of 16 per cent, from 99.1 to 115.2. Household operation, covering such items as furniture, appliances and fuel, rose about the same degree, from 101.6 to 116.4. The wide variety of goods and services covered in the other commodities and services index followed a somewhat similar pattern, moving from 102.4 to 115.0.

The peak in consumer price levels was reached in January 1952 when the index stood at 118.2. From this peak it dropped off gradually in the first half of 1952, to reach 115.9 in May, resulting, for the most part, from a drop of about 5 per cent in the food index. From this point a plateau in retail prices was established which was to last for four years. Over this period, the Consumer Price Index displayed noteworthy stability, ranging narrowly from a low of 114.4 to a high of 116.9. Though the general level of prices remained almost unchanged during this lengthy period, significant variations were taking place around a stable average. Foods recorded mostly seasonal movements during 1953, 1954 and 1955 and the first half of 1956. Non-food commodities experienced a decline of about 3 per cent in this period with a steady gradual downward movement. Much of this decrease was accounted for by appliances, which decreased 17 per cent. On the other hand rents advanced steadily to stand 13 per cent higher in May 1956 than in May 1952. The entire group of service items also experienced strong, continuous increases throughout this period.

From May 1956 a distinct change occurred in price patterns. A trend of higher prices continued throughout the remainder of 1956 and the first ten months of 1957. In this period, the total index moved up steadily from 116.6 to a new post war peak of 123.4 in October 1957. Food was the component responsible for most of the upward movement at the total index level, rising from 109.3 in May 1956 to 121.9 by September 1957. Shelter continued to advance steadily, although at a slightly moderating rate, as did other commodities and services, particularly the service elements in the group. In contrast, clothing prices remained practically unchanged. Household Operation, continuing to reflect the easy price situation of major household appliances, rose only 2.8 per cent.

The following paragraphs contain a more detailed account of retail price movements in 1957.

The strength of consumer prices in 1957 is reflected in a number of different groupings of index components. If consideration is given to the number of items which increased, decreased or were unchanged in price, the widespread nature of the price increase during 1957 becomes readily apparent. In foods, 85 per cent of the items priced were at higher levels than the previous year and only 15 per cent lower. In non-food items i.e. clothing, furniture, appliances and pharmaceuticals, 68 per cent were higher, 6 per cent unchanged and 26 per cent lower. In the diversified group of services i.e. haircuts, telephone rates, dry cleaning and hospital rates, 86 per cent moved to higher price levels in 1957, 5 per cent were unchanged and 9 per cent were lower.

Turning to the regular groupings of commodities and services for which indexes are published monthly, four of the five groups contributed to the overall increase. Foods led the way with a rise of 4.6 per cent, followed closely by a 4.3 per cent increase in other commodities and services. The household operation group increased 2.1 per cent, while shelter, continuing a long period of upward movement, rose 1.8 per cent. Clothing, at the total level, remained virtually unchanged in this general pattern of rising prices.

It is possible to assess price behaviour by recombining the wide range of commodity and service items into four groups - food, non-food commodities, total commodities and total services including



shelter. Foods, as previously stated, were 4.6 per cent above 1956 levels while non-food commodities were only 1.8 per cent higher. Taking all commodities as a group (food and non-food), an increase of 3 per cent occurred, while services rose slightly more, 3.2 per cent.

**MOVEMENT OF THE FOOD INDEX DURING YEAR 1957:** Food prices averaged 4.6 per cent higher in 1957 than in 1956, although by December 1957 they stood only 1.1 per cent above the level of December 1956. This apparent contradiction is accounted for by the rapid rise in food prices between May and December 1956 during which they rose 7.5 per cent. Thus the food index averaged 113.4 for 1956 but had reached 117.5 by the end of the year.

Individual item and group price movements are examined in more detail in the following sections.

**PORK** Both fresh and cured pork rose sharply to the highest levels in a number of years. Bacon reached an unprecedented price of 56¢ per half pound and averaged 50¢ over the year compared with 39¢ in 1956. Fresh cuts were also at unusually high price levels, with pork chops averaging 75¢ per pound in 1957 as compared to 64¢ in 1956. The retail price structure reflected a substantial drop in hog marketings during 1957, and the continuing ban on imports of U.S. pork.

**BEEF** With supplies adequate and record exports, as well as high consumption levels, beef continued to move to higher prices, as it has over the past three years. Most beef cuts averaged about 3¢ per pound higher in 1957 than in 1956; sirloin steak retailed at 84¢ in 1957 compared with 81¢ in 1956. These prices were far below the Korean War peak of \$1.07 per pound in September 1951.

**SUGAR** Historically this item is subject to little price movement over fairly lengthy periods of time. However, the sharp advance in world sugar prices showed up in Canadian retail prices in 1957, as they averaged 33 per cent higher than in 1956. The price per pound moved from 9¢ to 12¢ reaching a peak of almost 13¢ in May-June and declining very gradually to just under 12¢ by the year end.

**COFFEE** Prices, which had been rising steadily throughout 1956 into 1957, broke sharply from a peak of \$1.16 per pound in January and entered a period of steady decline throughout the remainder of the year. Prices dropped 25 cents per pound in this period and averaged 10¢ per pound below the 1956 price of \$1.13 per pound (1 pound bags).

**TEA** Unlike coffee, tea showed no real weakness at the retail level in 1957. Prices have been easing slightly over the past two years and in 1957 averaged about 1¢ per pound below 1956 prices.

**MILK** After five years of quite stable prices for this basic food item, a series of upward price movements which started in November 1956, carried the 1957 price 1.5¢ higher than the 21 cent per quart price of 1956. Further increases were occurring at the year end. Price increases in both store and door-to-door delivery were largely attributable to upward revisions in prices paid to producers for raw milk, with formulae price determinants playing a significant role.

**EGGS** With the largest domestic supply ever available, prices dropped to the lowest levels in years. Over the year, prices averaged 11 per cent lower than in 1956 and the average 1957 price of 56¢ per dozen was the lowest since 1947.

**BREAD** Prices in 1957 averaged 1¢ per pound higher than in 1956, or 14¢ as compared with 13¢. This was the largest annual increase in a number of years but unlike the price adjustments in milk, was not the direct result of a single factor such as higher prices for flour. For the most part, the higher price levels for bread reflected price increases for most ingredients other than flour, and higher wage rates in the baking industry.

**VEGETABLES** On the whole, fresh vegetable prices were at the same levels as in 1956. Potatoes, however, reached their lowest price since 1954 and well below 1956 prices, averaging 42¢ per 10 pounds compared with 50¢ a year earlier. Peak prices in 1957 reached only 47¢ in July, in sharp contrast to a peak of 86¢ in July 1956.

Canned vegetables were up, on the average, about 1¢ per tin over 1956 prices while frozen peas were more than 1¢ below 1956 prices.

**FRUITS** Both imported and Canadian grown fresh fruits were up about 5 per cent over 1956 price levels. Canned pears and peaches were up 1-2 cents per tin while orange juice was down about 5 per cent from 1956 prices.

**PACKAGED FOODS** Many of the food items in this group experienced upward adjustments for the first time in several years, amounting to about the same percentage as the average movement in all foods.

MOVEMENT OF THE SHELTER INDEX DURING THE YEAR 1957:

**RENTS** Rents in 1957 showed no sign of ending their uninterrupted rise which has been a feature of rent movements since 1946 when wartime rent controls were relaxed. However the 1.8 per cent increase in the rent index just about equalled the change between 1956 and 1955, and furthered the impression of a definite levelling off in the rent curve. Since 1949 the percentage change pattern has been as follows:

1950/1949	+ 8.2%	1954/1953	+ 3.5%
1951/1950	+ 5.8%	1955/1954	+ 2.7%
1952/1951	+ 5.6%	1956/1955	+ 1.7%
1953/1952	+ 3.7%	1957/1956	+ 1.8%

Movements in 1957 brought the rent index to almost 40 per cent above its 1949 level.

**HOME-OWNERSHIP** This component continued to rise throughout 1957 to extend the pattern of change which has been quite similar in both components of the shelter index. However, home ownership, unlike rents, has not shown a steadily decreasing rate of increase since 1949. Between 1953 and 1954 this series rose less than 1 per cent, while between 1955 and 1956 the rate of increase was more than 3 per cent, whereas in the period 1957/1956 the rise was under 2 per cent. In 1957 this index stood at 130.8.

**MOVEMENT OF THE CLOTHING INDEX DURING THE YEAR 1957:** Clothing prices, as a group, have shown marked stability for a period of over five years and again in 1957, the clothing index, at 108.5 was virtually unchanged from the 1956 index of 108.6. Year to year changes have generally been less than 1 per cent during this period; however in the current year, some upward movement occurred in the second half to bring the index in December about 2 per cent above January levels. Price behaviour within the clothing sub-groups varied to some degree and it was the net effect of these contrasting movements which contributed to the stable appearance of the clothing index at the total level.

**MEN'S WEAR** For the first time in several years, price increases in such items as men's suits and overcoats showed up clearly at the retail level, while men's furnishings continued to hold very steady. The men's wear index of 115.6 for 1957 was about 2 per cent above the 1956 level.

**WOMEN'S WEAR** This group, in contrast to men's wear, dropped more than 2 per cent to 96.4, reflecting some widely varying price changes. Fur coat prices were below 1956 levels; winter cloth coats, although lower over the year 1957 than 1956, had new season's prices in October above prices of a year earlier. On the other hand, other lines of women's wear such as lingerie showed little tendency to increase. Nylon hosiery dropped again during the year to reach a level 20 per cent below 1949 prices.

**CHILDREN'S WEAR** Over the year, this sub-group averaged about 1 per cent lower than the 1956 index, with cotton items off slightly, woollens showing some upward movement and new seasonal items (parkas and snow suits) coming in at higher prices than a year ago.

**FOOTWEAR** Has recorded larger increases since 1949 than other clothing sub-groups, and continued to move upward in the current year. Men's and women's shoes were 5 per cent higher in 1957 compared with 1956, while children's shoes increased less than 1 per cent.

**PIECE GOODS** Price increases of nearly 5 per cent in knitting yarns, combined with somewhat higher prices for rayon, wool dress material and cottons, resulted in an increase of some 2 per cent in this sub-group.

**MOVEMENT OF THE HOUSEHOLD OPERATION INDEX DURING YEAR 1957:** In a group relating to such diversified items as durables (furniture and major appliances) non-durables (household supplies and fuel) and services (ranging from telephones to shoe repairs) the average increase of 2.1 per cent encompassed considerable price dispersion.

Coal prices advanced 6.0 per cent in 1957 to continue the rise in effect for the past two years. Fuel oil, after jumping to a peak of 115.2 in February, following the Suez crisis, dropped off in August and continued to drop to reach 110.7 in December, leaving 1957 prices only fractionally higher than 1956. Domestic gas rates, showing some of the rate reductions effected as a result of conversions to natural gas from manufactured gas, declined almost 3 per cent from 1956 levels, to continue a steady decline extending over the past three years. Electricity rates continued quite steady through 1957, dropping slightly from 1956.

**HOMEFURNISHINGS** Furniture, showing the first price movement of any magnitude for several years, was more than 3 per cent above 1956 levels averaging 119.5 in the current year. Major



appliances which have dropped steadily from a peak of 116.0 in 1951 to 96.4 in 1956 averaged slightly lower at 95.4 in 1957. However, it appeared significant that the introduction of new models priced in July did result in a 3 point rise in this group index, the first effect of this nature over the past six years of declining prices. Floor coverings increased about 2 per cent over 1956 prices. The household utensils and equipment component, which includes such items as dishes, glass ovenware and light bulbs rose 4 per cent above 1956 prices as most items in the group experienced price increases. Household supplies, including soaps, detergents and wax showed little price change in the current year - household services (laundry, dry cleaning) rose a further 3 per cent.

**MOVEMENT OF THE OTHER COMMODITIES AND SERVICES INDEX DURING YEAR 1957:** This group which includes such contrasting items as new passenger cars, dentists' fees and film, rose about 5 per cent between 1956 and 1957 to reach a new annual average high, (126.1) for the seventh time in eight years since 1949. There were few price decreases as many of the items moved to higher levels.

**TRANSPORTATION** The automobile operation index rose about 7 per cent to 119.3 under the influence of price increases in new cars, parts and accessories, repairs and insurance rates. New passenger cars averaged about 10 per cent higher over the year 1957 compared with 1956. Gasoline prices were up 4 per cent over 1956 reaching a peak of 113.3 in April and easing to 111.9 by December. Automobile insurance rose sharply from 102.9 in January to 122.5 in December. The automobile repair index, which has undergone substantial increases almost continuously since 1949, jumped again during 1957 from 136.9 at the beginning of the year to 161.7 by the year end. The only exceptions to this strong upward movement in automotive items were tires and batteries which held at about their 1956 levels. The local transportation index also moved up, about 4 per cent, from 158.0 to 165.0 as street car, bus and taxi fares continued their trend to higher price levels. Train and inter-urban bus fares also recorded price increases during 1957.

**RECREATION** Newspapers, which have been moving to higher prices during the past few years, entered, in 1957, the era of 10¢ per copy, and this price level was spreading across the country at the year end, moving the index from 130.0 in January to 138.7 in December. Theatre admissions moved up from 149.6 to 158.1 in the current year. Other items in the recreation group - magazines, radios and film showed considerably less movement.

**HEALTH CARE** This sub-group, the most volatile in the entire consumer price index, rose from 134.2 in 1956 to 142.6 in 1957 with a number of individual items moving even more rapidly. Hospital rates, which stood at 172.7 in January, touched 187.5 in December. Doctors' fees rose 4 per cent, from 125.7 to 130.7 between 1956 and 1957 while dentists' fees increased 6 per cent, from 130.5 to 138.4. Fees for prepaid medical care moved from 143.7 in 1956 to 160.7 in the current year. Pharmaceuticals, which have increased at a much less rapid rate, rose from 111.7 to 114.5 to remain well below most other health care sub-groups.

**TOBACCO AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** Tobacco prices, extremely stable for several years, remained at their 1956 level in 1957, only 1.2 per cent above 1949 prices. In alcoholic beverages, both beer and liquor prices increased, beer about 2 per cent to 115.3 and liquor 5 per cent to 114.3.

**PERSONAL CARE** Most supply items such as cleansing cream, shaving cream and face powder increased slightly, experiencing price movements quite similar to the pharmaceutical group in health care. Exceptions were toilet soap and toothbrushes, up about 10 per cent. Personal care services on the other hand, continued to rise more rapidly - haircuts a further 10 per cent from 141.4 to 156.0 and hairdressing 6 per cent from 118.2 to 125.4.

**GENERAL WHOLESALE INDEX:** For the second consecutive month, the General Wholesale Index increased (1935-1939=100) moderately, advancing 0.4 per cent between December and January, from 225.9 to 226.8. The index is a little more than one per cent lower than a year ago, whereas the January 1957 index was 3.3 per cent higher than that recorded in January 1956. Three of the eight component groups were higher during the month under review, while the five remaining groups were lower by one half of one per cent or less.

Animal Products showed the largest increase, 1.7 per cent, moving the index for this group from 235.8 to 239.9. Mainly responsible for the upward movement of the Animal Products group were higher prices for hides and skins, butter in some centres, livestock and meats, with the exception of hogs and pork products; these outweighed lower prices for poultry, lard and eggs. Increased prices of fresh fruits, wheat, oats, peas, livestock and poultry feeds, cocoanut oil, soya bean oil, cocoa beans, coffee and potatoes overbalanced lower prices for barley, flax, rye, rubber, sugar, lemons, bread in Regina, cottonseed oil and linseed oil, to move the Vegetable Products index up 0.7 per cent, from 195.9 to 197.2. Wood Products were slightly higher, 0.5 per cent, due to higher prices for oak, cedar shingles and some items of furniture, which offset slight decreases in the prices of fir and cedar shiplap, to move this index up from 299.6 to 301.0.

Of the five component groups which moved slightly downward, the decrease of 0.5 per cent from 233.9 to 232.7 shown by Textile Products was the most pronounced. Commodities contributing to the movement were cotton yarns, imported raw wool, worsted yarns and cloth, which were sufficient to outweigh slight increases for bleached flannelette, overall fabric, rayon crepe and botany serge. Lower prices for copper, copper wire and brass sheet slightly overbalanced increased prices for nickel and tin ingots, resulting in a small drop in the Non-ferrous Metals group of 0.4 per cent, from 169.3 to 168.6. Iron Products and Non-ferrous Metals were also slightly lower, decreasing in each case 0.3 per cent. Lower prices for steel scrap moved the Iron Products group down from 252.3 to 251.6. Weaker prices for U.S. bituminous coal, coal tar, cement at Montreal, and sand and gravel at Winnipeg, offset increased prices for domestic bituminous coal, sewer pipe, and cement at Winnipeg, Regina and Vancouver, to bring the Non-metallic Minerals group down from 190.7 to 190.2.

The chemicals group remained practically unchanged at 182.8, as lower prices for some dyeing materials and red lead virtually nullified the effect of higher prices for sodium sulphate, calcium, some paint materials and some fertilizers.

**CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS:** Moderate strength in Farm Product prices at terminal markets lifted the composite index of Canadian Farm Products 1.9 per cent from 204.6 to 208.4 (1935-1939=100) between December and January. In Animal Products, for which the index advanced 2.2 per cent from 253.7 to 259.3, price gains were noted for steers, calves, lambs, and Western butterfat, while hogs, eggs, Eastern poultry and Western fluid milk moved lower. The index of Field Products advanced 1.4 per cent from 155.4 to 157.5 when higher quotations for potatoes, hay and Eastern wheat and peas, more than offset lower prices for Western rye and flax and Eastern corn. Regional indexes showed equal advances of 1.9 per cent, as the Eastern series changed from 221.2 to 225.4 and the Western index from 187.9 to 191.4.

Indexes for the crop year August 1956 to July 1957 appearing in Table 2, page 14, have been revised to incorporate the effect of the interim payment of 10 cents per bushel on Western wheat as announced February 1st.

**BUILDING MATERIALS INDEXES:** Building material prices were slightly lower on balance between December 1957 and January 1958, reflecting offsetting price changes scattered over a number of groups. The Residential index edged down from 288.5 to 288.1 (1935-1939=100) while the Non-Residential series changed from 130.4 to 129.8 on the base 1949=100. Contrary to the trend over the past year, lumber prices registered a slightly firmer tone in January as sales volume improved coincident with the change in the housing market.

**SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:** The Investors' Monthly Index of common stock prices was fractionally lower (1935-1939=100) at 215.4 in January compared to 216.2 for December. Week-to-week changes, however, showed slightly firmer over the month. The index for 75 Industrials declined from 224.0 to 222.2, and that for 7 Banks from 234.9 to 233.3. The series for 13 Utilities, on the other hand, strengthened from 173.9 to 178.1. Five sub-groups declined moderately, led by a 3.8 per cent drop for Oils. The 7 remaining sub-groups recorded increases ranging from 3.8 per cent for Foods and Allied Products to 1.4 per cent for Industrial Mines.

Mining stocks were stronger in January as the composite index for 27 issues advanced 2.3 per cent from 89.4 (the 1957 low) to 91.5. In support of this change the index for 21 Golds increased 6.7 per cent from 60.0 to 64.0. Six Base Metals, however, declined 1.4 per cent from 156.8 to 154.6, although strength was noted in the final week of the month.

The index of 28 Preferred stocks moved up 1.9 per cent in January to 154.0 compared to the December level (revised) of 151.1.

**THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:** A rise of 0.2 per cent in the Consumer Price Index, from 123.1 to 123.4 (1949=100) between December 1957 and January 1958, brought the index back to the October 1957 high, following two declines totalling the same amount in November and December. Increases in both the Food and Other Commodities and Services indexes were responsible for most of the current month's movement. Foods rose from 118.8 to 119.4 as beef prices continued to show strength, with some cuts up 4 cents a pound. Imported citrus fruits and lamb were up substantially, while most fresh vegetables and veal showed lesser increases. Price declines were few; eggs registered a further decrease of 3 cents a dozen, and pork was down fractionally. Higher prices for newspapers in twelve Canadian cities, combined with advances in hospital rates in Winnipeg, more than offset somewhat lower prices for new passenger cars and gasoline as Other Commodities and Services rose from 128.4 to 129.1. Mixed price trends in Household Operation items left the index slightly higher at 120.8 compared with 120.6 in December. Coal prices were higher but fuel oil and domestic gas declined; a number of furniture items moved to slightly lower levels with living room suites at higher prices; appliances, particularly refrigerators, registered price declines but household supplies and services were up. The Shelter index declined fractionally from 136.7 to 136.6 as rents were unchanged and the home-ownership component eased slightly. The Clothing index dropped more than a point, from 109.9 to 108.8, as annual January sales were reflected in lower prices for men's suits and coats, women's cloth and fur coats and girls' winter coats. Footwear prices edged up.



TABLE 1. - SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE INDEXES

	INDEXES				PERCENTAGE CHANGES		
	Jan. 1956	Jan. 1957	Dec. 1957	Jan. 1958	Jan. 1958	Jan. 1958	Jan. 1958
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100) (1)							
GENERAL INDEX	222.0	229.4	225.9	226.8	+ 2.2	- 1.1	+ 0.4
Vegetable Products	192.9	203.5	195.9	197.2	+ 2.2	- 3.1	+ 0.7
Animal Products	218.9	237.6	235.8	239.9	+ 9.6	+ 1.0	+ 1.7
Textile Products	227.5	234.6	233.9	232.7	+ 2.3	- 0.8	- 0.5
Wood Products	305.8	298.8	299.6	301.0	- 1.6	+ 0.7	+ 0.5
Iron Products	231.0	250.3	252.3	251.6	+ 8.9	+ 0.5	- 0.3
Non-ferrous Metals	202.2	189.8	169.3	168.6	- 16.6	- 11.2	- 0.4
Non-Metallic Minerals	179.2	187.4	190.7	190.2	+ 6.1	+ 1.5	- 0.3
Chemical Products	178.5	181.8	182.9	182.8	+ 2.4	+ 0.6	- 0.05
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS (1) (2)	203.5	214.6	204.6	208.4	-	-	-
Eastern Total	211.2	233.3	221.2	225.4	-	-	-
Western Total	195.9	195.9	187.9	191.4	-	-	-
Field	172.1	172.1	155.4	157.5	-	-	-
Animal	235.0	257.2	253.7	259.3	-	-	-
SELECTED PRICE INDEXES (1)							
Canadian Industrial Materials	246.1	251.1	231.8	231.8	- 5.8	- 7.7	0
Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	127.1	128.6	126.5	126.4	- 0.6	- 1.7	- 0.1
Non-Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	126.3	129.9	130.4	129.8	+ 2.8	- 0.1	- 0.5
CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (1949=100)							
TOTAL INDEX	116.8	120.3	123.1	123.4	+ 5.7	+ 2.6	+ 0.2
Food	111.5	117.1	118.8	119.4	+ 7.1	+ 2.0	+ 0.5
Shelter	131.3	133.6	136.7	136.6	+ 4.0	+ 2.2	- 0.1
Clothing	108.6	107.6	109.9	108.8	+ 0.2	+ 1.1	- 1.0
Household Operation	116.5	119.0	120.6	120.8	+ 3.7	+ 1.5	+ 0.2
Other Commodities and Services	119.0	123.1	128.4	129.1	+ 8.5	+ 4.9	+ 0.5
SECURITY PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100)							
TOTAL INVESTORS' INDEX	248.5	273.7	216.2	215.4	- 13.3	- 21.3	- 0.4
Total Industrials	257.0	287.3	224.0	222.2	- 13.5	- 22.7	- 0.8
Machinery & Equipment	735.6	763.0	587.9	579.2	- 21.3	- 24.1	- 1.5
Pulp & Paper	1,070.0	1,005.3	808.1	796.2	- 25.6	- 20.8	- 1.5
Milling	209.4	147.8	120.8	120.5	- 42.5	- 18.5	- 0.2
Oils	175.5	251.6	194.9	187.5	+ 6.8	- 25.5	- 3.8
Textiles & Clothing	179.9	163.7	151.4	148.4	- 17.5	- 9.3	- 2.0
Foods	196.8	181.2	193.7	206.2	+ 4.8	+ 13.8	+ 3.8
Beverages	583.7	506.3	482.6	490.2	- 16.0	- 3.2	+ 1.6
Building Materials	458.4	463.2	373.4	384.9	- 16.0	- 16.9	+ 3.1
Industrial Mines	205.3	228.4	151.0	153.1	- 25.4	- 33.0	+ 1.4
Total Utilities	206.5	207.5	173.9	178.1	- 13.8	- 14.2	+ 2.4
Transportation	385.4	363.5	272.5	282.2	- 26.8	- 22.4	+ 3.6
Telephone	129.4	118.4	102.4	104.6	- 19.2	- 11.7	+ 2.1
Power and Traction	192.6	227.9	198.4	202.9	+ 5.3	- 11.0	+ 2.3
Banks	260.0	289.9	234.9	233.3	- 10.3	- 19.5	- 0.7
MINING STOCKS							
General Index	125.2	129.9	89.4	91.5	- 26.9	- 29.6	+ 2.3
Gold	75.8	70.6	60.0	64.0	- 15.6	- 9.3	+ 6.7
Base Metals	238.1	265.7	156.8	154.6	- 35.1	- 41.8	- 1.4

(1) All 1957 indexes are subject to revision.

(2) Percentage 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	59.3	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	R 179.4	246.9	R 213.2
R 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	177.2	258.2	217.7
Sept. ....	227.4	216.2	234.4	249.5	166.3	259.6	213.0
Oct. ....	227.0	214.3	234.7	247.7	166.0	256.2	211.1
Nov. ....	226.6	213.3	234.6	247.7	169.0	255.9	212.5
Dec. ....	228.0	216.4	235.1	249.8	170.4	256.4	213.4
R 1957 Jan. ....	229.4	217.8	236.5	251.1	172.1	257.2	214.6
Feb. ....	228.4	214.9	236.8	248.4	167.4	259.0	213.2
Mar. ....	228.4	212.5	237.8	247.0	166.3	253.4	209.8
Apr. ....	228.4	211.7	238.3	246.2	165.8	255.1	210.4
May ....	228.0	209.6	238.8	242.3	163.5	255.3	209.4
June ....	228.0	209.8	238.8	240.6	160.6	262.2	211.4
July ....	228.2	209.1	239.5	239.8	161.1	270.2	215.7
Aug. ....	227.6	207.9	239.2	238.6	153.8	271.3	212.6
Sept. ....	226.7	206.4	238.6	236.4	153.2	263.8	208.5
Oct. ....	224.8	203.5	237.2	232.5	152.8	248.6	200.7
Nov. ....	224.0	203.1	236.1	228.9	153.7	245.7	199.7
Dec. ....	225.9	206.0	237.2	231.8	155.4	253.7	204.6
1958 Jan. ....	226.8	207.5	237.7	231.8	157.5	259.3	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 34 for specific publications wherein final indexes for earlier years may be found and for details concerning Western grain prices

R Indexes revised for crop year August 1956 to July 1957 to incorporate 10 cent per bushel interim wheat payment. See page 37 for details.

TABLE 3. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL

(1935-39 = 100)

- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS -										
Date		General Whole- Sale Index	Total Vege- table Pro- ducts	Grains	Milled Cereal Foods	Live- stock and Poultry Feeds	Bakery Pro- ducts	Fruits, Fresh	Fruits, Dried	Fruits, Canned
1956	Average ...	225.6	197.3	188.4	149.2	202.6	193.4	175.0	185.2	159.3
1956	Oct. ....	227.0	196.3	187.6	151.3	202.9	201.1	183.5	198.4	171.4
	Nov. ....	226.6	197.3	185.9	151.4	197.2	202.7	180.8	190.5	173.1
	Dec. ....	228.0	200.3	184.9	151.3	193.5	204.2	171.6	190.5	176.4
1957	Jan. ....	229.4	203.5	184.6	151.3	197.2	205.8	180.5	182.2	177.4
	Feb. ....	228.4	200.7	182.3	151.2	191.6	205.8	176.8	182.2	182.7
	Mar. ....	228.4	200.4	180.3	151.4	193.5	207.4	177.7	182.2	182.7
	Apr. ....	228.4	200.5	178.5	151.0	194.4	207.4	168.6	188.2	182.7
	May ....	228.0	197.5	174.5	150.6	186.9	207.4	173.9	188.3	182.7
	June ....	228.0	196.6	171.9	150.6	175.6	207.4	172.5	188.3	178.7
	July ....	228.2	195.2	170.6	150.0	171.8	207.4	166.3	188.3	181.0
	Aug. ....	227.6	192.8	170.3	148.8	166.1	207.4	169.9	181.1	177.4
	Sept. ....	226.7	193.1	171.8	149.0	166.1	207.4	178.9	181.1	171.0
	Oct. ....	224.8	192.8	170.6	148.9	158.6	207.4	192.1	181.8	172.6
	Nov. ....	224.0	193.6	170.3	149.2	156.0	207.4	186.3	182.3	172.6
	Dec. ....	225.9	195.9	173.5	149.3	159.8	207.4	180.5	187.8	171.1
1958	Jan. ....	226.8	197.2	175.3	149.6	170.2	205.8	205.9	188.0	173.6

- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS - Concluded									
		Vege- table Oils and Pro- ducts	Rubber and Its Pro- ducts	Sugar and Its Pro- ducts	Tea, Coffee and Cocoa	Pota- toes	Onions	Canned Vege- tables	Raw Leaf To- bacco
1956	Average ...	293.5	201.0	155.9	361.6	258.2	213.5	207.0	184.3
1956	Oct. ....	288.3	199.1	153.1	357.8	169.8	189.6	219.6	183.3
	Nov. ....	284.2	202.4	158.4	359.9	201.6	172.6	227.5	183.3
	Dec. ....	300.2	200.9	181.4	371.9	214.9	181.8	227.5	183.3
1957	Jan. ....	292.3	196.9	219.2	367.5	231.6	196.7	227.5	183.3
	Feb. ....	286.9	193.6	209.5	363.6	200.9	236.0	227.5	183.3
	Mar. ....	287.2	199.0	215.6	351.2	191.8	208.7	214.3	183.3
	Apr. ....	283.5	199.5	228.7	344.3	194.6	230.6	209.1	183.3
	May ....	271.1	199.0	214.6	341.4	184.8	230.6	209.1	186.4
	June ....	261.0	199.6	214.0	358.8	170.3	230.6	201.2	186.4
	July ....	270.7	199.6	201.9	354.0	185.6	253.3	197.5	186.4
	Aug. ....	276.5	199.0	181.7	356.5	177.4	184.0	195.3	186.4
	Sept. ....	275.7	197.1	189.3	363.0	162.0	162.3	203.3	186.4
	Oct. ....	280.3	196.6	178.7	365.4	157.8	158.2	203.3	186.4
	Nov. ....	283.7	193.5	173.6	391.7	163.1	170.7	203.3	186.4
	Dec. ....	296.7	195.8	170.4	387.4	164.7	177.0	203.3	196.8
1958	Jan. ....	294.7	194.4	168.4	392.1	179.9	177.0	203.3	196.8



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	Oct. ....	235.4	301.1	93.2	125.1	205.8	212.7	277.3	322.3
	Nov. ....	235.1	303.6	93.2	126.4	210.4	213.3	281.0	324.2
	Dec. ....	235.8	313.4	93.2	120.7	207.4	213.3	284.3	318.5
1957	Jan. ....	237.6	317.1	93.2	124.0	205.3	216.7	287.7	315.4
	Feb. ....	238.4	320.4	93.2	124.2	205.3	217.3	287.6	303.1
	Mar. ....	236.3	322.4	93.9	123.4	202.1	217.3	278.3	307.1
	Apr. ....	236.6	312.4	89.9	107.7	198.8	217.6	281.8	323.4
	May ....	237.2	297.1	92.0	117.9	202.1	218.7	283.5	322.2
	June ....	241.6	294.9	92.0	119.7	205.3	219.1	292.9	322.3
	July ....	245.8	291.9	92.2	120.3	205.3	219.1	300.3	321.1
	Aug. ....	246.1	289.6	92.2	124.5	205.3	219.1	299.7	320.1
	Sept. ....	242.1	291.6	92.2	124.0	205.3	218.5	285.7	303.8
	Oct. ....	232.7	291.6	92.2	124.9	205.3	219.2	258.2	287.1
	Nov. ....	230.5	295.9	92.2	118.9	205.3	219.2	258.4	293.7
	Dec. ....	235.8	307.1	92.2	119.0	204.7	219.2	273.5	307.9
1958	Jan. ....	239.9	308.6	92.2	123.3	203.1	219.2	284.5	331.6

## - 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	Oct. ....	275.9	301.5	201.7	150.6	229.8	228.8	159.6	194.8
	Nov. ....	270.3	291.9	203.8	150.6	232.6	229.3	162.1	153.7
	Dec. ....	268.9	291.5	206.3	150.6	232.2	229.9	166.0	143.5
1957	Jan. ....	276.0	300.6	207.4	144.6	232.0	229.9	168.4	136.0
	Feb. ....	274.6	293.9	213.2	138.6	232.3	229.7	170.6	141.1
	Mar. ....	273.5	301.1	210.9	147.6	232.7	230.0	169.6	141.0
	Apr. ....	280.8	313.5	209.0	144.6	233.4	229.9	167.6	138.3
	May ....	287.9	315.1	213.8	138.6	232.2	228.6	163.2	136.6
	June ....	293.7	309.6	225.9	135.5	233.3	227.9	162.5	140.2
	July ....	295.0	302.5	237.2	156.6	233.0	229.8	166.7	166.3
	Aug. ....	288.6	296.9	241.5	150.6	237.3	239.1	168.0	164.7
	Sept. ....	277.3	291.3	234.7	168.7	239.2	242.9	166.0	170.2
	Oct. ....	263.0	283.4	210.6	168.7	241.4	242.6	165.1	172.3
	Nov. ....	261.9	286.2	197.5	168.7	241.8	242.9	163.8	157.8
	Dec. ....	271.8	301.5	196.7	168.7	243.2	245.3	158.9	144.4
1958	Jan. ....	291.2	338.3	194.7	156.6	242.8	246.6	157.6	135.9



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	Oct. ....	232.1	282.8	243.8	237.5	224.4	213.1	182.9	154.2
	Nov. ....	232.6	281.7	247.7	237.6	224.4	215.4	182.9	155.6
	Dec. ....	234.0	279.9	247.7	237.6	224.4	215.4	182.9	155.6
1957	Jan. ....	234.6	284.4	246.1	238.7	222.3	215.4	182.9	155.6
	Feb. ....	235.2	286.1	246.1	238.5	222.3	211.3	182.9	156.9
	Mar. ....	235.5	283.5	244.6	237.8	222.3	211.3	182.9	156.9
	Apr. ....	236.4	284.4	244.6	237.4	222.3	207.6	182.9	156.9
	May ....	237.1	285.4	244.6	237.3	222.3	207.6	182.9	156.9
	June ....	237.1	288.0	241.5	237.3	222.3	207.6	182.9	156.9
	July ....	237.4	287.0	241.5	237.3	230.7	206.4	182.9	156.9
	Aug. ....	236.8	280.5	241.5	236.4	230.7	206.4	182.9	156.9
	Sept. ....	235.6	280.1	241.5	234.5	230.7	206.4	182.9	156.9
	Oct. ....	235.0	287.7	241.5	234.5	230.7	206.4	182.9	156.9
	Nov. ....	234.0	296.1	241.5	234.5	230.7	206.4	182.9	160.2
	Dec. ....	233.9	301.1	241.5	234.1	230.7	204.6	182.9	160.2
1958	Jan. ....	232.7	300.0	235.2	235.3	230.7	210.9	182.9	163.6

## - FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS - Concluded

		Rayon Yarns	Raw Wool, Do- mestic	Raw Wool, Im- ported	Yarns, Worsted	Hosiery and Knit Goods, Chiefly Wool	Wool Blan- kets	Worsted and Wool Cloth	Carpets
1956	Average ...	170.2	248.8	212.4	201.2	230.9	268.2	239.7	231.7
1956	Oct. ....	170.5	251.6	219.1	204.5	230.9	271.2	247.9	232.3
	Nov. ....	170.5	250.5	224.5	204.1	230.9	271.2	248.6	232.3
	Dec. ....	170.5	260.8	227.1	214.4	230.9	271.2	253.9	232.3
1957	Jan. ....	178.4	260.8	227.3	213.4	230.9	271.2	254.0	231.9
	Feb. ....	178.4	258.9	233.8	219.5	230.9	295.0	254.5	231.9
	Mar. ....	178.4	269.2	237.9	220.5	230.9	295.0	258.0	231.9
	Apr. ....	178.4	288.0	242.5	229.8	230.9	295.0	261.0	231.9
	May ....	178.4	288.0	255.7	232.7	230.9	295.0	262.2	231.9
	June ....	178.4	288.0	243.5	232.4	230.9	295.0	264.2	231.9
	July ....	188.4	288.0	243.5	229.8	230.9	295.0	263.0	231.9
	Aug. ....	188.4	288.0	244.3	229.8	230.9	295.0	263.8	231.9
	Sept. ....	188.4	276.6	235.6	224.7	233.4	295.0	261.1	231.9
	Oct. ....	188.4	276.6	221.0	216.7	233.4	295.0	259.0	231.9
	Nov. ....	188.4	242.1	202.6	212.8	233.4	295.0	253.1	231.9
	Dec. ....	188.4	242.1	202.6	212.5	233.4	295.0	251.4	231.9
1958	Jan. ....	188.4	242.1	192.8	206.1	233.4	296.2	244.8	231.8

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

(1935-39 = 100)

- WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER -											
Date		Total Wood Pro- ducts	Lumber and Timber	Spruce	Hard- woods	Hem- lock	Fir	Cedar	Wood- Pulp	News- print	Wrap- ping Paper, No. 1 Kraft
1956	Average ...	303.7	450.6	415.2	330.1	381.2	547.3	446.5	219.3	295.4	238.5
1956	Oct. ....	301.4	445.2	415.6	334.9	386.9	533.2	435.4	217.8	292.3	240.3
	Nov. ....	299.3	441.9	415.6	334.9	386.9	530.2	418.2	215.8	289.2	240.3
	Dec. ....	298.1	438.9	415.6	334.9	386.9	526.5	407.1	215.3	288.3	240.3
1957	Jan. ....	298.8	441.8	415.6	334.9	386.9	529.7	418.7	215.5	286.1	240.3
	Feb. ....	297.9	438.6	415.6	334.9	381.2	524.3	412.3	215.2	285.7	240.3
	Mar. ....	301.0	438.1	415.0	334.9	381.2	524.3	410.0	214.7	295.3	240.3
	Apr. ....	301.2	437.0	414.2	334.9	381.2	522.5	408.4	215.5	296.1	240.3
	May ....	300.4	436.1	414.2	334.9	381.2	519.5	409.0	214.6	295.0	240.3
	June ....	300.0	436.3	412.4	334.9	381.2	519.5	412.8	214.1	294.2	240.3
	July ....	299.8	436.2	412.4	334.9	381.2	519.5	412.6	213.9	293.9	240.3
	Aug. ....	299.0	434.8	411.4	334.9	381.2	515.6	413.8	213.0	292.2	249.1
	Sept. ....	299.3	431.6	409.7	334.9	381.2	505.9	417.1	215.7	293.7	249.1
	Oct. ....	299.7	428.3	399.8	334.9	381.2	505.5	412.1	221.9	294.8	249.1
	Nov. ....	297.3	420.4	398.0	334.9	381.2	490.9	397.0	221.3	293.4	249.1
	Dec. ....	299.6	420.7	398.0	334.9	381.2	490.9	400.1	224.0	297.9	249.1
1958	Jan. ....	301.0	420.6	398.0	341.9	381.2	487.9	401.0	225.4	300.1	249.1
- IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS -											
		Total Iron Pro- ducts	Pig Iron	Rolling Mill Pro- ducts	Pipe and Tubing	Hard- ware	Wire	Scrap Iron and Steel	Tin Plate and Gal- vanized Sheet		
1956	Average ...	239.8	277.6	222.4	243.2	252.6	273.3	408.7	227.1		
1956	Oct. ....	248.4	286.2	231.7	248.6	260.6	286.4	433.8	230.3		
	Nov. ....	249.1	286.2	231.7	252.9	261.5	286.4	433.8	230.3		
	Dec. ....	249.9	288.1	231.7	252.9	262.0	286.4	447.4	230.3		
1957	Jan. ....	250.3	288.4	231.8	252.9	262.0	286.4	447.4	233.3		
	Feb. ....	250.8	288.4	235.7	252.9	262.0	286.4	416.7	236.7		
	Mar. ....	250.4	288.4	235.7	254.1	262.0	286.4	404.8	236.7		
	Apr. ....	249.8	295.3	235.7	254.1	263.4	286.4	368.2	241.1		
	May ....	252.6	295.3	240.1	262.6	263.4	292.2	366.0	239.7		
	June ....	253.1	295.3	240.1	262.6	263.4	292.2	379.6	238.9		
	July ....	254.3	295.3	245.1	255.9	263.4	292.2	379.6	238.9		
	Aug. ....	256.4	295.3	246.3	255.9	263.8	292.2	414.5	238.9		
	Sept. ....	255.8	295.3	246.3	255.9	265.4	292.2	394.0	238.9		
	Oct. ....	252.8	295.3	246.3	255.9	265.4	292.2	329.4	238.9		
	Nov. ....	252.3	295.3	246.3	255.9	265.4	292.2	304.1	238.9		
	Dec. ....	252.3	295.3	246.3	255.9	267.6	292.2	296.4	238.9		
1958	Jan. ....	251.6	295.3	246.3	255.9	267.6	292.2	280.3	238.9		

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

(1935-39 = 100)

- NON-FERROUS METALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -											
Date	Total Non-Ferrous Metals		Anti-mony	Copper and Its Products	Lead and Its Products	Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Products	Solder	Combined Index Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals (2)	
	(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 Oct. ....	192.8	269.6	173.9	358.4	323.2	229.2	188.1	320.6	205.4	257.2	
Nov. ....	186.8	259.5	173.9	329.3	323.2	227.6	194.8	320.6	221.3	253.4	
Dec. ....	190.4	266.4	173.9	328.1	323.2	226.6	191.4	320.6	221.3	256.8	
1957 Jan. ....	189.8	265.2	175.6	328.1	320.0	226.6	186.5	310.7	205.4	256.5	
Feb. ....	182.7	252.8	175.6	294.5	318.1	226.1	183.1	305.1	205.4	251.6	
Mar. ....	182.6	252.6	175.6	294.2	318.1	225.6	183.2	305.1	205.4	251.3	
Apr. ....	182.7	252.7	175.6	294.2	318.1	226.4	182.7	305.1	205.4	251.0	
May ....	180.4	248.8	175.6	293.7	305.1	225.3	181.1	270.6	205.4	251.0	
June ....	176.3	241.6	172.1	283.1	283.0	222.7	179.2	249.5	202.2	248.3	
July ....	172.4	234.8	168.7	269.0	276.8	221.7	175.6	232.8	202.2	246.2	
Aug. ....	170.4	231.4	165.2	262.4	276.8	222.5	171.6	231.4	202.2	246.0	
Sept. ....	168.6	227.3	165.2	250.3	276.8	224.5	172.8	231.4	202.2	243.9	
Oct. ....	169.1	227.8	163.5	252.9	271.6	225.8	171.3	231.4	202.2	242.4	
Nov. ....	168.4	226.8	163.5	251.5	266.5	224.5	167.2	231.4	202.2	241.7	
Dec. ....	169.3	227.1	158.4	254.1	256.2	226.6	173.8	231.4	202.2	241.8	
1958 Jan. ....	168.6	225.3	158.4	241.9	256.2	228.2	176.7	231.4	202.2	240.6	

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -											
Date	Total Non-Metallic Products		Clay and Allied Material Products	Pottery	Coal	Coal Tar	Coke	Window Glass			
	(1)	(2)									
1956 Average ...	180.8		237.5	160.6	182.1	300.2	231.0	270.2			
1956 Oct. ....	181.4		237.8	161.9	182.2	320.6	237.6	270.2			
Nov. ....	183.8		237.8	161.9	186.5	320.6	241.0	270.2			
Dec. ....	185.4		237.8	161.9	191.7	320.6	241.0	270.2			
1957 Jan. ....	187.4		240.4	174.6	193.7	320.6	242.7	270.2			
Feb. ....	189.7		240.4	174.6	194.3	320.6	242.7	270.2			
Mar. ....	189.7		240.4	174.6	194.3	320.6	242.7	270.2			
Apr. ....	188.6		240.6	174.6	189.8	320.6	242.7	270.2			
May ....	188.8		240.6	174.6	191.0	320.6	239.3	270.2			
June ....	188.9		238.8	174.6	190.8	320.6	239.3	270.2			
July ....	188.6		238.8	174.6	189.9	320.6	239.3	270.2			
Aug. ....	188.7		238.8	174.6	190.4	320.6	239.3	270.2			
Sept. ....	189.0		238.8	174.6	193.1	320.6	239.3	270.2			
Oct. ....	189.7		238.8	174.6	196.3	320.6	239.3	270.2			
Nov. ....	189.4		238.8	174.6	197.7	320.6	242.7	270.2			
Dec. ....	190.7		238.8	174.6	199.6	320.6	242.7	270.2			
1958 Jan. ....	190.2		245.8	174.6	198.7	282.9	242.7	270.2			

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

(2) Excludes Gold.



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

(1935-39 = 100)

Date		- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Continued						
		Plate Glass	Petroleum Products	Gasoline	Coal Oil	Asphalt	Asphalt Shingles	Sulphur
1956	Average ...	206.7	167.6	138.5	136.2	184.1	159.1	205.6
1956	Oct. ....	217.0	168.1	139.2	136.2	184.8	163.7	204.0
	Nov. ....	217.0	168.1	139.2	136.2	184.8	163.7	201.6
	Dec. ....	217.0	168.1	139.2	136.2	184.8	163.7	205.8
1957	Jan. ....	217.0	170.9	139.2	136.2	185.1	163.7	206.0
	Feb. ....	217.0	175.6	144.3	140.2	215.1	163.7	205.6
	Mar. ....	217.0	175.7	144.3	140.2	215.1	168.7	205.1
	Apr. ....	217.0	175.7	144.3	140.2	215.1	168.7	205.9
	May ....	217.0	175.6	144.0	140.2	215.1	168.7	204.9
	June ....	217.0	176.0	144.0	140.2	215.1	168.7	204.3
	July ....	217.0	175.6	144.0	138.4	215.1	168.7	204.1
	Aug. ....	217.0	175.6	143.9	138.2	215.1	168.7	203.0
	Sept. ....	217.0	174.4	144.2	138.1	215.1	168.7	212.0
	Oct. ....	217.0	174.4	144.2	137.4	215.1	168.7	200.1
	Nov. ....	217.0	172.3	139.6	137.4	215.1	168.7	199.1
	Dec. ....	217.0	172.3	139.5	137.4	215.1	168.7	202.1
1958	Jan. ....	217.0	172.3	139.5	137.4	215.1	168.7	203.9
		- 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	Oct. ....	133.4	210.5	155.1	143.4	159.8	205.1	289.2
	Nov. ....	133.4	210.5	155.1	143.4	159.8	205.1	289.2
	Dec. ....	133.4	210.5	155.1	145.7	159.8	205.1	289.2
1957	Jan. ....	132.3	210.5	158.9	145.7	164.8	205.1	289.2
	Feb. ....	132.3	210.5	158.9	150.9	164.8	205.1	289.2
	Mar. ....	132.3	210.5	158.9	150.9	164.8	205.1	289.2
	Apr. ....	132.3	210.5	158.9	148.7	164.8	205.1	289.2
	May ....	135.4	211.2	158.9	150.5	164.8	205.1	289.2
	June ....	136.2	211.2	158.9	150.5	164.8	205.1	289.2
	July ....	136.2	211.2	158.9	150.5	164.8	205.1	289.2
	Aug. ....	136.2	211.2	158.9	150.5	164.8	205.1	289.2
	Sept. ....	136.2	211.2	158.9	150.5	164.8	205.1	289.2
	Oct. ....	136.2	211.2	158.9	150.5	164.8	205.1	289.2
	Nov. ....	136.2	211.2	158.9	150.5	164.8	205.1	289.2
	Dec. ....	136.2	211.2	158.9	151.8	164.8	205.1	302.6
1958	Jan. ....	136.2	211.2	152.6	150.5	164.8	205.1	302.6

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	Oct. ....	179.7	147.1	171.8	191.6	183.8	289.7
	Nov. ....	179.7	146.9	171.8	191.6	183.8	289.7
	Dec. ....	180.7	146.9	171.8	191.6	183.8	289.7
1957	Jan. ....	181.8	148.0	164.6	191.6	189.1	292.6
	Feb. ....	182.5	147.2	164.6	191.6	204.9	292.6
	Mar. ....	182.1	147.3	164.6	191.6	204.9	292.6
	Apr. ....	182.2	147.3	168.2	191.6	204.9	292.6
	May ....	182.4	147.3	168.2	191.6	204.9	294.5
	June ....	181.9	147.0	167.2	191.6	204.9	292.3
	July ....	182.9	147.0	167.2	191.6	204.9	292.3
	Aug. ....	182.8	147.5	167.2	191.6	204.9	292.3
	Sept. ....	182.6	147.5	167.2	191.6	204.9	272.4
	Oct. ....	182.5	147.3	167.2	191.6	204.9	272.4
	Nov. ....	182.5	147.3	167.2	191.6	204.9	273.5
	Dec. ....	182.9	147.3	167.2	191.6	204.9	273.5
1958	Jan. ....	182.8	148.4	167.2	191.6	196.8	274.6

## - CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS - Concluded

		Ex- plosives	Paint, Prepared	Fertil- izer Materials	Indus- trial Gases	Soap
1956	Average ...	143.6	204.0	159.7	136.1	201.1
1956	Oct. ....	143.6	206.9	155.5	134.4	200.6
	Nov. ....	143.6	206.9	155.6	134.0	200.6
	Dec. ....	143.6	206.9	155.8	143.6	206.6
1957	Jan. ....	143.6	206.9	155.6	134.0	206.6
	Feb. ....	143.6	206.9	156.0	143.6	206.6
	Mar. ....	143.6	206.9	157.6	143.3	206.6
	Apr. ....	143.6	206.9	156.5	143.0	206.6
	May ....	143.6	206.9	156.5	146.1	210.6
	June ....	143.6	206.9	156.5	145.8	210.6
	July ....	143.6	214.9	158.2	146.7	210.6
	Aug. ....	143.6	214.9	158.2	146.0	210.6
	Sept. ....	143.6	214.9	158.2	149.5	210.6
	Oct. ....	143.6	214.9	158.2	147.4	210.6
	Nov. ....	143.6	214.9	158.2	145.2	210.6
	Dec. ....	143.6	214.9	158.2	144.8	214.5
1958	Jan. ....	143.6	214.9	159.1	141.4	214.5

TABLE 4. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity <sup>1/</sup>	Unit	Yearly Average 1956	January 1957	December 1957	January 1958
		\$	\$	\$	\$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern .....	bu.	1.730	1.691	1.634	1.649
OATS, No. 2 C.W. ....	bu.	.859	.829	.749	.759
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed .....	bu.	1.057	1.009	.904	.893
RYE, No. 2 C.W. ....	bu.	1.252	1.294	1.043	.978
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto .....	100-lb. bag	5.800	5.800	5.800	5.800
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal .....	cwt.	7.299	10.197	8.564	8.366
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal .....	gal.	1.742	1.320	1.410	1.370
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's .....	lb.	.672	.675	.580	.588
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John .....	75-lb. bag	2.310	2.085	1.425	1.460
STEERS, Toronto .....	cwt.	19.408	19.620	18.790	20.140
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included) .....	cwt.	25.985	30.640	27.830	27.240
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers .....	lb.	.153	.140	.148	.152
LEATHER, Packer Bends, No. 1 and 2 .....	lb.	.630	.640	.640	.640
LEATHER, Box Sides D, f.o.b. Ontario Factory .....	sq. ft.	.370	.370	.370	.360
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade, Montreal .....	lb.	.586	.594	.637	.642
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal .....	doz.	.578	.436	.493	.450
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 1", New York .....	lb.	-	.335	.357	.358
COTTON YARN, 10's, white .....	lb.	.712	.710	.690	.690
RAYON YARN, 36 filament, 150 denier .....	lb.	.798	.840	.890	.890
WOOL, Raw, Eastern Domestic, regular, Low Medium staple, greasy .....	lb.	.492	.510	.480	.480
WOOL, Raw, Australian, 64's, clean .....	lb.	1.438	1.530	1.360	1.300
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Mill, in Canadian funds (Southern Quebec) .....	ton	113.110	109.559	114.061	114.913
PINE, No. 1 common, 1"x8", 8'-16' <sup>3/</sup> .....	M bd. ft.	175.833	180.000	180.000	180.000
SPRUCE, Merchantable, 1"x6"-7" .....	M bd. ft.	89.042	89.750	84.500	84.500
PIG IRON, Foundry <sup>2/</sup> .....	gr. ton	-	67.180	65.000	65.000
SCRAP IRON, No. 1 .....	gr. ton	50.583	51.000	47.000	47.000
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic sales .....	cwt.	41.355	34.750	26.188	25.307
LEAD, Pig, Electrolytic, domestic sales .....	cwt.	15.514	15.341	12.250	12.250
TIN INGOTS, 99.8% .....	lb.	1.011	.994	.926	.950
ZINC, Grade "A", Electrolytic, domestic sales .....	cwt.	14.844	14.373	10.600	10.600
COAL, United States Anthracite .....	ton	19.419	22.010	22.120	22.120
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Montreal .....	gal.	.224	.226	.226	.226
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto .....	gal.	.226	.226	.228	.228
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Winnipeg .....	gal.	.224	.224	.211	.211
CEMENT, Portland, Toronto .....	bbl.	3.390	3.440	3.440	3.440
CEMENT, Portland, Calgary .....	bbl.	3.160	3.210	3.040	3.040
SHINGLES, Asphalt .....	210-lb.sq.	8.943	9.200	9.480	9.480
SODA ASH, 58% light .....	cwt.	-	2.440	2.450	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 July 1957 quotations referred to malleable.<sup>3/</sup> Previous to October 1957 quotations referred to No. 1 and 2 common.



TABLE 5. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

(1935-39 = 100)

- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -											
Date	Total Index* (1949=100)	Total Index	Cement, Sand and Gravel	Brick, Tile and Stone	Lumber and Its Products	Lath, Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Materials	Paint and Glass	Plumbing and Heating Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Fixtures	Other Materials
1926 .....	48.1	109.6	105.5	103.2	110.9	101.4	104.3	156.8	110.2	91.6	112.0
1929 .....	49.3	112.4	107.6	107.4	116.7	94.4	108.8	151.5	108.5	130.1	106.1
1932 .....	38.4	87.5	103.7	101.8	72.7	85.0	95.5	111.7	108.1	79.1	89.5
1939 .....	44.9	102.3	94.0	97.2	104.9	99.4	104.1	97.2	103.0	102.4	104.6
1940 .....	48.4	110.3	94.6	98.0	119.1	99.7	110.4	115.2	106.5	107.1	109.2
1941 .....	53.8	122.6	99.1	105.1	139.2	102.8	118.7	136.2	114.6	109.0	112.5
1942 .....	57.4	130.9	100.8	109.0	153.2	104.8	123.4	146.9	120.0	110.3	117.6
1943 .....	61.0	139.1	101.2	113.1	171.3	104.8	130.1	149.4	120.0	110.3	117.9
1944 .....	64.3	146.6	101.8	114.9	188.4	104.8	136.0	146.6	120.0	110.3	117.9
1945 .....	65.0	148.3	102.1	116.4	191.3	104.8	135.5	142.2	122.2	111.4	118.0
1946 .....	67.8	154.5	102.0	121.0	202.1	104.2	146.2	144.2	127.2	116.9	126.4
1947 .....	79.1	180.4	109.7	133.4	242.0	107.3	172.3	169.6	145.2	147.4	143.0
1948 .....	95.4	217.5	122.3	143.1	305.8	116.7	201.6	183.1	168.3	169.8	162.3
1949 .....	100.0	228.0	127.0	151.0	322.1	118.1	190.5	179.6	180.2	173.4	174.7
1950 .....	106.4	242.7	131.3	163.8	349.2	116.7	235.4	174.8	183.2	184.5	181.1
1951 .....	125.5	286.2	140.9	180.7	425.0	126.3	235.8	197.8	210.4	213.3	212.7
1952 .....	124.9	284.8	149.5	195.3	415.7	128.5	217.7	194.9	215.6	212.0	226.3
1953 .....	123.9	282.6	151.8	205.8	410.6	128.5	218.6	203.8	209.0	211.4	229.5
1954 .....	121.7	277.5	151.3	207.4	400.5	128.8	233.4	208.9	202.8	207.7	226.6
1955 .....	124.3	283.4	149.4	209.5	409.4	125.3	244.5	219.7	207.2	229.2	230.3
1956 .....	128.5	292.9	149.7	218.8	420.2	130.8	259.6	226.9	217.9	243.7	243.7
1956											
Jan. ....	127.1	289.9	149.6	209.3	416.7	127.3	261.2	228.0	214.1	248.4	238.8
Feb. ....	127.1	289.9	149.6	209.3	416.6	127.3	261.2	226.3	214.6	248.4	238.8
Mar. ....	127.9	291.6	149.6	216.8	419.4	127.3	254.3	226.3	214.6	256.0	241.0
Apr. ....	128.8	293.7	149.6	216.8	423.4	130.0	253.9	228.0	214.6	256.4	241.0
May ....	129.1	294.4	149.3	221.3	424.6	130.0	253.9	228.0	214.6	256.3	241.0
June ....	129.0	294.1	149.3	221.3	423.2	130.6	264.8	226.7	214.6	255.6	241.0
July ....	129.0	294.2	149.8	221.3	423.6	132.9	264.8	226.7	216.1	238.3	241.0
Aug. ....	129.0	294.2	149.8	221.3	421.5	132.9	264.8	226.7	219.9	238.3	244.0
Sept. ....	128.7	293.5	149.8	221.3	418.8	132.9	264.8	226.7	221.5	237.9	248.5
Oct. ....	128.8	293.6	149.8	222.2	418.4	132.9	261.6	226.7	223.0	237.1	248.5
Nov. ....	128.7	293.4	149.8	222.2	418.8	132.9	255.2	226.7	223.8	225.9	250.4
Dec. ....	128.4	292.7	150.4	222.2	417.6	132.9	255.2	225.8	223.0	225.4	250.4
1957											
Jan. ....	128.6	293.3	152.8	222.2	418.5	132.9	255.2	225.6	223.0	225.1	250.4
Feb. ....	128.7	293.4	153.8	225.6	417.1	132.9	255.2	224.3	225.6	218.9	256.5
Mar. ....	128.9	293.8	153.8	223.7	418.4	132.9	258.7	223.9	225.6	213.9	256.5
Apr. ....	128.8	293.6	153.3	223.5	418.1	134.0	255.5	223.9	225.6	213.9	255.6
May ....	129.2	294.5	153.7	223.5	418.5	138.7	255.5	223.9	227.2	213.9	254.1
June ....	129.1	294.3	153.7	223.5	418.0	138.7	255.5	223.9	227.5	213.6	253.3
July ....	129.0	294.1	153.7	223.5	417.3	138.7	255.5	228.0	229.1	206.2	252.6
Aug. ....	128.6	293.3	153.7	223.5	416.0	138.7	252.3	226.3	229.1	203.8	252.6
Sept. ....	128.3	292.5	153.7	223.5	414.5	138.7	252.3	226.3	228.8	200.2	254.0
Oct. ....	127.9	291.5	153.7	223.5	412.0	138.7	252.3	226.3	228.8	201.3	254.0
Nov. ....	126.6	288.6	153.7	223.5	406.2	138.7	245.9	226.3	227.5	200.5	254.0
Dec. ....	126.5	288.5	154.0	223.5	405.9	138.7	245.9	226.3	227.5	201.3	254.0
1958											
Jan. ....	126.4	288.1	148.8	223.5	406.2	138.7	249.1	226.3	227.5	193.8	254.0

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

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

(1949 = 100)

- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -							
Date	Total Index	Aggregate, Cement and Concrete Mix	Blocks, Brick and Stone	Tile	Lumber and Lumber Products	Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Materials
1950 .....	105.0	103.2	104.3	104.9	110.3	103.0	105.8
1951 .....	118.6	111.3	113.0	110.6	128.3	115.7	125.4
1952 .....	123.2	117.4	119.7	115.5	127.9	121.3	121.7
1953 .....	124.4	120.2	125.9	117.1	127.8	119.2	119.6
1954 .....	121.8	120.9	127.0	120.6	124.5	115.2	117.6
1955 .....	123.4	120.3	127.0	120.3	127.6	118.0	121.3
1956 .....	128.0	117.0	130.3	120.8	131.5	123.4	123.6
1957 Jan. ....	130.0	120.9	133.4	119.7	129.6	125.7	120.1
Feb. ....	130.1	121.2	133.4	120.0	129.1	126.0	119.1
Mar. ....	130.1	121.7	133.4	120.0	129.4	125.6	119.5
Apr. ....	130.1	121.6	133.4	119.8	129.3	125.6	119.5
May ....	130.2	121.3	133.4	119.8	129.6	125.3	119.5
June ....	129.5	118.5	134.2	117.2	129.7	123.6	119.4
July ....	130.6	118.5	134.3	116.5	129.7	124.3	118.2
Aug. ....	130.4	118.1	134.3	118.3	129.1	124.2	117.8
Sept. ....	130.2	118.1	134.3	117.5	128.4	124.0	116.9
Oct. ....	130.2	118.1	134.6	117.2	127.6	124.1	117.0
Nov. ....	130.0	118.1	134.6	117.1	126.3	123.7	117.1
Dec. ....	130.4	120.5	134.6	117.1	126.1	123.7	118.5
1958 Jan. ....	129.8	119.9	134.6	116.7	126.0	123.3	114.1
	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
1957 Jan. ....	144.3	150.8	114.7		139.2	142.8	94.0
Feb. ....	144.8	150.8	114.1		141.0	142.8	94.0
Mar. ....	144.8	150.8	114.1		141.0	143.6	94.0
Apr. ....	144.8	151.6	114.6		140.9	143.6	94.0
May ....	145.1	151.6	116.5		140.3	143.6	94.0
June ....	145.1	151.6	116.6		139.9	143.6	94.0
July ....	150.5	151.6	116.6		139.6	145.2	93.7
Aug. ....	150.5	151.9	115.8		139.6	145.1	93.7
Sept. ....	150.5	152.8	115.8		139.6	145.1	93.7
Oct. ....	150.5	152.8	115.8		139.6	145.1	93.7
Nov. ....	150.5	152.8	115.8		139.6	145.2	93.7
Dec. ....	150.6	154.1	115.8		139.6	145.2	93.7
1958 Jan. ....	150.6	154.1	116.5		139.6	145.2	93.7



TABLE 7. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

(1949 = 100)

	Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	House- hold Opera- tion	Other Commod- ities & Services
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
1957 .....	121.9	118.6	134.9	108.5	119.6	126.1
1955 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
1956 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
1957 January	120.3	117.1	133.6	107.6	119.0	123.1
February	120.5	117.2	133.8	107.4	119.1	123.8
March	120.5	116.4	134.0	108.2	119.5	124.2
April	120.9	116.7	134.0	108.5	119.4	125.1
May	121.1	116.7	134.2	108.5	119.2	126.3
June	121.6	117.7	134.8	108.4	119.1	126.5
July	121.9	118.2	135.1	108.4	119.6	126.5
August	122.6	120.2	135.3	108.2	119.7	126.9
September	123.3	121.9	135.6	108.3	119.8	127.1
October	123.4	121.7	135.9	108.7	120.1	127.4
November	123.3	120.2	136.3	109.8	120.5	127.7
December	123.1	118.8	136.7	109.9	120.6	128.4
1958 January	123.4	119.4	136.6	108.8	120.8	129.1

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

(1949 = 100)

	1955	1956	1957	January 1956	January 1957	November 1957	December 1957	January 1958
<u>Total Index</u>	116.4	118.1	121.9	116.8	120.3	123.3	123.1	123.4
<u>Food</u>	112.1	113.4	118.6	111.5	117.1	120.2	118.8	119.4
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	111.9	112.1	118.1	111.7	115.8	121.6	122.0	122.3
Cereal Products	122.0	125.0	132.4	122.1	130.9	133.3	133.0	133.5
Miscellaneous Groceries	123.1	121.8	126.9	120.6	125.2	124.1	123.6	124.8
<u>Shelter</u>	129.4	132.5	134.9	131.3	133.6	136.3	136.7	136.6
Rent	133.3	135.6	138.0	134.5	136.8	139.1	139.4	139.4
Home-Ownership	124.4	128.4	130.8	127.1	129.3	132.5	133.1	133.0
<u>Clothing</u>	108.0	108.6	108.5	108.6	107.6	109.8	109.9	108.8
Men's Wear	113.0	113.4	115.6	113.1	114.3	116.4	116.5	115.1
Women's Wear	98.4	98.9	96.4	99.5	95.7	98.5	98.6	96.9
Children's Wear	106.2	105.9	104.8	105.7	104.8	106.1	106.1	105.2
Footwear	127.3	129.6	131.9	128.5	131.1	132.5	132.6	133.1
Piece Goods	108.4	108.5	111.0	108.2	109.1	111.5	111.5	111.2
<u>Household Operation</u>	116.4	117.1	119.6	116.5	119.0	120.5	120.6	120.8
Fuel	112.7	114.8	118.9	114.4	119.8	119.4	119.7	119.7
Electricity	116.0	115.6	115.2	115.6	115.4	114.9	114.9	115.1
Home Furnishings	113.7	113.2	115.3	112.7	114.3	116.3	116.3	116.3
Furniture	115.9	116.2	119.5	115.6	118.1	120.4	120.3	120.9
Utensils and Equipment	123.1	125.5	130.4	124.0	128.2	131.8	131.9	131.8
Supplies and Services	122.9	124.2	127.1	123.4	125.7	128.3	128.5	129.1
Supplies	116.3	117.2	119.2	116.7	117.9	120.9	121.1	121.2
Services	127.4	129.1	132.5	128.0	131.1	133.3	133.5	134.5
<u>Other Commodities and   Services</u>	118.1	120.9	126.1	119.0	123.1	127.7	128.4	129.1
Transportation	118.5	123.3	129.9	120.2	127.3	130.2	132.6	132.0
Automobile Operation	111.0	112.1	119.3	109.2	116.9	117.8	121.7	120.8
Recreation	122.6	125.3	129.8	123.7	126.9	132.4	132.4	136.5
Health Care	130.4	134.2	142.6	131.4	136.0	145.8	145.8	146.2
Drugs	111.0	111.7	114.5	111.5	112.3	115.7	115.7	115.7
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	107.4	107.7	109.4	107.5	108.3	110.4	110.4	110.4
Personal Care	118.0	120.5	127.8	118.3	124.7	131.1	131.4	131.9
Personal Supplies	112.7	112.4	116.7	112.0	113.9	118.7	119.3	120.1

TABLE 9. - AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES FOR CANADA - SELECTED FOOD ITEMS (8)

Item	Unit	1955	1956	1957	Jan. 1956	Jan. 1957	Nov. 1957	Dec. 1957	Jan. 1958	Jan. 1958 Price Relative 1949=100
<b>Beef -</b>										
Sirloin steak .....	lb.	80.0	81.6	84.3	79.7	82.0	81.8	83.5	87.4	124.1
Round steak .....	lb.	73.6	75.2	77.9	73.8	77.4	75.2	77.1	81.2	121.2
Prime rib roast (1) .....	lb.	72.2	73.2	75.9	72.1	76.0	74.6	75.1	77.0	114.8
Blade roast (2) .....	lb.	49.2	49.2	52.0	49.1	50.4	50.9	51.9	54.3	112.3
Stewing beef .....	lb.	49.3	49.5	52.6	49.6	51.6	52.5	53.1	54.4	116.7
Hamburg .....	lb.	38.0	37.1	37.9	37.7	37.0	38.0	38.4	40.0	105.6
<b>Pork -</b>										
Shoulder roast, Boston butt, fresh .....	lb.	51.6	51.0	60.5	48.0	57.1	56.6	56.1	56.0	101.3(3)
Rib chops, fresh .....	lb.	61.5	64.4	74.6	57.4	72.0	69.9	71.0	70.9	124.7(4)
Ham, smoked, boneless, to be cooked (6) .....	lb.	84.4	85.0	96.5	76.8	92.7	86.2	89.4	87.6	103.1(5)
Bacon, side, fancy, sliced, rind off .....	1/2 lb.	38.7	39.0	50.0	36.8	47.8	49.4	45.8	45.2	106.6
Sausage, pure pork .....	lb.	50.8	50.6	56.6	50.1	53.5	56.3	56.1	56.4	114.2
<b>Other Meats -</b>										
Veal, loin chops, rib end .....	lb.	75.9	76.9	79.6	77.5	79.6	78.9	79.6	82.2	110.7
Lamb, leg roast .....	lb.	75.4	76.7	79.2	74.6	76.8	73.4	76.6	80.3	111.5
Bologna, sliced .....	lb.	34.0	33.6	36.8	33.7	33.9	38.7	38.5	39.0	94.6
<b>Fish -</b>										
Salmon, canned, fancy pink ....	8 oz.	26.2	27.7	30.2	27.2	29.8	30.4	30.4	30.4	122.8
Cod fillets, frozen (7) .....	lb.	33.0	32.5	33.0	32.5	32.3	33.3	33.6	33.6	103.4(5)
<b>Poultry -</b>										
Chicken, grade A eviscerated (1 1/2 - 3 lb.) (7) .....	lb.	56.6	52.2	51.4	56.3	49.5	48.7	49.2	49.0	93.9(5)
<b>Fruits -</b>										
Bananas, yellow .....	lb.	20.0	20.1	20.7	19.8	20.3	21.4	19.8	20.0	106.6
Oranges, California, medium size (138's) .....	doz.	38.1	42.5	44.1	44.8	41.8	48.9	46.1	49.2	139.8
Apples, volume seller .....	lb.	14.1	13.3	15.2r	10.5	13.7	12.3	12.9r	13.0	127.0
Grapefruit, white, 96's .....	1/2 doz.	47.0	49.9	48.4	44.0	46.8	47.0	45.0	51.1	132.9
Peaches, canned, choice, halves .....	15 oz.	21.2	21.5	23.8	21.1	23.5	23.1	23.1	22.7	109.9
Pears, canned, choice .....	15 oz.	20.3	19.9	20.6	20.1	20.3	20.6	20.6	20.6	95.6
Orange juice, unsweetened .....	20 oz.	16.9	18.2	17.4	17.5	18.6	16.5	16.5	16.6	78.8
Apple juice, choice .....	20 oz.	14.7	13.7	15.0	13.5	14.6	14.7	14.7	14.7	127.3
Raisins, California and Australia .....	lb.	23.1	23.3	24.9	23.1	24.3	25.5	25.8	25.9	146.8
Strawberries, frozen, fancy, pkg. ....	15 oz.	47.2	46.8	44.6	47.2	46.0	43.3	43.0	42.9	91.7(5)

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

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

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

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

5 - 1956=100.

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

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

r - Revised.

8 - For detailed explanations on methods of pricing, calculation techniques, coverage and price collection, refer to "Prices and Price Indexes, October 1957". Tear sheets of this material are available on request.



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

Item	Unit	1955	1956	1957	Jan. 1956	Jan. 1957	Nov. 1957	Dec. 1957	Jan. 1958	Jan. 1958 Price Relative 1949=100
<b>Vegetables -</b>										
Potatoes, No. 1 table .....	10 lb.	46.8	49.7	42.1	36.1	44.3	38.5	39.6	40.5	116.3
Tomatoes, fresh .....	lb.	23.5	27.5	25.3	24.7	25.9	24.7	29.8	28.1	120.2
Lettuce, head, fresh .....	lb.	20.6	20.0	21.1	20.1	25.0	23.5	18.4	19.4	126.5
Carrots .....	lb.	11.5	11.3	11.8	11.6	10.6	10.8	11.5	12.6	167.8
Celery stalks, green .....	lb.	16.2	15.4	17.6	15.9	19.3	14.7	16.7	16.8	99.7
Cabbage .....	lb.	8.2	8.0	9.0	9.6	8.0	6.9	7.4	9.3	120.8
Onions, No. 1, cooking .....	lb.	8.5	9.9	10.0	7.8	8.7	8.1	8.4	8.4	114.1
Turnips, Canada No. 1 .....	lb.	6.2	6.5	6.4	5.9	5.7	6.3	6.3	6.4	128.1
Tomatoes, canned, choice .....	28 oz.	26.3	27.3	29.1	25.6	30.3	27.0	26.5	26.5	132.0
Peas, canned, choice .....	15 oz.	17.2	16.8	17.1	16.6	17.6	16.7	16.7	16.8	115.3
Corn, canned, cream, choice .....	20 oz.	19.0	18.8	20.7	18.7	20.1	20.7	20.8	20.8	108.9
Beans, with pork and tomato sauce .....	15 oz.	16.8	17.3	17.6	17.3	17.6	17.7	17.8	17.9	129.2
Soup, vegetable .....	10 oz.	13.6	13.6	13.9	13.6	13.6	14.3	14.3	14.3	117.5
Green peas, frozen fancy, pkg. ..	12 oz.	25.6	25.2	23.8	25.4	24.5	23.0	22.9	22.8	90.5(5)
<b>Dairy Products -</b>										
Milk, fresh .....	qt.	21.1	21.2	22.5	21.1	22.1	23.1	23.2	23.2	130.3
Milk, evaporated .....	16 oz.	15.1	14.8	15.7	14.9	14.9	16.2	16.2	16.2	109.3
Butter, creamery, first grade ...	lb.	64.1	63.5	65.7	63.7	64.3	68.3	68.4	68.9	106.6
Cheese, plain, processed .....	1/2 lb.	32.9	33.7	35.6	33.0	35.2	35.9	35.9	35.9	123.0
<b>Cereal Products -</b>										
Bread, plain, white, wrapped, sliced .....	lb.	12.8	13.3	14.3	12.8	14.1	14.3	14.2	14.3	141.8
Flour, white, all purpose .....	lb.	7.4	7.6	7.9	7.4	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	113.3
Cake mix, white, only liquid to be added, pkg. ....	14-16 oz.	33.4	32.9	33.2	33.1	33.3	33.1	33.1	33.1	104.1
Corn flakes, pkg. ....	8 oz.	17.4	17.4	18.3	17.4	17.4	19.3	19.4	19.4	137.3
Macaroni, dry, pkg. ....	lb.	17.1	17.2	17.5	17.2	17.4	18.0	18.1	18.2	132.5
<b>Fats -</b>										
Margarine .....	lb.	33.7	33.1	33.9	33.0	34.4	33.3	33.1	33.4	103.7
Shortening .....	lb.	29.6	30.6	32.7	30.2	31.9	32.9	33.1	33.1	102.5
Lard, pure .....	lb.	22.4	21.8	25.6	21.6	25.3	25.4	25.2	25.1	106.9
<b>Eggs -</b>										
Eggs, fresh, grade A large .....	doz.	61.5	63.2	56.0	65.2	52.4	64.2	57.0	54.1	88.0
<b>Miscellaneous Groceries -</b>										
Sugar, granulated .....	lb.	9.2	9.3	12.3	9.1	10.7	11.9	11.7	11.7	126.8
Jam, Strawberry, 2 lb. jar (24 fl.oz.) with pectin and pure .....	lb.	25.6	25.8	28.0	25.4	27.3	27.8	27.6	27.4	118.1
Peanut butter, plain, jar .....	16 oz.	39.2	38.9	38.6	39.1	38.7	38.7	38.8	38.9	107.2
Pickles, sweet, mixed, jar .....	16 oz.	34.1	34.1	35.0	34.0	34.8	35.0	35.0	35.0	125.9
Infant's food, vegetable, tin ...	5 oz.	9.8	9.7	10.0	9.7	9.7	10.2	10.3	10.3	124.1
Tea, black, pkg. ....	1/2 lb.	63.5	62.8	61.6	63.1	63.2	60.8	60.8	60.6	123.6
Tea bags, orange pekoe, pkg. ....	60-bag	N.A.	N.A.	82.3	N.A.	83.5	81.5	81.2	81.3	N.A.
Coffee, medium quality, pkg. ....	lb.	108.1	112.9	102.6	108.3	116.4	92.8	92.2	92.5	148.6
Coffee, instant, dried, jar .....	6 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	138.9	136.9	137.9	N.A.
Jelly powders, flavoured, pkg. ..	3 oz.	9.8	9.7	10.2	9.7	10.1	10.0	10.0	10.0	103.1(5)

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					
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
1957	.....	109.4	119.8	122.6	121.8	123.2	125.2	120.0	119.1	118.8	122.6
1955	January	102.6	114.3	117.4	117.1	117.0	118.9	115.5	113.9	114.6	118.4
	February	102.7	114.6	117.6	117.1	117.0	118.7	115.4	113.8	114.5	118.3
	March	102.9	114.5	117.6	116.7	116.8	118.2	115.2	113.7	114.2	117.9
	April	103.5	114.6	117.6	116.7	116.9	118.4	115.3	113.9	114.2	117.2
	May	105.0	115.4	118.1	117.0	117.3	118.9	115.6	114.4	114.2	117.2
	June	104.3	114.6	117.3	116.3	116.9	118.3	115.0	114.3	113.8	116.8
	July	104.5	114.7	117.3	116.7	117.0	118.7	115.5	114.3	114.1	116.5
	August	105.8	115.1	117.8	116.8	117.3	118.5	116.1	115.1	114.6	116.8
	September	105.1	115.2	118.1	117.1	117.5	119.2	116.5	115.4	115.2	118.1
	October	104.8	114.9	117.8	117.0	117.7	119.4	116.6	115.5	115.2	118.5
	November	104.6	114.9	117.6	117.1	117.7	119.0	116.9	115.6	115.1	118.6
	December	104.5	114.7	117.7	116.7	117.8	118.9	116.9	115.7	115.1	120.3
1956	January	104.7	114.5	117.4	117.4	117.5	118.8	116.8	115.2	114.8	120.0
	February	104.9	114.1	117.1	117.0	117.3	118.3	116.5	114.7	114.1	118.5
	March	105.0	114.3	117.4	116.7	117.3	118.2	116.8	114.7	114.3	118.6
	April	105.9	114.8	117.6	116.7	117.7	118.7	116.5	114.9	114.6	118.6
	May	106.6	114.7	117.5	116.6	117.7	119.1	116.1	114.6	114.3	117.7
	June	107.6	115.6	118.2	118.1	118.8	120.4	116.6	115.2	114.9	118.4
	July	108.1	116.0	118.7	119.1	119.4	121.5	117.6	115.6	115.7	119.3
	August	110.2	117.6	120.3	118.9	120.4	122.0	117.0	116.2	116.1	119.6
	September	107.3	117.2	119.6	118.8	120.0	121.7	117.5	116.8	116.8	120.5
	October	106.9	117.7	120.0	119.9	120.9	122.5	118.1	117.2	117.5	121.2
	November	107.0	118.0	120.4	120.9	121.5	123.1	118.4	117.2	117.7	121.5
	December	107.5	118.5	121.1	120.7	121.6	123.1	118.4	117.1	117.4	121.7
1957	January	107.7	118.6	121.2	120.6	121.4	123.1	118.8	117.1	117.2	122.1
	February	108.5	118.8	122.1	120.5	121.6	123.4	118.7	117.6	117.4	122.5
	March	108.8	118.7	122.1	120.3	121.6	123.5	118.4	117.8	117.4	122.4
	April	108.7	119.4	122.1	120.5	122.4	124.2	119.2	117.9	117.7	122.2
	May	109.3	119.1	121.9	120.7	122.8	125.0	119.2	117.9	118.1	122.0
	June	109.5	119.1	122.0	121.5	123.2	125.2	119.6	118.8	118.4	121.5
	July	109.6	119.3	122.4	122.0	123.4	125.5	120.0	119.3	119.1	121.7
	August	110.5	120.6	123.3	122.2	124.0	125.9	120.7	120.2	119.8	122.5
	September	110.2	120.9	123.5	122.8	124.7	126.8	121.2	121.1	120.5	123.5
	October	109.9	120.6	123.3	123.3	125.0	126.7	120.9	121.0	120.6	123.8
	November	109.8	121.2	123.4	123.8	124.4	126.4	121.2	120.2	119.9	123.6
	December	109.8	121.1	123.4	123.4	124.2	126.1	121.6	120.1	120.0	123.9
1958	January	110.2	120.7	123.5	123.8	123.9	127.0	121.9	120.3	119.9	124.3



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>1955</u>	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
	July	108.1	110.9	115.1	121.3	117.1	118.3	116.2	116.6	115.8	116.8
	August	110.6	115.0	118.9	121.6	119.2	119.5	118.5	119.8	117.7	118.7
	September	109.4	115.3	119.1	123.6	121.5	121.6	119.6	122.2	119.5	121.3
	October	108.1	114.6	118.1	124.1	121.3	120.9	117.9	121.1	119.2	121.3
	November	107.7	115.0	118.0	124.3	118.8	118.6	117.8	118.0	116.9	119.5
	December	107.7	113.9	117.3	122.4	117.3	116.9	118.3	116.9	115.7	118.5
<u>1958</u>	January	107.4	113.8	117.3	123.9	118.0	118.3	119.2	117.5	116.0	119.1
<b>Shelter Index</b>											
<u>1956</u>	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
	July	110.5	128.9	132.8	140.3	142.4	150.5	128.9	118.9	121.3	131.5
	August	110.5	129.5	132.8	140.4	142.7	150.8	129.0	118.9	121.6	132.1
	September	111.0	129.9	133.4	140.5	142.8	151.0	129.0	118.9	122.3	132.5
	October	111.0	130.2	134.1	140.5	143.5	151.4	129.2	119.0	122.4	133.0
	November	111.0	130.7	134.3	140.7	144.0	152.0	129.6	119.6	122.5	133.8
	December	111.3	130.9	134.3	140.7	144.3	152.4	129.6	119.6	122.9	134.3
<u>1958</u>	January	111.3	130.9	134.7	140.8	144.3	152.8	129.6	119.7	122.9	134.8



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

		St. John's Nfld. 1.	Halifax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saskatoon- Regina	Edmonton- Calgary	Van- couver
<b>Clothing Index</b>											
<u>1956</u>	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
	June	101.8	114.0	117.8	104.7	112.0	111.9	112.6	118.5	115.9	113.5
	July	101.8	113.2	117.8	104.9	111.7	111.8	112.6	118.5	115.9	113.4
	August	102.0	113.2	117.8	104.8	111.7	111.8	112.6	118.5	116.0	111.7
	September	102.1	113.3	117.8	104.6	111.8	112.0	112.8	118.9	115.8	111.8
	October	102.3	113.7	117.8	105.0	112.5	112.2	113.1	118.9	116.1	112.9
	November	102.6	115.2	117.8	107.2	112.9	113.8	114.6	118.9	116.2	113.1
	December	102.6	116.0	116.9	107.2	113.1	113.9	114.7	119.1	116.1	113.1
<u>1958</u>	January	101.9	114.0	116.9	105.9	111.8	112.2	114.5	119.1	115.7	111.4
<b>Household Operation Index</b>											
<u>1956</u>	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
	June	108.8	125.5	121.2	115.9	118.6	119.4	116.7	121.3	119.7	126.7
	July	108.9	125.8	121.7	116.6	118.8	119.6	117.1	121.6	119.9	127.2
	August	108.8	125.3	121.2	116.7	118.6	119.5	116.9	121.6	119.9	128.9
	September	108.8	125.4	121.3	116.5	118.7	119.8	117.3	122.1	119.9	129.2
	October	109.0	124.5	120.7	117.4	118.9	120.1	117.0	122.1	120.0	129.1
	November	108.2	124.7	120.7	117.9	119.0	121.0	117.3	122.1	120.0	130.2
	December	108.2	124.8	121.2	118.0	119.1	121.0	117.4	122.3	120.3	131.4
<u>1958</u>	January	108.5	124.3	121.2	118.3	117.9	121.5	117.1	121.9	120.0	132.0
<b>Other Commodities and Services Index</b>											
<u>1956</u>	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
	June	116.0	124.4	130.5	125.7	129.9	130.1	125.4	121.1	123.8	124.8
	July	116.0	124.6	130.3	125.7	129.9	129.9	125.4	121.0	123.9	124.4
	August	116.0	125.3	130.3	126.0	129.9	130.2	125.4	120.9	124.1	124.6
	September	116.1	125.4	130.5	126.0	129.9	130.5	126.1	121.1	124.4	124.9
	October	116.6	125.9	131.0	126.3	130.1	130.6	126.4	121.9	124.8	125.3
	November	117.1	126.6	131.2	127.1	130.2	130.2	127.1	122.0	125.1	125.6
	December	117.1	126.8	131.9	127.9	130.7	130.7	127.6	122.8	126.3	126.7
<u>1958</u>	January	119.6	126.8	132.2	127.9	130.5	132.9	128.1	123.2	126.0	127.7

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
1955 - Apr. 1	59.31	51.09	142.2	122.5	116.1
May 1	59.90	51.46	143.6	123.4	116.4
June 1	59.66	51.48	143.0	123.4	115.9
July 1	59.31	51.13	142.2	122.6	116.0
Aug. 1	59.20	50.86	141.9	121.9	116.4
Sept. 1	59.25	50.73	142.1	121.6	116.8
Oct. 1	60.09	51.40	144.1	123.2	116.9
Nov. 1	60.63	51.86	145.4	124.3	116.9
Dec. 1	60.78	51.99	145.7	124.6	116.9
1956 - Jan. 1	57.53	49.26	137.9	118.1	116.8
Feb. 1	60.69	52.14	145.5	125.0	116.4
Mar. 1	61.33	52.69	147.0	126.3	116.4
Apr. 1	61.86	53.05	148.3	127.2	116.6
May 1	62.56	53.65	150.0	128.6	116.6
June 1	62.13	52.74	149.0	126.4	117.8
July 1	62.91	53.09	150.8	127.3	118.5
Aug. 1	62.18	52.21	149.1	125.2	119.1
Sept. 1	62.51	52.53	149.9	125.9	119.0
Oct. 1	63.62	53.11	152.5	127.3	119.8
Nov. 1	64.36	53.50	154.3	128.3	120.3
Dec. 1	64.53	53.60	154.7	128.5	120.4
1957 - Jan. 1	59.88	49.78	143.6	119.3	120.3
Feb. 1	64.42	53.46	154.4	128.2	120.5
Mar. 1	64.46	53.49	154.5	128.2	120.5
Apr. 1	65.23	53.95	156.4	129.3	120.9
May 1	64.96	53.64	155.7	128.6	121.1
June 1	65.08	53.52	156.0	128.3	121.6
July 1	65.37	53.63	156.7	128.6	121.9
Aug. 1	64.96	52.99	155.7	127.0	122.6
Sept. 1	64.76	52.52	155.3	125.9	123.3
Oct. 1	65.32	52.93	156.6	126.9	123.4
Nov. 1	65.65	53.24	157.4	127.6	123.3
Dec. 1	66.38(p)	53.92(p)	159.1(p)	129.3(p)	123.1

(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 - August .....	240.0	198.0	201.9	174.6	463.2	204.5	225.8
1955 - August .....	241.8	199.8	203.3	177.2	465.5	203.8	226.6
1956 - April .....	250.6	209.2	209.6	184.7	485.1	204.0	231.9
- August .....	255.9	209.7	210.7	184.7	512.5	206.2	236.0
1957 - January .....	247.0	223.1	212.3	184.7	453.8	208.6	231.7
- April .....	258.6	223.8	212.0	184.7	523.9	213.5	240.6
- August .....	257.6	224.5	209.7	184.7	526.4	216.0	241.0
EASTERN CANADA							
1926 .....	129.5	97.0	122.8	128.4	151.1	120.2	125.8
1939 .....	98.7	104.3	94.8	99.2	110.6	99.5	99.0
1955 .....	241.9	196.0	204.7	168.4	429.0	201.6	225.8
1956 .....	251.9	208.2	207.3	178.8	461.4	201.9	231.9
1954 - August .....	239.8	195.0	200.9	164.5	433.8	202.1	224.7
1955 - August .....	243.5	197.4	203.3	168.4	441.6	201.3	226.6
1956 - April .....	252.3	207.7	208.0	178.8	461.6	201.3	231.9
- August .....	259.9	209.7	209.5	178.8	495.6	203.7	237.4
1957 - January .....	257.3	224.0	210.8	178.8	478.2	206.2	236.9
- April .....	261.3	224.6	210.8	178.8	498.6	211.0	241.2
- August .....	259.6	225.1	206.5	178.8	503.4	214.3	241.5
WESTERN CANADA							
1926 .....	131.8	97.8	117.1	141.6	183.5	121.9	127.8
1939 .....	99.8	103.3	96.6	102.7	109.9	99.5	99.7
1955 .....	234.7	199.9	204.5	184.8	454.8	206.1	223.2
1956 .....	243.3	209.9	210.1	189.8	483.0	207.0	228.8
1954 - August .....	240.2	199.2	202.8	183.2	505.1	206.9	226.9
1955 - August .....	240.2	200.7	203.4	184.8	499.4	206.3	226.6
1956 - April .....	248.9	209.8	211.1	189.8	518.4	206.6	232.0
- August .....	251.8	209.7	211.8	189.8	536.6	208.7	234.6
1957 - January .....	236.8	222.7	213.7	189.8	419.2	211.0	226.5
- April .....	256.0	223.5	213.2	189.8	559.9	216.0	240.0
- August .....	255.6	224.2	212.9	189.8	559.0	217.8	240.5

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



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

First of the Month Prices - Dollars per cwt

ITEM	CANADA			MARITIMES			QUEBEC		
	1957 Jan. \$	1957 Dec. \$	1958 Jan. \$	1957 Jan. \$	1957 Dec. \$	1958 Jan. \$	1957 Jan. \$	1957 Dec. \$	1958 Jan. \$
1. Corn, cracked	4.02	3.70	3.70	4.34	3.97	3.93	3.80	3.40	3.41
2. Oats, unground	3.09	2.76	2.76	3.31	2.96	2.93	3.08	2.71	2.72
3. Barley, ground	3.04	2.72	2.72	3.26	2.91	2.89	2.98	2.65	2.67
4. Wheat, unground	3.19	2.85	2.86	3.39	3.11	3.13	3.14	2.74	2.77
5. Bran	2.69	2.37	2.38	2.67	2.19	2.24	2.57	2.19	2.25
6. Shorts	2.91	2.51	2.51	2.91	2.37	2.39	2.87	2.38	2.41
7. Middlings	3.13	2.75	2.76	3.22	2.72	2.74	3.12	2.68	2.70
8. Linseed oil meal	4.89	4.52	4.50	5.02	4.58	4.61	4.77	4.25	4.27
9. Soybean oil meal	4.46	4.31	4.33	4.71	4.51	4.49	4.28	4.09	4.10
10. Calf starter (20-24%)	5.20	5.10	5.10	5.13	5.05	5.14	4.87	4.74	4.74
11. Dairy ration (16%)	3.60	3.41	3.42	3.63	3.41	3.43	3.49	3.29	3.30
12. Dairy supplement (24%) (East)	4.28	4.03	4.05	4.24	4.13	4.15	4.10	3.97	4.02
13. Dairy supplement (32%) (West)	5.11	5.00	4.96	-	-	-	-	-	-
14. Pig starter mash	4.52	4.36	4.35	4.43	4.25	4.28	4.21	4.04	4.05
15. Hog concentrate (35%)	5.32	5.24	5.21	5.94	5.94	5.81	5.42	5.24	5.20
16. Hog grower mash	3.74	3.51	3.50	3.85	3.58	3.59	3.70	3.39	3.38
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%)	4.76	4.58	4.59	4.84	4.74	4.68	4.46	4.26	4.28
18. Growing mash	4.25	4.02	4.02	4.25	3.96	3.98	4.23	4.00	3.99
19. Laying mash (18%)	4.31	4.11	4.11	4.38	4.18	4.18	4.31	4.06	4.02
20. Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	5.07	4.87	4.87	4.87	4.84	4.84	5.00	4.79	4.79
21. Turkey growing mash	4.66	4.50	4.49	4.71	4.58	4.58	4.62	4.44	4.42

ITEM	ONTARIO			PRAIRIES			BRITISH COLUMBIA		
	1957 Jan. \$	1957 Dec. \$	1958 Jan. \$	1957 Jan. \$	1957 Dec. \$	1958 Jan. \$	1957 Jan. \$	1957 Dec. \$	1958 Jan. \$
1. Corn, cracked	3.78	3.47	3.48	5.10	5.22	5.22	4.44	4.13	4.12
2. Oats, unground	3.10	2.73	2.75	2.60	2.47	2.47	3.28	2.88	2.88
3. Barley, ground	3.05	2.72	2.73	2.68	2.47	2.48	3.21	2.85	2.84
4. Wheat, unground	3.17	2.79	2.82	2.82	2.67	2.66	3.34	2.98	2.97
5. Bran	2.71	2.33	2.37	2.74	2.67	2.62	2.77	2.50	2.46
6. Shorts	2.96	2.47	2.50	2.90	2.76	2.68	2.91	2.61	2.57
7. Middlings	3.19	2.76	2.78	2.85	2.66	2.65	3.16	2.95	2.92
8. Linseed oil meal	4.71	4.28	4.21	5.19	4.89	4.84	5.06	4.87	4.90
9. Soybean oil meal	4.27	4.11	4.15	4.93	4.93	4.92	4.82	4.59	4.58
10. Calf starter (20-24%)	5.08	4.88	4.87	5.18	5.09	5.05	6.16	6.16	6.14
11. Dairy ration (16%)	3.73	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.37	3.37	3.65	3.51	3.50
12. Dairy supplement (24%)	4.20	4.03	4.03	-	-	-	-	-	-
13. Dairy supplement (32%)	-	-	-	5.06	4.90	4.85	5.21	5.14	5.12
14. Pig starter mash	4.68	4.46	4.47	4.89	4.84	4.81	4.33	4.12	4.10
15. Hog concentrate (35%)	5.09	5.04	5.02	5.30	5.26	5.19	5.79	5.70	5.75
16. Hog grower mash	3.73	3.47	3.46	3.50	3.43	3.43	3.94	3.76	3.76
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%)	4.84	4.64	4.67	4.93	4.84	4.83	4.89	4.61	4.64
18. Growing mash	4.18	3.96	3.96	4.28	4.06	4.06	4.33	4.13	4.12
19. Laying mash (18%)	4.28	4.04	4.05	4.34	4.24	4.24	4.31	4.08	4.09
20. Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	4.97	4.70	4.69	5.06	4.96	4.97	5.34	5.08	5.08
21. Turkey growing mash	4.75	4.55	4.56	4.52	4.38	4.35	4.70	4.57	4.60

TABLE 14. - 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
1957 .....	258.2	271.0	765.1	924.5	135.1	241.0	155.3	193.1	489.9	436.8
1956 Jan. ..	248.5	257.0	735.6	1,070.0	209.4	175.5	179.9	196.8	583.7	458.4
Feb. ..	249.2	258.1	728.0	1,077.3	199.2	182.6	174.0	197.3	579.0	464.0
Mar. ..	267.9	280.3	804.6	1,153.0	199.6	205.2	178.8	199.7	590.4	503.6
Apr. ..	273.0	286.2	826.4	1,223.9	187.4	210.0	170.9	191.8	577.5	519.5
May ...	268.5	282.9	848.1	1,192.5	179.8	211.7	160.2	180.8	551.7	488.5
June ..	267.0	283.0	843.6	1,146.0	167.3	219.4	158.8	181.5	549.1	466.3
July ..	282.4	299.0	913.7	1,185.8	173.9	234.9	159.5	190.8	565.4	504.5
Aug. ..	291.8	308.9	915.4	1,175.3	175.2	250.1	158.3	195.5	558.6	514.2
Sept. ..	278.9	294.4	855.3	1,077.2	166.0	243.7	153.4	183.5	530.9	485.0
Oct. ..	270.3	284.8	815.7	1,024.9	160.2	236.2	155.3	175.0	518.7	469.8
Nov. ..	262.3	276.0	762.8	994.2	151.2	239.2	154.8	175.2	487.1	452.0
Dec. ..	267.8	281.7	776.8	998.9	143.6	244.8	152.4	176.5	493.0	459.6
1957 Jan. ..	273.7	287.3	763.0	1,005.3	147.8	251.6	163.7	181.2	506.3	463.2
Feb. ..	263.2	276.0	756.6	946.4	141.4	244.8	154.7	181.4	488.8	433.4
Mar. ..	267.5	281.0	790.4	966.4	134.8	246.2	153.5	182.8	485.9	438.0
Apr. ..	278.8	294.2	825.6	977.0	138.2	262.9	153.4	197.6	490.9	453.5
May ...	287.6	304.8	868.0	996.4	155.0	278.8	157.2	204.7	516.0	470.9
June ..	286.9	303.5	882.7	998.9	141.9	275.6	161.8	208.2	514.6	482.4
July ..	284.7	301.6	932.2	991.9	137.5	274.2	162.5	204.5	506.2	483.4
Aug. ..	259.0	272.4	803.9	915.9	135.8	245.9	160.3	195.8	485.9	458.3
Sept. ..	242.2	252.8	728.5	861.3	126.4	225.5	155.1	189.6	466.9	424.0
Oct. ..	219.6	228.0	641.7	813.4	118.7	195.7	145.8	183.8	459.7	384.0
Nov. ..	218.6	226.2	600.3	792.7	122.4	195.6	144.0	188.8	475.1	377.6
Dec. ..	216.2	224.0	587.9	808.1	120.8	194.9	151.4	198.7	482.6	373.4
1958 Jan. ..	215.4	222.2	579.2	796.2	120.5	187.5	148.4	206.2	490.2	384.9
Weekly Index										
Jan. 2	212.6	220.3	580.4	790.0	122.5	187.7	148.5	200.9	476.2	378.0
Jan. 9	214.8	221.7	581.2	781.5	120.6	187.2	151.7	206.8	487.3	383.4
Jan. 16	216.7	223.5	577.1	790.7	120.6	189.9	147.9	207.8	491.3	386.4
Jan. 23	215.4	221.7	569.7	808.9	119.5	186.4	148.8	205.8	498.3	390.4
Jan. 30	217.5	223.9	587.7	809.8	119.2	186.3	145.0	209.6	497.8	386.5



TABLE 14. - INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCK PRICES (Concluded)

(1935-39=100)

Number of stocks	INVESTORS' INDEX						MINING INDEX (1)			PREFERRED STOCKS
	Indus- trial Mines (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
1957 .....	195.9	199.8	352.0	108.6	230.9	263.8	114.0	70.5	213.5	151.3
1956 Jan. ..	205.3	206.5	385.4	129.4	192.6	260.0	125.2	75.8	238.1	175.5
Feb. ..	200.6	204.1	373.3	129.5	190.6	264.2	125.1	76.7	235.8	175.3
Mar. ..	217.0	210.2	399.3	131.0	194.3	276.8	134.4	79.4	260.2	173.6
Apr. ..	222.1	209.3	394.8	127.7	200.2	288.7	136.8	78.8	269.7	171.1
May ...	218.0	204.2	370.2	125.2	201.0	271.7	136.5	78.8	268.5	167.7
June ..	217.2	199.8	356.8	119.2	206.0	260.7	136.4	76.7	273.1	166.2
July ..	223.5	207.9	361.7	122.2	222.4	287.4	144.0	79.5	291.5	167.5
Aug. ..	237.3	215.7	389.1	124.9	228.0	295.4	147.1	79.5	301.9	166.1
Sept. .	228.2	209.2	380.0	121.1	220.1	283.8	137.4	74.1	282.2	161.7
Oct. ..	223.4	205.1	370.9	119.5	215.0	275.3	133.5	72.5	273.3	158.7
Nov. ..	211.9	200.3	351.5	117.8	212.5	268.8	127.4	68.6	262.2	157.0
Dec. ..	219.0	203.6	367.1	118.3	214.4	276.2	129.4	68.9	267.8	154.4
1957 Jan. ..	228.4	207.5	363.5	118.4	227.9	289.9	129.9	70.6	265.7	155.9
Feb. ..	211.8	203.6	343.2	116.5	228.9	271.3	122.2	69.3	243.2	156.4
Mar. ..	218.2	209.2	364.2	115.7	239.0	266.2	123.3	68.1	249.6	154.8
Apr. ..	225.5	212.5	385.8	114.0	243.6	277.5	128.0	72.4	255.4	153.4
May ...	223.9	216.1	397.2	113.1	251.9	279.0	124.2	76.2	234.2	153.1
June ..	217.6	216.8	401.0	107.6	264.6	281.8	125.4	80.6	227.7	150.8
July ..	204.3	213.8	398.0	105.2	262.0	277.8	122.8	79.3	222.2	150.0
Aug. ..	182.4	200.6	364.5	104.1	237.8	260.2	109.5	73.2	192.6	149.4
Sept. .	172.1	191.2	343.0	103.4	219.4	252.2	104.6	71.4	180.7	147.3
Oct. ..	156.7	176.7	306.9	100.5	195.9	234.9	95.0	63.4	167.2	146.1
Nov. ..	159.3	176.2	284.3	102.0	201.3	240.5	93.4	61.2	167.0	147.6
Dec. ..	151.0	173.9	272.5	102.4	198.4	234.9	89.4	60.0	156.8	151.1r
1958 Jan. ..	153.1	178.1	282.2	104.6	202.9	233.3	91.5	64.0	154.6	154.0
Weekly Index										
Jan. 2	150.4	172.0	252.8	103.2	199.4	229.0	89.0	60.7	153.9	
Jan. 9	152.9	177.6	275.5	104.8	203.7	232.2	90.3	62.6	153.8	
Jan. 16	154.6	180.4	296.7	104.2	205.2	233.0	90.5	62.9	153.8	
Jan. 23	151.8	179.3	290.6	105.1	202.0	235.7	93.2	67.2	152.8	
Jan. 30	155.9	181.2	295.6	105.8	204.2	236.7	94.7	66.8	158.5	

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

(2) No weekly indexes calculated for Preferred Stocks.

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Explanation of Methods Used and Additional Sources for Price Series

Appearing in this Bulletin

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, No. 2 to \$1.576 and No. 3 to \$1.498 and the indexes revised accordingly. Commencing with the issuance of the January 1958 report the indexes reflect, for the crop year August 1956 - July 1957, an interim payment of 10¢ per bushel as announced February 1, 1958. For No. 1 Manitoba Northern the interim price included is \$1.50 per bushel for the crop year August 1956 - July 1957. Subsequent monthly indexes are based on an initial payment of \$1.40 for No. 1 Manitoba Northern.

Commencing August 1, 1949, Western oats and barley were brought under control of the Canadian Wheat Board. Prices used for Canadian Farm Products since that time have been initial payments to farmers, with participation payments included whenever they are announced. For the 1955-56 crop year, final payments were announced November 15th for barley and November 29th for oats. Initial payments for the crop years 1956-57 and 1957-58 are 65 and 60 cents respectively for No. 2 C.W. oats, and 87 cents for No. 1 Feed barley.

For final revised indexes August 1945 - July 1952 see Prices and Price Indexes, May 1953, Table 21; and Table 4 of February 1954, May 1955 and May 1956 issues for subsequent crop years. Table 2, page 14 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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