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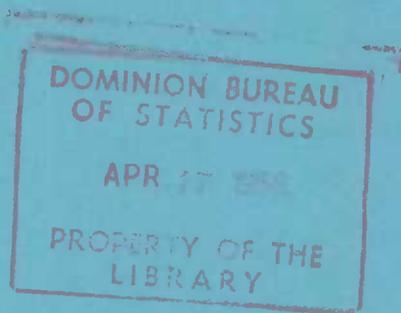


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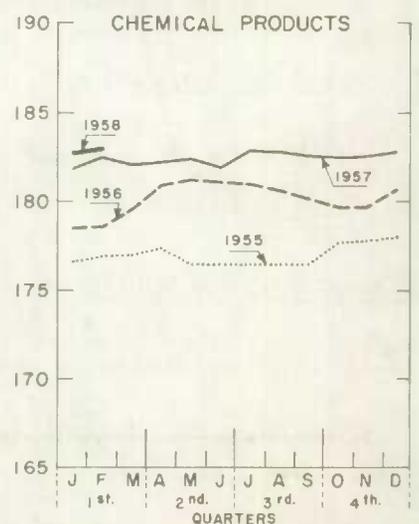
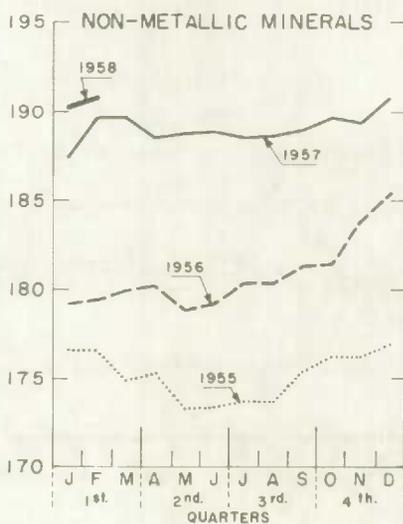
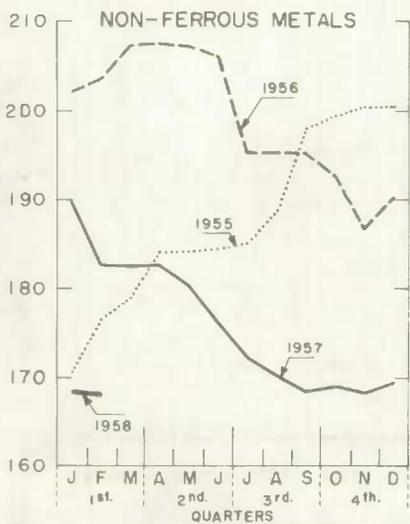
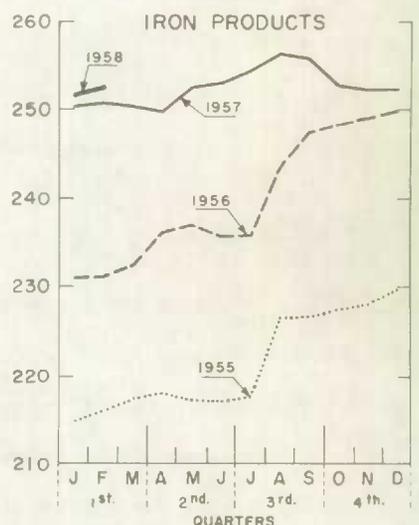
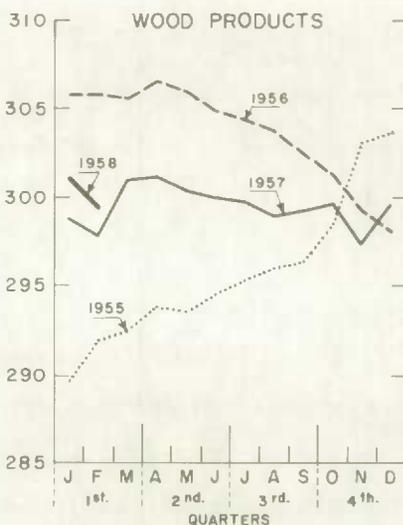
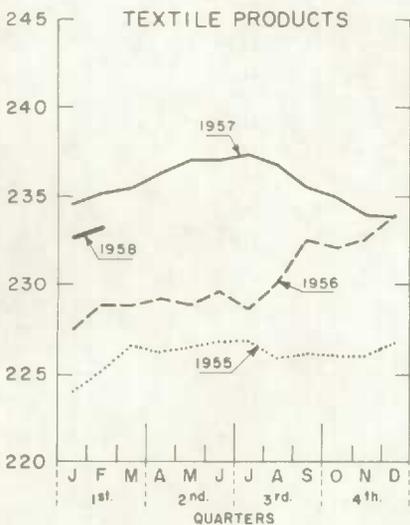
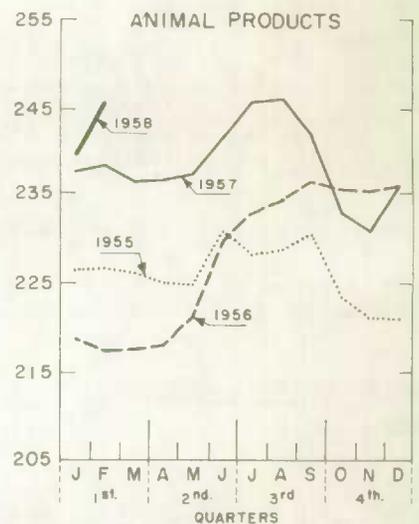
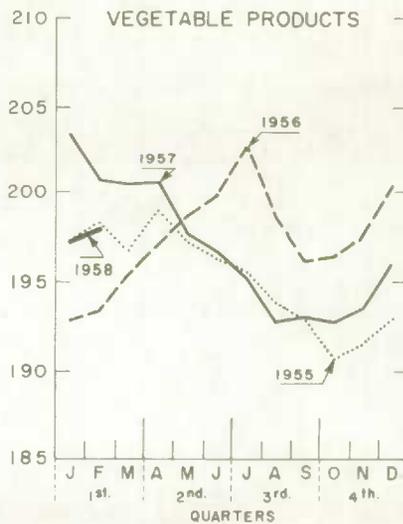
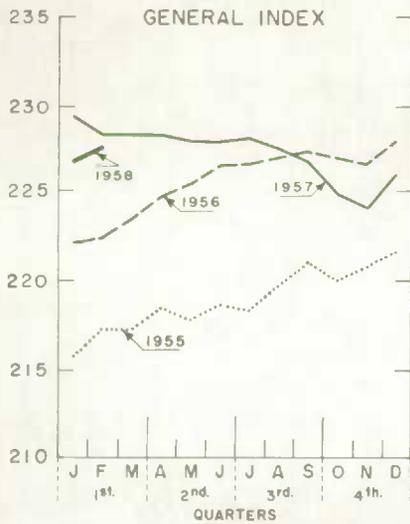
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GENERAL WHOLESALE AND COMPONENT GROUP INDEXES

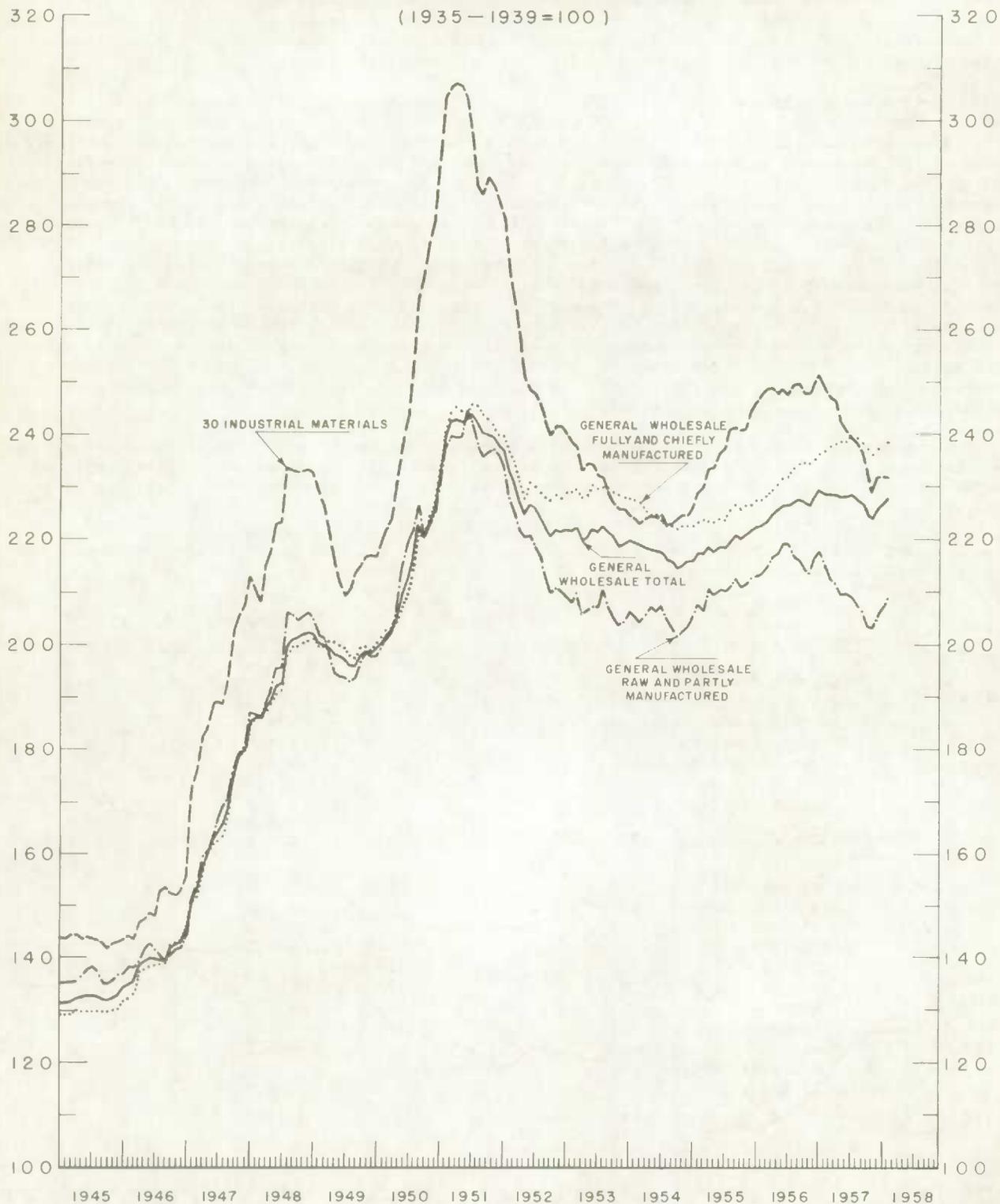
MONTHLY FROM JANUARY 1955

1935-39=100



GENERAL WHOLESALE, RAW AND PARTLY MANUFACTURED, FULLY
AND CHIEFLY MANUFACTURED AND 30 INDUSTRIAL
MATERIALS—MONTHLY INDEXES FROM JANUARY 1945

(1935-1939=100)



NOTES ON PRICES AND PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

GENERAL WHOLESALE INDEX: (1935-1939=100) The General Wholesale Price Index advanced 0.4 per cent between January and February, from 226.8 to 227.7. A 2.4 per cent increase in Animal Products accounted for practically all of the change. Five of the other component groups advanced 0.5 per cent or less, while two decreased by the same amounts. This marked the third consecutive month during which the General Wholesale Index has moved upward, following a persistent though halting decline from 229.4 to 224.0 between January and November, 1957. Over this period the index declined 2.4 per cent, whereas between November 1957 and February 1958 it advanced 1.6 per cent from 224.0 to 227.7. The strength in prices suggested by this increase in the General Wholesale Index is in contrast to the behaviour of most economic indicators during recent months, and the November-February increase is analyzed in some detail in the following paragraphs.

The advance in the Wholesale Index over this three month period is almost entirely attributable to Animal and Vegetable Products. Of the increase in the total index, nearly two-thirds is accounted for by a 6.6 per cent increase in the Animal Products component, and most of the remainder by a 2.2 per cent increase in Vegetable Products. Movements of the other six groups have been very slight and to some extent offsetting; four increased between 0.1 per cent and 0.7 per cent, and two decreased approximately 0.2 per cent. Within the two groups accounting for virtually all of the change, the most significant increases were recorded by livestock and fresh meats which advanced 17 and 15 per cent respectively, to move the Animal Products Index from 230.5 to 245.8 over the three month period. While calves led the increase moving up 27 per cent, of much more importance was an 19 per cent advance in steers. Lambs were up 18 per cent, and hogs about 11 per cent. These sharp increases followed an October low of 258.2 for livestock, as compared with the first ten months of 1957 when indexes ranged between 282 and 300. The resurgence in livestock prices is largely attributable to exceptional demand situations in the United States. Noteworthy over the three months in the Vegetable Products group, were advances of 17 per cent for fresh fruits, and 19 per cent for livestock and poultry feeds. Potatoes and onions were up about 9 per cent. As has been implied, item changes within groups other than animal and vegetable products were relatively slight.

A general factor exerting upward price pressures between November and February was a 2 per cent decrease in the Canadian dollar in United States funds. This resulted in an upward adjustment in the Canadian dollar return for major exports, as well as a corresponding upward pressure on import prices.

The following table of selected items shows the magnitude of price changes within the General Wholesale Index which have taken place during the last three months.

<u>Commodity Groups and Sub-Groups</u>	<u>Price changes</u>	
	<u>Feb./58 - Nov./57</u>	
	%	
Vegetable Products		+2.2
Grains	+ 2.2	
Livestock and poultry feeds	+18.7	
Fruits, fresh	+16.9	
Sugar and its products	- 4.3	
Tea, coffee and cocoa	+ 1.8	
Potatoes	+10.2	
Onions	+ 8.9	
Raw leaf tobacco	+ 5.6	
Animal Products		+6.6
Fishery products	+ 5.7	
Hides and skins	+ 6.6	
Livestock	+16.6	
Steers	+18.9	
Calves	+27.4	
Hogs	+10.6	
Lambs	+17.6	
Meats, fresh	+15.3	
Beef and Veal carcass	+21.7	
Oils and Fats	- 5.7	
Eggs	-12.3	
Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products		- .3

Commodity Groups and Sub-Groups (Concl'd)	Price changes	
	Feb./58 - Nov./57	
	%	
Wood, Wood Products and Paper		+ .7
Lumber and Timber	- .4	
Wood pulp	+ 1.3	
Newsprint	+ 1.5	
Iron and its Products		+ .4
Pipe and Tubing	+ 3.0	
Non-ferrous Metals and their Products (incl. gold)		- .2
Non-ferrous Metals and their Products (excl. gold)		- .9
Copper and its products	- 4.2	
Lead and its products	- 3.9	
Non-metallic Minerals and their Products		+ .7
Clay and allied material products	+ 2.9	
Coal tar	-11.8	
Chemicals and Allied Products		+ .3
Coal tar products	- 3.7	
Dyeing materials	- 4.0	
Tanning materials	+ 4.5	

These changes in the General Wholesale Index have been reflected in the behaviour of the Fully and Chiefly, and Raw and Partly Manufactured Indexes. The former increased 1.0 per cent between November and February, whereas the latter increased 2.9 per cent, reflecting the greater weight of animal and vegetable products in this series. The advance in the Fully and Chiefly Manufactured series is almost entirely accounted for by increases in livestock and poultry feeds, and fresh meats along with newsprint. In the Raw and Partly Manufactured group, much the larger portion of the increase is attributable to livestock, with fresh fruits and grains also contributing. During the same period, the index of Canadian Industrial Materials increased 1.2 per cent, and a series of Canadian Farm Product Prices at terminal markets, 7.2 per cent. As is the case with the General Wholesale Index, the increases in these series result for the most part from strength in livestock. This is illustrated by an increase of 9.2 per cent in the Animal component of Canadian Farm Products, and 3.8 per cent in the Field component. Most of the advance in the latter series was due to a sharp advance in potato prices which occurred in the last week of February.

CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS: Canadian Farm Product prices at terminal markets rose 2.7 per cent from (1935-1939=100) 208.4 to 214.0 between January and February. Chiefly responsible for the increase was a 3.5 per cent advance in Animal Products from 259.3 to 268.4, reflecting generally higher prices for livestock and eggs. Butterfat in the East and fluid milk in the West were also higher while calves on Western markets and Eastern cheesemilk declined. For Field Products, an advance of 1.3 per cent from 157.5 to 159.6 was due to increases for potatoes, Western rye and hay and Eastern corn, which more than overbalanced decreases for Eastern wheat and peas. Regional indexes both moved up, as the Eastern series rose 3.2 per cent from 225.4 to 232.6 and the Western index 2.0 per cent from 191.4 to 195.3.

BUILDING MATERIALS INDEXES: Building material price indexes showed almost no change in February compared to January (revised), as moderate offsetting prices occurred for a number of items, including further decreases for a few lumber descriptions. The Residential Building Materials Price Index changed fractionally from 288.8 to 288.9 (1935-1939=100) while the Non-Residential Building Materials Index, on the 1949 = 100 base, remained at 130.4. 130.0

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors' Index of 95 common stocks averaged 218.3 for February, 1.3 per cent above the January level of 215.4. Week-to-week movement however showed intermittent weakness as February progressed, with the end of the month index down to early January levels. Reflected in the February composite index increase were gains for 75 Industrials which edged 0.7 per cent higher from 222.2 to 223.8; 13 Utilities which rose 2.5 per cent from 178.1 to 182.5 and 7 Banks which moved up 5.1 per cent from 233.3 to 245.2. Sub-group advances were led by Milling followed by lesser gains for Pulp and Paper, Beverages, Telephones, Food and Allied Products and Building Materials. Three groups, Textiles and Clothing, Oils and Machinery and Equipment registered minor losses.

The composite index of 27 Mining stocks advanced 4.2 per cent from 91.5 to 95.3 in the period under review as the index for 21 Golds increased 6.7 per cent from 64.0 to 68.3 and that for 6 Base Metals 1.7 per cent from 154.6 to 157.2.

The index of 28 Preferred stock issues stood at 156.4 in February compared to 154.0 for January.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949=100) The Consumer Price Index advanced 0.2 per cent from 123.4 to a new high of 123.7 between January and February 1958. An increase in the Food index accounted for most of the current change, with upward movements in Shelter and Other Commodities and Services also contributing to the overall rise. Both the Clothing and Household Operation indexes remained unchanged.

The Food index rose from 119.4 to 119.9 as increases were registered for most items of fruit, vegetables and meats. Advances were greatest for oranges, fresh tomatoes and beef. The only decline of consequence was a further drop of 4 cents per dozen in egg prices. Other Commodities and Services moved from 129.1 to 129.5 mainly on the strength of further widespread increases in hospital rates, which averaged 3 per cent. Fractionally higher prices were reported for pharmaceuticals and personal care items, including toothpaste, toilet soap and shaving cream. The Shelter index edged up from 136.6 to 136.9 following slight advances in both the rent and home-ownership components.

The Clothing index remained unchanged at 108.8 as lower prices for rayon piece goods and a wide range of children's clothing balanced higher prices for some items of men's and women's wear. The Household Operation index, unchanged at 120.8, also reflected slight and offsetting price movements as textiles and household supplies were higher and furniture and floor coverings were at lower levels.

TABLE 1. - SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE INDEXES

	INDEXES				PERCENTAGE CHANGES		
	Feb.	Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.
	1956	1957	1958	1958	1956	1957	1958
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100) (1)</u>							
<u>GENERAL INDEX</u>	222.2	228.4	226.8	227.7	+ 2.5	- 0.3	+ 0.4
Vegetable Products	193.4	200.7	197.2	197.8	+ 2.3	- 1.4	+ 0.3
Animal Products	217.5	238.4	239.9	245.8	+ 13.0	+ 3.1	+ 2.4
Textile Products	228.9	235.2	232.7	233.4	+ 2.0	- 0.8	+ 0.3
Wood Products	305.8	297.9	301.0	299.4	- 2.1	+ 0.5	- 0.5
Iron Products	231.1	250.8	251.6	252.4	+ 9.2	+ 0.6	+ 0.3
Non-ferrous Metals	203.6	182.7	168.6	168.1	- 17.4	- 8.0	- 0.3
Non-metallic Minerals	179.4	189.7	190.2	190.7	+ 6.3	+ 0.5	+ 0.3
Chemical Products	178.6	182.5	182.8	183.0	+ 2.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
<u>CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS (1) (2)</u>	202.8	213.2	208.4	214.0	-	-	-
Eastern Total	209.6	229.0	225.4	232.6	-	-	-
Western Total	195.9	197.3	191.4	195.3	-	-	-
Field	173.2	167.4	157.5	159.6	-	-	-
Animal	232.3	259.0	259.3	268.4	-	-	-
<u>SELECTED PRICE INDEXES (1)</u>							
Canadian Industrial Materials	247.2	248.4	231.8	231.7	- 6.3	- 6.7	- .04
Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	127.1	128.7	126.7 ^{3/}	126.7	- 0.3	- 1.6	0
Non-Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	126.5	130.1	130.4 ^{3/} 130.0	130.4 130.0	+ 3.1 2.9	+ 0.2 0.1	0
<u>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (1949=100)</u>							
<u>TOTAL INDEX</u>	116.4	120.5	123.4	123.7	+ 6.3	+ 2.7	+ 0.2
Food	109.9	117.2	119.4	119.9	+ 9.1	+ 2.3	+ 0.4
Shelter	131.5	133.8	136.6	136.9	+ 4.1	+ 2.3	+ 0.2
Clothing	108.6	107.4	108.8	108.8	+ 0.2	+ 1.3	-
Household Operation	116.7	119.1	120.8	120.8	+ 3.5	+ 1.4	-
Other Commodities and Services	119.3	123.8	129.1	129.5	+ 8.5	+ 4.6	+ 0.3
<u>SECURITY PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100)</u>							
<u>TOTAL INVESTORS' INDEX</u>	249.2	263.2	215.4	218.3	- 12.4	- 17.1	+ 1.3
Total Industrials	258.1	276.0	222.2	223.8	- 13.3	- 18.9	+ 0.7
Machinery & Equipment	728.0	756.6	579.2	570.4	- 21.6	- 24.6	- 1.5
Pulp & Paper	1,077.3	946.4	796.2	832.1	- 22.8	- 12.1	+ 4.5
Milling	199.2	141.4	120.5	133.4	- 33.0	- 5.7	+ 10.7
Oils	182.6	244.8	187.5	184.4	+ 1.0	- 24.7	- 1.7
Textiles & Clothing	174.0	154.7	148.4	145.7	- 16.3	- 5.8	- 1.8
Foods	197.3	181.4	206.2	212.8	+ 7.9	+ 17.3	+ 3.2
Beverages	579.0	488.8	490.2	509.1	- 12.1	+ 4.2	+ 3.9
Building Materials	464.0	433.4	384.9	396.6	- 14.5	- 8.5	+ 3.0
Industrial Mines	200.6	211.8	153.1	155.9	- 22.3	- 26.4	+ 1.8
Total Utilities	204.1	203.6	178.1	182.5	- 10.6	- 10.4	+ 2.5
Transportation	373.3	343.2	282.2	285.6	- 23.5	- 16.8	+ 1.2
Telephone	129.5	116.5	104.6	108.1	- 16.5	- 7.2	+ 3.3
Power and Traction	190.6	228.9	202.9	207.2	+ 8.7	- 9.5	+ 2.1
Banks	264.2	271.3	233.3	245.2	- 7.2	- 9.6	+ 5.1
<u>MINING STOCKS</u>							
General Index	125.1	122.2	91.5	95.3	- 23.8	- 22.0	+ 4.2
Gold	76.7	69.3	64.0	68.3	- 11.0	- 1.4	+ 6.7
Base Metals	235.8	243.2	154.6	157.2	- 33.3	- 35.4	+ 1.7

(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.

(3) Revised.

TABLE 2. - PRINCIPAL WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	General Wholesale Price Index	Raw and Partly Manu- factured	Fully and Chiefly Manu- factured	Indus- trial Mate- rials	Canadian Farm Products (1)		
					Field	Animal	Total
1913	83.4	85.1	86.2	-	-	-	-
1920	203.2	194.7	208.2	-	-	-	-
1926	130.3	129.1	133.0	144.3	158.5	130.2	144.4
1929	124.6	126.1	123.7	132.8	137.2	144.4	140.8
1933	87.4	79.3	93.3	78.3	69.3	69.2	69.3
1938	102.0	99.4	103.5	95.8	100.9	104.8	102.9
1939	99.2	94.9	101.9	99.0	83.7	101.5	92.6
1940	108.0	103.1	109.9	113.3	85.4	106.7	96.1
1941	116.4	114.4	118.8	125.2	88.9	124.4	106.6
1942	123.0	123.0	123.7	135.1	109.7	144.6	127.1
1943	127.9	131.1	126.9	140.0	129.0	161.8	145.4
1944	130.6	134.4	129.1	143.1	144.5	166.1	155.3
1945	132.1	136.2	129.8	143.2	162.5	170.2	166.4
1946	138.9	140.1	138.0	148.6	177.9	181.2	179.5
1947	163.3	164.3	162.4	187.0	184.1	200.2	192.2
1948	193.4	196.3	192.4	222.7	200.6	263.7	232.1
1949	198.3	197.1	199.2	218.0	191.9	265.4	228.7
1950	211.2	212.8	211.0	244.6	191.9	281.4	236.7
1951	240.2	237.9	242.4	296.1	200.4	336.9	268.6
1952	226.0	218.7	230.7	252.6	223.0	277.5	250.2
1953	220.7	207.0	228.8	232.3	179.4	263.8	221.6
1954	217.0	204.8	224.2	223.7	170.9	256.2	213.6
1955	218.9	209.7	224.5	236.0	180.1	245.1	212.6
1956	225.6	215.8	231.5	248.2	179.4	246.9	213.2
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
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
Feb.	227.7	208.9	238.4	231.7	159.6	268.4	214.0

(1) Indexes August 1955 - July 1956 are final with the inclusion of final participation payments for Western wheat as announced in May 1957. Subsequent indexes are subject to revision. Please see note page 31 for specific publications wherein final indexes for earlier years may be found and for details concerning Western grain prices.

TABLE 3. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL

(1935-39 = 100)

- 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
Feb.	227.7	197.8	174.1	149.7	185.2	205.8	217.8	190.0	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
Feb.	292.5	195.5	166.2	398.7	179.7	185.9	203.3	196.8

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

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- 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	256.4	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	
Feb.	245.8	312.9	87.8	126.7	203.1	219.2	299.3	349.2	

- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Meats, Fresh	Beef and Veal Carcass	Meats, Cured	Fowl, Dressed	Milk and Its Pro- ducts	Butter	Oils and Fats	Eggs	
1956 Average ...	262.6	297.7	179.2	187.3	227.1	226.7	142.8	174.6	
1956 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	
Feb.	302.0	348.4	203.8	156.6	243.6	246.4	154.4	138.4	

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
	Feb.	233.4	303.1	236.0	235.3	230.7	209.0	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
	Feb.	188.4	242.1	206.0	209.7	233.4	296.2	245.2	231.8

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

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- WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER -											
Date	Total Wood Products	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	
Feb.	299.4	418.6	398.0	341.9	381.2	486.7	391.3	224.2	297.7	249.1	

- IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS -									
Date	Total Iron Products	Pig Iron	Rolling Mill Products	Pipe and Tubing	Hard-ware	Wire	Scrap Iron and Steel	Tin Plate and Galvanized Sheet	
1956 Average ...	239.8	277.6	222.4	243.2	252.6	273.3	408.7	227.1	
1956 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	
Feb.	252.4	295.3	246.3	263.7	267.6	292.2	280.3	238.9	

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

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		- NON-FERROUS METALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -									Combined Index Iron and Non- Ferrous Metals (2)
Date		Total Non- Ferrous Metals		Anti- mony	Copper and Its Pro- ducts	Lead and Its Pro- ducts	Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Pro- ducts	Soldier	
		(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
	Feb.	168.1	224.7	158.4	241.0	256.2	224.5	176.9	231.4	202.2	240.8

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -

		Total Non- Metallic Products	Clay and Allied Material Products	Pottery	Coal	Coal Tar	Coke	Window Glass
1956	Average ...	180.8	237.5	160.6	182.1	300.2	231.0	270.2
1956	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
	Feb.	190.7	245.8	175.5	199.3	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

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Date		- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Continued						
		Plate Glass	Petroleum Products	Gasoline	Coal Oil	Asphalt	Asphalt Shingles	Sulphur
1956	Average ...	206.7	167.6	138.5	136.2	184.1	159.1	205.6
1956	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
	Feb.	217.0	172.2	139.5	137.4	215.1	168.7	202.6
Date		- 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
	Feb.	136.2	211.2	160.2	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
	Feb.	183.0	148.4	167.2	184.6	196.8	285.7

- 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
	Feb.	143.6	214.9	159.8	143.4	214.6

TABLE 4. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity <u>1/</u>	Unit	Yearly Average 1956	February 1957	January 1958	February 1958
		\$	\$	\$	\$
WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern	bu.	1.730	1.686	1.649	1.642
OATS, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	.859	.799	.759	.768
BARLEY, No. 1 Feed	bu.	1.057	.979	.893	.892
RYE, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	1.252	1.181	.978	1.000
FLOUR, First Patent, Toronto	100-lb. bag	5.800	5.800	5.800	5.800
SUGAR, Granulated, Standard, Montreal	cwt.	7.299	9.700	8.366	8.168
LINSEED OIL, Raw, f.o.b. Montreal	gal.	1.742	1.230	1.370	1.260
COFFEE BEANS, Green, Santos 2/3's	lb.	.672	.685	.588	.570
POTATOES, No. 1, Saint John	75-lb. bag	2.310	1.788	1.460	1.650
STEERS, Toronto <u>2/</u>	cwt.	19.408	18.560	20.140	21.080
HOGS, Toronto (Bonus not included)	cwt.	25.985	32.450	27.240	29.120
HIDES, Packer, Light native steers	lb.	.153	.135	.152	.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	.360	.360
BUTTER, Prints, 1st grade, Montreal	lb.	.586	.593	.642	.644
EGGS, Grade "A" large, Montreal	doz.	.578	.454	.450	.460
COTTON, Raw, Middling, 1", New York	lb.	-	.339	.358	.353
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	.500	.480	.480
WOOL, Raw, Australian, 64's, clean	lb.	1.438	1.610	1.300	1.390
NEWSPRINT, f.o.b. Mill, in Canadian funds (Southern Quebec)	ton	113.110	109.381	114.913	113.976
PINE, No. 1 common, 1"x8", 8'-16' <u>3/</u>	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 <u>4/</u>	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	31.712	25.307	24.688
LEAD, Pig, Electrolytic, domestic sales	cwt.	15.514	15.250	12.250	12.250
TIN INGOTS, 99.8%	lb.	1.011	.976	.950	.962
ZINC, Grade "A", Electrolytic, domestic sales	cwt.	14.844	14.100	10.600	10.600
COAL, United States Anthracite	ton	19.419	22.010	22.120	22.120
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Montreal	gal.	.224	.236	.226	.226
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Toronto	gal.	.226	.233	.228	.228
GASOLINE, Regular Grade, Winnipeg	gal.	.224	.231	.211	.211
CEMENT, Portland, Toronto	bb1.	3.390	3.440	3.440	3.440
CEMENT, Portland, Calgary	bb1.	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	2.440	2.440
SULPHURIC ACID, 66° Baume	ton	25.350	25.350	25.350	25.350

1/ Complete description and basis of quoting available upon request.2/ Previous to January 1958 quotations referred to Steers, up to 1,000 lbs., now all weights.3/ Previous to October 1957 quotations referred to No. 1 and 2 common.4/ Previous to July 1957 quotations referred to malleable.

TABLE 5. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

(1935-39 = 100)

- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -											
Date	Total Index* (1949=100)	Total Index	Cement, Sand and Gravel	Brick, Tile and Stone	Lumber and Its Products	Lath, Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Materials	Paint and Glass	Plumbing and Heating Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Fixtures	Other Materials
1926	48.1	109.6	105.5	103.2	110.9	101.4	104.3	156.8	110.2	91.6	112.0
1929	49.3	112.4	107.6	107.4	116.7	94.4	108.8	151.5	108.5	130.1	106.1
1932	38.4	87.5	103.7	101.8	72.7	85.0	95.5	111.7	108.1	79.1	89.5
1939	44.9	102.3	94.0	97.2	104.9	99.4	104.1	97.2	103.0	102.4	104.6
1940	48.4	110.3	94.6	98.0	119.1	99.7	110.4	115.2	106.5	107.1	109.2
1941	53.8	122.6	99.1	105.1	139.2	102.8	118.7	136.2	114.6	109.0	112.5
1942	57.4	130.9	100.8	109.0	153.2	104.8	123.4	146.9	120.0	110.3	117.6
1943	61.0	139.1	101.2	113.1	171.3	104.8	130.1	149.4	120.0	110.3	117.9
1944	64.3	146.6	101.8	114.9	188.4	104.8	136.0	146.6	120.0	110.3	117.9
1945	65.0	148.3	102.1	116.4	191.3	104.8	135.5	142.2	122.2	111.4	118.0
1946	67.8	154.5	102.0	121.0	202.1	104.2	146.2	144.2	127.2	116.9	126.4
1947	79.1	180.4	109.7	133.4	242.0	107.3	172.3	169.6	145.2	147.4	143.0
1948	95.4	217.5	122.3	143.1	305.8	116.7	201.6	183.1	168.3	169.8	162.3
1949	100.0	228.0	127.0	151.0	322.1	118.1	190.5	179.6	180.2	173.4	174.7
1950	106.4	242.7	131.3	163.8	349.2	116.7	235.4	174.8	183.2	184.5	181.1
1951	125.5	286.2	140.9	180.7	425.0	126.3	235.8	197.8	210.4	213.3	212.7
1952	124.9	284.8	149.5	195.3	415.7	128.5	217.7	194.9	215.6	212.0	226.3
1953	123.9	282.6	151.8	205.8	410.6	128.5	218.6	203.8	209.0	211.4	229.5
1954	121.7	277.5	151.3	207.4	400.5	128.8	233.4	208.9	202.8	207.7	226.6
1955	124.3	283.4	149.4	209.5	409.4	125.3	244.5	219.7	207.2	229.2	230.3
1956	128.5	292.9	149.7	218.8	420.2	130.8	259.6	226.9	217.9	243.7	243.7
<u>1956</u>											
Jan.	127.1	289.9	149.6	209.3	416.7	127.3	261.2	228.0	214.1	248.4	238.8
Feb.	127.1	289.9	149.6	209.3	416.6	127.3	261.2	226.3	214.6	248.4	238.8
Mar.	127.9	291.6	149.6	216.8	419.4	127.3	254.3	226.3	214.6	256.0	241.0
Apr.	128.8	293.7	149.6	216.8	423.4	130.0	253.9	228.0	214.6	256.4	241.0
May	129.1	294.4	149.3	221.3	424.6	130.0	253.9	228.0	214.6	256.3	241.0
June	129.0	294.1	149.3	221.3	423.2	130.6	264.8	226.7	214.6	255.6	241.0
July	129.0	294.2	149.8	221.3	423.6	132.9	264.8	226.7	216.1	238.3	241.0
Aug.	129.0	294.2	149.8	221.3	421.5	132.9	264.8	226.7	219.9	238.3	244.0
Sept.	128.7	293.5	149.8	221.3	418.8	132.9	264.8	226.7	221.5	237.9	248.5
Oct.	128.8	293.6	149.8	222.2	418.4	132.9	261.6	226.7	223.0	237.1	248.5
Nov.	128.7	293.4	149.8	222.2	418.8	132.9	255.2	226.7	223.8	225.9	250.4
Dec.	128.4	292.7	150.4	222.2	417.6	132.9	255.2	225.8	223.0	225.4	250.4
<u>1957</u>											
Jan.	128.6	293.3	152.8	222.2	418.5	132.9	255.2	225.6	223.0	225.1	250.4
Feb.	128.7	293.4	153.8	225.6	417.1	132.9	255.2	224.3	225.6	218.9	256.5
Mar.	128.9	293.8	153.8	223.7	418.4	132.9	258.7	223.9	225.6	213.9	256.5
Apr.	128.8	293.6	153.3	223.5	418.1	134.0	255.5	223.9	225.6	213.9	255.6
May	129.2	294.5	153.7	223.5	418.5	138.7	255.5	223.9	227.2	213.9	254.1
June	129.1	294.3	153.7	223.5	418.0	138.7	255.5	223.9	227.5	213.6	253.3
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
<u>1958</u>											
Jan. r	126.7	288.8	154.3	223.5	406.2	140.9	245.9	226.3	228.3	193.2	254.0
Feb.	126.7	288.9	154.3	223.5	405.8	140.9	245.9	227.5	229.5	193.2	254.0

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

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

(1949 = 100)

Date	Total Index	- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -					
		Aggregate, Cement and Concrete Mix	Blocks, Brick and Stone	Tile	Lumber and Lumber Products	Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Materials
1950	105.0	103.2	104.3	104.9	110.3	103.0	105.8
1951	118.6	111.3	113.0	110.6	128.3	115.7	125.4
1952	123.2	117.4	119.7	115.5	127.9	121.3	121.7
1953	124.4	120.2	125.9	117.1	127.8	119.2	119.6
1954	121.8	120.9	127.0	120.6	124.5	115.2	117.6
1955	123.4	120.3	127.0	120.3	127.6	118.0	121.3
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. ^r	130.4 130.0	121.0	134.6	117.2	126.1	123.2	114.1
Feb.	130.4 130.0	121.0	134.6	117.2	125.8	123.4	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. ^r	150.6	154.1	118.8	139.6	145.2	93.7	
Feb.	150.5	154.1	118.8	139.6	145.1	93.7	

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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
<u>1955</u> January	116.4	112.1	128.4	108.1	117.1	118.2
February	116.3	111.5	128.5	108.1	117.1	118.3
March	116.0	110.7	128.6	108.0	117.0	118.3
April	116.1	111.0	128.7	107.9	116.9	118.2
May	116.4	112.3	128.8	107.9	116.4	118.3
June	115.9	111.0	129.2	107.8	116.1	117.8
July	116.0	111.5	129.6	107.8	115.8	117.7
August	116.4	112.4	129.8	107.8	115.8	118.0
September	116.8	113.7	130.0	107.8	115.9	117.9
October	116.9	113.5	130.2	107.8	116.1	118.1
November	116.9	113.0	130.6	107.9	116.5	118.3
December	116.9	112.4	131.0	108.5	116.6	118.3
<u>1956</u> January	116.8	111.5	131.3	108.6	116.5	119.0
February	116.4	109.9	131.5	108.6	116.7	119.3
March	116.4	109.1	131.6	108.7	116.8	119.9
April	116.6	109.7	131.9	108.7	116.6	120.1
May	116.6	109.3	132.1	108.8	116.5	120.5
June	117.8	112.5	132.6	108.6	116.7	120.6
July	118.5	114.4	132.7	108.6	116.7	121.1
August	119.1	115.9	133.0	108.4	116.8	121.3
September	119.0	115.5	133.1	108.4	117.1	121.4
October	119.8	117.4	133.3	108.5	117.7	121.6
November	120.3	117.9	133.4	108.4	118.1	122.8
December	120.4	117.5	133.5	108.6	118.6	122.9
<u>1957</u> January	120.3	117.1	133.6	107.6	119.0	123.1
February	120.5	117.2	133.8	107.4	119.1	123.8
March	120.5	116.4	134.0	108.2	119.5	124.2
April	120.9	116.7	134.0	108.5	119.4	125.1
May	121.1	116.7	134.2	108.5	119.2	126.3
June	121.6	117.7	134.8	108.4	119.1	126.5
July	121.9	118.2	135.1	108.4	119.6	126.5
August	122.6	120.2	135.3	108.2	119.7	126.9
September	123.3	121.9	135.6	108.3	119.8	127.1
October	123.4	121.7	135.9	108.7	120.1	127.4
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
<u>1958</u> January	123.4	119.4	136.6	108.8	120.8	129.1
February	123.7	119.9	136.9	108.8	120.8	129.5

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

(1949 = 100)

	1955	1956	1957	February 1956	February 1957	December 1957	January 1958	February 1958
<u>Total Index</u>	116.4	118.1	121.9	116.4	120.5	123.1	123.4	123.7
<u>Food</u>	112.1	113.4	118.6	109.9	117.2	118.8	119.4	119.9
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	111.9	112.1	118.1	111.7	116.1	122.0	122.3	122.4
Cereal Products	122.0	125.0	132.4	122.3	131.4	133.0	133.5	133.5
Miscellaneous Groceries	123.1	121.8	126.9	120.2	128.7	123.6	124.8	124.3
<u>Shelter</u>	129.4	132.5	134.9	131.5	133.8	136.7	136.6	136.9
Rent	133.3	135.6	138.0	134.6	137.0	139.4	139.4	139.6
Home-Ownership	124.4	128.4	130.8	127.4	129.5	133.1	133.0	133.3
<u>Clothing</u>	108.0	108.6	108.5	108.6	107.4	109.9	108.8	108.8
Men's Wear	113.0	113.4	115.6	113.1	114.7	116.5	115.1	115.5
Women's Wear	98.4	98.9	96.4	99.5	95.2	98.6	96.9	97.0
Children's Wear	106.2	105.9	104.8	105.7	104.6	106.1	105.2	104.1
Footwear	127.3	129.6	131.9	128.7	130.7	132.6	133.1	133.1
Piece Goods	108.4	108.5	111.0	108.2	109.1	111.5	111.2	110.8
<u>Household Operation</u>	116.4	117.1	119.6	116.7	119.1	120.6	120.8	120.8
Fuel	112.7	114.8	118.9	115.3	120.6	119.7	119.7	119.7
Electricity	116.0	115.6	115.2	115.6	115.4	114.9	115.1	115.1
Home Furnishings	113.7	113.2	115.3	112.8	114.3	116.3	116.3	116.0
Furniture	115.9	116.2	119.5	115.7	118.4	120.3	120.9	120.4
Utensils and Equipment	123.1	125.5	130.4	124.2	128.3	131.9	131.8	131.8
Supplies and Services	122.9	124.2	127.1	123.4	125.6	128.5	129.1	129.3
Supplies	116.3	117.2	119.2	116.7	117.6	121.1	121.2	121.8
Services	127.4	129.1	132.5	128.0	131.1	133.5	134.5	134.5
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	118.1	120.9	126.1	119.3	123.8	128.4	129.1	129.5
Transportation	118.5	123.3	129.9	120.5	127.8	132.6	132.0	132.0
Automobile Operation	111.0	112.1	119.3	109.2	117.7	121.7	120.8	120.8
Recreation	122.6	125.3	129.8	123.7	127.0	132.4	136.5	136.9
Health Care	130.4	134.2	142.6	132.3	138.1	145.8	146.2	147.6
Drugs	111.0	111.7	114.5	111.5	113.6	115.7	115.7	117.1
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	107.4	107.7	109.4	107.6	108.6	110.4	110.4	110.5
Personal Care	118.0	120.5	127.8	118.3	125.2	131.4	131.9	132.9
Personal Supplies	112.7	112.4	116.7	112.0	114.5	119.3	120.1	121.7

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

Item	Unit	1955	1956	1957	Feb. 1956	Feb. 1957	Dec. 1957	Jan. 1958	Feb. 1958	Feb. 1958
										Price
										Relative
										1949=100
Beef -										
Sirloin steak	1b.	80.0	81.6	84.3	78.4	81.9	83.5	87.4	89.3	126.8
Round steak	1b.	73.6	75.2	77.9	72.2	75.6	77.1	81.2	84.0	125.3
Prime rib roast (1)	1b.	72.2	73.2	75.9	71.3	75.8	75.1	77.0	80.0	119.2
Blade roast (2)	1b.	49.2	49.2	52.0	48.5	51.4	51.9	54.3	56.7	117.2
Stewing beef	1b.	49.3	49.5	52.6	48.7	51.9	53.1	54.4	56.8	121.8
Hamburg	1b.	38.0	37.1	37.9	37.3	37.1	38.4	40.0	42.4	111.8
Pork -										
Shoulder roast, Boston butt, fresh	1b.	51.6	51.0	60.5	46.3	58.2	56.1	56.0	57.3	103.6(3)
Rib chops, fresh	1b.	61.5	64.4	74.6	55.8	72.2	71.0	70.9	71.9	126.4(4)
Ham, smoked, boneless, to be cooked (6)	1b.	84.4	85.0	96.5	78.4	94.7	89.4	87.6	90.8	106.8(5)
Bacon, side, fancy, sliced, rind off	1/2 lb.	38.7	39.0	50.0	35.6	47.7	45.8	45.2	45.6	107.6
Sausage, pure pork	1b.	50.8	50.6	56.6	49.8	54.9	56.1	56.4	57.1	115.6
Other Meats -										
Veal, loin chops, rib end	1b.	75.9	76.9	79.6	78.4	81.1	79.6	82.2	85.4	115.0
Lamb, leg roast	1b.	75.4	76.7	79.2	74.8	78.3	76.6	80.3	82.1	114.0
Bologna, sliced	1b.	34.0	33.6	36.8	33.5	34.4	38.5	39.0	40.0	97.0
Fish -										
Salmon, canned, fancy pink	8 oz.	26.2	27.7	30.2	27.2	29.9	30.4	30.4	30.4	122.8
Cod fillets, frozen (7)	1b.	33.0	32.5	33.0	32.4	32.9	33.6	33.6	33.6	103.4(5)
Poultry -										
Chicken, grade A eviscerated (1 1/2 - 3 lb.) (7)	1b.	56.6	52.2	51.4	51.6	49.7	49.2	49.0	51.5	98.7(5)
Fruits -										
Bananas, yellow	1b.	20.0	20.1	20.7	20.0	20.1	19.8	20.0	20.2	107.7
Oranges, California, medium size (138's)	doz.	38.1	42.5	44.1	40.2	43.4	46.1	49.2	53.6	152.3
Apples, volume seller	1b.	14.1	13.3	15.2	11.0	14.0	12.9	13.0	13.3	129.9
Grapefruit, white, 96's	1/2 doz.	47.0	49.9	48.4	42.2	45.0	45.0	51.1	49.5	128.7
Peaches, canned, choice, halves	15 oz.	21.2	21.5	23.8	21.1	23.9	23.1	22.7	22.8	110.3
Pears, canned, choice	15 oz.	20.3	19.9	20.6	20.1	20.4	20.6	20.6	20.6	95.6
Orange juice, unsweetened	20 oz.	16.9	18.2	17.4	17.6	18.4	16.5	16.6	17.0	80.7
Apple juice, choice	20 oz.	14.7	13.7	15.0	13.5	14.8	14.7	14.7	14.7	127.3
Raisins, California and Australia	1b.	23.1	23.3	24.9	23.1	24.4	25.8	25.9	26.1	148.0
Strawberries, frozen, fancy, pkg.	15 oz.	47.2	46.8	44.6	47.2	46.2	43.0	42.9	42.8	91.4(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.

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	Feb.	Feb.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Feb.	
					1956	1957	1957	1958	1958	1958	1958
											Relative
											1949=100
Vegetables -											
Potatoes, No. 1 table	10 lb.	46.8	49.7	42.1	40.0	46.5	39.6	40.5	42.4	121.7	
Tomatoes, fresh	1b.	23.5	27.5	25.3	32.0	22.2	29.8	28.1	35.4	151.4	
Lettuce, head, fresh	1b.	20.6	20.0	21.1	14.9	21.8	18.4	19.4	18.8	122.4	
Carrots	1b.	11.5	11.3	11.8	11.9	11.0	11.5	12.6	13.9	184.6	
Celery stalks, green	1b.	16.2	15.4	17.6	15.6	20.4	16.7	16.8	18.2	107.7	
Cabbage	1b.	8.2	8.0	9.0	9.3	9.1	7.4	9.3	10.7	138.8	
Onions, No. 1, cooking	1b.	8.5	9.9	10.0	8.3	9.0	8.4	8.4	8.4	114.1	
Turnips, Canada No. 1	1b.	6.2	6.5	6.4	6.1	5.8	6.3	6.4	6.6	132.1	
Tomatoes, canned, choice	28 oz.	26.3	27.3	29.1	26.1	30.3	26.5	26.5	26.4	131.5	
Peas, canned, choice	15 oz.	17.2	16.8	17.1	16.5	17.6	16.7	16.8	16.5	113.2	
Corn, canned, cream, choice	20 oz.	19.0	18.8	20.7	18.7	20.2	20.8	20.8	20.7	108.3	
Beans, with pork and tomato sauce	15 oz.	16.8	17.3	17.6	17.3	17.6	17.8	17.9	18.1	130.7	
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	24.8	22.9	22.8	22.7	90.1(5)	
Dairy Products -											
Milk, fresh	qt.	21.1	21.2	22.5	21.1	22.1	23.2	23.2	23.2	130.3	
Milk, evaporated	16 oz.	15.1	14.8	15.7	14.9	15.3	16.2	16.2	16.2	109.3	
Butter, creamery, first grade	1b.	64.1	63.5	65.7	63.8	64.4	68.4	68.9	69.2	107.1	
Cheese, plain, processed	1/2 lb.	32.9	33.7	35.6	33.0	35.5	35.9	35.9	35.8	122.6	
Cereal Products -											
Bread, plain, white, wrapped, sliced	1b.	12.8	13.3	14.3	12.8	14.2	14.2	14.3	14.3	141.8	
Flour, white, all purpose	1b.	7.4	7.6	7.9	7.5	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	33.2	32.7	33.1	33.1	33.1	104.1	
Corn flakes, pkg.	8 oz.	17.4	17.4	18.3	17.4	17.5	19.4	19.4	19.5	138.0	
Macaroni, dry, pkg.	1b.	17.1	17.2	17.5	17.2	17.4	18.1	18.2	18.2	132.5	
Fats -											
Margarine	1b.	33.7	33.1	33.9	32.1	34.6	33.1	33.4	33.0	102.5	
Shortening	1b.	29.6	30.6	32.7	30.2	32.7	33.1	33.1	33.1	102.5	
Lard, pure	1b.	22.4	21.8	25.6	21.2	25.8	25.2	25.1	24.8	105.7	
Eggs -											
Eggs, fresh, grade A large	doz.	61.5	63.2	56.0	52.8	50.2	57.0	54.1	50.1	81.5	
Miscellaneous Groceries -											
Sugar, granulated	1b.	9.2	9.3	12.3	9.1	12.5	11.7	11.7	11.4	123.6	
Jam, Strawberry, 2 lb. jar (24 fl.oz.) with pectin and pure	1b.	25.6	25.8	28.0	25.4	27.8	27.6	27.4	27.4	118.1	
Peanut butter, plain, jar	16 oz.	39.2	38.9	38.6	39.1	38.7	38.8	38.9	38.9	107.2	
Pickles, sweet, mixed, jar	16 oz.	34.1	34.1	35.0	34.1	35.1	35.0	35.0	34.8	125.2	
Infant's food, vegetable, tin	5 oz.	9.8	9.7	10.0	9.7	9.8	10.3	10.3	10.5	126.5	
Tea, black, pkg.	1/2 lb.	63.5	62.8	61.6	63.0	63.4	60.8	60.6	60.5	123.4	
Tea bags, orange pekoe, pkg.	60-bag	N.A.	N.A.	82.3	N.A.	84.7	81.2	81.3	81.9	N.A.	
Coffee, medium quality, pkg.	1b.	108.1	112.9	102.6	106.2	113.9	92.2	92.5	92.6	148.9	
Coffee, instant, dried, jar	6 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	136.9	137.9	132.3	N.A.	
Jelly powders, flavoured, pkg. ...	3 oz.	9.8	9.7	10.2	9.7	10.4	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
<u>1955</u> January	102.6	114.3	117.4	117.1	117.0	118.9	115.5	113.9	114.6	118.4
February	102.7	114.6	117.6	117.1	117.0	118.7	115.4	113.8	114.5	118.3
March	102.9	114.5	117.6	116.7	116.8	118.2	115.2	113.7	114.2	117.9
April	103.5	114.6	117.6	116.7	116.9	118.4	115.3	113.9	114.2	117.2
May	105.0	115.4	118.1	117.0	117.3	118.9	115.6	114.4	114.2	117.2
June	104.3	114.6	117.3	116.3	116.9	118.3	115.0	114.3	113.8	116.8
July	104.5	114.7	117.3	116.7	117.0	118.7	115.5	114.3	114.1	116.5
August	105.8	115.1	117.8	116.8	117.3	118.5	116.1	115.1	114.6	116.8
September	105.1	115.2	118.1	117.1	117.5	119.2	116.5	115.4	115.2	118.1
October	104.8	114.9	117.8	117.0	117.7	119.4	116.6	115.5	115.2	118.5
November	104.6	114.9	117.6	117.1	117.7	119.0	116.9	115.6	115.1	118.6
December	104.5	114.7	117.7	116.7	117.8	118.9	116.9	115.7	115.1	120.3
<u>1956</u> January	104.7	114.5	117.4	117.4	117.5	118.8	116.8	115.2	114.8	120.0
February	104.9	114.1	117.1	117.0	117.3	118.3	116.5	114.7	114.1	118.5
March	105.0	114.3	117.4	116.7	117.3	118.2	116.8	114.7	114.3	118.6
April	105.9	114.8	117.6	116.7	117.7	118.7	116.5	114.9	114.6	118.6
May	106.6	114.7	117.5	116.6	117.7	119.1	116.1	114.6	114.3	117.7
June	107.6	115.6	118.2	118.1	118.8	120.4	116.6	115.2	114.9	118.4
July	108.1	116.0	118.7	119.1	119.4	121.5	117.6	115.6	115.7	119.3
August	110.2	117.6	120.3	118.9	120.4	122.0	117.0	116.2	116.1	119.6
September	107.3	117.2	119.6	118.8	120.0	121.7	117.5	116.8	116.8	120.5
October	106.9	117.7	120.0	119.9	120.9	122.5	118.1	117.2	117.5	121.2
November	107.0	118.0	120.4	120.9	121.5	123.1	118.4	117.2	117.7	121.5
December	107.5	118.5	121.1	120.7	121.6	123.1	118.4	117.1	117.4	121.7
<u>1957</u> January	107.7	118.6	121.2	120.6	121.4	123.1	118.8	117.1	117.2	122.1
February	108.5	118.8	122.1	120.5	121.6	123.4	118.7	117.6	117.4	122.5
March	108.8	118.7	122.1	120.3	121.6	123.5	118.4	117.8	117.4	122.4
April	108.7	119.4	122.1	120.5	122.4	124.2	119.2	117.9	117.7	122.2
May	109.3	119.1	121.9	120.7	122.8	125.0	119.2	117.9	118.1	122.0
June	109.5	119.1	122.0	121.5	123.2	125.2	119.6	118.8	118.4	121.5
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
<u>1958</u> January	110.2	120.7	123.5	123.8	123.9	127.0	121.9	120.3	119.9	124.3
February	110.6	121.2	123.6	124.0	124.3	127.5	122.0	120.5	120.2	124.5

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

(1949 = 100)

		St. John's Nfld. 1.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saskatoon- Regina	Edmonton- Calgary	Van- couver
<u>Food Index</u>											
<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
	February	107.5	115.0	116.9	123.8	118.7	119.6	119.5	117.9	116.8	119.6
<u>Shelter Index</u>											
<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
	February	111.3	130.9	134.7	140.9	144.3	152.9	129.6	119.8	123.0	135.2

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

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

		St. John's Nfld. 1.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saskatoon- Regina	Edmonton- Calgary	Van- couver
Clothing Index											
<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
	February	103.1	113.9	116.9	105.7	111.6	112.7	114.6	119.1	115.1	111.3
Household Operation Index											
<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
	February	108.5	124.1	121.2	118.7	118.3	121.1	116.9	122.1	120.2	131.0
Other Commodities and Services Index											
<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
	February	120.6	127.2	133.1	128.1	130.9	133.3	128.3	123.3	126.3	127.8

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

TABLE 11. - ACTUAL AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES IN MANUFACTURING
 ADJUSTED FOR CHANGES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1)
 1947 - 1958

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)
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
1957 - Average	64.64	53.03	155.0	127.1	121.9
<u>1955</u> - June 1	59.66	51.48	143.0	123.4	115.9
July 1	59.31	51.13	142.2	122.6	116.0
Aug. 1	59.20	50.86	141.9	121.9	116.4
Sept. 1	59.25	50.73	142.1	121.6	116.8
Oct. 1	60.09	51.40	144.1	123.2	116.9
Nov. 1	60.63	51.86	145.4	124.3	116.9
Dec. 1	60.78	51.99	145.7	124.6	116.9
<u>1956</u> - Jan. 1	57.53	49.26	137.9	118.1	116.8
Feb. 1	60.69	52.14	145.5	125.0	116.4
Mar. 1	61.33	52.69	147.0	126.3	116.4
Apr. 1	61.86	53.05	148.3	127.2	116.6
May 1	62.56	53.65	150.0	128.6	116.6
June 1	62.13	52.74	149.0	126.4	117.8
July 1	62.91	53.09	150.8	127.3	118.5
Aug. 1	62.18	52.21	149.1	125.2	119.1
Sept. 1	62.51	52.53	149.9	125.9	119.0
Oct. 1	63.62	53.11	152.5	127.3	119.8
Nov. 1	64.36	53.50	154.3	128.3	120.3
Dec. 1	64.53	53.60	154.7	128.5	120.4
<u>1957</u> - Jan. 1	59.88	49.78	143.6	119.3	120.3
Feb. 1	64.42	53.46	154.4	128.2	120.5
Mar. 1	64.46	53.49	154.5	128.2	120.5
Apr. 1	65.23	53.95	156.4	129.3	120.9
May 1	64.96	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	53.92	159.1	129.3	123.1
<u>1958</u> - Jan. 1	61.81(p)	50.09(p)	148.2(p)	120.1(p)	123.4

(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	1958	1958	1957	1958	1958	1957	1958	1958
	Feb. \$	Jan. \$	Feb. \$	Feb. \$	Jan. \$	Feb. \$	Feb. \$	Jan. \$	Feb. \$
1. Corn, cracked	4.00	3.70	3.69	4.30	3.93	3.95	3.79	3.41	3.41
2. Oats, unground	3.09	2.76	2.79	3.32	2.93	2.94	3.09	2.72	2.77
3. Barley, ground	3.05	2.72	2.74	3.27	2.89	2.89	2.99	2.67	2.69
4. Wheat, unground	3.21	2.86	2.90	3.42	3.13	3.13	3.19	2.77	2.80
5. Bran	2.72	2.38	2.42	2.72	2.24	2.31	2.62	2.25	2.31
6. Shorts	2.91	2.51	2.55	2.90	2.39	2.46	2.87	2.41	2.49
7. Middlings	3.13	2.76	2.79	3.19	2.74	2.79	3.12	2.70	2.74
8. Linseed oil meal	4.87	4.50	4.45	5.02	4.61	4.57	4.77	4.27	4.26
9. Soybean oil meal	4.46	4.33	4.32	4.69	4.49	4.48	4.31	4.10	4.10
10. Calf starter (20-24%)	5.22	5.10	5.11	5.13	5.14	4.99	4.90	4.74	4.74
11. Dairy ration (16%)	3.62	3.42	3.43	3.64	3.43	3.45	3.50	3.30	3.31
12. Dairy supplement (24%) (East)	4.23	4.05	4.08	4.26	4.15	4.18	4.15	4.02	4.03
13. Dairy supplement (32%) (West)	5.14	4.96	4.93	-	-	-	-	-	-
14. Pig starter mash	4.54	4.35	4.34	4.44	4.28	4.29	4.24	4.05	4.04
15. Hog concentrate (35%)	5.34	5.21	5.20	6.02	5.81	5.80	5.42	5.20	5.18
16. Hog grower mash	3.75	3.50	3.51	3.86	3.59	3.61	3.71	3.38	3.38
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%)	4.79	4.59	4.58	4.84	4.68	4.70	4.49	4.28	4.30
18. Growing mash	4.25	4.02	4.02	4.27	3.98	3.99	4.22	3.99	3.99
19. Laying mash (17-20%)	4.32	4.11	4.12	4.41	4.18	4.17	4.33	4.02	4.09
20. Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	5.06	4.87	4.88	4.87	4.84	4.93	4.97	4.79	4.78
21. Turkey growing mash	4.70	4.49	4.50	4.77	4.58	4.62	4.65	4.42	4.43

ITEM	ONTARIO			PRAIRIES			BRITISH COLUMBIA		
	1957	1958	1958	1957	1958	1958	1957	1958	1958
	Feb. \$	Jan. \$	Feb. \$	Feb. \$	Jan. \$	Feb. \$	Feb. \$	Jan. \$	Feb. \$
1. Corn, cracked	3.79	3.48	3.46	5.10	5.22	5.18	4.40	4.12	4.11
2. Oats, unground	3.08	2.75	2.77	2.60	2.47	2.47	3.27	2.88	2.90
3. Barley, ground	3.04	2.73	2.73	2.68	2.48	2.52	3.19	2.84	2.85
4. Wheat, unground	3.18	2.82	2.85	2.83	2.66	2.66	3.35	2.97	3.04
5. Bran	2.77	2.37	2.45	2.74	2.62	2.61	2.77	2.46	2.41
6. Shorts	2.96	2.50	2.57	2.89	2.68	2.68	2.92	2.57	2.54
7. Middlings	3.20	2.78	2.83	2.87	2.65	2.65	3.16	2.92	2.90
8. Linseed oil meal	4.68	4.21	4.17	5.17	4.84	4.83	4.99	4.90	4.81
9. Soybean oil meal	4.20	4.15	4.15	5.03	4.92	4.92	4.82	4.58	4.58
10. Calf starter (20-24%)	5.10	4.87	4.91	5.16	5.05	5.05	6.15	6.14	6.14
11. Dairy ration (16%)	3.75	3.50	3.52	3.51	3.37	3.35	3.66	3.50	3.52
12. Dairy supplement (24%)	4.26	4.03	4.07	-	-	-	-	-	-
13. Dairy supplement (32%)	-	-	-	5.06	4.85	4.80	5.27	5.12	5.12
14. Pig starter mash	4.70	4.47	4.47	4.88	4.81	4.77	4.35	4.10	4.10
15. Hog concentrate (35%)	5.14	5.02	5.03	5.31	5.19	5.18	5.79	5.75	5.75
16. Hog grower mash	3.72	3.46	3.50	3.50	3.43	3.42	3.96	3.76	3.72
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%)	4.87	4.67	4.66	4.94	4.83	4.76	4.89	4.64	4.64
18. Growing mash	4.19	3.96	3.97	4.29	4.06	4.05	4.36	4.12	4.13
19. Laying mash (17-20%)	4.27	4.05	4.02	4.34	4.24	4.29	4.32	4.09	4.08
20. Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	5.01	4.69	4.76	4.98	4.97	4.95	5.34	5.08	5.02
21. Turkey growing mash	4.81	4.56	4.61	4.53	4.35	4.34	4.71	4.60	4.56

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
<u>1956</u> Jan. ..	248.5	257.0	735.6	1,070.0	209.4	175.5	179.9	196.8	583.7	458.4
Feb. ..	249.2	258.1	728.0	1,077.3	199.2	182.6	174.0	197.3	579.0	464.0
Mar. ..	267.9	280.3	804.6	1,153.0	199.6	205.2	178.8	199.7	590.4	503.6
Apr. ..	273.0	286.2	826.4	1,223.9	187.4	210.0	170.9	191.8	577.5	519.5
May ...	268.5	282.9	848.1	1,192.5	179.8	211.7	160.2	180.8	551.7	488.5
June ..	267.0	283.0	843.6	1,146.0	167.3	219.4	158.8	181.5	549.1	466.3
July ..	282.4	299.0	913.7	1,185.8	173.9	234.9	159.5	190.8	565.4	504.5
Aug. ..	291.8	308.9	915.4	1,175.3	175.2	250.1	158.3	195.5	558.6	514.2
Sept. .	278.9	294.4	855.3	1,077.2	166.0	243.7	153.4	183.5	530.9	485.0
Oct. ..	270.3	284.8	815.7	1,024.9	160.2	236.2	155.3	175.0	518.7	469.8
Nov. ..	262.3	276.0	762.8	994.2	151.2	239.2	154.8	175.2	487.1	452.0
Dec. ..	267.8	281.7	776.8	998.9	143.6	244.8	152.4	176.5	493.0	459.6
<u>1957</u> Jan. ..	273.7	287.3	763.0	1,005.3	147.8	251.6	163.7	181.2	506.3	463.2
Feb. ..	263.2	276.0	756.6	946.4	141.4	244.8	154.7	181.4	488.8	433.4
Mar. ..	267.5	281.0	790.4	966.4	134.8	246.2	153.5	182.8	485.9	438.0
Apr. ..	278.8	294.2	825.6	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
<u>1958</u> Jan. ..	215.4	222.2	579.2	796.2	120.5	187.5	148.4	206.2	490.2	384.9
Feb. ..	218.3	223.8	570.4	832.1	133.4	184.4	145.7	212.8	509.1	396.6
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
Feb. 6	222.6	229.5	598.6	826.3	125.7	191.2	146.8	214.1	511.4	397.0
Feb. 13	217.3	222.9	562.6	828.6	140.7	184.4	142.9	211.9	509.3	396.4
Feb. 20	218.3	223.0	566.2	842.1	133.5	182.7	143.6	213.0	508.4	399.5
Feb. 27	214.9	219.9	554.4	831.3	133.7	179.1	149.4	212.2	507.3	393.4

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

(1935-39=100)

Number of stocks	INVESTORS' INDEX						MINING INDEX (1)			PREFERRED STOCKS (28)
	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
<u>1956</u> Jan. ..	205.3	206.5	385.4	129.4	192.6	260.0	125.2	75.8	238.1	175.5
Feb. ..	200.6	204.1	373.3	129.5	190.6	264.2	125.1	76.7	235.8	175.3
Mar. ..	217.0	210.2	399.3	131.0	194.3	276.8	134.4	79.4	260.2	173.6
Apr. ..	222.1	209.3	394.8	127.7	200.2	288.7	136.8	78.8	269.7	171.1
May ...	218.0	204.2	370.2	125.2	201.0	271.7	136.5	78.8	268.5	167.7
June ..	217.2	199.8	356.8	119.2	206.0	260.7	136.4	76.7	273.1	166.2
July ..	223.5	207.9	361.7	122.2	222.4	287.4	144.0	79.5	291.5	167.5
Aug. ..	237.3	215.7	389.1	124.9	228.0	295.4	147.1	79.5	301.9	166.1
Sept. .	228.2	209.2	380.0	121.1	220.1	283.8	137.4	74.1	282.2	161.7
Oct. ..	223.4	205.1	370.9	119.5	215.0	275.3	133.5	72.5	273.3	158.7
Nov. ..	211.9	200.3	351.5	117.8	212.5	268.8	127.4	68.6	262.2	157.0
Dec. ..	219.0	203.6	367.1	118.3	214.4	276.2	129.4	68.9	267.8	154.4
<u>1957</u> Jan. ..	228.4	207.5	363.5	118.4	227.9	289.9	129.9	70.6	265.7	155.9
Feb. ..	211.8	203.6	343.2	116.5	228.9	271.3	122.2	69.3	243.2	156.4
Mar. ..	218.2	209.2	364.2	115.7	239.0	266.2	123.3	68.1	249.6	154.8
Apr. ..	225.5	212.5	385.8	114.0	243.6	277.5	128.0	72.4	255.4	153.4
May ...	223.9	216.1	397.2	113.1	251.9	279.0	124.2	76.2	234.2	153.1
June ..	217.6	216.8	401.0	107.6	264.6	281.8	125.4	80.6	227.7	150.8
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	151.1
<u>1958</u> Jan. ..	153.1	178.1	282.2	104.6	202.9	233.3	91.5	64.0	154.6	154.0
Feb. ..	155.9	182.5	285.6	108.1	207.2	245.2	95.3	68.3	157.2	156.4
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
Feb. 6	160.7	184.0	297.1	108.5	206.3	242.0	96.6	67.8	162.7	(2)
Feb. 13	154.8	181.7	288.2	107.4	205.1	244.0	94.8	67.9	156.5	
Feb. 20	154.7	183.0	279.3	108.7	210.1	252.6	95.1	68.3	156.3	
Feb. 27	153.5	181.2	277.7	107.7	207.2	242.2	94.8	69.3	153.2	

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

(2) No weekly indexes calculated for Preferred Stocks.

Explanation of Methods Used and Additional Sources for Price SeriesAppearing in this BulletinWHOLESALE PRICE INDEXESCanadian 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

* Available in French under the title "L'Indice des Prix a 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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