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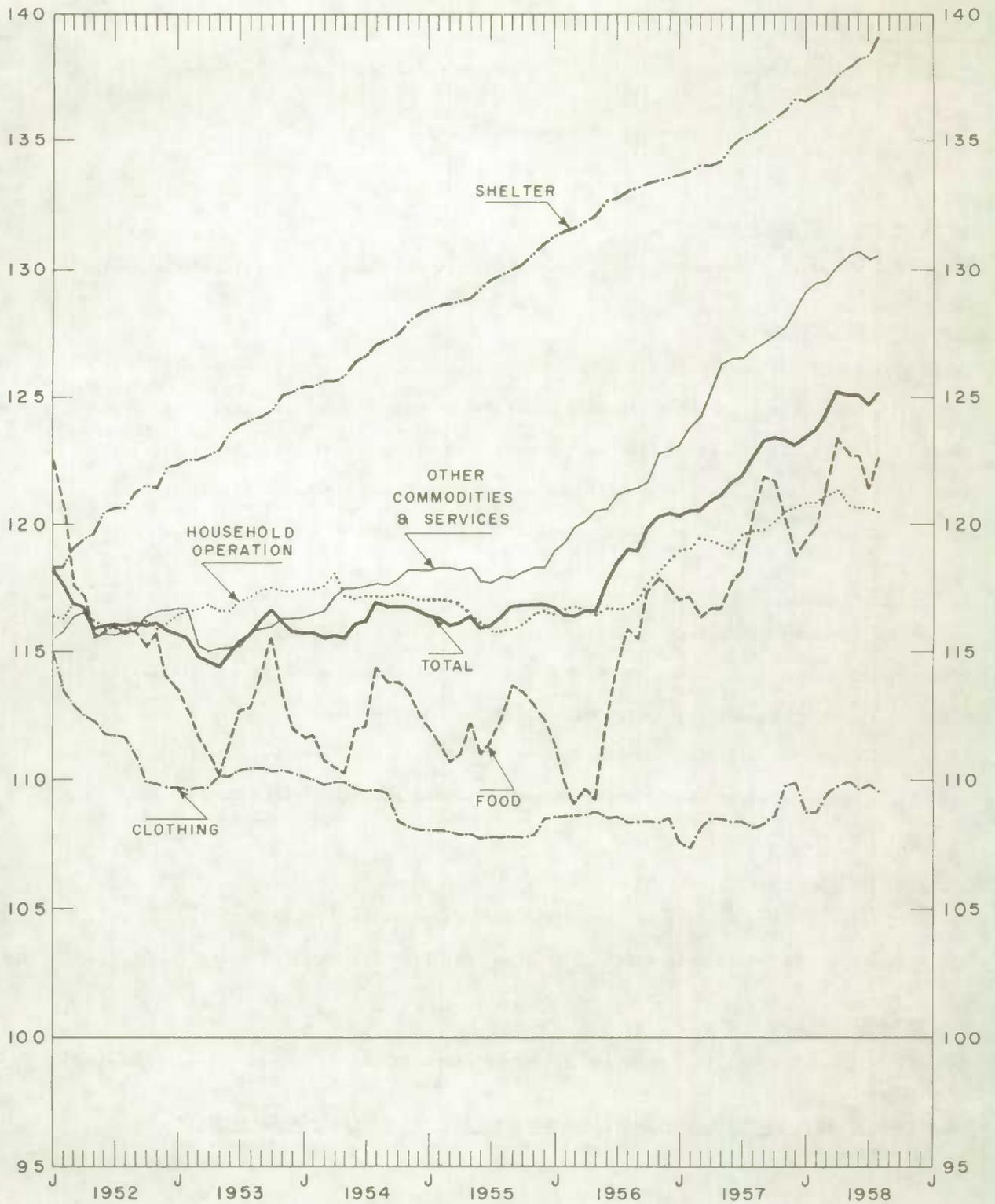
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# TOTAL AND MAIN COMPONENTS OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

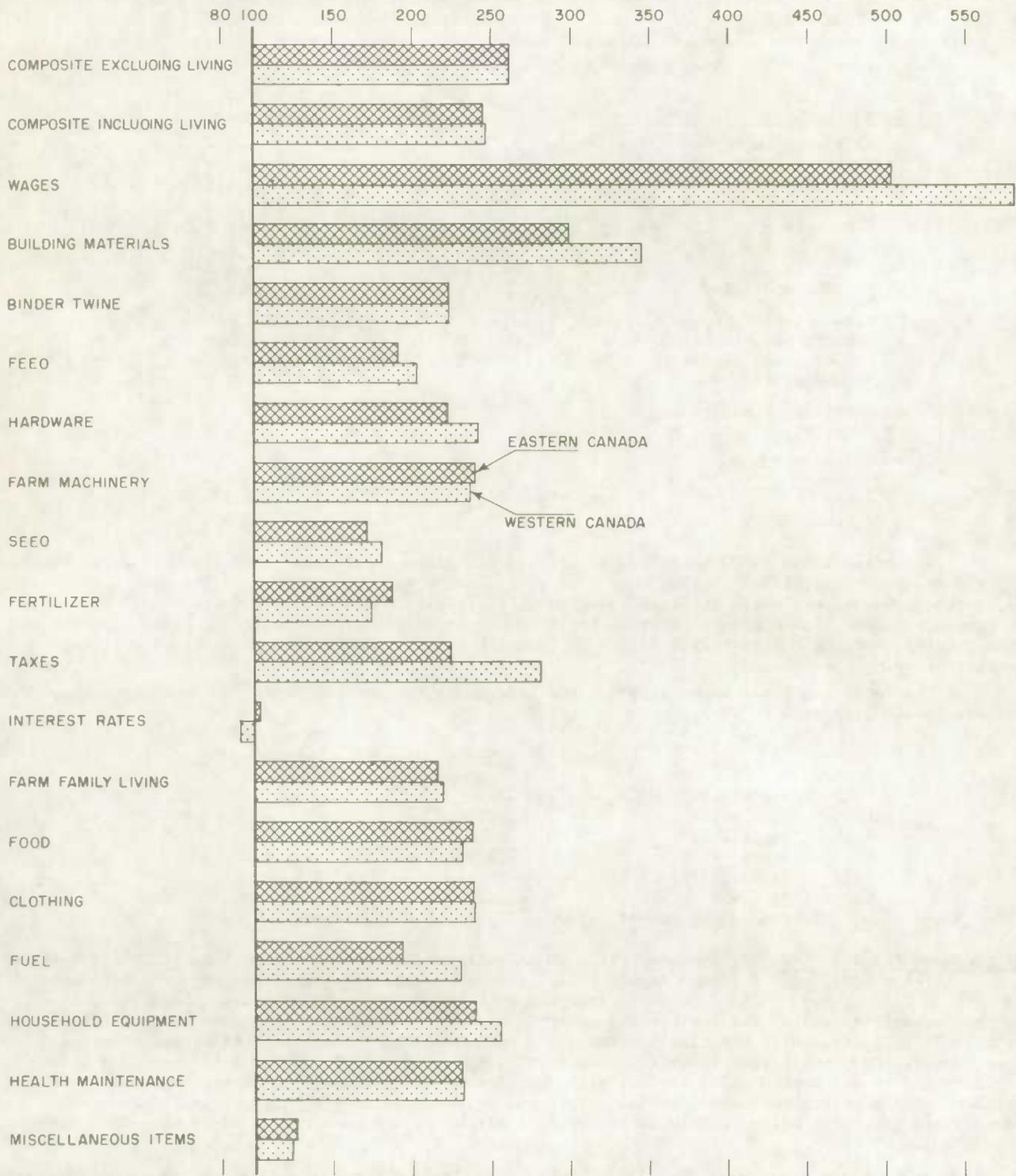
MONTHLY, JANUARY 1952 - AUGUST 1958

(1949 = 100)



# GROUP PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES USED BY FARMERS AT APRIL 1958

1935-1939=100



**WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES:** The General Wholesale Price Index declined slightly, 0.1 per cent, between July and August from 227.0 to 226.8. Four major groups were lower, three advanced, and the remaining one, Iron and its Products, was unchanged.  
(1935 - 1939 = 100)

Lower prices for furs, poultry, fresh meats and livestock which offset higher prices for eggs, hides and skins, and leather brought the Animal Products group down 1.1 per cent from 252.3 to 249.4. This was the third successive month that this index declined since it began climbing steadily each month since November 1957. Textile Products declined 0.3 per cent moving from 228.4 to 227.8 mainly on account of lower prices for raw wool, both domestic and imported, and raw cotton.

In August, for the first time since last December, the Non-ferrous Metals group increased, moving 0.9 per cent from 162.8 to 164.2. Higher prices for copper was the main cause. An advance in prices for cedar and fir contributed most to a 0.7 per cent increase in Wood Products from 295.8 to 297.9.

The following table shows some of the more important changes:

Commodity Group or Sub-Group	Per cent Change	
	August '58 over July '58	
Animal Products Group	- 1.1	
Furs		- 5.8
Poultry		- 4.5
Meats, fresh		- 3.2
Livestock		- 2.4
Fish		- 1.5
Eggs		+ 6.3
Hides and skins		+ 6.1
Textile Products Group	- 0.3	
Wool, raw, imported		- 5.6
Wool, raw, domestic		- 2.0
Cotton, raw		- 2.4
Non-metallic Products Group	- 0.1	
Coal Tar, crude		- 5.9
Wood Products Group	+ 0.7	
Cedar		+ 7.4
Fir		+ 2.2
Paper Board		- 5.0

The price index of 30 basic industrial raw materials edged lower from 229.4 to 229.0 between July and August. Commodities showing more important changes were raw sugar, linseed oil, cottonseed oil, and hogs and steers which declined, and sisal, fir timber and beef hides which showed increases. The strength in fir timber prices reverses the trend to lower prices evident since 1956. The strengthened position of the United States dollar in Canadian funds supported prices of items entering external trade.

The following table shows high and low indexes in the postwar years, following the sharp increase which commenced in 1947.

	Date	Index	Percentage Change
High	August 1948	233.3	
Low	July 1949	209.0	- 10.4
High	April 1951	307.0	+ 46.9
Low	August 1954	222.5	- 27.5
High	January 1957	251.1	+ 12.9
Low	May 1958	226.7	- 9.7
	Current month August 1958	229.0	+ 1.0

**THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:** The Consumer Price Index advanced 0.4 per cent from 124.7 to 125.2 between July and August 1958. This was largely due to a one per cent increase in the Food index from 121.4 to 122.6, which approximated the usual July-August seasonal increase. The Shelter and Other Commodities and Services indexes also contributed to the overall increase, while Clothing and Household Operation eased slightly. Fresh tomato prices which normally drop quite sharply between the first weeks of July and August, were unusually strong and increased in the period under review, although most other fresh vegetables experienced seasonal declines. Apple prices reflected initial marketings of the new crop, while imported bananas and oranges were up. Beef prices continued to moderate slightly, and pork prices edged up. Eggs eased 4 cents a dozen.

The Shelter index rose from 138.4 to 139.1 reflecting increases in rents, mortgage interest rates and property taxes. A fractional increase in the Other Commodities and Services index from 130.4 to 130.6 resulted from small price increases in a variety of commodities; pharmaceuticals, personal care items, gasoline, taxi fares and film. The Clothing index declined from 109.9 to 109.6 as the result of summer sales, particularly in women's and children's wear. A fractional drop in the Household Operation index from 120.6 to 120.5 reflected sale prices for furniture, floor coverings and some textiles, which were partially offset by slight increases in household supplies and coal.

TABLE 1. - SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE INDEXES

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	INDEXES				PERCENTAGE CHANGES		
	August	August	July	August	August	August	August
	1956	1957	1958	1958	1956	1957	1958
<b>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100)</b>							
<b>GENERAL INDEX</b>	227.0	227.6	227.0	226.8	- 0.1	- 0.4	- 0.1
Vegetable Products	198.6	192.8	198.8	198.3	- 0.2	+ 2.8	- 0.2
Animal Products	234.0	246.0	252.3	249.4	+ 6.6	+ 1.4	- 1.1
Textile Products	230.1	237.2	228.4	227.8	- 1.0	- 4.0	- 0.3
Wood Products	303.8	299.0	295.8	297.9	- 2.0	- 0.4	+ 0.7
Iron Products	243.7	256.4	251.6	251.6	+ 3.2	- 1.9	-
Non-ferrous Metals	195.4	170.4	162.8	164.2	- 16.0	- 3.6	+ 0.9
Non-metallic Minerals	180.3	188.7	186.8	186.7	+ 3.5	- 1.0	- 0.1
Chemical Products	180.6	182.9	182.7	183.4	+ 1.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
<b>CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS (1) (2)</b>							
Eastern Total	220.3	212.6	219.4	215.9	-	-	-
Western Total	237.6	229.9	237.8	232.7	-	-	-
Field	202.9	195.3	200.9	199.0	-	-	-
Animal	182.3	153.8	159.4	156.5	-	-	-
	258.2	271.3	279.3	275.2	-	-	-
<b>SELECTED PRICE INDEXES (1)</b>							
Canadian Industrial Materials	249.2	238.6	229.4	229.0	- 8.1	- 4.0	- 0.2
Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	129.0	128.8	126.8	127.7	- 1.0	- 0.9	+ 0.7
Non-Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	129.4	130.4	129.1	129.4	-	- 0.8	+ 0.2
<b>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (1949=100)</b>							
<b>TOTAL INDEX</b>	119.1	122.6	124.7	125.2	+ 5.1	+ 2.1	+ 0.4
Food	115.9	120.2	121.4	122.6	+ 5.8	+ 2.0	+ 1.0
Shelter	133.0	135.3	138.4	139.1	+ 4.6	+ 2.8	+ 0.5
Clothing	108.4	108.2	109.9	109.6	+ 1.1	+ 1.3	- 0.3
Household Operation	116.8	119.7	120.6	120.5	+ 3.2	+ 0.7	- 0.1
Other Commodities and Services	121.3	126.9	130.4	130.6	+ 7.7	+ 2.9	+ 0.2
<b>SECURITY PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100)</b>							
<b>TOTAL INVESTORS' INDEX</b>	291.8	259.0	243.8	251.6	- 13.8	- 2.9	+ 3.2
Total Industrials	308.9	272.4	253.3	261.8	- 15.2	- 3.9	+ 3.4
Machinery & Equipment	915.4	803.9	590.7	631.4	- 31.0	- 21.5	+ 6.9
Pulp & Paper	1,175.3	915.9	885.8	936.3	- 20.3	+ 2.2	+ 5.7
Milling	175.2	135.8	145.6	146.8	- 16.2	+ 8.1	+ 0.8
Oils	250.1	245.9	225.0	228.3	- 8.7	- 7.2	+ 1.5
Textiles & Clothing	158.3	160.3	156.9	159.7	+ 0.9	- 0.4	+ 1.8
Foods	195.5	195.8	251.5	254.7	+ 30.3	+ 30.1	+ 1.3
Beverages	558.6	485.9	564.6	587.8	+ 5.2	+ 21.0	+ 4.1
Building Materials	514.2	458.3	466.6	479.4	- 6.8	+ 4.6	+ 2.7
Industrial Mines	237.3	182.4	166.1	172.5	- 27.3	- 5.4	+ 3.9
Total Utilities	215.7	200.6	189.5	194.4	- 9.9	- 3.1	+ 2.6
Transportation	389.1	364.5	321.2	324.9	- 16.5	- 10.9	+ 1.2
Telephone	124.9	104.1	108.3	109.6	- 12.2	+ 5.3	+ 1.2
Power and Traction	228.0	237.8	214.1	225.1	- 1.3	- 5.3	+ 5.1
Banks	295.4	260.2	275.4	280.4	- 5.1	+ 7.8	+ 1.8
<b>MINING STOCKS</b>							
General Index	147.1	109.5	103.2	106.2	- 27.8	- 3.0	+ 2.9
Gold	79.5	73.2	72.1	74.3	- 6.5	+ 1.5	+ 3.1
Base Metals	301.9	192.6	174.7	179.3	- 40.6	- 6.9	+ 2.6

(1) All 1958 indexes are subject to revision.

(2) Percentages not shown since Canadian Farm Products indexes subsequent to July 1957 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats and barley.

TABLE 2. - PRINCIPAL WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	General Wholesale Price Index	Raw and Partly Manu- factured	Fully (2) 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 .....	197.3	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	181.6	246.9	214.2
1957 .....	227.4	209.4	237.9	240.3	163.6	258.0	210.8
1956 Aug. ....	227.0	217.0	233.2	249.2	182.3	258.2	220.3
Sept. ....	227.4	216.2	234.4	249.5	171.5	259.6	215.5
Oct. ....	227.0	214.3	234.7	247.7	171.1	256.2	213.6
Nov. ....	226.6	213.3	234.6	247.7	174.2	255.9	215.1
Dec. ....	228.0	216.4	235.1	249.8	175.6	256.4	216.0
1957 Jan. ....	229.2	217.8	236.3	251.1	177.5	257.3	217.4
Feb. ....	228.2	214.9	236.5	248.4	172.7	259.0	215.8
Mar. ....	228.4	212.5	237.8	247.0	171.5	253.4	212.4
Apr. ....	228.5	211.7	238.4	246.2	171.3	255.1	213.2
May ....	228.0	209.6	238.9	242.2	168.8	255.3	212.0
June ....	228.1	209.8	238.9	240.6	165.9	262.2	214.0
July ....	228.2	209.2	239.5	239.8	166.5	270.2	218.3
Aug. ....	277.6	207.9	239.2	238.6	153.8	271.3	212.6
Sept. ....	227.0	206.9	238.8	236.8	153.2	263.8	208.5
Oct. ....	225.0	203.6	237.4	232.5	152.8	248.6	200.7
Nov. ....	224.1	203.3	236.1	228.9	153.7	245.7	199.7
Dec. ....	226.1	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
Mar. ....	228.1	210.4	238.3	230.7	168.3	272.9	220.6
Apr. ....	227.9	209.8	238.5	227.9	165.5	279.9	222.7
May ....	228.1	210.3	238.4	226.7	157.8	288.3	223.1
June ....	227.4	209.1	238.0	227.2	155.9	286.4	221.1
July ....	227.0	208.4	237.8	229.4	159.4	279.3	219.4
Aug. ....	226.8	207.4	238.0	229.0	156.5	275.2	215.9

- (1) Indexes August 1956 to July 1957 are final with inclusion of final participation payment for Western wheat and barley. Subsequent indexes are subject to revision. Please see note page 29 for details concerning Western grain prices, and specific publications wherein final indexes for earlier years may be found.
- (2) Please see page 11 for other indexes in this series.

TABLE 3. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL

(1935-1939 = 100)

		- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS -								
Date	General Whole- Sale Index	Total Vegetable Pro- ducts	Grains	Milled Cereal Foods	Live- stock and Poultry Feeds	Bakery Pro- ducts	Fruits, Fresh	Fruits, Dried	Fruits, Canned	
1957	Average ...	227.4	197.0	174.9	150.1	176.3	207.1	177.1	184.4	177.7
1957	May .....	228.0	197.6	174.5	150.6	186.9	207.4	174.9	188.3	182.7
	June .....	228.1	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. ....	227.0	194.0	171.8	149.0	166.1	207.4	178.9	181.1	171.0
	Oct. ....	225.0	192.8	170.6	148.9	158.6	207.4	192.1	181.8	172.6
	Nov. ....	224.1	193.6	170.3	149.2	156.0	207.4	186.3	182.3	172.6
	Dec. ....	226.1	196.2	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
	Mar. ....	228.1	199.7	173.5	149.4	189.0	210.5	224.5	190.0	173.6
	Apr. ....	227.9	198.6	172.3	151.3	185.2	210.5	207.8	190.6	173.6
	May .....	228.1	197.0	171.8	151.2	185.2	210.5	194.8	190.6	173.6
	June .....	227.4	196.5	172.1	150.1	173.9	210.5	192.6	191.3	168.9
	July .....	227.0	198.8	175.2	151.2	181.5	210.5	206.7	191.3	165.2
	Aug. ....	226.8	198.3	175.1	150.9	189.0	210.5	203.2	196.3	165.2

## - VEGETABLE PRODUCTS - Concluded

		Vegetable 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
1957	Average ...	280.5	197.4	199.9	362.1	182.0	203.2	207.9	186.2
1957	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	173.4	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
	Mar. ....	293.2	195.6	163.6	393.5	273.6	302.1	203.3	196.8
	Apr. ....	290.5	195.7	160.0	392.1	269.4	275.3	203.3	196.8
	May .....	283.7	194.4	158.8	406.4	198.8	230.6	195.9	196.8
	June .....	283.4	194.7	156.6	412.2	165.9	230.6	195.3	200.0
	July .....	294.9	197.4	157.2	404.9	190.6	230.6	195.3	200.0
	Aug. ....	288.8	197.2	154.8	404.5	170.5	270.3	199.0	200.0

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

(1935-39 = 100)

Date		- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -							
		Total Animal Products	Fishery Products	Raw Furs	Hides and Skins	Leather, Unmanufactured	Boots and Shoes	Live-stock	Steers
1957	Average ...	238.4	302.6	92.3	120.7	204.2	218.4	282.1	310.6
1957	May .....	237.3	297.6	92.0	117.9	202.1	218.7	283.5	322.2
	June .....	241.6	295.4	92.0	119.7	205.3	219.1	292.9	322.3
	July .....	245.8	292.1	92.2	120.3	205.3	219.1	300.3	321.1
	Aug. ....	246.0	289.4	92.2	124.5	205.3	219.1	299.7	320.1
	Sept. ....	242.1	291.4	92.2	124.0	205.3	218.5	285.7	303.8
	Oct. ....	232.7	291.4	92.2	124.9	205.3	219.2	258.2	287.1
	Nov. ....	230.5	296.1	92.2	118.9	205.3	219.2	256.4	293.7
	Dec. ....	235.8	307.4	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
	Mar. ....	247.8	311.4	87.8	124.6	203.1	219.2	302.1	361.8
	Apr. ....	253.1	300.4	87.9	124.8	203.1	219.9	320.1	399.1
	May .....	259.0	297.1	87.2	113.0	208.2	220.6	340.7	408.1
	June .....	257.2	297.1	87.2	111.9	207.8	220.6	333.3	395.0
	July .....	252.3	295.9	87.2	116.3	207.8	220.6	314.8	382.0
	Aug. ....	249.4	291.4	82.1	123.4	210.6	220.6	307.2	371.1

## - ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded

Date		Meats, Fresh	Beef and Veal Carcass	Meats, Cured	Fowl, Dressed	Milk and Its Products	Butter	Oils and Fats	Eggs
		1957	Average ...	278.7	299.6	216.5	152.6	236.0	234.9
1957	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	172.6
	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
	Mar. ....	306.2	356.1	206.7	156.6	243.9	246.9	158.6	152.9
	Apr. ....	322.5	383.8	211.3	144.6	244.4	247.7	156.0	146.4
	May .....	333.8	391.0	219.0	141.6	242.5	247.5	153.7	146.5
	June .....	329.4	383.6	224.5	138.6	242.2	247.2	153.8	147.3
	July .....	319.8	368.8	222.0	132.5	242.5	246.8	153.8	159.7
	Aug. ....	309.6	360.0	221.8	126.5	242.6	246.5	153.8	169.7

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	
1957	Average ...	236.0	287.0	243.0	236.3	226.5	213.8	182.9	157.3
1957	May .....	237.5	285.4	244.6	237.3	222.3	213.8	182.9	156.9
	June .....	237.5	288.0	241.5	237.3	222.3	213.8	182.9	156.9
	July .....	237.8	287.0	241.5	237.3	230.7	212.6	182.9	156.9
	Aug. ....	237.2	280.5	241.5	236.4	230.7	212.6	182.9	156.9
	Sept. ....	235.9	280.1	241.5	234.5	230.7	212.6	182.9	156.9
	Oct. ....	235.4	287.7	241.5	234.5	230.7	212.6	182.9	156.9
	Nov. ....	234.4	296.1	241.5	234.5	230.7	212.6	182.9	160.2
	Dec. ....	234.3	301.1	241.5	234.1	230.7	210.9	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
	Mar. ....	230.8	301.6	236.8	234.8	230.7	209.0	182.9	163.6
	Apr. ....	230.5	301.6	236.8	234.8	230.7	208.0	182.9	162.2
	May .....	228.1	291.3	236.8	234.8	230.7	208.0	182.9	162.2
	June .....	228.5	292.9	236.8	234.7	230.7	208.0	182.9	162.2
	July .....	228.4	295.3	236.8	234.6	230.7	208.0	182.9	162.2
	Aug. ....	227.8	288.2	236.8	234.9	230.7	210.9	182.9	162.2

## - 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
1957	Average ...	183.4	272.2	232.5	222.9	231.7	293.0	258.8	231.9
1957	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	212.4	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
	Mar. ....	184.4	226.5	189.7	206.0	233.4	296.2	244.3	231.8
	Apr. ....	184.4	202.8	190.6	206.0	232.9	296.2	244.2	231.8
	May .....	184.4	189.4	174.4	200.1	232.9	296.2	238.8	231.8
	June .....	184.4	220.3	177.2	204.5	232.9	296.2	237.0	231.8
	July .....	184.4	203.6	173.5	204.1	232.9	296.2	237.2	231.8
	Aug. ....	184.4	199.6	163.8	204.1	232.9	296.2	237.0	231.8

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

(1935-39 = 100)

- WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS AND PAPER -											
Date	Total Wood Products	Lumber and Timber	Spruce	Hardwoods	Hemlock	Fir	Cedar	Wood-Pulp	News-Print	Wrap-ping Paper, No. 1 Kraft	
1957 Average ...	299.4	433.3	409.7	334.9	381.7	514.0	410.3	216.6	293.2	244.0	
1957 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	
Mar. ....	298.5	416.2	398.0	341.9	381.2	479.8	391.3	223.9	297.1	249.1	
Apr. ....	297.4	415.7	398.0	341.9	381.2	480.9	385.6	222.6	295.1	249.1	
May .....	296.7	414.5	393.6	341.9	381.2	481.2	383.7	222.1	294.2	249.1	
June .....	295.9	413.9	393.6	341.9	381.2	480.0	383.8	221.2	293.1	249.1	
July .....	295.8	416.0	393.6	341.9	381.2	480.0	397.0	220.6	292.1	249.1	
Aug. ....	297.9	424.1	393.6	339.6	381.2	490.8	426.2	221.2	293.0	249.1	

## - IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS -

	Total Iron Products	Pig Iron	Rolling Mill Products	Pipe and Tubing	Hardware	Wire	Scrap Iron and Steel	Tin Plate and Galvanized Sheet
1957 Average ...	252.7	293.6	241.3	256.2	263.9	290.3	375.0	238.3
1957 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. ....	256.5	295.3	246.3	255.9	265.4	292.2	394.0	238.9
Oct. ....	253.5	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. ....	252.4	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
Mar. ....	252.4	295.3	246.3	263.7	267.6	292.2	279.4	238.9
Apr. ....	251.7	295.3	246.3	263.7	267.6	292.2	264.1	238.9
May .....	251.6	295.3	246.3	263.7	267.3	292.2	264.1	238.9
June .....	251.6	295.3	246.3	263.7	267.3	292.2	262.7	238.9
July .....	251.6	295.3	246.3	263.7	267.3	292.2	262.7	238.9
Aug. ....	251.6	295.3	246.3	263.7	267.3	292.2	262.7	238.9

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

(1935-39 = 100)

- NON-FERROUS METALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -										
Date	Total Non-Ferrous Metals		Anti-mony	Copper and Its Products	Lead and Its Products	Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Products	Solder	
	(1)	(2)								
1957	Average ...	176.0	240.7	169.6	277.3	290.6	224.8	177.3	261.3	203.5
1957	May .....	180.4	248.8	175.6	293.7	305.1	225.3	181.1	270.6	205.4
	June .....	176.3	241.6	172.1	283.1	283.0	222.7	179.2	249.5	202.2
	July .....	172.4	234.8	168.7	269.0	276.8	221.7	175.6	232.8	202.2
	Aug. ....	170.4	231.4	165.2	262.4	276.8	222.5	171.6	231.4	202.2
	Sept. ....	168.6	227.3	165.2	250.3	276.8	224.5	172.8	231.4	202.2
	Oct. ....	169.1	227.8	163.5	252.9	271.6	225.8	171.3	231.4	202.2
	Nov. ....	168.4	226.8	163.5	251.5	266.5	224.5	167.2	231.4	202.2
	Dec. ....	169.3	227.1	158.4	254.1	256.2	226.6	173.8	231.4	202.2
1958	Jan. ....	168.6	225.3	158.4	241.9	256.2	228.2	176.7	231.4	202.2
	Feb. ....	168.1	224.7	158.4	241.0	256.2	224.5	176.9	231.4	202.2
	Mar. ....	167.6	224.1	158.4	238.9	256.2	223.8	183.1	231.4	202.2
	Apr. ....	165.3	220.4	158.4	236.8	235.6	222.0	177.3	231.4	202.2
	May .....	164.9	220.0	158.4	236.8	230.4	221.4	181.4	231.4	192.7
	June .....	163.7	218.3	158.4	234.7	220.1	220.2	180.1	231.4	192.7
	July .....	162.8	216.8	158.4	234.7	220.1	219.6	179.6	231.4	192.7
	Aug. ....	164.2	219.2	158.4	241.2	220.1	220.2	179.6	231.4	192.7

## - IRON AND NON-FERROUS METALS -

		Raw and Manufactured Products		Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Products			
		Combined Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals (2)		Combined Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals (2)		Iron Products	Non-Ferrous Metals (2)
1957	Average ...		247.6		245.2	244.4	257.6
1957	May .....		251.0		245.6	244.7	261.3
	June .....		248.3		245.5	244.6	260.1
	July .....		246.2		246.4	245.9	255.0
	Aug. ....		246.0		246.8	246.4	253.1
	Sept. ....		243.9		247.6	247.5	248.7
	Oct. ....		242.4		247.6	247.5	249.7
	Nov. ....		241.7		247.6	247.5	249.4
	Dec. ....		241.8		248.0	247.9	249.7
1958	Jan. ....		240.6		247.9	247.9	247.2
	Feb. ....		240.8		248.5	248.8	243.5
	Mar. ....		240.6		248.5	248.8	243.2
	Apr. ....		238.6		248.4	248.8	241.7
	May .....		238.4		248.3	248.8	241.3
	June .....		237.7		248.3	248.8	241.0
	July .....		237.1		248.3	248.8	241.0
	Aug. ....		238.1		248.4	248.8	242.5

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

(2) Excludes Gold.

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

(1935-39 = 100)

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -								
Date		Total Non- Metallic Products	Clay and Allied Material Products	Pottery	Coal	Coal Tar	Coke	Window Glass
1957	Average ...	189.3	239.5	174.6	193.4	320.6	241.0	270.2
1957	May .....	188.9	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. ....	189.2	238.8	174.6	193.1	320.6	239.3	270.2
	Oct. ....	190.5	238.8	174.6	196.3	320.6	239.3	270.2
	Nov. ....	190.2	238.8	174.6	197.7	320.6	242.7	270.2
	Dec. ....	190.8	238.8	174.6	199.6	320.6	242.7	270.2
1958	Jan. ....	190.2	245.8	174.6	198.7	265.1	242.7	270.2
	Feb. ....	190.7	245.8	175.5	199.3	265.1	242.7	270.2
	Mar. ....	190.8	245.8	175.5	199.3	265.1	242.7	270.2
	Apr. ....	188.1	245.8	175.5	190.4	229.1	242.7	270.2
	May .....	187.4	245.8	175.5	189.7	229.1	242.7	270.2
	June .....	187.0	245.8	175.5	189.8	229.1	242.7	270.2
	July .....	186.8	246.4	185.8	187.9	240.4	242.7	270.2
	Aug. ....	186.7	246.4	185.8	187.7	226.3	242.7	270.2

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Continued								
		Plate Glass	Petroleum Products	Gasoline	Coal Oil	Asphalt	Asphalt Shingles	Sulphur
1957	Average ...	217.0	174.5	143.0	138.7	212.6	167.9	204.3
1957	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	173.1	203.9
	Feb. ....	217.0	172.2	139.5	137.4	215.1	173.1	202.6
	Mar. ....	217.0	172.1	139.6	137.4	215.1	155.7	203.1
	Apr. ....	217.0	171.3	139.6	137.4	215.1	139.7	201.8
	May .....	217.0	169.7	139.6	134.4	215.1	139.7	201.2
	June .....	217.0	168.5	139.6	134.4	215.1	139.7	200.4
	July .....	217.0	168.5	139.6	134.4	215.1	147.3	199.7
	Aug. ....	217.0	168.5	139.6	134.4	215.1	138.5	200.4

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

(1935-39 = 100)

## - NON-METALLIC MINERALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS - Concluded

Date	Plaster	Lime	Cement	Sand and Gravel	Crushed Stone	Building Stone	Asbestos and Its Products
1957 Average ...	134.8	211.0	158.9	150.1	164.8	205.1	292.6
1957 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	302.6
Nov. ....	136.2	211.2	158.9	150.5	164.8	205.1	302.6
Dec. ....	136.2	211.2	158.9	151.8	164.8	205.1	302.6
1958 Jan. ....	136.2	211.2	160.2	150.5	164.8	205.1	302.6
Feb. ....	136.2	211.2	160.2	150.5	164.8	205.1	302.6
Mar. ....	136.2	211.2	164.1	150.5	164.8	205.1	302.6
Apr. ....	136.2	211.2	164.1	150.9	165.1	205.1	304.8
May .....	136.2	211.2	164.1	150.9	165.1	205.1	304.8
June .....	136.2	211.2	164.1	150.9	165.1	205.1	304.8
July .....	136.2	211.2	164.1	150.9	165.1	205.1	304.8
Aug. ....	136.2	211.2	164.1	150.9	165.1	205.1	304.8

## - CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS -

Date	Total Chemical Products	Inorganic Chemicals	Organic Chemicals	Coal Tar Products	Dyeing and Tanning Materials	Explosives	Paint, Prepared	Fertilizer Materials	Industrial Gases	Soap
1957 Average ...	182.3	147.3	166.7	191.6	220.2	143.6	210.9	157.3	145.2	209.6
1957 May .....	182.4	147.3	168.2	191.6	222.8	143.6	206.9	156.5	145.8	210.6
June .....	181.9	147.0	167.2	191.6	222.4	143.6	206.9	156.5	146.7	210.6
July .....	182.9	147.4	167.2	191.6	222.4	143.6	214.9	158.2	146.0	210.6
Aug. ....	182.9	147.4	167.2	191.6	222.4	143.6	214.9	158.2	149.5	210.6
Sept. ....	182.6	147.4	167.2	191.6	218.4	143.6	214.9	158.2	147.4	210.6
Oct. ....	182.4	147.2	167.2	191.6	218.4	143.6	214.9	158.2	145.2	210.6
Nov. ....	182.4	147.2	167.2	191.6	218.6	143.6	214.9	158.2	144.8	210.6
Dec. ....	182.8	147.2	167.2	191.6	218.6	143.6	214.9	158.2	141.4	214.5
1958 Jan. ....	182.8	148.4	167.2	191.6	212.4	143.6	214.9	159.1	141.4	214.5
Feb. ....	183.0	148.4	167.2	184.6	214.6	143.6	214.9	159.8	143.4	214.6
Mar. ....	182.6	148.8	167.2	184.6	214.6	143.6	214.9	159.8	142.7	214.6
Apr. ....	182.9	148.8	167.2	184.6	214.6	143.6	214.9	159.4	143.0	214.6
May .....	182.4	148.8	166.6	184.6	212.1	143.6	214.9	159.4	144.7	214.6
June .....	182.9	149.8	166.6	187.4	210.2	143.6	214.9	159.4	147.0	214.6
July .....	182.7	149.5	166.6	187.4	209.3	143.6	214.9	159.4	147.4	214.6
Aug. ....	183.4	149.5	166.6	187.4	209.3	143.6	214.9	158.4	147.4	221.0

**TABLE 4. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF SELECTED COMMODITIES**  
(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity 1/	Unit	Yearly			
		Average 1957 \$	Aug. 1957 \$	July 1958 \$	Aug. 1958 \$
<b>VEGETABLE PRODUCTS</b>					
Barley, No. 1 Feed .....	bu.	.936	.931	.965	.950
Coffee Beans, Green Santos 2/3's .....	lb.	.599	.545	.490	.475
Flour, First Patent, Toronto .....	100-lb. bag	5.800	5.800	5.800	5.800
Linseed Oil, Raw, F.O.B. Montreal .....	gal.	1.210	1.240	1.490	1.360
Oats, No. 2 C.W. ....	bu.	.763	.745	.832	.827
Potatoes, No. 1, Saint John .....	75-lb. bag	1.576	1.600	1.850	1.881
Rye, No. 2 C.W. ....	bu.	1.090	1.111	1.116	1.061
Sugar, Granulated, Standard, Montreal .....	cwt.	9.595	9.356	7.376	7.450
Wheat, No. 1, Manitoba Northern .....	bu.	1.642	1.615	1.629	1.640
<b>ANIMAL PRODUCTS</b>					
Butter, Prints, 1st. Grade, Montreal .....	lb.	.607	.617	.640	.640
Eggs, Grade "A" large, Montreal .....	Dozen	.515	.571	.561	.588
Hides, Packer, Light native steers .....	lb.	.138	.148	.135	.148
Hogs, Toronto (Bonus not included) .....	cwt.	30.360	34.590	31.460	30.130
Leather, Packer Bends, No. 1 and 2 .....	lb.	.640	.640	.630	.630
Leather, Box Sides D, F.O.B. Ontario Factory .	sq. ft.	.363	.370	.360	.380
Steers, Toronto 2/.....	cwt.	18.970	19.520	23.000	22.180
<b>TEXTILE PRODUCTS</b>					
Cotton, Raw, Middling, 1", New York .....	lb.	.364	.333	.351	.351
Cotton Yarn, 10's, white .....	lb.	.693	.690	.700	.700
Rayon Yarn, 36 filament, 150 denier .....	lb.	.865	.890	.870	.870
Wool, Raw, Eastern Domestic, regular					
Low Medium staple, greasy .....	lb.	.525	.550	.410	.400
Wool, Raw, Australian, 64's, clean .....	lb.	1.554	1.630	1.220	1.150
<b>WOOD PRODUCTS</b>					
Newsprint, F.O.B. Mill in Canadian Funds (Southern Quebec) .....	ton	112.261	111.891	111.827	112.191
Pine, No. 1 common, 1"x8", 8'-16' 3/.....	M bd. ft.	180.000	180.000	180.000	180.000
Spruce, Merchantable, 1"x6"-7".....	M bd. ft.	88.440	89.750	84.500	84.500
<b>IRON PRODUCTS</b>					
Pig Iron, Foundry .....	gr. ton	-	65.000	65.000	65.000
Scrap Iron, No. 1 .....	gr. ton	49.330	49.000	45.000	45.000
<b>NON-FERROUS METALS</b>					
Copper, electrolytic, domestic sales .....	cwt.	28.920	27.119	24.163	24.750
Lead, Pig, electrolytic, domestic sales .....	cwt.	13.918	13.250	10.750	10.667
Tin, Ingots, 99.8% .....	lb.	.945	.915	.958	.958
Zinc, Grade "A", Electrolytic, domestic sales .....	cwt.	12.025	10.600	10.600	10.600
<b>NON-METALLIC MINERALS</b>					
Cement, Portland, Calgary .....	bb1.	3.124	3.035	3.040	3.040
Cement, Portland, Toronto .....	bb1.	3.440	3.440	3.440	3.440
Coal, United States Anthracite .....	ton	21.074	20.440	19.880	19.880
Gasoline, Regular Grade, Montreal .....	gal.	.234	.236	.226	.226
Gasoline, Regular Grade, Toronto .....	gal.	.232	.233	.228	.228
Gasoline, Regular Grade, Winnipeg .....	gal.	.218	.199	.226	.226
Shingles, Asphalt .....	210-lb. sq.	9.433	9.480	8.300	7.800
<b>CHEMICALS</b>					
Soda Ash, 58% light .....	cwt.	2.440	2.440	2.440	2.440
Sulphuric Acid, 66° Baume .....	ton	25.350	25.350	23.350	25.350

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

2/ Previous to January 1958 quotation referred to steers, up to 1,000 lbs., now all weights.

3/ Previous to October 1957 quotations referred to No. 1 and 2 common.

TABLE 5. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

(1935-39 = 100)

- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -											
Date	Total Index* (1949=100)	Total Index	Cement, Sand and Gravel	Brick, Tile and Stone	Lumber and Its Products	Lath, Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Materials	Paint and Glass	Plumbing and Heating Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Fixtures	Other Materials
1926 .....	48.1	109.6	105.5	103.2	110.9	101.4	104.3	156.8	110.2	91.6	112.0
1929 .....	49.3	112.4	107.6	107.4	116.7	94.4	108.8	151.5	108.5	130.1	106.1
1932 .....	38.4	87.5	103.7	101.8	72.7	85.0	95.5	111.7	108.1	79.1	89.5
1939 .....	44.9	102.3	94.0	97.2	104.9	99.4	104.1	97.2	103.0	102.4	104.6
1940 .....	48.4	110.3	94.6	98.0	119.1	99.7	110.4	115.2	106.5	107.1	109.2
1941 .....	53.8	122.6	99.1	105.1	139.2	102.8	118.7	136.2	114.6	109.0	112.5
1942 .....	57.4	130.9	100.8	109.0	153.2	104.8	123.4	146.9	120.0	110.3	117.6
1943 .....	61.0	139.1	101.2	113.1	171.3	104.8	130.1	149.4	120.0	110.3	117.9
1944 .....	64.3	146.6	101.8	114.9	188.4	104.8	136.0	146.6	120.0	110.3	117.9
1945 .....	65.0	148.3	102.1	116.4	191.3	104.8	135.5	142.2	122.2	111.4	118.0
1946 .....	67.8	154.5	102.0	121.0	202.1	104.2	146.2	144.2	127.2	116.9	126.4
1947 .....	79.1	180.4	109.7	133.4	242.0	107.3	172.3	169.6	145.2	147.4	143.0
1948 .....	95.4	217.5	122.3	143.1	305.8	116.7	201.6	183.1	168.3	169.8	162.3
1949 .....	100.0	228.0	127.0	151.0	322.1	118.1	190.5	179.6	180.2	173.4	174.7
1950 .....	106.4	242.7	131.3	163.8	349.2	116.7	235.4	174.8	183.2	184.5	181.1
1951 .....	125.5	286.2	140.9	180.7	425.0	126.3	235.8	197.8	210.4	213.3	212.7
1952 .....	124.9	284.8	149.5	195.3	415.7	128.5	217.7	194.9	215.6	212.0	226.3
1953 .....	123.9	282.6	151.8	205.8	410.6	128.5	218.6	203.8	209.0	211.4	229.5
1954 .....	121.7	277.5	151.3	207.4	400.5	128.8	233.4	208.9	202.8	207.7	226.6
1955 .....	124.3	283.4	149.4	209.5	409.4	125.3	244.5	219.7	207.2	229.2	230.3
1956 .....	128.5	292.9	149.7	218.8	420.2	130.8	259.6	226.9	217.9	243.7	243.7
1957 .....	128.4	292.8	153.6	223.8	415.2	136.9	253.3	225.4	227.6	209.2	253.8
<u>1957</u>											
Jan. ....	128.8	293.6	152.8	225.5	418.9	132.9	255.2	225.6	223.0	225.1	250.4
Feb. ....	128.8	293.7	153.8	225.5	417.8	133.0	255.2	224.3	225.7	218.9	255.6
Mar. ....	128.9	293.8	153.8	223.5	418.4	133.0	258.7	223.9	226.3	213.9	255.6
Apr. ....	128.9	293.9	153.3	223.5	418.5	134.0	255.5	223.9	226.6	213.9	255.6
May ....	129.3	294.8	153.7	223.5	418.9	138.7	255.5	223.9	227.7	213.9	254.1
June ....	129.1	294.3	153.7	223.5	418.0	138.7	255.5	223.9	227.7	213.6	253.3
July ....	129.1	294.3	153.7	223.5	417.6	138.7	255.5	228.0	229.3	206.2	252.6
Aug. ....	128.8	293.6	153.7	223.5	416.5	138.7	252.3	226.3	229.4	203.8	252.6
Sept. ....	128.4	292.7	153.7	223.5	414.5	138.7	252.3	226.3	229.4	200.2	254.0
Oct. ....	127.8	291.4	153.7	223.5	411.3	138.7	252.3	226.3	229.4	201.3	254.0
Nov. ....	126.6	288.7	153.7	223.5	406.2	138.7	245.9	226.3	228.1	200.5	254.0
Dec. ....	126.5	288.5	154.0	223.5	405.9	138.7	245.9	226.3	228.1	198.6	254.0
<u>1958</u>											
Jan. ....	126.7	288.9	154.3	223.5	406.2	140.9	248.2	226.3	228.3	193.2	254.0
Feb. ....	126.8	289.0	154.3	223.5	405.8	140.9	248.2	227.5	229.5	193.2	254.0
Mar. ....	126.6	288.7	157.0	222.9	405.8	140.9	235.4	227.5	229.5	192.4	254.6
Apr. ....	126.8	289.1	157.1	222.9	408.6	140.9	223.1	227.5	229.6	179.8	254.6
May ....	126.7	288.8	157.1	222.9	408.5	140.4	220.2	227.5	228.8	180.8	254.1
June ....	126.6	288.6	157.1	222.9	407.9	140.4	220.2	227.5	229.5	180.0	254.1
July ....	126.8	289.1	157.1	226.3	408.4	139.7	228.8	225.8	229.7	177.9	254.1
Aug. ....	127.7	291.2	157.1	226.3	413.1	139.7	228.9	225.8	229.3	182.1	254.1

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

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

(1949 = 100)

- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -							
Date	Total Index	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 .....	130.0	119.4	134.0	118.5	128.7	124.1	118.4
1957 June .....	129.4	118.1	134.3	117.2	129.5	123.3	119.4
July .....	130.5	118.1	134.3	117.2	129.6	124.0	118.2
Aug. ....	130.4	118.1	134.3	118.2	129.0	123.9	117.8
Sept. ....	130.3	118.1	134.6	118.0	128.5	123.8	116.9
Oct. ....	130.3	118.1	134.6	117.7	127.6	123.8	118.3
Nov. ....	130.1	118.1	134.6	117.7	126.2	123.3	118.4
Dec. ....	130.0	120.4	134.6	117.7	126.1	123.3	114.7
1958 Jan. ....	129.8	121.0	134.6	117.2	126.1	123.2	114.1
Feb. ....	129.8	121.0	134.6	117.2	125.8	123.4	114.1
Mar. ....	129.7	121.8	134.6	118.0	125.8	123.2	114.0
Apr. ....	129.1	120.1	134.7	118.1	126.7	123.2	112.0
May .....	129.0	118.2	134.7	118.1	126.5	123.0	112.9
June .....	129.0	118.2	134.7	118.1	126.2	123.1	112.7
July .....	129.1	118.2	135.8	118.1	126.4	123.4	112.4
Aug. ....	129.4	118.2	136.1	118.1	128.0	123.4	113.1
	Steel and Metal Work	Hard-ware	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 .....	147.7	151.9	115.5	140.0	144.2	93.8	
1957 June .....	145.2	151.6	116.6	139.9	143.6	93.7	
July .....	150.7	151.6	116.6	139.6	145.2	93.7	
Aug. ....	150.7	151.9	115.8	139.6	145.1	93.7	
Sept. ....	150.6	152.8	115.8	139.6	145.1	93.7	
Oct. ....	150.5	152.8	115.8	139.6	145.1	93.7	
Nov. ....	150.6	152.8	115.8	139.6	145.2	93.7	
Dec. ....	150.7	154.1	115.8	139.6	145.2	93.7	
1958 Jan. ....	150.6	154.1	118.8	133.6	145.2	93.7	
Feb. ....	150.5	154.1	118.8	133.6	145.1	93.7	
Mar. ....	150.6	154.1	118.9	127.3	145.1	93.7	
Apr. ....	150.6	154.1	118.9	118.8	145.2	93.7	
May .....	150.6	153.9	118.9	120.7	145.2	93.7	
June .....	150.6	153.9	118.9	120.7	145.2	93.7	
July .....	150.6	153.9	118.2	121.9	145.2	93.7	
Aug. ....	150.6	153.9	118.1	120.2	145.2	93.7	

TABLE 7. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

(1949 = 100)

	Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	House- hold Opera- tion	Other Commod- ities & Services
1942 .....	72.9	63.4	90.7	65.8	76.0	82.0
1943 .....	74.2	65.2	90.9	66.1	76.1	84.8
1944 .....	74.6	65.5	91.2	66.6	75.7	86.1
1945 .....	75.0	66.3	91.4	66.9	74.9	86.4
1946 .....	77.5	70.0	91.8	69.2	77.2	88.7
1947 .....	84.8	79.5	95.1	78.9	86.2	91.6
1948 .....	97.0	97.5	98.3	95.6	96.8	96.5
1949 .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950 .....	102.9	102.6	106.2	99.7	102.4	103.1
1951 .....	113.7	117.0	114.4	109.8	113.1	111.5
1952 .....	116.5	116.8	120.2	111.8	116.2	116.0
1953 .....	115.5	112.6	123.6	110.1	117.0	115.8
1954 .....	116.2	112.2	126.5	109.4	117.4	117.4
1955 .....	116.4	112.1	129.4	108.0	116.4	118.1
1956 .....	118.1	113.4	132.5	108.6	117.1	120.9
1957 .....	121.9	118.6	134.9	108.5	119.6	126.1
<u>1955</u> 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
March	124.3	121.3	137.1	109.5	121.1	129.6
April	125.2	123.4	137.6	109.8	121.3	130.1
May	125.1	122.7	137.9	110.0	120.7	130.6
June	125.1	122.7	138.3	109.7	120.6	130.7
July	124.7	121.4	138.4	109.9	120.6	130.4
August	125.2	122.6	139.1	109.6	120.5	130.6

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

(1949 = 100)

	1955	1956	1957	August 1956	August 1957	June 1958	July 1958	August 1958
<u>Total Index</u>	116.4	118.1	121.9	119.1	122.6	125.1	124.7	125.2
<u>Food</u>	112.1	113.4	118.6	115.9	120.2	122.7	121.4	122.6
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	111.9	112.1	118.1	111.6	117.8	122.4	122.4	122.4
Cereal Products	122.0	125.0	132.4	126.0	132.7	136.3	136.1	136.2
Miscellaneous Groceries	123.1	121.8	126.9	121.7	126.9	122.8	122.2	121.6
<u>Shelter</u>	129.4	132.5	134.9	133.0	135.3	138.3	138.4	139.1
Rent	133.3	135.6	138.0	136.1	138.5	140.6	140.7	141.0
Home-Ownership	124.4	128.4	130.8	128.8	131.1	135.2	135.3	136.6
<u>Clothing</u>	108.0	108.6	108.5	108.4	108.2	109.7	109.9	109.6
Men's Wear	113.0	113.4	115.6	113.4	115.7	115.8	116.7	116.6
Women's Wear	98.4	98.9	96.4	98.3	95.7	98.3	98.2	97.6
Children's Wear	106.2	105.9	104.8	105.8	104.4	105.3	105.2	104.9
Footwear	127.3	129.6	131.9	130.0	132.2	133.6	133.6	133.6
Piece Goods	108.4	108.5	111.0	108.7	111.8	111.2	111.2	111.5
<u>Household Operation</u>	116.4	117.1	119.6	116.8	119.7	120.6	120.6	120.5
Fuel	112.7	114.8	118.9	113.8	117.7	115.8	115.5	115.8
Electricity	116.0	115.6	115.2	115.6	114.9	115.4	115.8	115.8
Home Furnishings	113.7	113.2	115.3	113.0	115.8	117.0	117.1	116.5
Furniture	115.9	116.2	119.5	115.6	119.8	121.7	121.8	121.2
Utensils and Equipment	123.1	125.5	130.4	125.7	131.0	133.1	133.1	133.1
Supplies and Services	122.9	124.2	127.1	124.4	127.4	129.9	130.0	130.1
Supplies	116.3	117.2	119.2	117.3	119.2	122.5	122.4	122.6
Services	127.4	129.1	132.5	129.2	133.1	135.0	135.2	135.2
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	118.1	120.9	126.1	121.3	126.9	130.7	130.4	130.6
Transportation	118.5	123.3	129.9	123.9	130.2	133.0	132.1	132.3
Automobile Operation	111.0	112.1	119.3	111.7	119.5	121.3	119.9	120.1
Recreation	122.6	125.3	129.8	125.9	131.2	138.5	138.7	138.7
Health Care	130.4	134.2	142.6	134.8	144.3	150.1	150.1	150.3
Drugs	111.0	111.7	114.5	111.8	115.4	118.1	118.1	119.1
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	107.4	107.7	109.4	107.6	109.6	110.6	110.6	110.6
Personal Care	118.0	120.5	127.8	121.1	128.9	134.8	134.6	134.9
Personal Supplies	112.7	112.4	116.7	112.5	118.1	123.7	123.4	123.8

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

Item	Unit	1955	1956	1957	Aug.	Aug.	June	July	Aug.	Aug.	1949=100
					1956	1957	1958	1958	1958	Price Relative	
Beef -											
Sirloin steak .....	lb.	80.0	81.6	84.3	87.0	87.7	97.7	96.6	96.1	136.5	
Round steak .....	lb.	73.6	75.2	77.9	80.7	80.8	90.9	89.6	88.6	132.2	
Prime rib roast (1) .....	lb.	72.2	73.2	75.9	75.0	77.0	87.6	87.0	86.8	129.4	
Blade roast (2) .....	lb.	49.2	49.2	52.0	50.3	52.9	65.4	63.1	63.6	131.4	
Stewing beef .....	lb.	49.3	49.5	52.6	50.3	53.2	63.6	63.3	63.1	135.3	
Hamburg .....	lb.	38.0	37.1	37.9	37.8	38.9	49.2	48.6	48.3	127.5	
Pork -											
Shoulder roast, Boston butt, fresh .....	lb.	51.6	51.0	60.5	52.6	66.9	62.8	62.9	63.0	113.9(3)	
Rib chops, fresh .....	lb.	61.5	64.4	74.6	70.0	82.9	77.5	77.1	77.6	136.4(4)	
Ham, smoked, boneless, to be cooked (6) .....	lb.	84.4	85.0	96.5	91.0	110.3	100.2	99.4	98.9	116.4(5)	
Bacon, side, fancy, sliced, rind off .....	1/2 lb.	38.7	39.0	50.0	36.7	55.1	49.4	49.3	49.6	117.0	
Sausage, pure pork .....	lb.	50.8	50.6	56.6	50.7	59.1	60.0	60.2	60.4	122.3	
Other Meats -											
Veal, loin chops, rib end .....	lb.	75.9	76.9	79.6	76.2	79.0	89.3	89.6	87.9	118.4	
Lamb, leg roast .....	lb.	75.4	76.7	79.2	86.0	83.9	82.5	83.1	82.9	115.1	
Bologna, sliced .....	lb.	34.0	33.6	36.8	33.9	39.0	44.9	45.5	45.6	110.6	
Meat loaf, canned, mainly pork, ready to eat .....	12 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	49.9	50.4	50.6	N.A.	
Fish -											
Salmon, canned, fancy pink .....	8 oz.	26.2	27.7	30.2	27.4	30.3	29.7	29.6	29.6	119.6	
Cod filets, frozen (7) .....	lb.	34.4	33.9	34.4	34.0	34.7	34.5	34.5	34.6	102.1(5)	
Poultry -											
Chicken, grade A eviscerated (1 1/2 - 3 lb.) (7) .....	lb.	57.2	52.8	52.0	56.3	56.1	54.4	55.2	54.6	103.4(5)	
Fruits -											
Bananas, yellow .....	lb.	20.0	20.1	20.7	20.0	21.2	20.2	20.2	21.7	115.6	
Oranges, California, medium size (138's) .....	doz.	38.1	42.5	44.1	41.1	41.9	56.4	56.3	56.6	160.6	
Apples, volume seller .....	lb.	14.1	13.3	15.2	16.8	18.2	19.9	22.0	17.8	173.8	
Grapefruit, white, 96's .....	1/2 doz.	47.0	49.9	48.4	57.8	56.7	64.2	65.8	64.2	167.0	
Peaches, canned, choice, halves .....	15 oz.	21.2	21.5	23.8	21.3	24.2	22.8	22.8	22.8	110.3	
Pears, canned, choice .....	15 oz.	20.3	19.9	20.6	19.8	20.7	21.0	21.0	20.9	97.0	
Orange juice, unsweetened .....	20 oz.	16.9	18.2	17.4	18.5	16.8	18.2	18.6	19.2	91.1	
Apple juice, choice .....	20 oz.	14.7	13.7	15.0	13.7	15.2	15.2	15.3	15.6	135.1	
Raisins, California and Australia .....	lb.	23.1	23.3	24.9	23.3	24.9	27.4	27.7	27.9	158.2	
Strawberries, frozen, fancy, pkg. ....	15 oz.	47.2	46.8	44.6	47.0	43.1	42.1	42.5	43.6	93.2(5)	
Orange juice, concentrate, frozen, fancy .....	6 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	28.0	28.9	29.2	N.A.(8)	

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 prices in 15 cities.

8 - Average prices based on prices in 16 cities.

9 - 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	Aug.	Aug.	June	July	Aug.	Aug.
					1956	1957	1958	1958	1958	1958
										1949=100
<b>Vegetables -</b>										
Potatoes, No. 1 table .....	10 lb.	46.8	49.7	42.1	66.5	42.1	49.8	50.2	43.7	125.5
Tomatoes, fresh .....	1b.	23.5	27.5	25.3	30.2	21.2	27.7	24.2	25.7	109.9
Lettuce, head, fresh .....	1b.	20.6	20.0	21.1	12.6	19.2	22.5	17.6	12.4	80.9
Carrots .....	1b.	11.5	11.3	11.8	12.1	13.0	12.9	13.1	13.2	176.2
Celery stalks, green .....	1b.	16.2	15.4	17.6	14.3	16.4	24.4	19.7	16.6	98.3
Cabbage .....	1b.	8.2	8.0	9.0	7.4	8.9	11.0	10.1	8.1	105.4
Onions, No. 1, cooking .....	1b.	8.5	9.9	10.0	15.3	11.3	11.6	11.2	10.3	139.9
Turnips, Canada No. 1 .....	1b.	6.2	6.5	6.4	7.5	8.2	9.2	10.0	9.0	180.2
Tomatoes, canned, choice .....	28 oz.	26.3	27.3	29.1	27.2	29.1	26.4	26.4	26.8	133.5
Peas, canned, choice .....	15 oz.	17.2	16.8	17.1	16.8	16.9	16.4	16.5	16.6	113.9
Corn, canned, cream, choice .....	20 oz.	19.0	18.8	20.7	18.5	20.8	20.9	20.9	21.0	109.9
Beans, with pork and tomato sauce .....	15 oz.	16.8	17.3	17.6	17.3	17.5	18.0	18.1	18.1	130.7
Soup, vegetable .....	10 oz.	13.6	13.6	13.9	13.6	14.1	14.7	14.8	14.9	122.5
Green peas, frozen, fancy, pkg. ....	12 oz.	25.6	25.2	23.8	25.6	23.7	22.9	23.0	23.6	93.7(5)
Tomato juice, fancy .....	20 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	16.6	16.8	17.0	N.A.
<b>Dairy Products -</b>										
Milk, fresh .....	qt.	21.1	21.2	22.5	21.1	22.4	23.2	23.2	23.2	130.3
Milk, evaporated .....	16 oz.	15.1	14.8	15.7	14.8	16.1	16.2	16.2	16.2	109.3
Butter, creamery, first grade ....	1b.	64.1	63.5	65.7	62.9	65.4	69.3	69.1	69.0	106.8
Cheese, plain, processed .....	1/2 lb.	32.9	33.7	35.6	34.4	35.7	35.6	35.8	36.2	124.0
<b>Cereal Products -</b>										
Bread, plain, white, wrapped, sliced .....	1b.	12.8	13.3	14.3	13.5	14.3	14.8	14.8	14.8	146.8
Flour, white, all purpose .....	1b.	7.4	7.6	7.9	7.6	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.0	114.8
Cake mix, white, only liquid to be added, pkg. ....	14-16 oz.	33.4	32.9	33.2	32.9	33.4	32.8	32.5	32.1	101.0
Corn flakes, pkg. ....	8 oz.	17.4	17.4	18.3	17.4	18.5	19.7	19.7	19.7	139.4
Macaroni, dry, pkg. ....	1b.	17.1	17.2	17.5	17.2	17.4	18.3	18.3	18.3	133.2
<b>Fats -</b>										
Margarine .....	1b.	33.7	33.1	33.9	33.8	34.2	32.6	32.5	32.6	101.2
Shortening .....	1b.	29.6	30.6	32.7	31.0	32.7	33.7	33.5	33.6	104.1
Lard, pure .....	1b.	22.4	21.8	25.6	21.2	25.5	24.6	24.5	24.4	104.0
Salad dressing, jar .....	16 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	44.3	44.3	44.4	N.A.
<b>Eggs -</b>										
Eggs, fresh, grade A large .....	doz.	61.5	63.2	56.0	72.0	63.4	54.9	62.1	58.3	94.8
<b>Miscellaneous Groceries -</b>										
Sugar, granulated .....	1b.	9.2	9.3	12.3	9.3	12.6	10.5	10.3	10.1	109.5
Jam, Strawberry, 2 lb. jar (24 fl.oz.) with pectin and pure .....	1b.	25.6	25.8	28.0	25.9	27.9	27.3	27.3	27.2	117.3
Peanut butter, plain, jar .....	16 oz.	39.2	38.9	38.6	38.7	38.7	38.6	38.7	38.7	106.6
Pickles, sweet, mixed, jar .....	16 oz.	34.1	34.1	35.0	33.9	35.0	34.9	34.9	34.8	125.2
Infant's food, vegetable, tin ....	5 oz.	9.8	9.7	10.0	9.7	9.9	10.5	10.5	10.5	126.5
Tea, black, pkg. ....	1/2 lb.	63.5	62.8	61.6	62.8	61.0	60.1	60.2	60.2	122.8
Tea bags, orange pekoe, pkg. ....	60-bag	N.A.	N.A.	82.3	82.2	81.5	81.3	81.0	80.8	N.A.
Coffee, medium quality, pkg. ....	1b.	108.1	112.9	102.6	115.4	99.2	89.0	88.0	87.3	140.3
Coffee, instant, dried, jar .....	6 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	149.1	130.3	128.4	128.3	N.A.
Jelly powders, flavoured, pkg. ...	3 oz.	9.8	9.7	10.2	9.7	10.1	10.0	10.0	10.0	103.1(5)
Baking chocolate, unsweetened, bar	8 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	59.3	59.4	59.5	N.A.(8)

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> 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
March	110.7	122.7	124.9	125.0	125.1	128.2	122.4	121.1	120.4	124.5
April	111.9	123.5	125.4	125.6	125.7	128.9	123.3	121.7	121.3	125.8
May	112.3	122.7	125.3	125.2	125.5	128.8	123.3	121.9	121.7	125.7
June	112.3	122.4	124.9	125.2	125.4	128.8	123.3	122.2	121.9	125.1
July	112.7	122.8	124.7	125.0	125.4	128.4	122.6	121.9	121.3	124.6
August	113.1	123.2	125.7	124.9	126.0	128.9	122.7	122.2	121.3	125.1

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

(1949 = 100)

	St. John's Nfld. I.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saskatoon- Regina	Edmonton- Calgary	Van- couver
<b>Food Index</b>										
<u>1955</u>										
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
March	107.6	116.3	118.1	126.3	121.1	121.3	120.7	118.5	117.0	119.8
April	110.6	117.8	119.5	127.4	122.7	123.7	122.6	120.4	119.0	124.2
May	111.6	115.9	119.2	126.7	121.6	122.5	121.8	120.8	119.2	123.0
June	110.8	115.3	118.0	126.3	121.4	122.2	122.5	121.4	119.3	120.7
July	111.7	115.3	117.2	125.5	121.0	121.4	120.5	119.5	118.2	118.8
August	112.5	117.2	120.4	125.4	123.0	123.4	120.3	120.6	117.9	120.5
<b>Shelter Index</b>										
<u>1957</u>										
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
March	111.3	131.2	134.7	140.9	144.3	153.1	129.6	119.9	123.3	135.4
April	111.3	131.4	134.7	141.1	144.3	153.2	129.6	120.1	123.3	135.9
May	111.3	131.4	134.7	141.2	144.3	153.3	129.8	120.3	123.9	136.2
June	113.5	131.5	134.7	142.4	145.0	153.5	129.9	120.7	124.2	136.7
July	113.5	131.5	134.7	142.6	145.3	153.6	129.9	121.2	124.4	136.9
August	113.9	131.5	134.9	142.6	145.5	153.7	130.0	121.4	124.6	137.4

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

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

(1949 = 100)

	St. John's Nfld. 1.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saskatoon - Regina	Edmonton- Calgary	Van- couver
<b>Clothing Index</b>										
1957 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
1958 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
March	103.1	115.3	117.1	106.5	111.9	113.4	114.8	119.1	116.0	113.1
April	103.2	115.5	117.1	107.3	111.7	113.4	114.9	119.1	116.0	113.4
May	103.2	115.4	117.1	107.5	111.8	113.4	115.6	119.1	116.2	114.4
June	102.7	114.8	116.7	107.1	111.4	113.1	115.5	118.6	115.9	114.0
July	103.4	115.3	116.7	107.3	111.7	113.4	115.6	118.6	114.9	113.9
August	103.4	114.7	116.7	107.1	111.3	113.0	115.2	118.6	114.7	113.7
<b>Household Operation Index</b>										
1957 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
1958 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
March	108.5	124.8	121.2	119.2	118.4	121.5	116.9	122.4	120.4	129.9
April	108.5	125.4	121.5	119.0	118.7	121.6	117.5	122.5	119.9	128.0
May	108.2	124.0	121.3	118.1	119.4	121.7	117.3	122.6	120.4	126.7
June	108.3	124.0	121.3	118.2	118.8	121.6	117.3	122.8	120.6	127.0
July	108.4	125.4	121.3	118.0	119.0	120.9	117.5	123.1	120.7	127.5
August	108.4	125.4	121.4	118.1	118.9	120.3	117.4	123.1	120.7	127.7
<b>Other Commodities and Services Index</b>										
1957 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
1958 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
March	120.6	130.5	136.8	128.3	130.9	133.2	128.2	124.3	126.3	127.8
April	121.3	131.1	137.0	128.7	131.3	133.4	129.3	124.8	127.3	128.5
May	121.9	131.4	137.0	128.8	131.4	134.1	129.6	125.2	128.1	130.1
June	121.9	131.4	137.2	128.8	131.5	134.2	129.1	125.4	128.4	130.2
July	121.9	131.4	137.2	128.7	131.4	134.0	128.5	125.8	128.2	129.8
August	122.0	131.4	137.3	128.7	131.5	134.1	129.2	125.8	128.2	129.8

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>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	61.68	49.98	147.9	119.8	123.4
Feb. 1	65.56	53.00	157.2	127.1	123.7
Mar. 1	66.12	53.19	158.5	127.5	124.3
Apr. 1	66.98	53.50	160.6	128.3	125.2
May 1	67.23	53.74	161.2	128.8	125.1
June 1	68.05	54.40	163.2	130.4	125.1
July 1	67.51(p)	54.14(p)	161.9(p)	129.8(p)	124.7

(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
1956 .....	247.6	209.4	208.8	184.7	470.3	204.5	230.3
1957 .....	255.9(r)	223.8	211.3	191.9(r)	501.4	212.7	238.7(r)
1955 - April .....	240.8	198.1	204.7	177.2	454.2	203.8	226.0
1956 - April .....	250.6	209.2	209.6	184.7	485.1	204.0	231.9
1957 - January .....	248.5(r)	223.1	212.3	191.9(r)	453.8	208.6	232.6(r)
- April .....	260.1(r)	223.8	212.0	191.9(r)	523.9	213.5	241.5(r)
- August .....	259.1(r)	224.5	209.7	191.9(r)	526.4	216.0	241.9(r)
1958 - January .....	251.2(r)	236.1	212.2(r)	191.9(r)	470.3	215.2	236.8(r)
- April .....	262.7	236.9	213.1	191.9	535.2	217.8	244.7
EASTERN CANADA							
1926 .....	129.5	97.0	122.8	128.4	151.1	120.2	125.8
1939 .....	98.7	104.3	94.8	99.2	110.6	99.5	99.0
1956 .....	251.9	208.2	207.3	178.8	461.4	201.9	231.9
1957 .....	260.9(r)	224.6	209.4	186.4(r)	493.4	210.5	240.7(r)
1955 - April .....	243.1	195.1	205.3	168.4	433.4	201.7	226.6
1956 - April .....	252.3	207.7	208.0	178.8	461.6	201.3	231.9
1957 - January .....	258.7(r)	224.0	210.8	186.4(r)	478.2	206.2	237.7(r)
- April .....	262.8(r)	224.6	210.8	186.4(r)	498.6	211.0	242.1(r)
- August .....	261.1(r)	225.1	206.5	186.4(r)	503.4	214.3	242.4(r)
1958 - January .....	257.4(r)	237.9	207.3(r)	186.4(r)	482.4	213.6	239.9(r)
- April .....	262.7	239.3	209.2	186.4	503.0	216.3	244.1
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
1956 .....	243.3	209.9	210.1	189.8	483.0	207.0	228.8
1957 .....	251.0(r)	223.5	213.3	196.5(r)	512.7	214.9	236.6(r)
1955 - April .....	238.5	199.3	204.1	184.8	483.8	205.9	225.4
1956 - April .....	248.9	209.8	211.1	189.8	518.4	206.6	232.0
1957 - January .....	238.3(r)	222.7	213.7	196.5(r)	419.2	211.0	227.4(r)
- April .....	257.5(r)	223.5	213.2	196.5(r)	559.9	216.0	240.9(r)
- August .....	257.1(r)	224.2	212.9	196.5(r)	559.0	217.8	241.4(r)
1958 - January .....	245.0(r)	235.4	216.9	196.5(r)	453.1	216.8	233.7(r)
- April .....	262.7	236.0	216.9	196.5	581.0	219.2	245.3

(a) 1958 indexes are subject to revision, since tax and interest rate figures are preliminary.

(r) revised.

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

## First of the Month Prices - Dollars per cwt

ITEM	CANADA			MARITIMES			QUEBEC		
	1957	1958	1958	1957	1958	1958	1957	1958	1958
	Aug. \$	July \$	Aug. \$	Aug. \$	July \$	Aug. \$	Aug. \$	July \$	Aug. \$
1. Corn, cracked	3.85	3.80	3.85	4.10	4.05	4.17	3.55	3.55	3.60
2. Oats, unground	2.81	2.79	2.88	2.96	2.97	3.10	2.78	2.76	2.85
3. Barley, ground	2.78	2.72	2.77	2.94	2.89	2.94	2.69	2.66	2.70
4. Wheat, unground	2.97	2.91	2.92	3.29	3.14	3.15	2.89	2.85	2.86
5. Bran	2.55	2.50	2.50	2.47	2.44	2.45	2.39	2.40	2.41
6. Shorts	2.70	2.63	2.68	2.66	2.60	2.66	2.58	2.56	2.64
7. Middlings	2.89	2.80	2.86	2.85	2.76	2.83	2.80	2.74	2.83
8. Linseed oil meal	4.72	4.39	4.42	4.83	4.51	4.55	4.56	4.21	4.22
9. Soybean oil meal	4.41	4.60	4.77	4.69	4.86	5.02	4.14	4.30	4.46
10. Calf starter (20-24%)	5.14	5.12	5.15	5.04	4.97	4.99	4.78	4.74	4.79
11. Dairy ration (16%)	3.49	3.46	3.49	3.49	3.48	3.52	3.35	3.33	3.37
12. Dairy supplement (24%) (East)	4.13	4.18	4.24	4.14	4.25	4.40	4.06	4.14	4.16
13. Dairy supplement (32%) (West)	5.10	5.04	5.06	-	-	-	-	-	-
14. Pig starter mash	4.43	4.41	4.45	4.35	4.38	4.42	4.14	4.09	4.12
15. Hog concentrate (35%)	5.29	5.45	5.64	5.95	5.75	5.91	5.31	5.37	5.61
16. Hog grower mash	3.61	3.55	3.61	3.67	3.60	3.68	3.52	3.42	3.49
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%)	4.66	4.66	4.71	4.79	4.80	4.88	4.37	4.36	4.40
18. Growing mash	4.10	4.08	4.14	4.08	4.05	4.12	4.11	4.04	4.12
19. Laying mash (17-20%)	4.20	4.18	4.24	4.24	4.25	4.34	4.18	4.14	4.20
20. Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	4.93	5.01	5.10	4.97	4.89	5.03	4.92	5.00	5.13
21. Turkey growing mash	4.58	4.58	4.63	4.68	4.60	4.70	4.54	4.48	4.53

ITEM	ONTARIO			PRAIRIES			BRITISH COLUMBIA		
	1957	1958	1958	1957	1958	1958	1957	1958	1958
	Aug. \$	July \$	Aug. \$	Aug. \$	July \$	Aug. \$	Aug. \$	July \$	Aug. \$
1. Corn, cracked	3.65	3.57	3.62	5.22	5.10	5.10	4.23	4.26	4.28
2. Oats, unground	2.79	2.80	2.88	2.51	2.48	2.52	2.93	2.88	2.96
3. Barley, ground	2.78	2.71	2.76	2.58	2.51	2.54	2.93	2.84	2.93
4. Wheat, unground	2.93	2.87	2.89	2.68	2.67	2.68	3.07	3.03	3.03
5. Bran	2.56	2.52	2.53	2.72	2.67	2.67	2.67	2.46	2.47
6. Shorts	2.68	2.68	2.76	2.82	2.72	2.74	2.80	2.57	2.57
7. Middlings	2.94	2.85	2.92	2.71	2.67	2.69	3.07	2.89	2.92
8. Linseed oil meal	4.51	4.11	4.19	4.97	4.74	4.78	4.96	4.68	4.64
9. Soybean oil meal	4.19	4.41	4.60	5.02	5.22	5.33	4.70	4.88	5.07
10. Calf starter (20-24%)	4.94	4.98	5.04	5.13	5.10	5.11	6.17	6.14	6.15
11. Dairy ration (16%)	3.59	3.55	3.61	3.47	3.40	3.40	3.56	3.54	3.56
12. Dairy supplement (24%)	4.17	4.19	4.25	-	-	-	-	-	-
13. Dairy supplement (32%)	-	-	-	5.04	4.95	4.97	5.21	5.18	5.20
14. Pig starter mash	4.54	4.58	4.64	4.87	4.86	4.87	4.20	4.11	4.13
15. Hog concentrate (35%)	5.04	5.42	5.73	5.32	5.43	5.48	5.77	5.73	5.73
16. Hog grower mash	3.55	3.60	3.68	3.55	3.46	3.48	3.84	3.72	3.74
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%)	4.70	4.76	4.84	4.88	4.87	4.90	4.76	4.66	4.69
18. Growing mash	4.02	4.07	4.16	4.13	4.13	4.14	4.21	4.12	4.15
19. Laying mash (17-20%)	4.10	4.12	4.22	4.33	4.34	4.35	4.18	4.10	4.14
20. Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	4.75	4.97	5.08	4.98	5.02	5.02	5.10	5.10	5.17
21. Turkey growing mash	4.61	4.71	4.85	4.50	4.52	4.52	4.62	4.58	4.59

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

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( 1935-39=100)

## INVESTORS' INDEX

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS'	TOTAL	Machin-	Pulp	Mill-	Oils	Tex-	Food	Bever-	Build-
	TOTAL	INDUS-	ery	and	ing		tiles	and	ages	ing
	(95)	TRIALS	and	Paper	(2)	(5)	and	Allied	(10)	Materials
		(75)	Equip-	(9)	(2)	(5)	Cloth-	Pro-	(10)	(15)
		(75)	ment	(9)	(2)	(5)	ing	ducts	(10)	(15)
		(75)	(10)	(9)	(2)	(5)	(8)	(14)	(10)	(15)
1939 .....	91.6	91.2	100.9	81.7	100.6	83.6	95.0	109.6	98.1	98.3
1940 .....	77.4	74.2	88.9	90.7	94.2	62.2	121.8	103.3	100.8	90.6
1941 .....	67.5	63.9	75.6	68.8	70.6	50.0	105.4	91.0	95.9	78.3
1942 .....	64.2	60.4	76.5	62.9	69.4	47.1	104.0	77.6	97.8	74.5
1943 .....	83.5	78.6	103.9	92.6	90.5	73.8	121.4	89.5	131.0	89.1
1944 .....	83.8	78.8	112.8	125.0	99.3	73.1	124.8	97.5	153.3	92.7
1945 .....	99.6	93.7	134.5	167.3	113.3	78.7	148.7	110.3	222.2	116.0
1946 .....	115.7	108.6	183.8	255.5	132.4	73.9	193.9	129.1	363.9	149.6
1947 .....	106.0	99.3	182.6	258.4	120.3	65.9	182.4	125.8	302.3	137.4
1948 .....	112.5	107.2	220.1	264.0	107.4	74.0	207.5	114.0	308.5	135.7
1949 .....	109.4	103.1	215.4	242.9	89.9	72.0	208.1	115.7	299.9	143.4
1950 .....	131.6	127.6	295.5	362.2	87.9	94.2	264.1	122.0	389.0	185.8
1951 .....	168.3	172.0	420.7	561.2	112.8	140.6	358.0	118.9	434.1	272.5
1952 .....	173.1	176.6	428.3	515.2	131.0	155.1	277.2	108.6	365.7	283.6
1953 .....	160.3	160.1	394.8	501.6	131.2	131.0	222.5	120.7	399.3	279.5
1954 .....	181.2	182.3	480.1	692.9	141.9	144.4	161.7	136.2	479.6	326.1
1955 .....	232.7	239.6	696.0	995.1	190.6	164.0	177.8	180.4	566.2	434.9
1956 .....	269.0	282.7	818.8	1,109.9	176.1	221.1	163.0	187.0	548.8	482.1
1957 .....	258.2	271.0	765.1	924.5	135.1	241.0	155.3	193.1	489.9	436.8
1956 Jan. ..	248.5	257.0	735.6	1,070.0	209.4	175.5	179.9	196.8	583.7	458.4
Feb. ..	249.2	258.1	728.0	1,077.3	199.2	182.6	174.0	197.3	579.0	464.0
Mar. ..	267.9	280.3	804.6	1,153.0	199.6	205.2	178.8	199.7	590.4	503.6
Apr. ..	273.0	286.2	826.4	1,223.9	187.4	210.0	170.9	191.8	577.5	519.5
May ...	268.5	282.9	848.1	1,192.5	179.8	211.7	160.2	180.8	551.7	488.5
June ..	267.0	283.0	843.6	1,146.0	167.3	219.4	158.8	181.5	549.1	466.3
July ..	282.4	299.0	913.7	1,185.8	173.9	234.9	159.5	190.8	565.4	504.5
Aug. ..	291.8	308.9	915.4	1,175.3	175.2	250.1	158.3	195.5	558.6	514.2
Sept. .	278.9	294.4	855.3	1,077.2	166.0	243.7	153.4	183.5	530.9	485.0
Oct. ..	270.3	284.8	815.7	1,024.9	160.2	236.2	155.3	175.0	518.7	469.8
Nov. ..	262.3	276.0	762.8	994.2	151.2	239.2	154.8	175.2	487.1	452.0
Dec. ..	267.8	281.7	776.8	998.9	143.6	244.8	152.4	176.5	493.0	459.6
1957 Jan. ..	273.7	287.3	763.0	1,005.3	147.8	251.6	163.7	181.2	506.3	463.2
Feb. ..	263.2	276.0	756.6	946.4	141.4	244.8	154.7	181.4	488.8	433.4
Mar. ..	267.5	281.0	790.4	966.4	134.8	246.2	153.5	182.8	485.9	438.0
Apr. ..	278.8	294.2	825.6	977.0	138.2	262.9	153.4	197.6	490.9	453.5
May ...	287.6	304.8	868.0	996.4	155.0	278.8	157.2	204.7	516.0	470.9
June ..	286.9	303.5	882.7	998.9	141.9	275.6	161.8	208.2	514.6	482.4
July ..	284.7	301.6	932.2	991.9	137.5	274.2	162.5	204.5	506.2	483.4
Aug. ..	259.0	272.4	803.9	915.9	135.8	245.9	160.3	195.8	485.9	458.3
Sept. .	242.2	252.8	728.5	861.3	126.4	225.5	155.1	189.6	466.9	424.0
Oct. ..	219.6	228.0	641.7	813.4	118.7	195.7	145.8	183.8	459.7	384.0
Nov. ..	218.6	226.2	600.3	792.7	122.4	195.6	144.0	188.8	475.1	377.6
Dec. ..	216.2	224.0	587.9	808.1	120.8	194.9	151.4	198.7	482.6	373.4
1958 Jan. ..	215.4	222.2	579.2	796.2	120.5	187.5	148.4	206.2	490.2	384.9
Feb. ..	218.3	223.8	570.4	832.1	133.4	184.4	145.7	212.8	509.1	396.6
Mar. ..	221.5	228.7	609.2	840.8	129.7	184.4	157.7	217.2	513.8	415.3
Apr. ..	218.2	224.0	559.5	802.3	129.5	186.9	166.7	219.5	511.3	417.6
May ...	227.8	235.2	566.1	818.6	141.2	203.6	162.7	233.7	547.1	433.0
June ..	237.8	246.4	570.2	855.3	143.4	218.0	159.9	243.0	562.6	455.0
July ..	243.8	253.3	590.7	885.8	145.6	225.0	156.9	251.5	564.6	466.6
Aug. ..	251.6	261.8	631.4	936.3	146.8	228.3	159.7	254.7	587.8	479.4
Weekly Index										
Aug. 7	251.3	262.1	638.2	914.3	146.3	230.4	155.4	256.3	581.8	475.9
Aug. 14	252.4	263.1	633.1	947.0	146.3	229.4	158.1	257.3	588.8	480.5
Aug. 21	250.3	260.0	625.0	935.4	144.4	226.2	159.4	253.3	585.5	478.0
Aug. 28	252.2	262.1	629.1	948.4	150.3	227.3	165.9	251.9	595.0	483.2

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
Mar. ..	158.8	183.1	290.6	107.5	208.5	237.7	96.4	67.8	161.7	157.5
Apr. ..	150.8	181.9	288.1	107.5	205.7	243.5	95.2	69.0	155.0	158.5
May ...	154.2	183.0	299.0	105.9	208.2	258.1	99.3	72.5	160.7	161.6
June ..	162.3	187.6	315.4	107.6	212.2	266.6	104.1	73.8	173.3	163.9
July ..	166.1	189.5	321.2	108.3	214.1	275.4	103.2	72.1	174.7	162.4
Aug. ..	172.5	194.4	324.9	109.6	225.1	280.4	106.2	74.3	179.3	163.4
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
Aug. 7	172.4	192.5	329.6	109.5	217.2	278.3	106.9	75.0	180.0	(2)
Aug. 14	173.5	194.0	322.1	109.7	225.1	279.7	106.1	73.8	180.2	
Aug. 21	171.3	194.1	323.2	109.3	225.8	282.9	105.9	74.1	178.8	
Aug. 28	172.7	196.8	324.8	110.0	232.3	280.7	105.8	74.2	178.2	

(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 Series

Appearing in this Bulletin

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

Canadian Farm Products

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

Final wheat participation payments for the crop year August 1956 - July 1957 were announced June 11, 1958. The price of No. 1 Manitoba Northern was adjusted to \$1.586, No.2 to \$1.547 and No.3 to \$1.478, and the indexes revised accordingly. Subsequent monthly indexes are based on an initial payment for \$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 crop year 1956 - 1957 the initial price of 65 cents for No.2 C.W. oats is unchanged, with no additional payments being made as the pool account is in deficit. The final payment for barley announced May 30th brought the price for No.1 Feed to \$.921. Initial payments for the 1957 - 1958 crop year are 60 cents 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, May 1956 and May 1957 issues for subsequent crop years. Table 2, page 6 of this issue presents final indexes for 1956-1957. Indexes subsequent to July 1957 are subject to revision.

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

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

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

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

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

## RETAIL PRICE INDEXES

### Consumer Price Index

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

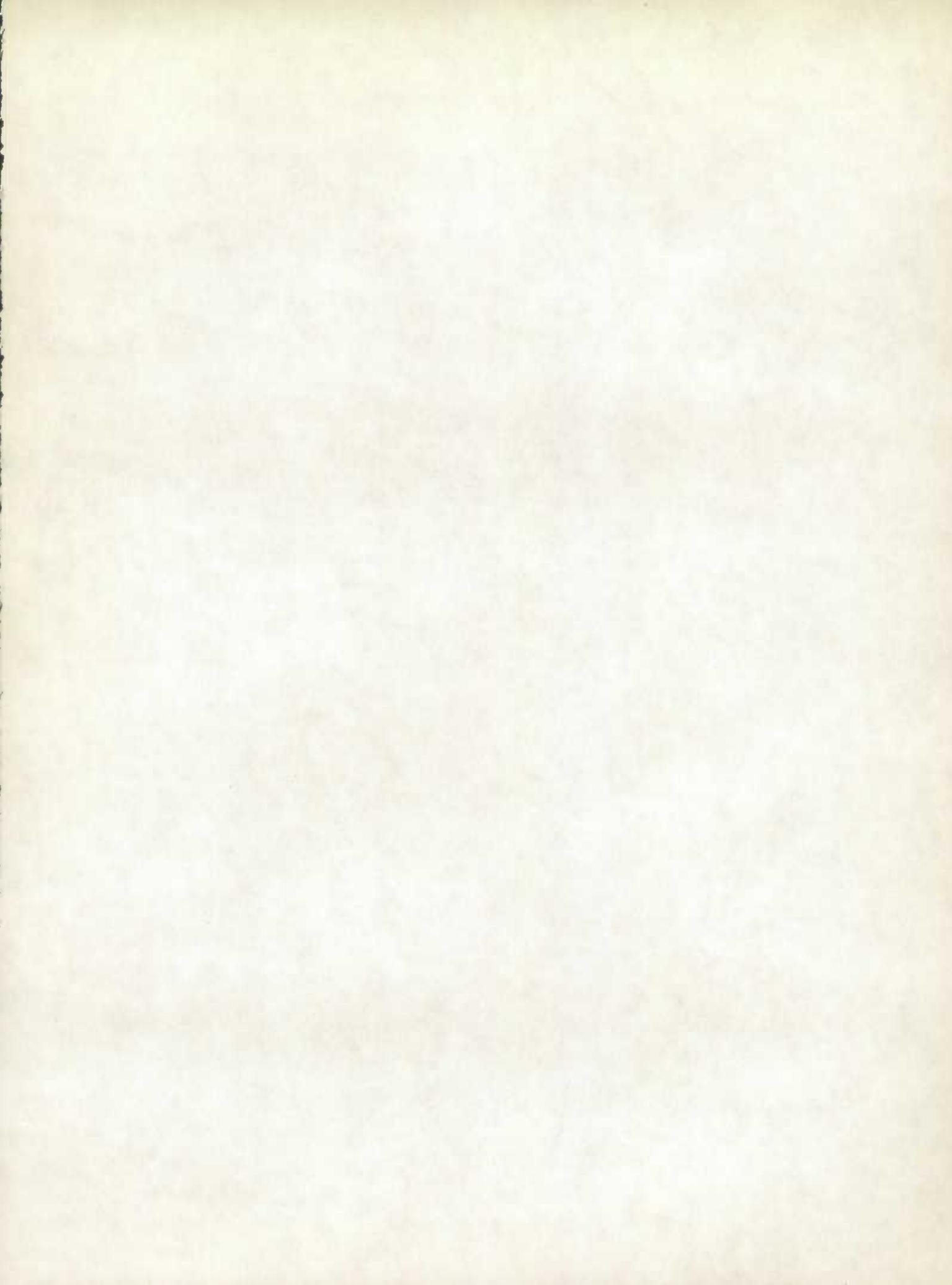
#### SECURITY PRICE INDEXES

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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