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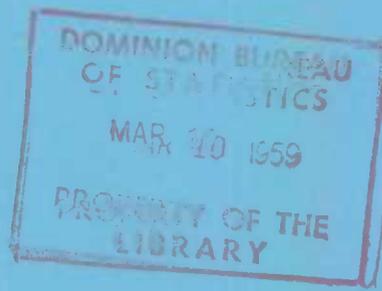


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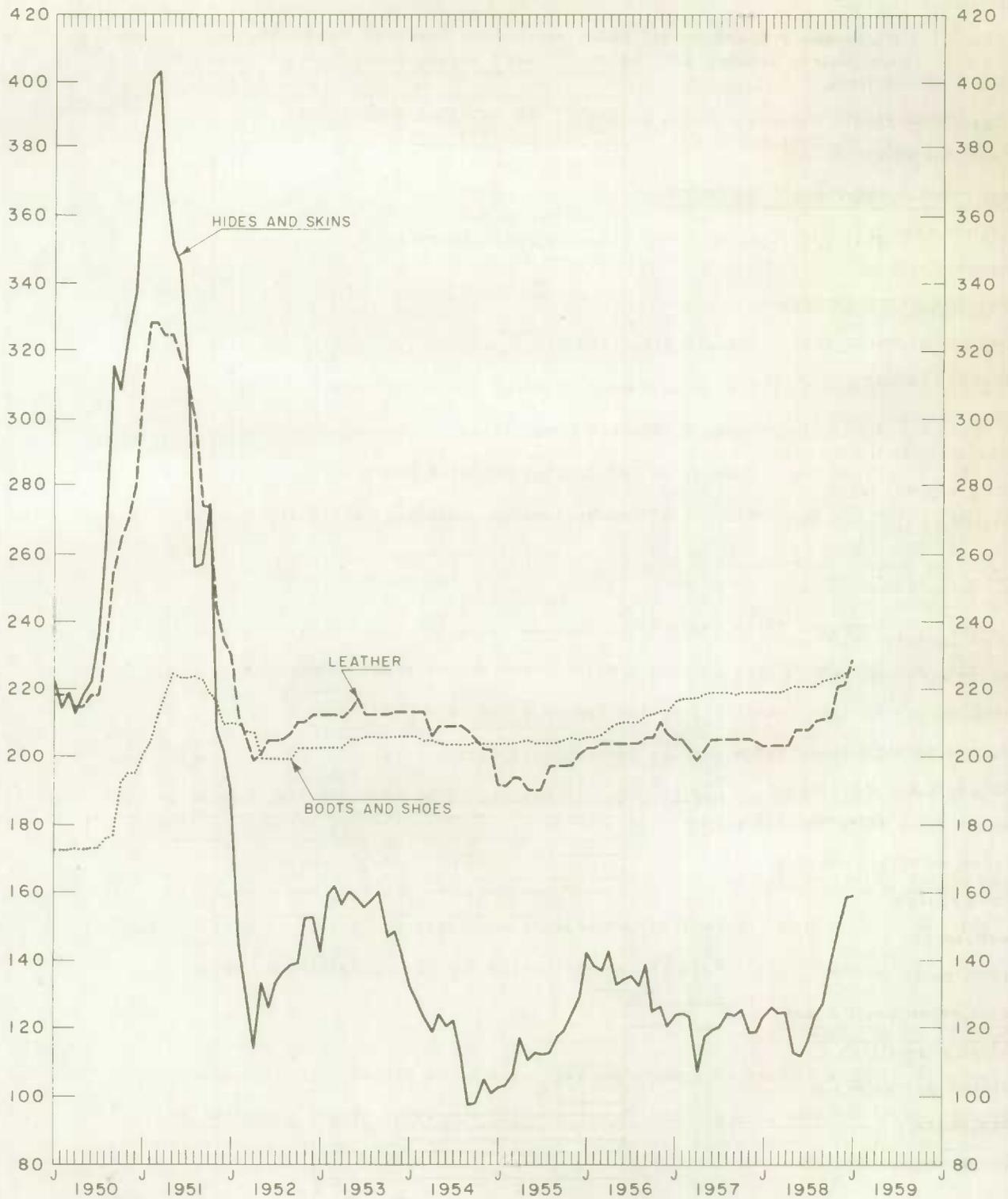
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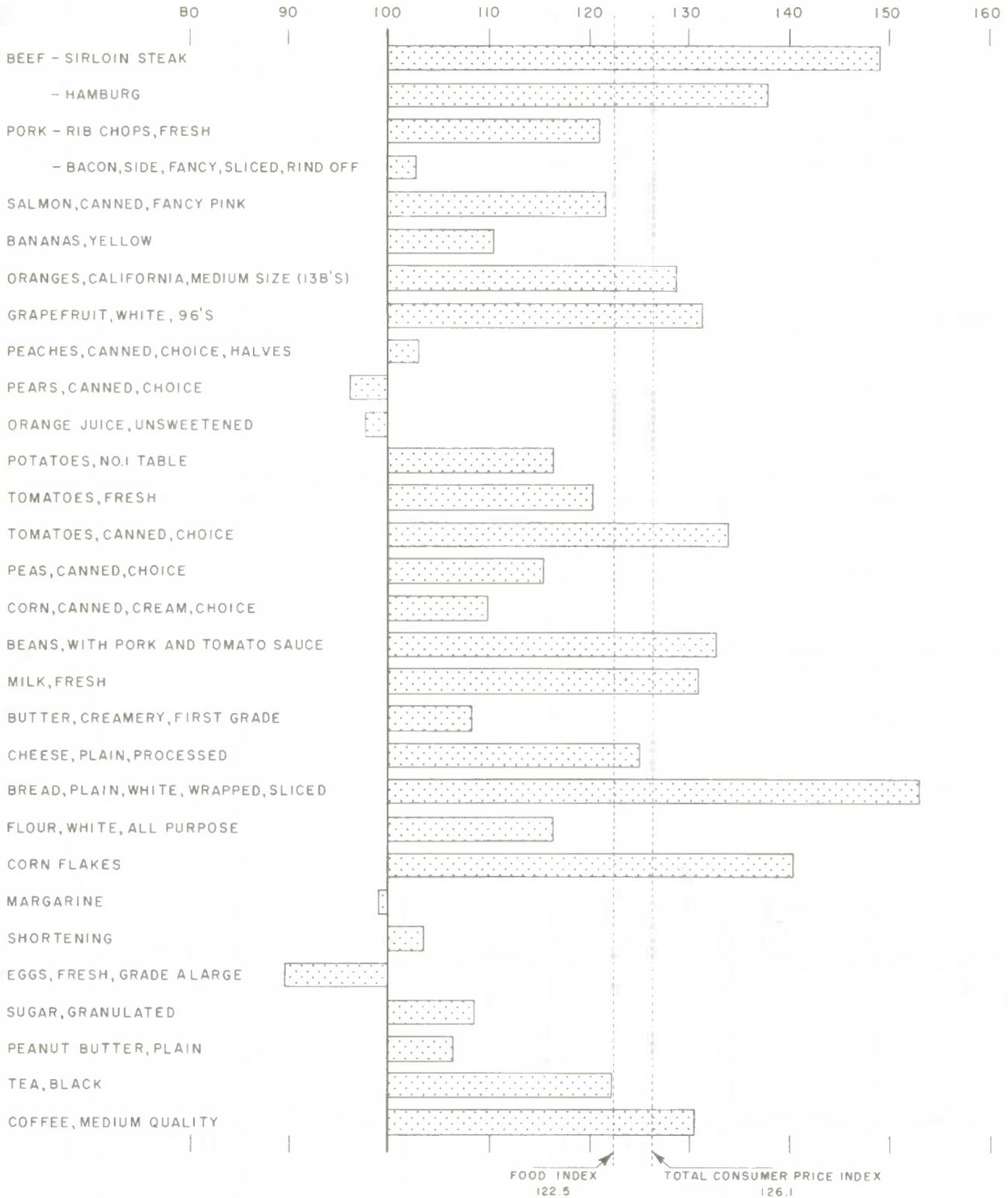
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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES  
HIDES AND SKINS, LEATHER, AND BOOTS AND SHOES  
JANUARY 1950 - JANUARY 1959  
(1935-39=100)



# SINGLE COMMODITY PRICE RELATIVES FOR SELECTED FOOD ITEMS IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, JANUARY 1959

CANADA-1949=100



**GENERAL WHOLESALE INDEX:** For the third consecutive month the General Wholesale Index recorded an upward movement rising fractionally from 229.1 to 229.7 or 0.3 per cent between December and January. Increases occurred in five of the major groups while the remaining three were lower.  
(1935 - 1939 = 100)

The upward movement recorded by the Animal Products group in the last two months continued, as the index rose 0.7 per cent from 253.7 to 255.6. Higher prices for poultry, leather, fresh meats, and fish contributed most to the increase, though lard and tallow, and eggs continued to decline. Wood Products advanced 0.7 per cent from 298.5 to 300.6 mainly as a result of higher prices for paper board, and matches. The Chemical Products group was higher for the fourth consecutive month as the index rose 0.5 per cent from 184.7 to 185.7. Prices of paints and paint materials, inorganic chemicals, and organic chemicals were higher outweighing decreases in industrial gases, and tanning and dyeing materials.

Lower prices for zinc, and lead and its products caused the Non-Ferrous Metals group to decline 0.2 per cent from 172.7 to 172.3. The Vegetable Products group declined slightly, 0.1 per cent, from 197.9 to 197.8, as did Textile Products which eased from 227.2 to 227.0.

The following table shows some of the more noteworthy changes:

Commodity Group or Sub-Group	Per cent change January '59 over December '58	(No. of Months) Consecutive	
		Increases	Decreases
Animal Products Group	+ 0.7	3	
Fowl, dressed	+ 4.3	(a)	
Leather	+ 3.6	6	
Meats, fresh	+ 2.8	3	
Fish	+ 2.0	2	
Lard and tallow	- 6.9		3
Eggs	- 2.9		4
Wood Products Group	+ 0.7	(a)	
Paper board	+ 4.8	(a)	
Matches	+ 3.8	(a)	
Hardwoods	- 1.1		2
Chemical Products Group	+ 0.5	4	
Paints and paint materials	+ 1.6	(a)	
Inorganic Chemicals	+ 1.4	3	
Organic Chemicals	+ 1.1	(a)	
Industrial gases	- 2.2		4
Tanning and dyeing materials	- 0.6		(a)
Non-ferrous Metals Group	- 0.2		2
Zinc	- 2.8		(a)
Lead and its products	- 2.1		(a)
Silver	+ 0.7	(a)	
Textile Products Group	- 0.1		2
Wool, raw, domestic	- 2.5		2
Wool, raw, imported	- 2.3		2
Cotton, raw	+ 2.5	(a)	

(a) less than 2.

**THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:** The Consumer Price Index edged downward 0.1 per cent moving from 126.2 to 126.1 between December 1958 and January 1959. The decline was largely due to January sale prices for clothing, combined with lower prices for 1958 model appliances. The Food and Shelter indexes recorded fractional increases, and the Other Commodities and Services component was unchanged.  
(1949=100)

The Clothing index decreased 1.2 per cent from 110.5 to 109.2, as traditional January sale prices were reported for a wide range of items, particularly women's fur and winter coats, men's suits and overcoats and girls' winter coats and snowsuits. The Household Operation index declined from 122.0 to 121.8 as price decreases averaging about 4 per cent occurred for 1958 models of major appliances. Gas rates were lower in a few centres and reduced cotton sheets also reflected January sales. Prices increased for household cleaning supplies, coal and fuel oil. Telephone rates were up in British Columbia.

The Food index remained almost unchanged at 122.3, up 0.1 per cent from 122.2. Substantially lower prices were reported for oranges and lettuce, with eggs, grapefruit, bananas, coffee, and lard also down. Beef continued its sharp climb, January prices averaging about 5 cents per pound over December levels. Most fresh vegetables were higher, particularly cabbage.

The Shelter index rose from 139.9 to 140.2 as rents were unchanged, but the home-ownership component moved up. The Other Commodities and Services index was unchanged at 133.4 as lower prices on 1959 model passenger cars balanced some local price increases for newspapers, taxi fares, and a scatter of other items.

TABLE 1. - SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE INDEXES

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	INDEXES				PERCENTAGE CHANGES		
	Jan.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	
	1957	1958	1958	1959	1957	1958	1958
<b>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100)</b>							
<b>GENERAL INDEX</b>	229.2	226.9	229.1	229.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.2	+ 0.3
Vegetable Products	203.5	197.5	197.9	197.8	- 2.8	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Animal Products	237.6	240.1	253.7	255.6	+ 7.6	+ 6.5	+ 0.7
Textile Products	234.3	232.8	227.2	227.0	- 3.1	- 2.5	- 0.1
Wood Products	298.1	301.0	298.5	300.6	+ 0.8	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Iron Products	250.3	251.6	255.2	255.4	+ 2.0	+ 1.5	+ 0.1
Non-ferrous Metals	189.8	168.6	172.7	172.3	- 9.2	+ 2.2	- 0.2
Non-metallic Minerals	187.4	190.6	188.7	189.0	+ 0.9	- 0.8	+ 0.2
Chemical Products	181.5	182.7	184.7	185.7	+ 2.3	+ 1.6	+ 0.5
<b>CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS (1) (2)</b>	217.4	208.4	217.6	217.7	-	-	-
Eastern Total	233.7	225.4	235.3	234.2	-	-	-
Western Total	201.1	191.4	199.9	201.2	-	-	-
Field	177.5	157.5	156.5	156.6	-	-	-
Animal	257.3	259.3	278.7	278.7	-	-	-
<b>SELECTED PRICE INDEXES (1)</b>							
Canadian Industrial Materials	251.1	231.8	233.9	234.0	- 6.8	+ 0.9	+ 0.04
Residential building Materials (1949=100)	128.8	126.7	128.0	128.6	- 0.2	+ 1.5	+ 0.5
Non-Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	129.8	129.8	131.0	131.2	+ 1.1	+ 1.1	+ 0.2
<b>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (1949=100)</b>							
<b>TOTAL INDEX</b>	120.3	123.4	126.2	126.1	+ 4.8	+ 2.2	- 0.1
Food	117.1	119.4	122.2	122.3	+ 4.4	+ 2.4	+ 0.1
Shelter	133.6	136.6	139.9	140.2	+ 4.9	+ 2.6	+ 0.2
Clothing	107.6	108.8	110.5	109.2	+ 1.5	+ 0.4	- 1.2
Household Operation	119.0	120.8	122.0	121.8	+ 2.4	+ 0.8	- 0.2
Other Commodities and Services	123.1	129.1	133.4	133.4	+ 8.4	+ 3.3	-
<b>SECURITY PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100)</b>							
<b>TOTAL INVESTORS' INDEX</b>	273.7	215.4	259.1	266.0	- 2.8	+ 23.5	+ 2.7
Total Industrials	287.3	222.2	266.8	275.4	- 4.1	+ 23.9	+ 3.2
Machinery & Equipment	763.0	579.2	673.1	690.9	- 9.5	+ 19.3	+ 2.6
Pulp & Paper	1,005.3	796.2	1,043.0	1,077.2	+ 7.2	+ 35.3	+ 3.3
Milling	147.8	120.5	199.2	198.5	+ 34.3	+ 64.7	- 0.4
Oils	251.6	187.5	210.0	216.7	- 13.9	+ 15.6	+ 3.2
Textiles & Clothing	163.7	148.4	191.6	194.9	+ 19.1	+ 31.3	+ 1.7
Foods	181.2	206.2	279.6	286.4	+ 58.1	+ 38.9	+ 2.4
Beverages	506.3	490.2	635.2	666.7	+ 31.7	+ 36.0	+ 5.0
Building Materials	463.2	384.9	494.0	518.6	+ 12.0	+ 34.7	+ 5.0
Industrial Mines	228.4	153.1	180.6	185.2	- 18.9	+ 21.0	+ 2.5
Total Utilities	207.5	178.1	195.8	198.9	- 4.1	+ 11.7	+ 1.6
Transportation	363.5	282.2	341.0	345.9	- 4.8	+ 22.6	+ 1.4
Telephone	118.4	104.6	108.3	109.1	- 7.9	+ 4.3	+ 0.7
Power and Traction	227.9	202.9	226.6	232.4	+ 2.0	+ 14.5	+ 2.6
Banks	289.9	233.3	328.0	327.6	+ 13.0	+ 40.4	- 0.1
<b>MINING STOCKS</b>							
General Index	129.9	91.5	116.1	123.7	- 4.8	+ 35.2	+ 6.5
Gold	70.6	64.0	80.6	85.6	+ 21.2	+ 33.8	+ 6.2
Base Metals	265.7	154.6	197.5	211.2	- 20.5	+ 36.6	+ 6.9

(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	Non- Farm Products (2)	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	235.7	215.8	231.5	248.2	181.6	246.9	214.2
1957 .....	227.4	236.0	209.4	237.9	240.3	163.6	258.0	210.8
1956 Aug. ....	227.0	235.9	217.0	233.2	249.2	182.3	258.2	220.3
Sept. ....	227.4	236.9	216.2	234.4	249.5	171.5	259.6	215.5
Oct. ....	227.0	236.5	214.3	234.7	247.7	171.1	256.2	213.6
Nov. ....	226.6	235.5	213.3	234.6	247.7	174.2	255.9	215.1
Dec. ....	228.0	236.6	216.4	235.1	249.8	175.6	256.4	216.0
1957 Jan. ....	229.2	236.8	217.8	236.3	251.1	177.5	257.3	217.4
Feb. ....	228.2	236.0	214.9	236.5	248.4	172.7	259.0	215.8
Mar. ....	228.4	236.9	212.5	237.8	247.0	171.5	253.4	212.4
Apr. ....	228.5	236.9	211.7	238.4	246.2	171.3	255.1	213.2
May ....	228.0	237.1	209.6	238.9	242.2	168.8	255.3	212.0
June ....	228.1	236.4	209.8	238.9	240.6	165.9	262.2	214.0
July ....	228.2	236.0	209.2	239.5	239.8	166.5	270.2	218.3
Aug. ....	227.6	235.9	207.9	239.2	238.6	153.8	271.3	212.6
Sept. ....	227.0	235.6	206.9	238.8	236.8	153.2	263.8	208.5
Oct. ....	225.0	235.1	203.6	237.4	232.5	152.8	248.6	200.7
Nov. ....	224.1	233.9	203.3	236.1	228.9	153.7	245.7	199.7
Dec. ....	226.1	234.8	206.0	237.2	231.8	155.4	253.7	204.6
1958 Jan. ....	226.8	234.5	207.5	237.7	231.8	157.5	259.3	208.4
Feb. ....	227.7	234.4	208.9	238.4	231.7	159.6	268.4	214.0
Mar. ....	228.1	233.6	210.4	238.3	230.7	168.3	272.9	220.6
Apr. ....	227.9	232.4	209.8	238.5	227.9	165.5	279.9	222.7
May ....	228.1	231.7	210.3	238.4	226.7	157.8	288.3	223.1
June ....	227.4	231.3	209.1	238.0	227.2	155.9	286.4	221.1
July ....	227.0	231.1	208.4	237.8	229.4	159.4	279.3	219.4
Aug. ....	226.8	231.6	207.4	238.0	229.0	156.5	275.2	215.9
Sept. ....	227.1	233.1	207.5	238.3	228.3	155.2	266.9	211.1
Oct. ....	226.9	233.3	207.5	238.0	228.2	154.4	269.3	211.8
Nov. ....	228.5	234.8	211.1	238.6	233.1	155.2	269.1	212.1
Dec. ....	229.1	234.4	211.0	239.4	233.9	156.5	278.7	217.6
1959 Jan. ....	229.7	235.0	210.5	240.6	234.0	156.6	278.7	217.7

(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) Earlier years available on request.

TABLE 3. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL

(1935-1939 = 100)

Date		General Whole- Sale Index	- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS -							
			Total Vege- table Pro- ducts	Grains	Milled Cereal Foods	Live- stock and Poultry Feeds	Bakery Pro- ducts	Fruits, Fresh	Fruits, Dried	Fruits, Canned
1957	Average ..	227.4	197.0	174.9	150.1	176.3	207.1	177.1	184.4	177.7
1957	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
	Sept. ....	227.1	198.2	176.3	151.6	175.8	213.7	215.1	197.2	165.2
	Oct. ....	226.9	196.9	174.1	151.6	185.2	213.7	219.3	200.5	162.5
	Nov. ....	228.5	198.8	173.5	151.6	192.8	213.7	231.6	217.5	162.5
	Dec. ....	229.1	197.9	174.2	153.8	205.0	213.7	156.4	217.5	162.5
1959	Jan. ....	229.7	197.8	174.9	153.8	205.0	215.3	159.7	217.5	162.5

## - VEGETABLE PRODUCTS - Concluded

Date		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
1957	Average ..	280.5	197.4	199.9	362.1	182.0	203.2	207.9	186.2
1957	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	195.2	199.0	200.0
	Sept. ....	289.8	198.4	155.4	395.9	163.0	205.2	199.0	200.0
	Oct. ....	286.9	200.1	154.3	383.1	153.9	214.5	188.0	200.0
	Nov. ....	298.7	201.1	154.1	396.7	164.0	223.1	191.6	200.0
	Dec. ....	293.3	198.3	156.6	384.1	166.9	243.8	191.6	203.6
1959	Jan. ....	296.9	199.4	153.0	371.4	165.0	310.0	191.6	204.5

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

(1935-39 = 100)

		- ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS -							
Date		Total Animal Products	Fishery Products	Raw Furs	Hides and Skins	Leather, Unmanu- factured	Boots and Shoes	Live- stock	Steers
1957	Average ...	238.4	302.6	92.3	120.7	204.2	218.4	282.1	310.6
1957	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
	Sept. ....	246.1	288.6	81.3	126.6	210.8	222.5	298.4	378.8
	Oct. ....	245.8	290.4	81.3	137.8	211.4	223.2	296.0	391.8
	Nov. ....	247.5	287.4	81.3	149.7	220.5	223.4	303.0	406.3
	Dec. ....	253.7	301.6	81.3	158.6	221.2	224.7	320.2	438.7
1959	Jan. ....	255.6	307.6	81.3	159.3	229.1	226.3	318.8	434.9

## - 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
1957	Average ...	278.7	299.6	216.5	152.6	236.0	234.9	165.9	150.8
1957	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
	Sept. ....	309.8	372.3	205.8	120.5	242.9	246.7	148.1	177.8
	Oct. ....	309.8	375.8	200.6	141.6	243.8	246.6	148.6	167.5
	Nov. ....	313.9	387.6	194.1	138.6	245.2	248.6	146.7	160.7
	Dec. ....	329.9	415.2	190.0	138.6	246.1	250.5	138.0	147.3
1959	Jan. ....	339.2	430.7	191.2	144.6	246.5	250.8	128.5	143.1

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 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
Sept. ....	228.2	297.6	236.8	234.9	230.7	208.8	182.9	162.2
Oct. ....	227.0	295.3	236.8	234.9	230.7	208.8	182.9	162.2
Nov. ....	227.4	296.1	236.8	234.9	230.7	208.8	182.9	162.2
Dec. ....	227.2	285.0	236.8	232.4	230.7	208.8	182.9	162.2
1959 Jan. ....	227.0	292.2	236.8	229.8	230.7	208.8	182.9	162.9

- FIBRES, TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Rayon Yarns	Raw Wool, Do- mestic	Raw Wool, Im- ported	Yarns, Worsted	Hosiery and Knit Goods, Chiefly Wool	Wool Blankets	Worsted and Wool Cloth	Carpets
1957 Average ...	183.4	272.2	232.5	222.9	231.7	293.0	258.8	231.9
1957 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
Sept. ....	191.1	187.3	161.8	201.6	232.9	296.2	235.4	231.8
Oct. ....	191.1	163.3	156.0	199.5	232.9	296.2	232.0	231.8
Nov. ....	191.1	163.3	167.7	199.5	232.9	277.5	232.9	231.8
Dec. ....	191.1	162.2	159.0	199.5	232.9	277.5	232.0	230.7
1959 Jan. ....	191.1	158.1	155.4	201.0	232.9	275.0	230.9	235.1

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	Hard-woods	Hem-lock	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 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	
Sept. ....	301.5	427.5	395.5	339.6	381.2	493.3	440.0	223.8	297.4	249.1	
Oct. ....	299.8	425.0	395.5	339.6	381.2	484.8	443.6	222.5	295.2	249.1	
Nov. ....	299.3	423.0	395.5	339.6	381.2	479.1	443.0	222.5	295.2	249.1	
Dec. ....	298.5	423.8	395.5	331.4	381.2	483.5	441.2	221.3	293.1	249.1	
1959 Jan. ....	300.6	425.3	395.5	327.9	381.2	489.0	443.0	221.9	294.2	249.1	
- IRON AND ITS PRODUCTS -											
	Total Iron Products	Pig Iron	Rolling Mill Products	Pipe and Tubing	Hard-ware	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 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			
Sept. ....	251.6	295.3	246.3	263.7	267.3	292.2	262.7	238.9			
Oct. ....	252.0	295.3	246.3	263.7	267.3	292.2	265.0	239.7			
Nov. ....	255.1	295.3	248.2	263.7	267.3	292.2	313.7	240.7			
Dec. ....	255.2	295.3	248.2	263.7	267.3	292.2	316.0	240.7			
1959 Jan. ....	255.4	295.3	248.2	263.7	269.0	292.2	314.7	240.7			

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

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## - 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	Soldier
	(1)	(2)							
1957 Average ...	176.0	240.7	169.6	277.3	290.6	224.8	177.3	261.3	203.5
1957 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
Sept. ....	165.6	220.5	158.4	245.4	220.1	223.5	158.4	231.4	192.7
Oct. ....	169.5	228.0	165.2	257.3	235.6	225.8	181.1	252.1	192.7
Nov. ....	174.2	236.6	165.2	276.6	245.9	225.8	189.5	262.5	200.6
Dec. ....	172.7	234.3	165.2	270.4	245.9	223.5	191.0	262.5	200.6
1959 Jan. ....	172.3	231.3	165.2	270.4	240.7	225.1	191.2	255.2	200.6

## - IRON AND NON-FERROUS METALS -

	Raw and Manufactured Products		Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Products		
	Combined Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals		Combined Iron and Non-Ferrous Metals	Iron Products	Non-Ferrous Metals
	(2)		(2)		(2)
1957 Average ...		247.6	245.2	244.4	257.6
1957 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
Sept. ....		238.6	248.4	248.8	242.5
Oct. ....		242.0	248.9	249.1	245.6
Nov. ....		247.4	250.2	250.0	252.5
Dec. ....		246.5	250.3	250.0	255.3
1959 Jan. ....		245.4	250.6	250.3	255.3

(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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- 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	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
	Sept. ....	187.5	253.2	185.8	190.3	226.3	241.0	270.2
	Oct. ....	188.2	253.2	185.8	193.1	226.3	241.0	270.2
	Nov. ....	188.2	253.2	185.8	193.3	226.3	241.0	270.2
	Dec. ....	188.7	253.2	185.8	195.1	226.3	241.0	270.2
1959	Jan. ....	189.0	253.2	185.8	195.4	249.9	241.0	270.2

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

- 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	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
	Sept. ....	217.0	168.5	139.6	134.4	215.1	138.5	203.4
	Oct. ....	217.0	168.5	139.6	134.4	215.1	140.6	201.8
	Nov. ....	217.0	168.3	139.6	134.4	215.1	141.7	201.8
	Dec. ....	217.0	168.3	139.6	134.4	215.1	145.6	200.4
1959	Jan. ....	217.0	168.5	139.6	134.4	215.1	145.6	201.1

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

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## - 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 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
Sept. ....	136.2	211.2	164.1	150.9	165.1	205.1	304.9
Oct. ....	136.2	211.2	164.1	152.3	164.8	208.8	304.9
Nov. ....	136.2	211.2	164.1	152.3	164.8	208.8	304.9
Dec. ....	137.5	211.2	165.1	152.3	164.8	208.8	304.9
1959 Jan. ....	137.5	211.2	165.1	152.3	171.4	208.8	304.9

## - 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 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
Sept. ....	183.4	149.5	166.6	187.4	208.2	143.6	214.9	158.3	151.6	221.0
Oct. ....	183.8	149.5	166.6	187.4	208.6	143.6	214.9	158.3	149.2	221.0
Nov. ....	184.4	149.6	166.6	187.4	208.8	143.6	214.9	158.3	148.0	221.0
Dec. ....	184.7	150.0	166.6	187.4	208.9	149.0	214.9	158.5	146.0	221.0
1959 Jan. ....	185.7	152.1	168.4	187.4	207.6	149.0	219.8	158.8	142.8	221.0

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

Commodity	Unit	Yearly	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.
		Average	1958	1958	1959
		1957	1958	1958	1959
		\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>VEGETABLE PRODUCTS</b>					
Barley, No. 1 feed .....	bu.	.94	.89	.96	.98
Coffee beans, Green Santos 2/3's .....	lb.	.60	.59	.44	.44
Flour, first patent, Toronto .....	100-lb. bag	5.80	5.80	6.00	6.00
Linseed oil, raw, Montreal .....	gal.	1.21	1.37	1.26	1.26
Oats, No. 2 C.W. ....	bu.	.763	.759	.763	.776
Potatoes, No. 1 Saint John .....	75-lb. bag	1.576	1.460	1.420	1.400
Sugar, granulated, standard, Montreal ...	100-lb. bag	9.60	8.37	7.38	7.38
Wheat, No. 2, Manitoba Northern .....	bu.	1.60	1.61	1.60	1.61
<b>ANIMAL PRODUCTS</b>					
Butter, prints, 1st. grade, Montreal ....	lb.	.61	.64	.66	.66
Eggs, grade "A", large, Montreal .....	doz.	.52	.45	.50	.47
Hides, packer, light native steers .....	lb.	.138	.152	.180	.185
Hogs, Toronto (bonus excluded) .....	100-lb.	30.36	27.24	24.50	24.07
Steers, good, Toronto .....	100-lb.	18.97	20.14	27.00	26.50
<b>TEXTILE PRODUCTS</b>					
Cotton, raw, middling, 1", New York .....	lb.	.364	.358	.345	.345
Cotton yarn, 10's, white .....	lb.	.69	.69	.70	.70
Cotton, grey Osnaburg, clean, 7 1/8 oz. .	yd.	.34	.34	.34	.34
Rayon yarn, 36 filament, 150 denier .....	lb.	.86	.89	.89	.89
Wool, raw, Australian, 64's, clean .....	lb.	1.55	1.30	1.08	1.06
Wool, raw, Eastern, domestic .....	lb.	.52	.48	.33	.32
<b>WOOD PRODUCTS</b>					
Newsprint paper, standard, Quebec .....	2000-lb. ton	112.26	114.91	112.23	112.63
Pine, white, No. 1, 1"x 8", 8'-16' .....	1000 bd. ft.	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00
Shingles, asphalt, 12" x 13" .....	100 sq. ft.	9.43	9.48	8.20	8.20
Spruce, merchantable, 1"x6"-7" .....	1000 bd. ft.	88.44	84.50	85.50	85.50
<b>IRON PRODUCTS</b>					
Cast iron scrap .....	2240-lb. ton	49.33	47.00	50.00	48.00
Steel scrap, heavy melting, No. 1 1/ .....	2240-lb. ton	-	-	-	33.35
Pig iron, foundry, silicon 2.01-2.25 ....	2240-lb. ton	-	65.00	65.00	65.00
<b>NON-FERROUS METALS</b>					
Copper, electrolytic, domestic .....	100-lb.	28.92	25.31	28.10	28.00
Lead, pig, electrolytic, domestic .....	100-lb.	13.92	12.25	11.75	11.55
Tin, ingots, 99.8%, Montreal .....	lb.	.94	.95	1.02	1.02
Zinc, high grade, electrolytic .....	100-lb.	12.02	10.60	12.10	12.30
<b>NON-METALLIC MINERALS</b>					
Cement, Portland, Calgary .....	350-lb.	3.12	3.04	3.14	3.14
Cement, Portland, Toronto .....	350-lb.	3.44	3.44	3.44	3.44
Coal, anthracite, U.S., stove size .....	2000-lb. ton	21.07	22.12	20.56	20.56
Gasoline, regular grade, Montreal .....	gal.	.234	.226	.226	.226
Gasoline, regular grade, Toronto .....	gal.	.232	.228	.228	.228
Gasoline, regular grade, Winnipeg .....	gal.	.218	.211	.226	.226
<b>CHEMICALS</b>					
Sodium carbonate (Soda Ash) 58 p.c. ....	100-lb.	2.44	2.44	2.51	2.51
Sulphuric acid, 66° Baume .....	2000-lb. ton	25.35	25.35	25.35	25.35

1/ New price series introduced in January 1959.

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>											
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
Sept. ....	128.4	292.7	157.1	226.3	415.9	139.3	235.3	225.8	230.2	183.5	253.5
Oct. ....	127.8	291.4	157.5	226.3	411.9	139.3	240.0	225.8	230.2	188.3	253.5
Nov. ....	127.8	291.3	157.5	226.3	410.3	139.3	244.0	225.8	231.1	195.6	255.3
Dec. ....	128.0	291.9	157.9	226.3	411.3	139.8	246.7	228.7	231.1	192.9	255.7
<u>1959</u>											
Jan. ....	128.6	293.1	157.9	226.3	414.4	139.8	247.1	228.7	229.8	192.9	257.2

\* 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
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
Sept. ....	129.6	118.2	135.9	118.1	128.4	123.7	114.4
Oct. ....	129.8	118.2	136.6	118.9	127.6	123.9	115.2
Nov. ....	130.7	119.9	136.5	118.9	126.7	125.7	116.4
Dec. ....	131.0	122.6	136.5	118.9	126.6	125.7	116.0
1959 Jan. ....	131.2	122.8	136.6	118.9	127.6	125.6	116.0
	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	
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	
Sept. ....	150.6	153.9	118.2	120.2	145.2	93.7	
Oct. ....	150.6	153.9	118.3	120.3	145.2	93.7	
Nov. ....	152.3	153.9	118.3	121.1	145.2	93.7	
Dec. ....	152.3	153.9	118.5	121.1	146.1	93.7	
1959 Jan. ....	152.3	154.9	118.6	124.2	146.1	93.7	

TABLE 7. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

(1949 = 100)

	Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	House- hold Opera- tion	Other Commod- ities & Services
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
1958.....	125.1	122.1	138.4	109.7	121.0	130.9
<u>1956</u> 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
September	125.6	122.9	139.4	109.5	120.8	131.5
October	126.0	123.4	139.6	109.9	121.3	131.8
November	126.3	123.2	139.8	110.4	121.5	133.1
December	126.2	122.2	139.9	110.5	122.0	133.4
<u>1959</u> January	126.1	122.3	140.2	109.2	121.8	133.4

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

(1949 = 100)

	1956	1957	1958	Jan. 1957	Jan. 1958	Nov. 1958	Dec. 1958	Jan. 1959
<u>Total Index</u>	118.1	121.9	125.1	120.3	123.4	126.3	126.2	126.1
<u>Food</u>	113.4	118.6	122.1	117.1	119.4	123.2	122.2	122.3
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	112.1	118.1	122.5	115.8	122.3	122.7	123.0	123.1
Cereal Products	125.0	132.4	135.9	130.9	133.5	137.2	137.7	138.5
Miscellaneous Groceries	121.8	126.9	122.5	125.2	124.8	120.7	120.6	120.5
<u>Shelter</u>	132.5	134.9	138.4	133.6	136.6	139.8	139.9	140.2
Rent	135.6	138.0	140.5	136.8	139.4	141.4	141.5	141.5
Home-Ownership	128.4	130.8	135.6	129.3	133.0	137.6	137.7	138.4
<u>Clothing</u>	108.6	108.5	109.7	107.6	108.8	110.4	110.5	109.2
Men's Wear	113.4	115.6	116.4	114.3	115.1	117.3	117.4	116.3
Women's Wear	98.9	96.4	97.9	95.7	96.9	98.5	98.7	96.5
Children's Wear	105.9	104.8	105.4	104.8	105.2	106.8	106.9	105.9
Footwear	129.6	131.9	133.5	131.1	133.1	133.6	133.7	133.9
Piece Goods	108.5	111.0	111.4	109.1	111.2	112.0	112.0	112.0
<u>Household Operation</u>	117.1	119.6	121.0	119.0	120.8	121.5	122.0	121.8
Fuel	114.8	118.9	117.5	119.8	119.7	117.4	117.4	118.4
Coal	117.2	124.2	124.2	125.9	126.7	124.6	124.7	126.4
Fuel Oil	112.7	113.5	107.0	112.6	110.3	105.3	105.3	106.6
Domestic Gas	109.1	106.3	106.1	106.3	105.9	106.2	106.2	103.8
Electricity	115.6	115.2	115.7	115.4	115.1	116.7	116.7	116.7
Home Furnishings	113.2	115.3	116.8	114.3	116.3	117.1	117.2	115.9
Appliances	96.4	95.4	96.5	95.5	95.7	97.2	97.2	93.5
Furniture	116.2	119.5	121.4	118.1	120.9	121.1	121.3	121.2
Utensils and Equipment	125.5	130.4	133.0	128.2	131.8	133.9	134.1	134.3
Supplies and Services	124.2	127.1	130.2	125.7	129.1	131.3	132.7	133.5
Supplies	117.2	119.2	123.0	117.9	121.2	125.1	125.6	126.0
Services	129.1	132.5	135.2	131.1	134.5	135.5	137.5	138.7
Telephone Rates	137.4	137.9	138.9	137.8	138.0	139.1	144.8	146.8
Shoe Repairs	125.6	131.8	135.4	128.0	134.4	136.1	136.3	136.3
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	120.9	126.1	130.9	123.1	129.1	133.1	133.4	133.4
Transportation	123.3	129.9	133.8	127.3	132.0	138.0	139.0	138.6
Automobile Operation	112.1	119.3	121.2	116.9	120.8	124.6	124.8	124.1
New Passenger Cars	108.8	119.7	121.6	120.7	121.9	131.0	131.0	128.8
Gasoline	107.9	112.2	110.8	108.6	111.5	110.8	111.1	111.3
Local Transportation	158.0	165.0	173.8	162.0	167.8	181.7	185.0	185.3
Street Car and Bus Fares	164.6	172.2	181.6	168.9	175.0	190.2	194.0	194.0
Recreation	125.3	129.8	138.4	126.9	136.5	140.0	140.0	140.7
Theatre Admissions	144.6	154.5	160.6	149.6	158.1	162.9	162.9	162.9
Newspapers	129.8	134.7	160.2	130.0	159.6	160.8	160.8	163.5
Health Care	134.2	142.6	150.1	136.0	146.2	153.1	153.1	153.1
Hospital Rates	169.5	184.0	197.1	172.7	189.6	203.2	203.2	203.2
Doctors' Fees	125.7	130.7	137.8	127.1	133.8	140.8	140.8	140.8
Dentists' Fees	130.5	138.4	145.0	131.7	141.7	148.0	148.0	148.0
Prepaid Health Care	143.7	160.7	169.4	146.4	166.8	170.2	170.2	170.2
Drugs	111.7	114.5	118.2	112.3	115.7	119.6	119.6	119.6
Tobacco and Alcoholic								
Beverages	107.7	109.4	110.6	108.3	110.4	110.8	110.8	110.9
Personal Care	120.5	127.8	134.4	124.7	131.9	136.4	136.6	136.6
Men's Haircut	141.4	156.0	159.4	153.3	158.1	161.7	161.7	161.7
Personal Supplies	112.4	116.7	123.0	113.9	120.1	124.5	124.8	124.9

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

Item	Unit	1956	1957	1958	Jan.	Jan.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan.
					1957	1958	1958	1958	1959	1959
<b>Beef -</b>										
Sirloin steak .....	lb.	81.6	84.3	94.4	82.0	87.4	96.0	98.7	104.9	149.0
Round steak .....	lb.	75.2	77.9	87.9	77.4	81.2	88.8	94.0	97.7	145.7
Prime rib roast (1) .....	lb.	73.2	75.9	84.8	76.0	77.0	86.8	90.0	93.9	139.9
Blade roast (2) .....	lb.	49.2	52.0	61.5	50.4	54.3	62.9	66.5	69.6	144.0
Stewing beef .....	lb.	49.5	52.6	61.3	51.6	54.4	63.4	65.6	68.3	146.5
Hamburg .....	lb.	37.1	37.9	46.4	37.0	40.0	48.3	50.2	52.2	137.9
Liver, sliced .....	lb.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	52.0	54.3	56.2	N.A.
<b>Pork -</b>										
Shoulder roast, Boston butt, fresh .....	lb.	51.0	60.5	58.2	57.1	56.0	53.5	52.6	52.8	95.5(3)
Rib chops, fresh .....	lb.	64.4	74.6	72.5	72.0	70.9	68.9	68.5	68.8	121.0(4)
Ham, smoked, boneless, to be cooked (6) .....	lb.	85.0	96.5	95.0	92.7	87.6	95.8	100.2	95.7	112.6(5)
Bacon, side, fancy, sliced, rind off ...	1/2 lb.	39.0	50.0	47.0	47.8	45.2	45.5	44.1	43.6	102.9
Sausage, pure pork .....	lb.	50.6	56.6	58.5	53.5	56.4	57.9	57.6	57.6	116.6
<b>Other Meats -</b>										
Veal, loin chops, rib end .....	lb.	76.9	79.6	88.1	79.6	82.2	90.4	91.7	94.7	127.5
Lamb, leg roast .....	lb.	76.7	79.2	81.3	76.8	80.3	77.1	78.1	78.9	109.5
Bologna, sliced .....	lb.	33.6	36.8	43.3	33.9	39.0	44.5	44.4	44.6	108.1
Meat loaf, canned, mainly pork, ready to eat .....	12 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	49.9	49.9	49.9	N.A.
<b>Fish -</b>										
Salmon, canned, fancy pink .....	8 oz.	27.7	30.2	29.9	29.8	30.4	29.9	30.0	30.1	121.6
Cod fillets, frozen (7) .....	lb.	33.9	34.4	34.6	33.7	35.0	34.9	34.8	35.6	105.1(5)
<b>Poultry -</b>										
Chicken, grade A eviscerated (1 1/2 - 3 lb.) (7) .....	lb.	52.8	52.0	51.1	50.0	49.6	45.3	44.3	45.2	85.7(5)
<b>Fruits -</b>										
Bananas, yellow .....	lb.	20.1	20.7	20.5	20.3	20.0	21.4	21.0	20.7	110.3
Oranges, California, medium size (138's)	doz.	42.5	44.1	57.1	41.8	49.2	63.1	55.1	45.3	128.7
Apples, volume seller .....	lb.	13.3	15.2	15.0	13.7	13.0	10.7	11.3	11.8	115.2
Grapefruit, white, 96's .....	1/2 doz.	49.9	48.4	59.7	46.8	51.1	60.0	52.4	50.5	131.3
Peaches, canned, choice, halves .....	15 oz.	21.5	23.8	22.5	23.5	22.7	21.6	21.4	21.3	103.1
Pears, canned, choice .....	15 oz.	19.9	20.6	20.8	20.3	20.6	21.0	20.8	20.7	96.1
Strawberries, canned, choice .....	15 oz.	31.5	32.3	32.4	32.2	32.2	32.7	32.6	32.6	107.3
Orange juice, unsweetened .....	20 oz.	18.2	17.4	18.6	18.6	16.6	20.3	20.4	20.6	97.8
Apple juice, choice .....	20 oz.	13.7	15.0	15.2	14.6	14.7	15.5	15.5	15.5	134.3
Raisins, California and Australia .....	lb.	23.3	24.9	27.6	24.3	25.9	29.2	29.7	30.1	170.7
Strawberries, frozen, fancy, pkg. ....	15 oz.	46.8	44.6	42.8	46.0	42.9	43.3	42.7	42.6	91.0(5)
Orange juice, concentrate, frozen, fancy	6 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	29.6	29.7	29.9	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.

R - Revised.

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	1956	1957	1958	Jan. 1957	Jan. 1958	Nov. 1958	Dec. 1958	Jan. 1959	Jan.
										1959
Vegetables -										
Potatoes, No. 1 table .....	10 lb.	49.7	42.1	45.7	44.3	40.5	38.8	39.7	40.5	116.3
Tomatoes, fresh .....	lb.	27.5	25.3	28.2	25.9	28.1	24.2	25.4	28.1	120.2
Lettuce, head, fresh .....	lb.	20.0	21.1	19.2	25.0	19.4	19.0	23.3	17.1	111.5
Carrots .....	lb.	11.3	11.8	12.4	10.6	12.6	10.2	10.3	10.6	141.2
Celery stalks, green .....	lb.	15.4	17.6	18.6	19.3	16.8	15.9	17.6	17.8	105.7
Cabbage .....	lb.	8.0	9.0	9.5	8.0	9.3	6.3	6.8	10.3	133.7
Onions, No. 1, cooking .....	lb.	9.9	10.0	10.1	8.7	8.4	9.3	9.7	10.2	138.5
Turnips, Canada No. 1 .....	lb.	6.5	6.4	7.6	5.7	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.7	134.1
Tomatoes, canned, choice .....	28 oz.	27.3	29.1	26.6	30.3	26.5	26.7	26.8	26.9	134.0
Peas, canned, choice .....	15 oz.	16.8	17.1	16.5	17.6	16.8	16.7	16.7	16.8	115.3
Corn, canned, cream, choice ..	20 oz.	18.8	20.7	20.9	20.1	20.8	21.0	21.1	21.0	109.9
Beans, with pork and tomato sauce .....	15 oz.	17.3	17.6	18.1	17.6	17.9	18.3	18.3	18.4	132.8
Soup, vegetable .....	10 oz.	13.6	13.9	14.7	13.6	14.3	15.0	15.1	15.1	124.2
Green peas, frozen, fancy, pkg.	12 oz.	25.2	23.8	23.1	24.5	22.8	23.5	23.2	23.0	91.3(5)
Green beans, French cut, frozen, pkg. ....	10 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	27.1	27.2	27.3	N.A.(8)
Tomato juice, fancy .....	20 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	16.6	16.7	16.6	N.A.
Dairy Products -										
Milk, fresh .....	qt.	21.2	22.5	23.2	22.1	23.2	23.3	23.3	23.3	130.9
Milk, evaporated .....	16 oz.	14.8	15.7	16.2	14.9	16.2	16.1	16.1	16.1	108.6
Butter, creamery, first grade	lb.	63.5	65.7	69.2	64.3	68.9	69.1	69.6	69.9	108.2
Cheese, plain, processed .....	1/2 lb.	33.7	35.6	35.9	35.2	35.9	36.2	36.4	36.5	125.0
Cereal Products -										
Bread, plain, white, wrapped, sliced .....	lb.	13.3	14.3	14.8	14.1	14.3	15.0	15.1	15.2	150.9
Flour, white, all purpose ....	lb.	7.6	7.9	8.0	7.9	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.1	116.2
Cake mix, white, only liquid to be added, pkg. ....	14-16 oz.	32.9	33.2	32.6	33.3	33.1	32.1	32.0	31.9	100.1
Corn flakes, pkg. ....	8 oz.	17.4	18.3	19.7	17.4	19.4	19.8	19.8	19.8	140.2
Macaroni, dry, pkg. ....	lb.	17.2	17.5	18.3	17.4	18.2	18.3	18.3	18.3	133.2
Fats -										
Margarine .....	lb.	33.1	33.9	32.5	34.4	33.4	31.9	31.8	31.9	99.0
Shortening .....	lb.	30.6	32.7	33.4	31.9	33.1	33.2	32.8	33.3	103.2
Lard, pure .....	lb.	21.8	25.6	24.3	25.3	25.1	23.5	23.1	22.5	95.9
Salad dressing, jar .....	16 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	44.7	44.8	44.8	N.A.
Eggs -										
Eggs, fresh, grade A large ...	doz.	63.2	56.0	57.9	52.4	54.1	63.8	56.5	55.0	89.4
Miscellaneous Groceries -										
Sugar, granulated .....	lb.	9.3	12.3	10.6	10.7	11.7	9.9	9.9	10.0	108.4
Jam, Strawberry, 2 lb. jar (24 fl. oz.) with pectin & pure	lb.	25.8	28.0	27.3	27.3	27.4	27.2	27.2	27.2	117.3
Peanut butter, plain, jar ....	16 oz.	38.9	38.6	38.6	38.7	38.9	38.2	38.3	38.5	106.1
Pickles, sweet, mixed, jar ...	16 oz.	34.1	35.0	34.9	34.8	35.0	34.8	34.7	34.7	124.8
Infant's food, vegetable, tin	5 oz.	9.7	10.0	10.5	9.7	10.3	10.5	10.5	10.5	126.5
Tea, black, pkg. ....	1/2 lb.	62.8	61.6	60.2	63.2	60.6	60.2	60.1	59.8	122.1
Tea bags, orange pekoe, pkg. .	60-bag	N.A.	82.3	80.9	83.5	81.3	80.0	79.9	80.0	N.A.
Coffee, medium quality, pkg. .	lb.	112.9	102.6	87.9	116.4	92.5	83.7	83.4	81.1	130.3
Coffee, instant, dried, jar ..	6 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	129.7	N.A.	137.9	126.3	126.1	125.4	N.A.
Jelly powders, flavoured, pkg.	3 oz.	9.7	10.2	10.0	10.1	10.0	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.	59.7	59.8(R)	59.8	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				
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
1958 .....	112.0	122.9	125.3	125.5	125.5	128.6	123.0	122.0	121.4	125.6
<u>1955</u> 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
September	112.5	123.1	125.7	126.1	125.7	128.7	123.3	123.0	121.8	126.0
October	112.7	123.7	126.2	126.6	126.4	128.9	123.5	123.1	122.4	126.7
November	112.6	124.3	126.7	127.2	126.5	129.4	123.8	123.0	122.7	127.5
December	112.6	124.3	126.7	126.9	126.5	129.1	124.0	122.7	122.5	127.8
<u>1959</u> January	112.6	124.8	126.7	126.5	126.4	128.9	123.6	122.8	122.5	128.1

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

(1949 = 100)

	St. John's Nfld. 1.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saskatoon- Regina	Edmonton- Calgary	Van- couver
<b>Food Index</b>										
<u>1956</u> 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
September	110.8	116.7	120.3	126.4	121.7	122.3	121.7	122.9	119.3	123.0
October	110.0	117.6	120.9	127.5	123.2	122.3	122.1	123.1	120.2	124.3
November	109.5	118.3	121.2	128.2	121.3	122.0	121.7	122.1	120.1	125.6
December	109.5	117.7	120.8	127.1	120.8	120.7	121.8	120.2	119.1	124.4
<u>1959</u> January	109.7	117.7	120.9	127.0	120.8	120.5	121.7	120.8	119.4	124.1
<b>Shelter Index</b>										
<u>1957</u> 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	145.9	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
September	114.2	131.5	135.0	142.8	145.5	153.9	130.3	121.5	125.1	137.5
October	114.2	131.5	135.4	142.9	145.8	153.9	130.4	121.5	125.1	137.6
November	114.2	131.8	135.4	143.0	146.4	154.0	131.0	121.5	125.1	137.8
December	114.2	132.2	135.4	143.0	146.6	154.0	131.1	122.2	125.2	137.9
<u>1959</u> January	114.2	132.3	135.5	143.0	146.8	154.0	131.1	122.4	125.3	137.9

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
<u>Clothing Index</u>										
<u>1957</u> 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
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
September	103.4	114.7	116.7	107.0	111.4	113.3	115.2	118.7	114.4	113.1
October	103.6	114.9	116.7	107.3	111.8	113.4	115.5	118.7	115.7	114.5
November	103.3	116.0	116.7	107.8	113.0	113.7	116.6	118.7	115.7	114.7
December	103.3	116.7	117.3	107.9	113.1	113.7	116.9	118.9	115.8	114.8
<u>1959</u> January	102.8	117.5	117.3	105.8	111.8	112.2	114.6	118.9	115.3	113.4
<u>Household Operation Index</u>										
<u>1957</u> 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
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
September	108.4	125.5	121.4	118.2	118.7	120.9	117.8	123.2	120.8	128.2
October	108.4	126.5	122.5	118.7	119.2	121.0	117.9	123.2	121.0	128.3
November	108.7	126.4	122.6	118.6	119.5	122.0	118.0	123.3	121.0	128.7
December	108.7	126.5	122.7	119.2	120.4	122.5	118.2	123.6	121.2	128.9
<u>1959</u> January	108.7	127.3	122.6	118.1	120.5	122.4	118.0	123.5	121.5	132.2
<u>Other Commodities and Services Index</u>										
<u>1957</u> 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
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
September	122.0	131.6	137.4	131.9	132.0	134.1	129.2	125.8	128.1	130.0
October	123.9	131.8	137.6	132.1	132.3	134.6	129.5	126.1	128.5	130.2
November	124.0	132.7	138.6	133.2	133.5	136.2	130.2	127.0	130.0	131.5
December	124.0	132.7	138.7	133.2	133.4	136.3	130.5	127.0	130.1	133.7
<u>1959</u> January	124.0	133.7	138.6	133.3	133.3	136.2	130.5	126.8	129.6	133.5

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	67.47	54.11	161.8	129.7	124.7
Aug. 1	66.86	53.40	160.3	128.0	125.2
Sept. 1	66.58	53.01	159.6	127.1	125.6
Oct. 1	66.91	53.10	160.4	127.3	126.0
Nov. 1	67.52	53.46	161.9	128.2	126.3
Dec. 1	68.38(p)	54.18(p)	163.9(p)	129.9(p)	126.2

(1) For statement of uses and limitations see "Prices &amp; 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	223.8	211.3	191.9	501.4	212.7	238.7
1955 - August .....	241.8	199.8	203.3	177.2	465.5	203.8	226.6
1956 - August .....	255.9	209.7	210.7	184.7	512.5	206.2	236.0
1957 - April .....	260.1	223.8	212.0	191.9	523.9	213.5	241.5
- August .....	259.1	224.5	209.7	191.9	526.4	216.0	241.9
1958 - January .....	251.2	236.1	212.2	191.9	470.3	215.2	236.8
- April .....	262.7	236.9	213.1	191.9	535.2	217.8	244.7
- August .....	262.9	237.2	213.7	191.9	534.0	218.0	244.9
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	224.6	209.4	186.4	493.4	210.5	240.7
1955 - August .....	243.5	197.4	203.3	168.4	441.6	201.3	226.6
1956 - August .....	259.9	209.7	209.5	178.8	495.6	203.7	237.4
1957 - April .....	262.8	224.6	210.8	186.4	498.6	211.0	242.1
- August .....	261.1	225.1	206.5	186.4	503.4	214.3	242.4
1958 - January .....	257.4	237.9	207.3	186.4	482.4	213.6	239.9
- April .....	262.7	239.3	209.2	186.4	503.0	216.3	244.1
- August .....	263.6	239.6	209.2	186.4	508.0	217.1	245.0
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	223.5	213.3	196.5	512.7	214.9	236.6
1955 - August .....	240.2	200.7	203.4	184.8	499.4	206.3	226.6
1956 - August .....	251.8	209.7	211.8	189.8	536.6	208.7	234.6
1957 - April .....	257.5	223.5	213.2	196.5	559.9	216.0	240.9
- August .....	257.1	224.2	212.9	196.5	559.0	217.8	241.4
1958 - January .....	245.0	235.4	216.9	196.5	453.1	216.8	233.7
- April .....	262.7	236.0	216.9	196.5	581.0	219.2	245.3
- August .....	262.1	236.2	218.1	196.5	571.0	219.0	244.9

(a) 1958 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		
	1958	1958	1959	1958	1958	1959	1958	1958	1959
	Jan. \$	Dec. \$	Jan. \$	Jan. \$	Dec. \$	Jan. \$	Jan. \$	Dec. \$	Jan. \$
1. Corn, cracked	3.70	3.73	3.71	3.93	4.02	4.08	3.41	3.56	3.55
2. Oats, unground	2.76	2.84	2.86	2.93	3.05	3.07	2.72	2.84	2.89
3. Barley, ground	2.72	2.81	2.86	2.89	3.00	3.02	2.67	2.77	2.88
4. Wheat, unground	2.86	2.99	3.03	3.13	3.25	3.27	2.77	2.92	2.99
5. Bran	2.38	2.60	2.68	2.24	2.58	2.68	2.25	2.55	2.66
6. Shorts	2.51	2.74	2.79	2.39	2.75	2.80	2.41	2.72	2.80
7. Middlings	2.76	3.03	3.06	2.74	3.09	3.10	2.70	3.04	3.06
8. Linseed oil meal	4.50	4.40	4.51	4.61	4.65	4.67	4.27	4.26	4.31
9. Soybean oil meal	4.33	4.68	4.75	4.49	4.82	4.92	4.10	4.40	4.56
10. Calf starter (20-24%)	5.10	5.16	5.18	5.14	5.06	5.08	4.74	4.81	4.88
11. Dairy ration (16%)	3.42	3.49	3.54	3.43	3.55	3.59	3.30	3.40	3.45
12. Dairy supplement (24%) (East)	4.05	4.21	4.31	4.15	4.30	4.35	4.02	4.18	4.33
13. Dairy supplement (32%) (West)	4.96	5.03	5.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
14. Pig starter mash	4.35	4.48	4.50	4.28	4.52	4.52	4.05	4.19	4.24
15. Hog concentrate (35%)	5.21	5.67	5.70	5.81	5.72	5.76	5.20	5.82	5.84
16. Hog grower mash	3.50	3.64	3.67	3.59	3.73	3.78	3.38	3.56	3.60
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%)	4.59	4.70	4.71	4.68	4.85	4.89	4.28	4.43	4.48
18. Growing mash	4.02	4.15	4.18	3.98	4.19	4.23	3.99	4.13	4.19
19. Laying mash (17-20%)	4.11	4.28	4.29	4.18	4.37	4.39	4.02	4.25	4.31
20. Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	4.87	5.07	5.06	4.84	5.09	5.09	4.79	5.11	5.12
21. Turkey growing mash	4.49	4.66	4.65	4.58	4.73	4.79	4.42	4.66	4.65

ITEM	ONTARIO			PRAIRIES			BRITISH COLUMBIA		
	1958	1958	1959	1958	1958	1959	1958	1958	1959
	Jan. \$	Dec. \$	Jan. \$	Jan. \$	Dec. \$	Jan. \$	Jan. \$	Dec. \$	Jan. \$
1. Corn, cracked	3.48	3.43	3.42	5.22	4.95	4.95	4.12	4.14	4.09
2. Oats, unground	2.75	2.83	2.82	2.47	2.45	2.49	2.88	2.95	2.98
3. Barley, ground	2.73	2.81	2.84	2.48	2.55	2.55	2.84	2.94	2.96
4. Wheat, unground	2.82	2.96	2.99	2.66	2.66	2.69	2.97	3.11	3.14
5. Bran	2.37	2.64	2.80	2.62	2.70	2.69	2.46	2.50	2.50
6. Shorts	2.50	2.83	2.92	2.68	2.74	2.74	2.57	2.62	2.62
7. Middlings	2.78	3.10	3.16	2.65	2.80	2.84	2.92	2.94	2.93
8. Linseed oil meal	4.21	4.20	4.37	4.84	4.63	4.62	4.90	4.57	4.81
9. Soybean oil meal	4.15	4.49	4.54	4.92	5.48	5.50	4.58	4.85	4.94
10. Calf starter (20-24%)	4.87	4.98	5.02	5.05	5.13	5.11	6.14	6.27	6.20
11. Dairy ration (16%)	3.50	3.59	3.64	3.37	3.36	3.46	3.50	3.54	3.58
12. Dairy supplement (24%)	4.03	4.20	4.28	-	-	-	-	-	-
13. Dairy supplement (32%)	-	-	-	4.85	4.95	4.91	5.12	5.15	5.18
14. Pig starter mash	4.47	4.62	4.64	4.81	4.87	4.85	4.10	4.23	4.21
15. Hog concentrate (35%)	5.02	5.58	5.71	5.19	5.61	5.57	5.75	5.73	5.73
16. Hog grower mash	3.46	3.62	3.65	3.43	3.54	3.55	3.76	3.79	3.81
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%)	4.67	4.82	4.85	4.83	4.84	4.82	4.64	4.69	4.67
18. Growing mash	3.96	4.14	4.17	4.06	4.15	4.17	4.12	4.16	4.14
19. Laying mash (17-20%)	4.05	4.23	4.24	4.24	4.38	4.34	4.09	4.20	4.22
20. Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	4.69	4.98	4.99	4.97	5.06	5.05	5.08	5.12	5.07
21. Turkey growing mash	4.56	4.79	4.83	4.35	4.53	4.54	4.60	4.60	4.54

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

(1935-39=100)

INVESTORS' INDEX										
Number of Stocks	INVESTORS' TOTAL (93)	TOTAL INDUS- TRIALS (73)	Machin- ery and Equip- ment (10)	Pulp and Paper (9)	Mill- ing (2)	Oils (5)	Tex- tiles and Cloth- ing (7)	Food and Allied Pro- ducts (13)	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>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
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
Sept. ...	255.0	264.9	651.4	955.2	152.8	225.6	174.9	252.6	608.4	486.9
Oct. ...	262.1	272.8	703.1	1,005.5	176.6	224.0	180.4	260.6	623.6	493.5
Nov. ...	262.0	271.2	684.1	1,047.4	204.6	215.3	192.5	271.8	644.9	499.2
Dec. ...	259.1	266.8	673.1	1,043.0	199.2	210.0	191.6	279.6	635.2	494.0
<u>1959</u>										
Jan. ...	266.0	275.4	690.9	1,077.2	198.5	216.7	194.9	286.4	666.7	518.6
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
Jan. 1	262.5	271.3	695.5	1,041.0	202.9	214.1	194.0	282.7	651.7	501.6
Jan. 8	263.5	272.1	681.3	1,070.0	198.1	215.8	192.0	280.6	650.6	511.6
Jan. 15	268.5	278.4	703.1	1,083.8	199.5	217.8	191.6	285.5	677.3	533.0
Jan. 22	268.2	277.8	695.8	1,094.8	198.2	219.1	191.6	288.9	675.9	523.1
Jan. 29	267.5	277.5	678.7	1,096.3	193.9	216.8	205.2	294.3	678.1	523.5

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

(1935-39=100)

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS' INDEX						MINING INDEX (1)			PREFERRED STOCKS (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>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	227.8	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
Sept. ...	176.8	198.2	340.5	109.8	230.7	287.8	106.7	73.8	182.0	163.9
Oct. ...	185.8	197.2	340.9	108.6	230.1	305.0	114.4	74.7	205.1	162.7
Nov. ...	185.4	197.7	346.6	109.0	228.6	318.0	117.6	77.9	208.8	162.7
Dec. ...	180.6	195.8	341.0	108.3	226.6	328.0	116.1	80.6	197.5	159.8
<u>1959</u> Jan. ...	185.2	198.9	345.9	109.1	232.4	327.6	123.7	85.6	211.2	158.1
Weekly Index										
Jan. 1	182.1	197.1	334.2	107.8	234.5	326.2	122.2	86.8	203.4	(2)
Jan. 8	181.9	198.4	338.2	109.2	233.6	327.6	122.8	85.0	209.5	
Jan. 15	187.5	200.0	345.9	109.4	235.1	327.9	123.6	85.2	211.6	
Jan. 22	185.2	200.7	357.8	109.6	232.3	328.5	124.7	86.0	213.2	
Jan. 29	189.3	198.3	353.6	109.5	226.7	327.9	125.4	84.8	218.3	

(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.

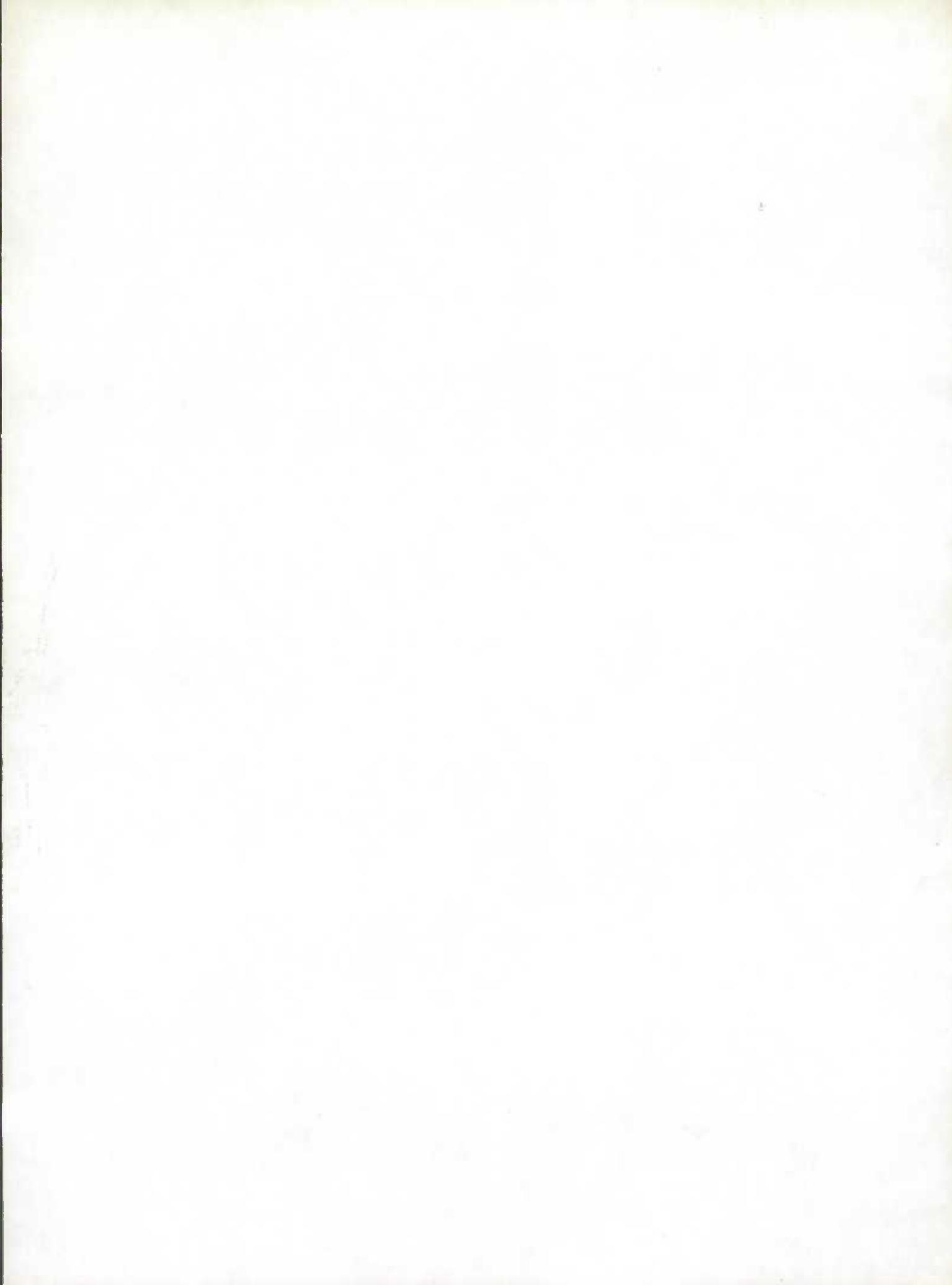
#### SECURITY PRICE INDEXES

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 93 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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Wholesale Price Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Products, (Base, 1935-39=100) .....	.25
Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials, 1926 to 1948 (Base, 1935-39=100) ..	.10
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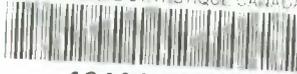








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