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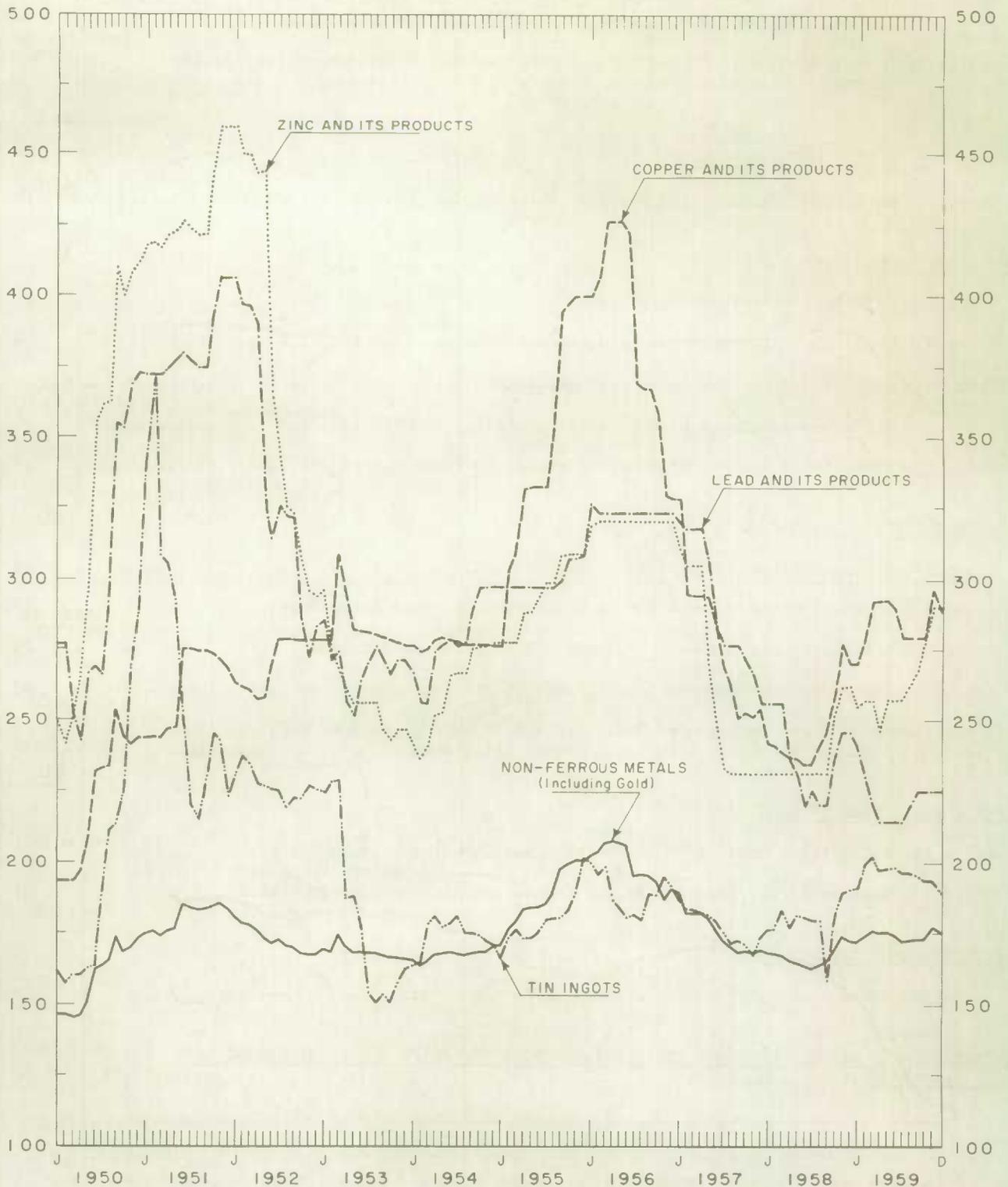
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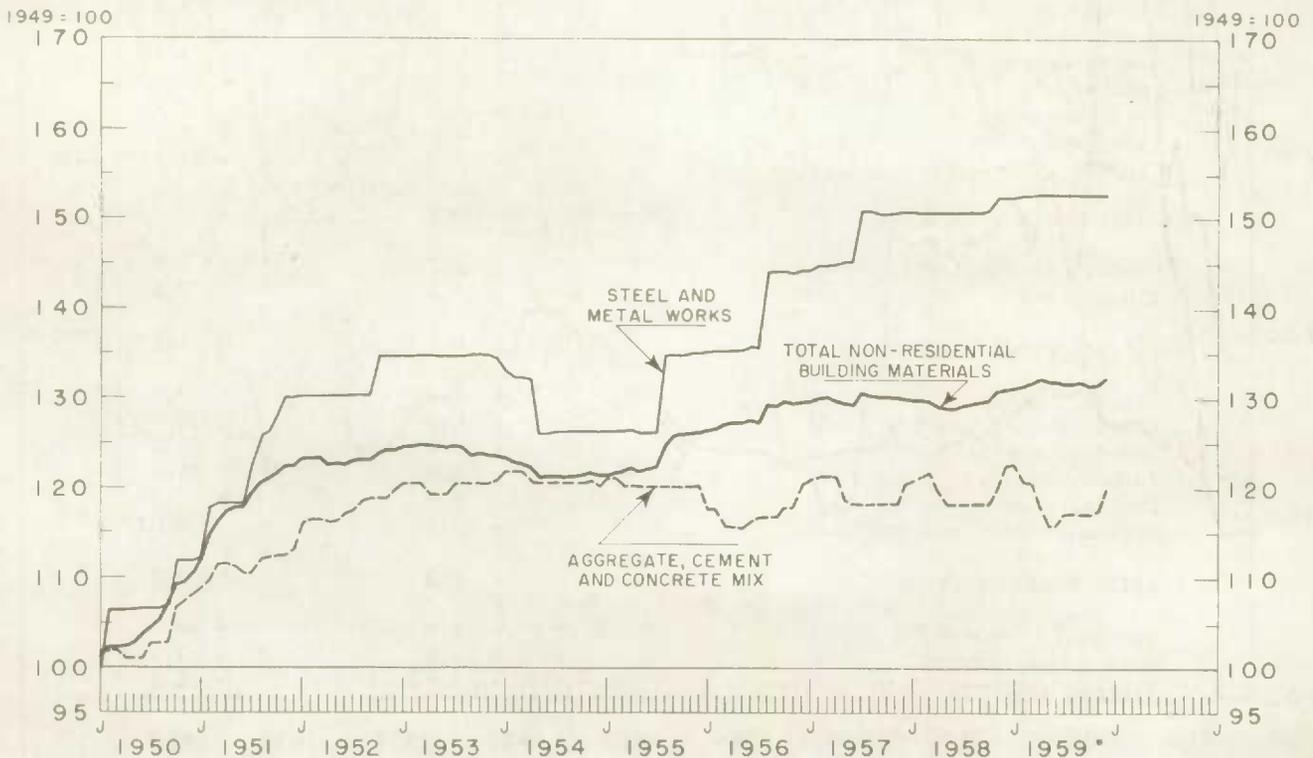
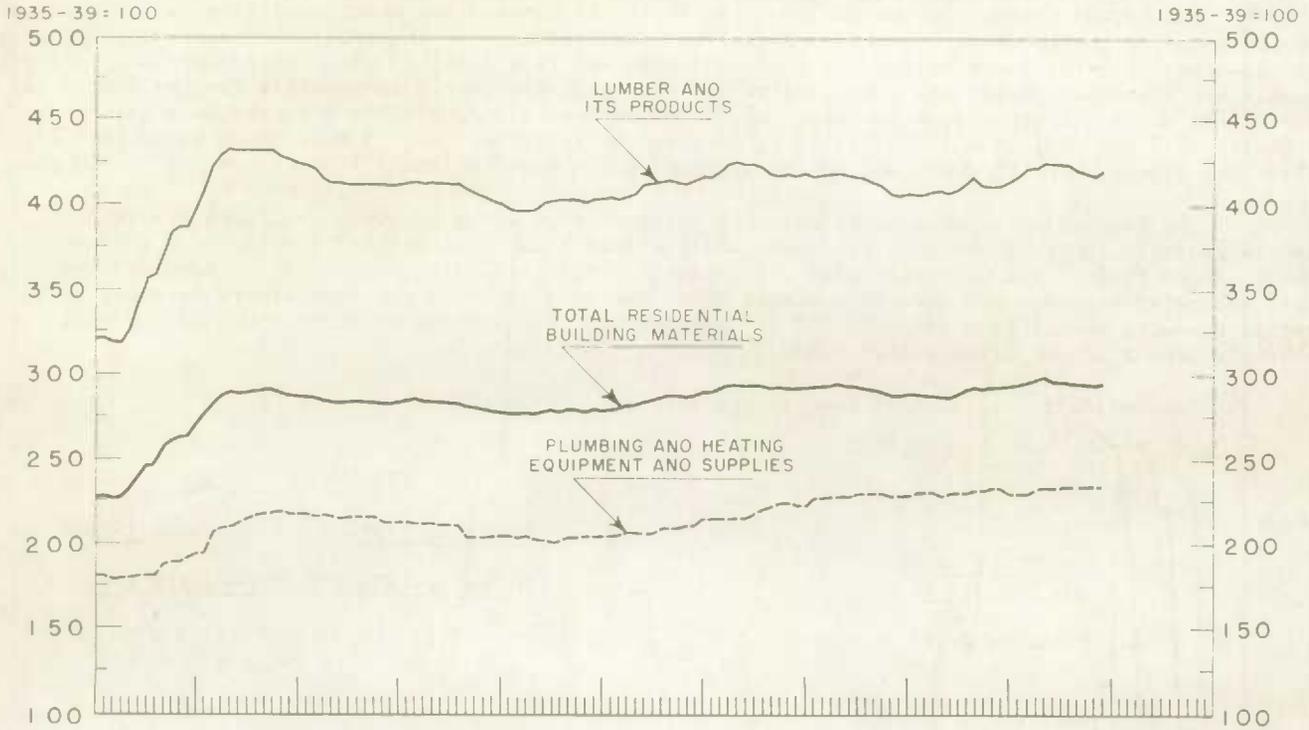
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**WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES**  
**NON-FERROUS METALS AND SELECTED COMMODITY SUB-GROUPS**  
 MONTHLY, JANUARY 1950 - DECEMBER 1959  
 1935-1939=100



# INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS AND SELECTED COMPONENTS

MONTHLY, JANUARY 1950 — DECEMBER 1959



\* 1959 FIGURES ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION

NOTES ON PRICES AND PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

GENERAL WHOLESALE INDEX:      The General Wholesale Index remained practically unchanged between November and December moving from 230.3 to 229.8. This is the first time since (1935 - 1939 = 100) 1952 that the December index was lower than November's. Four of the major groups declined, three advanced, while the remaining group, Iron Products, was unchanged.

The Animal Products group was down for the third consecutive month declining by 1.2 per cent between November and December from 250.4 to 247.4. The decline over the period September-December was 4.3 per cent. Sharply lower prices for eggs, and oils and fats combined with price decreases of lesser amounts for livestock, fresh and cured meats, and leather, were mainly responsible for the change in the current month. Lower prices for electrolytic copper and tin caused the Non-ferrous Metals group to decline 0.9 per cent from 177.4 to 175.8, marking the first decrease in this index since last July. Two groups, Wood Products and Non-metallic Minerals, eased slightly in December.

The Vegetable Products group rose 0.4 per cent from 199.5 to 200.2 as higher prices for eastern grains, livestock and poultry feeds, and raw leaf tobacco outweighed lower prices for raw rubber, fresh fruits, and vegetable oils and products. Moderate price increases for imported raw wool, cotton knit goods, and worsted and wool cloth resulted in a 0.3 per cent upward movement in the Textile Products group, from 227.6 to 228.2. Advances in the Chemical Products group were negligible, while the Iron Products group was unchanged.

The following table shows some of the more noteworthy changes:

<u>COMMODITY GROUP</u> <u>OR SUB-GROUP</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>	
	<u>December 1959</u>	<u>December 1959</u>
	<u>November 1959</u>	<u>December 1958</u>
Animal Products Group	- 1.2	- 3.0
Eggs	- 23.9	- 19.3
Oils and fats	- 6.2	- 20.4
Livestock	- 2.5	- 9.2
Meats, cured	- 1.6	- 5.2
Meats, fresh	- 1.2	- 9.4
Leather	- 0.8	+ 13.3
Fowl, dressed	+ 26.4	+ 4.3
Hides and skins	+ 4.9	+ 8.2
Fishery Products	+ 2.9	+ 3.3
Non-ferrous Metals Group	- 0.9	+ 1.8
Copper, electrolytic, domestic	- 3.2	+ 7.2
Tin	- 2.2	- 0.8
Vegetable Products Group	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
Grains, eastern	+ 6.4	+ 9.9
Livestock and poultry feeds	+ 6.3	- 7.0
Tobacco, raw leaf	+ 5.3	+ 4.0
Rubber, raw	- 8.9	+ 36.4
Fruits, fresh	- 8.4	+ 2.2
Vegetable oils and products	- 4.1	- 0.03
Textile Products Group	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Raw wool, imported	+ 3.2	+ 40.0
Knit goods, cotton	+ 1.0	+ 1.9
Worsted and wool cloth	+ 0.8	+ 1.8

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:  
(1949 = 100)

The Consumer Price Index declined 0.3 per cent from 128.3 to 127.9 between November and December 1959. A year ago the index stood at 126.2. Over the year 1959, the index averaged 126.5, or 1.1 per cent above the 1958 level of 125.1. The current month's movement was due entirely to a drop of 1.1 per cent in foods as the other four group indexes recorded little or no change. The Clothing and Other Commodities and Services indexes were both unchanged while the Shelter and Household Operation indexes were up fractionally.

The Food index moved from 123.8 to 122.4 to stand almost at the December 1958 level of 122.2. The sharpest drop in egg prices in some years accounted for most of this change, as Grade A large eggs decreased 14.4 cents to 48.3 cents a dozen - the lowest since March 1950 and the lowest December price since 1944. Imported fruits, orange juice, pork and chicken were also lower. Fresh vegetables, particularly tomatoes and cabbage, were higher.

The Shelter index increased 0.1 per cent from 142.6 to 142.7 as rents were unchanged and home-ownership rose slightly. The Clothing index was unchanged at 111.4 as price increases for footwear and a scatter of children's items were balanced by sale prices for women's winter coats. The Household Operation index rose 0.2 per cent from 123.5 to 123.7. Slightly higher prices were reported for coal, utensils and equipment, household supplies, laundry, dry cleaning, and shoe repairs. The Other Commodities and Services index, unchanged at 136.9, showed little or no price movement on most items.

TABLE 1. - SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE INDEXES

	INDEXES				PERCENTAGE CHANGES		
	Dec.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.
	1957	1958	1959	1959	1957	1958	1959
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX (1935-39=100)</u>							
<u>GENERAL INDEX (1)</u>	226.1	229.3	230.3	229.8	+ 1.6	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Vegetable Products	196.2	197.9	199.5	200.2	+ 2.0	+ 1.2	+ 0.4
Animal Products	235.8	255.2	250.4	247.4	+ 4.9	- 3.0	- 1.2
Textile Products	234.3	227.0	227.6	228.2	- 2.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.3
Wood Products	299.6	298.5	304.0	303.9	+ 1.4	+ 1.8	- .03
Iron Products	252.4	255.4	255.8	255.8	+ 1.3	+ 0.2	-
Non-ferrous Metals	169.3	172.7	177.4	175.8	+ 3.8	+ 1.8	- 0.9
Non-metallic Minerals	190.8	188.8	186.0	185.9	- 2.6	- 1.5	- .05
Chemical Products	182.8	184.5	188.0	188.1	+ 2.9	+ 2.0	+ .05
<u>CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS (1) (2)</u>							
Eastern Total	211.2	217.6	217.1	215.0	-	-	-
Western Total	221.4	235.3	237.5	234.9	-	-	-
Field	201.1	199.9	196.7	195.1	-	-	-
Animal	168.7	156.6	165.1	166.8	-	-	-
	253.7	278.7	269.1	263.1	-	-	-
<u>SELECTED PRICE INDEXES (1)</u>							
Canadian Industrial Materials	231.8	233.8	240.8	241.9	+ 4.4	+ 3.5	+ 0.5
Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	126.5	128.0	129.3	129.8	+ 2.6	+ 1.4	+ 0.4
Non-Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	130.0	131.0	131.6	132.1	+ 1.6	+ 0.8	+ 0.4
<u>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (1949=100)</u>							
<u>TOTAL INDEX</u>	123.1	126.2	128.3	127.9	+ 3.9	+ 1.3	- 0.3
Food	118.8	122.2	123.8	122.4	+ 3.0	+ 0.2	- 1.1
Shelter	136.7	139.9	142.6	142.7	+ 4.4	+ 2.0	+ 0.1
Clothing	109.9	110.5	111.4	111.4	+ 1.4	+ 0.8	-
Household Operation	120.6	122.0	123.5	123.7	+ 2.6	+ 1.4	+ 0.2
Other Commodities and Services	128.4	133.4	136.9	136.9	+ 6.6	+ 2.6	-
<u>SECURITY PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100)</u>							
<u>TOTAL INVESTORS' INDEX</u>	216.2	259.1	252.8	261.5	+ 21.0	+ 0.9	+ 3.4
Total Industrials	224.0	266.8	259.2	269.3	+ 20.2	+ 0.9	+ 3.9
Machinery and Equipment	587.9	673.1	706.3	744.7	+ 26.7	+ 10.6	+ 5.4
Pulp and Paper	808.1	1,043.0	1,123.5	1,174.5	+ 45.3	+ 12.6	+ 4.5
Milling	120.8	199.2	209.8	208.5	+ 72.6	+ 4.7	- 0.6
Oils	194.9	210.0	168.4	174.8	- 10.3	- 16.8	+ 3.8
Textiles and Clothing	151.4	191.6	206.4	209.7	+ 38.5	+ 9.4	+ 1.6
Foods	198.7	279.6	232.4	231.2	+ 16.4	- 17.3	- 0.5
Beverages	482.6	635.2	668.3	667.5	+ 38.3	+ 5.1	- 0.1
Building Materials	373.4	494.0	529.1	536.1	+ 43.6	+ 8.5	+ 1.3
Industrial Mines	151.0	180.6	197.1	210.9	+ 39.7	+ 16.8	+ 7.0
Total Utilities	173.9	195.8	186.9	190.6	+ 9.6	- 2.7	+ 2.0
Transportation	272.5	341.0	295.7	296.3	+ 8.7	- 13.1	+ 0.2
Telephone	102.4	108.3	110.9	114.9	+ 12.2	+ 6.1	+ 3.6
Power and Traction	198.4	226.6	208.7	210.5	+ 6.1	- 7.1	+ 0.9
Banks	234.9	328.0	342.5	347.2	+ 47.8	+ 5.9	+ 1.4
<u>MINING STOCKS</u>							
General Index	89.4	116.1	112.6	112.8	+ 26.2	- 2.8	+ 0.2
Gold	60.0	80.6	82.6	82.3	+ 37.2	+ 2.1	- 0.4
Base Metals	156.8	197.5	181.3	182.8	+ 16.6	- 7.4	+ 0.8

(1) All 1959 indexes are subject to revision.

(2) Percentages not shown since Canadian Farm Products indexes subsequent to July 1958 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	169.2	258.0	213.6
1958 .....	227.8	233.0	209.3	238.3	229.8	166.3	274.5	220.4
1957 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	167.2	271.3	219.2
Sept. ...	227.0	235.6	206.9	238.8	236.8	166.6	263.8	215.2
Oct. ...	225.0	235.1	203.6	237.4	232.5	166.2	248.6	207.4
Nov. ...	224.1	233.9	203.3	236.1	228.9	167.7	245.7	206.7
Dec. ...	226.1	234.8	206.0	237.2	231.8	168.7	253.7	211.2
1958 Jan. ...	227.0	234.6	207.8	237.9	231.8	171.0	259.6	215.3
Feb. ...	227.8	234.2	209.3	238.2	231.7	173.0	268.4	220.7
Mar. ...	228.3	233.7	210.6	238.3	230.7	181.7	272.9	227.3
Apr. ...	228.1	232.5	209.9	238.6	227.9	178.9	279.9	229.4
May ...	228.3	231.7	210.6	238.5	226.7	171.2	288.3	229.8
June ...	227.6	231.3	209.4	238.0	227.3	169.1	286.4	227.7
July ...	227.3	231.2	208.7	237.8	229.4	172.6	279.3	226.0
Aug. ...	227.0	231.8	207.5	238.0	229.1	156.5	275.2	215.9
Sept. ...	227.4	233.1	207.8	238.4	228.3	155.2	266.9	211.1
Oct. ...	227.2	233.3	207.8	238.1	228.2	154.3	269.3	211.8
Nov. ...	228.8	234.8	211.4	238.7	233.1	155.2	269.1	212.1
Dec. ...	229.3	234.4	211.3	239.4	233.8	156.6	278.7	217.6
1959 Jan. ...	229.7	235.0	210.5	240.6	234.0	156.6	278.7	217.7
Feb. ...	230.8	236.3	212.1	241.3	236.0	155.6	274.0	214.8
Mar. ...	230.8	236.6	212.0	241.1	237.7	155.4	269.5	212.4
Apr. ...	231.2	236.4	211.8	241.9	240.4	156.4	271.0	213.7
May ...	231.2	236.6	212.3	242.0	241.4	166.5	271.0	218.8
June ...	230.7	236.6	211.6	241.6	241.7	173.1	270.6	221.9
July ...	231.0	236.2	211.6	242.1	240.3	172.6	272.8	222.7
Aug. ...	230.8	236.2	211.1	242.2	242.6	169.0	274.9	221.9
Sept. ...	230.9	236.1	210.5	242.5	243.7	161.0	277.0	219.0
Oct. ...	230.1	236.0	208.4	242.3	242.0	163.0	267.9	215.4
Nov. ...	230.3	236.6	210.2	241.6	240.8	165.1	269.1	217.1
Dec. ...	229.8	236.4	208.2	241.6	241.9	166.8	263.1	215.0

(1) Indexes August 1957 - July 1958 are final with inclusion of final participation payments for Western Wheat, announced June 5th, 1959. Subsequent indexes are subject to revision. Please see note page 30 for details concerning Western grain prices, and specific publications wherein final indexes for earlier years may be found.

(2) Earlier years available on request for this index which is the General Wholesale less Animal and Vegetable Products component groups.

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	
1958	Average ..	227.8	198.1	174.0	151.0	184.8	210.8	206.3	196.7	168.3
1958	Aug. ....	227.0	198.0	175.1	151.6	189.0	210.5	203.2	196.3	165.2
	Sept. ....	227.4	198.2	176.3	151.6	175.8	213.7	215.1	197.2	165.2
	Oct. ....	227.2	196.9	174.1	151.6	185.2	213.7	219.3	200.5	162.5
	Nov. ....	228.8	198.8	173.5	151.6	192.8	213.7	231.6	217.5	162.5
	Dec. ....	229.3	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
	Feb. ....	230.8	198.7	181.3	154.6	215.7	215.3	161.1	217.5	162.5
	Mar. ....	230.8	199.3	180.9	155.8	210.0	215.3	161.6	230.5	164.9
	Apr. ....	231.2	200.2	179.9	155.8	228.9	215.3	169.8	234.7	165.8
	May ....	231.2	201.2	180.9	155.8	202.5	215.3	167.8	234.7	167.2
	June ....	230.7	200.0	179.6	157.3	173.7	215.3	169.5	234.7	170.0
	July ....	231.0	199.0	178.2	157.0	173.7	215.3	163.3	236.5	169.3
	Aug. ....	230.8	199.3	178.7	158.1	169.9	215.3	171.3	236.5	173.8
	Sept. ....	230.9	197.7	177.6	158.5	175.6	215.3	176.0	232.0	175.1
	Oct. ....	230.1	198.6	177.7	158.6	173.7	215.6	180.4	230.9	176.3
	Nov. ....	230.3	199.5	178.6	158.7	179.3	215.6	174.5	230.9	179.1
	Dec. ....	229.8	200.2	180.4	158.8	190.6	215.6	159.9	231.8	179.1

## - VEGETABLE PRODUCTS - Concluded

Date	General Whole- Sale Index	- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS - Concluded							
		Vege- table Oils and Pro- ducts	Rubber and Its Pro- ducts	Sugar and Its Pro- ducts	Tea, Coffee and Cocoa	Pota- toes	Onions	Canned Vege- tables	Raw Leaf To- bacco
1958	Average ..	290.9	196.9	158.9	396.9	189.7	225.8	197.4	200.4
1958	Aug. ....	288.8	197.2	153.9	403.6	170.5	195.2	199.0	200.1
	Sept. ....	289.8	198.4	154.6	395.9	163.0	205.2	199.0	200.1
	Oct. ....	286.9	200.1	154.3	383.1	153.9	214.5	188.0	200.1
	Nov. ....	298.7	201.1	154.1	396.7	164.0	219.3	191.6	200.1
	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
	Feb. ....	290.6	199.6	150.1	358.2	155.7	340.4	191.6	204.2
	Mar. ....	296.4	200.4	148.8	361.9	148.1	437.3	198.0	203.9
	Apr. ....	306.2	203.5	144.7	356.7	153.4	501.6	198.0	205.6
	May ....	305.8	209.3	145.8	358.9	247.4	371.1	201.2	201.2
	June ....	299.1	207.6	141.6	354.4	308.6	291.8	201.2	201.2
	July ....	292.2	208.3	139.8	348.7	314.2	268.2	202.9	201.2
	Aug. ....	300.5	211.5	139.1	343.4	294.5	277.1	205.2	201.2
	Sept. ....	304.2	212.4	142.0	344.7	196.1	195.2	197.0	201.2
	Oct. ....	315.5	214.4	144.2	341.1	204.6	196.6	200.0	201.2
	Nov. ....	305.8	219.4	144.2	341.6	222.6	218.1	197.8	201.2
	Dec. ....	293.2	215.2	145.2	332.9	217.6	205.6	200.5	211.8

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

(1935-39 = 100)

Date		- ANIMAL PRODUCTS -							Steers
		Total Animal Products	Fishery Products	Raw Furs	Hides and Skins	Leather, Unmanufactured	Boots and Shoes	Live-stock	
1958	Average ..	250.7	312.0	84.6	128.1	209.2	221.1	310.0	384.5
1958	Aug. ....	250.8	312.4	82.1	123.4	210.6	220.6	307.2	371.1
	Sept. ....	247.4	306.6	81.3	126.6	210.8	222.5	298.4	378.8
	Oct. ....	247.2	310.6	81.3	137.8	211.4	223.2	296.0	391.8
	Nov. ....	248.9	307.4	81.3	149.7	220.5	223.4	303.0	406.3
	Dec. ....	255.2	323.4	81.3	158.6	221.2	224.7	320.2	438.7
1959	Jan. ....	255.6	323.9	81.3	159.3	229.1	226.3	318.8	434.9
	Feb. ....	255.8	345.1	83.9	167.8	237.6	229.0	315.5	426.1
	Mar. ....	254.0	350.1	87.7	189.1	244.1	229.0	301.6	398.8
	Apr. ....	255.8	332.1	87.9	258.0	276.8	234.5	306.6	410.4
	May ....	253.8	315.4	89.5	217.3	278.0	236.3	309.3	411.3
	June ....	252.6	314.4	88.4	230.8	277.8	243.3	305.1	400.7
	July ....	257.1	321.9	88.4	250.1	283.4	243.3	311.6	417.4
	Aug. ....	256.1	318.6	88.2	240.1	283.1	244.7	312.4	428.6
	Sept. ....	258.6	321.1	85.5	231.9	282.8	246.0	317.7	438.2
	Oct. ....	252.4	321.9	85.5	201.7	275.2	247.5	297.3	412.6
	Nov. ....	250.4	324.6	85.5	163.7	252.8	247.5	298.4	416.4
	Dec. ....	247.4	334.1	85.5	171.7	250.7	246.8	290.8	384.6

## - ANIMAL PRODUCTS - Concluded

Date		Meats, Fresh	Beef and Veal Carcass	Meats, Cured	Fowl, Dressed	Milk and Its Products	Butter	Oils and Fats	Eggs
		1958	Average ..	314.8	373.4	207.8	141.1	243.6	247.3
1958	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
	Feb. ....	330.2	412.4	194.9	147.6	246.6	250.7	122.5	144.2
	Mar. ....	317.3	392.4	193.9	147.6	246.9	250.5	124.0	145.8
	Apr. ....	313.3	385.0	193.6	138.6	246.6	249.7	110.5	145.5
	May ....	312.0	382.4	191.8	141.6	245.0	248.5	111.2	139.0
	June ....	311.3	379.0	190.3	132.5	244.2	247.7	106.7	133.4
	July ....	319.2	390.9	192.3	125.3	246.3	247.7	113.2	141.2
	Aug. ....	312.6	384.6	191.1	126.5	246.6	247.5	109.1	145.1
	Sept. ....	319.9	396.8	191.0	108.4	247.2	247.9	107.2	160.7
	Oct. ....	312.0	389.1	186.2	108.4	250.0	248.4	108.1	150.8
	Nov. ....	302.4	375.2	183.1	114.4	251.5	249.2	117.0	156.2
	Dec. ....	298.7	368.1	180.1	144.6	250.4	249.9	109.8	118.9

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

(1935-39 = 100)

		- TEXTILE PRODUCTS -							
Date		Total Textile Products	Raw Cotton	Cotton Yarns	Cotton Fabrics	Cotton Knit Goods	Miscel- laneous Fibre Products	Silk and Nylon Thread	Rayon Fabrics
1958	Average ..	229.0	295.7	236.6	234.7	230.7	208.9	182.9	162.5
1958	Aug. ....	227.7	288.2	236.8	234.9	230.7	210.9	182.9	162.2
	Sept. ....	228.0	297.6	236.8	234.9	230.7	208.8	182.9	162.2
	Oct. ....	226.9	295.3	236.8	234.9	230.7	208.8	182.9	162.2
	Nov. ....	227.2	296.1	236.8	234.9	230.7	208.8	182.9	162.2
	Dec. ....	227.0	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
	Feb. ....	227.5	296.7	236.8	230.7	230.7	208.8	182.9	162.9
	Mar. ....	226.4	292.9	236.8	231.8	230.7	197.4	182.9	162.9
	Apr. ....	228.4	297.6	236.8	231.8	232.7	197.5	184.7	162.9
	May ....	228.8	294.8	236.8	231.8	232.7	197.5	184.7	162.9
	June ....	229.9	308.8	236.8	230.7	232.7	198.8	184.7	162.9
	July ....	229.8	299.3	236.8	230.7	232.7	198.8	184.7	162.9
	Aug. ....	228.7	276.9	236.8	231.4	232.7	198.8	184.7	162.9
	Sept. ....	228.3	263.5	236.8	231.3	232.7	198.8	184.7	161.9
	Oct. ....	227.7	261.3	236.0	230.6	232.7	198.8	184.7	164.0
	Nov. ....	227.6	264.0	236.0	230.6	232.7	198.8	184.7	164.0
	Dec. ....	228.2	264.7	235.2	230.4	235.0	198.8	184.7	164.0

## - 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
1958	Average ..	187.3	200.2	176.0	203.6	233.0	293.1	238.4	227.7
1958	Aug. ....	184.4	199.6	163.8	204.1	232.9	296.2	237.0	225.8
	Sept. ....	191.1	187.3	161.8	201.6	232.9	296.2	235.4	225.8
	Oct. ....	191.1	163.3	156.0	199.5	232.9	296.2	232.0	225.8
	Nov. ....	191.1	163.3	167.7	199.5	232.9	277.5	232.9	225.8
	Dec. ....	191.1	162.2	159.0	199.5	232.9	277.5	232.0	219.0
1959	Jan. ....	191.1	158.1	155.4	201.0	232.9	275.0	230.9	212.7
	Feb. ....	191.1	156.0	166.2	201.0	232.9	275.0	228.7	212.7
	Mar. ....	191.1	156.0	164.3	201.0	234.0	275.0	224.0	212.7
	Apr. ....	191.1	179.1	181.0	210.6	236.2	277.5	229.1	212.7
	May ....	191.1	197.6	192.2	214.0	236.2	277.5	229.4	212.7
	June ....	191.1	194.4	180.6	210.6	236.2	277.5	233.4	216.8
	July ....	191.1	197.2	199.4	211.5	236.2	277.5	234.4	216.8
	Aug. ....	191.1	205.0	200.1	216.5	236.2	277.5	235.0	216.8
	Sept. ....	191.1	210.1	220.1	218.0	236.2	277.5	235.2	216.8
	Oct. ....	191.1	203.6	226.5	214.6	236.2	277.5	234.6	216.8
	Nov. ....	191.1	196.3	215.8	214.6	236.2	277.5	234.4	216.8
	Dec. ....	191.1	196.3	222.6	216.1	236.2	277.5	236.2	216.8

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

(1935-39 = 100)

- WOOD PRODUCTS -											
Date	Total Wood Pro- ducts	Lumber and Timber	Spruce	Hard- woods	Hem- lock	Fir	Cedar	Wood- pulp	News- print	Wrap- ping Paper, No. 1 Kraft	
1958 Average ...	298.5	419.8	395.7	340.2	381.2	484.0	410.1	222.6	295.3	249.1	
1958 Aug. ....	297.9	424.0	393.6	339.6	381.2	490.8	462.2	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	426.1	395.5	327.9	381.2	489.0	443.0	221.9	294.2	249.1	
Feb. ....	304.6	433.7	395.0	327.9	381.2	508.8	448.4	224.5	298.5	249.1	
Mar. ....	304.2	439.0	395.0	327.9	381.2	521.3	454.7	222.6	295.3	249.1	
Apr. ....	304.2	440.0	395.0	327.9	393.9	521.0	455.8	221.5	293.4	251.4	
May ....	304.6	442.2	395.5	327.9	393.9	525.2	456.5	221.3	293.2	251.4	
June ....	304.6	444.3	396.4	327.9	393.9	528.4	462.0	220.6	292.1	251.4	
July ....	304.6	445.8	397.2	327.9	400.3	526.8	470.5	220.2	291.4	251.4	
Aug. ....	304.9	449.0	397.2	330.2	400.3	535.2	472.9	219.6	290.4	251.4	
Sept. ....	304.6	449.2	397.2	330.2	400.3	532.5	480.0	219.2	289.8	251.4	
Oct. ....	304.4	447.4	395.0	330.2	405.7	528.0	479.8	218.4	290.3	251.4	
Nov. ....	304.0	444.1	395.0	330.2	405.7	525.6	463.8	218.9	291.2	251.4	
Dec. ....	303.9	442.9	395.0	330.2	405.7	527.8	451.2	219.0	291.5	251.4	
- IRON PRODUCTS -											
	Total Iron Pro- ducts	Pig Iron	Rolling Mill Pro- ducts	Pipe and Tubing	Hard- ware	Wire	Scrap Iron and Steel	Tin Plate and Gal- vanized Sheet			
1958 Average ...	252.6	295.3	246.6	263.1	269.3	292.2	276.1	239.3			
1958 Aug. ....	251.8	295.3	246.3	263.7	269.2	292.2	262.7	238.9			
Sept. ....	252.1	295.3	246.3	263.7	269.2	292.2	262.7	238.9			
Oct. ....	252.3	295.3	246.3	263.7	269.2	292.2	265.0	239.7			
Nov. ....	255.4	295.3	248.2	263.7	269.2	292.2	313.7	240.7			
Dec. ....	255.4	295.3	248.2	263.7	269.2	292.2	316.0	240.7			
1959 Jan. ....	255.4	295.3	248.2	263.7	269.0	292.2	314.7	240.7			
Feb. ....	254.9	295.3	248.2	263.7	267.8	292.2	317.1	239.7			
Mar. ....	255.3	295.3	248.2	263.7	269.8	292.2	319.4	239.7			
Apr. ....	255.6	295.3	249.5	263.7	272.1	294.2	304.2	240.5			
May ....	255.8	295.3	249.5	265.7	272.1	294.2	304.2	240.5			
June ....	255.8	295.3	249.5	265.7	272.1	294.2	304.2	240.5			
July ....	255.8	295.3	249.5	265.7	272.1	294.2	304.2	240.5			
Aug. ....	255.9	295.3	249.5	265.7	272.1	294.2	304.2	241.0			
Sept. ....	255.9	295.3	249.5	265.7	272.1	294.2	304.2	241.0			
Oct. ....	255.9	295.3	249.5	265.7	272.1	294.2	304.2	241.0			
Nov. ....	255.8	295.3	249.5	265.7	271.1	294.2	304.2	241.8			
Dec. ....	255.8	295.3	249.5	265.7	271.1	294.2	304.2	241.8			

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

(1935-39 = 100)

- NON-FERROUS METALS -									
Date	Total Non-Ferrous Metals		Anti-mony	Copper and Its Products	Lead and Its Products	Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Products	Solder
	(1)	(2)							
1958 Average ...	167.3	224.1	160.1	246.5	237.3	223.2	179.6	238.3	196.4
1958 Aug. ....	164.2	219.2	158.4	241.2	220.1	220.2	179.6	231.4	192.7
Sept. ....	165.6	220.6	158.4	245.8	220.1	223.5	158.4	231.4	192.7
Oct. ....	169.6	228.2	165.2	258.1	235.6	225.8	181.1	252.1	192.7
Nov. ....	174.5	236.9	165.2	277.7	245.9	225.8	189.5	262.5	200.6
Dec. ....	172.7	234.2	165.2	270.3	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
Feb. ....	174.3	236.2	165.2	279.2	230.4	228.2	199.3	257.3	200.6
Mar. ....	176.2	240.0	161.8	292.3	220.1	228.9	202.2	257.3	200.6
Apr. ....	175.2	238.8	161.8	292.6	214.9	227.4	197.2	246.5	199.0
May ....	175.7	239.6	161.8	292.7	214.9	227.4	197.8	257.4	199.0
June ....	174.8	238.4	161.8	289.4	214.9	226.4	198.5	257.4	199.0
July ....	172.8	234.8	161.8	279.5	214.9	226.1	196.4	257.4	199.0
Aug. ....	173.0	235.6	161.8	279.5	220.1	225.6	196.1	262.9	199.0
Sept. ....	173.3	236.3	165.2	279.5	225.2	224.5	195.7	268.4	199.0
Oct. ....	173.5	237.0	167.0	279.5	225.2	223.8	193.8	279.3	199.0
Nov. ....	177.4	243.8	167.0	296.6	225.2	223.8	193.8	290.2	199.0
Dec. ....	175.8	241.0	167.0	288.5	225.2	224.5	189.5	290.2	199.0

## - IRON PRODUCTS AND NON-FERROUS METALS -

	Raw and Manufactured Products		Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Products			
	Combined Iron Products and Non-Ferrous Metals (2)		Combined Iron Products and Non-Ferrous Metals (2)		Iron Products Non-Ferrous Metals (2)	
1958 Average ...	240.8		249.0		249.3	245.5
1958 Aug. ....	238.2		248.7		249.1	242.5
Sept. ....	239.0		249.0		249.3	244.1
Oct. ....	242.2		249.4		249.4	249.0
Nov. ....	247.7		250.7		250.3	257.1
Dec. ....	246.6		250.6		250.3	254.9
1959 Jan. ....	245.4		250.6		250.3	255.3
Feb. ....	247.1		250.2		249.7	258.3
Mar. ....	248.9		250.7		250.0	262.6
Apr. ....	248.6		251.8		251.1	263.8
May ....	249.0		252.1		251.3	264.4
June ....	248.6		252.1		251.3	263.9
July ....	247.0		251.8		251.3	259.7
Aug. ....	247.4		251.9		251.4	259.7
Sept. ....	247.7		251.9		251.4	259.7
Oct. ....	248.0		251.9		251.4	259.7
Nov. ....	250.8		252.1		251.4	263.8
Dec. ....	249.6		252.1		251.4	263.6

(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 -							
Date	Total Non- Metallic Products	Clay and Allied Material Products	Pottery	Coal	Coal Tar	Coke	Window Glass
1958 Average ...	188.5	248.4	180.7	193.2	237.9	242.1	270.2
1958 Aug. ....	186.8	246.4	185.8	188.0	226.3	242.7	270.2
Sept. ....	187.6	253.2	185.8	190.6	226.3	241.0	270.2
Oct. ....	188.3	253.2	185.8	193.5	226.3	241.0	270.2
Nov. ....	188.3	253.2	185.8	193.6	226.3	241.0	270.2
Dec. ....	188.8	253.2	185.8	195.5	226.3	241.0	270.2
1959 Jan. ....	189.0	253.2	185.8	195.4	249.9	241.0	270.2
Feb. ....	189.0	253.2	185.8	196.2	249.9	241.0	270.2
Mar. ....	189.1	253.2	185.8	196.4	249.9	241.0	270.2
Apr. ....	187.3	253.2	185.8	196.4	264.0	241.0	272.7
May ....	185.9	253.2	185.8	191.3	264.0	239.3	272.7
June ....	185.3	253.2	185.8	189.0	249.9	239.3	272.7
July ....	186.0	253.2	185.8	190.9	249.9	241.0	272.7
Aug. ....	185.9	253.2	185.8	190.5	249.9	241.0	272.7
Sept. ....	185.8	253.2	185.8	191.0	249.9	242.7	272.7
Oct. ....	185.7	253.2	185.8	192.3	212.2	242.7	272.7
Nov. ....	186.0	253.2	185.8	193.2	212.2	242.7	272.7
Dec. ....	185.9	253.2	185.8	193.2	212.2	242.7	272.7

## - NON-METALLIC MINERALS - Continued

	Plate Glass	Petroleum Products	Gasoline	Coal Oil	Asphalt	Asphalt Shingles	Sulphur
1958 Average ...	217.0	169.7	139.6	135.4	215.1	148.4	201.8
1958 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	144.3	201.8
Nov. ....	217.0	168.3	139.6	134.4	215.1	145.6	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
Feb. ....	217.0	168.6	139.6	134.4	205.6	145.6	204.1
Mar. ....	217.0	168.6	139.6	134.4	205.6	145.6	201.9
Apr. ....	218.8	163.4	137.4	134.4	202.7	152.7	200.6
May ....	218.8	163.4	137.4	134.4	202.7	145.0	200.5
June ....	218.8	163.4	137.4	134.4	202.7	137.4	199.7
July ....	218.8	163.4	137.4	134.4	202.7	115.4	199.3
Aug. ....	218.8	163.4	137.4	134.4	202.7	115.4	198.3
Sept. ....	218.8	162.5	137.4	134.4	201.1	115.4	197.9
Oct. ....	218.8	162.5	137.4	134.4	201.1	103.7	196.9
Nov. ....	218.8	162.5	137.4	134.4	201.1	103.7	197.5
Dec. ....	218.8	162.3	137.4	134.4	201.1	103.7	197.7

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

(1935-39 = 100)

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS - Concluded										
Date	Plaster	Lime	Cement	Sand and Gravel	Crushed Stone	Build- ing Stone	Asbestos and Its Products			
1958 Average ...	136.3	211.2	163.5	151.2	165.0	207.6	304.3			
1958 Aug. ....	136.2	211.2	164.1	150.9	165.1	208.8	304.9			
Sept. ....	136.2	211.2	164.1	150.9	165.1	208.8	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			
Feb. ....	137.5	211.2	157.8	152.3	171.4	208.8	304.9			
Mar. ....	137.5	211.2	157.8	152.3	171.4	208.8	304.9			
Apr. ....	137.5	211.2	157.4	150.3	171.4	208.8	305.2			
May ....	137.5	211.2	157.4	150.3	171.4	208.8	305.2			
June ....	137.5	211.2	157.4	150.3	171.4	208.8	305.2			
July ....	137.5	211.2	162.4	150.3	171.4	208.8	305.2			
Aug. ....	137.5	211.2	162.4	150.3	171.4	208.8	305.2			
Sept. ....	137.5	211.2	162.4	152.3	171.4	208.8	305.2			
Oct. ....	137.5	211.2	162.4	152.3	171.4	208.8	302.7			
Nov. ....	137.5	211.2	162.4	152.3	171.4	208.8	302.7			
Dec. ....	137.5	211.2	162.4	152.3	171.4	208.8	302.7			
- CHEMICAL PRODUCTS -										
	Total Chemical Products	Inor- ganic Chem- icals	Or- ganic Chem- icals	Coal Tar Products	Dyeing and Tanning Mate- rials	Explo- sives	Paint, Pre- pared	Fertil- izer Mate- rials	Indus- trial Gases	Soaps and Deter- gents
1958 Average ...	183.0	149.2	166.8	186.2	211.0	144.0	214.9	159.0	146.6	216.2
1958 Aug. ....	182.6	149.5	166.6	187.4	209.3	143.6	214.9	158.4	151.6	215.1
Sept. ....	183.0	149.5	166.6	187.4	208.2	143.6	214.9	158.3	149.2	218.9
Oct. ....	183.3	149.5	166.6	187.4	208.6	143.6	214.9	158.3	148.0	218.9
Nov. ....	184.1	149.6	166.6	187.4	208.8	143.6	214.9	158.5	146.0	218.9
Dec. ....	184.5	150.0	166.6	187.4	208.9	149.0	214.9	158.5	146.0	220.3
1959 Jan. ....	185.5	152.1	168.4	187.4	207.6	149.0	219.8	158.8	142.8	220.3
Feb. ....	185.5	152.2	168.4	187.4	208.2	149.0	219.8	158.8	144.2	221.3
Mar. ....	185.8	152.2	168.4	187.4	208.6	149.0	219.9	158.7	144.3	223.8
Apr. ....	186.5	152.3	168.4	187.4	213.3	149.0	222.4	158.7	149.8	225.0
May ....	187.3	152.3	168.4	187.4	214.3	149.0	222.4	158.7	153.1	229.2
June ....	187.3	152.4	168.4	187.4	214.3	149.0	222.4	158.2	153.8	229.2
July ....	187.2	152.6	168.5	187.4	212.7	149.0	222.4	158.2	153.0	229.2
Aug. ....	187.3	152.5	168.5	187.4	212.7	149.0	222.4	157.4	156.0	229.2
Sept. ....	187.7	152.5	168.5	187.4	214.2	151.5	222.6	157.4	154.9	229.2
Oct. ....	187.9	152.5	172.2	187.4	213.9	151.5	222.6	157.6	151.1	229.2
Nov. ....	188.0	152.5	172.2	187.4	212.1	151.5	222.6	157.6	151.0	229.2
Dec. ....	188.1	152.5	172.2	187.4	212.9	151.5	222.6	157.6	150.3	229.2

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

Commodity	Unit	Yearly Average 1958	Dec. 1958	Nov. 1959	Dec. 1959
		\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>VEGETABLE PRODUCTS</b>					
Barley, No. 1 feed .....	bu.	.93	.96	.96	.96
Coffee beans, Green Santos 2/3's .....	lb.	.51	.44	.38	.38
Flour, first patent, Toronto .....	100-lb. bag	5.88	6.00	6.20	6.20
Linseed Oil, raw, Montreal .....	gal.	1.30	1.26	1.53	1.30
Oats, No. 2 C.W. ....	bu.	.778	.763	.846	.827
Potatoes, No. 1 Saint John .....	75-lb. bag	1.715	1.420	2.250	2.250
Sugar, granulated, standard, Montreal ....	100-lb. bag	7.66	7.38	6.63	6.63
Wheat, No. 2, Manitoba Northern .....	bu.	1.60	1.60	1.61	1.62
<b>ANIMAL PRODUCTS</b>					
Butter, prints, 1st. grade, Montreal .....	lb.	.64	.66	.65	.65
Eggs, grade "A", large, Montreal .....	doz.	.53	.50	.52	.41
Hides, packer, light native steers .....	lb.	.150	.180	.172	.192
Hogs, Toronto (bonus excluded) .....	100-lb.	28.44	24.50	22.65	22.69
Steers, good, Toronto .....	100-lb.	23.20	27.00	25.33	23.64
<b>TEXTILE PRODUCTS</b>					
Cotton, raw, middling, 1", New York .....	lb.	.351	.345	.313	.313
Cotton yarn, 10's, white .....	lb.	.70	.70	.70	.69
Cotton, grey Osnaburg, clean, 7 1/8 oz. ..	yd.	.34	.34	.34	.34
Rayon yarn, 36 filament, 150 denier .....	lb.	.88	.89	.89	.89
Wool, raw, Australian, 64's, clean .....	lb.	1.22	1.08	1.14	1.20
Wool, raw, Eastern, domestic .....	lb.	.40	.33	.40	.40
<b>WOOD PRODUCTS</b>					
Newsprint paper, standard, Quebec .....	2000-lb. ton	113.06	112.23	111.49	111.60
Pine, white, No. 1, 1" x 8", 8'-16' .....	1000-bd. ft.	180.00	180.00	187.00	187.00
Shingles, asphalt, 12" x 13" .....	100 sq. ft.	8.16	8.20	5.84	5.84
Spruce, merchantable, 1" x 6"-7" .....	1000-bd. ft.	84.83	85.50	85.50	85.50
<b>IRON PRODUCTS</b>					
Cast iron scrap .....	2240-lb. ton	46.66	50.00	50.00	50.00
Steel scrap, heavy melting, No. 1 1/.....	2240-lb. ton	-	-	33.26	33.26
Pig iron, foundry, silicon 2.01-2.25 .....	2240-lb. ton	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00
<b>NON-FERROUS METALS</b>					
Copper, electrolytic, domestic .....	100-lb.	25.43	28.10	30.50	30.00
Lead, pig, electrolytic, domestic .....	100-lb.	11.33	11.75	10.75	10.75
Tin, ingots, 99.8%, Montreal .....	lb.	.97	1.02	1.03	1.01
Zinc, high grade, electrolytic .....	100-lb.	10.89	12.10	13.35	13.35
<b>NON-METALLIC MINERALS</b>					
Cement, Portland, Calgary .....	350-lb.	3.05	3.14	3.19	3.19
Cement, Portland, Toronto .....	350-lb.	3.44	3.44	3.26	3.26
Coal, anthracite, U.S., stove size .....	2000-lb. ton	20.59	20.56	20.99	20.99
Gasoline, regular grade, Montreal .....	gal.	.226	.226	.223	.223
Gasoline, regular grade, Toronto .....	gal.	.228	.228	.223	.223
Gasoline, regular grade, Winnipeg .....	gal.	.224	.226	.223	.223
<b>CHEMICALS</b>					
Sodium carbonate (Soda Ash) 58 p.c. ....	100-lb.	2.45	2.51	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
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
1958	127.3	290.2	156.8	224.6	409.8	139.8	235.4	226.6	229.8	186.9	254.0
<b>1958</b>											
Jan.	126.8	289.2	154.3	222.9	407.1	140.8	248.2	226.3	228.4	193.2	254.3
Feb.	126.8	289.2	154.3	222.9	406.5	140.8	248.2	227.5	229.6	193.2	254.3
Mar.	126.8	289.0	157.0	222.9	406.5	140.2	235.4	227.5	229.6	192.4	253.7
Apr.	126.7	288.8	157.1	222.9	408.2	139.8	223.1	227.5	229.6	180.8	253.3
May	126.6	288.6	157.1	222.9	408.3	139.8	220.2	227.5	228.8	180.8	253.3
June	126.5	288.4	157.1	222.9	407.9	139.1	220.2	225.8	229.5	180.0	253.3
July	127.0	289.5	157.1	226.3	409.3	139.3	228.8	225.8	229.7	180.8	253.5
Aug.	127.9	291.6	157.1	226.3	414.0	139.3	228.9	225.8	229.7	182.1	253.5
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	411.6	139.8	242.6	225.8	230.2	188.3	253.9
Nov.	127.9	291.7	157.5	226.3	410.8	139.8	246.7	225.8	231.1	195.6	255.7
Dec.	128.0	291.9	157.9	226.3	411.3	139.8	246.7	228.7	231.1	192.9	255.7
<b>1959</b>											
Jan.	128.6	293.1	157.9	226.3	414.4	139.8	247.1	228.7	229.8	192.9	257.2
Feb.	128.8	293.7	153.9	226.3	416.5	139.8	247.1	228.7	229.8	197.5	254.8
Mar.	129.8	295.9	153.1	226.3	421.0	139.8	250.8	228.7	229.8	201.5	254.9
Apr.	130.1	296.7	153.0	227.7	421.1	141.9	256.3	228.7	230.7	203.2	256.8
May	130.7	298.1	151.4	228.4	424.9	141.4	250.6	228.7	231.1	203.3	256.8
June	130.5	297.6	151.4	228.4	424.0	141.4	248.2	228.7	231.1	203.3	256.8
July	130.7	297.9	154.7	228.4	424.2	141.2	231.5	228.7	232.8	205.2	256.8
Aug.	130.5	297.6	154.7	228.4	423.5	141.2	231.5	228.7	232.8	205.3	257.7
Sept.	130.2	296.8	154.7	228.4	421.0	141.2	237.9	230.6	232.8	206.1	257.7
Oct.	129.7	295.7	154.7	228.4	419.6	141.2	228.7	230.6	232.8	201.0	257.7
Nov.	129.3	294.8	154.7	228.4	417.7	141.2	222.3	230.6	232.8	200.6	258.3
Dec.	129.8	295.9	154.7	228.4	420.4	141.2	220.2	230.6	232.8	200.6	258.5

\* 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)

Date	Total Index	- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -					
		Aggregate, Cement and Concrete Mix	Blocks, Brick and Stone	Tile	Lumber and Lumber Products	Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Materials
1950 .....	105.0	103.2	104.3	104.9	110.3	103.0	105.8
1951 .....	118.6	111.3	113.0	110.6	128.3	115.7	125.4
1952 .....	123.2	117.4	119.7	115.5	127.9	121.3	121.7
1953 .....	124.4	120.2	125.9	117.1	127.8	119.2	119.6
1954 .....	121.8	120.9	127.0	120.6	124.5	115.2	117.6
1955 .....	123.4	120.3	127.0	120.3	127.5	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 .....	129.8	119.6	135.7	118.2	126.8	123.8	114.0
1958 July .....	129.4	118.2	136.5	118.1	126.7	123.7	112.7
Aug. ....	129.5	118.2	136.6	118.1	128.1	123.8	113.1
Sept. ....	129.7	118.2	136.6	118.1	128.4	123.7	114.4
Oct. ....	129.8	118.2	136.6	118.9	127.5	123.9	115.2
Nov. ....	130.8	119.9	136.5	118.9	126.8	125.7	116.4
Dec. ....	131.0	122.6	136.5	118.9	126.6	125.6	116.0
1959 Jan. ....	131.2	122.8	136.6	118.9	127.6	125.6	116.0
Feb. ....	131.3	120.8	137.4	118.1	128.5	125.2	117.8
Mar. ....	131.7	120.6	137.1	118.1	130.4	125.6	118.4
Apr. ....	132.1	118.0	137.4	118.1	130.9	126.1	120.4
May ....	131.9	115.8	137.4	117.8	132.3	126.2	120.4
June ....	131.9	115.8	137.4	117.9	132.6	126.2	120.4
July ....	131.8	117.3	137.4	118.7	132.7	126.0	120.4
Aug. ....	131.8	117.3	137.4	118.7	132.7	126.2	120.6
Sept. ....	131.9	117.3	137.4	118.7	132.4	126.2	121.2
Oct. ....	131.5	117.3	137.4	118.7	131.6	126.2	121.2
Nov. ....	131.6	117.7	137.4	118.5	130.9	126.4	122.1
Dec. ....	132.1	120.0	137.1	118.5	130.9	126.4	121.6
		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 .....	150.9	155.1		118.5	123.3	145.3	93.7
1958 July .....	150.6	155.0		118.2	122.1	145.2	93.7
Aug. ....	150.6	155.0		118.1	120.2	145.2	93.7
Sept. ....	150.6	155.0		118.2	120.2	145.2	93.7
Oct. ....	150.7	155.0		118.3	120.3	145.2	93.7
Nov. ....	152.3	155.0		118.3	121.1	145.2	93.7
Dec. ....	152.3	155.0		118.5	121.1	146.1	93.7
1959 Jan. ....	152.3	154.9		118.6	124.2	146.1	93.7
Feb. ....	152.4	154.2		118.4	123.8	146.2	93.7
Mar. ....	152.4	155.3		118.7	128.0	146.2	93.7
Apr. ....	152.6	156.6		120.2	132.8	146.2	93.7
May ....	152.6	156.6		120.0	130.0	146.2	93.7
June ....	152.6	156.6		119.9	128.0	146.2	93.7
July ....	152.6	156.6		120.0	116.7	146.2	93.7
Aug. ....	152.6	156.6		119.9	117.2	146.2	93.7
Sept. ....	152.6	156.6		119.9	117.2	146.5	93.7
Oct. ....	152.6	156.6		119.9	108.5	146.5	93.7
Nov. ....	152.6	156.1		119.9	108.9	146.6	93.7
Dec. ....	152.6	156.1		119.9	118.4	146.5	93.7

TABLE 7. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

(1949 = 100)

	Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	House- hold Opera- tion	Other Comm- od- ities & Services
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
1959 .....	126.5	121.1	141.4	109.9	122.7	134.9
<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
February	125.7	121.2	140.2	108.8	122.0	133.4
March	125.5	120.0	140.3	109.4	122.3	133.4
April	125.4	119.3	140.5	109.6	122.6	133.7
May	125.6	118.5	141.0	109.7	122.5	134.9
June	125.9	119.1	141.5	109.2	122.5	135.4
July	125.9	119.2	141.7	109.7	122.7	134.9
August	126.4	120.5	141.9	109.7	122.6	135.3
September	127.1	122.4	142.0	109.8	123.1	135.2
October	128.0	124.2	142.4	110.5	123.4	135.5
November	128.3	123.8	142.6	111.4	123.5	136.9
December	127.9	122.4	142.7	111.4	123.7	136.9

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

(1949 = 100)

	1957	1958	1959	Dec. 1957	Dec. 1958	Oct. 1959	Nov. 1959	Dec. 1959
<u>Total Index</u>	121.9	125.1	126.5	123.1	126.2	128.0	128.3	127.9
<u>Food</u>	118.6	122.1	121.1	118.8	122.2	124.2	123.8	122.4
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	118.1	122.5	123.4	122.0	123.0	124.2	124.4	124.6
Cereal Products	132.4	135.9	138.8	133.0	137.7	139.2	139.3	139.3
Miscellaneous Groceries	126.9	122.5	118.4	123.6	120.6	117.8	117.8	117.9
<u>Shelter</u>	134.9	138.4	141.4	136.7	139.9	142.4	142.6	142.7
Rent	138.0	140.5	142.0	139.4	141.5	142.4	142.5	142.5
Home-Ownership	130.8	135.6	140.6	133.1	137.7	142.4	142.8	143.0
<u>Clothing</u>	108.5	109.7	109.9	109.9	110.5	110.5	111.4	111.4
Men's Wear	115.6	116.4	117.3	116.5	117.4	117.5	117.8	117.8
Women's Wear	96.4	97.9	96.5	98.6	98.7	96.7	97.9	97.6
Children's Wear	104.8	105.4	105.0	106.1	106.9	105.8	106.5	106.6
Footwear	131.9	133.5	137.6	132.6	133.7	140.4	141.7	142.3
Piece Goods	111.0	111.4	112.0	111.5	112.0	112.4	112.4	112.4
<u>Household Operation</u>	119.6	121.0	122.7	120.6	122.0	123.4	123.5	123.7
Fuel (Excluding Electricity)	118.9	117.5	118.5	119.7	117.4	119.3	119.5	119.7
Coal	124.2	124.2	125.2	126.5	124.7	125.3	125.4	125.8
Fuel Oil	113.5	107.0	108.6	110.7	105.3	108.9	108.9	108.9
Domestic Gas	106.3	106.1	106.5	106.3	106.2	110.4	111.1	111.1
Electricity	115.2	115.7	116.8	114.9	116.7	116.8	116.8	116.8
Home Furnishings	115.3	116.8	117.0	116.3	117.2	117.6	117.6	117.7
Appliances	95.4	96.5	94.6	96.3	97.2	94.4	94.4	94.4
Furniture	119.5	121.4	122.2	120.3	121.3	123.0	123.0	123.2
Utensils and Equipment	130.4	133.0	135.7	131.9	134.1	137.3	137.5	137.7
Supplies and Services	127.1	130.2	134.8	128.5	132.7	135.6	135.8	136.2
Supplies	119.2	123.0	127.6	121.1	125.6	128.8	129.2	129.4
Services	132.5	135.2	139.7	133.5	137.5	140.3	140.4	140.8
Telephone Rates	137.9	138.9	147.6	138.0	144.8	147.7	147.9	147.9
Shoe Repairs	131.8	135.4	140.3	134.4	136.3	143.1	143.1	144.5
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	126.1	130.9	134.9	128.4	133.4	135.5	136.9	136.9
Transportation	129.9	133.8	138.4	132.6	139.0	137.1	140.4	140.5
Automobile Operation	119.3	121.2	122.9	121.7	124.8	120.1	125.5	125.6
New Passenger Cars	119.7	121.6	127.1	124.2	131.0	120.9	136.5	136.5
Gasoline	112.2	110.8	107.6	111.9	111.1	104.6	104.6	104.9
Local Transportation	165.0	173.8	185.6	167.8	185.0	186.1	186.1	186.1
Street Car and Bus Fares	172.2	181.6	194.3	175.0	194.0	194.8	194.8	194.8
Recreation	129.8	138.4	141.7	132.4	140.0	141.6	143.3	143.3
Theatre Admissions	154.5	160.6	165.3	158.1	162.9	165.5	169.7	169.7
Newspapers	134.7	160.2	163.6	138.7	160.8	163.6	163.6	163.6
Health Care	142.6	150.1	154.5	145.8	153.1	156.1	156.3	156.3
Hospital Rates	184.0	197.1	204.7	187.5	203.2	205.5	205.5	205.5
Doctors' Fees	130.7	137.8	141.7	133.8	140.8	142.3	142.3	142.3
Dentists' Fees	138.4	145.0	149.6	141.7	148.0	152.0	152.0	152.0
Prepaid Health Care	160.7	169.4	168.5	166.8	170.2	171.7	171.7	171.7
Drugs	114.5	118.2	124.1	115.7	119.6	126.5	127.5	127.5
Tobacco and Alcoholic								
Beverages	109.4	110.6	114.0	110.4	110.8	115.8	115.8	115.8
Personal Care	127.8	134.4	140.0	131.4	136.6	142.1	143.6	143.8
Men's Haircut	156.0	159.4	169.1	158.1	161.7	174.2	177.0	177.0
Personal Supplies	116.7	123.0	126.4	119.3	124.8	127.5	127.2	127.5

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

Item	Unit	1957	1958	1959	Dec. 1957	Dec. 1958	Oct. 1959	Nov. 1959	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1959
										Price
										Relative
										1949=100
<b>Beef -</b>										
Sirloin steak .....	lb.	84.3	94.4	101.0	83.5	98.7	104.4	100.8	100.6	142.9
Round steak .....	lb.	77.9	87.9	93.0	77.1	94.0	92.9	92.9	92.9	138.6
Prime rib roast (1) .....	lb.	75.9	84.8	90.4	75.1	90.0	90.7	89.6	90.1	134.3
Blade roast (2) .....	lb.	52.0	61.5	65.1	51.9	66.5	63.6	63.0	64.3	132.9
Stewing beef .....	lb.	52.6	61.3	67.0	53.1	65.6	66.4	66.8	66.8	143.3
Hamburg .....	lb.	37.9	46.4	49.8	38.4	50.2	48.8	49.1	48.8	128.8
Liver, sliced .....	lb.	N.A.	N.A.	59.4	N.A.	54.3	58.2	58.0	58.0	N.A.
<b>Pork -</b>										
Shoulder roast, Boston butt, fresh.	lb.	60.5	58.2	53.3	56.1	52.6	54.3	53.2	52.9	95.7(3)
Rib chops, fresh .....	lb.	74.6	72.5	67.6	71.0	68.5	67.8	67.5 <sup>R</sup>	67.3	118.4(4)
Ham, smoked, boneless, to be cooked (6) .....	lb.	96.5	93.7	89.3	89.4	90.3	87.8	87.9	89.6	105.4(5)
Bacon, side, fancy, sliced, rind off .....	1/2 lb.	50.0	47.0	43.1	45.8	44.1	43.5	42.8	42.4	100.0
Sausage, pure pork .....	lb.	56.6	58.5	55.3	56.1	57.6	54.5	53.9	53.7	108.8
<b>Other Meats -</b>										
Veal, loin chops, rib end .....	lb.	79.6	88.1	93.2	79.6	91.7	92.9	93.5	92.8	124.9
Lamb, leg roast .....	lb.	79.2	81.3	76.6	76.6	78.1	76.8	70.9	70.8	98.3
Bologna, sliced .....	lb.	36.8	43.3	44.3	38.5	44.4	44.1	43.9	43.6	105.7
Meat loaf, canned, mainly pork, ready to eat .....	12 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	48.1	N.A.	49.9	46.8	46.3	45.9	N.A.
<b>Fish -</b>										
Salmon, canned, fancy pink .....	8 oz.	30.2	29.9	30.9	30.4	30.0	32.2	32.2	32.3	130.5
Cod fillets, frozen (7) .....	lb.	34.4	34.6	36.7	35.0	34.8	37.0	36.9	37.2	109.8(5)
<b>Poultry -</b>										
Chicken, grade A eviscerated (1 1/2 - 3 lb.) (7) .....	lb.	52.0	51.1	46.8	49.8	44.3	46.4	46.7	45.0	85.2(5)
<b>Fruits -</b>										
Bananas, yellow .....	lb.	20.7	20.5	20.3	19.8	21.0	20.4	20.3	20.2	107.7
Oranges, California, medium size (138's) .....	doz.	44.1	57.1	45.2	46.1	55.1	46.0	47.7	47.6	135.2
Apples, volume seller .....	lb.	15.2	15.0	13.1	12.9	11.3	11.6	11.3	12.0	117.2
Grapefruit, white, 96's .....	1/2 doz.	48.4	59.7	52.6	45.0	52.4	56.6	50.7	49.5	128.7
Peaches, canned, choice, halves ...	15 oz.	23.8	22.5	21.8	23.1	21.4	22.1	22.3	22.8	110.5
Pears, canned, choice .....	15 oz.	20.6	20.8	21.0	20.6	20.8	21.1	21.0	21.2	98.4
Strawberries, canned, choice .....	15 oz.	32.3	32.4	33.0	32.2	32.6	33.1	33.2	33.2	109.3
Orange juice, unsweetened .....	20 oz.	17.4	18.6	22.3	16.5	20.4	23.3	23.3	21.9	103.9
Apple juice, choice .....	20 oz.	15.0	15.2	15.8	14.7	15.5	16.0	15.9	16.0	138.6
Raisins, California and Australia .	lb.	24.9	27.6	31.1	25.8	29.7	32.2	31.6	31.3	177.6
Strawberries, frozen, fancy, pkg. .	15 oz.	44.6	42.8	41.9	43.0	42.7	41.7	41.7	41.7	89.1(5)
Orange juice, concentrate, frozen, fancy (8) .....	6 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	27.2	N.A.	29.7	27.2	27.2	27.0	N.A.

(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.

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

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Item	Unit	1957	1958	1959	Dec.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.	
					1957	1958	1959	1959	1959	1959	1959
											Relative
											1949=100
<b>Vegetables -</b>											
Potatoes, No. 1 table .....	10 lb.	42.1	45.7	48.9	39.6	39.7	43.9	50.4	52.2	149.9	
Tomatoes, fresh .....	lb.	25.3	28.2	24.8	29.8	25.4	22.4	25.5	29.8	127.5	
Lettuce, head, fresh .....	lb.	21.1	19.2	18.7	18.4	23.3	25.4	20.4	22.1	143.5	
Carrots .....	lb.	11.8	12.4	11.7	11.5	10.3	10.5	10.7	11.6	155.2	
Celery stalks, green .....	lb.	17.6	18.6	16.3	16.7	17.6	14.3	17.6	18.2	107.7	
Cabbage .....	lb.	9.0	9.5	9.4	7.4	6.8	7.1	7.3	10.0	129.8	
Onions, No. 1, cooking .....	lb.	10.0	10.1	11.4	8.4	9.7	9.4	9.3	9.7	131.7	
Turnips, Canada No. 1 .....	lb.	6.4	7.6	6.9	6.3	6.2	6.6	6.6	6.7	134.1	
Tomatoes, canned, choice .....	28 oz.	29.1	26.6	27.3	26.5	26.8	27.3	27.0	27.1	135.0	
Peas, canned, choice .....	15 oz.	17.1	16.5	16.8	16.7	16.7	16.9	16.7	16.7	114.6	
Corn, canned, cream, choice ...	20 oz.	20.7	20.9	21.4	20.8	21.1	21.5	21.3	21.4	112.0	
Beans, with pork and tomato sauce .....	15 oz.	17.6	18.1	18.5	17.8	18.3	18.6	18.3	18.4	132.8	
Soup, vegetable .....	10 oz.	13.9	14.7	15.1	14.3	15.1	15.0	15.0	14.9	122.5	
Green peas, frozen, fancy, pkg. Green beans, French cut, frozen, pkg. (8) .....	12 oz.	23.8	23.1	23.0	22.9	23.2	23.0	22.8	22.8	90.5(5)	
Tomato juice, fancy .....	10 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	27.2	N.A.	27.2	26.7	26.3	26.4	N.A.	
	20 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	16.2	N.A.	16.7	15.9	15.9	15.7	N.A.	
<b>Dairy Products -</b>											
Milk, fresh .....	qt.	22.5	23.2	23.4	23.2	23.3	23.7	23.7	23.7	133.1	
Milk, evaporated .....	16 oz.	15.7	16.2	16.0	16.2	16.1	15.8	16.1	16.2	109.3	
Butter, creamery, first grade .	lb.	65.7	69.2	69.6	68.4	69.6	69.4	69.5	69.8	108.0	
Cheese, plain, processed .....	1/2 lb.	35.6	35.9	36.5	35.9	36.4	36.5	36.5	36.7	125.7	
<b>Cereal Products -</b>											
Bread, plain, white, wrapped, sliced .....	lb.	14.3	14.8	15.2	14.2	15.1	15.2	15.2	15.2	150.9	
Flour, white, all purpose .....	lb.	7.9	8.0	8.4	7.9	8.0	8.5	8.6	8.6	123.4	
Cake mix, white, only liquid to be added, pkg. ....	14-16 oz.	33.2	32.6	32.1	33.1	32.0	32.3	32.3	32.0	100.4	
Corn flakes, pkg. ....	8 oz.	18.3	19.7	19.8	19.4	19.8	19.9	19.9	19.9	140.9	
Macaroni, dry, pkg. ....	lb.	17.5	18.3	18.3	18.1	18.3	18.3	18.3	18.3	133.2	
<b>Fats -</b>											
Margarine .....	lb.	33.9	32.5	31.3	33.1	31.8	31.0	30.9	30.7	95.3	
Shortening .....	lb.	32.7	33.4	33.1	33.1	32.8	33.3	32.9	33.0	102.2	
Lard, pure .....	lb.	25.6	24.3	18.8	25.2	23.1	17.4	17.4	18.1	77.1	
Salad dressing, jar .....	16 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	44.5	N.A.	44.8	44.4	44.1	43.7	N.A.	
<b>Eggs -</b>											
Eggs, fresh, grade A large ....	doz.	56.0	57.9	54.4	57.0	56.5	64.3	62.7	48.3	78.6	
<b>Miscellaneous Groceries -</b>											
Sugar, granulated .....	lb.	12.3	10.6	9.4	11.7	9.9	9.0	9.0	9.0	97.6	
Jam, strawberry, 2 lb. jar (24 fl. oz.) with pectin & pure .	lb.	28.0	27.3	27.1	27.6	27.2	27.1	27.1	27.1	116.9	
Peanut butter, plain, jar .....	16 oz.	38.6	38.6	38.5	38.8	38.3	38.4	38.6	38.7	106.6	
Pickles, sweet, mixed, jar ....	16 oz.	35.0	34.9	34.5	35.0	34.7	34.4	34.3	34.2	123.0	
Infant's food, vegetable, tin .	5 oz.	10.0	10.5	10.7	10.3	10.5	10.9	10.9	10.9	131.3	
Tea, black, pkg. ....	1/2 lb.	61.6	60.2	59.6	60.8	60.1	59.4	59.5	59.5	121.5	
Tea bags, orange pekoe, pkg. ..	60-bag	82.3	80.9	80.3	81.2	79.9	80.3	80.7	80.9	N.A.	
Coffee, medium quality, pkg. ..	lb.	102.6	87.9	74.8	92.2	83.4	73.1	72.9	72.9	117.1	
Coffee, instant, dried, jar ...	6 oz.	N.A.	129.7	116.1	136.9	126.1	112.3	110.6	108.9	N.A.	
Jelly powders, flavoured, pkg..	3 oz.	10.2	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	103.1(5)	
Baking chocolate, unsweetened, bar (8) .....	8 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	61.0	N.A.	59.8	61.2	61.3	61.3	N.A.	

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								
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
1959 .....	114.3	125.9	127.7	126.9	126.9	128.9	123.7	123.1	123.0	127.9
<u>1956</u> 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
February	113.2	125.2	127.0	126.2	126.1	128.5	123.2	122.4	122.2	127.7
March	113.4	125.0	127.0	126.2	125.9	128.2	122.6	122.1	122.2	127.0
April	113.9	125.1	126.8	125.6	125.8	127.9	122.7	121.9	122.0	127.1
May	114.2	125.4	126.9	125.9	126.0	128.1	122.8	122.1	122.0	126.8
June	114.7	125.6	126.9	126.1	126.2	128.5	123.1	122.6	122.2	127.1
July	115.0	125.5	127.0	126.2	126.6	128.1	123.1	122.7	122.6	126.7
August	116.0	126.4	128.1	126.9	127.2	128.8	123.4	123.5	122.8	127.2
September	114.9	126.3	128.3	127.8	127.6	129.4	123.9	124.2	124.0	128.3
October	114.5	127.0	129.0	127.8	128.6	130.3	125.0	124.6	124.5	129.6
November	114.6	127.7	129.2	128.7	128.6	130.5	125.7	124.6	124.7	129.8
December	114.6	127.3	129.1	128.7	128.3	130.1	125.4	124.0	124.1	129.6

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>										
<b>1957</b>										
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
<b>1958</b>										
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
<b>1959</b>										
January	109.7	117.7	120.9	127.0	120.8	120.5	121.7	120.8	119.4	124.1
February	110.7	117.6	121.0	126.3	119.6	119.3	120.4	119.7	118.7	122.8
March	111.3	116.6	120.2	125.5	118.6	117.9	118.7	117.9	117.6	121.2
April	111.9	116.0	119.2	123.6	117.4	117.1	117.7	117.2	116.7	121.2
May	111.8	115.0	117.8	122.6	117.0	117.3	117.2	117.1	115.8	119.8
June	112.8	115.2	118.0	122.5	117.3	117.4	117.9	117.9	116.1	120.6
July	113.6	114.5	118.0	122.8	118.3	117.7	117.6	118.5	117.0	119.4
August	116.3	117.1	121.4	124.8	120.4	119.0	117.9	120.3	117.5	120.3
September	112.8	116.5	121.7	127.8	121.4	120.9	118.7	122.3	119.1	123.2
October	111.7	118.4	124.0	127.4	123.9	123.8	120.7	123.4	120.6	125.8
November	111.6	119.6	124.0	129.0	123.0	122.2	121.3	121.8	119.6	125.7
December	111.5	117.7	122.9	128.7	122.0	120.6	120.0	119.4	117.8	124.4
<b>Shelter Index</b>										
<b>1958</b>										
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
<b>1959</b>										
January	114.2	132.3	135.5	143.0	146.8	154.0	131.1	122.4	125.3	137.9
February	114.2	132.3	135.5	143.0	146.8	154.0	131.2	122.4	125.5	137.9
March	114.2	132.3	135.5	143.2	146.8	154.0	131.2	122.4	125.5	137.9
April	114.4	132.7	135.4	143.2	146.9	153.9	131.3	122.3	125.3	137.8
May	114.8	133.2	135.6	143.2	146.7	153.9	131.5	122.3	125.3	137.9
June	114.8	133.4	136.2	144.5	146.8	153.9	131.9	122.5	125.2	137.9
July	114.8	133.6	136.5	144.6	146.8	153.7	132.0	123.0	125.1	138.1
August	114.8	133.6	137.4	144.7	146.9	153.9	132.2	123.3	124.9	138.4
September	115.0	133.7	137.4	144.7	147.1	153.7	132.4	123.9	124.6	138.4
October	114.9	133.5	137.1	144.7	147.3	153.6	132.8	124.0	124.8	138.4
November	115.1	133.7	137.9	144.9	147.7	153.6	133.6	124.1	124.5	138.5
December	115.2	134.6	138.2	144.9	147.8	153.5	133.7	124.4	124.6	138.5

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

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

(1949 = 100)

	St. John's Nfld. I.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saskatoon- Regina	Edmonton- Calgary	Van- couver
<u>Clothing Index</u>										
1958 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
1959 January	102.8	117.5	117.3	105.8	111.8	112.2	114.6	118.9	115.3	113.4
February	104.0	117.8	117.3	104.5	112.1	112.7	114.6	118.9	115.5	113.4
March	104.0	118.2	117.9	105.4	113.1	112.6	114.5	120.1	117.8	114.5
April	104.1	118.4	117.9	105.7	113.5	112.5	115.8	120.1	117.8	114.5
May	104.2	118.7	117.9	105.6	113.4	112.7	115.5	120.1	117.8	115.1
June	103.4	118.5	116.6	105.0	112.5	112.2	115.1	119.7	117.6	114.6
July	104.2	118.8	116.6	105.4	112.9	113.3	115.6	119.7	117.3	113.7
August	104.4	119.0	116.6	105.1	113.1	113.5	115.6	119.7	117.6	113.8
September	104.5	119.5	117.1	104.9	112.8	113.6	116.2	120.1	118.1	113.9
October	104.9	119.5	117.1	106.1	114.1	113.7	116.9	120.1	118.4	115.3
November	105.1	120.3	117.1	106.9	115.0	114.7	118.8	120.1	118.7	115.5
December	105.7	120.2	117.4	107.0	114.8	114.5	118.8	120.4	118.7	116.2
<u>Household Operation Index</u>										
1958 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
1959 January	108.7	127.3	122.6	118.1	120.5	122.4	118.0	123.5	121.5	132.2
February	109.2	128.0	123.3	118.5	121.4	122.4	117.9	123.6	121.3	132.4
March	109.2	128.4	123.4	119.3	121.2	122.7	118.3	123.7	121.4	130.9
April	109.4	128.9	123.6	119.7	121.4	122.9	118.4	123.8	121.7	131.1
May	109.6	128.9	123.6	119.7	121.3	123.6	118.7	123.8	121.7	129.3
June	109.6	129.1	123.5	119.6	121.4	123.4	118.8	124.1	121.7	129.9
July	109.5	129.2	123.8	119.6	121.4	123.5	118.6	123.9	123.0	129.9
August	109.6	129.3	123.8	119.7	121.0	122.8	119.3	124.4	123.0	130.5
September	109.7	129.3	124.1	119.9	120.9	122.8	119.8	125.0	126.1	131.4
October	109.5	129.2	124.2	119.9	121.1	123.4	119.9	125.0	126.1	132.6
November	109.5	129.5	124.2	120.0	120.9	123.5	120.0	125.4	126.6	132.8
December	109.1	129.7	124.9	120.0	121.2	123.7	120.1	125.5	126.6	133.0
<u>Other Commodities and Services Index</u>										
1958 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
1959 January	124.0	133.7	138.6	133.3	133.3	136.2	130.5	126.8	129.6	133.5
February	124.1	135.0	139.7	133.4	133.2	136.1	130.0	126.3	129.6	133.6
March	124.1	134.9	139.8	133.3	133.0	136.2	130.0	126.5	129.8	133.5
April	125.0	135.2	140.2	133.3	133.9	136.4	130.7	126.5	130.0	133.7
May	126.3	137.9	141.8	136.0	135.6	136.0	131.7	127.6	131.2	135.0
June	127.0	138.2	142.3	136.4	136.3	137.8	131.8	128.2	131.6	135.2
July	127.0	138.2	142.2	136.2	136.2	135.3	131.7	128.0	131.3	135.2
August	127.1	138.5	142.3	136.3	136.3	137.0	132.4	128.3	131.3	135.5
September	127.1	138.1	142.2	135.9	137.0	136.9	132.2	128.0	132.1	135.7
October	127.4	138.8	142.4	135.9	137.0	137.0	133.7	128.1	132.0	135.9
November	127.5	139.7	142.9	137.0	137.6	139.0	134.4	130.1	133.4	136.7
December	127.5	139.9	142.9	137.1	137.6	139.1	134.4	130.1	133.4	137.0

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

CHANGES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

1945 - 1959

Year and Month	Weekly Wages in Current Dollars	Index Numbers of Weekly Wages in Current Dollars (1949=100)	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	Index Numbers of Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars
	\$		\$	
1945 - Average	30.47	73.0	40.63	97.3
1946 - Average	30.15	72.2	38.70	92.7
1947 - Average	34.47	82.6	40.08	96.0
1948 - Average	38.96	93.3	39.96	95.7
1949 - Average	41.74	100.0	41.74	100.0
1950 - Average	44.03	105.5	42.54	101.9
1951 - Average	49.29	118.1	43.01	103.0
1952 - Average	53.83	129.0	46.33	111.0
1953 - Average	56.25	134.8	48.70	116.7
1954 - Average	57.43	137.6	49.42	118.4
1955 - Average	59.45	142.4	51.07	122.4
1956 - Average	62.40	149.5	52.70	126.3
1957 - Average	64.96	155.6	53.20	127.4
1958 - Average	66.77	160.0	53.30	127.7
1958 - January	65.56	157.1	53.00	127.0
February	66.12	158.4	53.19	127.4
March	66.98	160.5	53.50	128.2
April	67.23	161.1	53.74	128.7
May	68.05	163.0	54.40	130.3
June	67.47	161.6	54.11	129.6
July	66.86	160.2	53.40	127.9
August	66.58	159.5	53.01	127.0
September	66.91	160.3	53.10	127.2
October	67.52	161.8	53.46	128.1
November	68.43	163.9	54.22	129.9
December	63.71	152.6	50.52	121.0
1959 - January	69.28	166.0	55.12	132.1
February	69.81	167.2	55.63	133.3
March	69.40	166.3	55.34	132.6
April	70.01	167.7	55.74	133.5
May	70.90	169.9	56.31	134.9
June	70.63	169.2	56.10	134.4
July	69.90	167.5	55.30	132.5
August	69.56	166.6	54.73	131.1
September	71.13	170.4	55.57	133.1
October	71.64(p)	171.6(p)	55.84(p)	133.8(p)

Note: - Weekly Wages in Current Dollars relate to the last pay periods in the month, while the Consumer Price Index relates to the beginning of the month. In calculating Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars, the Weekly Wages in Current Dollars for any month are therefore adjusted by the Consumer Price Index for the following month as being more representative of the period in which the wages are spent. A statement of uses and limitations of the adjusted figures appears on page 33.

(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
1957 .....	255.9	223.8	211.3	191.9	501.4	212.7	238.7
1958 .....	259.9	236.7	213.0	196.7	513.2	217.0	242.7
1956 - August .....	255.9	209.7	210.7	184.7	512.5	206.2	236.0
1957 - August .....	259.1	224.5	209.7	191.9	526.4	216.0	241.9
1958 - April .....	263.7	236.9	213.1	196.7	535.2	217.8	245.3
- August .....	263.9	237.2	213.7	196.7	534.0	218.0	245.5
1959 - January .....	258.8	248.2	218.2	196.7	487.2	219.4	243.0
- April .....	271.4	248.9	220.2	196.7	554.6	220.0	250.8
- August .....	273.5	248.2	218.8	196.7	572.8	220.9	252.5
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
1957 .....	260.9	224.6	209.4	186.4	493.4	210.5	240.7
1958 .....	262.3	238.9	208.6	192.3	497.8	215.7	243.7
1956 - August .....	259.9	209.7	209.5	178.8	495.6	203.7	237.4
1957 - August .....	261.1	225.1	206.5	186.4	503.4	214.3	242.4
1958 - April .....	263.8	239.3	209.2	192.3	503.0	216.3	244.8
- August .....	264.7	239.6	209.2	192.3	508.0	217.1	245.7
1959 - January .....	266.1	251.8	214.3	192.3	498.8	218.2	246.9
- April .....	273.6	253.1	217.3	192.3	527.8	219.3	251.9
- August .....	275.0	251.2	213.8	192.3	545.6	220.2	253.1
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
1957 .....	251.0	223.5	213.3	196.5	512.7	214.9	236.6
1958 .....	257.5	235.9	217.3	200.5	535.0	218.3	241.9
1956 - August .....	251.8	209.7	211.8	189.8	536.6	208.7	234.6
1957 - August .....	257.1	224.2	212.9	196.5	559.0	217.8	241.4
1958 - April .....	263.6	236.0	216.9	200.5	581.0	219.2	245.9
- August .....	263.0	236.2	218.1	200.5	571.0	218.9	245.4
1959 - January .....	251.5	246.8	221.8	200.5	470.8	220.5	239.1
- April .....	269.1	247.3	223.0	200.5	592.6	220.7	249.7
- August .....	272.0	247.0	223.5	200.5	611.4	221.6	251.9

(a) 1959 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	1959	1959	1958	1959	1959	1958	1959	1959
	Dec. \$	Nov. \$	Dec. \$	Dec. \$	Nov. \$	Dec. \$	Dec. \$	Nov. \$	Dec. \$
1. Corn, cracked .....	3.73	3.69	3.66	4.02	4.11	4.06	3.56	3.53	3.51
2. Oats, unground .....	2.84	2.94	2.99	3.05	3.17	3.30	2.84	2.87	2.93
3. Barley, ground .....	2.81	2.80	2.82	3.00	2.94	2.96	2.77	2.73	2.75
4. Wheat, unground .....	2.99	3.09	3.11	3.25	3.36	3.38	2.92	2.99	3.02
5. Bran .....	2.60	2.50	2.58	2.58	2.34	2.49	2.55	2.34	2.46
6. Shorts .....	2.74	2.66	2.71	2.75	2.54	2.65	2.72	2.55	2.62
7. Middlings .....	3.03	2.97	2.98	3.09	2.93	2.97	3.04	2.91	2.91
8. Linseed oil meal .....	4.40	4.87	4.91	4.65	5.17	5.14	4.26	4.93	4.97
9. Soybean oil meal .....	4.68	4.76	4.72	4.82	4.89	4.94	4.40	4.65	4.65
10. Calf starter (20-24%) .....	5.16	5.16	5.17	5.06	5.11	5.12	4.81	4.84	4.87
11. Dairy ration (16%) .....	3.49	3.49	3.52	3.55	3.48	3.50	3.40	3.39	3.42
12. Dairy supplement (24%) (East) .	4.21	4.15	4.17	4.30	4.21	4.40	4.18	4.18	4.15
13. Dairy supplement (32%) (West) .	5.03	5.05	5.06	-	-	-	-	-	-
14. Pig starter mash .....	4.48	4.50	4.52	4.52	4.54	4.56	4.19	4.22	4.24
15. Hog concentrate (35%) .....	5.67	5.47	5.49	5.72	5.54	5.66	5.82	5.57	5.55
16. Hog grower mash .....	3.64	3.62	3.64	3.73	3.70	3.74	3.56	3.54	3.56
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%) ...	4.70	4.73	4.75	4.85	4.97	5.00	4.43	4.43	4.41
18. Growing mash .....	4.15	4.15	4.17	4.19	4.21	4.23	4.13	4.09	4.09
19. Laying mash (17-20%) .....	4.28	4.28	4.30	4.37	4.36	4.40	4.25	4.22	4.23
20. Broiler starter mash (20-23%) .	5.07	5.04	5.04	5.09	5.19	5.22	5.11	4.97	4.97
21. Turkey growing mash .....	4.66	4.66	4.67	4.73	4.89	4.87	4.66	4.67	4.71

ITEM	ONTARIO			PRAIRIES			BRITISH COLUMBIA		
	1958	1959	1959	1958	1959	1959	1958	1959	1959
	Dec. \$	Nov. \$	Dec. \$	Dec. \$	Nov. \$	Dec. \$	Dec. \$	Nov. \$	Dec. \$
1. Corn, cracked .....	3.43	3.33	3.32	4.95	4.88	4.88	4.14	4.15	4.12
2. Oats, unground .....	2.83	2.90	2.95	2.45	2.53	2.52	2.95	3.19	3.23
3. Barley, ground .....	2.81	2.79	2.81	2.55	2.55	2.52	2.94	2.99	3.01
4. Wheat, unground .....	2.96	3.07	3.09	2.66	2.75	2.75	3.11	3.28	3.26
5. Bran .....	2.64	2.50	2.58	2.70	2.68	2.68	2.50	2.68	2.69
6. Shorts .....	2.83	2.72	2.77	2.74	2.71	2.71	2.62	2.79	2.80
7. Middlings .....	3.10	3.03	3.03	2.80	2.77	2.75	2.94	3.10	3.11
8. Linseed oil meal .....	4.20	4.69	4.78	4.63	4.75	4.73	4.57	5.08	5.14
9. Soybean oil meal .....	4.49	4.36	4.35	5.48	5.55	5.52	4.85	5.14	5.07
10. Calf starter (20-24%) .....	4.98	4.99	5.01	5.13	5.04	5.05	6.27	6.19	6.18
11. Dairy ration (16%) .....	3.59	3.52	3.54	3.36	3.47	3.48	3.54	3.66	3.67
12. Dairy supplement (24%) .....	4.20	4.11	4.12	-	-	-	-	-	-
13. Dairy supplement (32%) .....	-	-	-	4.95	4.88	4.91	5.15	5.37	5.33
14. Pig starter mash .....	4.62	4.59	4.61	4.87	4.80	4.81	4.23	4.33	4.33
15. Hog concentrate (35%) .....	5.58	5.37	5.40	5.61	5.49	5.48	5.73	5.62	5.65
16. Hog grower mash .....	3.62	3.54	3.56	3.54	3.51	3.53	3.80	3.90	3.90
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%) ...	4.82	4.80	4.82	4.84	4.88	4.89	4.71	4.80	4.82
18. Growing mash .....	4.14	4.13	4.14	4.15	4.17	4.22	4.16	4.24	4.24
19. Laying mash (17-20%) .....	4.23	4.23	4.24	4.38	4.34	4.36	4.20	4.34	4.35
20. Broiler starter mash (20-23%) .	4.98	4.95	4.94	5.06	5.13	5.13	5.12	5.09	5.11
21. Turkey growing mash .....	4.79	4.74	4.75	4.53	4.56	4.58	4.60	4.58	4.57

Mash includes pellets, crumbles, cubes, etc.

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

(1935-39=100)

INVESTORS' INDEX										
Number of Stocks	INVESTORS' TOTAL (92)	TOTAL INDUS- TRIALS (72)	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 (14)
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
1958 .....	239.4	247.6	615.7	901.5	151.9	207.8	166.4	241.9	566.6	451.8
<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
Feb. ...	269.9	279.1	674.4	1,131.8	200.6	215.4	205.0	302.6	678.4	535.3
Mar. ...	270.2	278.3	682.7	1,139.8	199.2	209.6	213.9	301.8	666.0	544.7
Apr. ...	265.8	271.7	666.2	1,117.4	198.4	204.8	215.9	299.6	662.1	529.8
May ...	267.2	271.5	686.6	1,109.8	211.0	200.0	215.4	292.0	670.6	526.6
June ...	269.5	274.4	776.4	1,119.6	230.9	189.9	219.8	279.2	677.7	537.1
July ...	279.3	286.2	834.3	1,183.7	239.9	192.9	227.5	273.7	702.7	580.1
Aug. ...	274.6	282.0	794.0	1,169.2	232.0	193.0	230.1	264.2	702.4	564.6
Sept. ...	255.4	261.6	741.3	1,086.0	221.2	176.7	211.4	251.7	656.7	523.0
Oct. ...	252.5	257.4	744.9	1,090.8	207.5	168.4	205.7	245.1	652.5	514.3
Nov. ...	252.8	259.2	706.3	1,123.5	209.8	168.4	206.4	232.4	668.3	529.1
Dec. ...	261.5	269.3	744.7	1,174.5	208.5	174.8	209.7	231.2	667.5	536.1
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
Dec. 3	255.5	262.0	710.6	1,152.5	209.6	167.8	202.3	231.2	668.1	528.0
Dec. 10	262.1	269.2	730.4	1,176.1	209.6	174.7	209.4	235.0	660.8	538.2
Dec. 17	264.4	272.8	767.3	1,177.0	209.1	178.1	217.6	233.4	661.1	541.5
Dec. 24	262.9	271.7	759.1	1,182.1	209.1	177.6	206.8	227.7	674.3	536.8
Dec. 31	262.5	271.0	756.1	1,184.9	205.1	175.8	212.6	228.9	673.2	535.8

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

(1935-39=100)

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS' INDEX					MINING INDEX (1)				PREFERRED STOCKS
	Indus- trial Mines (2)	TOTAL UTILI- TIES (13)	Trans- porta- tion (2)	Tele- phone (3)	Power and Traction (8)	BANKS (7)	MINING TOTAL (27)	Gold (21)	Base Metals (6)	
1939 .....	98.9	86.1	56.0	109.3	88.9	102.5	104.5	95.6	121.7	101.6
1940 .....	77.1	80.9	62.5	101.0	80.6	95.6	81.2	73.7	95.6	100.8
1941 .....	69.5	70.7	61.4	96.4	65.8	90.5	72.4	65.1	87.0	99.7
1942 .....	66.5	70.4	65.7	89.2	66.1	81.2	52.3	40.8	75.1	96.6
1943 .....	74.8	101.3	112.8	97.2	99.1	80.5	70.1	61.4	86.8	112.4
1944 .....	69.2	100.8	125.2	100.1	93.3	82.0	81.3	74.1	94.2	123.1
1945 .....	86.9	120.2	178.2	108.8	105.5	95.7	95.2	91.0	101.1	137.0
1946 .....	98.0	132.5	203.5	114.0	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
1958 .....	166.9	189.1	314.7	107.9	216.7	273.2	103.8	72.4	175.8	160.6
<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
Feb. ...	191.0	202.0	355.6	112.2	231.4	335.8	124.9	85.7	214.8	159.5
Mar. ...	194.2	202.6	361.1	109.4	237.1	345.9	126.6	86.1	219.4	159.8
Apr. ...	186.0	201.3	350.7	109.5	237.0	357.1	120.6	85.5	201.2	160.0
May ...	189.2	204.3	345.8	115.7	232.9	370.4	119.5	87.0	194.0	161.9
June ...	192.4	201.6	343.0	115.1	227.0	379.0	119.4	87.0	193.4	160.5
July ...	202.2	203.0	345.8	115.4	229.8	387.5	120.6	87.3	196.9	160.8
Aug. ...	201.9	199.8	332.6	113.9	228.3	373.7	119.8	86.1	196.9	159.2
Sept. ...	187.3	188.9	312.8	109.6	211.7	347.6	111.5	82.0	179.2	155.3
Oct. ...	187.0	187.3	307.3	109.1	210.2	354.7	112.2	82.7	179.9	151.0
Nov. ...	197.1	186.9	295.7	110.9	208.7	342.5	112.6	82.6	181.3	150.1
Dec. ...	210.9	190.6	296.3	114.9	210.5	347.2	112.8	82.3	182.8	149.9
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
Dec. 3	205.5	189.2	295.8	113.8	208.9	343.7	110.3	80.9	117.6	
Dec. 10	213.4	191.8	301.0	115.8	210.3	354.7	112.9	81.9	183.9	(2)
Dec. 17	212.6	190.9	297.2	114.8	211.3	351.3	112.6	82.2	182.1	
Dec. 24	211.2	190.4	295.0	115.0	209.9	342.7	113.7	83.0	184.1	
Dec. 31	211.7	190.9	292.5	115.3	212.1	343.8	114.6	83.4	186.1	

(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 1957 - July 1958 were announced June 5, 1959. The price of No. 1 Manitoba Northern was adjusted to \$1.619, No. 2 to \$1.584 and No. 3 to \$1.496 and the indexes revised accordingly. Subsequent monthly indexes are based on an initial payment of \$1.40 for No. 1 Manitoba Northern.

Commencing August 1, 1949, Western oats and barley were brought under control of the Canadian Wheat Board. Prices used for Canadian Farm Products since that time have been initial payments to farmers, with participation payments included whenever they are announced. For the crop year 1957-1958 final payments were announced March 30, 1959 which brought the price to \$.891 per bushel for No. 1 Feed barley and \$.673 for No. 2 C.W. oats. Initial payments for the crop year 1958-1959 are 87 cents for No. 1 Feed barley and 60 cents for No. 2 C.W. oats.

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, May 1957 and May 1958 issues for subsequent crop years. Table 2, page 7 of this issue presents final indexes for 1957-1958. Indexes subsequent to July 1958 are subject to revision.

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.

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.

As a first step in a revision program, the structure of the Residential Electrical Equipment and Fixtures index has been revised. Both items priced and weights have been brought into line with latest available data on current building practices. The price reference base will continue as 1935-1939=100. For the new weighting diagram effective from July 1959 see "Prices and Price Indexes, August 1959".

## 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

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

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 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 92 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.

#### Reference Papers and Special Publications

	Price \$
The Consumer Price Index, January 1949 - August 1952 .....	.25
Wholesale Price Indexes, 1913-1950 (Reference Paper No. 24) .....	.75
Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers, 1913 to 1948 (Revised, 1948) .....	.10
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
Non-Residential Building Materials Price Index, 1935-1952 (Reference Paper No. 43) .....	.25
Prices and Price Indexes, 1949-1952 (Vol. 23) .....	1.50

MEASURING THE PURCHASING POWER OF EARNINGS

Changing consumer price levels affect the amounts of goods and services which a dollar will buy, and average earnings, of course, will be affected in the same way. An earnings measurement which takes the change of consumer prices into account, can be calculated by reducing actual earnings averages by the percentage amounts consumer price levels rise, or increasing them by the amount price levels fall. The adjusted averages may be used to indicate the comparative quantities of goods and services which could be purchased by average earnings if consumer price levels had remained constant. The following illustration shows how this kind of adjustment can be made.

Suppose that a series of weekly average wages rises from \$50.00 in week A to \$60.00 in week B, and that in the same interval a consumer price index advances from 100.0 to 110.0. Because of the 10 per cent rise in consumer prices, \$1.00 will not buy as much in week B as it would in week A. Likewise, the 20 per cent rise from \$50.00 to \$60.00 will overstate the increase which has occurred in the purchasing power of average weekly wages. This overstatement can be removed by reducing the figure of \$60.00 by the amount of the consumer price increase. An adjusted average of \$55.00 ( $\$60.00/110.0 \times 100.0$ ), may be referred to as a weekly wage average for week B, expressed in the dollars of period A, or it may be said to indicate the level of real weekly wages relative to week A.

The foregoing calculation can be carried a step further to express in index number form the relationship between the week A average of \$50.00 and the week B figure of \$55.00. Taking the week A average of \$50.00 as equal to 100.0, the week B index becomes 110.0 ( $\$55.00/50.00 \times 100.0$ ). Such an index may be called an index of weekly real wages. It indicates that average wages for week B will buy 10 per cent more goods and services than those received in week A, in spite of a 10 per cent rise in consumer prices. This 10 per cent increase in real wages compares with the rise of 20 per cent in money wages ( $\$60.00/50.00 \times 100.0$ ).

It should be noted that while the estimates of average real wages may reflect the experience of broad groups of workers fairly well, their applicability to individual wage earners depends upon a number of considerations. For example, individual earnings will differ significantly from the group average, depending upon occupation, industry, geographical location, or the sex of the wage earner. Moreover, individual spending habits differ widely, while the consumer price index which is used to adjust the earnings data is based on the average consumption pattern of a large group of urban population. Also, group-spending patterns change over periods of time. To the extent that this occurs, the earnings data adjusted by the consumer price index (which has a "fixed" consumption pattern), will gradually be rendered less valid. Finally, some part of income is saved, and it should be borne in mind that it is not appropriate to reduce savings to a constant dollar basis by using a price which reflects consumption patterns.

It should also be kept in mind that measures of change in real earnings calculated from averages of gross earnings may differ from changes in the purchasing power of "take-home" pay, due to such factors as changes in personal income tax and pay deductions for such things as social insurance and pension plans. Neither do they take into account other family income, or changes in the savings position of families. Thus index numbers of real wages should not be interpreted as measuring fluctuations in the levels of consumption of wage-earners or wage-earners' families; they are intended to show only the trend in purchasing power of wages over the items covered by the price index.

In Table 11, Page 25, figures for 1949 are used as reference levels for indexes of both actual and real wages, since this is the year selected by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for general post-war index number comparisons. However, the adjustment made in the foregoing illustration can be applied to any reference level, and it should not be inferred that the 1949 reference period has any special validity for earnings comparisons. Percentage change between any two periods will be the same regardless of the reference period selected.





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