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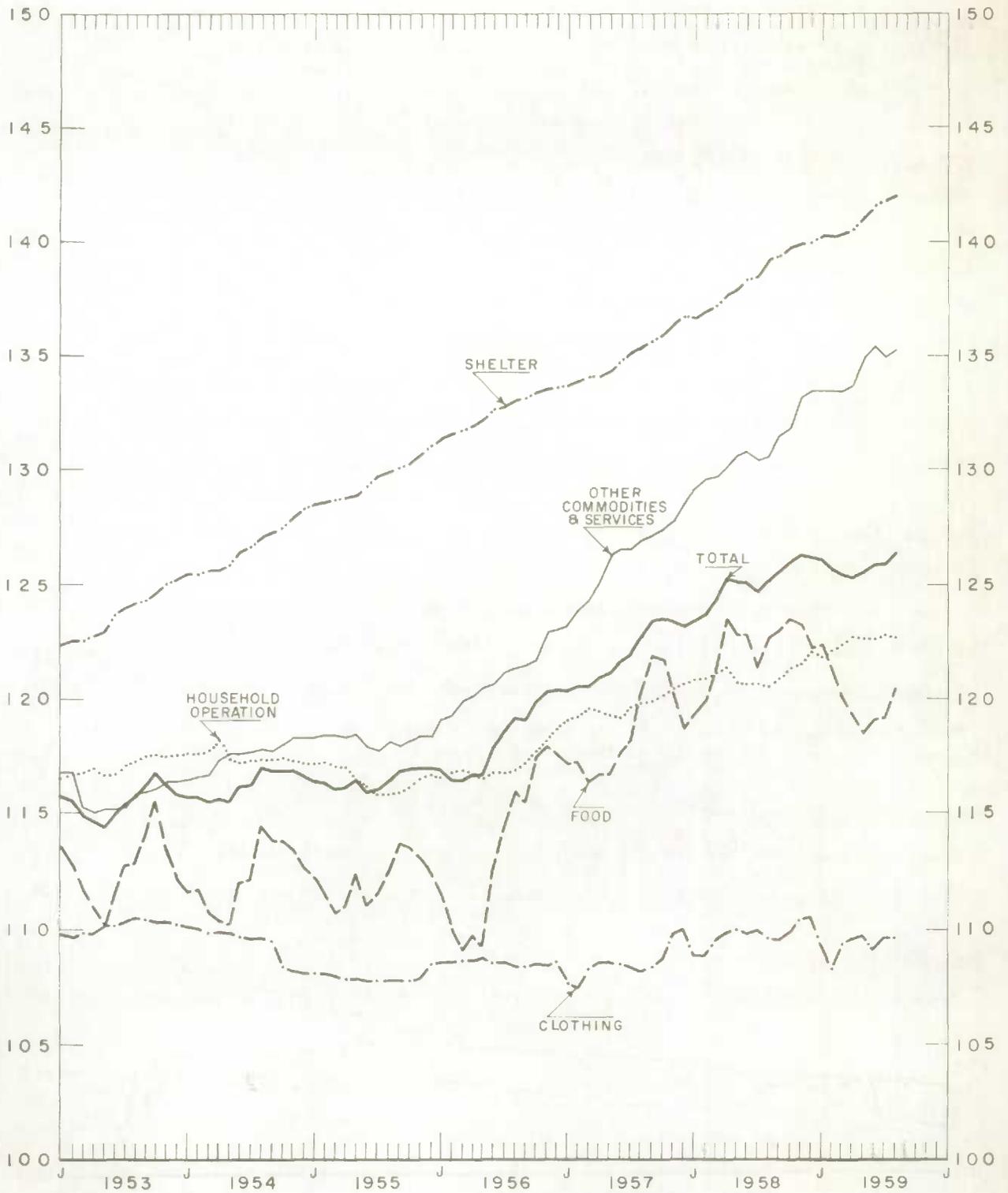
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TOTAL AND MAIN COMPONENTS OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

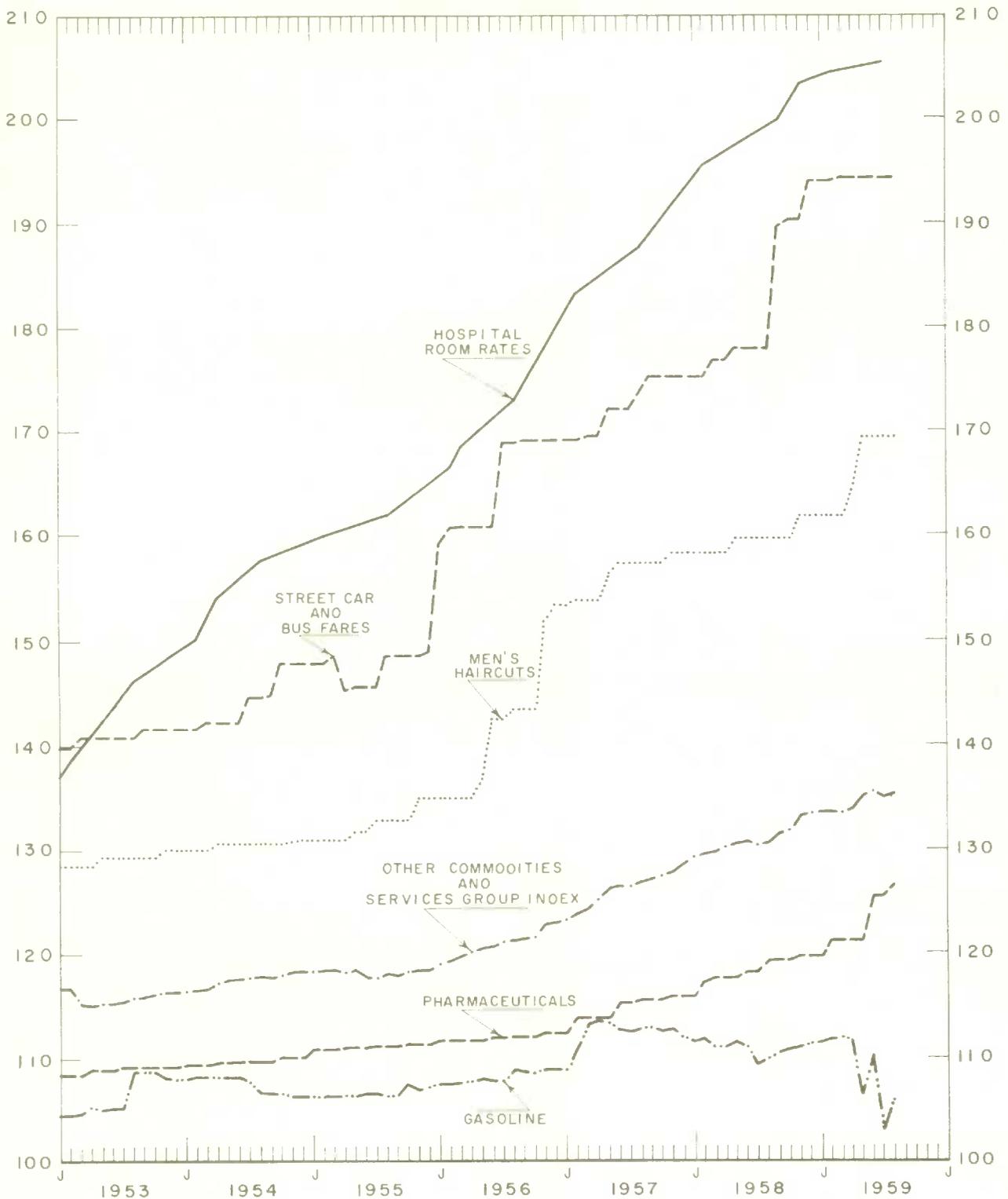
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(1949 = 100)



OTHER COMMODITIES AND SERVICES
COMPONENT GROUP INDEX WITH SELECTED ITEM
PRICE RELATIVES BY MONTHS

MONTHLY, JANUARY 1953-AUGUST 1959
(1949 = 100)



NOTES ON PRICES AND PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

GENERAL WHOLESALE INDEX: (1935 - 1939 = 100) The General Wholesale Index eased downwards slightly by 0.1 per cent in August, moving from 231.0 to 230.8. Three of the major groups were lower while minor advances were recorded by the remaining five groups.

The Textile Products group declined 0.5 per cent from 229.8 to 228.7 as lower prices for raw cotton outweighed higher prices for domestic raw wool and worsted yarns. Price declines for lard, hides and skins, and fresh meats were the chief contributors to a 0.4 per cent decrease in the Animal Products group from 257.1 to 256.1. The Non-metallic Minerals group was slightly lower in August from 186.0 to 185.9.

The Vegetable Products group rose 0.2 per cent from 199.0 to 199.3 on the strength of higher prices for fresh fruits, vegetable oils and products, and rubber and its products. Negligible increases occurred in the following groups: Wood Products, Iron Products, Non-ferrous Metals and Chemical Products.

The following table shows some of the more noteworthy changes:

<u>Commodity Group or Sub-group</u>	<u>Per cent Change August 1959 over July 1959</u>
Textile Products Group	- 0.5
Cotton, raw	- 7.5
Wool, raw, domestic	+ 4.0
Yarn, worsted	+ 2.4
Animal Products Group	- 0.4
Lard	- 5.1
Hides and skins	- 4.0
Meats, fresh	- 2.1
Boots and shoes	+ 5.8
Eggs	+ 2.8
Livestock	+ 2.6
Vegetable Products Group	+ 0.2
Fruits, fresh	+ 4.9
Vegetable oils and products	+ 2.8
Rubber and its products	+ 1.5
Potatoes	- 6.3
Livestock and poultry feeds	- 2.2
Tea, coffee and cocoa	- 1.5

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949 = 100) The Consumer Price Index rose 0.4 per cent from 125.9 to 126.4 between July and August 1959 to stand a fractional 0.1 per cent above the previous peak of 126.3 in November 1958. A seasonal rise of 1.1 per cent in the Food index, combined with slight increases in the Shelter and Other Commodities and Services indexes, accounted for the current month's movement. The Clothing index was unchanged while the Household Operation index declined fractionally.

The Food index increased seasonally from 119.2 to 120.5. Higher prices were reported for eggs, oranges, lettuce, beef, and pork, while price decreases were recorded for most fresh vegetables, particularly potatoes and tomatoes.

The Shelter index increased 0.1 per cent from 141.7 to 141.9 with both the rent and home-ownership components contributing.

A rise of 0.3 per cent in the Other Commodities and Services index, from 134.9 to 135.3, reflected small price increases on a fairly wide range of items: gasoline, taxi fares, hospital rates, pharmaceuticals, alcoholic beverages, and personal care items.

The Clothing index was unchanged at 109.7 as mid-summer sale prices for women's wear, particularly cotton street dresses, were offset by price increases for shoes, some men's furnishings, and cotton piece goods. The Household Operation index declined 0.1 per cent from 122.7 to 122.6 as slightly lower prices resulting from August furniture and floor covering sales more than balanced somewhat higher prices for household utensils and equipment, household supplies and services, and coal.

TABLE 1. - SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE INDEXES

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	INDEXES				PERCENTAGE CHANGES		
	August	August	July	August	August	August	
	1957	1958	1959	1959	1957	1958	1959
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100)							
GENERAL INDEX (1)	227.6	227.0	231.0	230.8	+ 1.4	+ 1.7	- 0.1
Vegetable Products	192.8	198.0	199.0	199.3	+ 3.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.2
Animal Products	246.0	250.8	257.1	256.1	+ 4.1	+ 2.1	- 0.4
Textile Products	237.2	227.7	229.8	228.7	- 3.6	+ 0.4	- 0.5
Wood Products	299.0	297.9	304.6	304.9	+ 2.0	+ 2.3	+ 0.1
Iron Products	256.4	251.8	255.8	255.9	- 0.2	+ 1.6	+ 0.04
Non-ferrous Metals	170.4	164.2	172.8	173.0	+ 1.5	+ 5.4	+ 0.1
Non-metallic Minerals	188.7	186.8	186.0	185.9	- 1.5	- 0.5	- 0.1
Chemical Products	182.9	182.6	187.2	187.3	+ 2.4	+ 2.6	+ 0.05
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS (1) (2)							
Eastern Total	219.2	215.9	222.7	221.9	-	-	-
Western Total	229.9	232.7	245.4	243.8	-	-	-
Field	208.5	199.0	200.1	200.0	-	-	-
Animal	167.2	156.5	172.6	169.0	-	-	-
	271.3	275.2	272.8	274.9	-	-	-
SELECTED PRICE INDEXES (1)							
Canadian Industrial Materials	238.6	229.1	240.3	242.6	+ 1.7	+ 5.9	+ 1.0
Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	128.8	127.9	130.7	130.5	+ 1.3	+ 2.0	- 0.2
Non-Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	130.4	129.5	131.8	131.8	+ 1.1	+ 1.8	-
CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (1949=100)							
TOTAL INDEX	122.6	125.2	125.9	126.4	+ 3.1	+ 1.0	+ 0.4
Food	120.2	122.6	119.2	120.5	+ 0.2	- 1.7	+ 1.1
Shelter	135.3	139.1	141.7	141.9	+ 4.9	+ 2.0	+ 0.1
Clothing	108.2	109.6	109.7	109.7	+ 1.4	+ 0.1	-
Household Operation	119.7	120.5	122.7	122.6	+ 2.4	+ 1.7	- 0.1
Other Commodities and Services	126.9	130.6	134.9	135.3	+ 6.6	+ 3.6	+ 0.3
SECURITY PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100)							
TOTAL INVESTORS' INDEX	259.0	251.6	279.3	274.6	+ 6.0	+ 9.1	- 1.7
Total Industrials	272.4	261.8	286.2	282.0	+ 3.5	+ 7.7	- 1.5
Machinery & Equipment	803.9	631.4	834.3	794.0	- 1.2	+ 25.8	- 4.8
Pulp & Paper	915.9	936.3	1,183.7	1,169.2	+ 27.7	+ 24.9	- 1.2
Milling	135.8	146.8	239.9	232.0	+ 70.8	+ 58.0	- 3.3
Oils	245.9	228.3	192.9	193.0	- 21.5	- 15.5	+ 0.1
Textiles & Clothing	160.3	159.7	227.5	230.1	+ 43.5	+ 44.1	+ 1.1
Foods	195.8	254.7	273.7	264.2	+ 34.9	+ 3.7	- 3.5
Beverages	485.9	587.8	702.7	702.4	+ 44.6	+ 19.5	- 0.04
Building Materials	458.3	479.4	580.1	564.6	+ 23.2	+ 17.8	- 2.7
Industrial Mines	182.4	172.5	202.2	201.9	+ 10.7	+ 17.0	- 0.1
Total Utilities	200.6	194.4	203.0	199.8	- 0.4	+ 2.8	- 1.6
Transportation	364.5	324.9	345.8	332.6	- 8.8	+ 2.4	- 3.8
Telephone	104.1	109.6	115.4	113.9	+ 9.4	+ 3.9	- 1.3
Power and Traction	237.8	225.1	229.8	228.3	- 4.0	+ 1.4	- 0.7
Banks	260.2	280.4	387.5	373.7	+ 43.6	+ 33.3	- 3.6
MINING STOCKS							
General Index	109.5	106.2	120.6	119.8	+ 9.4	+ 12.8	- 0.7
Gold	73.2	74.3	87.3	86.1	+ 17.6	+ 15.9	- 1.4
Base Metals	192.6	179.3	196.9	196.9	+ 2.2	+ 9.8	-

(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

- (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 29 for details concerning Western grain Prices, and specific publications wherein final indexes for earlier years may be found.
- (2) Earlier years available on request for this index which is the General Wholesale less Animal and Vegetable Products components 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 Apr.	228.1	198.9	172.3	150.9	185.2	210.5	207.8	190.6	173.6
May	228.3	197.4	171.8	150.8	185.2	210.5	194.8	190.6	173.6
June	227.6	196.5	172.1	149.7	173.9	210.5	192.6	191.3	168.9
July	227.3	198.8	175.2	151.7	181.5	210.5	206.7	191.3	165.2
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

- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS - Concluded

Date	General Whole- Sale Index	- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS -						
		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
1958 Average ..	290.9	196.9	158.9	396.9	189.7	225.8	197.4	200.4
1958 Apr.	290.5	195.7	160.0	392.1	269.4	275.3	203.3	200.1
May	283.7	194.4	158.8	406.4	198.8	230.6	195.9	200.1
June	283.4	194.7	156.6	412.2	165.9	230.6	195.3	200.1
July	294.9	197.4	157.2	404.2	190.6	230.6	195.3	200.1
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

TABLE 3. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL - Continued
(1935-39 = 100)

		- ANIMAL PRODUCTS -							
Date		Total Animal Products	Fishery Products	Raw Furs	Hides and Skins	Leather, Unmanu- factured	Boots and Shoes	Live- stock	Steers
1958	Average ..	250.7	312.0	84.6	128.1	209.2	221.1	310.0	384.5
1958	Apr.	253.4	303.9	87.9	124.8	203.2	219.9	320.1	399.1
	May	259.8	309.4	87.2	113.1	208.2	220.6	340.7	408.1
	June	258.2	311.4	87.2	111.9	207.8	220.6	333.3	395.0
	July	253.5	315.4	82.1	116.3	207.8	220.6	314.8	382.0
	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
		- ANIMAL PRODUCTS - Concluded							
Date		Meats, Fresh	Beef and Veal Carcass	Meats, Cured	Fowl, Dressed	Milk and Its Pro- ducts	Butter	Oils and Fats	Eggs
1958	Average ..	314.8	373.4	207.8	141.1	243.6	247.3	151.9	154.2
1958	Apr.	322.5	383.8	211.3	144.6	244.4	247.7	156.0	146.4
	May	333.8	391.0	219.0	141.6	242.4	247.5	153.7	146.5
	June	329.4	383.6	224.5	138.6	242.2	247.2	153.8	147.3
	July	319.8	368.8	222.0	132.5	242.5	246.8	153.8	159.7
	Aug.	309.6	360.0	221.8	126.5	242.6	246.5	153.8	169.7
	Sept.	309.8	372.3	205.8	120.5	242.9	246.7	148.1	177.8
	Oct.	309.8	375.8	200.6	141.6	243.8	246.6	148.6	167.5
	Nov.	313.9	387.6	194.1	138.6	245.2	248.6	146.7	160.7
	Dec.	329.9	415.2	190.0	138.6	246.1	250.5	138.0	147.3
1959	Jan.	339.2	430.7	191.2	144.6	246.5	250.8	128.5	143.1
	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

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	Miscellaneous 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 Apr.	230.5	301.6	236.8	234.8	230.7	208.0	182.9	162.2	
May	228.1	291.3	236.8	234.8	230.7	208.0	182.9	162.2	
June	228.3	292.9	236.8	234.7	230.7	208.0	182.9	162.2	
July	228.3	295.3	236.8	234.6	230.7	208.0	182.9	162.2	
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	
August ...	228.7	276.9	236.8	231.4	232.7	198.8	184.7	162.9	

- TEXTILE PRODUCTS - Concluded

	Rayon Yarns	Raw Wool, Domestic	Raw Wool, Imported	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 Apr.	184.4	202.8	190.6	206.0	232.9	296.2	244.2	231.8	
May	184.4	189.4	174.4	200.1	232.9	296.2	238.8	231.8	
June	184.4	220.3	177.2	204.5	232.9	296.2	237.0	225.8	
July	184.4	203.6	173.5	204.1	232.9	296.2	237.2	225.8	
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	-	216.5	236.2	277.5	235.0	216.8	

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

(1935-39 = 100)

- WOOD PRODUCTS -											
Date	Total Wood Products	Lumber and Timber	Spruce	Hardwoods	Hemlock	Fir	Cedar	Woodpulp	Newsprint	Wrapping 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	Apr.	297.4	415.7	398.0	341.9	381.2	480.9	385.6	222.6	295.1	249.1
	May	296.7	414.5	393.6	341.9	381.2	481.2	383.7	222.1	294.2	249.1
	June	295.9	413.9	393.6	341.9	381.2	480.0	383.8	221.2	293.1	249.1
	July	295.9	416.0	393.6	341.9	381.2	480.0	397.0	220.6	292.1	249.1
	August	297.9	424.0	393.6	339.6	381.2	490.8	426.2	221.2	293.0	249.1
	Sept.	301.5	427.5	395.5	339.6	381.2	493.3	440.0	223.8	297.4	249.1
	Oct.	299.8	425.0	395.5	339.6	381.2	484.8	443.6	222.5	295.2	249.1
	Nov.	299.3	423.0	395.5	339.6	381.2	479.1	443.0	222.5	295.2	249.1
	Dec.	298.5	423.8	395.5	331.4	381.2	483.5	441.2	221.3	293.1	249.1
1959	Jan.	300.6	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	291.4	251.4
- IRON PRODUCTS -											
	Total Iron Products	Pig Iron	Rolling Mill Products	Pipe and Tubing	Hardware	Wire	Scrap Iron and Steel	Tin Plate and Galvanized Sheet			
1958	Average ...	252.6	295.3	246.6	263.1	269.3	292.2	276.1	239.3		
1958	Apr.	252.0	295.3	246.3	263.7	269.5	292.2	264.1	238.9		
	May	251.9	295.3	246.3	263.7	269.2	292.2	264.1	238.9		
	June	251.8	295.3	246.3	263.7	269.2	292.2	262.7	238.9		
	July	251.8	295.3	246.3	263.7	269.2	292.2	262.7	238.9		
	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		

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

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- 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 Apr.	165.3	220.5	158.4	237.2	235.6	222.0	177.3	231.4	192.7
May	164.9	220.0	158.4	236.8	230.4	221.4	181.4	231.4	192.7
June	163.7	218.3	158.4	234.7	220.1	220.2	180.1	231.4	192.7
July	163.0	217.2	158.4	234.7	225.2	219.6	179.6	231.4	192.7
Aug.	164.2	219.2	158.4	241.2	220.1	220.2	179.6	231.4	192.7
Sept.	165.6	220.6	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
August	173.0	235.6	161.8	279.5	220.1	225.6	196.1	262.9	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 Apr.		238.9		248.7	249.1	241.3
May		238.6		248.6	249.1	241.3
June		237.8		248.6	249.1	241.0
July		237.4		248.6	249.1	241.0
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

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

(2) Excludes Gold.

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

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- NON-METALLIC MINERALS -							
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 Apr.	188.2	245.8	175.5	190.7	229.1	242.7	270.2
May	187.5	245.8	175.5	190.0	229.1	242.7	270.2
June	187.1	245.8	175.5	190.2	229.1	242.7	270.2
July	186.9	246.4	185.8	188.2	240.4	242.7	270.2
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

- 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 Apr.	217.0	171.3	139.6	137.4	215.1	139.7	201.8
May	217.0	169.7	139.6	134.4	215.1	139.7	201.2
June	217.0	168.5	139.6	134.4	215.1	139.7	200.4
July	217.0	168.5	139.6	134.4	215.1	147.3	199.7
Aug.	217.0	168.5	139.6	134.4	215.1	138.5	200.4
Sept.	217.0	168.5	139.6	134.4	215.1	138.5	203.4
Oct.	217.0	168.5	139.6	134.4	215.1	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

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

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- NON-METALLIC MINERALS - Concluded

Date	Plaster	Lime	Cement	Sand and Gravel	Crushed Stone	Building Stone	Asbestos and Its Products
1958 Average ...	136.3	211.2	163.5	151.2	165.0	207.6	304.3
1958 Apr.	136.2	211.2	164.1	150.9	165.1	205.1	304.8
May	136.2	211.2	164.1	150.9	165.1	208.8	304.8
June	136.2	211.2	164.1	150.9	165.1	208.8	304.8
July	136.2	211.2	164.1	150.9	165.1	208.8	304.9
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

- CHEMICAL PRODUCTS -

	Total Chemical Products	Inorganic Chemicals	Organic Chemicals	Coal Tar Products	Dyeing and Tanning Materials	Explosives	Paint, Prepared	Fertilizer Materials	Industrial Gases	Soaps and Detergents
1958 Average ...	183.0	149.2	166.8	186.2	211.0	144.0	214.9	159.0	146.6	216.2
1958 Apr.	182.9	148.8	167.2	184.6	214.6	143.6	214.9	159.4	144.7	214.6
May	182.4	148.8	166.6	184.6	212.1	143.6	214.9	159.4	147.0	214.6
June	182.7	149.8	166.6	187.4	210.2	143.6	214.9	159.4	147.4	214.6
July	182.7	149.5	166.6	187.4	209.3	143.6	214.9	159.4	149.7	214.6
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

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

Commodity	Unit	Yearly	Aug.	July	Aug.
		Average 1958	1958	1959	1959
		\$	\$	\$	\$
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS					
Barley, No. 1 feed	bu.	.93	.95	.91	.93
Coffee beans, Green Santos 2/3's	lb.	.51	.48	.36	.38
Flour, first patent, Toronto	100-lb. bag	5.88	5.90	6.15	6.20
Linseed oil, raw, Montreal	gal.	1.30	1.36	1.29	1.42
Oats, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	.778	.827	.761	.768
Potatoes, No. 1 Saint John	75-lb. bag	1.715	1.881	3.300	3.000
Sugar, granulated, standard, Montreal ...	100-lb. bag	7.66	7.38	7.03	6.44
Wheat, No. 2, Manitoba Northern	bu.	1.60	1.60	1.64	1.63
ANIMAL PRODUCTS					
Butter, prints, 1st. grade, Montreal	lb.	.64	.64	.64	.64
Eggs, grade "A", large, Montreal	doz.	.53	.59	.50	.50
Hides, packer, light native steers	lb.	.150	.148	.275	.260
Hogs, Toronto (bonus excluded)	100-lb.	28.44	30.13	24.49	24.00
Steers, good, Toronto	100-lb.	23.20	22.18	25.21	25.69
TEXTILE PRODUCTS					
Cotton, raw, middling, 1", New York	lb.	.351	.351	.332	.317
Cotton yarn, 10's, white	lb.	.70	.70	.70	.70
Cotton, grey Osnaburg, clean, 7 1/8 oz. .	yd.	.34	.34	.34	.34
Rayon yarn, 36 filament, 150 denier	lb.	.88	.87	.89	.89
Wool, raw, Australian, 64's, clean	lb.	1.22	1.15	1.31	N.A.
Wool, raw, Eastern, domestic	lb.	.40	.40	.41	.40
WOOD PRODUCTS					
Newsprint paper, standard, Quebec	2000-lb. ton	113.06	112.19	111.57	111.21
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	7.80	6.50	6.50
Spruce, merchantable, 1" x 6"-7"	1000-bd. ft.	84.83	84.50	85.50	85.50
IRON PRODUCTS					
Cast iron scrap	2240-lb. ton	46.66	45.00	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
NON-FERROUS METALS					
Copper, electrolytic, domestic	100-lb.	25.43	24.75	29.23	29.00
Lead, pig, electrolytic, domestic	100-lb.	11.33	10.68	10.25	10.34
Tin, ingots, 99.8%, Montreal	lb.	.97	.96	1.05	1.05
Zinc, high grade, electrolytic	100-lb.	10.89	10.60	11.85	12.18
NON-METALLIC MINERALS					
Cement, Portland, Calgary	350-lb.	3.05	3.04	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	19.88	20.10	20.10
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
CHEMICALS					
Sodium carbonate (Soda Ash) 58 p.c.	100-lb.	2.45	2.44	2.51	2.51
Sulphuric acid, 66° Baume	2000-lb. ton	25.35	25.35	25.35	25.35

1/ New price series introduced in January 1959.

TABLE 5. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

(1935-39 = 100)

- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -

Date	Total Index* (1949=100)	Total Index	Cement, Sand and Gravel	Brick, Tile and Stone	Lumber and Its Products	Lath, Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Materials	Paint and Glass	Plumbing and Heating Equipment	Elec- ** trical Equipment and Fixtures	Other Materials
1926	48.1	109.6	105.5	103.2	110.9	101.4	104.3	156.8	110.2	91.6	112.0
1929	49.3	112.4	107.6	107.4	116.7	94.4	108.8	151.5	108.5	130.1	106.1
1932	38.4	87.5	103.7	101.8	72.7	85.0	95.5	111.7	108.1	79.1	89.5
1939	44.9	102.3	94.0	97.2	104.9	99.4	104.1	97.2	103.0	102.4	104.6
1940	48.4	110.3	94.6	98.0	119.1	99.7	110.4	115.2	106.5	107.1	109.2
1941	53.8	122.6	99.1	105.1	139.2	102.8	118.7	136.2	114.6	109.0	112.5
1942	57.4	130.9	100.8	109.0	153.2	104.8	123.4	146.9	120.0	110.3	117.6
1943	61.0	139.1	101.2	113.1	171.3	104.8	130.1	149.4	120.0	110.3	117.9
1944	64.3	146.6	101.8	114.9	188.4	104.8	136.0	146.6	120.0	110.3	117.9
1945	65.0	148.3	102.1	116.4	191.3	104.8	135.5	142.2	122.2	111.4	118.0
1946	67.8	154.5	102.0	121.0	202.1	104.2	146.2	144.2	127.2	116.9	126.4
1947	79.1	180.4	109.7	133.4	242.0	107.3	172.3	169.6	145.2	147.4	143.0
1948	95.4	217.5	122.3	143.1	305.8	116.7	201.6	183.1	168.3	169.8	162.3
1949	100.0	228.0	127.0	151.0	322.1	118.1	190.5	179.6	180.2	173.4	174.7
1950	106.4	242.7	131.3	163.8	349.2	116.7	235.4	174.8	183.2	184.5	181.1
1951	125.5	286.2	140.9	180.7	425.0	126.3	235.8	197.8	210.4	213.3	212.7
1952	124.9	284.8	149.5	195.3	415.7	128.5	217.7	194.9	215.6	212.0	226.3
1953	123.9	282.6	151.8	205.8	410.6	128.5	218.6	203.8	209.0	211.4	229.5
1954	121.7	277.5	151.3	207.4	400.5	128.8	233.4	208.9	202.8	207.7	226.6
1955	124.3	283.4	149.4	209.5	409.4	125.3	244.5	219.7	207.2	229.2	230.3
1956	128.5	292.9	149.7	218.8	420.2	130.8	259.6	226.9	217.9	243.7	243.7
1957	128.4	292.8	153.6	223.8	415.2	136.9	253.3	225.4	227.6	209.2	253.8
1958	127.3	290.2	156.8	224.6	409.8	139.8	235.4	226.6	229.8	186.9	254.0
<u>1958</u>											
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
<u>1959</u>											
Jan.	128.6	293.1	157.9	226.3	414.4	139.8	247.1	228.7	229.8	192.9	257.2
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

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

**Effective July 1959, the Electrical Equipment and Fixtures index has been revised. See page 29.

TABLE 6. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS
(1949 = 100)

		- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -						
Date	Total Index	Aggregate,	Blocks,	Tile	Lumber	Plumbing,	Electrical	
		Cement and Concrete Mix	Brick and Stone		and Lumber Products	Heating and other Equipment		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	Apr.	129.3	119.7	134.7	118.1	126.6	123.5	112.9
	May	129.1	118.2	135.4	118.1	126.4	123.2	112.9
	June	129.1	118.2	135.4	118.1	126.2	123.4	112.7
	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
		Steel and Metal Work	Hardware	Lath, Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Materials	Paint and Glass	Miscellaneous Materials	
1950	107.3	103.8		98.7	104.7	100.5	97.7	
1951	122.0	120.3		107.1	128.9	113.0	106.0	
1952	131.3	125.9		109.7	134.5	115.6	106.4	
1953	134.7	129.3		110.0	133.6	125.3	103.8	
1954	128.2	125.4		109.7	132.8	128.2	100.9	
1955	129.9	132.6		108.1	127.3	133.3	97.4	
1956	139.0	145.4		112.7	137.3	141.6	93.6	
1957	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	Apr.	150.6	155.2	118.9	118.8	145.2	93.7	
	May	150.6	155.0	118.9	120.7	145.2	93.7	
	June	150.6	155.0	118.2	120.7	145.2	93.7	
	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	

TABLE 7. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

(1949 = 100)

	Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	House- hold Opera- tion	Other Commod- ities & Services
1943	74.2	65.2	90.9	66.1	76.1	84.8
1944	74.6	65.5	91.2	66.6	75.7	86.1
1945	75.0	66.3	91.4	66.9	74.9	86.4
1946	77.5	70.0	91.8	69.2	77.2	88.7
1947	84.8	79.5	95.1	78.9	86.2	91.6
1948	97.0	97.5	98.3	95.6	96.8	96.5
1949	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950	102.9	102.6	106.2	99.7	102.4	103.1
1951	113.7	117.0	114.4	109.8	113.1	111.5
1952	116.5	116.8	120.2	111.8	116.2	116.0
1953	115.5	112.6	123.6	110.1	117.0	115.8
1954	116.2	112.2	126.5	109.4	117.4	117.4
1955	116.4	112.1	129.4	108.0	116.4	118.1
1956	118.1	113.4	132.5	108.6	117.1	120.9
1957	121.9	118.6	134.9	108.5	119.6	126.1
1958	125.1	122.1	138.4	109.7	121.0	130.9
<u>1956</u> June	117.8	112.5	132.6	108.6	116.7	120.6
July	118.5	114.4	132.7	108.6	116.7	121.1
August	119.1	115.9	133.0	108.4	116.8	121.3
September	119.0	115.5	133.1	108.4	117.1	121.4
October	119.8	117.4	133.3	108.5	117.7	121.6
November	120.3	117.9	133.4	108.4	118.1	122.8
December	120.4	117.5	133.5	108.6	118.6	122.9
<u>1957</u> January	120.3	117.1	133.6	107.6	119.0	123.1
February	120.5	117.2	133.8	107.4	119.1	123.8
March	120.5	116.4	134.0	108.2	119.5	124.2
April	120.9	116.7	134.0	108.5	119.4	125.1
May	121.1	116.7	134.2	108.5	119.2	126.3
June	121.6	117.7	134.8	108.4	119.1	126.5
July	121.9	118.2	135.1	108.4	119.6	126.5
August	122.6	120.2	135.3	108.2	119.7	126.9
September	123.3	121.9	135.6	108.3	119.8	127.1
October	123.4	121.7	135.9	108.7	120.1	127.4
November	123.3	120.2	136.3	109.8	120.5	127.7
December	123.1	118.8	136.7	109.9	120.6	128.4
<u>1958</u> January	123.4	119.4	136.6	108.8	120.8	129.1
February	123.7	119.9	136.9	108.8	120.8	129.5
March	124.3	121.3	137.1	109.5	121.1	129.6
April	125.2	123.4	137.6	109.8	121.3	130.1
May	125.1	122.7	137.9	110.0	120.7	130.6
June	125.1	122.7	138.3	109.7	120.6	130.7
July	124.7	121.4	138.4	109.9	120.6	130.4
August	125.2	122.6	139.1	109.6	120.5	130.6
September	125.6	122.9	139.4	109.5	120.8	131.5
October	126.0	123.4	139.6	109.9	121.3	131.8
November	126.3	123.2	139.8	110.4	121.5	133.1
December	126.2	122.2	139.9	110.5	122.0	133.4
<u>1959</u> January	126.1	122.3	140.2	109.2	121.8	133.4
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

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

(1949 = 100)

	1956	1957	1958	Aug. 1957	Aug. 1958	June 1959	July 1959	Aug. 1959
<u>Total Index</u>	118.1	121.9	125.1	122.6	125.2	125.9	125.9	126.4
<u>Food</u>	113.4	118.6	122.1	120.2	122.6	119.1	119.2	120.5
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	112.1	118.1	122.5	117.8	122.4	123.0	122.8	122.9
Cereal Products	125.0	132.4	135.9	132.7	136.2	138.6	138.7	138.9
Miscellaneous Groceries	121.8	126.9	122.5	126.9	121.6	117.6	117.6	117.5
<u>Shelter</u>	132.5	134.9	138.4	135.3	139.1	141.5	141.7	141.9
Rent	135.6	138.0	140.5	138.5	141.0	142.1	142.2	142.3
Home-Ownership	128.4	130.8	135.6	131.1	136.6	140.8	141.1	141.3
<u>Clothing</u>	108.6	108.5	109.7	108.2	109.6	109.2	109.7	109.7
Men's Wear	113.4	115.6	116.4	115.7	116.6	116.4	117.4	117.4
Women's Wear	98.9	96.4	97.9	95.7	97.6	96.4	96.2	95.8
Children's Wear	105.9	104.8	105.4	104.4	104.9	104.3	104.1	104.0
Footwear	129.6	131.9	133.5	132.2	133.6	135.7	137.8	139.0
Piece Goods	108.5	111.0	111.4	111.8	111.5	111.7	111.7	112.0
<u>Household Operation</u>	117.1	119.6	121.0	119.7	120.5	122.5	122.7	122.6
Fuel	114.8	118.9	117.5	117.7	115.8	116.5	116.8	117.2
Coal	117.2	124.2	124.2	122.1	122.0	122.7	122.3	123.0
Fuel Oil	112.7	113.5	107.0	114.0	105.3	108.7	109.0	109.0
Domestic Gas	109.1	106.3	106.1	106.3	106.2	103.8	106.2	106.2
Electricity	115.6	115.2	115.7	114.9	115.8	116.7	116.8	116.8
Home Furnishings	113.2	115.3	116.8	115.8	116.5	117.3	117.4	116.9
Appliances	96.4	95.4	96.5	96.2	96.6	95.5	95.1	95.1
Furniture	116.2	119.5	121.4	119.8	121.2	122.6	122.6	121.5
Utensils and Equipment	125.5	130.4	133.0	131.0	133.1	135.1	135.8	136.2
Supplies and Services	124.2	127.1	130.2	127.4	130.1	135.0	135.3	135.5
Supplies	117.2	119.2	123.0	119.2	122.6	127.8	128.2	128.4
Services	129.1	132.5	135.2	133.1	135.2	140.0	140.1	140.3
Telephone Rates	137.4	137.9	138.9	138.0	138.3	147.7	147.7	147.7
Shoe Repairs	125.6	131.8	135.4	132.8	135.7	142.2	142.2	142.2
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	120.9	126.1	130.9	126.9	130.6	135.4	134.9	135.3
Transportation	123.3	129.9	133.8	130.2	132.3	138.9	137.0	137.6
Automobile Operation	112.1	119.3	121.2	119.5	120.1	123.5	120.3	121.3
New Passenger Cars	108.8	119.7	121.6	119.6	118.4	126.0	123.9	123.9
Gasoline	107.9	112.2	110.8	112.7	109.8	110.1	103.0	105.8
Local Transportation	158.0	165.0	173.8	166.4	170.4	185.4	185.4	185.5
Street Car and Bus Fares	164.6	172.2	181.6	173.6	177.8	194.1	194.1	194.1
Recreation	125.3	129.8	138.4	131.2	138.7	142.1	141.9	142.0
Theatre Admissions	144.6	154.5	160.6	156.5	161.4	165.5	165.5	165.5
Newspapers	129.8	134.7	160.2	138.1	160.8	163.5	163.6	163.6
Health Care	134.2	142.6	150.1	144.3	150.3	154.5	154.7	155.1
Hospital Rates	169.5	184.0	197.1	187.5	195.6	204.3	204.3	205.5
Doctors' Fees	125.7	130.7	137.8	130.9	138.3	141.8	141.8	141.8
Dentists' Fees	130.5	138.4	145.0	140.0	145.1	149.2	149.2	149.2
Prepaid Health Care	143.7	160.7	169.4	165.0	170.2	167.4	169.0	169.0
Drugs	111.7	114.5	118.2	115.4	119.1	125.4	125.4	126.5
Tobacco and Alcoholic								
Beverages	107.7	109.4	110.6	109.6	110.6	115.0	115.0	115.4
Personal Care	120.5	127.8	134.4	128.9	134.9	140.2	140.4	140.7
Men's Haircut	141.4	156.0	159.4	157.1	159.4	169.3	169.3	169.3
Personal Supplies	112.4	116.7	123.0	118.1	123.8	126.3	126.6	127.2

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

Item	Unit	1956	1957	1958	Aug. 1957	Aug. 1958	June 1959	July 1959	Aug. 1959	Aug. 1959
										Price Relative 1949=100
Beef -										
Sirloin steak	lb.	81.6	84.3	94.4	87.7	96.1	97.8	99.4	103.2	146.5
Round steak	lb.	75.2	77.9	87.9	80.8	88.6	91.2	91.0	92.2	137.5
Prime rib roast (1)	lb.	73.2	75.9	84.8	77.0	86.8	88.6	88.5	89.1	132.8
Blade roast (2)	lb.	49.2	52.0	61.5	52.9	63.6	63.0	63.1	62.0	128.1
Stewing beef	lb.	49.5	52.6	61.3	53.2	63.1	66.2	65.8	66.1	141.8
Hamburg	lb.	37.1	37.9	46.4	38.9	48.3	48.5	48.8	48.0	126.7
Liver, sliced	lb.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	60.8	60.9	60.6	N.A.
Pork -										
Shoulder roast, Boston butt, fresh	lb.	51.0	60.5	58.2	66.9	63.0	53.3	53.7	54.1	97.9(3)
Rib chops, fresh	lb.	64.4	74.6	72.5	82.9	77.6	66.6	67.2	68.2	119.9(4)
Ham, smoked, boneless, to be cooked (6)	lb.	85.0	96.5	93.7	110.3	98.9	90.7	91.0	90.0	105.9(5)
Bacon, side, fancy, sliced, rind off	1/2 lb.	39.0	50.0	47.0	55.1	49.6	43.0	43.0	43.1	101.7
Sausage, pure pork	lb.	50.6	56.6	58.5	59.1	60.4	54.3	54.5	54.6	110.6
Other Meats -										
Veal, loin chops, rib end	lb.	76.9	79.6	88.1	79.0	87.9	91.4	91.9	92.2	124.1
Lamb, leg roast	lb.	76.7	79.2	81.3	83.9	82.9	77.2	79.4	78.9	109.5
Bologna, sliced	lb.	33.6	36.8	43.3	39.0	45.6	44.3	44.2	44.2	107.2
Meat loaf, canned, mainly pork, ready to eat	12 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	50.6	48.0	47.2	47.3	N.A.
Fish -										
Salmon, canned, fancy pink ...	8 oz.	27.7	30.2	29.9	30.3	29.6	30.2	30.3	31.3	126.4
Cod fillets, frozen (7)	lb.	33.9	34.4	34.6	34.7	34.6	36.8	36.6	37.0	109.2(5)
Poultry -										
Chicken, grade A eviscerated (1 1/2 - 3 lb.) (7)	lb.	52.8	52.0	51.1	56.1	54.6	45.8	47.6	48.6	92.1(5)
Fruits -										
Bananas, yellow	lb.	20.1	20.7	20.5	21.2	21.7	20.6	20.0	20.6	109.8
Oranges, California, medium size (138's)	doz.	42.5	44.1	57.1	41.9	56.6	44.3	45.0	45.5	129.2
Apples, volume seller	lb.	13.3	15.2	15.0	18.2	17.8	15.1	15.7	15.0	146.5
Grapefruit, white, 96's	1/2 doz.	49.9	48.4	59.7	56.7	64.2	53.5	59.1	62.1	161.5
Peaches, canned, choice, halves	15 oz.	21.5	23.8	22.5	24.2	22.8	21.7	21.7	21.9	106.1
Pears, canned, choice	15 oz.	19.9	20.6	20.8	20.7	20.9	20.9	21.0	21.0	97.5
Strawberries, canned, choice .	15 oz.	31.5	32.3	32.4	32.4	32.5	32.9	33.0	32.9	108.3
Orange juice, unsweetened	20 oz.	18.2	17.4	18.6	16.8	19.2	22.4	23.0	23.4	111.0
Apple juice, choice	20 oz.	13.7	15.0	15.2	15.2	15.6	15.8	15.9	15.9	137.7
Raisins, California and Australia	lb.	23.3	24.9	27.6	24.9	27.9	30.9	31.1	31.8	180.4
Strawberries, frozen, fancy, pkg.	15 oz.	46.8	44.6	42.8	43.1	43.6	41.6	41.5	41.4	88.4(5)
Orange juice, concentrate, frozen, fancy (8)	6 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	29.2	26.9	27.0	27.1	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.

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

Item	Unit	1956	1957	1958	Aug. 1957	Aug. 1958	June 1959	July 1959	Aug. 1959	Aug. 1959
										Price Relative 1949=100
Vegetables -										
Potatoes, No. 1 table	10 lb.	49.7	42.1	45.7	42.1	43.7	58.1	70.9	59.4	170.6
Tomatoes, fresh	lb.	27.5	25.3	28.2	21.2	25.7	24.9	26.1	19.6	83.8
Lettuce, head, fresh	lb.	20.0	21.1	19.2	19.2	12.4	15.2	15.3	17.7	114.9
Carrots	lb.	11.3	11.8	12.4	13.0	13.2	12.9	13.1	12.2	162.2
Celery stalks, green	lb.	15.4	17.6	18.6	16.4	16.6	14.8	18.6	15.3	90.9
Cabbage	lb.	8.0	9.0	9.5	8.9	8.1	10.4	9.3	9.0	117.0
Onions, No. 1, cooking	lb.	9.9	10.0	10.1	11.3	10.3	12.8	12.1	11.5	156.2
Turnips, Canada No. 1	lb.	6.5	6.4	7.6	8.2	9.0	7.4	8.0	7.9	158.2
Tomatoes, canned, choice	28 oz.	27.3	29.1	26.6	29.1	26.8	27.6	27.8	27.9	139.0
Peas, canned, choice	15 oz.	16.8	17.1	16.5	16.9	16.6	17.0	17.0	17.0	116.0
Corn, canned, cream, choice ...	20 oz.	18.8	20.7	20.9	20.8	21.0	21.4	21.4	21.6	113.1
Beans, with pork and tomato sauce	15 oz.	17.3	17.6	18.1	17.5	18.1	18.4	18.4	18.5	133.5
Soup, vegetable	10 oz.	13.6	13.9	14.7	14.1	14.9	15.2	15.1	15.1	124.2
Green peas, frozen, fancy, pkg.	12 oz.	25.2	23.8	23.1	23.7	23.6	23.0	23.0	23.0	91.3(5)
Green beans, French cut, frozen, pkg. (8)	10 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	27.4	27.4	27.4	N.A.
Tomato juice, fancy	20 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	17.0	16.0	16.1	15.9	N.A.
Dairy Products -										
Milk, fresh	qt.	21.2	22.5	23.2	22.4	23.2	23.3	23.3	23.3	130.9
Milk, evaporated	16 oz.	14.8	15.7	16.2	16.1	16.2	16.1	15.9	15.9	107.3
Butter, creamery, first grade .	lb.	63.5	65.7	69.2	65.4	69.0	69.6	69.3	69.3	107.3
Cheese, plain, processed	1/2 lb.	33.7	35.6	35.9	35.7	36.2	36.5	36.5	36.7	125.7
Cereal Products -										
Bread, plain, white, wrapped, sliced	lb.	13.3	14.3	14.8	14.3	14.8	15.2	15.2	15.2	150.9
Flour, white, all purpose	lb.	7.6	7.9	8.0	7.9	8.0	8.3	8.3	8.4	120.5
Cake mix, white, only liquid to be added, pkg.	14-16 oz.	32.9	33.2	32.6	33.4	32.1	32.0	31.7	32.0	100.4
Corn flakes, pkg.	8 oz.	17.4	18.3	19.7	18.5	19.7	19.7	19.8	19.8	140.2
Macaroni, dry, pkg.	lb.	17.2	17.5	18.3	17.4	18.3	18.3	18.3	18.3	133.2
Fats -										
Margarine	lb.	33.1	33.9	32.5	34.2	32.6	31.1	31.1	31.4	97.5
Shortening	lb.	30.6	32.7	33.4	32.7	33.6	33.0	32.8	33.1	102.5
Lard, pure	lb.	21.8	25.6	24.3	25.5	24.4	18.1	17.8	17.7	75.4
Salad dressing, jar	16 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	44.4	44.4	44.2	44.1	N.A.
Eggs -										
Eggs, fresh, grade A large	doz.	63.2	56.0	57.9	63.4	58.3	51.0	52.3	54.5	88.6
Miscellaneous Groceries -										
Sugar, granulated	lb.	9.3	12.3	10.6	12.6	10.1	9.2	9.1	9.0	97.6
Jam, strawberry, 2 lb. jar (24 fl. oz.) with pectin & pure .	lb.	25.8	28.0	27.3	27.9	27.2	27.1	27.0	27.1	116.9
Peanut butter, plain, jar	16 oz.	38.9	38.6	38.6	38.7	38.7	38.3	38.6	38.7	106.6
Pickles, sweet, mixed, jar	16 oz.	34.1	35.0	34.9	35.0	34.8	34.5	34.4	34.5	124.1
Infant's food, vegetable, tin .	5 oz.	9.7	10.0	10.5	9.9	10.5	10.8	10.8	10.8	130.1
Tea, black, pkg.	1/2 lb.	62.8	61.6	60.2	61.0	60.2	59.7	59.5	59.5	121.5
Tea bags, orange pekoe, pkg. ..	60-bag	N.A.	82.3	80.9	81.5	80.8	80.5	79.7	80.2	N.A.
Coffee, medium quality, pkg. ..	lb.	112.9	102.6	87.9	99.2	87.3	73.1	73.0	73.0	117.3
Coffee, instant, dried, jar ...	6 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	129.7	149.1	128.3	115.0	114.3	114.1	N.A.
Jelly powders, flavoured, pkg..	3 oz.	9.7	10.2	10.0	10.1	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.0	103.1(5)
Baking chocolate, unsweetened, bar (8)	8 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	59.5	61.1	61.2	61.2	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
	1949=100									
	1951=100									
1945		77.6	75.8	74.4	73.8	75.3	75.2	74.0	75.3	73.6
1946		79.6	77.9	76.9	76.5	77.9	77.5	76.6	77.8	75.9
1947		86.3	84.6	84.3	84.5	85.5	84.3	84.4	84.6	83.3
1948		96.8	97.0	96.6	96.5	97.0	95.8	96.9	96.1	96.0
1949		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950		102.1	103.3	103.7	103.1	104.1	103.8	102.2	103.9	103.6
1951		112.1	114.1	116.1	115.3	115.4	114.6	111.7	113.5	114.3
1952	103.5	115.3	117.4	117.6	116.8	117.5	116.1	112.8	114.8	117.4
1953	102.2	113.2	115.3	116.3	115.0	116.8	114.4	113.1	114.0	116.1
1954	102.8	114.1	116.6	116.8	116.2	118.3	115.3	114.2	114.9	117.4
1955	104.2	114.8	117.7	116.9	117.2	118.8	115.9	114.6	114.6	117.9
1956	106.8	116.1	118.8	118.4	119.2	120.6	117.2	115.8	115.7	119.6
1957	109.4	119.8	122.6	121.8	123.2	125.2	120.0	119.1	118.8	122.6
1958	112.0	122.9	125.3	125.5	125.5	128.6	123.0	122.0	121.4	125.6
<u>1956</u> January	104.7	114.5	117.4	117.4	117.5	118.8	116.8	115.2	114.8	120.0
February	104.9	114.1	117.1	117.0	117.3	118.3	116.5	114.7	114.1	118.5
March	105.0	114.3	117.4	116.7	117.3	118.2	116.8	114.7	114.3	118.6
April	105.9	114.8	117.6	116.7	117.7	118.7	116.5	114.9	114.6	118.6
May	106.6	114.7	117.5	116.6	117.7	119.1	116.1	114.6	114.3	117.7
June	107.6	115.6	118.2	118.1	118.8	120.4	116.6	115.2	114.9	118.4
July	108.1	116.0	118.7	119.1	119.4	121.5	117.6	115.6	115.7	119.3
August	110.2	117.6	120.3	118.9	120.4	122.0	117.0	116.2	116.1	119.6
September	107.3	117.2	119.6	118.8	120.0	121.7	117.5	116.8	116.8	120.5
October	106.9	117.7	120.0	119.9	120.9	122.5	118.1	117.2	117.5	121.2
November	107.0	118.0	120.4	120.9	121.5	123.1	118.4	117.2	117.7	121.5
December	107.5	118.5	121.1	120.7	121.6	123.1	118.4	117.1	117.4	121.7
<u>1957</u> January	107.7	118.6	121.2	120.6	121.4	123.1	118.8	117.1	117.2	122.1
February	108.5	118.8	122.1	120.5	121.6	123.4	118.7	117.6	117.4	122.5
March	108.8	118.7	122.1	120.3	121.6	123.5	118.4	117.8	117.4	122.4
April	108.7	119.4	122.1	120.5	122.4	124.2	119.2	117.9	117.7	122.2
May	109.3	119.1	121.9	120.7	122.8	125.0	119.2	117.9	118.1	122.0
June	109.5	119.1	122.0	121.5	123.2	125.2	119.6	118.8	118.4	121.5
July	109.6	119.3	122.4	122.0	123.4	125.5	120.0	119.3	119.1	121.7
August	110.5	120.6	123.3	122.2	124.0	125.9	120.7	120.2	119.8	122.5
September	110.2	120.9	123.5	122.8	124.7	126.8	121.2	121.1	120.5	123.5
October	109.9	120.6	123.3	123.3	125.0	126.7	120.9	121.0	120.6	123.8
November	109.8	121.2	123.4	123.8	124.4	126.4	121.2	120.2	119.9	123.6
December	109.8	121.1	123.4	123.4	124.2	126.1	121.6	120.1	120.0	123.9
<u>1958</u> January	110.2	120.7	123.5	123.8	123.9	127.0	121.9	120.3	119.9	124.3
February	110.6	121.2	123.6	124.0	124.3	127.5	122.0	120.5	120.2	124.5
March	110.7	122.7	124.9	125.0	125.1	128.2	122.4	121.1	120.4	124.5
April	111.9	123.5	125.4	125.6	125.7	128.9	123.3	121.7	121.3	125.8
May	112.3	122.7	125.3	125.2	125.5	128.8	123.3	121.9	121.7	125.7
June	112.3	122.4	124.9	125.2	125.4	128.8	123.3	122.2	121.9	125.1
July	112.7	122.8	124.7	125.0	125.4	128.4	122.6	121.9	121.3	124.6
August	113.1	123.2	125.7	124.9	126.0	128.9	122.7	122.2	121.3	125.1
September	112.5	123.1	125.7	126.1	125.7	128.7	123.3	123.0	121.8	126.0
October	112.7	123.7	126.2	126.6	126.4	128.9	123.5	123.1	122.4	126.7
November	112.6	124.3	126.7	127.2	126.5	129.4	123.8	123.0	122.7	127.5
December	112.6	124.3	126.7	126.9	126.5	129.1	124.0	122.7	122.5	127.8
<u>1959</u> January	112.6	124.8	126.7	126.5	126.4	128.9	123.6	122.8	122.5	128.1
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

* Revised

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	
Food Index											
<u>1956</u>	October	102.7	111.2	115.6	119.2	116.2	116.6	114.9	117.0	115.9	118.5
	November	102.9	111.8	115.4	120.9	117.0	117.5	114.9	116.6	115.3	118.4
	December	104.1	112.8	116.7	120.2	116.9	117.2	114.1	114.6	114.2	118.4
<u>1957</u>	January	104.7	112.2	116.8	120.5	115.7	116.4	115.2	114.1	113.5	119.7
	February	105.6	112.3	117.2	120.2	116.1	116.3	114.9	114.6	113.6	119.2
	March	106.2	111.4	116.6	119.3	115.4	115.4	113.7	114.1	113.2	117.6
	April	105.8	112.5	115.6	118.8	116.0	116.3	114.6	113.9	113.0	118.0
	May	107.2	111.2	114.8	118.7	115.6	116.8	114.0	113.4	113.0	117.5
	June	107.7	110.5	114.6	120.3	117.0	117.5	115.1	115.2	113.9	116.5
	July	108.1	110.9	115.1	121.3	117.1	118.3	116.2	116.6	115.8	116.8
	August	110.6	115.0	118.9	121.6	119.2	119.5	118.5	119.8	117.7	118.7
	September	109.4	115.3	119.1	123.6	121.5	121.6	119.6	122.2	119.5	121.3
	October	108.1	114.6	118.1	124.1	121.3	120.9	117.9	121.1	119.2	121.3
	November	107.7	115.0	118.0	124.3	118.8	118.6	117.8	118.0	116.9	119.5
	December	107.7	113.9	117.3	122.4	117.3	116.9	118.3	116.9	115.7	118.5
<u>1958</u>	January	107.4	113.8	117.3	123.9	118.0	118.3	119.2	117.5	116.0	119.1
	February	107.5	115.0	116.9	123.8	118.7	119.6	119.5	117.9	116.8	119.6
	March	107.6	116.3	118.1	126.3	121.1	121.3	120.7	118.5	117.0	119.8
	April	110.6	117.8	119.5	127.4	122.7	123.7	122.6	120.4	119.0	124.2
	May	111.6	115.9	119.2	126.7	121.6	122.5	121.8	120.8	119.2	123.0
	June	110.8	115.3	118.0	126.3	121.4	122.2	122.5	121.4	119.3	120.7
	July	111.7	115.3	117.2	125.5	121.0	121.4	120.5	119.5	118.2	118.8
	August	112.5	117.2	120.4	125.4	123.0	123.4	120.3	120.6	117.9	120.5
	September	110.8	116.7	120.3	126.4	121.7	122.3	121.7	122.9	119.3	123.0
	October	110.0	117.6	120.9	127.5	123.2	122.3	122.1	123.1	120.2	124.3
	November	109.5	118.3	121.2	128.2	121.3	122.0	121.7	122.1	120.1	125.6
	December	109.5	117.7	120.8	127.1	120.8	120.7	121.8	120.2	119.1	124.4
<u>1959</u>	January	109.7	117.7	120.9	127.0	120.8	120.5	121.7	120.8	119.4	124.1
	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
Shelter Index											
<u>1958</u>	April	111.3	131.4	134.7	141.1	144.3	153.2	129.6	120.1	123.3	135.9
	May	111.3	131.4	134.7	141.2	144.3	153.3	129.8	120.3	123.9	136.2
	June	113.5	131.5	134.7	142.4	145.0	153.5	129.9	120.7	124.2	136.7
	July	113.5	131.5	134.7	142.6	145.3	153.6	129.9	121.2	124.4	136.9
	August	113.9	131.5	134.9	142.6	145.5	153.7	130.0	121.4	124.6	137.4
	September	114.2	131.5	135.0	142.8	145.5	153.9	130.3	121.5	125.1	137.5
	October	114.2	131.5	135.4	142.9	145.8	153.9	130.4	121.5	125.1	137.6
	November	114.2	131.8	135.4	143.0	146.4	154.0	131.0	121.5	125.1	137.8
	December	114.2	132.2	135.4	143.0	146.6	154.0	131.1	122.2	125.2	137.9
<u>1959</u>	January	114.2	132.3	135.5	143.0	146.8	154.0	131.1	122.4	125.3	137.9
	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

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

* Revised

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

(1949 = 100)

	St. John's Nfld. 1.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saskatoon- Regina	Edmonton- Calgary	Van- couver	
<u>Clothing Index</u>											
1958	April	103.2	115.5	117.1	107.3	111.7	113.4	114.9	119.1	116.0	113.4
	May	103.2	115.4	117.1	107.5	111.8	113.4	115.6	119.1	116.2	114.4
	June	102.7	114.8	116.7	107.1	111.4	113.1	115.5	118.6	115.9	114.0
	July	103.4	115.3	116.7	107.3	111.7	113.4	115.6	118.6	114.9	113.9
	August	103.4	114.7	116.7	107.1	111.3	113.0	115.2	118.6	114.7	113.7
	September	103.4	114.7	116.7	107.0	111.4	113.3	115.2	118.7	114.4	113.1
	October	103.6	114.9	116.7	107.3	111.8	113.4	115.5	118.7	115.7	114.5
	November	103.3	116.0	116.7	107.8	113.0	113.7	116.6	118.7	115.7	114.7
	December	103.3	116.7	117.3	107.9	113.1	113.7	116.9	118.9	115.8	114.8
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
<u>Household Operation Index</u>											
1958	April	108.5	125.4	121.5	119.0	118.7	121.6	117.5	122.5	119.9	128.0
	May	108.2	124.0	121.3	118.1	119.4	121.7	117.3	122.6	120.4	126.7
	June	108.3	124.0	121.3	118.2	118.8	121.6	117.3	122.8	120.6	127.0
	July	108.4	125.4	121.3	118.0	119.0	120.9	117.5	123.1	120.7	127.5
	August	108.4	125.4	121.4	118.1	118.9	120.3	117.4	123.1	120.7	127.7
	September	108.4	125.5	121.4	118.2	118.7	120.9	117.8	123.2	120.8	128.2
	October	108.4	126.5	122.5	118.7	119.2	121.0	117.9	123.2	121.0	128.3
	November	108.7	126.4	122.6	118.6	119.5	122.0	118.0	123.3	121.0	128.7
	December	108.7	126.5	122.7	119.2	120.4	122.5	118.2	123.6	121.2	128.9
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
<u>Other Commodities and Services Index</u>											
1958	April	121.3	131.1	137.0	128.7	131.3	133.4	129.3	124.8	127.3	128.5
	May	121.9	131.4	137.0	128.8	131.4	134.1	129.6	125.2	128.1	130.1
	June	121.9	131.4	137.2	128.8	131.5	134.2	129.1	125.4	128.4	130.2
	July	121.9	131.4	137.2	128.7	131.4	134.0	128.5	125.8	128.2	129.8
	August	122.0	131.4	137.3	128.7	131.5	134.1	129.2	125.8	128.2	129.8
	September	122.0	131.6	137.4	131.9	132.0	134.1	129.2	125.8	128.1	130.0
	October	123.9	131.8	137.6	132.1	132.3	134.6	129.5	126.1	128.5	130.2
	November	124.0	132.7	138.6	133.2	133.5	136.2	130.2	127.0	130.0	131.5
	December	124.0	132.7	138.7	133.2	133.4	136.3	130.5	127.0	130.1	133.7
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

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

TABLE 11. - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES IN MANUFACTURING IN CURRENT DOLLARS AND ADJUSTED FOR
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	70.71(p)	169.4(p)	56.16(p)	134.6(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 32.

(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 - April	250.6	209.2	209.6	184.7	485.1	204.0	231.9
1957 - April	260.1	223.8	212.0	191.9	523.9	213.5	241.5
1958 - January	252.2	236.1	212.2	196.7	470.3	215.2	237.4
- 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(r)	218.2(r)	196.7	487.2	219.4	243.0
- April	271.4	248.9	220.3	196.7	554.6	220.0	250.8
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 - April	252.3	207.7	208.0	178.8	461.6	201.3	231.9
1957 - April	262.8	224.6	210.8	186.4	498.6	211.0	242.1
1958 - January	258.5	237.9	207.3	192.3	482.4	213.6	240.6
- 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	273.7	253.1	217.4	192.3	527.8	219.3	251.9
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 - April	248.9	209.8	211.1	189.8	518.4	206.6	232.0
1957 - April	257.5	223.5	213.2	196.5	559.9	216.0	240.9
1958 - January	245.9	235.4	216.9	200.5	453.1	216.8	234.3
- 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(r)	245.4
1959 - January	251.5(r)	246.8(r)	221.8(r)	200.5	470.8	220.5(r)	239.1
- April	269.1	247.3	223.0	200.5	592.6	220.7	249.7

(a) 1959 indexes are subject to revision, since tax and interest rate figures are preliminary.
(r) revised.

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

First of the Month Prices - Dollars per cwt

ITEM	CANADA			MARITIMES			QUEBEC		
	1958	1959	1959	1958	1959	1959	1958	1959	1959
	August	July	August	August	July	August	August	July	August
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1. Corn, cracked	3.85	3.74	3.73	4.17	4.22	4.15	3.60	3.59	3.58
2. Oats, unground	2.88	2.86	2.86	3.10	3.12	3.10	2.85	2.81	2.80
3. Barley, ground	2.77	2.83	2.81	2.94	3.09	3.02	2.70	2.76	2.74
4. Wheat, unground	2.92	3.08	3.08	3.15	3.38	3.37	2.86	2.98	2.96
5. Bran	2.50	2.64	2.57	2.45	2.63	2.46	2.41	2.44	2.36
6. Shorts	2.68	2.76	2.71	2.66	2.65	2.60	2.64	2.63	2.57
7. Middlings	2.86	3.04	3.01	2.83	3.06	3.03	2.83	2.97	2.92
8. Linseed oil meal	4.42	4.91	4.91	4.55	5.30	5.26	4.22	4.98	4.99
9. Soybean oil meal	4.77	4.83	4.82	5.02	4.92	4.89	4.46	4.69	4.70
10. Calf starter (20-24%)	5.15	5.19	5.19	4.99	5.15	5.15	4.79	4.82	4.82
11. Dairy ration (16%)	3.49	3.52	3.52	3.52	3.56	3.54	3.37	3.40	3.39
12. Dairy supplement (24%) (East)	4.24	4.20	4.19	4.40	4.27	4.25	4.16	4.24	4.23
13. Dairy supplement (32%) (West)	5.06	5.13	5.11	-	-	-	-	-	-
14. Pig starter mash	4.45	4.53	4.52	4.42	4.58	4.56	4.12	4.24	4.23
15. Hog concentrate (35%)	5.64	5.65	5.62	5.91	5.65	5.65	5.61	5.73	5.62
16. Hog grower mash	3.61	3.65	3.64	3.68	3.76	3.72	3.49	3.53	3.52
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%)	4.71	4.78	4.78	4.88	5.08	5.04	4.40	4.43	4.42
18. Growing mash	4.14	4.17	4.16	4.12	4.22	4.19	4.12	4.12	4.11
19. Laying mash (17-20%)	4.24	4.31	4.30	4.34	4.43	4.40	4.20	4.25	4.23
20. Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	5.10	5.07	5.05	5.03	5.23	5.20	5.13	5.01	4.98
21. Turkey growing mash	4.63	4.68	4.69	4.70	4.95	4.95	4.53	4.65	4.71

ITEM	ONTARIO			PRAIRIES			BRITISH COLUMBIA		
	1958	1959	1959	1958	1959	1959	1958	1959	1959
	August	July	August	August	July	August	August	July	August
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1. Corn, cracked	3.62	3.42	3.41	5.10	4.95	4.95	4.28	4.11	4.12
2. Oats, unground	2.88	2.79	2.80	2.52	2.51	2.54	2.96	3.05	3.05
3. Barley, ground	2.76	2.78	2.78	2.54	2.56	2.56	2.93	3.04	3.00
4. Wheat, unground	2.89	3.04	3.05	2.68	2.75	2.74	3.03	3.26	3.26
5. Bran	2.53	2.60	2.54	2.67	2.81	2.79	2.47	2.85	2.79
6. Shorts	2.76	2.78	2.72	2.74	2.83	2.78	2.57	2.96	2.89
7. Middlings	2.92	3.05	3.03	2.69	2.83	2.81	2.92	3.22	3.20
8. Linseed oil meal	4.19	4.68	4.66	4.78	4.89	4.88	4.64	5.10	5.14
9. Soybean oil meal	4.60	4.41	4.44	5.33	5.64	5.54	5.07	5.18	5.18
10. Calf starter (20-24%)	5.04	5.05	5.03	5.11	5.10	5.08	6.15	6.25	6.24
11. Dairy ration (16%)	3.61	3.53	3.54	3.40	3.51	3.51	3.56	3.71	3.70
12. Dairy supplement (24%)	4.25	4.16	4.15	-	-	-	-	-	-
13. Dairy supplement (32%)	-	-	-	4.97	4.99	4.96	5.20	5.38	5.38
14. Pig starter mash	4.64	4.64	4.62	4.87	4.83	4.84	4.13	4.38	4.38
15. Hog concentrate (35%)	5.73	5.58	5.59	5.48	5.66	5.63	5.73	5.77	5.73
16. Hog grower mash	3.68	3.59	3.58	3.48	3.55	3.54	3.74	3.90	3.90
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%)	4.84	4.83	4.87	4.90	4.92	4.93	4.69	4.83	4.81
18. Growing mash	4.16	4.15	4.14	4.14	4.20	4.19	4.15	4.23	4.22
19. Laying mash (17-20%)	4.22	4.24	4.24	4.35	4.37	4.35	4.14	4.36	4.34
20. Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	5.08	4.96	4.94	5.02	5.14	5.11	5.17	5.14	5.14
21. Turkey growing mash	4.85	4.79	4.80	4.52	4.60	4.58	4.59	4.60	4.59

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

(1935-39=100)

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS' INDEX									
	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
August .	274.6	282.0	794.0	1,169.2	232.0	193.0	230.1	264.2	702.4	564.6
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
August 6	283.1	291.0	821.8	1,203.4	240.1	200.3	234.2	269.3	725.5	584.2
August 13	278.2	285.5	798.8	1,194.4	231.8	195.5	230.7	266.3	715.4	573.6
August 20	268.6	276.1	780.4	1,138.6	231.3	188.8	226.1	260.0	682.2	552.0
August 27	268.4	275.5	774.8	1,140.5	224.6	187.6	229.4	261.4	686.5	548.5

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

(1935-39=100)

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS' INDEX					MINING INDEX (1)				PREFERRED STOCKS (28)
	Indus- trial Mines (2)	TOTAL UTILI- TIES (13)	Trans- porta- tion (2)	Tele- phone (3)	Power and Traction (8)	BANKS (7)	MINING TOTAL (27)	Gold (21)	Base Metals (6)	
1939	98.9	86.1	56.0	109.3	88.9	102.5	104.5	95.6	121.7	101.6
1940	77.1	80.9	62.5	101.0	80.6	95.6	81.2	73.7	95.6	100.8
1941	69.5	70.7	61.4	96.4	65.8	90.5	72.4	65.1	87.0	99.7
1942	66.5	70.4	65.7	89.2	66.1	81.2	52.3	40.8	75.1	96.6
1943	74.8	101.3	112.8	97.2	99.1	80.5	70.1	61.4	86.8	112.4
1944	69.2	100.8	125.2	100.1	93.3	82.0	81.3	74.1	94.2	123.1
1945	86.9	120.2	178.2	108.8	105.5	95.7	95.2	91.0	101.1	137.0
1946	98.0	132.5	203.5	125.2	114.0	130.0	97.8	87.6	116.1	155.9
1947	90.0	117.3	147.9	117.1	109.1	130.8	86.7	76.0	106.1	154.0
1948	100.5	120.2	180.6	108.3	104.7	129.3	82.0	65.0	115.8	144.6
1949	92.1	117.4	161.6	105.9	109.2	134.4	87.4	71.7	109.9	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
August .	201.9	199.8	332.6	113.9	228.3	373.7	119.8	86.1	196.9	159.2
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
August 6	206.8	203.7	339.3	116.4	232.1	388.8	122.2	87.5	201.6	(2)
August 13	203.7	203.0	339.6	114.8	233.6	380.3	121.6	87.2	200.5	
August 20	198.5	197.2	331.6	111.9	225.4	358.9	117.7	84.7	193.4	
August 27	198.7	195.3	320.1	112.5	222.2	366.7	117.6	85.0	192.2	

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

(2) No weekly indexes calculated for Preferred Stocks.

Explanation of Methods Used and Additional Sources for Price Series

Appearing in this Bulletin

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

Canadian Farm Products

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

Final wheat participation payments for the crop year August 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 6 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. The new weighting diagram effective from July 1959 is as follows:

Revised Weighting Diagram - Residential Building Materials Price Index - 1935-39 = 100

(Effective July 1959)

GROUP VII - ELECTRICAL COMPONENT

<u>Item</u>	<u>Commodity Weights (%)</u>
1. Conduit, rigid, galvanized 1 1/4"	7.7
2. Non-metallic sheathed cable No. 14-2	23.4
3. Non-metallic sheathed cable No. 8-3	6.0
4. Armoured cable AC type No. 14-2	2.1
5. Building wire No. 6	4.7
6. Outlet box connectors for No. 14-2	4.5
" " " " No. 8-3	0.2
7. Outlet box	3.4
8. Switch box	4.0
9. Switch, 10 amp. 125 volt, flush toggle switch, with cover plate	1.8
10. Receptacles, parallel slot - duplex, grounding type, with cover plate	4.0
- clock hanger type	0.3
11. Fuses - 15 amp. plug type	0.2
- 60 amp. 250 volts, non-renewable cartridge type	0.5
12. Electric bell assembly	3.5
13. Immersion heater, 1500 watt 115 volt, with thermostat	6.0
14. Combination service entrance equipment	10.2
15. Fixtures	17.5
	100.0

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

* 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).

declined. These circumstances are similar to those which led to the abandonment of 1900, 1913, and 1926 as base periods.

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

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

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

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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 24, 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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