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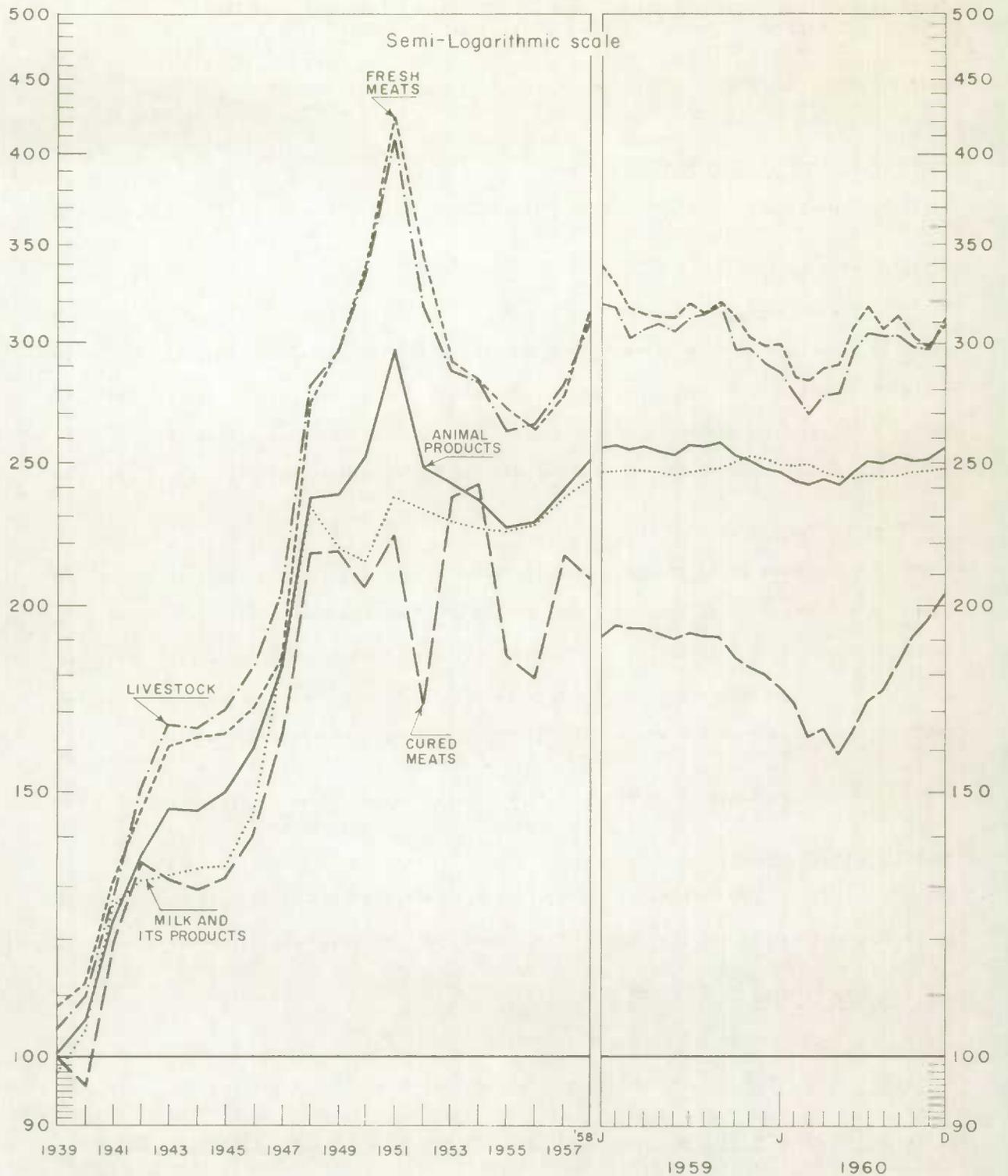
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# WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES ANIMAL PRODUCTS AND SELECTED COMMODITY SUB-GROUPS

ANNUALLY, 1939 - 58; MONTHLY, JANUARY 1959 - DECEMBER 1960

(1935-39=100)

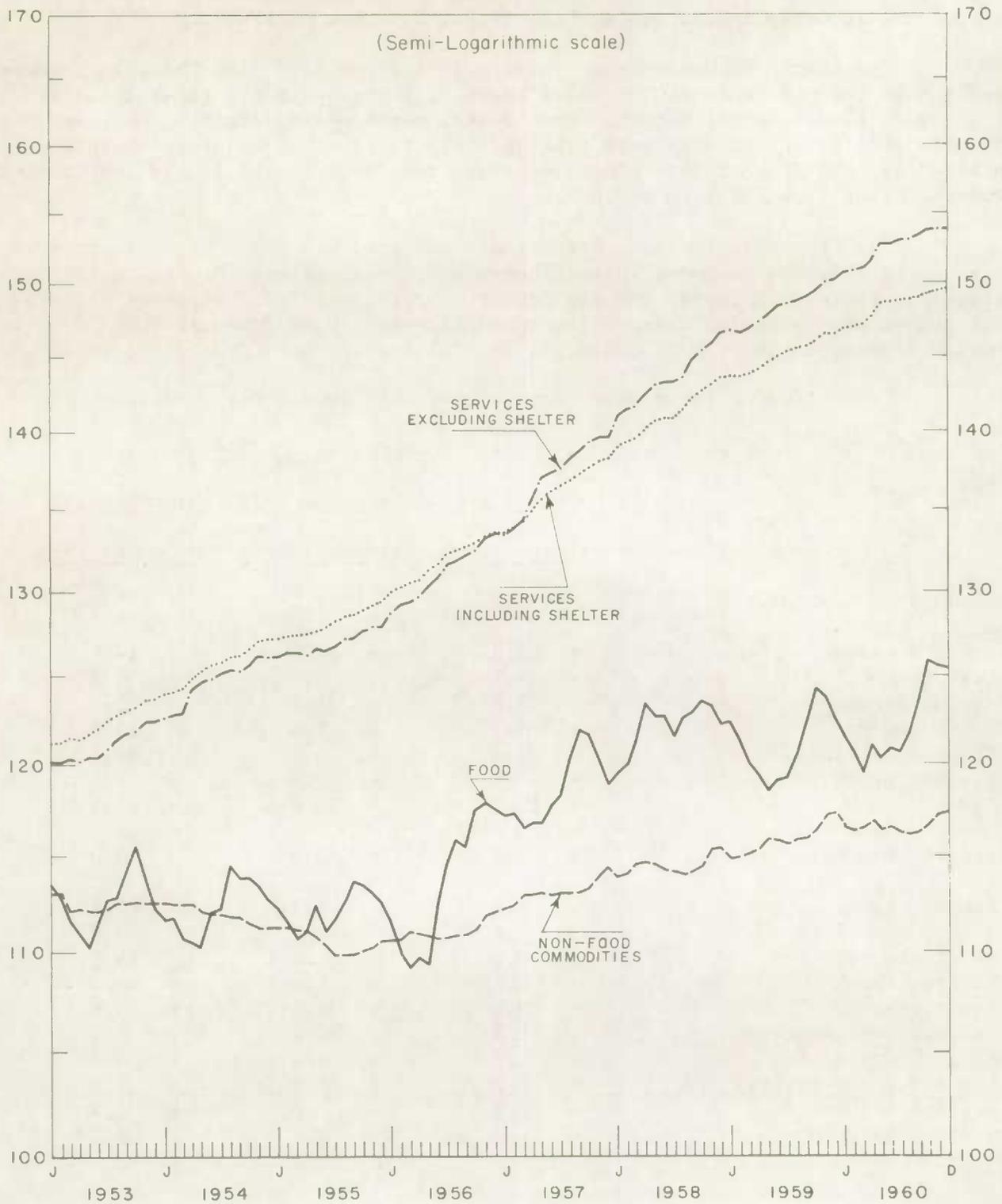


# CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

FOOD, NON-FOOD COMMODITIES, SERVICES INCLUDING AND EXCLUDING SHELTER

MONTHLY, JANUARY 1953 - DECEMBER 1960

1949=100



NOTES ON PRICES AND PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

GENERAL WHOLESALE INDEX: The General Wholesale Index for December stood at 230.1, (1935 - 1939 = 100) up 0.2 per cent from both the November index of 229.7, and the December 1959 index which was also at 229.7. Three major group indexes showed increases in December, four were lower, while the remaining one, the Non-ferrous Metals Group index, was unchanged from November at 174.9.

The Animal Products Group index rose 1.9 per cent from 251.1 in November to 255.8 in December and was the chief cause of the rise in the general index. Prices were higher for livestock, fresh meats, cured meats, dressed fowl, and fishery products; prices of eggs were substantially lower. Two major group indexes were up slightly, the Non-metallic Minerals Group from 184.9 to 185.1, and the Chemical Products Group from 187.8 to 188.0.

The Vegetable Products Group index declined 0.4 per cent from 199.6 in November to 198.7 in December, mainly because of lower prices for sugar, vegetable oils, tea, coffee and cocoa, and raw rubber. Decreases of 0.2 per cent or less occurred in the following three major group indexes: Wood Products from 300.7 to 300.2; Iron Products from 255.2 to 254.6; Textile Products from 229.8 to 229.6.

The following table shows some of the more noteworthy changes:

<u>COMMODITY GROUP</u> <u>AND SUB-GROUP</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGES</u>		
	<u>December 1960</u>	<u>December 1959</u>	<u>December 1960</u>
	<u>November 1960</u>	<u>November 1959</u>	<u>December 1959</u>
Animal Products Group	+ 1.9	- 1.2	+ 3.4
Fowl, dressed	+ 12.3	+ 26.4	+ 14.6
Livestock	+ 4.1	- 2.5	+ 6.7
Meats, fresh	+ 3.6	- 1.2	+ 3.5
Meats, cured	+ 3.2	- 1.6	+ 12.6
Hides and skins	+ 2.5	+ 4.9	- 17.6
Fishery products	+ 1.1	+ 2.9	+ 4.4
Eggs	- 11.8	- 23.9	+ 25.1
Vegetable Products Group	- 0.4	+ 0.3	- 0.8
Rubber, raw	- 5.5	- 8.9	- 25.9
Sugar, granulated	- 4.1	(a)	+ 0.3
Vegetable oils	- 4.1	- 4.6	- 19.1
Fruits, fresh	- 2.7	- 8.4	+ 41.0
Sugar, raw	- 2.4	+ 2.1	+ 0.4
Tea, coffee and cocoa	- 1.3	- 2.5	- 1.5
Fruits, dried	- 1.1	+ 0.4	- 10.3
Livestock and poultry feeds	+ 3.2	+ 6.3	- 3.9
Vegetable shortening	+ 2.8	- 2.2	+ 8.3
Grains, Eastern	+ 1.3	+ 6.4	- 8.2

PERCENTAGE CHANGES

<u>COMMODITY GROUP AND SUB-GROUP</u>	<u>December 1960</u>	<u>December 1959</u>	<u>December 1960</u>
	<u>November 1960</u>	<u>November 1959</u>	<u>December 1959</u>
Wood Products Group	- 0.2	- 0.1	- 1.0
Woodpulp	- 4.0	(a)	- 4.9
Cedar	+ 1.1	- 4.0	- 11.6
Fir	+ 1.0	+ 0.4	- 7.5
Iron Products Group	- 0.2	(a)	- 0.5
Scrap iron and steel	- 4.7	(a)	- 14.9

(a) Change of 0.05 per cent or less.

CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS PRICE INDEX: The price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 1.4 per cent between November and December, from 216.5 to 219.6. The Animal Products index rose 2.0 per cent from 271.2 to 276.5 reflecting higher prices for livestock and poultry which were partially offset by lower egg prices which declined sharply in the East but more moderately in the West. The Field Products index edged up 0.6 per cent from 161.7 to 162.7 as price increases occurred for potatoes and some grains. Since December a year ago the total index has risen 2.1 per cent from 215.0 to 219.6. Fluctuations over the year were in a narrow range, with the year's high of 225.1 occurring at June. Among underlying price changes were the strength in livestock, particularly hogs, which commenced in the first quarter; the abrupt drop of 39.2 per cent in August from seasonally high potato prices on Eastern markets, and the increase of 42.6 per cent over the year for eggs. Details of final payments announced for Western grains covering the 1958-1959 crop year appear on page 33.

THIRTY INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS PRICE INDEX: The index of thirty industrial materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, eased 0.3 per cent in December from 236.0 to 235.2. The slight downward movement in this index which commenced in June corresponds to that reported for prices on world markets. Over the year there were major price changes for a number of commodities, namely: declines for fir timber, raw rubber, beef hides, steel scrap and linseed oil, and increases for rosin, hogs and sisal. More moderate changes included decreases for woodpulp, copper, zinc, oats, and advances for tin and iron ore. The exchange rate for the Canadian dollar in terms of the United States dollar fell 4.6 per cent over the 12 months.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES: The Investors Index of 93 Common Stock Prices (1935-1939=100) rose 3.6 per cent, from 251.1 to 260.2, between November and December. Advances occurred in all groups and sub-groups except Milling and Grains, which declined fractionally. Earlier losses were almost entirely recouped, and at the close of 1960 the Investors Index was only 0.5 per cent below the December 1959 index of 261.5. For 1960 the annual average Investors Index of 249.6 was 6.0 per cent under the 1959 level of 265.4.

Average Annual Indexes for all three major groups declined between 1959 and 1960 as did all sub-groups except Telephones and Industrial Mines. Declines in

sub-groups were led by Building Materials followed by Food and Allied Products, Transportation, Power and Traction, Textiles and Clothing, Oils and Milling and Grains. In November and December Banks and almost all sub-groups in the other two major groups began to rally.

The Index of 27 Mining Stocks (1935-1939=100) eased 1.5 per cent between November and December, from 110.2 to 108.5, reflecting weakness in Golds. Base Metals edged fractionally higher. The 1960 Mining Index declined 11.6 per cent, from 118.7 to 104.9, as Golds dropped 11.1 per cent, from 85.0 to 75.6, and Base Metals 12.2 per cent, from 195.9 to 172.0.

Four Supplementary Indexes (1956 = 100) were introduced in May of this year. Between November and December, 5 Investment and Loan stocks rose 4.9 per cent, 7 Uraniums and 9 Primary Oils and Gas declined 3.5 and 5.1 per cent, respectively, and 5 Pipelines showed no change. The annual indexes declined between 1959 and 1960, as follows: Primary Oils and Gas (36.6 per cent), Uraniums (28.5), Pipelines (9.4) and Investment and Loan (6.3).

BUILDING MATERIALS PRICE INDEXES: Building Materials Price Indexes edged up between November and December as the Residential Building Materials Price Index (1935-1939=100) advanced 0.3% from 292.9 to 293.7 and the Non-Residential Building Materials Price Index (1949=100) moved from 132.1 to 132.3. These changes reflected the higher prices for a number of lumber and paint items and seasonal increases for concrete mix. These advances were partially cancelled by lower prices of roofing materials and items in the Lath, Plaster and Insulation group. The Residential Index at 293.7 in December was down however compared to 295.9 a year earlier, reflecting lower prices in the Lumber and Lumber Products and Electrical Equipment and Fixtures groups. The Non-Residential Index showed little movement in 1960 and closed at 132.3 compared to 132.2 a year earlier. Changes in component group indexes included increases for Roofing Materials and Tile groups and a decline for the Lumber and Lumber Products group. Price declines in the third quarter for items in the Electrical group cancelled earlier price increases resulting in a net decline in the group index of 3.7 per cent over the 12 months.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: The Consumer Price Index remained unchanged at 129.6 (1949 = 100) between November and December 1960. A year ago, the index stood at 127.9. Over the year 1960, the index averaged 128.0, 1.2 per cent above the 1959 level of 126.5.

In the current period, little or no change occurred in the five group indexes. The food index declined 0.2 per cent, the household operation, and other commodities and services indexes both were unchanged, with the shelter and clothing indexes up a fractional 0.1 per cent.

The food index decreased from 125.5 to 125.3 as egg prices declined six cents per dozen to sixty-two cents and lower prices were reported for most cuts of beef, veal, lettuce, grapefruit and a number of domestically grown vegetables. Price increases occurred for a number of items including oranges, apples, fresh tomatoes, pork and chicken.

The shelter index increased from 144.5 to 144.6. The rent component was unchanged for the third successive month but price increases occurred for several items of home-ownership.

The fractional rise in the Clothing index, from 112.5 to 112.6, reflected a scatter of minor price increases in men's clothing, including shirts, hats and overalls, combined with somewhat higher prices for children's wear. Prices for women's clothing were slightly lower as fur coat prices eased. Footwear prices were unchanged with higher prices for men's work boots balancing lower prices for women's overshoes. Piece good prices showed no change.

The Household Operation index was unchanged at 123.5 for the third successive month, with price decreases for fuel oil offsetting minor price increases for some items of furniture, floor coverings, household supplies, utensils and equipment, and services.

The Other Commodities and Services index, unchanged at 138.3, reflected changes limited to higher prices for toilet soap and lower prices for gasoline and bicycles.

TABLE 1. - SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE INDEXES

	INDEXES				PERCENTAGE CHANGES		
	Dec.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.
	1958	1959	1960	1960	1958	1959	1960
<u>WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100)</u>							
<u>GENERAL INDEX (1)</u>	229.3	229.7	229.7	230.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Vegetable Products	197.9	200.3	199.6	198.7	+ 0.4	- 0.8	- 0.4
Animal Products	255.2	247.4	251.1	255.8	+ 0.2	+ 3.4	+ 1.9
Textile Products	227.0	228.1	229.8	229.6	+ 1.1	+ 0.6	- 0.1
Wood Products	298.5	303.4	300.7	300.2	+ 0.6	- 1.0	- 0.2
Iron Products	255.4	255.8	255.2	254.6	- 0.3	- 0.5	- 0.2
Non-ferrous Metals	172.7	175.8	174.9	174.9	+ 1.3	- 0.5	-
Non-metallic Minerals	188.8	185.7	184.9	185.1	- 2.0	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Chemical Products	184.5	188.0	187.8	188.0	+ 1.9	-	+ 0.1
<u>CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS (1) (2)</u>							
Eastern Total	235.3	235.0	236.9	240.8	-	-	-
Western Total	212.1	195.1	196.1	198.4	-	-	-
Field	168.8	166.9	161.7	162.7	-	-	-
Animal	278.7	263.1	271.2	276.5	-	-	-
<u>SELECTED PRICE INDEXES (1)</u>							
Canadian Industrial Materials	233.8	241.9	236.0	235.2	+ 0.6	- 2.8	- 0.3
Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	128.0	129.8	128.5	128.8	+ 0.6	- 0.8	+ 0.2
Non-Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	131.0	132.2	132.1	132.3	+ 1.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
<u>CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (1949=100)</u>							
<u>TOTAL INDEX</u>	126.2	127.9	129.6	129.6	+ 2.7	+ 1.3	-
Food	122.2	122.4	125.5	125.3	+ 2.5	+ 2.4	- 0.2
Shelter	139.9	142.7	144.5	144.6	+ 3.4	+ 1.3	+ 0.1
Clothing	110.5	111.4	112.5	112.6	+ 1.9	+ 1.1	+ 0.1
Household Operation	122.0	123.7	123.5	123.5	+ 1.2	- 0.2	-
Other Commodities and Services	133.4	136.9	138.3	138.3	+ 3.7	+ 1.0	-
<u>SECURITY PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100)</u>							
<u>TOTAL INVESTORS INDEX</u>	259.1	261.5	251.1	260.2	+ 0.4	- 0.5	+ 3.6
Total Industrials	266.8	269.3	258.0	268.0	+ 0.4	- 0.5	+ 3.9
Machinery and Equipment	673.1	744.7	642.5	681.9	+ 1.3	- 8.4	+ 6.1
Pulp and Paper	1,043.0	1,174.5	1,093.0	1,121.6	+ 7.5	- 4.5	+ 2.6
Milling and Grain	199.2	208.5	210.9	210.3	+ 5.6	+ 0.9	- 0.3
Oils	210.0	174.8	180.9	183.2	- 12.8	+ 4.8	+ 1.3
Textiles and Clothing	191.6	209.7	181.0	181.9	- 5.1	- 13.3	+ 0.5
Foods	279.6	231.2	248.8	258.9	- 7.4	+ 12.0	+ 4.1
Beverages	635.2	667.5	674.2	697.7	+ 9.8	+ 4.5	+ 3.5
Building Materials	494.0	536.1	417.4	420.0	- 15.0	- 21.7	+ 0.6
Industrial Mines	180.6	210.9	213.8	228.6	+ 26.6	+ 8.4	+ 6.9
Total Utilities	195.8	190.6	188.2	193.0	- 1.4	+ 1.3	+ 2.6
Transportation	341.0	296.3	261.4	266.9	- 21.7	- 9.9	+ 2.1
Telephone	108.3	114.9	125.4	126.9	+ 17.2	+ 10.4	+ 1.2
Power and Traction	226.6	210.5	191.1	200.4	- 11.6	- 4.8	+ 4.9
Banks	328.0	347.2	328.5	338.1	+ 3.1	- 2.6	+ 2.9
<u>MINING STOCKS</u>							
General Index	116.1	112.8	110.2	108.5	- 6.5	- 3.8	- 1.5
Gold	80.6	82.3	81.2	78.1	- 3.1	- 5.1	- 3.8
Base Metals	197.5	182.8	176.9	178.2	- 9.8	- 2.5	+ 0.7
<u>SECURITY PRICE INDEXES (1956=100)</u>							
Pipelines	108.1	118.8	109.7	109.7	+ 1.5	- 7.7	0
Investment and Loan	128.5	122.9	123.8	129.9	+ 1.1	+ 5.7	+ 4.9
Uraniums	90.9	63.2	62.0	59.8	- 34.2	- 5.4	- 3.5
Primary Oils and Gas	85.5	58.1	43.0	40.8	- 52.3	- 29.8	- 5.1

(1) All 1960 indexes are subject to revision.

(2) Percentages not shown since Canadian Farm Products indexes subsequent to July 1959 are subject to revision. See note Page 33 for details concerning Western grain prices.

TABLE 2. - PRINCIPAL WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES  
(1935-39=100)

Date	General Wholesale Price Index	Non- Farm Products (1)	Raw and Partly Manu- factured	Fully and Chiefly Manu- factured	Indus- trial Mate- rials	Canadian Farm Products (2)		
						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	171.4	274.5	222.9
1959 .....	230.6	236.0	210.9	241.6	240.2	170.7	271.6	221.2
<u>1958</u> Sept. ..	227.4	233.1	207.8	238.4	228.3	167.4	266.9	217.2
Oct. ...	227.2	233.3	207.8	238.1	228.2	166.5	269.3	217.9
Nov. ...	228.8	234.8	211.4	238.7	233.1	167.5	269.1	218.3
Dec. ...	229.3	234.4	211.3	239.4	233.8	168.8	278.7	223.7
<u>1959</u> Jan. ...	229.9	234.9	211.0	240.5	234.0	168.9	278.7	223.8
Feb. ...	230.9	236.1	212.2	241.2	236.0	168.0	274.0	221.0
Mar. ...	230.6	235.2	211.7	240.9	237.7	167.8	269.5	218.6
Apr. ...	231.2	236.4	211.8	241.9	240.4	168.8	271.0	219.9
May ...	231.2	236.5	212.3	242.0	241.4	178.9	271.0	224.9
June ...	230.6	235.2	211.6	241.4	241.7	185.5	270.6	228.0
July ...	231.1	236.3	211.5	242.1	240.3	185.0	272.8	228.9
Aug. ...	231.0	236.3	211.1	242.3	242.6	169.1	274.9	222.0
Sept. ..	230.9	236.1	210.5	242.5	243.7	161.1	277.0	219.1
Oct. ...	230.0	236.0	208.4	242.2	242.0	163.1	267.9	215.5
Nov. ...	230.2	236.4	210.2	241.5	240.8	165.2	269.1	217.2
Dec. ...	229.7	236.2	208.3	241.4	241.9	166.9	263.1	215.0
<u>1960</u> Jan. ...	230.5	237.1	208.9	242.2	243.2	171.6	257.7	214.6
Feb. ...	230.0	237.1	208.6	241.4	241.8	172.0	252.0	212.0
Mar. ...	229.6	237.0	208.0	241.0	240.4	175.1	252.2	213.6
Apr. ...	231.3	237.8	210.9	242.2	241.7	180.5	256.2	218.3
May ...	231.3	238.6	211.0	242.3	243.2	182.3	257.8	220.0
June ...	231.9	238.3	212.8	242.4	242.2	185.2	265.0	225.1
July ...	232.2	237.7	212.4	242.9	240.5	173.6	270.1	221.8
Aug. ...	230.2	236.1	208.9	241.7	240.8	160.6	271.7	216.2
Sept. ..	230.4	235.8	208.7	242.1	241.0	160.4	273.6	217.0
Oct. ...	230.3	235.7	208.4	242.2	238.5	161.7	269.4	215.5
Nov. ...	229.7	235.4	207.3	242.0	236.0	161.7	271.2	216.5
Dec. ...	230.1	235.2	207.2	242.6	235.2	162.7	276.5	219.6

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

(2) Indexes subsequent to July 1959 are subject to revision. Please see note on page 33 for details concerning Western grain prices and specific publications wherein final indexes for earlier years may be found.

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	
1959	Average....	230.6	199.5	179.1	157.2	191.6	215.4	167.9	230.7	170.6
1959	May .....	231.2	201.5	180.9	156.7	202.5	215.3	167.8	234.7	167.2
	June .....	230.6	200.0	179.6	157.3	173.7	215.3	169.5	234.7	170.0
	July .....	231.1	199.0	178.2	157.0	173.7	215.3	163.3	236.5	170.5
	Aug. ....	231.0	199.4	178.7	158.5	169.9	215.3	171.3	236.5	173.8
	Sept. ....	230.9	197.8	177.6	158.5	175.6	215.3	176.0	232.0	175.1
	Oct. ....	230.0	198.7	177.7	158.6	173.7	215.6	180.4	230.9	176.3
	Nov. ....	230.2	199.7	178.6	158.7	179.3	215.6	174.5	230.9	179.1
	Dec. ....	229.7	200.3	180.4	158.8	190.6	215.6	159.9	231.8	179.1
1960	Jan. ....	230.5	202.2	181.9	159.4	196.3	215.6	168.2	231.8	177.9
	Feb. ....	230.0	202.4	180.9	160.0	175.6	215.6	178.5	232.0	179.5
	Mar. ....	229.6	202.2	179.4	160.3	179.3	215.6	193.8	229.6	179.5
	Apr. ....	231.3	205.6	182.3	159.6	194.4	223.5	193.9	232.9	180.4
	May ....	231.3	205.1	181.8	159.7	183.1	223.5	172.4	232.9	180.4
	June ....	231.9	205.2	183.5	160.2	164.3	225.0	167.0	232.2	180.4
	July ....	232.2	204.7	180.6	162.8	166.1	225.0	169.5	234.4	180.2
	Aug. ....	230.2	201.0	178.1	161.8	172.7	225.0	181.6	222.0	183.7
	Sept. ....	230.4	200.9	178.0	161.6	182.2	225.0	202.3	212.8	181.3
	Oct. ....	230.3	201.5	178.8	159.3	188.8	225.0	202.1	210.3	184.5
	Nov. ....	229.7	199.6	175.9	159.1	177.4	225.0	231.7	210.3	184.5
	Dec. ....	230.1	198.7	176.1	159.1	183.1	225.0	225.5	208.0	185.7

## - VEGETABLE PRODUCTS - Concluded

Date	Vega- 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	
1959	Average....	300.5	208.4	143.9	351.2	219.0	302.6	198.9	205.0
1959	May .....	305.8	209.3	145.3	358.9	247.4	371.1	201.2	203.0
	June .....	299.1	207.6	138.7	354.4	308.6	291.8	201.2	203.0
	July .....	292.2	208.3	136.8	348.7	314.2	268.2	204.3	203.0
	Aug. ....	300.5	211.5	138.2	343.4	294.5	277.1	205.2	203.0
	Sept. ....	304.2	212.4	141.2	344.7	196.1	195.2	197.0	203.0
	Oct. ....	315.5	214.4	143.4	341.1	204.6	196.6	200.0	203.0
	Nov. ....	305.8	219.4	143.4	341.6	222.6	218.1	197.8	203.0
	Dec. ....	293.2	215.2	144.3	332.9	217.6	205.6	200.5	213.6
1960	Jan. ....	296.3	218.7	144.6	328.8	275.0	189.5	203.8	214.2
	Feb. ....	289.9	217.6	146.5	327.3	274.2	182.4	204.4	221.2
	Mar. ....	282.7	219.1	145.6	322.7	308.3	177.0	204.4	217.7
	Apr. ....	276.4	220.9	146.7	325.9	370.1	203.8	207.5	217.7
	May ....	272.4	224.0	146.7	326.0	378.8	196.3	207.7	217.7
	June ....	256.8	225.5	144.2	327.9	416.6	169.5	223.6	217.7
	July ....	264.0	221.3	150.6	328.8	353.3	271.7	223.6	217.7
	Aug. ....	261.0	218.1	150.6	327.7	188.4	246.7	224.4	217.7
	Sept. ....	254.6	217.9	150.1	327.8	184.6	194.9	216.8	217.7
	Oct. ....	263.3	216.8	150.1	332.7	198.8	184.1	204.4	217.7
	Nov. ....	259.6	213.6	150.1	332.2	199.4	166.3	204.4	211.6
	Dec. ....	253.2	211.8	144.7	327.9	204.8	155.5	204.4	211.6

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
1959	Average.....	254.3	326.4	86.3	206.8	263.9	239.6	307.1	415.0
1959	May .....	253.8	315.4	88.4	217.3	278.0	236.3	309.3	411.3
	June .....	252.6	314.9	88.4	230.8	277.8	243.3	305.1	400.7
	July .....	257.1	322.6	87.0	250.1	283.4	243.3	311.6	417.4
	Aug. ....	256.2	319.9	87.0	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
1960	Jan. ....	246.4	337.6	85.5	184.2	241.7	250.0	287.6	370.4
	Feb. ....	242.6	343.4	93.1	176.4	237.7	250.0	277.8	361.2
	Mar. ....	240.8	350.6	89.7	166.8	233.2	247.4	269.8	358.0
	Apr. ....	243.4	345.6	89.7	165.6	229.4	248.3	278.1	376.2
	May .....	241.1	329.6	89.7	169.1	228.8	247.9	279.6	371.6
	June .....	246.0	329.6	90.2	152.9	226.2	247.9	297.9	373.7
	July .....	250.5	329.6	92.4	150.0	223.0	247.9	304.6	390.8
	Aug. ....	250.0	330.4	92.4	142.9	221.2	247.9	303.2	397.5
	Sept. ....	252.1	341.6	92.4	141.8	220.2	247.9	303.8	387.4
	Oct. ....	251.0	341.4	92.4	136.2	219.3	248.1	298.7	373.1
	Nov. ....	251.1	345.1	92.4	138.0	217.0	248.1	298.0	376.5
	Dec. ....	255.8	348.9	92.4	141.4	217.0	248.1	310.3	377.3

## - ANIMAL PRODUCTS - Concluded

		Meats, Fresh	Beef and Veal Carcass	Meats, Cured	Fowl, Dressed	Milk and Its Pro- ducts	Butter	Oils and Fats	Eggs
1959	Average.....	315.7	390.6	190.0	131.7	247.3	249.0	114.0	143.7
1959	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	244.0	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	250.5	249.9	109.8	118.9
1960	Jan. ....	299.0	368.8	177.6	171.7	249.2	249.9	108.7	104.6
	Feb. ....	285.6	346.8	172.5	162.6	248.7	250.0	111.6	116.3
	Mar. ....	284.0	351.8	162.7	177.7	248.8	250.0	112.5	135.6
	Apr. ....	289.5	354.6	165.3	186.7	247.4	249.8	123.5	145.1
	May .....	290.3	354.7	159.2	189.8	244.6	246.3	124.6	133.8
	June .....	307.9	361.7	165.1	159.6	244.0	245.0	124.4	119.5
	July .....	318.6	369.8	172.1	153.6	244.6	245.4	134.3	140.3
	Aug. ....	307.2	363.2	175.5	150.6	244.4	245.3	140.1	166.8
	Sept. ....	311.9	362.2	182.4	147.6	244.6	246.0	140.3	167.3
	Oct. ....	303.3	350.4	190.4	141.6	246.3	247.6	142.7	171.2
	Nov. ....	298.5	350.8	196.6	147.6	246.4	249.6	146.4	168.5
	Dec. ....	309.1	361.2	202.8	165.7	247.1	250.4	146.6	148.7

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
1959	Average...	228.0	284.4	236.2	230.7	232.4	200.1	184.2	163.1
1959	May .....	228.8	294.8	236.8	231.7	232.7	197.5	184.7	162.9
	June .....	229.6	308.8	236.8	229.4	232.7	198.8	184.7	162.9
	July .....	229.8	299.3	236.0	230.6	232.7	198.8	184.7	162.9
	Aug. ....	228.6	276.9	236.0	231.3	232.7	198.8	184.7	162.9
	Sept. ....	228.0	263.5	236.0	230.6	232.7	198.8	184.7	161.9
	Oct. ....	227.8	261.3	235.2	231.1	232.7	198.8	184.7	164.0
	Nov. ....	227.3	264.0	235.2	229.6	232.7	198.8	184.7	164.0
	Dec. ....	228.1	264.7	235.2	230.0	235.0	198.8	184.7	164.0
1960	Jan. ....	229.2	265.4	235.2	230.0	236.5	206.8	184.7	163.7
	Feb. ....	228.5	264.8	235.2	230.0	236.5	206.7	184.7	163.7
	Mar. ....	228.2	264.1	235.2	229.6	236.5	206.7	184.7	163.7
	Apr. ....	229.6	272.3	235.2	231.4	236.5	206.7	184.7	163.7
	May .....	231.4	277.6	235.2	233.4	236.5	223.5	184.7	162.7
	June .....	230.9	277.3	235.2	233.4	236.5	213.4	184.7	162.7
	July .....	230.6	274.7	235.2	235.2	236.5	209.3	184.7	162.7
	Aug. ....	228.9	259.8	235.2	235.2	236.5	209.3	184.7	160.7
	Sept. ....	228.9	259.1	235.2	235.8	236.5	213.1	184.7	159.8
	Oct. ....	229.2	260.4	235.2	235.8	236.5	219.8	184.7	159.8
	Nov. ....	229.8	261.6	235.2	235.8	236.5	221.4	184.7	159.8
	Dec. ....	229.6	258.5	235.2	235.8	236.5	221.4	184.7	159.8

## - TEXTILE PRODUCTS - Concluded

- 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
1959	Average...	191.1	187.5	193.7	210.8	235.6	276.8	232.1	215.1
1959	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
1960	Jan. ....	191.1	205.6	220.4	219.5	236.1	302.7	236.9	216.8
	Feb. ....	191.1	205.6	202.4	216.8	236.1	302.7	236.3	216.8
	Mar. ....	191.1	205.6	199.6	215.2	236.1	302.7	236.5	216.8
	Apr. ....	191.1	205.6	206.8	217.0	235.7	302.7	236.9	216.8
	May .....	191.1	205.6	204.5	217.0	235.7	302.7	236.6	216.8
	June .....	191.1	203.6	210.7	217.0	235.7	302.7	236.5	216.8
	July .....	191.1	201.8	202.8	216.4	235.7	302.7	235.8	216.8
	Aug. ....	191.1	199.7	192.9	214.6	235.7	302.7	234.9	216.8
	Sept. ....	191.1	197.2	184.8	212.1	235.7	302.7	234.8	216.8
	Oct. ....	191.1	194.0	182.8	210.8	235.7	302.7	234.4	216.8
	Nov. ....	191.1	197.9	195.2	212.1	235.7	302.7	234.8	216.8
	Dec. ....	191.1	195.2	195.4	213.6	235.7	302.7	233.6	219.6

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	Wood-pulp	News-print	Wrapping Paper, No. 1 Kraft	
1959	Average...	304.0	442.3	395.8	328.8	395.3	522.5	463.7	220.6	292.6	250.8
1959	May .....	304.5	442.2	395.5	327.9	393.9	525.2	456.5	221.3	293.2	251.4
	June .....	304.4	444.3	396.4	327.9	393.9	528.4	462.0	220.6	292.1	251.4
	July .....	304.9	447.6	397.2	327.9	400.3	526.8	482.1	220.2	291.4	251.4
	Aug. ....	305.3	451.2	397.2	330.2	400.3	535.2	487.4	219.6	290.4	251.4
	Sept. ....	304.9	451.0	397.2	330.2	400.3	532.5	491.7	219.2	289.8	251.4
	Oct. ....	304.2	447.4	395.0	330.2	405.7	528.0	479.8	218.4	290.3	251.4
	Nov. ....	303.7	443.7	395.0	330.2	405.7	525.6	460.9	218.9	291.2	251.4
	Dec. ....	303.4	441.6	395.0	330.2	405.7	527.8	442.5	219.0	291.5	251.4
1960	Jan. ....	304.3	443.6	396.0	330.2	419.0	532.0	439.8	219.1	292.3	251.4
	Feb. ....	304.8	443.8	396.0	330.2	419.0	532.4	438.6	218.9	291.9	257.3
	Mar. ....	304.4	443.8	396.0	330.2	408.4	537.4	431.7	218.6	291.3	257.3
	Apr. ....	306.2	442.8	396.0	330.2	408.4	534.8	431.6	221.0	295.4	257.3
	May .....	307.6	439.7	396.0	330.2	408.4	529.4	423.6	223.5	299.7	257.3
	June .....	307.5	435.7	396.0	330.2	408.4	521.6	415.4	224.2	301.6	257.3
	July .....	306.3	433.0	396.0	336.1	408.4	518.2	400.8	223.6	300.5	257.3
	Aug. ....	301.4	422.0	396.9	336.1	398.4	490.7	396.0	219.0	296.4	257.3
	Sept. ....	301.0	418.7	396.0	336.1	366.3	488.8	395.6	219.5	297.2	257.3
	Oct. ....	301.8	415.9	396.0	336.1	366.3	486.2	383.3	221.2	300.2	257.3
	Nov. ....	300.7	414.6	395.8	336.1	366.3	483.3	386.9	216.8	299.5	257.3
	Dec. ....	300.2	417.2	396.7	336.1	366.3	488.2	391.3	208.2	299.5	257.3
- IRON PRODUCTS -											
	Total Iron Products	Pig Iron	Rolling Mill Products	Pipe and Tubing	Hardware	Wire	Scrap Iron and Steel	Tin Plate and Galvanized Sheet			
1959	Average...	255.7	295.3	249.2	265.0	271.3	293.7	307.4	240.7		
1959	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		
1960	Jan. ....	256.3	295.3	250.9	265.7	273.6	294.2	304.2	238.4		
	Feb. ....	256.3	295.3	250.9	265.7	273.6	294.2	304.2	238.4		
	Mar. ....	256.3	295.3	250.9	265.7	273.6	294.2	304.2	238.4		
	Apr. ....	256.2	295.3	250.6	265.7	273.6	294.2	304.2	238.4		
	May .....	256.6	295.3	250.6	269.6	273.6	294.2	304.2	238.4		
	June .....	255.8	295.3	250.6	269.6	273.6	294.2	287.4	238.4		
	July .....	255.5	295.3	250.6	269.6	273.6	294.2	280.6	238.4		
	Aug. ....	255.5	295.3	250.6	269.6	273.6	294.2	280.6	238.4		
	Sept. ....	255.6	295.3	250.6	269.6	274.2	294.2	280.6	238.4		
	Oct. ....	255.6	295.3	250.6	269.6	274.2	294.2	280.6	238.4		
	Nov. ....	255.2	295.3	250.6	269.6	274.2	294.2	271.8	238.7		
	Dec. ....	254.6	295.3	250.6	269.6	274.2	294.2	258.9	238.7		

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)							
1959	Average.....	174.6	238.0	163.9	285.0	222.6	225.8	196.0	266.0	199.3
1959	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
1960	Jan. ....	176.5	241.9	167.0	288.4	225.2	225.1	191.9	295.6	200.6
	Feb. ....	178.2	245.0	167.0	297.3	225.2	224.5	192.9	295.6	200.6
	Mar. ....	177.6	244.2	167.0	297.3	225.2	224.3	191.8	284.7	200.6
	Apr. ....	179.0	245.6	167.0	298.2	230.4	227.9	192.5	290.2	200.6
	May .....	179.7	245.8	167.0	298.2	230.4	229.7	194.2	290.2	200.6
	June .....	180.3	246.4	167.0	298.2	230.4	232.3	197.3	295.6	200.6
	July .....	179.7	245.6	163.5	298.2	220.1	231.5	202.3	295.6	200.6
	Aug. ....	178.9	245.3	163.5	298.2	220.1	228.2	198.9	295.6	200.6
	Sept. ....	177.4	242.3	170.4	289.5	220.1	228.9	201.2	295.6	200.6
	Oct. ....	175.5	238.9	170.4	281.2	220.1	231.3	200.6	284.7	200.6
	Nov. ....	174.9	237.1	170.4	276.3	220.1	231.0	199.8	284.7	200.6
	Dec. ....	174.9	237.1	170.4	276.4	220.1	231.0	198.3	284.7	200.6

## - 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)
1959	Average.....	248.3		251.6		251.0	261.2
1959	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
1960	Jan. ....	250.3		252.6		251.9	265.0
	Feb. ....	251.6		252.8		251.9	268.1
	Mar. ....	251.2		252.8		251.9	268.1
	Apr. ....	251.8		252.9		251.8	272.0
	May .....	252.1		253.3		252.2	272.0
	June .....	251.9		253.3		252.2	272.0
	July .....	251.4		253.3		252.2	272.0
	Aug. ....	251.2		253.3		252.2	272.0
	Sept. ....	250.0		253.3		252.3	269.6
	Oct. ....	248.6		253.1		252.3	266.1
	Nov. ....	247.6		253.1		252.3	266.1
	Dec. ....	247.3		253.2		252.3	266.6

(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
1959	Average.....	186.5	253.2	185.8	193.0	242.8	241.3	272.1
1959	May .....	185.7	253.2	185.8	191.3	264.0	239.3	272.7
	June .....	185.1	253.2	185.8	189.0	249.9	239.3	272.7
	July .....	185.8	253.2	185.8	190.9	249.9	241.0	272.7
	Aug. ....	185.7	253.2	185.8	190.5	249.9	241.0	272.7
	Sept. ....	185.6	253.2	185.8	191.0	249.9	242.7	272.7
	Oct. ....	185.6	253.2	185.8	192.3	212.2	242.7	272.7
	Nov. ....	185.8	253.2	185.8	193.2	212.2	242.7	272.7
	Dec. ....	185.7	253.2	185.8	193.2	212.2	242.7	272.7
1960	Jan. ....	186.2	253.2	185.8	193.3	212.2	242.7	272.7
	Feb. ....	186.2	252.9	185.8	193.3	212.2	242.7	272.7
	Mar. ....	186.4	256.0	185.8	193.4	212.2	242.7	272.7
	Apr. ....	185.5	256.0	185.8	190.3	212.2	242.7	272.7
	May .....	185.5	256.0	185.8	190.4	212.2	241.0	272.7
	June .....	184.6	256.0	185.8	189.7	212.2	241.0	272.7
	July .....	184.5	256.0	185.8	191.2	212.2	241.0	272.7
	Aug. ....	184.4	256.0	185.8	190.9	212.2	241.0	272.7
	Sept. ....	184.5	256.0	185.8	191.2	212.2	241.0	272.7
	Oct. ....	184.3	256.0	185.8	191.4	224.0	241.0	272.7
	Nov. ....	184.9	256.9	185.8	193.2	235.7	241.0	272.7
	Dec. ....	185.1	256.9	185.8	193.2	224.0	241.0	272.7

- NON-METALLIC MINERALS - Continued									
		Plate Glass	Petroleum Products	Crude Oil	Gasoline	Coal Oil	Asphalt	Asphalt Shingles	Sulphur
1959	Average.....	218.4	164.2	190.1	138.0	134.4	203.7	127.2	199.6
1959	May .....	218.8	163.4	188.3	137.4	134.4	202.7	142.8	200.5
	June .....	218.8	163.4	188.3	137.4	134.4	202.7	137.4	199.7
	July .....	218.8	163.4	188.3	137.4	134.4	202.7	115.4	199.3
	Aug. ....	218.8	163.4	188.3	137.4	134.4	202.7	115.4	198.3
	Sept. ....	218.8	162.5	185.8	137.4	134.4	201.1	115.4	197.9
	Oct. ....	218.8	162.5	185.8	137.4	134.4	201.1	103.7	196.9
	Nov. ....	218.8	162.5	185.8	137.4	134.4	201.1	103.7	197.5
	Dec. ....	218.8	162.3	185.0	137.4	134.4	201.1	103.7	197.7
1960	Jan. ....	218.8	163.1	187.4	137.4	134.4	201.1	103.7	198.3
	Feb. ....	218.8	163.1	187.4	137.4	134.4	201.1	109.2	198.0
	Mar. ....	218.8	163.1	187.4	137.4	134.4	201.1	109.2	197.6
	Apr. ....	218.8	163.1	187.4	137.4	134.4	201.1	109.2	200.4
	May .....	218.8	163.1	187.4	137.4	134.4	198.9	109.2	203.3
	June .....	218.8	160.9	181.0	137.4	134.4	198.9	118.1	204.5
	July .....	218.8	159.4	181.0	134.0	134.4	198.9	118.1	203.8
	Aug. ....	218.8	159.4	181.0	134.0	134.4	198.9	118.1	201.0
	Sept. ....	218.8	159.4	181.2	134.0	134.4	198.9	118.1	201.6
	Oct. ....	218.8	158.8	179.3	134.0	134.4	198.9	128.7	203.6
	Nov. ....	218.8	159.0	179.3	134.5	134.4	198.9	128.7	204.4
	Dec. ....	218.8	159.7	181.2	134.5	134.4	198.9	126.9	204.4

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
1959	Average.....	137.5	211.2	160.6	145.4	171.4	208.8	304.3
<u>1959</u>	May .....	137.5	211.2	157.4	144.9	171.4	208.8	304.9
	June .....	137.5	211.2	157.4	144.9	171.4	208.8	304.9
	July .....	137.5	211.2	162.4	144.9	171.4	208.8	304.9
	Aug. ....	137.5	211.2	162.4	144.9	171.4	208.8	304.9
	Sept. ....	137.5	211.2	162.4	146.9	171.4	208.8	304.9
	Oct. ....	137.5	211.2	162.4	146.9	171.4	208.8	302.5
	Nov. ....	137.5	211.2	162.4	146.9	171.4	208.8	302.5
	Dec. ....	137.5	211.2	162.4	146.9	171.4	208.8	302.5
<u>1960</u>	Jan. ....	137.5	211.2	162.4	146.9	171.4	208.8	302.5
	Feb. ....	137.5	211.2	162.4	146.9	171.4	208.8	302.5
	Mar. ....	137.5	212.1	162.4	146.9	171.4	208.8	302.5
	Apr. ....	137.5	212.1	162.4	144.2	171.4	208.8	302.3
	May ....	137.5	212.1	162.3	144.2	171.4	208.8	302.3
	June ....	137.5	212.1	162.3	144.2	171.4	208.8	302.3
	July ....	138.8	212.1	162.8	146.4	171.4	208.8	302.3
	Aug. ....	138.8	212.1	162.8	146.4	171.4	208.8	302.2
	Sept. ....	138.8	212.1	162.8	146.4	171.4	208.8	302.2
	Oct. ....	138.8	212.1	162.8	143.1	171.4	208.8	302.2
	Nov. ....	138.8	212.1	162.8	143.1	171.4	208.8	302.2
	Dec. ....	138.8	212.1	162.8	143.1	171.4	208.8	302.2

		- 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
1959	Average.....	187.0	152.4	169.4	187.4	211.9	149.8	222.4	158.1	151.0	227.0
<u>1959</u>	May .....	187.3	152.4	168.4	187.4	214.3	149.0	222.4	158.2	153.8	229.2
	June .....	187.2	152.4	168.4	187.4	212.8	149.0	222.4	158.2	153.0	229.2
	July .....	187.3	152.6	168.5	187.4	212.7	149.0	222.4	158.2	156.0	229.2
	Aug. ....	187.3	152.5	168.5	187.4	212.7	149.0	222.4	157.4	154.9	229.2
	Sept. ....	187.6	152.5	168.5	187.4	214.2	151.5	222.4	157.4	151.1	229.2
	Oct. ....	187.8	152.5	172.2	187.4	213.9	151.5	222.4	157.6	151.0	229.2
	Nov. ....	188.0	152.5	172.2	187.4	212.1	151.5	222.4	157.6	150.3	229.2
	Dec. ....	188.0	152.5	172.2	187.4	212.9	151.5	222.4	157.6	150.3	229.2
<u>1960</u>	Jan. ....	187.8	152.8	172.2	187.4	214.0	151.5	222.6	157.8	148.6	227.8
	Feb. ....	188.3	153.2	172.2	187.4	206.5	158.6	222.3	159.1	148.6	227.8
	Mar. ....	188.4	153.4	172.2	187.4	206.5	158.6	222.3	161.1	147.9	227.8
	Apr. ....	188.4	153.4	172.2	187.4	206.3	158.6	222.3	161.1	142.7	227.8
	May ....	188.4	153.4	172.2	189.6	206.5	158.6	222.3	161.1	142.7	227.8
	June ....	188.2	151.9	172.2	189.6	204.8	158.6	222.3	161.1	142.7	227.8
	July ....	188.2	151.9	172.2	189.6	204.4	158.6	222.3	161.1	142.7	227.8
	Aug. ....	188.2	152.1	172.2	189.6	204.4	158.6	222.3	161.1	142.7	227.8
	Sept. ....	188.0	151.1	172.2	189.6	204.4	158.6	222.3	161.1	142.7	227.8
	Oct. ....	187.8	150.3	172.2	189.6	204.4	158.6	222.3	161.1	142.7	227.8
	Nov. ....	187.8	150.3	172.2	189.6	204.4	158.6	222.3	161.1	142.7	227.8
	Dec. ....	188.0	150.3	173.2	189.6	204.4	158.6	225.2	157.8	142.7	227.8

TABLE 4. - WHOLESALE PRICES OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

(All prices given in Canadian Funds)

Commodity	Unit	Yearly	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.
		Average 1959	1959	1960	1960
		\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>VEGETABLE PRODUCTS</b>					
Barley, No. 1 feed .....	bu.	.96	.96	.96	.93
Coffee beans, Green Santos 2/3's .....	lb.	.39	.38	.38	.38
Flour, first patent, Toronto .....	100-lb. bag	6.16	6.20	6.35	6.35
Linseed Oil, raw, Montreal .....	gal.	1.36	1.30	1.09	1.11
Oats, No. 2 C.W. ....	bu.	.788	.827	.770	.756
Potatoes, No. 1 Saint John .....	75-lb. bag	2.124	2.250	1.950	2.000
Sugar, granulated, standard, Montreal ...	100-lb. bag	6.86	6.70	7.30	6.95
Wheat, No. 2, Manitoba Northern .....	bu.	1.64	1.62	1.59	1.61
<b>ANIMAL PRODUCTS</b>					
Butter, prints, 1st. grade, Montreal ....	lb.	.65	.65	.65	.66
Eggs, grade "A", large, Montreal .....	doz.	.49	.41	.61	.51
Hides, packer, light native steers .....	lb.	.232	.192	.162	.168
Hogs, Toronto (bonus excluded) .....	100-lb.	23.76	22.69	25.83	27.89
Steers, good, Toronto .....	100-lb.	25.09	23.64	22.61	22.91
<b>TEXTILE PRODUCTS</b>					
Cotton, raw, middling, 1", New York .....	lb.	.318	.313	.315	.317
Cotton yarn, 10's, white .....	lb.	.70	.69	.69	.69
Cotton, grey Osnaburg, clean, 7 1/8 oz. .	yd.	.34	.34	.33	.33
Rayon yarn, 36 filament, 150 denier .....	lb.	.89	.89	.89	.89
Wool, raw, Australian, 64's, clean .....	lb.	-	1.20	1.03	1.02
Wool, raw, Eastern, domestic .....	lb.	.38	.40	.40	.40
<b>WOOD PRODUCTS</b>					
Newsprint paper, standard, Quebec .....	2000-lb. ton	112.04	111.60	114.67	114.67
Pine, white, No. 1, 1" x 8", 8' - 16' ...	1000-bd. ft.	184.67	187.00	187.00	187.00
Shingles, asphalt, 12" x 36" .....	100-sq. ft.	7.16	5.84	7.25	7.15
Spruce, merchantable, 1" x 6"/7" .....	1000-bd. ft.	85.50	85.50	85.50	85.50
<b>IRON PRODUCTS</b>					
Cast iron scrap .....	2240-lb. ton	49.67	50.00	48.00	48.00
Steel scrap, heavy melting, No. 1 .....	2240-lb. ton	33.74	33.26	29.45	27.95
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.	29.60	30.00	28.50	28.50
Lead, pig, electrolytic, domestic .....	100-lb.	10.62	10.75	10.50	10.45
Tin, ingots, 99.8%, Montreal .....	lb.	1.04	1.01	1.06	1.06
Zinc, high grade, electrolytic .....	100-lb.	12.24	13.35	13.10	12.91
<b>NON-METALLIC MINERALS</b>					
Cement, Portland, Calgary .....	350-lb.	3.19	3.19	3.44	3.44
Cement, Portland, Toronto .....	350-lb.	3.12	3.26	3.26	3.26
Coal, anthracite, U.S., stove size .....	2000-lb. ton	20.45	20.99	19.33	19.50
<b>CHEMICAL PRODUCTS</b>					
Sodium Carbonate (Soda Ash) 58 p.c. ....	100-lb.	2.51	2.51	2.51	2.51
Sulphuric Acid, 66° Baume .....	2000-lb. ton	25.35	25.35	24.00	24.00

TABLE 5. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

(1935-39 = 100)

- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -											
Date	Total Index* (1949=100)	Total Index	Cement, Brick,		Lumber and Its Products	Lath, Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Materials	Paint and Glass	Plumb- ing and Heat- ing Equip- ment	Elec- trical Equip- ment Fix- tures	Other Mate- rials
			Sand and Gravel	Tile and Stone							
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
1959	130.0	296.3	153.8	227.8	421.1	140.9	239.3	229.3	231.6	201.6	256.9
<b>1959</b>											
Jan.	128.8	293.6	156.3	226.3	415.8	139.8	247.6	228.7	229.8	194.8	255.7
Feb.	129.0	294.2	152.3	226.3	417.8	139.8	247.6	228.7	229.8	197.5	254.9
Mar.	129.7	295.8	152.2	226.3	421.0	139.8	250.8	228.7	229.8	201.5	254.9
Apr.	130.2	296.9	152.0	227.7	421.7	141.9	256.3	228.7	230.7	203.2	256.8
May	130.9	298.4	152.0	228.4	425.6	141.4	248.9	228.7	231.1	203.3	256.8
June	130.6	297.7	152.0	228.4	424.0	141.4	248.2	228.7	231.1	203.3	256.8
July	130.7	298.0	154.7	228.4	424.7	141.2	231.5	228.7	232.8	204.1	256.8
Aug.	130.6	297.8	154.7	228.4	424.1	141.2	231.5	228.7	232.8	204.1	257.7
Sept.	130.1	296.7	154.7	228.4	421.0	141.2	237.9	230.6	232.8	203.5	257.7
Oct.	129.8	295.9	154.7	228.4	419.8	141.2	228.7	230.6	232.8	201.4	257.7
Nov.	129.3	294.8	154.7	228.4	417.6	141.2	222.3	230.6	232.8	201.0	258.5
Dec.	129.8	295.9	154.7	228.4	420.4	141.2	220.2	230.6	232.8	201.0	258.5
<b>1960</b>											
Jan.	129.9	296.1	154.7	228.4	420.5	141.2	213.8	230.0	234.5	200.4	260.1
Feb.	129.6	295.6	154.7	228.4	419.0	141.6	217.6	230.0	234.5	199.5	261.8
Mar.	129.6	295.6	154.7	229.8	419.0	140.2	217.6	230.0	234.5	199.5	261.8
Apr.	129.7	295.7	154.1	229.8	419.6	140.2	214.4	230.0	234.5	199.8	261.8
May	129.6	295.4	153.5	229.8	418.9	140.2	208.5	230.0	236.0	198.2	261.8
June	129.6	295.4	153.5	229.8	417.7	143.5	212.3	230.0	236.0	198.5	262.3
July	129.4	295.0	154.3	229.7	417.1	143.5	212.3	230.0	235.6	195.6	262.3
Aug.	128.7	293.4	154.3	229.7	413.3	142.7	212.3	230.0	235.6	197.0	262.3
Sept.	128.6	293.1	154.3	229.7	412.6	142.7	212.3	230.0	235.5	197.7	262.9
Oct.	128.2	292.2	153.7	229.0	410.1	143.1	217.3	230.0	235.5	197.6	263.1
Nov.	128.5	292.9	153.7	229.0	410.7	146.8	220.8	230.0	235.5	197.6	263.1
Dec.	128.8	293.7	153.7	229.0	413.0	145.6	215.6	235.6	235.5	195.6	263.1

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

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

19.

(1949 = 100)

- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS -							
Date	Total Index	Aggregate, Cement and Concrete Mix	Blocks, Brick and Stone	Tile	Lumber and Lumber Products	Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Materials
1950	105.0	103.2	104.3	104.9	110.3	103.0	105.8
1951	118.6	111.3	113.0	110.6	128.3	115.7	125.4
1952	123.2	117.4	119.7	115.5	127.9	121.3	121.7
1953	124.4	120.2	125.9	117.1	127.8	119.2	119.6
1954	121.8	120.9	127.0	120.6	124.5	115.2	117.6
1955	123.4	120.3	127.0	120.3	127.5	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
1959	131.7	118.6	137.4	118.3	131.3	126.0	119.2
1959 Aug.	132.0	117.3	137.4	118.7	132.9	126.2	121.4
1959 Sept.	131.6	117.3	137.4	118.7	132.4	126.2	118.6
1959 Oct.	131.1	117.3	137.4	118.7	131.7	126.2	117.2
1959 Nov.	131.6	119.4	137.3	118.5	130.8	126.4	119.5
1959 Dec.	132.2	121.7	138.5	118.5	130.9	126.4	119.0
1960 Jan.	132.2	121.7	138.5	118.5	131.1	126.5	119.0
1960 Feb.	132.0	121.7	138.5	118.2	130.6	126.0	118.1
1960 Mar.	132.2	121.7	139.7	118.2	130.4	126.7	117.8
1960 Apr.	132.5	119.3	139.7	118.1	130.4	126.9	122.7
1960 May	132.4	117.1	139.7	120.9	129.5	127.0	122.2
1960 June	132.5	117.2	139.7	120.9	129.1	127.0	122.2
1960 July	132.8	117.6	139.7	122.5	129.1	127.0	122.2
1960 Aug.	132.6	117.6	139.7	122.5	128.2	126.9	122.2
1960 Sept.	132.3	117.6	139.7	122.5	127.4	126.6	120.4
1960 Oct.	132.4	118.5	139.2	122.4	127.2	126.4	119.7
1960 Nov.	132.1	120.2	139.2	122.1	127.1	126.4	114.7
1960 Dec.	132.3	122.8	139.2	121.9	127.9	126.4	114.6
		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	147.8	151.9		115.5	140.0	144.2	93.8
1958	150.9	155.1		118.5	123.3	145.3	93.7
1959	152.6	156.2		119.5	121.8	146.3	93.7
1959 Aug.	152.6	156.6		119.9	117.2	146.2	93.7
1959 Sept.	152.6	156.6		119.9	117.2	146.5	93.7
1959 Oct.	152.6	156.6		119.9	108.5	146.5	93.7
1959 Nov.	152.8	156.1		119.9	108.9	146.6	93.7
1959 Dec.	152.9	156.1		119.9	118.4	146.5	93.7
1960 Jan.	152.9	157.5		119.3	118.4	146.2	93.7
1960 Feb.	153.0	157.5		119.3	118.5	146.2	93.7
1960 Mar.	153.0	157.5		119.3	118.5	146.2	93.7
1960 Apr.	152.9	157.5		119.3	118.4	146.2	93.7
1960 May	152.9	157.5		119.3	122.7	146.2	93.7
1960 June	152.9	157.5		120.1	128.8	146.2	93.7
1960 July	152.9	157.5		120.2	128.9	146.2	100.6
1960 Aug.	152.9	157.5		119.3	128.9	146.2	100.6
1960 Sept.	152.8	157.9		119.3	128.9	146.2	100.6
1960 Oct.	152.8	157.9		119.2	135.8	146.2	100.6
1960 Nov.	152.8	157.9		121.2	137.6	146.2	100.6
1960 Dec.	153.1	157.9		120.1	131.5	148.5	100.6

TABLE 7. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

(1949 = 100)

	Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities & 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
1960 .....	128.0	122.2	143.7	110.9	123.3	137.6
<u>1957</u> 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
<u>1960</u> January	127.5	121.6	142.8	110.2	123.3	136.9
February	127.2	120.8	142.9	109.8	123.2	137.0
March	126.9	119.4	142.9	110.4	123.4	137.0
April	127.5	120.9	143.3	110.8	123.5	137.1
May	127.4	120.2	143.5	110.8	123.1	137.6
June	127.6	120.8	143.8	110.9	123.0	137.7
July	127.5	120.5	143.9	110.8	123.0	137.6
August	127.9	121.7	144.0	110.3	123.1	137.7
September	128.4	123.3	144.2	110.5	123.3	137.6
October	129.4	125.8	144.3	111.2	123.5	137.8
November	129.6	125.5	144.5	112.5	123.5	138.3
December	129.6	125.3	144.6	112.6	123.5	138.3

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

(1949 = 100)

	1958	1959	1960	Dec. 1958	Dec. 1959	Oct. 1960	Nov. 1960	Dec. 1960
<u>Total Index</u>	125.1	126.5	128.0	126.2	127.9	129.4	129.6	129.6
<u>Food</u>	122.1	121.1	122.2	122.2	122.4	125.8	125.5	125.3
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	122.5	123.4	124.5	123.0	124.6	124.5	124.7	124.1
Cereal Products	135.9	138.8	141.4	137.7	139.3	142.2	142.2	142.4
Miscellaneous Groceries	122.5	118.4	117.3	120.6	117.9	118.3	118.3	118.4
<u>Shelter</u>	138.4	141.4	143.7	139.9	142.7	144.3	144.5	144.6
Rent	140.5	142.0	142.8	141.5	142.5	143.1	143.1	143.1
Home-Ownership	135.6	140.6	145.0	137.7	143.0	146.0	146.3	146.6
<u>Clothing</u>	109.7	109.9	110.9	110.5	111.4	111.2	112.5	112.6
Men's Wear	116.4	117.3	117.5	117.4	117.8	117.8	118.8	119.2
Women's Wear	97.9	96.5	96.4	98.7	97.6	96.8	97.8	97.7
Children's Wear	105.4	105.0	104.9	106.9	106.6	105.1	107.1	107.3
Footwear	133.5	137.6	144.2	133.7	142.3	144.1	146.8	146.8
Piece Goods	111.4	112.0	113.2	112.0	112.4	113.5	113.8	113.8
<u>Household Operation</u>	121.0	122.7	123.3	122.0	123.7	123.5	123.5	123.5
Fuel (Excluding Electricity)	117.5	118.5	118.1	117.4	119.7	117.7	118.0	117.8
Coal	124.2	125.2	123.5	124.7	125.8	123.2	123.7	123.7
Fuel Oil	107.0	108.6	107.9	105.3	108.9	107.2	107.0	105.9
Domestic Gas	106.1	106.5	111.0	106.2	111.1	111.0	111.0	111.0
Electricity	115.7	116.8	117.2	116.7	116.8	117.6	117.6	117.6
Home Furnishings	116.8	117.0	116.9	117.2	117.7	117.0	116.9	117.0
Appliances	96.5	94.6	90.5	97.2	94.4	90.3	90.3	90.3
Furniture	121.4	122.2	121.8	121.3	123.2	121.5	121.3	121.4
Utensils and Equipment	133.0	135.7	140.5	134.1	137.7	141.3	141.2	141.3
Supplies and Services	130.2	134.8	137.0	132.7	136.2	137.7	137.7	137.8
Supplies	123.0	127.6	130.4	125.6	129.4	131.3	131.3	131.4
Services	135.2	139.7	141.5	137.5	140.8	142.0	142.0	142.2
Telephone Rates	138.9	147.6	148.0	144.8	147.9	148.3	148.4	148.6
Shoe Repairs	135.4	140.3	145.3	136.3	144.5	145.8	145.8	146.0
<u>Other Commodities and Services</u>	130.9	134.9	137.6	133.4	136.9	137.8	138.3	138.3
Transportation	133.8	138.4	140.3	139.0	140.5	140.0	141.5	141.4
Automobile Operation	121.2	122.9	123.1	124.8	125.6	121.4	123.8	123.6
New Passenger Cars	121.6	127.1	128.0	131.0	136.5	122.2	128.2	128.2
Gasoline	110.8	107.6	103.6	111.1	104.9	103.1	104.0	103.6
Local Transportation	173.8	185.6	190.6	185.0	186.1	192.8	192.8	192.8
Street Car and Bus Fares	181.6	194.3	199.8	194.0	194.8	202.3	202.3	202.3
Recreation	138.4	141.7	144.3	140.0	143.3	144.9	146.2	146.1
Theatre Admissions	160.6	165.3	173.2	162.9	169.7	174.4	176.6	176.6
Newspapers	160.2	163.6	166.3	160.8	163.6	167.5	167.9	167.9
Health Care	150.1	154.5	158.7	153.1	156.3	159.6	159.3	159.3
Hospital Rates	197.1	204.7	213.5	203.2	205.5	213.5	213.5	213.5
Doctors' Fees	137.8	141.7	143.6	140.8	142.3	144.5	144.5	144.5
Dentists' Fees	145.0	149.6	154.8	148.0	152.0	156.6	156.6	156.6
Prepaid Health Care	169.4	168.5	172.6	170.2	171.7	175.2	175.2	175.2
Drugs	118.2	124.1	127.3	119.6	127.5	127.4	125.4	125.4
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	110.6	114.0	115.8	110.8	115.8	115.8	115.8	115.8
Personal Care	134.4	140.0	144.7	136.6	143.8	145.1	144.3	144.9
Men's Haircut	159.4	169.1	178.4	161.7	177.0	179.1	179.2	179.2
Personal Supplies	123.0	126.4	127.7	124.8	127.5	127.8	126.3	127.2

TABLE 9. - AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES FOR CANADA - SELECTED FOOD ITEMS (10)

Item	Unit	1958	1959	1960	Dec. 1958	Dec. 1959	Oct. 1960	Nov. 1960	Dec. 1960	Dec.
										1960
										Relative 1949=100
<b>Beef -</b>										
Sirloin steak .....	1b.	94.4	101.0	97.7	98.7	100.6	102.0	98.9	98.8	140.3
Round steak .....	1b.	87.9	93.0	88.9	94.0	92.9	91.0	90.0	89.6	133.6
Prime rib roast (1) .....	1b.	84.8	90.4	88.1	90.0	90.1	89.0	88.1	88.0	131.1
Blade roast (2) .....	1b.	61.5	65.1	61.5	66.5	64.3	62.5	61.5	63.0	130.3
Stewing beef .....	1b.	61.3	67.0	65.2	65.6	66.8	65.5	65.5	65.5	140.5
Hamburg .....	1b.	46.4	49.8	47.1	50.2	48.8	47.4	46.7	46.9	123.7
Liver, sliced .....	1b.	N.A.	59.4	56.7	54.3	58.0	56.1	56.2	56.7	101.1(9)
<b>Pork -</b>										
Shoulder roast, Boston butt, fresh.	1b.	58.2	53.3	53.5	52.6	52.9	57.2	56.1	58.0	104.9(3)
Rib chops, fresh .....	1b.	72.5	67.6	69.8	68.5	67.3	76.5	74.7	75.3	132.4(4)
Ham, smoked, boneless, to be cooked (6) .....	1b.	93.7	89.3	92.3	90.3	89.6	98.5	97.5	98.9	116.4(5)
Bacon, side, fancy, sliced, rind off .....	1/2 lb.	47.0	43.1	40.5	44.1	42.4	43.2	44.2	45.4	107.1
Sausage, pure pork .....	1b.	58.5	55.3	54.1	57.6	53.7	56.2	56.2	56.7	114.8
<b>Other Meats -</b>										
Veal, loin chops, rib end .....	1b.	88.1	93.2	91.8	91.7	92.8	91.3	90.7	90.4	121.7
Lamb, leg roast .....	1b.	81.3	76.6	76.2	78.1	70.8	75.9	73.0	74.1	102.9
Bologna, sliced .....	1b.	43.3	44.3	43.4	44.4	43.6	44.4	44.0	44.2	107.1
Meat loaf, canned, mainly pork, ready to eat .....	12 oz.	N.A.	48.1	36.1	49.9	45.9	31.4	32.8	35.7	114.1(9)
Weiners or frankfurters .....	1b.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	54.3	54.3	54.2	103.6(9)
<b>Fish -</b>										
Salmon, canned, fancy pink .....	8 oz.	29.9	30.9	33.4	30.0	32.3	35.1	35.3	35.6	143.8
Cod fillets, frozen (7) .....	1b.	34.6	36.7	37.7	34.8	37.2	38.0	37.7	38.3	113.1(5)
<b>Poultry -</b>										
Chicken, grade A eviscerated (1 1/2 - 3 lb.) (7) .....	1b.	51.1	46.8	47.9	44.3	45.0	48.3	45.4	46.8	88.6(5)
<b>Fruits -</b>										
Bananas, yellow .....	1b.	20.5	20.3	19.3	21.0	20.2	19.4	18.4	19.2	102.3
Oranges, California, medium size (138's) .....	doz.	57.1	45.2	52.2	55.1	47.6	55.6	58.0	61.8	175.6
Apples, volume seller .....	1b.	15.0	13.1	15.7	11.3	12.0	13.6	14.0	14.5	141.6
Grapefruit, white, 96's .....	1/2 doz.	59.7	52.6	56.1	52.4	49.5	69.0	55.2	51.1	132.9
Peaches, canned, choice, halves ...	15 oz.	22.5	21.8	23.8	21.4	22.8	24.1	24.2	24.3	117.8
Pears, canned, choice .....	15 oz.	20.8	21.0	21.8	20.8	21.2	21.9	22.0	21.8	101.2
Strawberries, canned, choice .....	15 oz.	32.4	33.0	33.4	32.6	33.2	33.5	33.5	33.6	110.6
Orange juice, unsweetened .....	20 oz.	18.6	22.3	19.6	20.4	21.9	19.5	19.7	19.9	94.4
Apple juice, choice .....	20 oz.	15.2	15.8	16.0	15.5	16.0	16.0	16.1	16.4	142.1
Raisins, California and Australia .	1b.	27.6	31.1	30.6	29.7	31.3	30.0	29.5	29.3	166.0
Strawberries, frozen, fancy, pkg. .	15 oz.	42.8	41.9	42.1	42.7	41.7	42.6	42.9	43.0	91.9(5)
Orange juice, concentrate, frozen, fancy (8) .....	6 oz.	N.A.	27.2	23.3	29.7	27.0	23.3	23.1	23.3	101.3(9)
Pineapple, Hawaiian, sliced .....	20 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	40.6	40.7	40.8	101.0(9)

(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) July 1960=100.

(10) 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	1958	1959	1960	Dec. 1958	Dec. 1959	Oct. 1960	Nov. 1960	Dec. 1960	Dec.
										1960
Vegetables -										
Potatoes, No. 1 table .....	10 lb.	45.7	48.9	58.0	39.7	52.2	46.1	47.3	47.9	137.5
Tomatoes, fresh .....	1b.	28.2	24.8	27.0	25.4	29.8	20.0	23.8	36.6	156.6
Lettuce, head, fresh .....	1b.	19.2	18.7	19.0	23.3	22.1	18.7	22.9	19.5	127.1
Carrots .....	1b.	12.4	11.7	11.7	10.3	11.6	10.7	10.5	10.6	141.2
Celery stalks, green .....	1b.	18.6	16.3	16.6	17.6	18.2	14.9	15.0	14.6	86.2
Cabbage .....	1b.	9.5	9.4	9.4	6.8	10.0	6.7	6.4	6.8	83.7
Onions, No. 1, cooking .....	1b.	10.1	11.4	10.0	9.7	9.7	9.9	9.2	8.8	119.5
Turnips, Canada No. 1 .....	1b.	7.6	6.9	7.3	6.2	6.7	6.9	6.7	6.6	132.1
Tomatoes, canned, choice .....	28 oz.	26.6	27.3	27.8	26.8	27.1	28.0	27.8	27.6	137.5
Peas, canned, choice .....	15 oz.	16.5	16.8	17.2	16.7	16.7	17.2	17.3	17.4	119.4
Corn, canned, cream, choice...	20 oz.	20.9	21.4	21.7	21.1	21.4	21.7	21.9	21.9	114.7
Beans, with pork and tomato sauce .....	15 oz.	18.1	18.5	18.7	18.3	18.4	18.9	18.8	18.8	135.7
Soup, vegetable .....	10 oz.	14.7	15.1	15.1	15.1	14.9	15.1	15.1	15.1	124.2
Green peas, frozen, fancy, pkg.	12 oz.	23.1	23.0	22.3	23.2	22.8	22.9	23.1	23.2	92.1 (5)
Green beans, French cut, frozen, pkg. (8) .....	10 oz.	N.A.	27.2	26.7	27.2	26.4	27.0	27.1	26.9	100.7 (9)
Tomato juice, fancy .....	20 oz.	N.A.	16.2	16.0	16.7	15.7	16.7	16.5	15.9	99.4 (9)
Tomato catsup, bottle .....	11 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	23.5	23.6	23.6	100.0 (9)
Dairy Products -										
Milk, fresh .....	qt.	23.2	23.4	23.7	23.3	23.7	23.7	23.7	23.5	132.0
Milk, evaporated .....	16 oz.	16.2	16.0	16.0	16.1	16.2	16.1	16.1	16.1	108.6
Butter, creamery, first grade.	1b.	69.2	69.6	69.8	69.6	69.8	69.6	70.0	70.1	108.5
Cheese, plain, processed .....	1/2 lb.	35.9	36.5	36.6	36.4	36.7	36.5	36.4	36.6	125.4
Powdered skim milk, pkg. ....	3 lb.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	109.0	108.6	110.4	93.9 (9)
Cereal Products -										
Bread, plain, white, wrapped, sliced .....	1b.	14.8	15.2	15.6	15.1	15.2	15.7	15.7	15.7	155.9
Flour, white, all purpose ....	1b.	8.0	8.4	8.8	8.0	8.6	8.9	8.9	8.9	127.7
Cake mix, white, only liquid to be added, pkg. ....	14-16 oz.	32.6	32.1	32.3	32.0	32.0	32.1	32.1	32.3	101.6
Corn flakes, pkg. ....	8 oz.	19.7	19.8	19.9	19.8	19.9	20.0	20.0	20.0	141.6
Macaroni, dry, pkg. ....	1b.	18.3	18.3	18.4	18.3	18.3	18.6	18.6	18.9	137.6
Soda crackers, pkg. ....	1b.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	38.0	37.9	37.9	99.7 (9)
Fats -										
Margarine .....	1b.	32.5	31.3	30.0	31.8	30.7	29.8	29.7	29.7	92.2
Shortening .....	1b.	33.4	33.1	33.1	32.8	33.0	33.4	33.0	33.1	102.5
Lard, pure .....	1b.	24.3	18.8	20.0	23.1	18.1	22.0	22.4	22.7	96.7
Salad dressing, jar .....	16 oz.	N.A.	44.5	41.8	44.8	43.7	40.3	40.2	40.4	99.8 (9)
Eggs -										
Eggs, fresh, grade A large ....	doz.	57.9	54.4	54.5	56.5	48.3	66.2	68.0	62.1	100.9
Eggs, fresh, grade A medium (8)	doz.	N.A.	N.A.	48.7	N.A.	N.A.	56.0	56.7	55.1	118.8 (9)
Miscellaneous Groceries -										
Sugar, granulated .....	1b.	10.6	9.4	9.4	9.9	9.0	9.7	9.7	9.7	105.1
Jam, strawberry, 2 lb. jar (24 fl. oz.) with pectin & pure .	1b.	27.3	27.1	27.0	27.2	27.1	26.7	27.0	27.1	116.9
Peanut butter, plain, jar ....	16 oz.	38.6	38.5	39.3	38.3	38.7	39.8	39.7	40.0	110.2
Pickles, sweet, mixed, jar ...	16 oz.	34.9	34.5	34.7	34.7	34.2	35.0	35.0	34.7	124.8
Infants' food, vegetable, tin.	5 oz.	10.5	10.7	10.8	10.5	10.9	10.8	10.8	10.8	130.1
Tea, black, pkg. ....	1/2 lb.	60.2	59.6	59.6	60.1	59.5	59.7	59.7	59.8	122.1
Tea bags, orange pekoe, pkg. .	60-bag	80.9	80.3	80.5	79.9	80.9	80.8	81.0	80.6	100.8 (9)
Coffee, medium quality, pkg. .	1b.	87.9	74.8	73.2	83.4	72.9	73.4	73.1	73.3	117.8
Coffee, instant, dried, jar ...	6 oz.	129.7	116.1	106.6	126.1	108.9	105.7	105.2	104.3	98.1 (9)
Jelly powders, flavoured, pkg.	3 oz.	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.1	104.1 (5)
Baking chocolate, unsweetened, bar (8) .....	8 oz.	N.A.	61.0	61.5	59.8	61.3	61.6	61.5	61.6	100.5 (9)
Honey, No. 1, white .....	2 lb.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	60.6	60.6	60.3	99.2 (9)

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										
	June 1951=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	
1960	115.5	127.2	129.2	127.9	128.6	130.4	125.6	124.4	124.1	129.0	
<u>1957</u>	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
<u>1960</u>	January	114.7	127.1	129.1	127.8	128.1	129.7	124.7	123.8	123.6	129.3
	February	114.8	127.0	129.1	127.5	127.6	129.7	124.1	123.5	123.2	129.1
	March	114.5	126.7	128.9	126.5	127.4	129.2	124.0	123.4	123.3	128.7
	April	115.6	127.0	129.1	127.6	128.0	129.7	124.7	123.6	123.4	128.2
	May	115.9	126.8	128.6	127.2	127.7	129.8	124.8	123.4	123.3	128.1
	June	116.2	127.0	128.6	127.8	128.6	130.2	125.0	123.7	123.2	127.7
	July	116.5	126.4	128.6	127.2	128.2	130.1	125.4	124.0	123.6	127.5
	August	116.1	126.7	129.0	127.5	128.3	130.3	125.8	124.8	124.3	128.3
	September	114.8	127.1	129.2	127.7	129.0	130.7	126.2	125.6	125.1	129.2
	October	115.0	128.1	130.0	129.1	130.2	132.1	127.1	125.7	125.6	130.5
	November	115.9	128.4	130.0	129.7	130.2	131.9	127.7	125.5	125.7	130.8
	December	116.3	128.4	130.3	129.7	130.1	131.8	127.8	125.4	125.3	130.7

(1949 = 100)

	St. John's Nfld. 1.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saskatoon- Regina	Edmonton- Calgary	Van- couver
<u>Food Index</u>										
<u>1958</u> 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
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
<u>1960</u> January	111.5	117.3	122.6	126.9	121.6	120.3	119.4	119.3	116.6	123.5
February	111.7	117.5	122.6	126.3	120.2	119.8	117.3	117.7	114.9	122.8
March	111.5	115.9	120.9	123.4	119.0	118.2	116.8	117.1	114.8	120.3
April	113.3	117.3	122.1	125.6	120.9	119.8	118.8	117.8	114.7	119.7
May	113.9	116.3	120.7	124.6	119.7	119.3	118.3	117.0	114.3	120.0
June	114.6	116.7	120.1	125.9	121.5	120.3	119.1	117.7	113.6	118.7
July	113.2	114.9	119.9	124.4	120.7	120.4	120.0	118.9	115.1	118.3
August	112.1	115.4	121.4	125.0	121.3	121.1	120.9	121.4	117.6	121.5
September	108.5	116.5	122.4	125.6	123.0	122.8	122.1	124.1	120.0	124.7
October	109.1	119.8	124.7	129.3	126.8	126.6	123.7	124.5	121.3	126.7
November	108.9	119.9	124.4	130.0	125.9	125.8	124.2	123.0	120.4	126.3
December	109.8	119.5	124.9	129.7	125.3	125.6	124.5	122.2	119.5	126.1
<u>Shelter Index</u>										
<u>1959</u> 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
<u>1960</u> January	116.0	134.6	138.4	144.9	147.9	153.3	133.8	124.4	124.5	138.4
February	115.7	134.3	138.5	144.9	147.9	153.3	133.8	124.8	124.6	138.6
March	115.7	134.4	138.3	145.0	147.9	153.3	133.9	124.5	124.8	138.9
April	115.7	134.4	138.6	145.0	148.1	153.2	133.9	124.7	124.8	138.7
May	115.7	134.2	138.5	145.1	148.3	153.3	134.2	124.4	124.4	138.9
June	115.7	134.2	138.9	145.8	148.6	153.2	134.4	124.5	124.4	138.7
July	115.8	134.2	139.3	145.9	148.7	153.1	134.3	124.7	124.5	138.6
August	115.7	134.8	139.3	145.9	148.7	153.1	134.6	124.9	124.5	138.4
September	115.2	134.9	139.3	145.9	148.8	153.2	134.6	124.9	125.5	137.9
October	115.0	135.1	140.4	146.0	148.7	153.1	135.0	124.9	125.5	137.9
November	115.1	135.1	140.6	146.0	148.8	153.1	135.5	125.0	125.5	137.8
December	115.3	135.3	140.0	146.0	148.9	152.9	135.7	125.0	125.5	137.8

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

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

(1949 = 100)

	St. John's Nfld. 1.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saskatoon- Regina	Edmonton- Calgary	Van- couver
<u>Clothing Index</u>										
<u>1959</u>										
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>1960</u>										
January	105.8	119.8	117.4	105.3	112.9	113.1	116.2	120.4	118.5	115.2
February	105.9	119.0	117.4	103.8	113.8	114.1	116.1	120.4	118.5	114.8
March	106.6	119.9	118.9	104.0	114.5	114.3	117.2	122.1	119.9	117.4
April	106.9	120.5	118.9	105.1	113.8	114.2	117.6	122.1	120.1	116.7
May	107.6	120.2	118.9	105.3	113.8	113.8	117.8	122.1	120.2	116.9
June	107.6	120.5	119.5	105.3	114.1	114.2	117.6	123.0	120.1	117.0
July	109.2	120.7	119.5	105.3	114.1	113.5	117.2	123.0	120.1	116.9
August	109.2	120.7	119.5	104.7	114.2	113.6	116.2	123.0	120.2	115.6
September	109.5	121.1	119.7	105.1	115.2	113.5	116.3	124.0	120.3	115.5
October	110.1	121.2	119.7	106.0	115.6	114.2	115.9	124.0	120.9	116.5
November	110.7	122.0	119.7	108.1	117.0	115.0	118.8	124.0	121.3	117.5
December	110.7	122.0	120.7	108.3	116.9	115.1	118.8	124.0	121.4	117.7
<u>Household Operation Index</u>										
<u>1959</u>										
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>1960</u>										
January	109.4	129.9	124.6	119.0	121.8	123.6	120.0	125.2	126.7	133.9
February	109.7	129.6	124.6	118.9	121.2	123.7	119.6	125.2	126.7	134.6
March	107.5	129.9	124.7	118.9	121.3	123.7	119.8	125.4	127.0	135.0
April	109.7	129.5	124.2	119.6	121.2	123.8	119.8	125.1	127.2	132.8
May	109.9	129.5	124.2	118.7	121.4	124.1	120.0	125.2	127.5	132.0
June	110.0	129.5	124.3	118.8	122.5	123.8	120.2	125.5	127.9	132.1
July	111.9	129.3	124.3	118.2	122.5	123.6	120.4	125.7	128.0	132.1
August	112.1	129.6	124.3	118.5	122.1	123.4	120.2	125.8	127.1	132.1
September	111.7	129.6	124.2	118.8	122.2	123.4	120.3	125.5	127.1	132.5
October	111.9	129.3	124.2	118.9	122.1	124.1	120.3	125.5	126.8	135.2
November	111.7	129.3	124.1	119.0	121.7	123.8	120.2	125.8	127.5	135.8
December	111.7	129.8	124.3	118.8	122.0	124.0	120.2	126.2	127.6	135.5
<u>Other Commodities and Services Index</u>										
<u>1959</u>										
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
<u>1960</u>										
January	127.5	139.6	143.4	137.4	137.5	138.8	133.9	129.7	133.1	136.9
February	127.6	139.6	143.4	137.4	137.4	138.8	134.0	129.7	133.1	136.7
March	127.5	139.6	143.5	137.5	137.4	138.9	133.6	129.2	133.0	136.7
April	128.0	139.4	143.4	137.7	137.6	139.0	133.9	129.3	133.4	136.9
May	128.0	140.0	143.3	138.2	137.7	139.8	134.7	129.2	133.1	136.8
June	128.0	140.1	143.4	138.4	137.8	140.4	134.3	129.3	133.4	136.9
July	129.0	140.0	143.5	138.4	137.6	140.2	134.4	129.0	133.3	136.5
August	128.9	140.0	142.9	138.5	137.5	140.2	135.7	129.1	133.4	136.5
September	129.0	139.9	142.8	138.4	137.4	139.9	135.6	129.1	133.0	136.4
October	129.0	139.9	142.8	138.5	137.4	140.0	137.2	129.1	133.0	136.4
November	133.0	140.4	143.0	138.8	138.3	140.3	137.3	129.5	133.7	137.5
December	133.0	140.4	143.2	138.9	138.3	140.3	137.3	129.5	133.7	137.2

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 (1)

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
	\$		\$	
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	52.40	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
1959 - Average	70.16	168.1	55.42	132.8
<u>1959</u> - 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	71.68	171.7	55.87	133.9
November	71.08	170.3	55.57	133.1
December	68.48	164.1	53.71	128.7
<u>1960</u> - January	71.89	172.2	56.52	135.4
February	71.49	171.3	56.34	135.0
March	71.94	172.4	56.42	135.2
April	72.37	173.4	56.81	136.1
May	71.69	171.8	56.18	134.6
June	72.19	173.0	56.62	135.6
July	72.01	172.5	56.30	134.9
August	71.46	171.2	55.65	133.3
September	72.37	173.4	55.93	134.0
October	72.62(p)	174.0(p)	56.03(p)	134.2(p)

(1) 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 36.

(p) Preliminary.

TABLE 12. - SPATIAL RETAIL FOOD PRICE INDEXES, 1956, 1957, 1958 and 1959\*

	Winnipeg = 100			
	1956	1957	1958	1959
Halifax	99	100	99	102
Saint John	101	102	100	102
Montreal	98	99	98	98
Ottawa	97	99	98	99
Toronto	97	98	97	97
Winnipeg	100	100	100	100
Regina	104	104	103	105
Saskatoon	105	104	104	105
Calgary	101	101	100	102
Edmonton	100	101	100	101
Vancouver	105	105	104	106

\* For detailed explanation of this series, see appendix on page 37.

TABLE 13. - 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
1958.....	259.9	236.7	213.0	196.7	513.2	217.0	242.7
1959.....	269.5	248.4	219.1	204.7	538.2	220.1	249.8
1957 - August.....	259.1	224.5	209.7	191.9	526.4	216.0	241.9
1958 - August.....	263.9	237.2	213.7	196.7	534.0	218.0	245.5
1959 - April.....	273.0	248.9	220.2	204.7	554.6	220.0	251.8
- August.....	275.2	248.2	218.8	204.7	572.8	220.9	253.5
1960 - January.....	266.7	251.8	221.9	204.7	510.4	220.6	248.3
- April.....	277.9	255.2	223.4	204.7	571.7	221.6	255.4
- August.....	279.6	255.5	222.9	204.7	583.9	223.0	257.0
EASTERN CANADA							
1926.....	129.5	97.0	122.8	128.4	151.1	120.2	125.8
1939.....	98.7	104.3	94.8	99.2	110.6	99.5	99.0
1958.....	262.3	238.9	208.6	192.3	497.8	215.7	243.7
1959.....	273.3	252.0	215.1	201.3	524.1	219.2	251.7
1957 - August.....	261.1	225.1	206.5	186.4	503.4	214.3	242.4
1958 - August.....	264.7	239.6	209.2	192.3	508.0	217.1	245.7
1959 - April.....	275.4	253.1	217.3	201.3	527.8	219.3	252.9
- August.....	276.7	251.2	213.8	201.3	545.6	220.2	254.1
1960 - January.....	274.2	254.3	217.3	201.3	522.3	220.2	252.6
- April.....	279.4	258.6	218.8	201.3	544.0	221.3	256.2
- August.....	280.9	259.6	217.4	201.3	555.6	222.7	257.6
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
1958.....	257.5	235.9	217.3	200.5	535.0	218.3	241.9
1959.....	265.8	247.0	222.8	207.5	558.3	220.9	247.8
1957 - August.....	257.1	224.2	212.9	196.5	559.0	217.8	241.4
1958 - August.....	263.0	236.2	218.1	200.5	571.0	218.9	245.4
1959 - April.....	270.7	247.3	223.0	207.5	592.6	220.7	250.7
- August.....	273.6	247.0	223.5	207.5	611.4	221.6	252.8
1960 - January.....	259.1	250.8	226.4	207.5	493.5	221.1	243.9
- April.....	276.3	253.8	227.9	207.5	611.0	221.9	254.6
- August.....	278.4	253.9	228.2	207.5	624.2	223.2	256.3

(a) 1960 indexes are subject to revision, since tax and interest rate figures are preliminary.

TABLE 14. - AVERAGE RETAIL FEED PRICES FOR CANADA AND FIVE GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS

## First of the Month Prices - Dollars per cwt

ITEM	CANADA			MARITIMES			QUEBEC		
	1959	1960	1960	1959	1960	1960	1959	1960	1960
	Dec. \$	Nov. \$	Dec. \$	Dec. \$	Nov. \$	Dec. \$	Dec. \$	Nov. \$	Dec. \$
1. Corn, cracked .....	3.66	3.68	3.66	4.06	4.14	4.11	3.51	3.49	3.47
2. Oats, unground .....	2.99	3.03	3.00	3.30	3.25	3.22	2.93	3.08	3.05
3. Barley, ground .....	2.82	2.86	2.86	2.96	3.07	3.07	2.75	2.83	2.85
4. Wheat, unground .....	3.11	3.14	3.15	3.38	3.42	3.43	3.02	3.11	3.13
5. Bran .....	2.58	2.62	2.61	2.49	2.55	2.53	2.46	2.55	2.55
6. Shorts .....	2.71	2.72	2.72	2.65	2.66	2.65	2.62	2.65	2.66
7. Middlings .....	2.98	2.92	2.95	2.97	2.87	2.92	2.91	2.86	2.92
8. Linseed oil meal .....	4.91	4.91	4.87	5.14	5.30	5.27	4.97	4.77	4.75
9. Soybean oil meal .....	4.72	4.64	4.61	4.94	4.95	4.81	4.65	4.61	4.58
10. Calf starter (20-24%) .....	5.17	5.13	5.09	5.12	5.07	4.93	4.87	4.80	4.77
11. Dairy ration (16%) .....	3.52	3.51	3.50	3.50	3.55	3.50	3.42	3.41	3.40
12. Dairy supplement (24%) (East) .....	4.17	4.13	4.12	4.40	4.21	4.16	4.15	4.19	4.16
13. Dairy supplement (32%) (West) .....	5.06	4.96	4.92	-	-	-	-	-	-
14. Pig starter mash .....	4.52	4.49	4.47	4.56	4.61	4.59	4.24	4.32	4.32
15. Hog concentrate (35%) .....	5.49	5.38	5.33	5.66	5.47	5.31	5.55	5.46	5.40
16. Hog grower mash .....	3.64	3.64	3.63	3.74	3.79	3.78	3.56	3.57	3.53
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%) .....	4.75	4.70	4.68	5.00	4.95	4.88	4.41	4.47	4.45
18. Growing mash .....	4.17	4.17	4.15	4.23	4.25	4.22	4.09	4.17	4.14
19. Laying mash (17-20%) .....	4.30	4.25	4.23	4.40	4.39	4.36	4.23	4.20	4.19
20. Broiler starter mash (20-23%) .....	5.04	4.91	4.87	5.22	5.11	4.98	4.97	4.89	4.88
21. Turkey growing mash .....	4.67	4.63	4.62	4.87	4.95	4.82	4.71	4.82	4.80

ITEM	ONTARIO			PRAIRIES			BRITISH COLUMBIA		
	1959	1960	1960	1959	1960	1960	1959	1960	1960
	Dec. \$	Nov. \$	Dec. \$	Dec. \$	Nov. \$	Dec. \$	Dec. \$	Nov. \$	Dec. \$
1. Corn, cracked .....	3.32	3.33	3.32	4.88	4.94	4.94	4.12	4.08	4.04
2. Oats, unground .....	2.95	3.04	2.99	2.52	2.48	2.45	3.23	3.15	3.11
3. Barley, ground .....	2.81	2.88	2.88	2.52	2.51	2.49	3.01	2.95	2.94
4. Wheat, unground .....	3.09	3.13	3.13	2.75	2.76	2.76	3.26	3.21	3.20
5. Bran .....	2.58	2.65	2.64	2.68	2.70	2.69	2.69	2.62	2.60
6. Shorts .....	2.77	2.79	2.79	2.71	2.76	2.74	2.80	2.72	2.70
7. Middlings .....	3.03	2.98	3.02	2.75	2.71	2.68	3.11	3.04	3.02
8. Linseed oil meal .....	4.78	4.71	4.70	4.73	4.76	4.72	5.14	5.37	5.35
9. Soybean oil meal .....	4.35	4.20	4.20	5.52	5.02	5.02	5.07	5.03	5.00
10. Calf starter (20-24%) .....	5.01	4.97	4.94	5.05	4.99	4.96	6.18	6.18	6.17
11. Dairy ration (16%) .....	3.54	3.52	3.52	3.48	3.46	3.47	3.67	3.67	3.64
12. Dairy supplement (24%) .....	4.12	4.08	4.08	-	-	-	-	-	-
13. Dairy supplement (32%) .....	-	-	-	4.91	4.82	4.82	5.33	5.21	5.12
14. Pig starter mash .....	4.61	4.55	4.51	4.81	4.65	4.66	4.33	4.35	4.31
15. Hog concentrate (35%) .....	5.40	5.31	5.25	5.48	5.35	5.33	5.65	5.54	5.54
16. Hog grower mash .....	3.56	3.57	3.56	3.53	3.52	3.52	3.90	3.86	3.84
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%) .....	4.82	4.79	4.77	4.89	4.81	4.81	4.82	4.65	4.61
18. Growing mash .....	4.14	4.14	4.11	4.22	4.21	4.21	4.24	4.12	4.10
19. Laying mash (17-20%) .....	4.24	4.24	4.21	4.36	4.24	4.26	4.35	4.24	4.21
20. Broiler starter mash (20-23%) .....	4.94	4.79	4.76	5.13	5.05	5.05	5.11	4.87	4.79
21. Turkey growing mash .....	4.75	4.71	4.70	4.58	4.40	4.44	4.57	4.52	4.50

Mash includes pellets, crumbles, cubes, etc.

TABLE 15. - INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCK PRICES

(1935-39=100)

INVESTORS INDEX										
Number of Stocks 1960	INVESTORS TOTAL (93)	TOTAL INDUS- TRIALS (72)	Machin- ery and Equip- ment (10)	Pulp and Paper (10)	Mill- ing and Grains (4)	Oils (4)	Tex- tiles and Cloth- ing (7)	Food and Allied Pro- ducts (13)	Bever- ages (8)	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	78.2
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
1959 .....	265.4	272.2	728.6	1,126.9	213.1	192.6	213.0	271.7	672.6	536.6
1960 .....	249.6	256.6	673.8	1,111.6	194.3	172.9	186.6	234.2	644.7	448.9
1958 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
1959 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
1960 Jan. ...	259.2	267.6	741.9	1,156.8	204.2	180.2	203.2	224.5	656.0	518.0
Feb. ...	249.9	257.9	713.0	1,080.0	194.0	173.8	197.2	216.8	634.6	488.7
Mar. ...	242.3	249.3	671.4	1,058.1	181.5	170.8	190.0	215.8	611.0	462.2
Apr. ...	248.8	256.7	682.2	1,101.4	181.8	173.2	189.1	230.0	625.6	469.2
May ...	249.2	257.4	699.2	1,124.7	184.8	168.0	190.9	224.5	632.5	466.7
June ...	251.0	258.3	685.7	1,156.6	190.6	165.4	189.5	228.0	643.3	455.8
July ...	243.6	249.8	636.7	1,111.7	182.5	161.9	183.6	233.6	638.9	423.2
Aug. ...	249.3	255.3	651.2	1,124.7	189.8	172.0	180.0	239.3	641.7	424.4
Sept. ...	248.9	254.2	645.6	1,127.2	200.0	175.5	180.7	245.4	646.7	425.2
Oct. ...	241.7	246.5	634.9	1,083.3	201.0	169.8	171.6	245.4	634.4	416.0
Nov. ...	251.1	258.0	642.5	1,093.0	210.9	180.9	181.0	248.8	674.2	417.4
Dec. ...	260.2	268.0	681.9	1,121.6	210.3	183.2	181.9	258.9	697.7	420.0
Weekly Index										
Dec. 1	253.3	260.6	654.1	1,105.9	208.2	176.7	180.6	251.4	688.5	404.5
Dec. 8	256.4	263.8	672.3	1,103.2	209.0	177.5	180.4	253.5	704.7	411.8
Dec. 15	259.6	267.3	688.3	1,115.5	209.7	180.2	182.9	260.4	698.2	419.9
Dec. 22	264.2	272.4	698.5	1,125.1	211.9	188.8	181.5	263.4	694.9	430.2
Dec. 29	267.6	275.9	696.2	1,158.1	212.6	192.8	184.1	265.7	702.3	433.4

TABLE 15. - INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON AND PREFERRED STOCK PRICES - Concluded

(1935-39=100)

Number of Stocks 1960	INVESTORS INDEX					MINING INDEX (1)				PREFERRED STOCKS (27)
	Indus- trial Mines (2)	TOTAL UTILI- TIES (14)	Trans- porta- tion (3)	Tele- phone (3)	Power and Traction (8)	BANKS (7)	MINING TOTAL (27)	Gold's (21)	Base Metals (6)	
1939 .....	98.9	86.1	56.0	109.3	88.9	102.5	104.5	95.6	121.7	101.6
1940 .....	77.1	80.9	62.5	101.0	80.6	95.6	81.2	73.7	95.6	100.8
1941 .....	69.5	70.7	61.4	96.4	65.8	90.5	72.4	65.1	87.0	99.7
1942 .....	66.5	70.4	65.7	89.2	66.1	81.2	52.3	40.8	75.1	96.6
1943 .....	74.8	101.3	112.8	97.2	99.1	80.5	70.1	61.4	86.8	112.4
1944 .....	69.2	100.8	125.2	100.1	93.3	82.0	81.3	74.1	94.2	123.1
1945 .....	86.9	120.2	178.2	108.8	105.5	95.7	95.2	91.0	101.1	137.0
1946 .....	98.0	132.5	203.5	125.2	114.0	130.0	97.8	87.6	116.1	155.9
1947 .....	90.0	117.3	147.9	117.1	109.1	130.8	86.7	76.0	106.1	154.0
1948 .....	100.5	120.2	180.6	108.3	104.7	129.3	82.0	65.0	115.8	144.6
1949 .....	92.1	117.4	161.6	105.9	109.2	134.4	87.4	71.7	117.9	143.0
1950 .....	98.3	132.5	208.8	103.5	123.7	147.4	89.9	67.4	134.9	156.7
1951 .....	126.0	162.3	325.6	101.4	142.5	144.6	99.2	69.8	166.4	164.5
1952 .....	139.7	168.3	378.6	94.6	139.8	148.4	103.6	73.9	171.5	160.1
1953 .....	118.1	157.2	297.5	99.2	142.4	168.9	92.1	66.2	151.3	162.3
1954 .....	123.2	165.0	291.6	111.0	150.2	208.0	91.3	64.8	151.9	170.2
1955 .....	184.3	197.0	365.8	125.5	181.2	246.3	116.9	72.3	219.0	177.2
1956 .....	218.6	206.3	375.0	123.8	208.1	275.8	134.4	75.8	268.7	166.2
1957 .....	195.9	199.8	352.0	108.6	230.9	263.8	114.0	70.5	213.5	151.3
1958 .....	166.9	189.1	314.7	107.9	216.7	273.2	103.8	72.4	175.8	160.6
1959 .....	193.7	197.3	332.7	112.1	224.8	355.8	118.7	85.0	195.9	157.2
1960 .....	209.4	189.1	287.3	121.0	194.3	320.0	104.9	75.6	172.0	152.6
<u>1958</u> 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>1960</u> Jan. ..	205.5	191.0	302.0	115.6	207.9	332.8	114.4	82.4	187.8	149.0
Feb. ..	203.1	186.8	298.6	115.8	195.3	316.3	110.4	82.0	175.6	148.7
Mar. ..	195.6	184.5	287.6	116.9	189.8	305.8	107.4	82.5	164.4	147.0
Apr. ..	206.9	188.2	306.4	119.3	188.1	309.1	105.1	78.4	166.4	146.4
May ..	211.2	188.1	304.8	119.0	189.2	308.8	98.0	67.8	167.2	148.6
June ..	217.6	190.6	302.2	120.4	194.8	317.7	96.0	64.9	167.4	152.4
July ..	213.0	187.3	287.6	121.0	188.8	311.5	95.5	64.7	166.0	154.8
Aug. ..	215.3	191.6	289.6	123.8	194.8	322.9	101.4	71.4	169.9	155.8
Sept. ..	206.1	191.7	277.8	124.8	197.2	329.3	104.0	73.5	173.8	157.3
Oct. ..	195.8	187.8	262.4	123.7	193.8	318.6	107.4	79.9	170.3	157.4
Nov. ..	213.8	188.2	261.4	125.4	191.1	328.5	110.2	81.2	176.9	157.3
Dec. ..	228.6	193.0	266.9	126.9	200.4	338.1	108.5	78.1	178.2	157.0
<u>Weekly Index</u>										
Dec. 1	223.2	189.7	266.3	125.7	193.0	327.6	109.2	79.4	177.5	(2)
Dec. 8	225.4	191.0	261.5	126.7	196.9	333.4	107.3	77.4	175.9	
Dec. 15	228.2	192.2	267.0	125.7	200.8	338.2	106.8	76.3	176.5	
Dec. 22	231.7	195.6	269.2	128.1	205.2	341.8	108.8	78.0	179.2	
Dec. 29	234.4	196.4	270.4	128.5	206.1	349.4	110.4	79.2	181.7	

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

(2) No weekly indexes calculated for Preferred Stocks.

TABLE 16. - INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCK PRICES<sup>(1)</sup>

(1956=100)

Number of Stocks 1960	Utili- ties (14)	Pipe- lines (5)	Banks (7)	Investment and Loan (5)	Mining (27)	Uraniums (7)	Industrial Oils (4)	Primary Oils and Gas (9)
1956 .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1957 .....	96.9	132.6	95.7	93.8	84.8	118.7	109.0	107.0
1958 .....	91.7	105.5	99.1	109.1	77.3	95.0	94.0	84.2
1959 .....	95.6	117.2	129.0	127.8	88.3	82.6	87.1	76.0
1960 .....	91.6	106.2	116.0	119.8	78.0	59.1	78.1	48.2
<u>1957</u> Jan. ..	100.6	143.5	105.1	88.9	96.7	123.6	113.8	109.9
Feb. ..	98.7	138.4	98.4	89.5	90.9	126.1	110.7	108.5
Mar. ..	101.4	144.9	96.5	88.6	91.7	144.7	111.4	113.9
Apr. ..	103.0	162.1	100.6	95.3	95.2	146.9	118.9	123.8
May ..	104.8	163.0	101.2	99.3	92.4	141.3	126.1	126.3
June ..	105.1	152.7	102.2	103.6	93.3	130.1	124.6	121.6
July ..	103.6	147.1	100.7	104.5	91.4	122.1	124.0	124.6
Aug. ..	97.2	131.3	94.3	99.4	81.5	113.8	111.2	113.0
Sept. ..	92.7	117.4	91.4	92.4	77.8	115.6	102.0	103.7
Oct. ..	85.7	99.3	85.2	86.8	70.7	96.9	88.5	84.0
Nov. ..	85.4	97.4	87.2	88.8	69.5	86.1	88.5	78.7
Dec. ..	84.3	93.7	85.2	88.5	66.5	77.5	88.2	75.8
<u>1958</u> Jan. ..	86.3	94.5	84.6	88.8	68.1	85.2	84.8	77.8
Feb. ..	88.5	95.1	88.9	92.2	70.9	89.7	83.4	76.7
Mar. ..	88.8	99.4	86.2	94.9	71.7	88.3	83.4	75.7
Apr. ..	88.2	95.5	88.3	94.5	70.8	90.6	84.5	75.4
May ...	88.7	100.7	93.6	101.8	73.9	100.2	92.1	81.9
June ..	90.9	101.4	96.7	108.9	77.5	106.6	98.6	87.4
July ..	91.9	107.6	99.9	114.1	76.8	100.0	101.8	91.4
Aug. ..	94.2	114.3	101.7	118.6	79.0	102.4	103.3	90.2
Sept. ..	96.1	122.1	104.4	121.2	79.4	99.6	102.0	87.8
Oct. ..	95.6	121.7	110.6	121.1	85.1	93.8	101.3	93.1
Nov. ..	95.8	106.1	115.3	124.5	87.5	92.2	97.4	87.5
Dec. ..	94.9	108.1	118.9	128.5	86.4	90.9	95.0	85.5
<u>1959</u> Jan. ..	96.4	119.4	118.8	129.5	92.0	95.3	98.0	93.3
Feb. ..	97.9	118.0	121.8	132.9	92.9	92.3	97.4	92.9
Mar. ..	98.2	112.7	125.4	133.3	94.2	88.2	94.8	84.8
Apr. ..	97.6	120.0	129.5	128.4	89.7	94.9	92.6	84.3
May ...	99.0	119.2	134.3	127.4	88.9	89.3	90.5	81.1
June ..	97.7	114.9	137.4	128.2	88.8	81.8	85.9	75.5
July ..	98.4	121.4	140.5	134.9	89.7	88.8	87.2	77.7
Aug. ..	96.8	120.7	135.5	134.7	89.1	84.3	87.3	77.4
Sept. ..	91.6	109.6	126.0	123.0	83.0	71.5	79.9	66.7
Oct. ..	90.8	115.4	128.6	118.1	83.5	73.9	76.2	61.0
Nov. ..	90.6	116.8	124.2	120.4	83.8	68.1	76.2	59.8
Dec. ..	92.4	118.8	125.9	122.9	83.9	63.2	79.1	58.1
<u>1960</u> Jan. ..	92.6	118.0	120.7	118.5	85.1	68.2	81.5	60.7
Feb. ..	90.5	110.4	114.7	110.8	82.1	62.8	78.6	56.9
Mar. ..	89.4	109.6	110.9	110.5	79.9	58.8	77.3	55.0
Apr. ..	91.2	107.2	112.1	114.6	78.2	58.9	78.3	53.4
May ..	91.2	102.9	112.0	115.8	72.9	57.3	76.0	47.3
June ..	92.4	99.5	115.2	119.9	71.5	53.9	74.8	44.6
July ..	90.8	96.4	113.0	119.2	71.0	55.4	73.2	42.2
Aug. ..	92.9	99.8	117.1	123.3	75.4	55.1	77.8	44.4
Sept. ..	92.9	106.0	119.4	128.2	77.4	57.4	79.4	46.1
Oct. ..	91.0	105.7	115.5	123.1	79.9	59.5	76.8	44.1
Nov. ..	91.2	109.7	119.1	123.8	82.0	62.0	81.8	43.0
Dec. ..	93.6	109.7	122.6	129.9	80.7	59.8	82.1	40.8
<u>Weekly Index</u>								
Dec. 1	92.0	107.0	118.8	126.1	81.3	61.6	79.9	40.2
Dec. 8	92.6	107.3	120.9	127.0	79.8	59.7	80.3	40.5
Dec. 15	93.2	110.4	122.6	131.6	79.5	58.6	81.5	39.9
Dec. 22	94.8	112.3	123.9	131.6	81.0	60.1	85.4	41.8
Dec. 29	95.2	111.3	126.7	133.0	82.1	58.9	83.3	41.4

(1) Four indexes on the base 1956=100, Pipelines, Investment and Loan, Uraniums, and Primary Oils and Gas, were introduced May 1960. Indexes of Utilities, Banks, Mining and Industrial Oils from Table 15 have been converted to the base 1956=100 for comparison.

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 1958 - July 1959 were announced June 15, 1960. The price of No. 1 Manitoba Northern was adjusted to \$1.594, No. 2 to \$1.559 and No. 3 to \$1.483 and the indexes revised accordingly. For the crop year 1959-1960, the initial payment for No. 1 Manitoba Northern is \$1.40.

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 1958-1959 final payments were announced April 1, 1960 which brought the price to \$.90 per bushel for No. 1 Feed barley and \$.694 for No. 2 C.W. oats. Initial payments for the crop year 1959-1960 are \$.87 for No. 1 Feed barley and \$.60 for No. 2 C.W. oats.

For final revised indexes August 1945 to July 1952 see Prices and Price Indexes, May 1953, Table 21. For subsequent years see Table 4 of February 1954, May 1955 and 1956, and Table 2 of May 1957, May 1958, and July 1959. Indexes subsequent to July 1959 are subject to revision.

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

A second special purpose price index related to the construction industry entitled "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 fulfill the same purpose as the cost-of-living series which they replace, viz.: each index is designed to measure the influence of changes in retail prices taking place in the localities specified, upon the cost of a fixed basket of goods and services representing the level of consumption of a representative group of families in those particular areas.

In using the city indexes, it should be remembered that they are not indicators of comparative levels of prices as between the cities. That is, they do not in any way indicate whether prices are higher or lower in one city than in another. This fact may be illustrated by reference to temperature changes occurring in two cities. Suppose that in city A the temperature increases by 20 per cent from Time 1 to Time 2, and that in city B it increases 30 per cent during the same interval. In this instance an index of temperature change for City A would be 120 at Time 2 when Time 1 = 100, and the corresponding index for city B would be 130. From these indexes, it is obviously impossible to say whether or not it is warmer or colder in city A or city B. While the indexes form valid measurements of temperature change, they do not in any way indicate the comparative levels of temperature.

Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers: The index of Commodities and Services used by Farmers is designed to measure the change in retail prices of farm operating costs and farm living costs. It is calculated thrice yearly, viz.: January, April and August, and is on the base 1935-39=100. For an explanation of methods of construction and an historical record, please refer to "Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers, 1913 to 1948 (Revised 1948)." A special bulletin giving total and group index detail is released subsequent to each pricing date.

#### SECURITY PRICE INDEXES

Price index numbers of industrial, utility, bank and mining common stocks, and preferred stocks are calculated from Montreal and Toronto exchange quotations. The indexes are designed to reflect weekly and monthly changes of interest to the investor, rather than day-to-day changes of more speculative interest. Individual stock prices are weighted by the number of shares outstanding in January of each year. The list is reviewed completely in January of each year, when new series are introduced and series of declining importance are discontinued. The Investors Index of 93 Common Stocks and the Mining Stocks Index are based on the average of the Thursday closing prices. The Preferred Stock Index is a monthly average of daily quotations.

Four additional indexes of common stock prices, relating to important categories of stocks not covered by existing series, were introduced May 1960. These will be published as interim indexes pending complete revision of the security price indexes. The price reference date for the new series is 1956; construction and weighting methods conform to those of existing indexes.

#### 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 27 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.

SPATIAL RETAIL FOOD PRICE INDEXES FOR SELECTED CANADIAN CITIES1956, 1957, 1958, 1959.

For some years the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has been investigating the problems of calculating indexes which will indicate, with some precision, the extent of the differences in the average level of retail prices between major Canadian cities. In commodities and services other than food, problems of comparability of items are of major significance and it has not yet been possible to cover these areas of family budgets.

In foods, however, the problem of comparability of items between cities is at a minimum, and it has been possible to calculate indexes which are considered to indicate the extent of the difference in the average level of retail food prices between Winnipeg and 10 other major Canadian cities with sufficient reliability. These have been calculated annually for 1956, 1957, 1958 and 1959, and will be maintained on an annual basis in the future.

These indexes have been calculated on the basis of prices collected in each of the eleven cities, weighted in accordance with average urban food expenditures as contained in the weighting diagram of the Canada Consumer Price Index. Because of the differences in food purchases between cities it is impossible to calculate entirely accurate measurements. The closest approximation would be derived, for example, from the use of both Winnipeg and Vancouver weights in the calculation of the Winnipeg-Vancouver comparison, rather than the use of average urban food expenditures. However, the calculation of a number of indexes using weights relating to each city did not produce indexes significantly different from those which appear in Table 12 on page 27. This reflects the fact that while differences in food purchases exist, the magnitude of the differences in the cities covered is not such as to affect spatial comparisons significantly.

In addition to the problem of weights, the difficulty of obtaining prices for identically the same description of each food item in each city is of some consequence. While considerable care is taken to minimize differences due to variations in quality of the items priced, it is impossible to completely eliminate all such variations. This is particularly true in the case of beef items, where variations in consumption by grades as between cities undoubtedly affect the resultant price comparisons.

While these indexes have been expressed in terms of Winnipeg = 100, the selection of Winnipeg as the base city has no significance, and the indexes may be expressed on the base of any of the eleven cities included.





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