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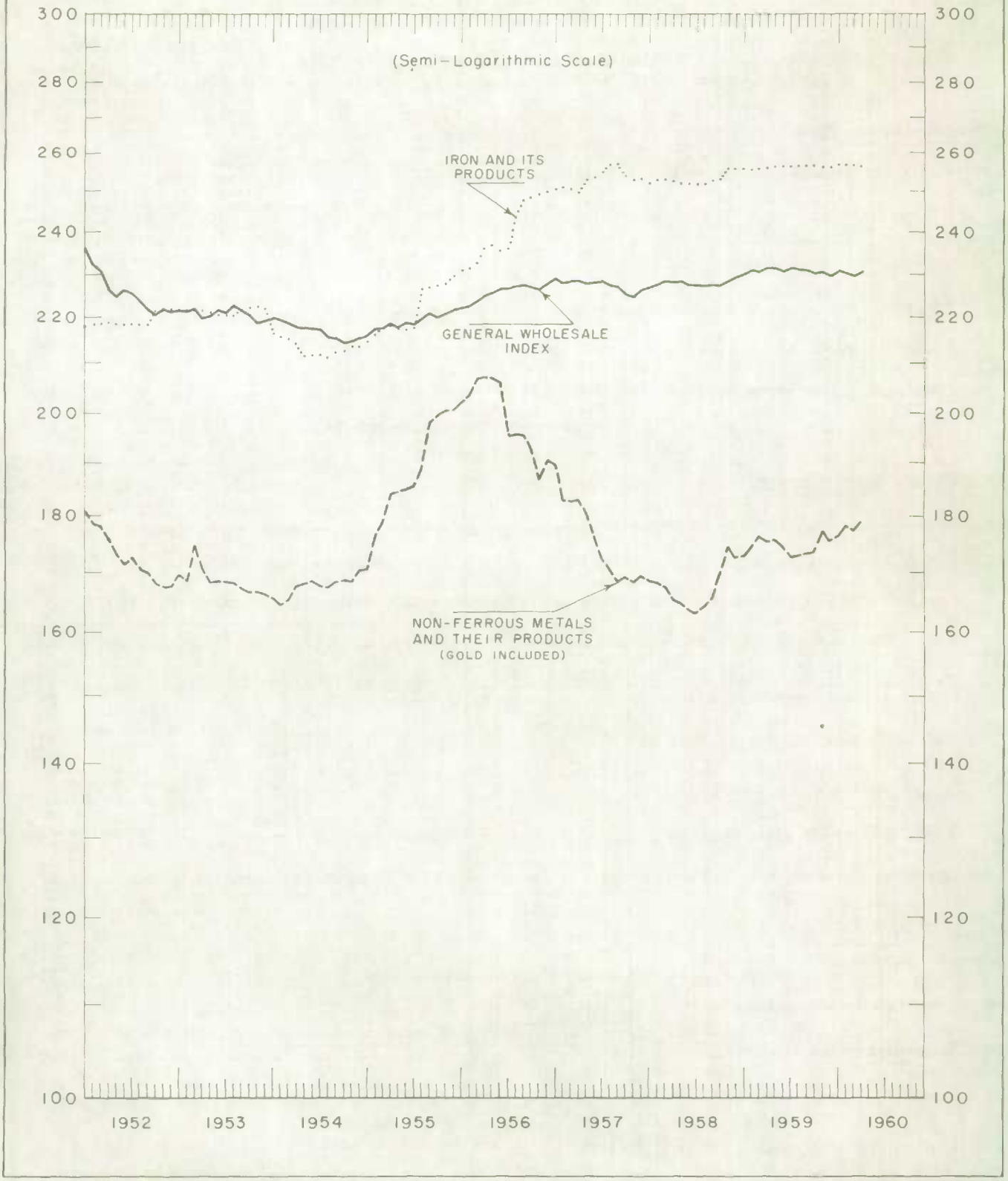
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES
TOTAL INDEX AND SELECTED COMPONENT GROUPS
MONTHLY, JANUARY 1952 – APRIL 1960
(1935–1939=100)

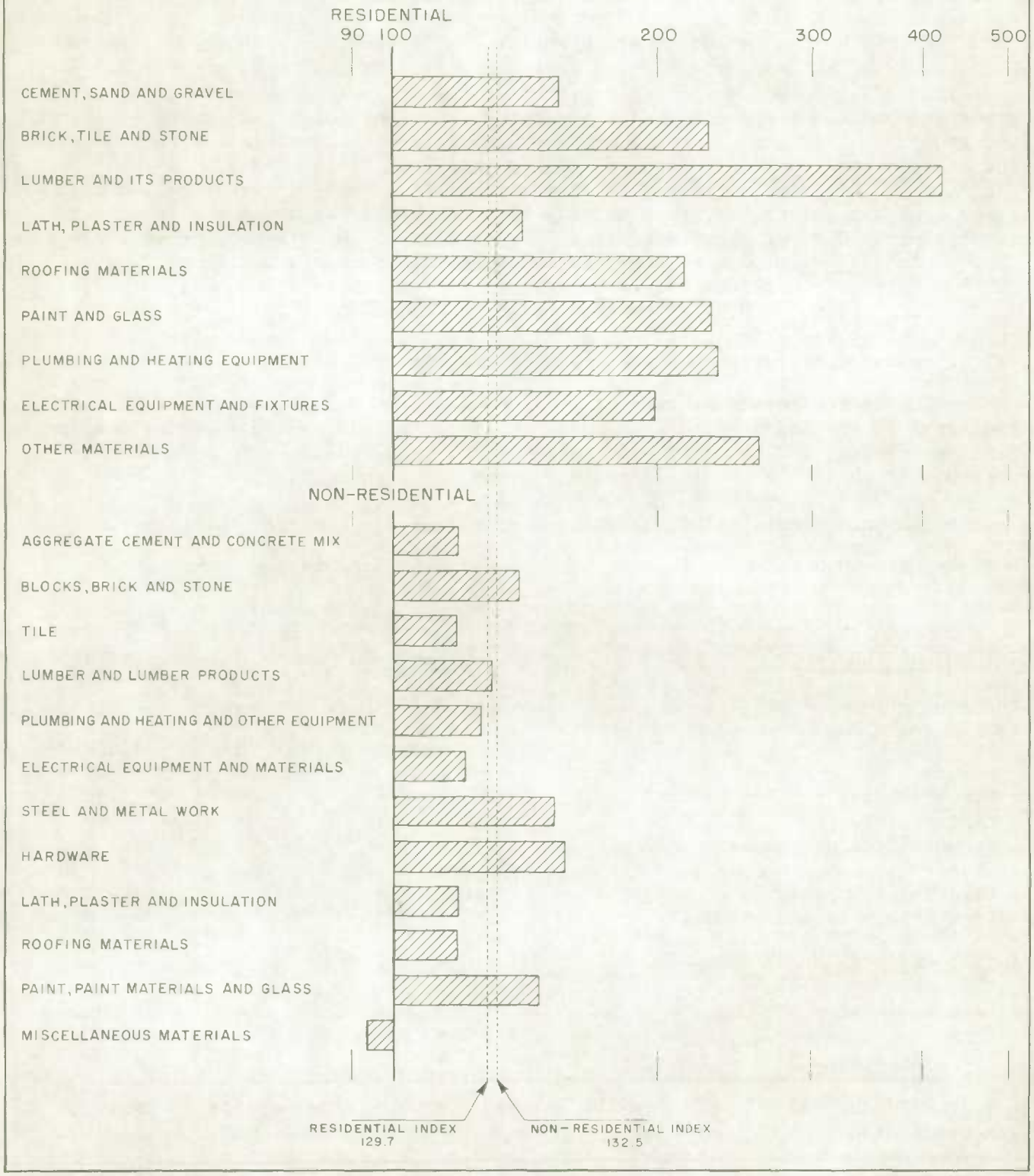


Source: Prices & Price Indexes April 1960

RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS PRICE INDEXES COMPONENT GROUPS, APRIL 1960

(1949=100)

(Semi-Logarithmic Scale)



Source: Prices & Price Indexes
April 1960

NOTES ON PRICES AND PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

GENERAL WHOLESALE INDEX: (1935 - 1939 = 100) The General Wholesale Index increased by 0.7 per cent from 229.6 to 231.3 between March and April but was practically unchanged from April of the previous year when it stood at 231.2. Advances occurred in five of the major groups, while two declined. The remaining group, Chemical Products, was unchanged.

Of the groups which were higher in April than in March the Vegetable Products group recorded the largest upward movement as the index rose by 1.7 per cent from 202.2 to 205.6. Sharply higher prices for potatoes, onions, and livestock and poultry feeds combined with lesser increases for bakery products, tires and tubes, grains, and canned vegetables were mainly responsible for the increase. The Animal Products group advanced 1.1 per cent from 240.8 to 243.4, largely on the strength of price increases for lard and tallow, eggs, dressed fowl, and livestock. Higher prices for brass valves, electrolytic lead, and domestic zinc resulted in a 0.8 per cent increase in the Non-ferrous Metals group from 177.6 to 179.0. An advance of 0.6 per cent in the Textile Products group from 228.2 to 229.6 was largely attributable to higher prices for imported raw wool, raw cotton, and worsted yarns. A 0.6 per cent increase from 304.4 to 306.2 in the Wood Products group was principally due to higher returns in Canadian currency for export sales of newsprint and wood pulp to the United States.

The Non-metallic Minerals group declined by 0.5 per cent between March and April as the index moved from 186.4 to 185.5 in response to lower prices for sand and gravel, and coal. The decrease in the Iron Products group was barely perceptible while the Chemical Products group was unchanged.

The following table shows some of the more noteworthy changes:

COMMODITY GROUP OR SUB-GROUP	PERCENTAGE CHANGES April 1960 / March 1960	April 1960 / April 1959
Vegetable Products Group	+ 1.7	+ 2.5
Potatoes	+ 20.0	+ 141.3
Onions	+ 15.1	- 59.4
Livestock and poultry feeds	+ 8.4	- 15.1
Bakery products	+ 3.7	+ 3.8
Rubber tires and tubes	+ 2.6	+ 7.1
Grains	+ 1.6	+ 1.3
Vegetables, canned	+ 1.5	+ 4.8
Vegetable oils and products	- 2.2	- 9.7
Animal Products Group	+ 1.1	- 4.8
Lard and tallow	+ 9.8	+ 11.8
Eggs	+ 7.0	- 0.3
Fowl, dressed	+ 5.1	+ 34.7
Livestock	+ 3.1	- 9.3
Meats, fresh	+ 1.9	- 7.6
Meats, cured	+ 1.6	- 14.6
Leather	- 1.6	- 17.1
Fishery Products	- 1.4	+ 4.1

COMMODITY GROUP OR SUB-GROUP	PERCENTAGE CHANGES April 1960 March 1960	April 1960 April 1959
Non-ferrous Metals Group	+ 0.8	+ 2.2
Valves, brass	+ 10.1	+ 10.6
Lead, electrolytic, domestic	+ 2.3	+ 7.3
Zinc, domestic	+ 2.0	+ 18.6
Textile Products Group	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
Wool, raw, imported	+ 3.6	+ 14.2
Cotton, raw	+ 3.1	- 8.5
Yarns, worsted	+ 0.8	+ 3.0
Non-metallic Minerals Group	- 0.5	- 0.8
Sand and gravel	- 1.8	- 0.5
Coal	- 1.6	- 3.1

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: (1949 = 100) The Consumer Price Index rose 0.5 per cent from 126.9 to 127.5 between March and April 1960. In April 1959 the index stood at 125.4. Although all five group indexes were higher in the current month, an increase of 1.3 per cent in the Food index accounted for most of the movement at the total level.

The Food index rose from 119.4 to 120.9 as price increases occurred for bread, eggs, citrus fruits, apples, potatoes and chicken. Beef and pork prices were generally lower, as were most imported fresh vegetables.

The Shelter index moved from 142.9 to 143.3, a rise of 0.3 per cent. The rent component was unchanged but the home-ownership component recorded a further increase.

An upward movement of 0.4 per cent in the Clothing index, from 110.4 to 110.8, reflected scattered price increases for some items of footwear and men's clothing, as well as items of women's clothing up from sale levels of previous months.

In the Household operation index, a fractional increase from 123.4 to 123.5 reflected somewhat higher prices for some appliances resulting from initial pricing of 1960 models, as well as furniture prices up from sale levels. These increases, combined with some price increases for household utensils and equipment, more than balanced lower prices for textiles.

A movement of 0.1 per cent in Other Commodities and Services, from 137.0 to 137.1, followed higher doctors' and dentists' fees. Price declines were limited to gasoline, bicycles and toilet soap.

TABLE I. - SUMMARY OF CURRENT PRICE INDEXES

	INDEXES				PERCENTAGE CHANGES		
					Apr. 1960	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1960
	Apr. 1958	Apr. 1959	Mar. 1960	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1958	Apr. 1959	Mar. 1960
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX (1935-39=100)							
GENERAL INDEX (1)	228.1	231.2	229.6	231.3	+ 1.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.7
Vegetable Products	198.9	200.6	202.2	205.6	+ 3.4	+ 2.5	+ 1.7
Animal Products	253.4	255.8	240.8	243.4	- 3.9	- 4.8	+ 1.1
Textile Products	230.5	228.3	228.2	229.6	- 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
Wood Products	297.4	304.1	304.4	306.2	+ 3.0	+ 0.7	+ 0.6
Iron Products	252.0	255.6	256.3	256.2	+ 1.7	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Non-ferrous Metals	165.3	175.2	177.6	179.0	+ 8.3	+ 2.2	+ 0.8
Non-metallic Minerals	188.2	187.1	186.4	185.5	- 1.4	- 0.8	- 0.5
Chemical Products	182.9	186.6	188.4	188.4	+ 3.0	+ 1.0	-
CANADIAN FARM PRODUCTS (1) (2)	229.4	217.3	213.6	218.3	-	-	-
Eastern Total	244.0	230.1	237.2	244.3	-	-	-
Western Total	214.7	204.4	190.0	192.3	-	-	-
Field	178.9	163.5	175.1	180.5	-	-	-
Animal	279.9	271.0	252.2	256.2	-	-	-
SELECTED PRICE INDEXES (1)							
Canadian Industrial Materials	227.9	240.4	240.4	241.7	+ 6.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	126.7	130.2	129.6	129.7	+ 2.4	- 0.4	+ 0.1
Non-Residential Building Materials (1949=100)	129.3	132.1	132.2	132.5	+ 2.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES (1949=100)							
TOTAL INDEX	125.2	125.4	126.9	127.5	+ 1.8	+ 1.7	+ 0.5
Food	123.4	119.3	119.4	120.9	- 2.0	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Shelter	137.6	140.5	142.9	143.3	+ 4.1	+ 2.0	+ 0.3
Clothing	109.8	109.6	110.4	110.8	+ 0.9	+ 1.1	+ 0.4
Household Operation	121.3	122.6	123.4	123.5	+ 1.8	+ 0.7	+ 0.1
Other Commodities and Services	130.1	133.7	137.0	137.1	+ 5.4	+ 2.5	+ 0.1
SECURITY PRICE INDEXES (1935-39=100)							
TOTAL INVESTORS INDEX	218.2	265.8	242.3	248.8	+14.0	- 6.4	+ 2.7
Total Industrials	224.0	271.7	249.3	256.7	+14.6	- 5.5	+ 3.0
Machinery and Equipment	559.5	666.2	671.4	682.2	+21.9	+ 2.4	+ 1.6
Pulp and Paper	802.3	1,117.4	1,058.1	1,101.4	+37.3	- 1.4	+ 4.1
Milling and Grain	129.5	198.4	181.5	181.8	+40.4	- 8.4	+ 0.2
Oils	186.9	204.8	170.8	173.2	- 7.3	-15.4	+ 1.4
Textiles and Clothing	166.7	215.9	190.0	189.1	+13.4	-12.4	- 0.5
Foods	219.5	299.6	215.8	230.0	+ 4.8	-23.2	+ 6.6
Beverages	511.3	662.1	611.0	625.6	+22.4	- 5.5	+ 2.4
Building Materials	417.6	529.8	462.2	469.2	+12.4	-11.4	+ 1.5
Industrial Mines	150.8	186.0	195.6	206.9	+37.2	+11.2	+ 5.8
Total Utilities	181.9	201.3	184.5	188.2	+ 3.5	- 6.5	+ 2.0
Transportation	288.1	350.7	287.6	306.4	+ 6.4	-12.6	+ 6.5
Telephone	107.5	109.5	116.9	119.3	+11.0	+ 8.9	+ 2.1
Power and Traction	205.7	237.0	189.8	188.1	- 8.6	-20.6	- 0.9
Banks	243.5	357.1	305.8	309.1	+26.9	-13.4	+ 1.1
MINING STOCKS							
General Index	95.2	120.6	107.4	105.1	+10.4	-12.9	- 2.1
Golds	69.0	85.5	82.5	78.4	+13.6	- 8.3	- 5.0
Base Metals	155.0	201.2	164.4	166.4	+ 7.4	-17.3	+ 1.2

(1) All 1960 indexes are subject to revision.

(2) Percentages not shown since Canadian Farm Products indexes subsequent to July 1958 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats and barley.

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

Date	General Wholesale Price Index	Non-Farm Products (2)	Raw and Partly Manufactured	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured	Industrial Materials	Canadian Farm Products (1)		
						Field	Animal	Total
1913	83.4	-	85.1	86.2	-	-	-	-
1920	203.2	-	194.7	208.2	-	-	-	-
1926	130.3	-	129.1	133.0	144.3	158.5	130.2	144.4
1929	124.6	-	126.1	123.7	132.8	137.2	144.4	140.8
1933	87.4	-	79.3	93.3	78.3	69.3	69.2	69.3
1938	102.0	-	99.4	103.5	95.8	100.9	104.8	102.9
1939	99.2	-	94.9	101.9	99.0	83.7	101.5	92.6
1940	108.0	-	103.1	109.9	113.3	85.4	106.7	96.1
1941	116.4	-	114.4	118.8	125.2	88.9	124.4	106.6
1942	123.0	-	123.0	123.7	135.1	109.7	144.6	127.1
1943	127.9	-	131.1	126.9	140.0	129.0	161.8	145.4
1944	130.6	-	134.4	129.1	143.1	144.5	166.1	155.3
1945	132.1	-	136.2	129.8	143.2	162.5	170.2	166.4
1946	138.9	-	140.1	138.0	148.6	177.9	181.2	179.5
1947	163.3	-	164.3	162.4	187.0	184.1	200.2	192.2
1948	193.4	-	196.3	192.4	222.7	200.6	263.7	232.1
1949	198.3	-	197.1	199.2	218.0	191.9	265.4	228.7
1950	211.2	-	212.8	211.0	244.6	191.9	281.4	236.7
1951	240.2	-	237.9	242.4	296.1	200.4	336.9	268.6
1952	226.0	-	218.7	230.7	252.6	223.0	277.5	250.2
1953	220.7	-	207.0	228.8	232.3	179.4	263.8	221.6
1954	217.0	-	204.8	224.2	223.7	170.9	256.2	213.6
1955	218.9	-	209.7	224.5	236.0	180.1	245.1	212.6
1956	225.6	235.7	215.8	231.5	248.2	181.6	246.9	214.2
1957	227.4	236.0	209.4	237.9	240.3	169.2	258.0	213.6
1958	227.8	233.0	209.3	238.3	229.8	169.2	274.5	221.8
1959	230.6	236.0	210.9	241.6	240.2	167.6	271.6	219.6
1958 Jan. ...	227.0	234.6	207.8	237.9	231.8	171.0	259.6	215.3
Feb. ...	227.8	234.2	209.3	238.2	231.7	173.0	268.4	220.7
Mar. ...	228.3	233.7	210.6	238.3	230.7	181.7	272.9	227.3
Apr. ...	228.1	232.5	209.9	238.6	227.9	178.9	279.9	229.4
May ...	228.3	231.7	210.6	238.5	226.7	171.2	288.3	229.8
June ...	227.6	231.3	209.4	238.0	227.3	169.1	286.4	227.7
July ...	227.3	231.2	208.7	237.8	229.4	172.6	279.3	226.0
Aug. ...	227.0	231.8	207.5	238.0	229.1	163.5	275.2	219.3
Sept. ..	227.4	233.1	207.8	238.4	228.3	162.1	266.9	214.5
Oct. ...	227.2	233.3	207.8	238.1	228.2	161.3	269.3	215.3
Nov. ...	228.8	234.8	211.4	238.7	233.1	162.2	269.1	215.6
Dec. ...	229.3	234.4	211.3	239.4	233.8	163.5	278.7	221.1
1959 Jan. ...	229.9	234.9	211.0	240.5	234.0	163.6	278.7	221.2
Feb. ...	230.9	236.1	212.2	241.2	236.0	162.7	274.0	218.3
Mar. ...	230.6	235.2	211.7	240.9	237.7	162.5	269.5	216.0
Apr. ...	231.2	236.4	211.8	241.9	240.4	163.5	271.0	217.3
May ...	231.2	236.5	212.3	242.0	241.4	173.6	271.0	222.3
June ...	230.6	235.2	211.6	241.4	241.7	180.2	270.6	225.4
July ...	231.1	236.3	211.5	242.1	240.3	179.7	272.8	226.3
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
1960 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

(1) Indexes final only to July 1958. Please see note page 30 for details concerning Western grain prices and specific publications wherein final indexes for earlier years may be found.

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

TABLE 3. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS SHOWING COMPONENT DETAIL

(1935-1939 = 100)

Date		General Wholesale Index	- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS -							
			Total Vegetable Products	Grains	Milled Cereal Foods	Livestock and Poultry Feeds	Bakery Products	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	Jan.	229.9	198.0	174.9	153.8	205.0	215.3	159.7	217.5	162.5
	Feb.	230.9	199.0	181.3	155.5	215.7	215.3	161.1	217.5	162.5
	Mar.	230.6	199.6	180.9	156.7	210.0	215.3	161.6	230.5	164.9
	Apr.	231.2	200.6	179.9	156.7	228.9	215.3	169.8	234.7	165.8
	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

		- VEGETABLE PRODUCTS - Concluded							
		Vegetable Oils and Products	Rubber and Its Products	Sugar and Its Products	Tea, Coffee and Cocoa	Potatoes	Onions	Canned Vegetables	Raw Leaf Tobacco
1959	Average....	300.5	208.4	143.9	351.2	219.0	302.6	198.9	205.0
1959	Jan.	296.9	199.4	153.0	371.4	165.0	327.9	191.6	206.3
	Feb.	290.6	199.6	150.1	358.2	155.7	340.4	191.6	206.0
	Mar.	296.4	200.4	148.4	361.9	148.1	437.3	198.0	205.7
	Apr.	306.2	203.5	144.3	356.7	153.4	501.6	198.0	207.4
	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

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

(1935-39 = 100)

Date		- ANIMAL PRODUCTS -							
		Total Animal Products	Fishery Products	Raw Furs	Hides and Skins	Leather, Unmanufactured	Boots and Shoes	Livestock	Steers
1959	Average.....	254.3	326.4	86.3	206.8	263.9	239.6	307.1	415.0
1959	Jan.	256.7	323.9	81.3	159.3	226.9	227.6	318.8	434.9
	Feb.	256.8	336.6	85.3	167.8	235.4	229.0	315.5	426.1
	Mar.	254.0	350.1	88.5	189.1	244.1	229.0	301.6	398.8
	Apr.	255.8	332.1	87.9	258.0	276.8	234.5	306.6	410.4
	May	253.8	315.4	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

		- ANIMAL PRODUCTS - Concluded							
		Meats, Fresh	Beef and Veal Carcass	Meats, Cured	Fowl, Dressed	Milk and Its Products	Butter	Oils and Fats	Eggs
1959	Average....	315.7	390.6	190.0	131.7	247.3	249.0	114.0	143.7
1959	Jan.	339.2	430.7	191.2	144.6	246.5	250.8	128.5	143.1
	Feb.	330.2	412.4	194.9	147.6	246.6	250.7	122.5	144.2
	Mar.	317.3	392.4	193.9	147.6	246.9	250.5	124.0	145.8
	Apr.	313.3	385.0	193.6	138.6	246.6	249.7	110.5	145.5
	May	312.0	382.4	191.8	141.6	245.0	248.5	111.2	139.0
	June	311.3	379.0	190.3	132.5	244.0	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

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

(1935-39 = 100)

Date		- TEXTILE PRODUCTS -							
		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	Jan.	226.8	292.3	236.8	230.7	230.7	208.8	182.9	162.9
	Feb.	227.0	296.7	236.8	230.4	230.7	208.8	182.9	162.9
	Mar.	225.6	292.8	236.8	231.6	230.7	197.4	182.9	162.9
	Apr.	228.3	297.6	236.8	231.7	232.7	197.5	184.7	162.9
	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

Date		- 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	Jan.	191.1	158.1	155.4	201.0	234.0	275.0	230.9	212.7
	Feb.	191.1	156.0	166.2	201.0	234.0	275.0	228.7	212.7
	Mar.	191.1	156.0	164.3	201.0	234.0	275.0	224.0	212.7
	Apr.	191.1	179.1	181.0	210.6	236.2	277.5	229.1	212.7
	May	191.1	197.6	192.2	214.0	236.2	277.5	229.4	212.7
	June	191.1	194.4	180.6	210.6	236.2	277.5	233.4	216.8
	July	191.1	197.2	199.4	211.5	236.2	277.5	234.4	216.8
	Aug.	191.1	205.0	200.1	216.5	236.2	277.5	235.0	216.8
	Sept. ...	191.1	210.1	220.1	218.0	236.2	277.5	235.2	216.8
	Oct.	191.1	203.6	226.5	214.6	236.2	277.5	234.6	216.8
	Nov.	191.1	196.3	215.8	214.6	236.2	277.5	234.4	216.8
	Dec.	191.1	196.3	222.6	216.1	236.2	277.5	236.2	216.8
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

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

(1935-39 = 100)

Date		- WOOD PRODUCTS -									
		Total Wood Products	Lumber and Timber	Spruce	Hardwoods	Hemlock	Fir	Cedar	Woodpulp	Newsprint	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	Jan.	300.4	426.2	395.9	327.9	381.2	489.0	443.0	221.8	294.2	249.1
	Feb.	304.4	433.7	395.0	327.9	381.2	508.8	448.4	224.4	298.5	249.1
	Mar.	304.1	439.0	395.0	327.9	381.2	521.3	454.7	222.5	295.3	249.1
	Apr.	304.1	440.0	395.0	327.9	393.9	521.0	455.8	221.4	293.4	251.4
	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

Date		- 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	Jan.	255.4	295.3	248.2	263.7	269.2	292.2	314.7	240.7
	Feb.	255.2	295.3	248.2	263.7	269.8	292.2	317.1	239.7
	Mar.	255.3	295.3	248.2	263.7	269.8	292.2	319.4	239.7
	Apr.	255.6	295.3	249.5	263.7	272.1	294.2	304.2	240.5
	May	255.8	295.3	249.5	265.7	272.1	294.2	304.2	240.5
	June	255.8	295.3	249.5	265.7	272.1	294.2	304.2	240.5
	July	255.8	295.3	249.5	265.7	272.1	294.2	304.2	240.5
	Aug.	255.9	295.3	249.5	265.7	272.1	294.2	304.2	241.0
	Sept.	255.9	295.3	249.5	265.7	272.1	294.2	304.2	241.0
	Oct.	255.9	295.3	249.5	265.7	272.1	294.2	304.2	241.0
	Nov.	255.8	295.3	249.5	265.7	271.1	294.2	304.2	241.8
	Dec.	255.8	295.3	249.5	265.7	271.1	294.2	304.2	241.8
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

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

(1935-39 = 100)

Date		- NON-FERROUS METALS -								
		Total Non-Ferrous Metals (1)	Total Non-Ferrous Metals (2)	Anti-mony	Copper and Its Pro-ducts	Lead and Its Pro-ducts	Silver	Tin	Zinc and Its Pro-ducts	Solder
1959	Average.....	174.6	238.0	163.9	285.0	222.6	225.8	196.0	266.0	199.3
1959	Jan.	172.8	234.3	165.2	270.3	240.7	225.1	191.2	267.7	200.6
	Feb.	174.3	236.2	165.2	279.2	230.4	228.2	199.3	257.3	200.6
	Mar.	176.2	240.0	161.8	292.3	220.1	228.9	202.2	257.3	199.0
	Apr.	175.2	238.8	161.8	292.6	214.9	227.4	197.2	246.5	199.0
	May	175.7	239.6	161.8	292.7	214.9	227.4	197.8	257.4	199.0
	June	174.8	238.4	161.8	289.4	214.9	226.4	198.5	257.4	199.0
	July	172.8	234.8	161.8	279.5	214.9	226.1	196.4	257.4	199.0
	Aug.	173.0	235.6	161.8	279.5	220.1	225.6	196.1	262.9	199.0
	Sept.	173.3	236.3	165.2	279.5	225.2	224.5	195.7	268.4	199.0
	Oct.	173.5	237.0	167.0	279.5	225.2	223.8	193.8	279.3	199.0
	Nov.	177.4	243.8	167.0	296.6	225.2	223.8	193.8	290.2	199.0
	Dec.	175.8	241.0	167.0	288.5	225.2	224.5	189.5	290.2	199.0
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

		- 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	Jan.	246.6	250.6	250.3	254.9
	Feb.	247.3	250.5	250.0	258.3
	Mar.	248.9	250.7	250.0	262.5
	Apr.	248.6	251.8	251.1	263.8
	May	249.0	252.1	251.3	264.4
	June	248.6	252.1	251.3	263.9
	July	247.0	251.8	251.3	259.7
	Aug.	247.4	251.9	251.4	259.7
	Sept.	247.7	251.9	251.4	259.7
	Oct.	248.0	251.9	251.4	259.7
	Nov.	250.8	252.1	251.4	263.8
	Dec.	249.6	252.1	251.4	263.6
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

(1) Includes Gold. This series is used in General Wholesale Index. (2) Excludes Gold.

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

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Date		- NON-METALLIC MINERALS -						
		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	Jan.	188.8	253.2	185.8	195.7	249.9	241.0	270.2
	Feb.	188.5	253.2	185.8	196.6	249.9	241.0	270.2
	Mar.	188.6	253.2	185.8	196.4	249.9	241.0	270.2
	Apr.	187.1	253.2	185.8	196.4	264.0	241.0	272.7
	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

Date		- NON-METALLIC MINERALS - Continued						
		Plate Glass	Petroleum Products	Gaso-line	Coal Oil	Asphalt	Asphalt Shingles	Sulphur
1959	Average.....	218.4	164.2	138.0	134.4	203.7	127.2	199.6
1959	Jan.	217.0	168.4	139.6	134.4	215.1	145.6	201.1
	Feb.	217.0	167.8	139.6	134.4	205.6	145.6	204.1
	Mar.	217.0	167.8	139.6	134.4	205.6	145.6	201.9
	Apr.	218.8	163.4	137.4	134.4	202.7	152.7	200.6
	May	218.8	163.4	137.4	134.4	202.7	142.8	200.5
	June	218.8	163.4	137.4	134.4	202.7	137.4	199.7
	July	218.8	163.4	137.4	134.4	202.7	115.4	199.3
	Aug.	218.8	163.4	137.4	134.4	202.7	115.4	198.3
	Sept.	218.8	162.5	137.4	134.4	201.1	115.4	197.9
	Oct.	218.8	162.5	137.4	134.4	201.1	103.7	196.9
	Nov.	218.8	162.5	137.4	134.4	201.1	103.7	197.5
	Dec.	218.8	162.3	137.4	134.4	201.1	103.7	197.7
1960	Jan.	218.8	163.1	137.4	134.4	201.1	103.7	198.3
	Feb.	218.8	163.1	137.4	134.4	201.1	109.2	198.0
	Mar.	218.8	163.1	137.4	134.4	201.1	109.2	197.6
	Apr.	218.8	163.1	137.4	134.4	201.1	109.2	200.4

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

(1935-39 = 100)

Date		- NON-METALLIC MINERALS - Concluded						
		Plaster	Lime	Cement	Sand and Gravel	Crushed Stone	Building Stone	Asbestos and Its Products
1959	Average.....	137.5	211.2	160.6	145.4	171.4	208.8	304.3
1959	Jan.	137.5	211.2	165.1	144.2	171.4	208.8	304.9
	Feb.	137.5	211.2	157.8	144.2	171.4	208.8	304.9
	Mar.	137.5	211.2	157.8	144.9	171.4	208.8	304.9
	Apr.	137.5	211.2	157.4	144.9	171.4	208.8	304.9
	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
1960	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

		- CHEMICAL PRODUCTS -									
		Total Chemical Products	Inorganic Chemicals	Organic Chemicals	Coal Tar Products	Dyeing and Tanning Materials	Explosives	Paint, Prepared	Fertilizer Materials	Industrial Gases	Soaps and Detergents
1959	Average.....	187.0	152.4	169.4	187.4	211.9	149.8	222.4	158.1	151.0	227.0
1959	Jan.	185.5	152.1	168.4	187.4	207.6	149.0	219.8	158.8	144.2	220.3
	Feb.	185.5	152.2	168.4	187.4	208.2	149.0	219.8	158.8	144.2	221.3
	Mar.	185.9	152.2	168.4	187.4	208.6	149.0	219.9	158.7	149.8	223.8
	Apr.	186.6	152.3	168.4	187.4	213.3	149.0	222.4	158.7	153.1	225.0
	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
1960	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

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

Commodity	Unit	Yearly Average 1959	Apr. 1959	Mar. 1960	Apr. 1960
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS		$	$	$	$
Barley, No. 1 feed	bu.	.96	.98	.95	.96
Coffee beans, Green Santos 2/3's	lb.	.39	.40	.38	.38
Flour, first patent, Toronto	100-lb. bag	6.16	6.00	6.30	6.30
Linseed Oil, raw, Montreal	gal.	1.36	1.31	1.23	1.34
Oats, No. 2 C.W.	bu.	.788	.782	.826	.833
Potatoes, No. 1 Saint John	75-lb. bag	2.124	1.350	3.200	3.750
Sugar, granulated, standard, Montreal	100-lb. bag	6.79	7.03	6.88	7.03
Wheat, No. 2, Manitoba Northern	bu.	1.64	1.65	1.62	1.64
ANIMAL PRODUCTS					
Butter, prints, 1st. grade, Montreal	lb.	.65	.65	.66	.65
Eggs, grade "A", large, Montreal	doz.	.49	.47	.46	.48
Hides, packer, light native steers	lb.	.232	.310	.190	.190
Hogs, Toronto (bonus excluded)	100-lb.	23.76	24.00	19.65	20.20
Steers, good, Toronto	100-lb.	25.09	25.00	21.90	22.38
TEXTILE PRODUCTS					
Cotton, raw, middling, 1", New York	lb.	.318	.347	.319	.328
Cotton yarn, 10's, white	lb.	.70	.70	.69	.69
Cotton, grey Osnaburg, clean, 7 1/8 oz.	yd.	.34	.34	.34	.34
Rayon yarn, 36 filament, 150 denier	lb.	.89	.89	.89	.89
Wool, raw, Australian, 64's, clean	lb.	-	1.24	1.08	1.15
Wool, raw, Eastern, domestic	lb.	.38	.35	.42	.42
WOOD PRODUCTS					
Newsprint paper, standard, Quebec	2000-lb. ton	112.04	112.34	111.53	113.11
Pine, white, No. 1, 1" x 8", 8'-16'	1000-bd. ft.	184.67	180.00	187.00	187.00
Shingles, asphalt, 12" x 13"	100 sq. ft.	7.16	8.60	6.15	6.15
Spruce, merchantable, 1" x 6"-7"	1000-bd. ft.	85.50	85.50	85.50	85.50
IRON PRODUCTS					
Cast iron scrap	2240-lb. ton	49.67	50.00	50.00	50.00
Steel scrap, heavy melting, No. 1	2240-lb. ton	33.74	32.00	33.26	33.26
Pig iron, foundry, silicon 2.01-2.25	2240-lb. ton	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00
NON-FERROUS METALS					
Copper, electrolytic, domestic	100-lb.	29.60	30.50	31.00	31.00
Lead, pig, electrolytic, domestic	100-lb.	10.62	10.25	10.75	10.91
Tin, ingots, 99.8%., Montreal	lb.	1.04	1.05	1.02	1.03
Zinc, high grade, electrolytic	100-lb.	12.24	11.49	13.10	13.26
NON-METALLIC MINERALS					
Cement, Portland, Calgary	350-lb.	3.19	3.19	3.19	3.19
Cement, Portland, Toronto	350-lb.	3.12	2.90	3.26	3.26
Coal, anthracite, U.S., stove size	2000-lb. ton	20.45	19.76	20.99	18.11
Gasoline, regular grade, Montreal	gal.	.224	.223	.223	.223
Gasoline, regular grade, Toronto	gal.	.224	.223	.223	.223
Gasoline, regular grade, Winnipeg	gal.	.224	.223	.223	.223
CHEMICALS					
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	25.35	25.35

TABLE 5. - PRICE INDEX NUMBERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS

(1935-39 = 100)

Date	Total Index* (1949=100)	Total Index	- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS - Cement, Sand and Gravel	Brick, Tile and Stone	Lumber and Its Products	Lath, Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Materials	Paint and Glass	Plumbing and Heating Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Fixtures	Other Materials
1926	48.1	109.6	105.5	103.2	110.9	101.4	104.3	156.8	110.2	91.6	112.0
1929	49.3	112.4	107.6	107.4	116.7	94.4	108.8	151.5	108.5	130.1	106.1
1932	38.4	87.5	103.7	101.8	72.7	85.0	95.5	111.7	108.1	79.1	89.5
1939	44.9	102.3	94.0	97.2	104.9	99.4	104.1	97.2	103.0	102.4	104.6
1940	48.4	110.3	94.6	98.0	119.1	99.7	110.4	115.2	106.5	107.1	109.2
1941	53.8	122.6	99.1	105.1	139.2	102.8	118.7	136.2	114.6	109.0	112.5
1942	57.4	130.9	100.8	109.0	153.2	104.8	123.4	146.9	120.0	110.3	117.6
1943	61.0	139.1	101.2	113.1	171.3	104.8	130.1	149.4	120.0	110.3	117.9
1944	64.3	146.6	101.8	114.9	188.4	104.8	136.0	146.6	120.0	110.3	117.9
1945	65.0	148.3	102.1	116.4	191.3	104.8	135.5	142.2	122.2	111.4	118.0
1946	67.8	154.5	102.0	121.0	202.1	104.2	146.2	144.2	127.2	116.9	126.4
1947	79.1	180.4	109.7	133.4	242.0	107.3	172.3	169.6	145.2	147.4	143.0
1948	95.4	217.5	122.3	143.1	305.8	116.7	201.6	183.1	168.3	169.8	162.3
1949	100.0	228.0	127.0	151.0	322.1	118.1	190.5	179.6	180.2	173.4	174.7
1950	106.4	242.7	131.3	163.8	349.2	116.7	235.4	174.8	183.2	184.5	181.1
1951	125.5	286.2	140.9	180.7	425.0	126.3	235.8	197.8	210.4	213.3	212.7
1952	124.9	284.8	149.5	195.3	415.7	128.5	217.7	194.9	215.6	212.0	226.3
1953	123.9	282.6	151.8	205.8	410.6	128.5	218.6	203.8	209.0	211.4	229.5
1954	121.7	277.5	151.3	207.4	400.5	128.8	233.4	208.9	202.8	207.7	226.6
1955	124.3	283.4	149.4	209.5	409.4	125.3	244.5	219.7	207.2	229.2	230.3
1956	128.5	292.9	149.7	218.8	420.2	130.8	259.6	226.9	217.9	243.7	243.7
1957	128.4	292.8	153.6	223.8	415.2	136.9	253.3	225.4	227.6	209.2	253.8
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
1958											
June	126.5	288.4	157.1	222.9	407.9	139.1	220.2	225.8	229.5	180.0	253.3
July	127.0	289.5	157.1	226.3	409.3	139.3	228.8	225.8	229.7	180.8	253.5
Aug.	127.9	291.6	157.1	226.3	414.0	139.3	228.9	225.8	229.7	182.1	253.5
Sept.	128.4	292.7	157.1	226.3	415.9	139.3	235.3	225.8	230.2	183.5	253.5
Oct.	127.8	291.4	157.5	226.3	411.6	139.8	242.6	225.8	230.2	188.3	253.9
Nov.	127.9	291.7	157.5	226.3	410.8	139.8	246.7	225.8	231.1	195.6	255.7
Dec.	128.0	291.9	157.9	226.3	411.3	139.8	246.7	228.7	231.1	192.9	255.7
1959											
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
1960											
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

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

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

Date	Total Index	- PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS - Aggregate, Cement and Concrete Mix	Blocks, Brick and Stone	Tile	Lumber and Lumber Products	Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Materials
1950	105.0	103.2	104.3	104.9	110.3	103.0	105.8
1951	118.6	111.3	113.0	110.6	128.3	115.7	125.4
1952	123.2	117.4	119.7	115.5	127.9	121.3	121.7
1953	124.4	120.2	125.9	117.1	127.8	119.2	119.6
1954	121.8	120.9	127.0	120.6	124.5	115.2	117.6
1955	123.4	120.3	127.0	120.3	127.5	118.0	121.3
1956	128.0	117.0	130.3	120.8	131.5	123.4	123.6
1957	130.0	119.4	134.0	118.5	128.7	124.1	118.4
1958	129.8	119.6	135.7	118.2	126.8	123.8	114.0
1959	131.7	118.6	137.4	118.3	131.3	126.0	119.2
1959 Jan.	131.3	122.3	136.6	118.6	127.8	125.4	116.4
Feb.	131.5	120.3	137.4	117.8	129.3	125.4	118.0
Mar.	131.7	120.3	137.1	117.9	130.5	125.6	118.3
Apr.	132.1	117.6	137.4	117.9	131.3	126.1	120.4
May	132.0	115.9	137.4	117.9	132.6	126.2	120.4
June	131.9	115.9	137.4	118.0	132.6	126.2	120.4
July	131.9	117.3	137.4	118.7	132.8	126.0	121.4
Aug.	132.0	117.3	137.4	118.7	132.9	126.2	121.4
Sept.	131.6	117.3	137.4	118.7	132.4	126.2	118.6
Oct.	131.1	117.3	137.4	118.7	131.7	126.2	117.2
Nov.	131.6	119.4	137.3	118.5	130.8	126.4	119.5
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
Feb.	132.0	121.7	138.5	118.2	130.6	126.0	118.1
Mar.	132.2	121.7	139.7	118.2	130.4	126.7	117.8
Apr.	132.5	119.3	139.7	118.1	130.4	126.9	122.7

Date	Steel and Metal Work	Hardware	Lath, Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Materials	Paint and Glass	Miscellaneous Materials
1950	107.3	103.8	98.7	104.7	100.5	97.7
1951	122.0	120.3	107.1	128.9	113.0	106.0
1952	131.3	125.9	109.7	134.5	115.6	106.4
1953	134.7	129.3	110.0	133.6	125.3	103.8
1954	128.2	125.4	109.7	132.8	128.2	100.9
1955	129.9	132.6	108.1	127.3	133.3	97.4
1956	139.0	145.4	112.7	137.3	141.6	93.6
1957	147.7	151.9	115.5	140.0	144.2	93.8
1958	150.9	155.1	118.5	123.3	145.3	93.7
1959	152.6	156.2	119.5	121.8	146.3	93.7
1959 Jan.	152.3	155.0	118.3	128.2	146.1	93.7
Feb.	152.4	155.3	118.2	127.8	146.2	93.7
Mar.	152.4	155.3	118.5	127.8	146.2	93.7
Apr.	152.6	156.6	120.0	132.6	146.2	93.7
May	152.6	156.6	120.0	130.0	146.2	93.7
June	152.6	156.6	119.9	128.1	146.2	93.7
July	152.6	156.6	120.0	116.7	146.2	93.7
Aug.	152.6	156.6	119.9	117.2	146.2	93.7
Sept.	152.6	156.6	119.9	117.2	146.5	93.7
Oct.	152.6	156.6	119.9	108.5	146.5	93.7
Nov.	152.8	156.1	119.9	108.9	146.6	93.7
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
Feb.	153.0	157.5	119.3	118.5	146.2	93.7
Mar.	153.0	157.5	119.3	118.5	146.2	93.7
Apr.	152.9	157.5	119.3	118.4	146.2	93.7

TABLE 7. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

(1949 = 100)

	Total	Food	Shelter	Clothing	House-hold Opera-tion	Other Commod-ities & Services
1944	74.6	65.5	91.2	66.6	75.7	86.1
1945	75.0	66.3	91.4	66.9	74.9	86.4
1946	77.5	70.0	91.8	69.2	77.2	88.7
1947	84.8	79.5	95.1	78.9	86.2	91.6
1948	97.0	97.5	98.3	95.6	96.8	96.5
1949	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950	102.9	102.6	106.2	99.7	102.4	103.1
1951	113.7	117.0	114.4	109.8	113.1	111.5
1952	116.5	116.8	120.2	111.8	116.2	116.0
1953	115.5	112.6	123.6	110.1	117.0	115.8
1954	116.2	112.2	126.5	109.4	117.4	117.4
1955	116.4	112.1	129.4	108.0	116.4	118.1
1956	118.1	113.4	132.5	108.6	117.1	120.9
1957	121.9	118.6	134.9	108.5	119.6	126.1
1958	125.1	122.1	138.4	109.7	121.0	130.9
1959	126.5	121.1	141.4	109.9	122.7	134.9
1957 April	120.9	116.7	134.0	108.5	119.4	125.1
May	121.1	116.7	134.2	108.5	119.2	126.3
June	121.6	117.7	134.8	108.4	119.1	126.5
July	121.9	118.2	135.1	108.4	119.6	126.5
August	122.6	120.2	135.3	108.2	119.7	126.9
September	123.3	121.9	135.6	108.3	119.8	127.1
October	123.4	121.7	135.9	108.7	120.1	127.4
November	123.3	120.2	136.3	109.8	120.5	127.7
December	123.1	118.8	136.7	109.9	120.6	128.4
1958 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
1959 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
1960 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

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

(1949 = 100)

	1957	1958	1959	Apr. 1958	Apr. 1959	Feb. 1960	Mar. 1960	Apr. 1960
Total Index	121.9	125.1	126.5	125.2	125.4	127.2	126.9	127.5
Food	118.6	122.1	121.1	123.4	119.3	120.8	119.4	120.9
Dairy Products (incl. butter)	118.1	122.5	123.4	122.4	123.1	124.7	124.7	124.6
Cereal Products	132.4	135.9	138.8	135.5	138.7	139.6	139.5	141.6
Miscellaneous Groceries	126.9	122.5	118.4	124.0	119.2	116.6	116.5	116.5
Shelter	134.9	138.4	141.4	137.6	140.5	142.9	142.9	143.3
Rent	138.0	140.5	142.0	139.8	141.6	142.5	142.6	142.6
Home-Ownership	130.8	135.6	140.6	134.7	139.0	143.4	143.4	144.3
Clothing	108.5	109.7	109.9	109.8	109.6	109.8	110.4	110.8
Men's Wear	115.6	116.4	117.3	116.7	117.4	116.7	117.1	117.1
Women's Wear	96.4	97.9	96.5	98.1	96.8	95.5	96.0	96.6
Children's Wear	104.8	105.4	105.0	105.0	104.6	103.8	104.3	104.2
Footwear	131.9	133.5	137.6	133.6	135.0	142.2	143.4	144.2
Piece Goods	111.0	111.4	112.0	111.3	111.7	112.2	112.5	113.6
Household Operation	119.6	121.0	122.7	121.3	122.6	123.2	123.4	123.5
Fuel (Excluding Electricity)	118.9	117.5	118.5	119.8	119.6	119.8	119.8	119.8
Coal	124.2	124.2	125.2	126.8	127.6	126.0	126.0	126.0
Fuel Oil	113.5	107.0	108.6	110.3	108.7	108.8	108.7	108.7
Domestic Gas	106.3	106.1	106.5	106.2	103.8	111.0	111.0	111.0
Electricity	115.2	115.7	116.8	115.2	116.7	116.8	116.8	116.8
Home Furnishings	115.3	116.8	117.0	117.0	117.1	116.4	116.8	117.1
Appliances	95.4	96.5	94.6	96.4	95.5	90.1	90.1	90.4
Furniture	119.5	121.4	122.2	121.8	122.5	122.6	122.5	122.8
Utensils and Equipment	130.4	133.0	135.7	132.5	134.6	138.1	139.6	140.5
Supplies and Services	127.1	130.2	134.8	129.5	133.6	136.3	136.3	136.4
Supplies	119.2	123.0	127.6	122.0	126.1	129.6	129.2	129.5
Services	132.5	135.2	139.7	134.6	138.8	140.9	141.1	141.1
Telephone Rates	137.9	138.9	147.6	138.0	147.6	147.9	147.9	147.9
Shoe Repairs	131.8	135.4	140.3	134.8	137.0	144.5	145.7	145.7
Other Commodities and Services	126.1	130.9	134.9	130.1	133.7	137.0	137.0	137.1
Transportation	129.9	133.8	138.4	132.2	138.5	139.6	139.8	139.7
Automobile Operation	119.3	121.2	122.9	120.5	123.8	124.0	124.3	124.2
New Passenger Cars	119.7	121.6	127.1	120.8	126.7	132.9	131.6	131.6
Gasoline	112.2	110.8	107.6	110.9	111.4	103.7	104.0	103.7
Local Transportation	165.0	173.8	185.6	169.4	185.4	186.3	186.4	186.4
Street Car and Bus Fares	172.2	181.6	194.3	176.8	194.1	194.8	195.0	195.0
Recreation	129.8	138.4	141.7	137.2	140.9	143.1	143.1	142.7
Theatre Admissions	154.5	160.6	165.3	158.1	162.9	169.7	169.7	169.7
Newspapers	134.7	160.2	163.6	159.6	163.5	165.2	165.2	165.2
Health Care	142.6	150.1	154.5	150.0	153.7	157.9	157.9	158.9
Hospital Rates	184.0	197.1	204.7	195.6	204.3	213.7	213.7	213.7
Doctors' Fees	130.7	137.8	141.7	138.3	141.8	142.3	142.3	143.9
Dentists' Fees	138.4	145.0	149.6	145.1	149.2	152.0	152.0	155.3
Prepaid Health Care	160.7	169.4	168.5	170.2	167.4	172.0	172.0	172.0
Drugs	114.5	118.2	124.1	117.5	121.1	127.6	127.6	127.6
Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverages	109.4	110.6	114.0	110.6	111.1	115.8	115.8	115.8
Personal Care	127.8	134.4	140.0	133.1	137.6	144.2	144.0	143.8
Men's Haircut	156.0	159.4	169.1	158.1	164.0	177.0	177.0	177.0
Personal Supplies	116.7	123.0	126.4	122.1	125.5	128.1	127.8	127.5

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

Item	Unit	1957	1958	1959	Apr. 1958	Apr. 1959	Feb. 1960	Mar. 1960	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1960 Price Relative 1949=100
		¢				¢				
Beef -										
Sirloin steak	1b.	84.3	94.4	101.0	93.3	97.6	95.6	93.5	91.9	130.5
Round steak	1b.	77.9	87.9	93.0	87.5	92.0	88.5	86.5	84.5	126.1
Prime rib roast (1)	1b.	75.9	84.8	90.4	83.1	90.0	89.0	87.0	86.2	128.5
Blade roast (2)	1b.	52.0	61.5	65.1	61.5	65.3	62.8	62.1	60.1	124.2
Stewing beef	1b.	52.6	61.3	67.0	60.1	67.5	66.1	65.0	64.5	138.3
Hamburg	1b.	37.9	46.4	49.8	45.2	50.7	47.5	47.1	46.8	123.5
Liver, sliced	1b.	N.A.	N.A.	59.4	N.A.	60.9	57.4	57.5	56.9	N.A.
Pork -										
Shoulder roast, Boston butt, fresh.	1b.	60.5	58.2	53.3	59.2	52.4	51.2	49.1	50.2	90.8(3)
Rib chops, fresh	1b.	74.6	72.5	67.6	72.7	67.2	65.6	63.5	63.3	111.4(4)
Ham, smoked, boneless, to be cooked (6)	1b.	96.5	93.7	89.3	88.5	91.3	88.5	86.5	86.1	101.3(5)
Bacon, side, fancy, sliced, rind off	1/2 1b.	50.0	47.0	43.1	46.4	43.2	41.8	38.3	36.4	85.9
Sausage, pure pork	1b.	56.6	58.5	55.3	58.4	56.5	52.7	52.2	51.9	105.1
Other Meats -										
Veal, loin chops, rib end	1b.	79.6	88.1	93.2	87.9	93.6	94.2	94.5	91.2	122.8
Lamb, leg roast	1b.	79.2	81.3	76.6	84.5	75.9	74.0	74.4	75.3	104.5
Bologna, sliced	1b.	36.8	43.3	44.3	41.8	44.6	43.3	42.6	42.3	102.6
Meat loaf, canned, mainly pork, ready to eat	12 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	48.1	N.A.	49.9	43.4	42.6	42.5	N.A.
Fish -										
Salmon, canned, fancy pink	8 oz.	30.2	29.9	30.9	29.9	30.1	32.4	32.5	32.5	131.3
Cod fillets, frozen (7)	1b.	34.4	34.6	36.7	34.4	36.9	37.8	37.3	37.5	110.7(5)
Poultry -										
Chicken, grade A eviscerated (1 1/2 - 3 1b.) (7)	1b.	52.0	51.1	46.8	53.2	47.0	48.0	47.2	50.5	95.7(5)
Fruits -										
Bananas, yellow	1b.	20.7	20.5	20.3	19.9	19.2	20.5	20.1	19.2	102.3
Oranges, California, medium size (138's)	doz.	44.1	57.1	45.2	60.8	44.0	46.1	47.6	52.5	149.2
Apples, volume seller	1b.	15.2	15.0	13.1	15.2	12.5	13.1	13.6	15.0	146.5
Grapefruit, white, 96's	1/2 doz.	48.4	59.7	52.6	54.3	47.3	47.3	47.6	52.1	135.5
Peaches, canned, choice, halves	15 oz.	23.8	22.5	21.8	22.8	21.6	23.4	23.7	23.7	114.9
Pears, canned, choice	15 oz.	20.6	20.8	21.0	20.8	21.0	21.7	21.8	21.9	101.6
Strawberries, canned, choice	15 oz.	32.3	32.4	33.0	32.3	32.9	33.2	33.3	33.3	109.6
Orange juice, unsweetened	20 oz.	17.4	18.6	22.3	17.5	21.7	19.8	19.6	19.6	93.0
Apple juice, choice	20 oz.	15.0	15.2	15.8	15.0	15.8	15.9	15.9	15.9	137.7
Raisins, California and Australia	1b.	24.9	27.6	31.1	27.0	30.6	30.8	31.1	30.8	174.7
Strawberries, frozen, fancy, pkg.	15 oz.	44.6	42.8	41.9	42.6	42.0	41.8	41.8	41.7	89.1(5)
Orange juice, concentrate, frozen, fancy (8)	6 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	27.2	N.A.	26.5	23.8	23.4	23.3	N.A.

(1) Includes cuts with bone-in and boned and rolled.
(2) Includes cuts with blade-in and blade removed.
(3) Based on price movement for whole Shoulder Roast, prior to Jan. 1955.
(4) Based on price movement for Loin Chops, prior to Jan. 1955.
(5) 1956=100.
(6) Average prices based on chain store prices in 7 cities.
(7) Average prices based on prices in 15 cities.
(8) Average prices based on prices in 16 cities.
(9) For detailed explanations on methods of pricing, calculation techniques, coverage and price collection, refer to "Prices and Price Indexes, October 1957". Tear sheets of this material are available on request.

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

Item	Unit	1957	1958	1959	Apr. 1958	Apr. 1959	Feb. 1960	Mar. 1960	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1960 Price Relative 1949=100
						¢				
Vegetables -										
Potatoes, No. 1 table	10 lb.	42.1	45.7	48.9	59.1	39.3	57.8	57.3	66.7	191.4
Tomatoes, fresh	lb.	25.3	28.2	24.8	39.3	26.0	31.2	29.4	29.7	127.0
Lettuce, head, fresh	lb.	21.1	19.2	18.7	23.0	16.8	26.1	20.0	18.6	121.0
Carrots	lb.	11.8	12.4	11.7	13.5	12.7	12.3	12.1	11.4	152.4
Celery stalks, green	lb.	17.6	18.6	16.3	22.5	15.1	18.9	17.6	15.8	93.6
Cabbage	lb.	9.0	9.5	9.4	12.6	10.4	11.8	10.4	10.2	132.4
Onions, No. 1, cooking	lb.	10.0	10.1	11.4	11.4	13.5	9.5	9.2	9.5	129.0
Turnips, Canada No. 1	lb.	6.4	7.6	6.9	8.1	6.5	6.7	6.8	7.0	140.1
Tomatoes, canned, choice	28 oz.	29.1	26.6	27.3	26.3	27.3	27.5	27.5	27.6	137.5
Peas, canned, choice	15 oz.	17.1	16.5	16.8	16.1	16.8	17.0	17.1	17.0	116.7
Corn, canned, cream, choice	20 oz.	20.7	20.9	21.4	20.8	21.5	21.5	21.6	21.6	113.1
Beans, with pork and tomato sauce	15 oz.	17.6	18.1	18.5	18.0	18.6	18.5	18.6	18.7	134.9
Soup, vegetable	10 oz.	13.9	14.7	15.1	14.3	15.1	15.0	15.0	15.1	124.2
Green peas, frozen, fancy, pkg.	12 oz.	23.8	23.1	23.0	22.9	22.8	22.7	22.7	22.8	90.5(5)
Green beans, french cut, frozen, pkg. (8)	10 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	27.2	N.A.	27.4	26.2	26.2	26.7	N.A.
Tomato juice, fancy	20 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	16.2	N.A.	16.6	15.8	15.4	15.1	N.A.
Dairy Products -										
Milk, fresh	qt.	22.5	23.2	23.4	23.2	23.3	23.7	23.7	23.7	133.1
Milk, evaporated	16 oz.	15.7	16.2	16.0	16.2	16.1	15.9	15.8	15.9	107.3
Butter, creamery, first grade	lb.	65.7	69.2	69.6	69.2	69.9	70.1	70.1	70.1	108.5
Cheese, plain, processed	1/2 lb.	35.6	35.9	36.5	35.6	36.4	36.7	36.7	36.2	124.0
Cereal Products -										
Bread, plain, white, wrapped, sliced	lb.	14.3	14.8	15.2	14.7	15.2	15.2	15.2	15.4	154.9
Flour, white, all purpose	lb.	7.9	8.0	8.4	7.9	8.3	8.7	8.6	8.7	124.8
Cake mix, white, only liquid to be added, pkg.	14-16 oz.	33.2	32.6	32.1	33.0	32.2	32.3	32.6	32.3	101.6
Corn flakes, pkg.	8 oz.	18.3	19.7	19.8	19.6	19.8	19.9	19.9	19.9	140.9
Macaroni, dry, pkg.	lb.	17.5	18.3	18.3	18.2	18.3	18.3	18.3	18.3	133.2
Fats -										
Margarine	lb.	33.9	32.5	31.3	32.6	31.4	30.7	30.0	30.0	93.1
Shortening	lb.	32.7	33.4	33.1	33.6	33.0	33.0	32.7	32.8	101.6
Lard, pure	lb.	25.6	24.3	18.8	24.7	19.9	17.9	18.3	18.4	78.4
Salad dressing, jar	16 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	44.5	N.A.	45.0	44.4	43.9	43.8	N.A.
Eggs -										
Eggs, fresh, grade A large	doz.	56.0	57.9	54.4	56.6	53.3	41.2	47.4	56.1	91.2
Eggs, fresh, grade A medium(8)	doz.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	36.0	44.3	52.6	N.A.
Miscellaneous Groceries -										
Sugar, granulated	lb.	12.3	10.6	9.4	11.0	9.8	9.1	9.1	9.2	99.7
Jam, strawberry, 2 lb. jar (24 fl. oz.) with pectin & pure	lb.	28.0	27.3	27.1	27.4	27.2	27.1	27.0	26.8	115.6
Peanut butter, plain, jar	16 oz.	38.6	38.6	38.5	38.7	38.4	38.7	38.6	38.7	106.6
Pickles, sweet, mixed, jar	16 oz.	35.0	34.9	34.5	35.0	34.7	34.4	34.4	34.5	124.1
Infant's food, vegetable, tin	5 oz.	10.0	10.5	10.7	10.5	10.5	10.8	10.8	10.8	130.1
Tea, black, pkg.	1/2 lb.	61.6	60.2	59.6	60.3	59.9	59.6	59.6	59.5	121.5
Tea bags, orange pekoe, pkg.	60-bag	82.3	80.9	80.3	81.4	80.3	80.6	80.7	80.4	N.A.
Coffee, medium quality, pkg.	lb.	102.6	87.9	74.8	89.5	76.1	73.2	72.9	73.0	117.3
Coffee, instant, dried, jar	6 oz.	N.A.	129.7	116.1	131.0	119.1	108.6	107.4	106.5	N.A.
Jelly powders, flavoured, pkg.	3 oz.	10.2	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.1	104.1(5)
Baking chocolate, unsweetened, bar (8)	8 oz.	N.A.	N.A.	61.0	N.A.	60.9	61.4	61.4	61.4	N.A.

TABLE 10. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR REGIONAL CITIES

N.B. - Indexes shown in this table measure percentage changes in prices over time, and should not be used to compare actual levels of prices as between cities.

	St. John's Nfld.	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Ottawa	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon Regina	Edmonton Calgary	Vancouver
	June 1951=100					1949=100				
1946		79.6	77.9	76.9	76.5	77.9	77.5	76.6	77.8	75.9
1947		86.3	84.6	84.3	84.5	85.5	84.3	84.4	84.6	83.3
1948		96.8	97.0	96.6	96.5	97.0	95.8	96.9	96.1	96.0
1949		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950		102.1	103.3	103.7	103.1	104.1	103.8	102.2	103.9	103.6
1951		112.1	114.1	116.1	115.3	115.4	114.6	111.7	113.5	114.3
1952	103.5	115.3	117.4	117.6	116.8	117.5	116.1	112.8	114.8	117.4
1953	102.2	113.2	115.3	116.3	115.0	116.8	114.4	113.1	114.0	116.1
1954	102.8	114.1	116.6	116.8	116.2	118.3	115.3	114.2	114.9	117.4
1955	104.2	114.8	117.7	116.9	117.2	118.8	115.9	114.6	114.6	117.9
1956	106.8	116.1	118.8	118.4	119.2	120.6	117.2	115.8	115.7	119.6
1957	109.4	119.8	122.6	121.8	123.2	125.2	120.0	119.1	118.8	122.6
1958	112.0	122.9	125.3	125.5	125.5	128.6	123.0	122.0	121.4	125.6
1959	114.3	125.9	127.7	126.9	126.9	128.9	123.7	123.1	123.0	127.9
1957 January	107.7	118.6	121.2	120.6	121.4	123.1	118.8	117.1	117.2	122.1
February	108.5	118.8	122.1	120.5	121.6	123.4	118.7	117.6	117.4	122.5
March	108.8	118.7	122.1	120.3	121.6	123.5	118.4	117.8	117.4	122.4
April	108.7	119.4	122.1	120.5	122.4	124.2	119.2	117.9	117.7	122.2
May	109.3	119.1	121.9	120.7	122.8	125.0	119.2	117.9	118.1	122.0
June	109.5	119.1	122.0	121.5	123.2	125.2	119.6	118.8	118.4	121.5
July	109.6	119.3	122.4	122.0	123.4	125.5	120.0	119.3	119.1	121.7
August	110.5	120.6	123.3	122.2	124.0	125.9	120.7	120.2	119.8	122.5
September	110.2	120.9	123.5	122.8	124.7	126.8	121.2	121.1	120.5	123.5
October	109.9	120.6	123.3	123.3	125.0	126.7	120.9	121.0	120.6	123.8
November	109.8	121.2	123.4	123.8	124.4	126.4	121.2	120.2	119.9	123.6
December	109.8	121.1	123.4	123.4	124.2	126.1	121.6	120.1	120.0	123.9
1958 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
1959 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
1960 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

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

(1949 = 100)

	St. John's Nfld. 1.	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Ottawa	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon-Regina	Edmonton-Calgary	Vancouver
Food Index										
1957 August	110.6	115.0	118.9	121.6	119.2	119.5	118.5	119.8	117.7	118.7
September	109.4	115.3	119.1	123.6	121.5	121.6	119.6	122.2	119.5	121.3
October	108.1	114.6	118.1	124.1	121.3	120.9	117.9	121.1	119.2	121.3
November	107.7	115.0	118.0	124.3	118.8	118.6	117.8	118.0	116.9	119.5
December	107.7	113.9	117.3	122.4	117.3	116.9	118.3	116.9	115.7	118.5
1958 January	107.4	113.8	117.3	123.9	118.0	118.3	119.2	117.5	116.0	119.1
February	107.5	115.0	116.9	123.8	118.7	119.6	119.5	117.9	116.8	119.6
March	107.6	116.3	118.1	126.3	121.1	121.3	120.7	118.5	117.0	119.8
April	110.6	117.8	119.5	127.4	122.7	123.7	122.6	120.4	119.0	124.2
May	111.6	115.9	119.2	126.7	121.6	122.5	121.8	120.8	119.2	123.0
June	110.8	115.3	118.0	126.3	121.4	122.2	122.5	121.4	119.3	120.7
July	111.7	115.3	117.2	125.5	121.0	121.4	120.5	119.5	118.2	118.8
August	112.5	117.2	120.4	125.4	123.0	123.4	120.3	120.6	117.9	120.5
September	110.8	116.7	120.3	126.4	121.7	122.3	121.7	122.9	119.3	123.0
October	110.0	117.6	120.9	127.5	123.2	122.3	122.1	123.1	120.2	124.3
November	109.5	118.3	121.2	128.2	121.3	122.0	121.7	122.1	120.1	125.6
December	109.5	117.7	120.8	127.1	120.8	120.7	121.8	120.2	119.1	124.4
1959 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
1960 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
Shelter Index										
1959 January	114.2	132.3	135.5	143.0	146.8	154.0	131.1	122.4	125.3	137.9
February	114.2	132.3	135.5	143.0	146.8	154.0	131.2	122.4	125.5	137.9
March	114.2	132.3	135.5	143.2	146.8	154.0	131.2	122.4	125.5	137.9
April	114.4	132.7	135.4	143.2	146.9	153.9	131.3	122.3	125.3	137.8
May	114.8	133.2	135.6	143.2	146.7	153.9	131.5	122.3	125.3	137.9
June	114.8	133.4	136.2	144.5	146.8	153.9	131.9	122.5	125.2	137.9
July	114.8	133.6	136.5	144.6	146.8	153.7	132.0	123.0	125.1	138.1
August	114.8	133.6	137.4	144.7	146.9	153.9	132.2	123.3	124.9	138.4
September	115.0	133.7	137.4	144.7	147.1	153.7	132.4	123.9	124.6	138.4
October	114.9	133.5	137.1	144.7	147.3	153.6	132.8	124.0	124.8	138.4
November	115.1	133.7	137.9	144.9	147.7	153.6	133.6	124.1	124.5	138.5
December	115.2	134.6	138.2	144.9	147.8	153.5	133.7	124.4	124.6	138.5
1960 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

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.	Halifax	Saint John	Montreal	Ottawa	Toronto	Winnipeg	Saskatoon-Regina	Edmonton-Calgary	Vancouver
Clothing Index											
1959	January	102.8	117.5	117.3	105.8	111.8	112.2	114.6	118.9	115.3	113.4
	February	104.0	117.8	117.3	104.5	112.1	112.7	114.6	118.9	115.5	113.4
	March	104.0	118.2	117.9	105.4	113.1	112.6	114.5	120.1	117.8	114.5
	April	104.1	118.4	117.9	105.7	113.5	112.5	115.8	120.1	117.8	114.5
	May	104.2	118.7	117.9	105.6	113.4	112.7	115.5	120.1	117.8	115.1
	June	103.4	118.5	116.6	105.0	112.5	112.2	115.1	119.7	117.6	114.6
	July	104.2	118.8	116.6	105.4	112.9	113.3	115.6	119.7	117.3	113.7
	August	104.4	119.0	116.6	105.1	113.1	113.5	115.6	119.7	117.6	113.8
	September	104.5	119.5	117.1	104.9	112.8	113.6	116.2	120.1	118.1	113.9
	October	104.9	119.5	117.1	106.1	114.1	113.7	116.9	120.1	118.4	115.3
	November	105.1	120.3	117.1	106.9	115.0	114.7	118.8	120.1	118.7	115.5
	December	105.7	120.2	117.4	107.0	114.8	114.5	118.8	120.4	118.7	116.2
1960	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
Household Operation Index											
1959	January	108.7	127.3	122.6	118.1	120.5	122.4	118.0	123.5	121.5	132.2
	February	109.2	128.0	123.3	118.5	121.4	122.4	117.9	123.6	121.3	132.4
	March	109.2	128.4	123.4	119.3	121.2	122.7	118.3	123.7	121.4	130.9
	April	109.4	128.9	123.6	119.7	121.4	122.9	118.4	123.8	121.7	131.1
	May	109.6	128.9	123.6	119.7	121.3	123.6	118.7	123.8	121.7	129.3
	June	109.6	129.1	123.5	119.6	121.4	123.4	118.8	124.1	121.7	129.9
	July	109.5	129.2	123.8	119.6	121.4	123.5	118.6	123.9	123.0	129.9
	August	109.6	129.3	123.8	119.7	121.0	122.8	119.3	124.4	123.0	130.5
	September	109.7	129.3	124.1	119.9	120.9	122.8	119.8	125.0	126.1	131.4
	October	109.5	129.2	124.2	119.9	121.1	123.4	119.9	125.0	126.1	132.6
	November	109.5	129.5	124.2	120.0	120.9	123.5	120.0	125.4	126.6	132.8
	December	109.1	129.7	124.9	120.0	121.2	123.7	120.1	125.5	126.6	133.0
1960	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
Other Commodities and Services Index											
1959	January	124.0	133.7	138.6	133.3	133.3	136.2	130.5	126.8	129.6	133.5
	February	124.1	135.0	139.7	133.4	133.2	136.1	130.0	126.3	129.6	133.6
	March	124.1	134.9	139.8	133.3	133.0	136.2	130.0	126.5	129.8	133.5
	April	125.0	135.2	140.2	133.3	133.9	136.4	130.7	126.5	130.0	133.7
	May	126.3	137.9	141.8	136.0	135.6	136.0	131.7	127.6	131.2	135.0
	June	127.0	138.2	142.3	136.4	136.3	137.8	131.8	128.2	131.6	135.2
	July	127.0	138.2	142.2	136.2	136.2	135.3	131.7	128.0	131.3	135.2
	August	127.1	138.5	142.3	136.3	136.3	137.0	132.4	128.3	131.3	135.5
	September	127.1	138.1	142.2	135.9	137.0	136.9	132.2	128.0	132.1	135.7
	October	127.4	138.8	142.4	135.9	137.0	137.0	133.7	128.1	132.0	135.9
	November	127.5	139.7	142.9	137.0	137.6	139.0	134.4	130.1	133.4	136.7
	December	127.5	139.9	142.9	137.1	137.6	139.1	134.4	130.1	133.4	137.0
1960	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

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)

1945 - 1960

Year and Month	Weekly Wages in Current Dollars	Index Numbers of Weekly Wages in Current Dollars (1949=100)	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	Index Numbers of Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars
	$		$	
1945 - Average	30.47	73.0	40.63	97.3
1946 - Average	30.15	72.2	38.70	92.7
1947 - Average	34.47	82.6	40.08	96.0
1948 - Average	38.96	93.3	39.96	95.7
1949 - Average	41.74	100.0	41.74	100.0
1950 - Average	44.03	105.5	42.54	101.9
1951 - Average	49.29	118.1	43.01	103.0
1952 - Average	53.83	129.0	46.33	111.0
1953 - Average	56.25	134.8	48.70	116.7
1954 - Average	57.43	137.6	49.42	118.4
1955 - Average	59.45	142.4	51.07	122.4
1956 - Average	62.40	149.5	52.70	126.3
1957 - Average	64.96	155.6	53.20	127.4
1958 - Average	66.77	160.0	53.30	127.7
1959 - Average	70.16	168.1	55.42	132.8
1959 - January	69.28	166.0	55.12	132.1
February	69.81	167.2	55.63	133.3
March	69.40	166.3	55.34	132.6
April	70.01	167.7	55.74	133.5
May	70.90	169.9	56.31	134.9
June	70.63	169.2	56.10	134.4
July	69.90	167.5	55.30	132.5
August	69.56	166.6	54.73	131.1
September	71.13	170.4	55.57	133.1
October	71.68	171.7	55.87	133.9
November	71.08	170.3	55.57	133.1
December	68.48	164.1	53.71	128.7
1960 - January	71.89	172.2	56.52	135.4
February	71.50(p)	171.3(p)	56.34(p)	135.0(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 33.

(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 34.

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
1957	255.9	223.8	211.3	191.9	501.4	212.7	238.7
1958	259.9	236.7	213.0	196.7	513.2	217.0	242.7
1959	269.5	248.4	219.1	204.7	538.2	220.1	249.8
1957 - January ...	248.5	223.1	212.3	191.9	453.8	208.6	232.6
1958 - January ...	252.2	236.1	212.2	196.7	470.3	215.2	237.4
1959 - January ...	260.4(r)	248.2	218.2	204.7(r)	487.2	219.4	244.0(r)
April	273.0(r)	248.9	220.2	204.7(r)	554.6	220.0	251.8(r)
August	275.2(r)	248.2	218.8	204.7(r)	572.8	220.9	253.5(r)
1960 - January ...	266.7	251.8	221.9	204.7	510.4	220.6	248.3
EASTERN CANADA							
1926	129.5	97.0	122.8	128.4	151.1	120.2	125.8
1939	98.7	104.3	94.8	99.2	110.6	99.5	99.0
1957	260.9	224.6	209.4	186.4	493.4	210.5	240.7
1958	262.3	238.9	208.6	192.3	497.8	215.7	243.7
1959	273.3	252.0	215.1	201.3	524.1	219.2	251.7
1957 - January ...	258.7	224.0	210.8	186.4	478.2	206.2	237.7
1958 - January ...	258.5	237.9	207.3	192.3	482.4	213.6	240.6
1959 - January ...	267.8(r)	251.8	214.3	201.3(r)	498.8	218.2	248.0(r)
April	275.4(r)	253.1	217.3	201.3(r)	527.8	219.3	252.9(r)
August	276.7(r)	251.2	213.8	201.3(r)	545.6	220.2	254.1(r)
1960 - January ...	274.2	254.3	217.3	201.3	522.3	220.2	252.6
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
1957	251.0	223.5	213.3	196.5	512.7	214.9	236.6
1958	257.5	235.9	217.3	200.5	535.0	218.3	241.9
1959	265.8	247.0	222.8	207.5	558.3	220.9	247.8
1957 - January ...	238.3	222.7	213.7	196.5	419.2	211.0	227.4
1958 - January ...	245.9	235.4	216.9	200.5	453.1	216.8	234.3
1959 - January ...	253.1(r)	246.8	221.8	207.5(r)	470.8	220.5	240.0(r)
April	270.7(r)	247.3	223.0	207.5(r)	592.6	220.7	250.7(r)
August	273.6(r)	247.0	223.5	207.5(r)	611.4	221.6	252.8(r)
1960 - January ...	259.1	250.8	226.4	207.5	493.5	221.1	243.9

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

(r) revised.

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 April $	1960 March $	1960 April $	1959 April $	1960 March $	1960 April $	1959 April $	1960 March $	1960 April $
1. Corn, cracked	3.76	3.66	3.65	4.14	4.06	4.06	3.64	3.51	3.49
2. Oats, unground	2.93	3.01	3.02	3.16	3.25	3.25	2.96	3.00	3.01
3. Barley, ground	2.96	2.83	2.84	3.16	3.01	2.99	3.01	2.79	2.78
4. Wheat, unground	3.13	3.14	3.14	3.42	3.42	3.44	3.11	3.06	3.08
5. Bran	2.83	2.59	2.60	2.83	2.51	2.50	2.86	2.45	2.49
6. Shorts	2.91	2.71	2.71	2.90	2.62	2.61	2.94	2.59	2.60
7. Middlings	3.09	2.92	2.90	3.11	2.86	2.82	3.08	2.82	2.80
8. Linseed oil meal	4.81	5.02	5.04	5.12	5.42	5.53	4.86	5.00	4.99
9. Soybean oil meal	4.91	4.71	4.70	5.03	4.96	4.91	4.73	4.62	4.63
10. Calf starter (20-24%)	5.26	5.16	5.17	5.18	5.17	5.15	4.93	4.83	4.83
11. Dairy ration (16%)	3.62	3.53	3.53	3.65	3.54	3.51	3.54	3.40	3.42
12. Dairy supplement (24%) (East)	4.36	4.18	4.20	4.39	4.38	4.39	4.41	4.18	4.19
13. Dairy supplement (32%) (West)	5.09	4.98	4.96	-	-	-	-	-	-
14. Pig starter mash	4.58	4.52	4.52	4.61	4.62	4.60	4.35	4.28	4.32
15. Hog concentrate (35%)	5.78	5.46	5.44	5.71	5.66	5.66	5.97	5.51	5.50
16. Hog grower mash	3.74	3.66	3.66	3.88	3.81	3.79	3.69	3.57	3.58
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%)	4.82	4.75	4.74	5.09	5.04	5.05	4.54	4.46	4.46
18. Growing mash	4.23	4.17	4.16	4.34	4.26	4.25	4.24	4.09	4.10
19. Laying mash (17-20%)	4.38	4.29	4.28	4.49	4.41	4.39	4.39	4.22	4.22
20. Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	5.12	5.01	5.00	5.33	5.09	5.04	5.14	4.97	4.95
21. Turkey growing mash	4.72	4.68	4.67	4.93	4.84	4.84	4.83	4.73	4.74

	ONTARIO			PRAIRIES			BRITISH COLUMBIA		
	1959 April $	1960 March $	1960 April $	1959 April $	1960 March $	1960 April $	1959 April $	1960 March $	1960 April $
1. Corn, cracked	3.47	3.32	3.31	4.95	4.92	4.92	4.07	4.10	4.10
2. Oats, unground	2.88	2.98	2.99	2.54	2.49	2.51	3.03	3.22	3.22
3. Barley, ground	2.93	2.83	2.83	2.59	2.50	2.52	3.03	3.00	3.02
4. Wheat, unground	3.08	3.12	3.13	2.72	2.76	2.75	3.25	3.28	3.29
5. Bran	2.93	2.62	2.63	2.76	2.63	2.65	2.70	2.74	2.75
6. Shorts	3.03	2.76	2.76	2.80	2.71	2.73	2.80	2.85	2.85
7. Middlings	3.19	2.98	2.96	2.78	2.66	2.66	3.08	3.14	3.14
8. Linseed oil meal	4.58	4.83	4.83	4.81	4.81	4.83	5.02	5.39	5.40
9. Soybean oil meal	4.53	4.39	4.35	5.54	5.20	5.19	5.21	4.97	4.99
10. Calf starter (20-24%)	5.11	5.04	5.04	5.16	5.03	5.02	6.25	6.15	6.18
11. Dairy ration (16%)	3.70	3.55	3.56	3.49	3.47	3.47	3.72	3.72	3.72
12. Dairy supplement (24%)	4.32	4.11	4.13	-	-	-	-	-	-
13. Dairy supplement (32%)	-	-	-	4.94	4.81	4.82	5.36	5.28	5.23
14. Pig starter mash	4.71	4.62	4.62	4.89	4.75	4.73	4.28	4.35	4.34
15. Hog concentrate (35%)	5.79	5.43	5.42	5.64	5.35	5.34	5.77	5.62	5.62
16. Hog grower mash	3.71	3.57	3.57	3.58	3.56	3.56	3.90	3.91	3.90
17. Chick starter mash (18-20%)	4.93	4.81	4.81	4.89	4.85	4.84	4.80	4.79	4.74
18. Growing mash	4.25	4.15	4.15	4.18	4.20	4.15	4.16	4.22	4.19
19. Laying mash (17-20%)	4.32	4.25	4.25	4.40	4.33	4.30	4.34	4.34	4.34
20. Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	5.05	4.93	4.93	5.08	5.10	5.11	5.13	5.02	5.03
21. Turkey growing mash	4.83	4.78	4.78	4.56	4.52	4.48	4.62	4.60	4.60

Mash includes pellets, crumbles, cubes, etc.

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

(1935-39=100)

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS INDEX									
	INVES-TORS TOTAL (94)	TOTAL INDUS-TRIALS (73)	Machin-ery and Equip-ment (10)	Pulp and Paper (10)	Mill-ing and Grains (4)	Oils (5)	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	78.3
1942	64.2	60.4	76.5	62.9	69.4	47.1	104.0	77.6	97.8	74.5
1943	83.5	78.6	103.9	92.6	90.5	73.8	121.4	89.5	131.0	89.1
1944	83.8	78.8	112.8	125.0	99.3	73.1	124.8	97.5	153.3	92.7
1945	99.6	93.7	134.5	167.3	113.3	78.7	148.7	110.3	222.2	116.0
1946	115.7	108.6	183.8	255.5	132.4	73.9	193.9	129.1	363.9	149.6
1947	106.0	99.3	182.6	258.4	120.3	65.9	182.4	125.8	302.3	137.4
1948	112.5	107.2	220.1	264.0	107.4	74.0	207.5	114.0	308.5	135.7
1949	109.4	103.1	215.4	242.9	89.9	72.0	208.1	115.7	299.9	143.4
1950	131.6	127.6	295.5	362.2	87.9	94.2	264.1	122.0	389.0	185.8
1951	168.3	172.0	420.7	561.2	112.8	140.6	358.0	118.9	434.1	272.5
1952	173.1	176.6	428.3	515.2	131.0	155.1	277.2	108.6	365.7	283.6
1953	160.3	160.1	394.8	501.6	131.2	131.0	222.5	120.7	399.3	279.5
1954	181.2	182.3	480.1	692.9	141.9	144.4	161.7	136.2	479.6	326.1
1955	232.7	239.6	696.0	995.1	190.6	164.0	177.8	180.4	566.2	434.9
1956	269.0	282.7	818.8	1,109.9	176.1	221.1	163.0	187.0	548.8	482.1
1957	258.2	271.0	765.1	924.5	135.1	241.0	155.3	193.1	489.9	436.8
1958	239.4	247.6	615.7	901.5	151.9	207.8	166.4	241.9	566.6	451.8
1959	265.4	272.2	728.6	1,126.9	213.1	192.6	213.0	271.7	672.6	536.6
1958 Jan. ...	215.4	222.2	579.2	796.2	120.5	187.5	148.4	206.2	490.2	384.9
Feb. ...	218.3	223.8	570.4	832.1	133.4	184.4	145.7	212.8	509.1	396.6
Mar. ...	221.5	228.7	609.2	840.8	129.7	184.4	157.7	217.2	513.8	415.3
Apr. ...	218.2	224.0	559.5	802.3	129.5	186.9	166.7	219.5	511.3	417.6
May ...	227.8	235.2	566.1	818.6	141.2	203.6	162.7	233.7	547.1	433.0
June ...	237.8	246.4	570.2	855.3	143.4	218.0	159.9	243.0	562.6	455.0
July ...	243.8	253.3	590.7	885.8	145.6	225.0	156.9	251.5	564.6	466.6
Aug. ...	251.6	261.8	631.4	936.3	146.8	228.3	159.7	254.7	587.8	479.4
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
Weekly Index										
Apr. 7	252.4	260.9	698.6	1,104.4	183.7	179.3	190.2	234.3	634.1	474.6
Apr. 14	251.4	260.2	695.0	1,110.8	182.5	175.6	190.5	231.5	633.4	475.6
Apr. 21	246.8	254.2	669.2	1,099.8	181.6	170.7	188.2	227.4	616.7	463.1
Apr. 28	244.4	251.6	665.9	1,090.5	179.2	167.0	187.5	226.6	618.4	463.5

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

(1935-39=100)

Number of Stocks	INVESTORS INDEX						MINING INDEX (1)			PREFERRED STOCKS
	Industrial Mines (2)	TOTAL UTILITIES (14)	Transportation (3)	Telephone (3)	Power and Traction (8)	BANKS (7)	MINING TOTAL (28)	Golds (22)	Base Metals (6)	(27)
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
1958 Jan. ...	153.1	178.1	282.2	104.6	202.9	233.3	91.5	64.0	154.6	154.0
Feb. ...	155.9	182.5	285.6	108.1	207.2	245.2	95.3	68.3	157.2	156.4
Mar. ...	158.8	183.1	290.6	107.5	208.5	237.7	96.4	67.8	161.7	157.5
Apr. ...	150.8	181.9	288.1	107.5	205.7	243.5	95.2	69.0	155.0	158.5
May ...	154.2	183.0	299.0	105.9	208.2	258.1	99.3	72.5	160.7	161.6
June ...	162.3	187.6	315.4	107.6	212.2	266.6	104.1	73.8	173.3	163.9
July ...	166.1	189.5	321.2	108.3	214.1	275.4	103.2	72.1	174.7	162.4
Aug. ...	172.5	194.4	324.9	109.6	225.1	280.4	106.2	74.3	179.3	163.4
Sept. ..	176.8	198.2	340.5	109.8	230.7	287.8	106.7	73.8	182.0	163.9
Oct. ...	185.8	197.2	340.9	108.6	230.1	305.0	114.4	74.7	205.1	162.7
Nov. ...	185.4	197.7	346.6	109.0	228.6	318.0	117.6	77.9	208.8	162.7
Dec. ...	180.6	195.8	341.0	108.3	226.6	328.0	116.1	80.6	197.5	159.8
1959 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
1960 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	153.0
Apr. ...	206.9	188.2	306.4	119.3	188.1	309.1	105.1	78.4	166.4	153.3
Weekly Index										
Apr. 7	206.1	188.0	297.2	119.5	190.5	315.8	110.3	84.1	170.3	(2)
Apr. 14	209.6	188.9	313.9	118.8	188.6	308.6	108.9	82.7	168.9	
Apr. 21	207.3	188.6	310.7	119.1	188.2	308.1	103.7	76.4	166.2	
Apr. 28	204.5	187.4	303.9	119.9	185.1	303.8	97.6	70.3	160.2	

(1) Mining Stocks are not included in Investors Total Index.
(2) No weekly indexes calculated for Preferred Stocks.

Explanation of Methods Used and Additional Sources for Price Series Appearing in this Bulletin

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

Canadian Farm Products

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

Final wheat participation payments for the crop year August 1957 - July 1958 were announced June 5, 1959. The price of No. 1 Manitoba Northern was adjusted to $1.619, No. 2 to $1.584 and No. 3 to $1.496 and the indexes revised accordingly. For the crop year 1958-59 the initial payment of $1.40 for No. 1 Manitoba Northern was increased to $1.50 as of February 12th, 1960. Subsequent monthly indexes are based on an initial payment of $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 1958 are subject to revision.

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

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

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

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

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES

Price index numbers of industrial, utility, bank and mining common stocks, and preferred stocks are calculated from Montreal and Toronto exchange quotations. The indexes are designed to reflect weekly and monthly changes of interest to the investor, rather than day-to-day changes of more speculative interest. Individual stock prices are weighted by the number of shares outstanding in January of each year. The list is reviewed completely in January of each year, when new series are introduced and series of declining importance are discontinued. The Investors Index of 94 Common Stocks and the Mining Stocks Index are based on the average of the Thursday closing prices. The Preferred Stock Index is a monthly average of daily quotations.

Reference Papers and Special Publications

	Price $
The Consumer Price Index, January 1949 - August 1952	.25
Wholesale Price Indexes, 1913-1950 (Reference Paper No. 24)	.75
Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers, 1913 to 1948 (Revised, 1948)	.10
Wholesale Price Index Numbers of Canadian Farm Products (Base, 1935-39=100)	.25
Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials, 1926 to 1948 (Base, 1935-39=100)	.10
Non-Residential Building Materials Price Index, 1935-1952 (Reference Paper No. 43)	.25
Prices and Price Indexes, 1949-1952 (Vol. 23)	1.50

MEASURING THE PURCHASING POWER OF EARNINGS

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

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

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

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

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

SPATIAL RETAIL FOOD PRICE INDEXES FOR SELECTED CANADIAN CITIES

1956, 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 25. 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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