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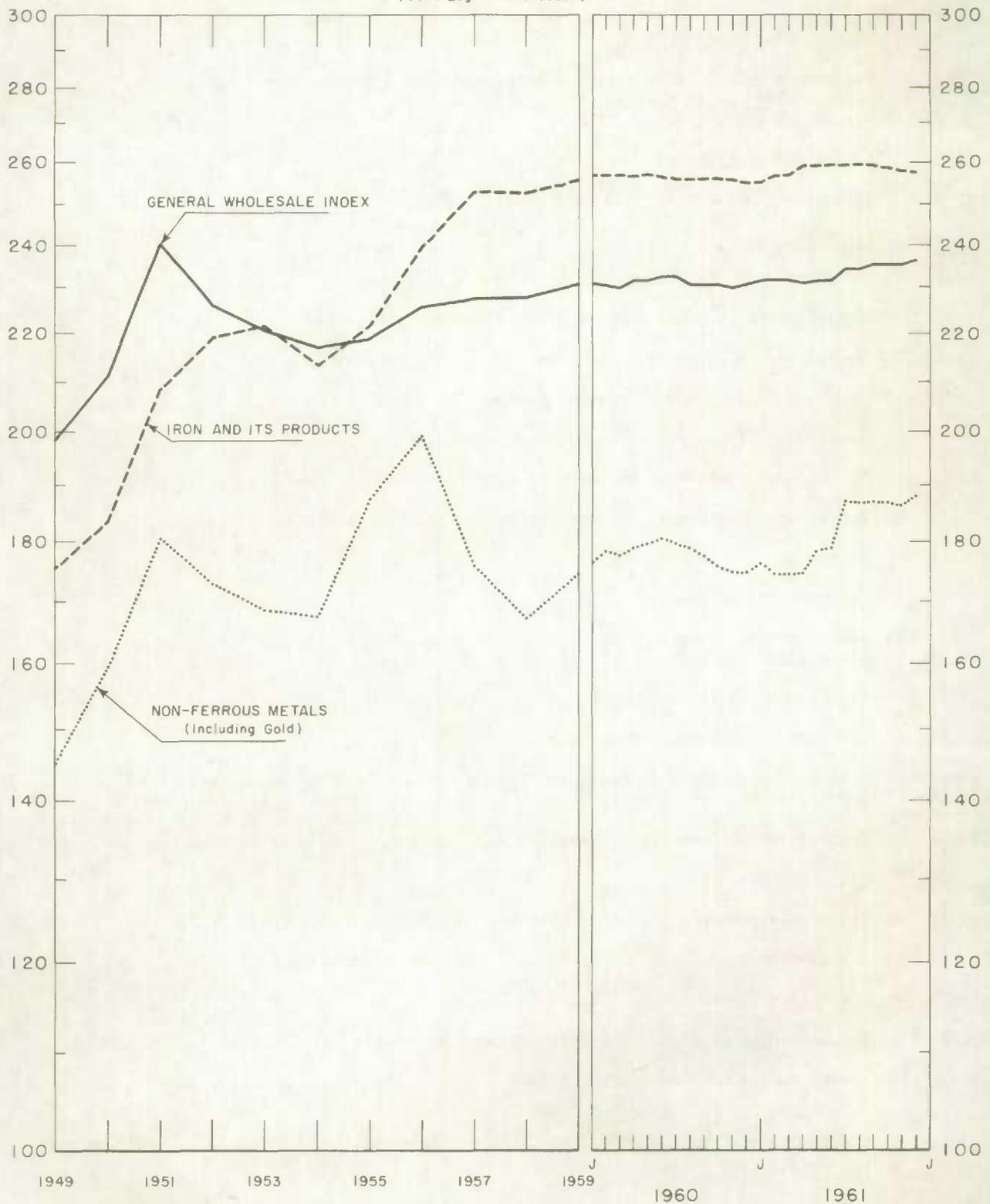
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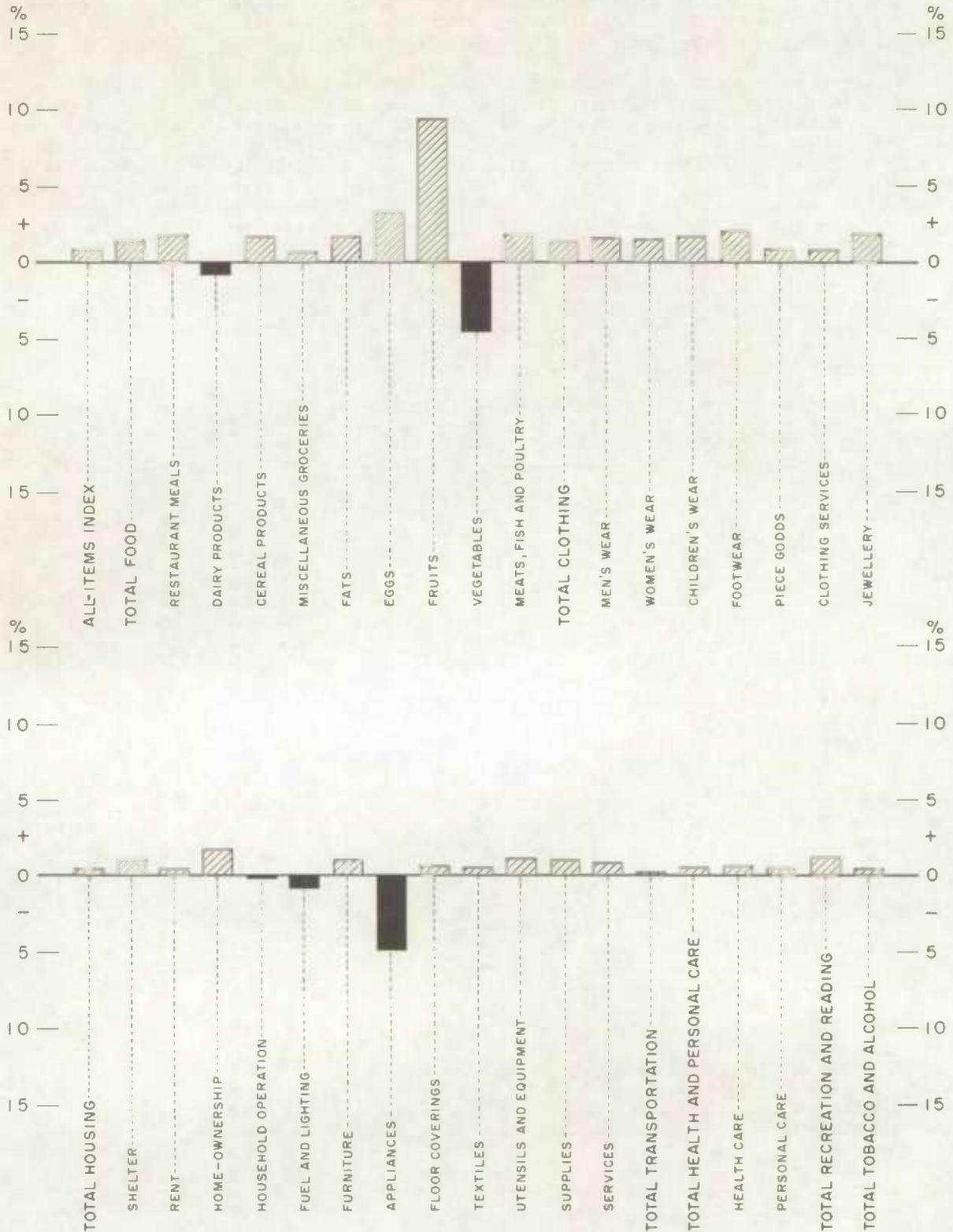
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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES
TOTAL INDEX AND SELECTED COMPONENT GROUPS
 ANNUALLY, 1949-1959; MONTHLY, JANUARY 1960-DECEMBER 1961
 (1935-39=100)
 (Semi-Logarithmic scale)



PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN GROUP AND SUB-GROUP CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR CANADA

BETWEEN 1961 AND 1960



NOTES ON PRICES AND PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

General Wholesale Index (1935-39=100)

The General Wholesale Index for December stood at 236.5, up 0.5 per cent from the November index of 235.3 and 2.6 per cent higher than the December 1960 index of 230.4. Increases occurred in seven major group indexes in December, while the other one declined.

The Vegetable Products Group index rose 1.3 per cent from 205.3 to 208.0 as prices were higher for grains, fresh fruits, cocoa, livestock and poultry feeds, and vegetable oils. The Non-ferrous Metals Group index advanced 1.0 per cent from 186.2 to 188.1 on price increases for silver, and electrolytic lead. Higher prices for cotton fabrics, raw cotton, miscellaneous fibres, and cotton yarns were mainly responsible for a rise of 0.5 per cent, from 236.0 to 237.1, in the Textile Products Group index. An increase of 0.5 per cent, from 185.8 to 186.7, in the Non-metallic Minerals Group index was chiefly attributable to higher coal and coke prices. Price increases for livestock, and fresh meats, outweighed price decreases for cured meats, unmanufactured leather, eggs, fishery products, and hides and skins, and were the principal causes for an increase of 0.3 per cent, from 256.5 to 257.2, in the Animal Products Group index. Negligible increases occurred in two major group indexes, Wood Products from 308.4 to 309.4, and Chemical Products from 190.0 to 190.2.

The Iron Products Group index eased down from 257.9 in November to 257.5 in December.

The following table shows some of the more noteworthy changes:

Commodity group and sub-group	Percentage changes		
	December 1961	December 1960	December 1961
	November 1961	November 1960	December 1960
Vegetable products group	+ 1.3	- 0.1	+ 4.0
Fruits, fresh	+ 20.0	- 2.7	- 0.5
Cocoa	+ 3.5	- 2.0	+ 0.8
Rubber, raw	+ 3.5	- 5.5	+ 1.0
Livestock and poultry feeds	+ 3.8	+ 3.2	+ 10.1
Grains	+ 2.2	+ 0.1	+ 16.8
Vegetable oils	+ 1.6	- 4.1	+ 12.2
Fruits, dried	- 3.3	- 1.1	+ 5.0
Sugar and its products	- 1.5	- 3.6	- 6.6
Non-ferrous metals products group	+ 1.0	-	+ 7.5
Silver	+ 14.0	-	+ 20.5
Lead, electrolytic	+ 2.5	-	- 2.4
Tin	- 0.5	- 0.8	+ 27.0
Textile products group	+ 0.5	- 0.1	+ 3.3
Miscellaneous fibre products	+ 2.2	-	+ 1.3
Cotton, raw	+ 1.7	- 1.2	+ 13.3
Cotton yarns	+ 0.8	-	+ 4.3
Cotton fabrics	+ 0.7	-	+ 3.3
Wool, raw, imported	- 1.9	+ 0.1	+ 8.1
Non-metallic minerals products group	+ 0.5	(1)	+ 0.5
Coke	+ 2.8	-	+ 3.2
Coal	+ 1.2	-	+ 2.3
Animal products group	+ 0.3	+ 1.9	+ 0.5
Meats, fresh	+ 5.1	+ 3.6	+ 0.5
Livestock	+ 1.4	+ 4.1	+ 1.1
Eggs	- 20.9	- 11.8	- 2.7
Hides and skins	- 2.7	+ 2.5	+ 52.5
Leather, unmanufactured	- 2.3	-	+ 8.2
Meats, cured	- 2.1	+ 3.2	- 1.9
Fishery products	- 0.5	+ 1.1	- 1.3
Iron products group	- 0.2	- 0.2	+ 1.0
Scrap iron and steel	- 2.9	- 4.7	+ 16.0

(1) Change of 0.05 per cent or less.

Industry Selling Price Indexes (1956=100)

In 31 manufacturing industries, Industry Selling Price Indexes were higher in December than in November, an increase of 2 from the similar comparison a month earlier when 29 industries rose above October levels. In December 16 industry indexes were lower, 6 less than in the October-November period when 22 declined. Of the 97 indexes, 50 were unchanged in December, 4 more than in November when 46 remained steady at October levels.

The average level of the 97 indexes in December was 103.0 just above the November average of 102.8. The median was 104.2 (half the indexes were above 104.2 and the other half below 104.2) unchanged from the previous month.

The following table summarizes November-December price movements by major industry group:

November to December Changes in Industry Indexes

Major industry group	Total industries No.	Increases		Decreases			Un- changed No.	
		No.	Average %	Median %	No.	Average %		Median %
All industries	97	31	1.0	0.3	16	-0.5	-0.2	50
Foods and beverages	19	7	0.9	0.3	3	-0.7	-0.6	9
Tobacco and tobacco products	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Rubber products	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Leather products	4	2	0.2	(1)	-	-	-	2
Textile mills	9	3	0.5	0.5	2	-1.6	(1)	4
Clothing and knitting mills	5	3	0.1	0.1	-	-	-	2
Wood products	7	2	3.3	(1)	2	-0.4	(1)	3
Paper products	5	2	0.4	(1)	-	-	-	3
Iron and steel products	8	2	0.6	(1)	1	-0.6	(1)	5
Transportation equipment	3	1	0.1	(1)	1	-0.1	(1)	1
Non-ferrous metal products	5	3	1.8	1.4	-	-	-	2
Electrical apparatus and supplies	5	1	0.1	(1)	3	-0.2	-0.2	1
Non-metallic mineral products	5	1	0.1	(1)	1	-0.2	(1)	3
Products of petroleum and coal	3	2	1.7	(1)	-	-	-	1
Chemicals and allied products	11	2	2.2	(1)	3	-0.3	-0.1	6
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6

(1) Not relevant.

Canadian Farm Products Price Index (1935-39=100)

The price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets advanced 0.2 per cent from 216.6 to 217.0 between November and December. The Field Products index moved up 1.0 per cent from 158.2 to 159.8, reflecting higher prices for corn, rye, potatoes, barley, peas and wheat in the East, and for flax and rye in the West. Potato prices declined slightly in the West. The Animal Products index declined 0.3 per cent from 275.0 to 274.2, as lower prices were reported on both markets for eggs, hogs, and lambs. Showing higher prices both East and West were calves, steers and butterfat.

Thirty Industrial Materials Price Index (1935-39=100)

The index of thirty industrial materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, moved up 0.4 per cent from 244.6 to 245.7 between November and December. Eleven commodities showed higher prices, including linseed oil, oats, steers, raw rubber, domestic lead, bituminous coal, raw cotton, and wheat. Declines for 7 commodities included hogs, steel scrap, beef hides, raw sugar, sisal, and cottonseed oil. Twelve commodities showed no change.

Security Price Indexes

The Investors Index of common stock prices (1935-39=100) advanced 2.1 per cent from 326.3 to 333.3 between November and December. The 1961 average index of 312.2 represents a rise of 25.1 per cent from 249.6 for 1960. All three major groups moved up in December as follows: Banks 4.6 per cent from 417.0 to 436.0, Industrials 2.1 per cent from 339.3 to 346.4, and Utilities 0.7 per cent from 230.7 to 232.3. In Industrials, advances for 7 sub-groups were headed by Industrial Mines and Oils while Beverages and Milling and Grain sub-groups moved fractionally lower. In Utilities, increases for the three sub-groups were led by Transportation.

The Mining Stock Index (1935-39=100) rose 0.8 per cent from 138.2 to 139.3 between November and December, reflecting an increase of 1.9 per cent for Base Metals and an 0.5 per cent decrease for Golds. The index for 1961 of 125.4 rose 19.5 per cent from 104.9 for 1960, representing gains of 34.2 per cent for Golds and 4.9 per cent for Base Metals.

Four supplementary indexes (1956=100). Between November and December Primary Oils and Gas advanced 8.5 per cent from 66.7 to 72.4 and Pipelines rose 3.8 per cent, while Uraniums moved down 4.6 per cent and Investment and Loan was almost unchanged. The 1961 average indexes showed substantial gains over 1960 for all four indexes.

The Preferred Stock Index (1935-39=100) declined 0.7 per cent from 167.2 to 166.0 between months. The annual index showed a gain of 6.3 per cent from 152.8 for 1960 to 162.5 for 1961.

The Consumer Price Index (1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.1 per cent from 129.7 to 129.8 between November and December 1961. For the year 1961, the index averaged 129.2, 0.9 per cent above the 1960 index of 128.0.

In the current period, increases in the component indexes for Food, Housing, and Health and Personal Care offset decreases in the Clothing and Transportation indexes. The Recreation and Reading, and Tobacco and Alcohol indexes were unchanged.

The Food index rose 0.7 per cent from 123.6 to 124.5 as price increases occurred for beef, chicken, turkey and most fresh fruits and vegetables. Lower prices were reported for eggs, grapefruit, pork and powdered skim milk.

The Housing index increased 0.1 per cent from 133.7 to 133.8 with both the shelter and household operation components at slightly higher levels. In shelter, the rent index was unchanged and the home-ownership index was up 0.3 per cent. In household operation, the increase of 0.1 per cent reflected higher prices for furniture, floor coverings and textiles.

The Clothing index declined 0.3 per cent from 114.0 to 113.7 as a result of lower prices for some items of men's, women's and children's wear, footwear and clothing services.

The Transportation index decreased 0.3 per cent from 141.5 to 141.1 due to lower gasoline prices in several cities.

The Health and Personal Care index increased 0.1 per cent from 156.7 to 156.8 as the health care component was up but the personal care component was unchanged. In health care, higher premiums in one province for prepaid medical care were responsible for the upward movement.

The Recreation and Reading, and Tobacco and Alcohol indexes were unchanged at 146.3 and 117.3 respectively.

TABLE 1. Summary of Current Price Indexes

	Indexes				Percentage changes		
	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960	Nov. 1960	Dec. 1961 Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960 Nov. 1960	Dec. 1961 Dec. 1960
Wholesale price indexes (1935-39=100):							
General index(1)	236.5	235.3	230.4	229.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
Vegetable products	208.0	205.3	199.9	200.2	+ 1.3	- 0.1	+ 4.0
Animal products	257.2	256.5	255.8	251.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.9	+ 0.5
Textile products	237.1	236.0	229.6	229.8	+ 0.5	- 0.1	+ 3.3
Wood products	309.4	308.4	300.1	300.1	+ 0.3	-	+ 3.1
Iron products	257.5	257.9	255.0	255.6	- 0.2	- 0.2	+ 1.0
Non-ferrous metals	188.1	186.2	174.9	174.9	+ 1.0	-	+ 7.5
Non-metallic minerals	186.7	185.8	185.8	185.7	+ 0.5	(2)	+ 0.5
Chemical products	190.2	190.0	188.1	187.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Canadian farm products(1):							
Eastern total	217.0	216.6	222.4	219.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.4	(3)
Western total	234.0	233.6	239.7	235.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.6	- 2.4
Field	200.0	199.6	205.1	202.6	+ 0.2	+ 1.2	(3)
Animal	159.8	158.2	169.8	168.9	+ 1.0	+ 0.5	(3)
	274.2	275.0	275.0	269.7	- 0.3	+ 2.0	- 0.3
Selected price indexes:(1)							
Thirty industrial materials	245.7	244.6	235.2	236.0	+ 0.4	- 0.3	+ 4.5
Residential building materials (1949=100)	128.2	128.2	128.9	128.5	-	+ 0.3	- 0.5
Non-residential building materials (1949=100)	131.1	130.6	132.3	132.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.2	- 0.9
Consumer price indexes (1949=100):							
All-items index	129.8	129.7	129.6	129.6	+ 0.1	-	+ 0.2
Food	124.5	123.6	125.3	125.5	+ 0.7	- 0.2	- 0.6
Housing	133.8	133.7	133.2	133.2	+ 0.1	-	+ 0.5
Clothing	113.7	114.0	112.6	112.5	- 0.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Transportation	141.1	141.5	141.4	141.5	- 0.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
Health and personal care	156.8	156.7	155.0	154.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Recreation and reading	146.3	146.3	146.1	146.2	-	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Tobacco and alcohol	117.3	117.3	115.8	115.8	-	-	+ 1.3
Security price indexes (1935-39=100):							
Total investors index	333.3	326.3	260.2	251.1	+ 2.1	+ 3.6	+ 28.1
Total industrials.....	346.4	339.3	268.0	258.0	+ 2.1	+ 3.9	+ 29.3
Machinery and equipment	679.8	673.2	681.9	642.5	+ 1.0	+ 6.1	- 0.3
Pulp and paper	1,344.5	1,323.4	1,121.6	1,093.0	+ 1.6	+ 2.6	+ 19.9
Milling and grains	249.6	249.7	210.3	210.9	-0.04	- 0.3	+ 18.7
Oils	246.8	240.6	183.2	180.9	+ 2.6	+ 1.3	+ 34.7
Textiles and clothing	251.8	250.5	181.9	181.0	+ 0.5	+ 0.5	+ 38.4
Food and allied products	332.8	331.3	258.9	248.8	+ 0.5	+ 4.1	+ 28.5
Beverages	993.6	998.5	697.7	674.2	- 0.5	+ 3.5	+ 42.4
Building materials	522.7	521.0	420.0	417.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.6	+ 24.5
Industrial mines	334.5	319.2	228.6	213.8	+ 4.8	+ 6.9	+ 46.3
Total utilities	232.3	230.7	193.0	188.2	+ 0.7	+ 2.6	+ 20.4
Transportation	334.8	330.9	266.9	261.4	+ 1.2	+ 2.1	+ 25.4
Telephone	158.2	157.2	126.9	125.4	+ 0.6	+ 1.2	+ 24.7
Power and traction	220.0	218.7	200.4	191.1	+ 0.6	+ 4.9	+ 9.8
Banks	436.0	417.0	338.1	328.5	+ 4.6	+ 2.9	+ 29.0
Mining stocks:							
General index	139.3	138.2	108.5	110.2	+ 0.8	- 1.5	+ 28.4
Golda	85.6	86.0	78.1	81.2	- 0.5	- 3.8	+ 9.6
Base metals	262.4	257.6	178.2	176.9	+ 1.9	+ 0.7	+ 47.3
Security price indexes (1956=100):							
Pipelines	154.8	149.2	109.7	109.7	+ 3.8	-	+ 41.1
Investment and loan	204.6	204.8	129.9	123.8	- 0.1	+ 4.9	+ 57.5
Uraniums	75.3	78.9	59.8	62.0	- 4.6	- 3.5	+ 25.9
Primary oils and gas	72.4	66.7	40.8	43.0	+ 8.5	- 5.1	+ 77.5

(1) Indexes for 1961 are subject to revision.

(2) Change of 0.05 per cent or less.

(3) Percentages not shown since indexes are not comparable. See notes page 47 for details of Western grain prices.

TABLE 2. Selected Price Indicators (1935-39=100)

General Wholesale Index and Principal Components

Date	General whole-sale index	Vegetable products	Animal products	Textile products	Wood products	Iron products	Non-ferrous metals products(1)	Non-metallic minerals products	Chemical products
1952	226.0	210.3	248.2	251.5	291.0	219.0	172.9	173.9	180.1
1953	220.7	199.0	241.7	239.0	288.6	221.4	168.6	176.9	175.7
1954	217.0	196.8	236.0	231.1	286.8	213.4	167.5	177.0	176.4
1955	218.9	195.1	226.0	226.2	295.7	221.4	187.6	175.2	177.0
1956	225.6	197.3	227.7	230.2	303.7	239.8	199.2	180.8	180.1
1957	227.4	197.0	238.4	236.0	299.4	252.7	176.0	189.3	182.3
1958	227.8	198.1	250.7	229.0	298.5	252.6	167.3	188.5	183.0
1959	230.6	199.5	254.3	228.0	304.0	255.7	174.6	186.5	187.0
1960	230.9	203.0	247.6	229.8	303.8	256.2	177.8	185.6	188.2
1959 Jan.	229.9	198.0	256.7	226.8	300.4	255.4	172.8	188.8	185.5
Feb.	230.9	199.0	256.8	227.0	304.4	255.2	174.3	188.5	185.5
Mar.	230.6	199.6	254.0	225.6	304.1	255.3	176.2	188.6	185.9
Apr.	231.2	200.6	255.8	228.3	304.1	255.6	175.2	187.1	186.6
May	231.2	201.5	253.8	228.8	304.5	255.8	175.7	185.7	187.3
June	230.6	200.0	252.6	229.6	304.4	255.8	174.8	185.1	187.2
July	231.1	199.0	257.1	229.8	304.9	255.8	172.8	185.8	187.3
Aug.	231.0	199.4	256.2	228.6	305.3	255.9	173.0	185.7	187.3
Sept.	230.9	197.8	258.6	228.0	304.9	255.9	173.3	185.6	187.6
Oct.	230.0	198.7	252.4	227.8	304.2	255.9	173.5	185.6	187.8
Nov.	230.2	199.7	250.4	227.3	303.7	255.8	177.4	185.8	188.0
Dec.	229.7	200.3	247.4	228.1	303.4	255.8	175.8	185.7	188.0
1960 Jan.	230.7	203.0	246.5	229.7	304.4	256.7	176.5	186.0	187.9
Feb.	230.2	202.8	242.6	228.8	304.6	256.7	178.2	186.0	188.3
Mar.	229.8	202.6	240.9	228.7	304.4	256.7	177.6	186.4	188.5
Apr.	231.5	206.0	243.4	230.6	306.2	256.6	179.0	185.5	188.6
May	231.6	205.9	241.1	231.9	307.6	257.0	179.7	185.5	188.4
June	232.4	206.0	246.0	231.2	308.8	256.2	180.4	185.3	188.4
July	232.4	205.2	250.5	230.8	306.0	255.9	179.7	185.2	188.4
Aug.	230.5	201.5	250.0	229.1	301.4	255.9	178.9	185.1	188.2
Sept.	230.5	201.4	252.1	228.2	300.8	256.0	177.4	185.2	188.1
Oct.	230.6	202.0	251.0	228.9	301.8	256.0	175.9	185.3	187.9
Nov.	229.9	200.2	251.1	229.8	300.1	255.6	174.9	185.7	187.9
Dec.	230.4	199.9	255.8	229.6	300.1	255.0	174.9	185.8	188.1
1961(2) Jan.	231.3	201.2	258.5	230.3	302.9	255.1	176.2	186.3	188.0
Feb.	231.6	201.6	259.6	232.6	301.7	256.6	174.4	185.9	187.9
Mar.	231.3	200.1	256.2	233.1	301.6	256.7	174.6	186.3	188.1
Apr.	230.9	200.6	251.0	232.8	302.3	259.1	174.7	184.5	188.0
May	231.3	200.2	250.8	234.4	302.2	259.1	178.3	183.8	187.8
June	231.4	200.1	251.5	234.1	302.4	259.3	179.0	183.8	187.6
July	234.5	205.1	251.0	236.1	307.8	259.3	187.1	185.0	189.1
Aug.	234.5	205.5	251.6	234.8	307.6	259.5	187.0	185.0	188.6
Sept.	235.3	205.7	255.7	235.5	307.4	259.2	187.0	185.3	189.7
Oct.	235.3	205.2	256.6	235.8	307.4	258.8	186.9	185.5	189.8
Nov.	235.3	205.3	256.5	236.0	308.4	257.9	186.2	185.8	190.0
Dec.	236.5	208.0	257.2	237.1	309.4	257.5	188.1	186.7	190.2

(1) Includes gold.

(2) Indexes for 1961 are subject to revision.

TABLE 2. Selected Price Indicators (1935-39=100) - Continued

Special Groupings of Components of General Wholesale Index

Date	Non-farm products(1)	Raw and partly mfg. goods(2)	Fully and chiefly mfg. goods(2)	Iron and non-ferrous metals(3)	Fully and chiefly manufactured goods		
					Iron and non-ferrous metals(4)	Iron	Non-ferrous metals(4)
1952	226.0	218.7	230.7	225.0	213.3	212.1	233.0
1953	223.3	207.0	228.8	223.1	216.5	215.5	233.4
1954	219.6	204.8	224.2	217.9	212.6	211.3	233.4
1955	225.9	209.7	224.5	237.2	218.2	215.4	263.8
1956	235.7	215.8	231.5	256.6	232.7	229.3	287.8
1957	236.0	209.4	237.9	247.6	245.2	244.4	257.6
1958	233.0	209.3	238.3	240.8	249.0	249.3	245.5
1959	236.0	210.9	241.6	248.3	251.6	251.0	261.2
1960	237.0	209.6	242.2	250.6	253.5	252.6	269.1
1959 Jan.	234.9	211.0	240.5	246.6	250.6	250.3	254.9
Feb.	236.1	212.2	241.2	247.3	250.5	250.0	258.3
Mar.	235.2	211.7	240.9	248.9	250.7	250.0	262.5
Apr.	236.4	211.8	241.9	248.6	251.8	251.1	263.8
May	236.5	212.3	242.0	249.0	252.1	251.3	264.4
June	235.2	211.6	241.4	248.6	252.1	251.3	263.9
July	236.3	211.5	242.1	247.0	251.8	251.3	259.7
Aug.	236.3	211.1	242.3	247.4	251.9	251.4	259.7
Sept.	236.1	210.5	242.5	247.7	251.9	251.4	259.7
Oct.	236.0	208.4	242.2	248.0	251.9	251.4	259.7
Nov.	236.4	210.2	241.5	250.8	252.1	251.4	263.8
Dec.	236.2	208.3	241.4	249.6	252.1	251.4	263.6
1960 Jan.	237.1	209.0	242.4	250.5	253.0	252.3	265.0
Feb.	237.3	208.6	241.4	251.8	253.2	252.3	268.1
Mar.	237.2	208.1	241.2	251.5	253.2	252.3	268.1
Apr.	238.0	211.0	242.4	252.0	253.4	252.2	272.0
May	238.8	211.0	242.5	252.3	253.8	252.6	272.0
June	238.9	213.1	242.8	252.1	253.8	252.6	272.0
July	237.9	212.6	243.0	251.6	253.8	252.6	272.0
Aug.	236.3	209.3	241.8	251.5	253.8	252.6	272.0
Sept.	235.8	209.0	242.1	250.3	253.7	252.8	269.6
Oct.	236.0	208.8	242.2	248.9	253.5	252.8	266.1
Nov.	235.5	207.4	242.1	247.9	253.6	252.8	266.1
Dec.	235.3	207.5	242.7	247.5	253.6	252.8	266.6
1961(5) Jan.	236.0	208.6	243.8	248.1	253.6	252.8	266.5
Feb.	235.6	208.7	244.6	247.7	253.7	253.0	264.6
Mar.	236.6	207.6	243.8	248.0	253.7	253.0	264.6
Apr.	237.1	207.2	243.5	249.5	254.1	253.5	264.1
May	237.8	208.5	243.4	252.2	254.3	253.5	267.8
June	238.0	209.3	243.2	252.6	254.9	253.9	272.3
July	241.3	215.7	244.6	257.3	255.0	253.9	273.5
Aug.	241.0	215.5	244.7	257.4	255.2	254.0	273.5
Sept.	241.1	216.9	245.2	257.3	255.0	253.9	273.5
Oct.	241.0	217.1	245.3	257.0	254.6	253.4	273.5
Nov.	241.1	217.2	245.2	255.9	254.6	253.4	273.5
Dec.	241.8	219.2	246.0	256.8	254.6	253.4	273.5

(1) Consists of General Wholesale Index less Animal products and Vegetable products component groups (see preceding page).

(2) These two series comprise the General Wholesale Index.

(3) Consists of Iron products and Non-ferrous metals products component groups less gold (see preceding page).

(4) Excludes gold.

(5) Indexes for 1961 are subject to revision.

TABLE 2. Selected Price Indicators - Concluded

Date	Industrial materials (1935-39=100)	Building materials		Canadian farm products(2)		
		Residential(1) (1949=100)	Non-residential	Field	Animal	Total
1952	252.6	124.9	123.2	223.0	277.5	250.2
1953	232.3	123.9	124.4	179.4	263.8	221.6
1954	223.7	121.7	121.8	170.9	256.2	213.6
1955	236.0	124.3	123.4	180.1	245.1	212.6
1956	248.2	128.5	128.0	181.6	246.9	214.2
1957	240.3	128.4	130.0	169.2	258.0	213.6
1958	229.8	127.3	129.8	171.4	274.5	222.9
1959	240.2	130.0	131.7	176.1	271.6	223.9
1960	240.4	129.2	132.3	180.9	264.1	222.5
1959 Jan.	234.0	128.8	131.3	168.9	278.7	223.8
Feb.	236.0	129.0	131.5	168.0	274.0	221.0
Mar.	237.7	129.7	131.7	167.8	269.5	218.6
Apr.	240.4	130.2	132.1	168.8	271.0	219.9
May	241.4	130.9	132.0	178.9	271.0	224.9
June	241.7	130.6	131.9	185.5	270.6	228.0
July	240.3	130.7	131.9	185.0	272.8	228.9
Aug.	242.6	130.6	132.0	182.0	274.9	228.4
Sept.	243.7	130.1	131.6	174.0	277.0	225.5
Oct.	242.0	129.8	131.1	176.2	267.9	221.1
Nov.	240.8	129.3	131.6	178.4	269.1	223.8
Dec.	241.9	129.8	132.2	180.2	263.1	221.7
1960 Jan.	243.2	129.6	132.0	184.9	257.7	221.3
Feb.	241.8	129.6	132.1	185.2	252.0	218.6
Mar.	240.4	129.6	132.2	188.2	252.2	220.2
Apr.	241.7	129.8	132.5	193.7	256.2	224.9
May	243.2	129.6	132.4	195.4	257.8	226.6
June	242.2	129.6	132.6	198.4	265.0	231.7
July	240.5	129.5	132.8	186.7	270.1	228.4
Aug.	240.8	128.7	132.7	166.9	271.7	219.3
Sept.	241.0	128.6	132.3	166.8	273.6	220.2
Oct.	238.5	128.1	132.3	168.0	267.8	217.9
Nov.	236.0	128.5	132.0	167.8	269.7	218.7
Dec.	235.2	128.9	132.3	168.6	275.0	221.8
1961(3) Jan.	235.4	128.2	131.8	169.6	277.1	223.3
Feb.	238.1	128.0	131.6	169.2	276.3	222.8
Mar.	240.1	128.8	131.7	168.4	268.6	218.5
Apr.	241.7	128.7	131.4	168.7	261.7	215.2
May	243.6	128.3	130.6	167.6	264.4	216.0
June	239.7	129.2	130.9	172.8	264.7	218.7
July	247.7	129.2	131.0	171.5	265.3	218.4
Aug.	247.1	128.7	131.0	162.6	265.4	214.0
Sept.	247.8	127.9	130.7	159.8	272.3	216.0
Oct.	246.6	127.8	130.5	159.3	275.3	217.3
Nov.	244.6	128.2	130.6	158.2	275.0	216.6
Dec.	245.7	128.2	131.1	159.8	274.2	217.0

(1) Converted from the base 1935-39=100. See Table 7.

(2) Final to July 1960. See page 47 for details on Western grain prices and specific publications wherein final indexes for earlier years may be found.

(3) Indexes for 1961 are subject to revision.

TABLE 3. Wholesale Price Index Numbers showing Component Detail(1)
(1935-39=100)

Commodity group and sub-group	Months				Annual averages		
	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960	Nov. 1960	1960	1959	1958
General wholesale index	236.5	235.3	230.4	229.9	230.9	230.6	227.8
Total vegetable products	208.0	205.3	199.9	200.2	203.0	199.5	198.1
Grains	205.7	201.3	176.1	175.9	179.8	179.1	174.0
Cereal foods, milled	171.1	170.8	159.1	159.1	160.1	157.2	151.0
Feeds, livestock and poultry	201.6	194.3	183.1	177.4	180.2	191.6	184.8
Bakery products	229.8	229.8	225.0	225.0	221.9	215.4	210.8
Fruits, fresh	224.4	187.0	225.5	231.7	190.6	167.9	206.3
Fruits, dried	218.3	225.8	208.0	210.3	222.4	230.7	196.7
Fruits, canned	177.1	174.5	185.7	184.5	181.5	170.6	168.3
Vegetable oils and products	268.4	265.2	253.2	259.6	268.7	300.5	290.9
Rubber and its products	204.4	203.3	211.8	213.6	218.7	208.4	196.9
Sugar and its products	135.1	137.2	144.7	150.1	147.5	143.9	158.9
Tea, coffee and cocoa	333.6	327.1	327.9	332.2	328.0	351.2	396.9
Potatoes	129.2	122.4	204.8	199.4	279.4	219.0	189.7
Onions	295.0	257.4	155.5	166.3	194.8	302.6	225.8
Vegetables, canned	191.0	192.1	204.4	204.4	212.1	198.9	197.4
Raw leaf tobacco	220.1	219.5	221.1	215.9	221.4	205.0	200.4
Total animal products	257.2	256.5	255.8	251.1	247.6	254.3	250.7
Fishery products	344.4	346.1	348.9	345.1	339.6	326.4	312.0
Furs, raw	80.8	80.8	92.4	92.4	91.0	86.3	84.6
Hides and skins	215.6	221.5	141.4	138.0	155.4	206.8	128.1
Leather, unmanufactured	234.8	240.4	217.0	217.0	226.2	263.9	209.2
Boots and shoes	250.3	250.3	248.1	248.1	248.5	239.6	221.1
Livestock	313.6	309.1	310.3	298.0	292.4	307.1	310.0
Steers	415.5	401.7	377.3	376.5	376.1	415.0	384.5
Meats, fresh	310.6	295.4	309.1	298.5	300.5	315.7	314.8
Beef and veal carcass	383.1	355.2	361.2	350.8	358.2	390.6	373.4
Meats, cured	199.0	203.3	202.8	196.6	176.8	190.0	207.8
Fowl, dressed	127.7	127.7	165.7	147.6	162.9	131.7	141.1
Milk and its products	248.7	247.8	247.1	246.4	246.3	247.3	243.6
Butter	247.6	246.2	250.4	249.6	247.9	249.0	247.3
Oils and fats	135.0	135.3	146.6	146.4	129.8	114.0	151.9
Eggs	144.7	182.9	148.7	168.5	143.2	143.7	154.2
Total textile products	237.1	236.0	229.6	229.8	229.8	228.0	229.0
Cotton, raw	293.0	288.2	258.5	261.6	266.4	284.4	295.7
Cotton yarns	245.3	243.3	235.2	235.2	235.2	236.2	236.6
Cotton fabrics	243.6	241.8	235.8	235.8	234.2	230.7	234.7
Cotton knit goods	240.7	240.7	236.5	236.5	236.5	232.4	230.7
Miscellaneous fibre products	224.2	219.4	221.4	221.4	213.2	200.1	208.9
Silk and nylon thread	184.7	184.7	184.7	184.7	184.7	184.2	182.9
Rayon fabrics	165.8	165.8	159.8	159.8	161.9	163.1	162.5
Rayon yarns	195.1	191.1	191.1	191.1	191.1	191.1	187.3
Raw wool, domestic	209.7	209.7	195.2	197.9	200.1	187.5	200.2
Raw wool, imported	211.3	215.5	195.4	195.2	198.9	193.7	176.0
Yarns, worsted	216.8	215.5	213.6	212.1	215.2	210.8	203.6
Hosiery and knit goods, chiefly wool	235.7	235.7	235.7	235.7	235.8	235.6	233.0
Wool blankets	302.7	302.7	302.7	302.7	302.7	276.8	293.1
Worsted and wool cloth	239.0	240.2	233.6	234.8	235.7	232.1	238.4
Carpets	223.6	223.6	219.6	216.8	217.1	215.1	227.7

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TABLE 3. Wholesale Price Index Numbers showing Component Detail(1) - Continued
(1935-39=100)

Commodity group and sub-group	Months				Annual averages		
	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960	Nov. 1960	1960	1959	1958
General wholesale index - Continued:							
Total wood products	309.4	308.4	300.1	300.1	303.9	304.0	298.5
Lumber and timber	419.3	419.0	417.2	414.6	430.8	442.3	419.8
Spruce	395.3	395.3	396.7	395.8	396.2	395.8	395.7
Hardwoods	333.7	333.7	336.1	336.1	333.2	328.8	340.2
Hemlock	361.2	361.2	366.3	366.3	395.3	395.3	381.2
Fir	499.0	496.8	488.2	483.3	511.9	522.5	484.0
Cedar	392.8	391.9	391.3	386.9	410.5	463.7	410.1
Woodpulp	214.3	213.6	207.1	212.3	218.9	220.6	222.6
Newsprint	318.2	315.4	299.5	299.5	297.2	292.6	295.3
Wrapping paper, No. 1 Kraft	257.3	257.3	257.3	257.3	256.8	250.8	249.1
Total iron products	257.5	257.9	255.0	255.6	256.2	255.7	252.6
Pig iron	295.3	295.3	295.3	295.3	295.3	295.3	295.3
Rolling mill products	251.7	251.7	251.7	251.7	251.8	249.2	246.6
Pipe and tubing	269.2	269.2	269.6	269.6	268.3	265.0	263.1
Hardware	279.5	279.5	274.2	274.2	273.8	271.3	269.3
Wire	294.2	294.2	294.2	294.2	294.2	293.7	292.2
Scrap iron and steel	300.3	309.2	258.9	271.8	288.5	307.4	276.1
Tin plate and galvanized sheet	238.3	238.3	238.7	238.7	238.4	240.7	239.3
Total non-ferrous metals products:							
(including gold)	188.1	186.2	174.9	174.9	177.8	174.6	167.3
(excluding gold)	255.7	253.1	237.1	237.1	242.9	238.0	224.1
Antimony	196.2	196.2	170.4	170.4	167.5	163.9	160.1
Copper and its products	289.8	289.8	276.4	276.3	291.4	285.0	246.5
Lead and its products	214.8	209.7	220.1	220.1	224.0	222.6	237.3
Silver	278.3	244.2	231.0	231.0	228.9	225.8	223.2
Tin	251.8	253.1	198.3	199.8	196.8	196.0	179.6
Zinc and its products	262.9	262.9	284.7	284.7	291.1	266.0	238.3
Solder	232.5	232.5	200.6	200.6	200.6	199.3	196.4
Total non-metallic minerals products	186.7	185.8	185.8	185.7	185.6	186.5	188.5
Clay and allied material products	244.5	244.5	256.9	256.9	255.8	253.2	248.4
Pottery	198.1	198.1	185.8	185.8	185.8	185.8	180.7
Coal	197.7	195.4	193.2	193.2	191.9	193.0	193.2
Coal tar	235.7	235.7	224.0	235.7	214.5	242.8	237.9
Coke	248.7	241.8	241.0	241.0	241.6	241.3	242.1
Window glass	272.7	272.2	272.7	272.7	272.7	272.1	270.2
Plate glass	218.8	218.8	218.8	218.8	218.8	218.4	217.0
Petroleum products	160.2	160.2	161.8	161.2	162.2	164.2	169.7
Crude oil	183.0	183.0	187.6	185.6	187.1	190.1	203.6
Gasoline	134.4	134.4	134.5	134.5	135.8	138.0	139.6
Coal oil	134.4	134.4	134.4	134.4	134.4	134.4	135.4
Asphalt	192.3	192.3	198.9	198.9	199.5	203.7	215.1
Asphalt shingles	103.7	103.7	126.9	126.9	116.3	127.2	148.4
Sulphur	218.0	216.1	204.4	204.4	201.8	199.6	201.8
Plaster	141.4	141.4	138.8	138.8	138.1	137.5	136.3
Lime	212.1	212.1	212.1	212.1	212.0	211.2	211.2
Cement	163.9	163.9	162.8	162.8	162.6	160.6	163.5
Sand and gravel	144.9	144.9	143.1	143.1	145.2	145.4	151.2
Crushed stone	170.7	170.7	171.4	171.4	171.4	171.4	165.0
Building stone	183.3	183.3	208.8	208.8	208.8	208.8	207.6
Asbestos and its products	302.3	302.3	302.2	302.2	302.2	304.3	304.3

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TABLE 3. Wholesale Price Index Numbers showing Component Detail(1) - Concluded
(1935-39=100)

Commodity group and sub-group	Months				Annual averages		
	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960	Nov. 1960	1960	1959	1958
General wholesale index - Concluded:							
Total chemical products	190.2	190.0	188.1	187.9	188.2	187.0	183.0
Inorganic chemicals	150.5	150.4	150.3	150.3	151.8	152.4	149.2
Organic chemicals	169.0	169.0	173.2	172.2	172.2	169.4	166.8
Coal tar products	184.0	184.0	189.6	189.6	188.5	187.4	186.2
Dyeing and tanning materials	227.2	221.5	201.1	201.9	205.0	211.9	211.0
Explosives	158.6	158.6	158.6	158.6	158.0	149.8	144.0
Paint, prepared	233.4	233.4	225.2	222.3	222.6	222.4	214.9
Fertilizer materials	158.6	158.6	157.8	161.1	160.4	158.1	159.0
Industrial gases	152.8	152.8	150.3	150.3	150.3	151.0	146.6
Soaps and detergents	229.5	229.5	227.8	227.8	227.8	227.0	216.2

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TABLE 4. Wholesale Prices of Selected Commodities
(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity	Months				Annual averages		
	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960	Nov. 1960	1960	1959	1958
dollars							
Vegetable products:							
Barley, No. 1 feed, bu.	1.29	1.25	.93	.96	.97	.96	.93
Coffee beans, Green Santos 2/3's, lb. ....	.39	.39	.38	.38	.39	.39	.51
Flour, first patent, Toronto, 100-lb. bag .	6.70	6.70	6.35	6.35	6.35	6.16	5.88
Linseed oil, raw, Montreal, gal.	1.52	1.42	1.11	1.09	1.24	1.36	1.30
Oats, No. 2 C.W., bu. ....	.97	.92	.76	.77	.83	.79	.78
Potatoes, No. 1 Saint John, 75-lb. bag	1.50	1.50	2.00	1.95	2.78	2.12	1.72
Sugar, granulated, std., Montreal, 100-lb. bag	6.65	6.75	6.95	7.30	7.12	6.86	7.74
Wheat, No. 2, Manitoba Northern, bu.	1.87	1.84	1.61	1.59	1.62	1.64	1.60
Animal products:							
Butter, prints, 1st. grade, Montreal, lb. .	.65	.64	.66	.65	.65	.65	.64
Eggs, grade "A", large, Montreal, doz. ....	.45	.58	.51	.61	.49	.49	.53
Hides, packer, light native steers, lb. ....	.20	.20	.17	.16	.18	.23	.15
Hogs, Toronto (bonus excluded) 100-lb.	26.16	26.61	27.89	25.83	24.00	23.76	28.44
Steers, good, Toronto, 100 lb.	25.40	24.15	22.91	22.61	22.72	25.09	23.20

TABLE 4. Wholesale Prices of Selected Commodities - Concluded
(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity	Months				Annual averages		
	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960	Nov. 1960	1960	1959	1958
	dollars						
Textile products:							
Cotton, raw, middling, 1", New York, lb. ..	.37	.37	.32	.32	.32	.32	.35
Cotton yarn, 10's, white, lb. ....	.73	.73	.69	.69	.69	.70	.70
Cotton, grey Osnaburg, clean, 7 1/8 oz., yd.	.33	.33	.33	.33	.33	.34	.34
Rayon yarn, 36 filament, 150 denier, lb. ..	.91	.91	.89	.89	.89	.89	.88
Wool, raw, Australian, 64's, clean, lb. ...	1.14	1.16	1.02	1.03	1.08	-	1.22
Wool, raw, Eastern, domestic, lb. ....	.43	.43	.40	.40	.41	.38	.40
Wood products:							
Newsprint paper, standard, Quebec, 2000-lb. ton	121.84	120.78	114.67	114.67	113.78	112.04	113.06
Pine, white, No. 1, 1" x 8", 8' - 16', 1000-bd. ft.	185.00	185.00	187.00	187.00	187.00	184.67	180.00
Shingles, asphalt, 12" x 36", 100 sq. ft. .	5.84	5.84	7.15	7.15	6.55	7.16	8.16
Spruce, merchantable, 1" x 6" 7/8", 1000-bd. ft.	85.50	85.50	85.50	85.50	85.50	85.50	84.83
Iron products:							
Cast iron scrap, 2240-lb. ton	50.00	50.00	48.00	48.00	49.67	49.67	46.66
Steel scrap, heavy melting, No. 1, 2240-lb. ton	32.54	33.66	27.95	29.45	31.25	33.74	-
Pig iron, foundry, silicon 2.01-2.25, 2240-lb. ton	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00
Non-ferrous metals products:							
Copper, electrolytic, domestic, 100-lb. ...	30.00	30.00	28.50	28.50	30.24	29.60	25.43
Lead, pig, electrolytic, domestic, 100-lb.	10.25	10.20	10.45	10.50	10.68	10.62	11.33
Tin, ingots, 99.8%, Montreal, lb.	1.34	1.35	1.06	1.06	1.05	1.04	.97
Zinc, high grade, electrolytic, 100-lb. ...	12.10	12.28	12.91	13.10	13.35	11.65	10.89
Non-metallic minerals products:							
Cement, Portland, Calgary, 350-lb.	3.54	3.54	3.44	3.44	3.36	3.19	3.05
Cement, Portland, Toronto, 350-lb.	3.26	3.26	3.26	3.26	3.26	3.12	3.44
Coal, anthracite, U.S., stove size, 2000-lb. ton	21.90	21.20	19.50	19.33	19.46	20.45	20.59
Chemical products:							
Sodium carbonate, (soda ash) 58 p.c., 100-lb.	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.00
Sulphuric acid, 66° Baume, 2000-lb. ton ...	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.45	25.35	25.35

TABLE 5. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry
(1956=100)

Major group and component industries	Months				Annual averages		
	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960	Nov. 1960	1960	1959	1958
Foods and beverages industries:							
Slaughtering and meat packing	113.4	110.8	114.3	110.6	108.3	112.8	116.2
Concentrated milk products	99.3	99.2	103.2	103.2	103.1	105.4	110.4
Cheese, processed	108.0	108.0	109.2	109.2	108.8	107.2	103.8
Dairy products, other	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	105.8	105.3
Fish processing	127.5	127.1	128.5	128.2	120.1	113.7	106.3
Fruit and vegetable preparations	102.6	103.2	104.4	105.0	104.8	102.9	102.7
Feed mills	107.2	107.0	102.5	102.6	103.5	103.6	98.7
Flour mills	112.2	111.4	105.1	104.9	104.4	103.6	100.2
Breakfast foods	116.2	113.2	112.4	112.4	111.8	111.4	109.0
Biscuits	107.7	107.7	109.5	109.5	109.4	107.7	108.0
Bread and other bakery products	113.6	113.6	115.6	114.8	114.3	112.9	109.3
Carbonated beverages	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.5	105.1	105.7
Distilled liquors	107.0	106.8	106.1	106.1	106.4	106.6	106.6
Breweries	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	104.8	104.1
Wines	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	100.0	100.8	100.2
Confectionery	114.3	114.3	114.6	114.6	114.8	115.4	115.1
Sugar refining	90.2	91.4	93.8	98.4	95.6	93.6	103.6
Miscellaneous food preparations	85.2	85.3	82.4	82.3	82.2	82.5	87.4
Macaroni and kindred products	119.1	119.1	112.6	112.6	110.1	108.1	107.2
Tobacco and tobacco products industries:							
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	102.3	102.3	102.1	102.0	101.4	101.1	100.0
Rubber products industries:							
Rubber goods, including footwear	98.2	98.2	104.0	104.1	102.5	99.3	99.1
Leather products industries:							
Footwear, leather	110.8	110.7	109.2	109.4	109.6	105.6	100.6
Gloves and mittens, leather	102.1	102.1	108.8	109.0	109.2	102.9	94.3
Leather tanning	126.7	126.5	113.8	114.1	119.2	130.8	101.1
Belting, leather	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4	100.0
Textile mills industries:							
Cotton yarn and cloth	98.9	98.4	96.0	96.0	96.0	96.4	98.1
Woollen cloth	101.8	102.0	99.7	99.7	100.4	98.6	101.6
Woollen yarn	99.0	98.6	95.3	95.1	97.6	96.9	98.3
Miscellaneous woollen goods	96.4	96.4	96.6	96.6	97.1	97.5	100.1
Synthetic textiles and silk	96.9	96.9(1)	95.6	95.6	96.2	99.0	99.6
Cordage, rope and twine	99.6	102.7	103.0	101.8	99.5	93.8	93.4
Bags, cotton and jute	111.8	111.0	106.7	107.7	101.6	95.7	96.4
Oilcloth, linoleum and other coated fabrics	105.5	105.5	102.2	102.2	101.8	100.9	100.5
Automobile accessories, fabric	84.9	84.9	90.6	90.6	91.4	86.6	86.3

(1) Corrected.

TABLE 5. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry - Continued
(1956=100)

Major group and component industries	Months				Annual averages		
	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960	Nov. 1960	1960	1959	1958
Clothing and knitting mills industries:							
Clothing, men's factory	104.6	104.5	103.9	103.8	103.2	102.3	101.9
Clothing, women's factory	83.4	83.2	98.9	98.9	96.0	95.8	105.5
Hosiery	87.8	87.8	88.0	88.0	88.1	92.0	93.7
Other knitted goods	91.6	91.5	93.6	93.7	93.7	96.7	100.2
Hats and caps	103.9	103.9	102.2	102.2	102.7	102.2	100.0
Wood products industries:							
Veneers and plywoods	82.1	77.3	86.9	86.0	87.5	93.3	88.9
Sash, door and planing mills	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.9	100.4	100.9	100.0
Flooring, hardwood	93.8	93.8	94.5	94.9	95.6	97.8	96.4
Lumber mills	92.7	92.3	91.8	90.5	95.0	98.6	93.1
Shingle mills	87.1	87.6	84.0	86.4	91.3	102.6	92.9
Furniture	106.2	106.5	105.9	105.9	106.0	105.2	103.9
Boxes and baskets, wood	116.8	116.8	116.3	115.7	116.1	113.8	114.1
Paper products industries:							
Boxes and bags, paper	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	103.9	103.4	102.0
Pulp mills	95.8	95.2	92.3	92.3	96.4	98.0	100.1
Paper mills	106.3	106.0	104.2	104.2	103.7	102.8	102.6
Roofing paper	85.7	85.7	97.8	98.1	92.8	94.0	98.4
Miscellaneous paper goods	104.3	104.3	104.5	104.7	105.5	105.7	104.6
Iron and steel products industries:							
Agricultural implements	114.6	113.3	112.7	112.7	111.2	110.1	108.2
Heating and cooking apparatus	94.3	94.9	95.7	95.6	97.1	98.1	99.5
Machinery, household, office and store	99.6	99.6	99.0	99.0	99.3	99.3	100.1
Castings, iron	106.8	106.8	106.8	105.9	105.6	104.1	105.3
Pig iron	106.2	106.2	106.2	106.2	105.6	105.4	105.8
Steel ingots and castings	121.1	121.1	121.1	121.1	119.6	115.7	108.9
Rolled iron and steel products	106.8	106.7	107.5	107.5	107.6	107.2	107.4
Wire and wire goods	106.0	106.0	106.1	106.1	106.0	105.6	106.2
Transportation equipment industries:							
Boatbuilding	122.7	122.7	124.3	124.3	124.3	118.9	114.0
Motor vehicles	118.1	118.2	115.1	115.2	116.3	115.2	111.0
Motor vehicle parts	106.2	106.1	105.1	105.0	104.6	103.4	103.4
Non-ferrous metal products industries:							
Aluminum products	103.0	103.0	102.6	102.6	101.8	100.2	100.8
Brass and copper products	84.6	84.6	81.5	81.5	83.4	82.3	75.8
Jewellery and silverware	108.3	104.2	100.6	100.7	100.0	99.1	99.1
Non-ferrous metal smelting and refining	98.4	97.0	92.3	92.8	93.4	90.7	88.2
White metal alloys	89.4	89.2	88.0	88.0	88.1	86.1	85.1

TABLE 5. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry - Concluded
(1956=100)

Major group and component industries	Months				Annual averages		
	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960	Nov. 1960	1960	1959	1958
Electrical apparatus and supplies industries:							
Batteries	99.2	99.2	99.2	98.8	98.6	99.6	101.6
Machinery, heavy electrical	90.5	90.4	91.4	92.9	96.7	97.7	98.0
Refrigerators, vacuum cleaners and appliances	82.9	83.1	86.1	87.8	89.2	94.8	95.8
Miscellaneous electrical apparatus and supplies	100.3	100.6	101.3	102.0	102.2	103.1	102.0
Wires and cables	86.7	86.8	84.9	84.9	86.2	85.5	80.3
Non-metallic mineral products industries:							
Abrasives, artificial	113.9	113.8	113.0	113.0	113.0	111.6	109.6
Clay products from imported clay	107.4	107.4	107.9	107.9	108.0	103.0	101.4
Gypsum products	105.6	105.6	105.1	105.1	105.0	105.2	103.5
Concrete products	95.6	95.8	96.4	96.4	96.9	98.9	99.4
Clay products from domestic clay	105.2	105.2	111.1	111.1	109.8	106.8	104.2
Products of petroleum and coal industries:							
Coke and gas products	109.8	106.8	106.2	106.2	106.6	106.5	105.8
Petroleum refining and products	99.6	99.6	99.3	99.3	99.7	100.4	100.9
Lubricating oils and greases	114.8	114.1	114.1	114.1	113.0	111.5	110.4
Chemicals and allied products industries:							
Acids, alkalies and salts	103.2	103.3	104.0	104.1	104.6	105.2	103.6
Fertilizers	100.4	101.0	101.5	102.2	101.5	101.8	102.7
Medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations	100.6	100.7	100.6	101.0	102.1	102.2	101.1
Paints, varnishes and lacquers	107.2	107.2	106.6	105.8	105.9	105.8	103.9
Soaps, washing compounds and cleaning preparations	113.8	113.7	113.4	113.4	113.4	111.4	107.1
Vegetable oils	102.0	97.9	86.1	83.2	87.5	92.5	92.2
Primary plastics	88.7	88.7	91.1	93.0	93.0	94.2	98.2
Inks, printing	104.2	104.2	104.1	104.1	104.1	103.8	103.1
Polishes and dressings	113.6	113.6	109.7	106.6	107.9	106.6	104.4
Gases, compressed	111.4	111.4	112.8	111.5	112.4	110.5	104.2
Adhesives	106.9	106.9	108.2	108.2	108.2	106.9	105.4
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries:							
Typewriter supplies	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3
Fountain pens and pencils	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4
Clocks, watches and watch cases	105.8	105.8	101.4	101.4	101.4	101.6	99.2
Buttons, buckles and fasteners	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.1	103.2
Candles	104.4	104.4	103.4	103.4	103.4	103.0	102.8
Pipes, lighters and smokers' supplies	95.7	95.7	103.8	103.8	103.6	100.9	101.8

TABLE 6. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Commodities
(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960	Nov. 1960	1960	1959	1958
Slaughtering and meat packing industry:							
Pork, fresh or frozen	99.2	100.0	113.1	106.7	103.1	99.6	109.1
Sausage, fresh	111.0	110.5	112.7	110.8	105.5	105.4	117.7
Weiners and bologna	128.0	131.1	130.8	131.8	127.8	130.6	136.3
Margarine	89.8	89.8 ⁽¹⁾	91.0	88.5	88.3	93.4	97.0
Concentrated milk products industry:							
Milk, whole, evaporated	109.6	109.6	109.6	109.6	109.0	107.8	107.8
Milk, whole, powder, spray process	101.4	101.4	106.1	106.1	107.0	107.5	110.8
Milk, skim, powder, spray process	59.2	58.5	77.4	77.4	78.8	95.1	119.6
Fish processing industry:							
Cod, fillets, frozen	118.5	118.5	110.9	109.2	110.9	117.8	107.9
Salmon, canned, sockeye	119.1	119.1	129.4	129.4	122.5	109.6	102.2
Fruit and vegetable preparations industry:							
Peaches, canned	100.6	99.7	114.2	114.2	112.5	97.3	95.0
Corn, creamed, whole grain, canned	114.6	118.4	120.6	120.6	121.5	119.3	111.8
Peas, canned	106.8	106.8	103.6	103.6	100.8	93.4	91.6
Tomato juice, canned	90.6	95.3	92.2	92.2	97.4	99.0	102.6
Feed mills industry:							
Feeds, dairy and cattle	105.4	104.2	95.7	95.7	97.7	99.4	96.5
Flour mills industry:							
Wheat flour, Spring, No. 2 patent	115.3	115.3	108.4	108.4	109.3	108.3	104.0
Wheat flour, Spring, No. 3 patent	111.8	111.8	104.9	104.9	104.7	104.3	100.8
Wheat flour, Ontario winter	109.3	109.3	108.1	108.1	114.3	103.4	97.6
Shorts and middlings	106.7	102.1	95.8	94.6	87.9	92.7	92.0
Bread and other bakery products industry:							
Rolls and buns, plain	123.3	123.3	123.3	123.3	120.4	116.6	117.3
Pies, cakes, cookies and pastries	112.9	112.9	112.9	109.9	109.8	108.3	108.7
Breweries industry:							
Beer in small bottles	105.1	105.1	105.1	105.1	105.1	104.2	103.8
Confectionery industry:							
Chewing gum	101.6	101.6	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.8	103.4
Chocolate bars	107.1	107.1	107.4	107.4	108.2	109.0	108.7
Chocolate, in packages	116.0	116.0	118.0	118.0	118.0	117.3	115.4
Sugar confectionery, in bulk	129.3	129.3	128.8	128.8	128.0	128.9	129.8

(1) Corrected.

TABLE 6. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Commodities - Continued
(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960	Nov. 1960	1960	1959	1958
Sugar refining industry:							
Sugar, granulated, cane and beet	90.3	91.4	94.2	98.7	95.9	94.0	103.8
Sugar, yellow or brown, cane and beet	88.2	89.5	88.9	93.5	91.6	88.8	99.0
Sugar, icing, cane and beet	92.3	93.6	96.0	100.5	98.5	94.4	106.4
Miscellaneous food preparations industry:							
Coffee, roasted	65.2	65.2	62.2	62.2	62.4	63.2	73.9
Jelly powders	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9	102.9
Tea, blended, packaged	100.5	100.5	96.6	96.6	96.6	96.6	96.6
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes, industry:							
Tobacco, smoking, fine cut	109.5	109.5	108.6	108.0	105.8	105.1	101.9
Cigarettes	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.2	99.9	99.2
Rubber goods, including footwear, industry:							
Tires, balloon, passenger cars, standard ..	94.8	94.8	102.8	102.8	101.1	98.5	99.2
Hose, fire, garden, etc.	100.0	100.0	105.2	105.2	103.0	99.9	98.2
Footwear, leather, industry:							
Men's goodyear welts	114.1	114.1	111.1	111.1	111.6	108.2	102.1
Misses' stitchdowns	104.4	104.1	103.1	103.9	105.3	104.3	102.1
Children's and little gents' stitchdowns ..	115.0	114.3	113.1	114.0	115.2	109.0	109.2
Babies and infants' stichdowns	109.9	109.1	109.1	109.3	110.8	107.4	102.6
Gloves and mittens, leather, industry:							
Gloves and mittens, dress, men's lined	91.0	91.0	93.8	94.3	93.9	92.3	90.6
Gloves and mittens, work, men's unlined ...	109.1	109.1	118.2	118.2	118.8	109.3	96.5
Leather tanning industry:							
Upper leather, cattle hides	132.6	132.6	113.0	113.0	118.8	133.1	100.7
Upper leather, chrome splits	116.9	116.9	117.4	117.4	124.9	124.6	101.0
Sole leather, shoulders	119.1	118.6	109.2	109.9	113.0	117.6	99.9
Synthetic textiles and silk industry:							
Woven fabrics, continuous filament rayon ..	105.6	105.4	102.9	102.9	102.9	100.6	99.3
Woven fabrics, mixtures of continuous filament rayon and cotton	96.3	96.3	96.3	96.3	96.3	97.3	100.0
Cordage, rope and twine industry:							
Twine, all sisal	117.0	117.0	116.7	113.7	107.0	95.7	95.7

TABLE 6. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Commodities - Continued
(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960	Nov. 1960	1960	1959	1958
Bags, cotton and jute, industry:							
Bags, jute	119.7	118.6	112.9	114.8	103.1	94.6	97.8
Bags, cotton	102.9	102.6	99.8	99.8	99.8	97.0	94.7
Clothing, men's factory, industry:							
Jackets, separate, civilian	116.8	115.1	110.8	110.8	109.2	107.3	107.1
Shirts, cotton, fine	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.0	99.1	99.0	99.0
Shirts, cotton, work	95.8	95.8	98.5	98.5	99.2	97.4	98.4
Pyjamas	100.6	100.6	100.6	100.6	100.6	100.6	100.4
Clothing, women's factory, industry:							
Slips, rayon and rayon mixtures	95.3	95.3(1)	96.4	96.4	96.3	98.7	97.9
Hosiery industry:							
Socks, wool and wool mixtures, men's, seamless, fine	92.0	92.0	92.6	92.6	93.2	95.0	93.8
Socks, wool and wool mixtures, men's, seamless, work	97.8	97.8	97.8	97.8	97.8	97.8	97.8
Other knitted goods industry:							
Knitted goods, infants', all kinds	96.8	96.8	96.1	96.1	96.2	99.5	101.5
Linings, glove and shoe	102.5	102.5	101.0	101.0	101.0	100.6	101.4
Veneers and plywoods industry:							
Veneer, yellow birch	84.4	84.4	93.0	93.0	95.9	90.7	88.9
Plywood, Douglas fir	76.9	68.2	82.2	80.2	81.4	92.9	85.5
Plywood, yellow birch	93.3	93.3	94.6	95.7	96.9	96.4	95.6
Doors, veneer and plywood, slab-type	87.8	87.8	88.1	88.1	89.4	94.6	97.3
Sash, door and planing mills industry:							
Sash and doors	111.3	111.3	110.6	110.6	109.4	105.0	101.4
Lumber, matched	98.3	98.3	92.0	93.5	96.0	100.5	101.3
Lumber, planed	91.0	91.0	92.8	92.7	94.2	97.6	98.2
Mouldings	104.1	104.1	104.3	104.3	104.3	104.4	104.3
Flooring, hardwood, industry:							
Flooring, birch	96.4	96.4	98.8	99.7	100.5	100.4	98.4
Flooring, red oak	91.1	91.1	90.1	90.1	90.8	95.1	94.3
Lumber mills industry:							
Pine, white	103.6	105.9	105.9	105.9	105.9	103.7	101.2
Pine, jack and lodge-pole	87.5	87.9	87.5	88.0	90.1	94.2	92.7
Birch, yellow	106.7	105.4	105.6	105.3	104.2	104.2	104.0
Maple, hard	95.9	95.6	95.4	95.4	93.8	95.2	94.4

(1) Corrected.

TABLE 10. Consumer Price Indexes - Main Groups, Selected Components and Supplementary Classifications
(1949=100)

	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960	Nov. 1960	1960	1959	1958
All-items index	129.8	129.7	129.6	129.6	128.0	126.5	125.1
Food	124.5	123.6	125.3	125.5	122.2	121.1	122.1
Food at home	124.4	123.3	125.3	125.5	122.2	121.1	122.1
Dairy products	130.0	130.0	130.3	131.3	131.2	129.7	128.7
Cereal products	144.6	145.1	142.4	142.2	141.4	138.8	135.9
Miscellaneous groceries ...	118.3	118.3	118.4	118.3	117.3	118.4	122.5
Restaurant meals(1)	106.6	106.6	105.0	105.0	104.2	103.6	103.8
Housing	133.8	133.7	133.2	133.2	132.7	131.4	129.0
Shelter	145.9	145.6	144.6	144.5	143.7	141.4	138.4
Tenant costs	143.5	143.5	143.1	143.1	142.8	142.0	140.5
Home-ownership costs	148.8	148.4	146.6	146.3	145.0	140.6	135.6
Property taxes	153.5	152.3	146.6	145.8	143.4	137.6	134.1
Mortgage interest	109.3	109.3	109.3	109.3	109.3	109.3	104.9
Repairs	161.6	161.4	161.2	161.1	159.4	154.2	148.5
New houses	154.9	154.6	153.7	153.4	152.6	148.4	142.5
Personal property in- surance	126.1	126.1	126.9	126.9	124.6	117.3	111.8
Household operation	123.4	123.3	123.5	123.5	123.3	122.7	121.0
Fuel (excluding elec- tricity)	115.5	115.5	117.8	118.0	118.1	118.5	117.5
Coal	126.8	126.5	123.7	123.7	123.5	125.2	124.2
Fuel oil	101.7	101.7	105.9	107.0	107.9	108.6	107.0
Domestic gas	112.1	112.1	111.0	111.0	111.0	106.5	106.1
Electricity	117.7	117.7	117.6	117.6	117.2	116.8	115.7
Home furnishings	116.9	116.7	117.0	116.9	116.9	117.0	116.8
Appliances	85.5	85.5	90.3	90.3	90.5	94.6	96.5
Furniture	124.3	123.8	121.4	121.3	121.8	122.2	121.4
Floor coverings	134.1	133.0	131.1	131.0	130.9	130.9	131.4
Textiles	115.4	114.7	113.6	113.6	112.8	112.0	112.6
Utensils and equipment ..	144.1	144.1	141.3	141.2	140.5	135.7	133.0
Supplies and services	139.2	139.1	137.8	137.7	137.0	134.8	130.2
Supplies	132.9	132.6	131.4	131.3	130.4	127.6	123.0
Services	143.8	143.8	142.5	142.4	141.9	140.8	134.6
Telephone rates	150.5	150.5	148.6	148.4	148.0	147.6	138.9
Household help	161.3	161.3	160.4	160.4	159.3	156.6	150.0
Household effects in- surance	113.1	113.1	114.1	114.1	113.0	109.6	107.9
Clothing	113.7	114.0	112.6	112.5	110.9	109.9	109.7
Men's wear	120.7	120.8	119.2	118.8	117.5	117.3	116.4
Suit	125.2	125.4	123.0	122.9	120.7	119.7	119.0
Business shirt	116.0	116.3	115.8	114.8	115.7	115.8	114.9
Hat	126.5	126.5	120.8	117.6	117.5	114.4	112.8
Women's wear	98.8	99.4	97.7	97.8	96.4	96.5	97.9
Winter coat	108.0	110.1	108.4	108.4	99.4	101.7	104.6
Spring coat	86.9	87.3	84.8	84.8	89.0	91.1	93.4
Cotton street dress ...	100.1	100.6	89.7	89.7	89.6	86.8	89.1
Slip	99.6	99.6	98.8	98.8	98.6	98.7	99.7
Hosiery	77.6	78.2	80.4	80.5	80.4	80.6	80.9

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TABLE 10. Consumer Price Indexes - Main Groups, Selected Components and Supplementary Classifications - Continued

(1949=100)

	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960	Nov. 1960	1960	1959	1958
Clothing - Concluded							
Children's wear	107.5	107.9	107.3	107.1	104.9	105.0	105.4
Boys							
Slacks	115.8	115.8	115.3	114.3	114.4	114.2	113.3
T-Shirt	118.4	118.8	118.2	118.2	116.9	115.3	113.9
Sweater	116.6	116.6	112.9	112.9	113.2	113.9	112.3
Parka	100.9	102.4	100.3	100.2	94.2	90.8	92.8
Girls							
Spring coat	120.9	121.2	116.4	116.4	116.9	115.3	119.6
Cotton dress	93.0	92.6	91.2	91.2	90.4	89.7	89.2
Snow suit	97.3	98.0	98.3	97.3	91.4	92.8	95.3
Infants							
Diapers	106.6	106.6	112.9	113.0	114.0	117.1	117.8
Overalls	113.9	113.9	113.9	113.9	112.3	112.9	113.2
Footwear	148.4	148.5	146.8	146.8	144.2	137.6	133.5
Men's oxfords	155.0	155.1	151.6	151.6	149.3	139.4	135.1
Women's street shoes ..	147.5	147.2	144.7	144.7	141.2	135.5	131.2
Children's shoes	148.8	148.8	148.7	148.7	148.7	135.9	130.6
Women's overshoes	137.4	138.9	141.6	142.1	137.4	141.7	140.6
Piece goods	115.3	115.3	113.8	113.8	113.2	112.0	111.4
Cotton dress print	106.9	106.7	106.0	106.1	104.8	104.6	104.0
Wool dress material ...	96.7	96.7	96.3	96.3	95.7	94.6	94.4
Clothing services	141.5	142.6	141.8	141.6	140.9	138.0	135.9
Laundry	153.7	152.7	151.9	151.4	149.9	146.7	144.4
Dry cleaning	130.6	132.4	132.0	131.9	131.8	130.2	129.5
Shoe repairs	149.3	149.0	146.0	145.8	145.3	140.3	135.4
Jewellery(1)	108.1	108.1	106.3	106.3	105.3	104.4	102.8
Transportation	141.1	141.5	141.4	141.5	140.3	138.4	133.8
Automobile operation	123.0	123.3	123.6	123.8	123.1	122.9	121.2
New passenger car	124.9	124.9	128.2	128.2	128.0	127.1	121.6
Gasoline	103.3	104.6	103.6	104.0	103.6	107.6	110.8
Tires	141.7	141.7	145.1	145.1	139.8	134.2	131.7
Automobile insurance ..	150.0	150.0	140.4	140.4	140.0	138.3	132.0
Fender repair	183.3	183.3	184.1	184.1	180.4	171.8	164.2
Brake relining	149.9	149.9	151.3	151.3	154.4	150.8	146.4
Battery	99.4	99.4	98.8	98.8	98.7	100.0	106.1
Local transportation	195.6	195.6	192.8	192.8	190.6	185.6	173.8
Street car and bus							
fares	205.4	205.4	202.3	202.3	199.8	194.3	181.6
Taxi fare	131.4	131.4	130.5	130.5	130.2	128.4	122.2
Travel	120.6	120.6	120.4	120.4	119.0	115.1	111.8
Train fare	119.2	119.2	119.2	119.2	117.4	112.7	109.4
Bus fare	124.9	124.9	124.0	124.0	124.0	122.4	119.3
Plane fare(1)	95.2	95.2	102.9	102.9	101.5	101.0	99.8

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TABLE 10. Consumer Price Indexes - Main Groups, Selected Components and Supplementary Classifications - Continued

(1949=100)

	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960	Nov. 1960	1960	1959	1958
Health and personal care	156.8	156.7	155.0	154.8	154.5	150.2	145.4
Health care	161.1	160.8	159.3	159.3	158.7	154.5	150.1
Doctors' fees	146.7	146.7	144.5	144.5	143.6	141.7	137.8
Office call	154.2	154.2	152.2	152.2	150.8	149.7	145.8
Confinement	164.3	164.3	156.4	156.4	155.4	150.5	142.4
Appendectomy	119.2	119.2	119.0	119.0	118.9	118.1	116.8
Dentists' fees	160.2	160.2	156.6	156.6	154.8	149.6	145.0
Filling	160.8	160.8	157.3	157.3	155.2	148.3	144.2
Dentures	139.3	139.3	136.8	136.8	136.1	133.2	130.6
Extraction	192.2	192.2	185.7	185.7	183.7	178.2	168.2
Optical care	135.6	135.6	132.3	132.3	131.6	129.6	127.1
Prepaid medical care	177.1	176.2	175.2	175.2	172.6	168.5	169.4
Pharmaceuticals	123.9	123.9	125.4	125.4	127.3	124.1	118.2
Headache tablets	126.7	126.7	118.9	118.9	118.8	114.2	108.1
Vitamins	107.0	107.0	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.0	106.4
Bandages	172.5	172.5	169.7	169.7	169.4	162.6	149.9
Prescriptions	102.3	102.3	105.6	105.6	112.9	111.6	107.5
Personal care	147.3	147.3	144.9	144.3	144.7	140.0	134.4
Supplies	128.3	128.3	127.2	126.3	127.7	126.4	123.0
Toilet soap	124.9	124.9	123.9	120.8	123.1	121.3	116.0
Toothpaste	129.4	129.4	132.6	132.6	133.8	134.4	132.6
Face powder	142.2	142.2	137.2	137.2	135.7	129.8	125.5
Cleansing tissues	117.1	117.1	116.4	116.4	118.2	116.0	115.2
Services	175.2	175.2	171.4	171.4	170.2	160.6	151.3
Men's haircut	184.0	184.0	179.2	179.2	178.4	169.1	159.4
Women's hairdressing ..	161.6	161.6	158.6	158.6	156.6	146.6	138.1
Recreation and reading	146.3	146.3	146.1	146.2	144.3	141.7	138.4
Recreation	144.1	144.1	143.7	143.8	141.6	138.6	135.3
Theatre admission	179.7	179.7	176.6	176.6	173.2	165.3	160.6
Radio	100.3	100.3	103.6	103.6	104.2	107.7	107.9
Television(1)	99.2	99.2	105.0	105.0	105.4	105.1	105.7
Camera film	159.5	159.5	153.7	153.7	147.6	145.3	142.8
Phonograph record	129.5	129.5	140.2	140.2	136.6	141.4	126.8
Bicycle	112.3	111.8	113.6	114.4	115.4	118.3	117.7
Sports equipment(1) ...	100.8	100.8	100.7	100.7	100.7	100.0	100.1
Toys(1)	100.8	100.8	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.0
Reading	153.0	153.0	153.1	153.1	151.9	150.6	147.2
Newspapers	169.0	169.0	167.9	167.9	166.3	163.6	160.2
Magazines	111.8	111.8	113.1	113.1	113.1	115.7	111.8
Tobacco and alcohol	117.3	117.3	115.8	115.8	115.8	114.0	110.6
Tobacco	110.7	110.7	109.5	109.5	109.5	107.1	101.3
Cigarettes	105.1	105.1	104.1	104.1	104.4	101.7	95.6
Cigarette tobacco	135.4	135.4	130.6	130.6	129.3	128.0	123.0
Alcohol	121.9	121.9	120.1	120.1	120.0	118.6	116.9
Beer	121.4	121.4	119.8	119.8	119.8	118.5	117.8
Liquor	123.2	123.2	120.8	120.8	120.8	118.7	115.0

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TABLE 10. Consumer Price Indexes - Main Groups, Selected Components and Supplementary Classifications - Concluded

(1949=100)

	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960	Nov. 1960	1960	1959	1958
Supplementary classifications							
Commodities							
Total	120.2	120.1	120.4	120.1	119.4	118.4	118.1
Total excluding food	118.2	118.4	118.3	118.3	117.7	117.0	115.5
Durable	116.5	116.4	118.2	118.2	118.2	118.5	117.5
Household equipment	114.9	114.6	115.9	115.9	116.0	116.6	116.3
Appliances(2)	88.6	88.6	93.5	93.5	93.8	97.8	99.2
Other	132.4	131.9	129.6	129.5	129.5	128.1	126.8
Transportation equipment ..	122.8	122.8	125.7	125.8	125.2	124.6	121.0
Non-durable	121.0	120.8	120.8	120.4	119.5	118.4	118.2
Non-durable excluding food ..	118.9	119.0	118.3	118.3	117.6	116.6	115.0
Textiles ("use" classification)	108.5	108.8	107.4	107.3	106.0	105.8	106.3
Garments	107.5	107.9	106.5	106.4	104.9	104.9	105.4
Household furnishings and piece goods	115.3	114.9	113.7	113.7	112.9	112.0	112.2
Textiles (chief component material classification) ..	108.5	108.8	107.4	107.3	106.0	105.8	106.3
Wool	118.1	118.8	116.4	116.3	114.3	114.2	114.4
Cotton	113.8	113.8	111.3	111.1	110.4	110.4	110.1
Synthetic	99.2	99.3	99.6	99.5	99.1	99.2	99.5
Fur	85.8	86.0	85.9	85.5	82.4	81.4	84.9
Footwear	148.4	148.5	146.8	146.8	144.2	137.6	133.5
Leather	150.0	149.9	147.7	147.7	145.4	136.8	132.3
Rubber and plastic	137.4	138.9	141.6	142.1	137.4	141.7	140.6
Other non-durable	121.6	121.7	121.1	121.1	120.9	120.0	117.4
Services							
Total	156.3	156.3	154.5	154.0	153.4	150.1	146.0
Total excluding shelter	164.1	164.1	160.9	160.8	159.4	154.8	149.3
Supplementary food indexes							
Beef	138.5	130.3	132.7	132.2	131.6	137.4	128.9
Pork	111.8	114.2	112.5	110.3	103.9	105.1	113.4
Fresh pork	110.5	112.5	115.6	113.6	107.8	107.2	115.4
Cured pork	111.8	114.7	108.9	106.5	99.4	102.6	111.1
Other meats	112.5	113.2	112.0	111.6	112.6	114.4	112.2
Fish	135.1	135.3	134.1	133.3	129.3	124.4	118.9
Poultry	67.5	64.9	79.0	76.8	80.9	79.1	87.2
Eggs	92.1	110.7	100.9	110.6	88.6	88.4	94.1
Dairy products including							
butter	123.6	123.6	123.9	124.5	124.4	123.3	122.3
Fats and oils including							
butter	106.2	106.3	105.2	104.9	104.4	104.5	105.7
Fats and oils excluding							
butter	100.8	101.9	95.9	95.6	94.3	95.5	102.1
Total fruit	132.5	131.6	131.5	128.1	128.7	120.8	129.4
Fresh fruit	135.1	133.2	136.4	131.1	132.1	121.2	137.9
Canned fruit	118.0	118.4	114.8	114.3	113.0	108.6	107.3
Total vegetables	128.1	120.2	130.9	124.5	135.0	127.2	126.7
Fresh vegetables	127.8	116.0	132.8	121.9	140.0	128.4	129.4
Canned vegetables	129.2	129.0	128.2	128.3	127.6	125.6	122.7
Direct imports	133.2	133.3	130.3	127.5	125.8	123.8	134.0

(1) 1957=100.

(2) Includes television and radio.

TABLE 11. Average Retail Prices for Canada - Selected Food Items (1)

Item	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Nov.	1960	1959	1958	December
	1961	1961	1960	1960				1961	price
								relative
								1949=100
Beef:								
Sirloin steak, lb.	102.5	97.3	98.8	98.9	97.7	101.0	94.4	145.6
Round steak, lb.	94.4	88.3	89.6	90.0	88.9	93.0	87.9	140.8
Prime rib roast, lb. (2)	93.3	88.3	88.0	88.1	88.1	90.4	84.8	139.1
Blade roast, lb. (3)	67.1	60.8	63.0	61.5	61.5	65.1	61.5	138.8
Stewing beef, lb.	68.4	65.7	65.5	65.5	65.2	67.0	61.3	146.7
Hamburg, lb.	47.9	45.8	46.9	46.7	47.1	49.8	46.4	126.4
Liver, sliced, lb.	54.4	54.1	56.7	56.2	56.7	59.4	..	97.0(4)
Pork:								
Shoulder roast, Boston butt, fresh, lb.	55.7	54.3	58.0	56.1	53.5	53.3	58.2	100.8
Rib chops, fresh, lb.	69.8	72.0	75.3	74.7	69.8	67.6	72.5	122.8
Ham, smoked, boneless, to be cooked, lb. (5)	97.0	96.3	98.9	97.5	92.3	89.3	93.7	114.1(6)
Bacon, side, fancy, sliced, rind off, 1/2 lb.	49.1	51.2	45.4	44.2	40.5	43.1	47.0	115.8
Sausage, pure pork, lb.	57.1	57.8	56.7	56.2	54.1	55.3	58.5	115.6
Other meats:								
Veal, loin chops, rib end, lb.	90.8	91.2	90.4	90.7	91.8	93.2	88.1	122.2
Lamb, leg roast, lb.	71.7	71.2	74.1	73.0	76.2	76.6	81.3	99.6
Bologna, sliced, lb.	44.8	44.7	44.2	44.0	43.4	44.3	43.3	108.6
Meat loaf, canned, mainly pork, ready to eat, 12 oz.	47.1	47.3	35.7	32.8	36.1	48.1	..	150.5(4)
Weiners or frankfurters, lb.	52.7	53.5	54.2	54.3	..	..	..	100.8(4)
Fish:								
Salmon, canned, fancy pink, 8 oz.	35.7	35.7	35.6	35.3	33.4	30.9	29.9	144.2
Cod fillets, frozen, lb. (7)	36.5	37.2	38.3	37.7	37.7	36.7	34.6	107.7(6)
Poultry:								
Chicken, grade A eviscerated (1 1/2 - 3 lb.), lb. (7)	40.2	38.8	46.8	45.4	47.9	46.8	51.1	76.2(6)
Fruits:								
Bananas, yellow, lb.	19.1	18.8	19.2	18.4	19.3	20.3	20.5	101.8
Oranges, California, medium size (138's), doz.	58.1	56.9	61.8	58.0	52.2	45.2	57.1	165.1
Apples, volume seller, lb.	13.8	12.8	14.5	14.0	15.7	13.1	15.0	134.9
Grapefruit, white, 96's, 1/2 doz.	48.8	54.3	51.1	55.2	56.1	52.6	59.7	126.8
Peaches, canned, choice, halves, 15 oz.	23.2	23.2	24.3	24.2	23.8	21.8	22.5	112.4
Pears, canned, choice, 15 oz.	21.7	21.6	21.8	22.0	21.8	21.0	20.8	100.7
Strawberries, canned, choice, 15 oz.	32.8	32.8	33.6	33.5	33.4	33.0	32.4	108.0
Orange juice, unsweetened, 20 oz.	22.5	22.7	19.9	19.7	19.6	22.3	18.6	106.8
Apple juice, choice, 20 oz.	16.9	17.2	16.4	16.1	16.0	15.8	15.2	146.4
Raisins, California and Australia, lb.	30.5	30.5	29.3	29.5	30.6	31.1	27.6	173.0
Strawberries, frozen, fancy, pkg., 15 oz. ...	42.8	42.8	43.0	42.9	42.1	41.9	42.8	91.4(6)
Orange juice, concentrate, frozen, fancy, 6 oz. (8)	26.0	25.9	23.3	23.1	23.3	27.2	..	113.2(4)
Pineapple, Hawaiian, sliced, 20 oz.	43.1	43.1	40.8	40.7	..	..	..	106.7(4)
Vegetables:								
Potatoes, No. 1 table, 10 lb.	41.0	39.9	47.9	47.3	58.0	48.9	45.7	117.8
Tomatoes, fresh, lb.	26.9	25.1	36.6	23.8	27.0	24.8	28.2	115.1
Lettuce, head, fresh, lb.	22.7	17.7	19.5	22.9	19.0	18.7	19.2	147.7
Carrots, lb.	11.2	10.9	10.6	10.5	11.7	11.7	12.4	149.6
Celery stalks, green, lb.	18.1	15.1	14.6	15.0	16.6	16.3	18.6	107.2
Cabbage, lb.	7.8	6.3	6.8	6.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	102.0
Onions, No. 1, cooking, lb.	11.4	10.7	8.8	9.2	10.0	11.4	10.1	155.2
Turnips, Canada No. 1, lb.	7.3	7.3	6.6	6.7	7.3	6.9	7.6	146.4
Tomatoes, canned, choice, 28 oz.	26.9	26.7	27.6	27.8	27.8	27.3	26.6	134.0

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 11. Average Retail Prices for Canada - Selected Food Items(1) - Concluded

Item	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Nov.	1960	1959	1958	December
	1961	1961	1960	1960				1961
								price
								relative
								1949=100
Vegetables - Concluded:								
Peas, canned, choice, 15 oz.	17.8	17.7	17.4	17.3	17.2	16.8	16.5	122.1
Corn, canned, cream, choice, 20 oz.	21.8	21.9	21.9	21.9	21.7	21.4	20.9	114.2
Beans, with pork and tomato sauce, 15 oz. ...	19.1	19.2	18.8	18.8	18.7	18.5	18.1	137.8
Soup, vegetable, 10 oz.	15.0	15.0	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	14.7	123.3
Green peas, frozen, fancy, pkg., 12 oz.	23.4	23.3	23.2	23.1	22.8	23.0	23.1	92.9(6)
Green beans, French cut, frozen, pkg., 10 oz. (8)	26.6	26.5	26.9	27.1	26.7	27.2	..	99.6(4)
Tomato juice, fancy, 20 oz.	16.3	16.2	15.9	16.5	16.0	16.2	..	101.9(4)
Tomato catsup, bottle, 11 oz.	24.1	24.0	23.6	23.6	..	..	..	102.2(4)
Dairy products:								
Milk, fresh, qt.	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.7	23.7	23.4	23.2	132.0
Milk, evaporated, 16 oz.	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.0	16.0	16.2	108.6
Butter, creamery, first grade, lb.	69.9	69.8	70.1	70.0	69.8	69.6	69.2	108.2
Cheese, plain, processed, 1/2 lb.	36.5	36.3	36.6	36.4	36.6	36.5	35.9	125.0
Powdered skim milk, pkg., 3 lb.	103.4	104.5	110.4	108.6	..	..	..	87.9(4)
Cereal products:								
Bread, plain, white, wrapped, sliced, lb. ...	16.0	16.2	15.7	15.7	15.6	15.2	14.8	159.0
Flour, white, all purpose, lb.	9.2	9.2	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.4	8.0	132.0
Cake mix, white, only liquid to be added, pkg., 14-16 oz.	31.6	31.5	32.3	32.1	32.3	32.1	32.6	99.2
Corn flakes, pkg., 8 oz.	20.1	20.0	20.0	20.0	19.9	19.8	19.7	142.3
Macaroni, dry, pkg., lb.	20.3	20.3	18.9	18.6	18.4	18.3	18.3	147.8
Soda crackers, pkg., lb.	37.8	38.0	37.9	37.9	..	..	..	99.5(4)
Fats:								
Margarine, lb.	30.4	30.9	29.7	29.7	30.0	31.3	32.5	94.4
Shortening, lb.	35.7	36.3	33.1	33.0	33.1	33.1	33.4	110.6
Lard, pure, lb.	22.1	22.2	22.7	22.4	20.0	18.8	24.3	94.1
Salad dressing, jar, 16 oz.	42.8	42.8	40.4	40.2	41.8	44.5	..	105.8(4)
Eggs:								
Eggs, fresh, grade A large, doz.	56.7	68.1	62.1	68.0	54.5	54.4	57.9	92.1
Eggs, fresh, grade A medium, doz. (8)	47.9	59.5	55.1	56.7	48.7	..	..	103.3(4)
Miscellaneous groceries:								
Sugar, granulated, lb.	9.5	9.5	9.7	9.7	9.4	9.4	10.6	103.0
Jam, strawberry, 2 lb. jar (24 fl. oz.) with pectin & pure, lb.	27.3	27.2	27.1	27.0	27.0	27.1	27.3	117.7
Peanut butter, plain, jar, 16 oz.	40.2	40.0	40.0	39.7	39.3	38.5	38.6	110.8
Pickles, sweet, mixed, jar, 16 oz.	34.5	34.8	34.7	35.0	34.7	34.5	34.9	124.1
Infants' food, vegetable, tin, 5 oz.	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.7	10.5	130.1
Tea, black, pkg., 1/2 lb.	61.2	61.2	59.8	59.7	59.6	59.6	60.2	124.9
Tea bags, orange pekoe, pkg., 60-bag	83.8	83.5	80.6	81.0	80.5	80.3	80.9	104.8(4)
Coffee, medium quality, pkg., lb.	74.6	74.9	73.3	73.1	73.2	74.8	87.9	119.9
Coffee, instant, dried, jar, 6 oz.	102.0	102.8	104.3	105.2	106.6	116.1	129.7	96.0(4)
Jelly powders, flavoured, pkg., 3 oz.	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.0	10.0	103.1(6)
Baking chocolate, unsweetened, bar, 8 oz. (8)	61.3	61.3	61.6	61.5	61.5	61.0	..	100.0(4)
Honey, No. 1, white, 2 lb.	60.6	60.6	60.3	60.6	..	..	..	99.7(4)

(1) 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. (2) Includes cuts with bone-in and boned and rolled. (3) Includes cuts with blade-in and blade removed. (4) July 1960=100. (5) Average prices based on chain store prices in 7 cities. (6) 1956=100. (7) Average prices based on prices in 15 cities. (8) Average prices based on prices in 16 cities. .. Figures not available.

TABLE 12. Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities

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

	St. John's Nfld.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver
	June 1951=100				1949=100					
1949		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950		102.1	103.3	103.7	103.1	104.1	103.8	102.2	103.9	103.6
1951		112.1	114.1	116.1	115.3	115.4	114.6	111.7	113.5	114.3
1952	103.5	115.3	117.4	117.6	116.8	117.5	116.1	112.8	114.8	117.4
1953	102.2	113.2	115.3	116.3	115.0	116.8	114.4	113.1	114.0	116.1
1954	102.8	114.1	116.6	116.8	116.2	118.3	115.3	114.2	114.9	117.4
1955	104.2	114.8	117.7	116.9	117.2	118.8	115.9	114.6	114.6	117.9
1956	106.8	116.1	118.8	118.4	119.2	120.6	117.2	115.8	115.7	119.6
1957	109.4	119.8	122.6	121.8	123.2	125.2	120.0	119.1	118.8	122.6
1958	112.0	122.9	125.3	125.5	125.5	128.6	123.0	122.0	121.4	125.6
1959	114.3	125.9	127.7	126.9	126.9	128.9	123.7	123.1	123.0	127.9
1960	115.5	127.2	129.2	127.9	128.6	130.4	125.6	124.4	124.1	129.0
1959 Jan.	112.6	124.8	126.7	126.5	126.4	128.9	123.6	122.8	122.5	128.1
Feb.	113.2	125.2	127.0	126.2	126.1	128.5	123.2	122.4	122.2	127.7
Mar.	113.4	125.0	127.0	126.2	125.9	128.2	122.6	122.1	122.2	127.0
Apr.	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
Aug.	116.0	126.4	128.1	126.9	127.2	128.8	123.4	123.5	122.8	127.2
Sept.	114.9	126.3	128.3	127.8	127.6	129.4	123.9	124.2	124.0	128.3
Oct.	114.5	127.0	129.0	127.8	128.6	130.3	125.0	124.6	124.5	129.6
Nov.	114.6	127.7	129.2	128.7	128.6	130.5	125.7	124.6	124.7	129.8
Dec.	114.6	127.3	129.1	128.7	128.3	130.1	125.4	124.0	124.1	129.6
1960 Jan.	114.7	127.1	129.1	127.8	128.1	129.7	124.7	123.8	123.6	129.3
Feb.	114.8	127.0	129.1	127.5	127.6	129.7	124.1	123.5	123.2	129.1
Mar.	114.5	126.7	128.9	126.5	127.4	129.2	124.0	123.4	123.3	128.7
Apr.	115.6	127.0	129.1	127.6	128.0	129.7	124.7	123.6	123.4	128.2
May	115.9	126.8	128.6	127.2	127.7	129.8	124.8	123.4	123.3	128.1
June	116.2	127.0	128.6	127.8	128.6	130.2	125.0	123.7	123.2	127.7
July	116.5	126.4	128.6	127.2	128.2	130.1	125.4	124.0	123.6	127.5
Aug.	116.1	126.7	129.0	127.5	128.3	130.3	125.8	124.8	124.3	128.3
Sept.	114.8	127.1	129.2	127.7	129.0	130.7	126.2	125.6	125.1	129.2
Oct.	115.0	128.1	130.0	129.1	130.2	132.1	127.1	125.7	125.6	130.5
Nov.	115.9	128.4	130.0	129.7	130.2	131.9	127.7	125.5	125.7	130.8
Dec.	116.3	128.4	130.3	129.7	130.1	131.8	127.8	125.4	125.3	130.7
1961 Jan.	116.2	127.9	130.0	129.4	129.7	131.2	127.3	125.1	125.1	130.3
Feb.	116.2	128.0	129.8	129.4	129.4	131.0	126.9	124.5	124.7	129.9
Mar.	116.5	128.0	129.7	129.0	130.1	130.9	127.0	124.8	124.5	129.6
Apr.	116.8	128.5	129.9	128.7	129.6	130.4	127.0	124.8	124.5	129.9
May	116.7	128.0	129.7	127.9	129.0	130.2	126.6	124.6	124.2	129.1
June	117.0	127.8	129.7	128.3	129.0	130.2	126.7	124.7	124.2	128.4
July	116.9	127.8	129.7	128.5	129.1	130.5	126.9	125.2	124.4	128.2
Aug.	117.9	128.7	131.2	128.8	129.8	130.9	127.3	126.0	125.0	128.5
Sept.	116.7	128.8	130.8	129.5	131.2	132.3	127.9	126.4	125.5	129.0
Oct.	116.5	129.2	130.8	130.4	132.1	132.5	128.7	126.8	126.0	129.6
Nov.	116.4	129.7	130.8	130.8	131.8	131.9	128.9	126.4	125.7	130.1
Dec.	116.5	129.5	130.7	130.9	131.6	131.9	128.9	126.1	125.8	130.1

TABLE 12. Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities - Continued
(1949=100)

	St. John's Nfld. (1)	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver
Food index										
1958 Jan.	107.4	113.8	117.3	123.9	118.0	118.3	119.2	117.5	116.0	119.1
Feb.	107.5	115.0	116.9	123.8	118.7	119.6	119.5	117.9	116.8	119.6
Mar.	107.6	116.3	118.1	126.3	121.1	121.3	120.7	118.5	117.0	119.8
Apr.	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
Aug.	112.5	117.2	120.4	125.4	123.0	123.4	120.3	120.6	117.9	120.5
Sept.	110.8	116.7	120.3	126.4	121.7	122.3	121.7	122.9	119.3	123.0
Oct.	110.0	117.6	120.9	127.5	123.2	122.3	122.1	123.1	120.2	124.3
Nov.	109.5	118.3	121.2	128.2	121.3	122.0	121.7	122.1	120.1	125.6
Dec.	109.5	117.7	120.8	127.1	120.8	120.7	121.8	120.2	119.1	124.4
1959 Jan.	109.7	117.7	120.9	127.0	120.8	120.5	121.7	120.8	119.4	124.1
Feb.	110.7	117.6	121.0	126.3	119.6	119.3	120.4	119.7	118.7	122.8
Mar.	111.3	116.6	120.2	125.5	118.6	117.9	118.7	117.9	117.6	121.2
Apr.	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
Aug.	116.3	117.1	121.4	124.8	120.4	119.0	117.9	120.3	117.5	120.3
Sept.	112.8	116.5	121.7	127.8	121.4	120.9	118.7	122.3	119.1	123.2
Oct.	111.7	118.4	124.0	127.4	123.9	123.8	120.7	123.4	120.6	125.8
Nov.	111.6	119.6	124.0	129.0	123.0	122.2	121.3	121.8	119.6	125.7
Dec.	111.5	117.7	122.9	128.7	122.0	120.6	120.0	119.4	117.8	124.4
1960 Jan.	111.5	117.3	122.6	126.9	121.6	120.3	119.4	119.3	116.6	123.5
Feb.	111.7	117.5	122.6	126.3	120.2	119.8	117.3	117.7	114.9	122.8
Mar.	111.5	115.9	120.9	123.4	119.0	118.2	116.8	117.1	114.8	120.3
Apr.	113.3	117.3	122.1	125.6	120.9	119.8	118.8	117.8	114.7	119.7
May	113.9	116.3	120.7	124.6	119.7	119.3	118.3	117.0	114.3	120.0
June	114.6	116.7	120.1	125.9	121.5	120.3	119.1	117.7	113.6	118.7
July	113.2	114.9	119.9	124.4	120.7	120.4	120.0	118.9	115.1	118.3
Aug.	112.1	115.4	121.4	125.0	121.3	121.1	120.9	121.4	117.6	121.5
Sept.	108.5	116.5	122.4	125.6	123.0	122.8	122.1	124.1	120.0	124.7
Oct.	109.1	119.8	124.7	129.3	126.8	126.6	123.7	124.5	121.3	126.7
Nov.	108.9	119.9	124.4	130.0	125.9	125.8	124.2	123.0	120.4	126.3
Dec.	109.8	119.5	124.9	129.7	125.3	125.6	124.5	122.2	119.5	126.1
1961 Jan.	109.9	118.7	124.5	129.5	124.8	124.0	123.7	121.6	119.2	125.2
Feb.	109.4	118.9	123.4	129.4	123.6	123.2	122.5	119.6	118.2	123.6
Mar.	110.4	118.7	122.9	127.8	123.5	122.9	123.1	119.3	117.7	122.5
Apr.	111.4	118.4	122.5	126.6	122.0	122.1	122.7	118.9	117.2	122.9
May	111.2	117.3	121.7	124.4	120.2	120.6	121.8	117.7	115.8	122.3
June	112.0	116.2	121.0	125.0	121.0	120.5	121.5	118.5	116.0	120.4
July	112.0	116.4	121.5	126.2	121.9	122.2	122.5	120.5	117.2	120.4
Aug.	115.1	119.2	126.2	126.9	124.1	123.2	123.6	122.9	119.0	121.3
Sept.	112.0	119.8	125.1	128.7	125.0	124.1	125.7	125.0	120.7	123.2
Oct.	111.1	120.8	125.4	130.5	127.5	125.3	127.7	126.2	122.1	125.0
Nov.	110.5	121.6	125.2	131.1	125.4	123.4	127.2	124.4	120.3	124.9
Dec.	110.4	120.7	124.3	131.7	124.8	123.5	126.9	123.0	120.4	125.1

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

TABLE 12. Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities - Continued
(1949=100)

	St. John's Nfld. (1)	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver
Shelter index										
1960 Jan.	116.0	134.6	138.4	144.9	147.9	153.3	133.8	124.4	124.5	138.4
Feb.	115.7	134.3	138.5	144.9	147.9	153.3	133.8	124.8	124.6	138.6
Mar.	115.7	134.4	138.3	145.0	147.9	153.3	133.9	124.5	124.8	138.9
Apr.	115.7	134.4	138.6	145.0	148.1	153.2	133.9	124.7	124.8	138.7
May	115.7	134.2	138.5	145.1	148.3	153.3	134.2	124.4	124.4	138.9
June	115.7	134.2	138.9	145.8	148.6	153.2	134.4	124.5	124.4	138.7
July	115.8	134.2	139.3	145.9	148.7	153.1	134.3	124.7	124.5	138.6
Aug.	115.7	134.8	139.3	145.9	148.7	153.1	134.6	124.9	124.5	138.4
Sept.	115.2	134.9	139.3	145.9	148.8	153.2	134.6	124.9	125.5	137.9
Oct.	115.0	135.1	140.4	146.0	148.7	153.1	135.0	124.9	125.5	137.9
Nov.	115.1	135.1	140.6	146.0	148.8	153.1	135.5	125.0	125.5	137.8
Dec.	115.3	135.3	140.0	146.0	148.9	152.9	135.7	125.0	125.5	137.8
1961 Jan.	115.3	135.3	140.4	146.0	149.2	152.9	135.7	124.9	125.6	137.8
Feb.	115.3	135.6	140.6	146.0	149.3	152.9	135.8	124.8	125.5	137.6
Mar.	114.9	135.7	140.1	146.2	149.3	152.9	135.8	124.7	125.5	137.5
Apr.	114.7	135.7	140.1	146.2	149.3	152.9	135.7	124.7	125.3	137.5
May	114.3	135.7	140.5	146.2	149.4	152.9	135.8	124.8	125.2	137.3
June	114.3	136.1	140.6	146.7	149.5	152.8	135.9	124.7	125.2	137.3
July	114.2	136.3	140.8	146.7	149.5	152.7	136.1	124.4	125.2	137.3
Aug.	113.7	136.5	141.1	146.7	149.5	152.5	136.2	124.5	125.1	137.1
Sept.	113.7	136.9	141.2	146.7	149.5	152.4	136.3	124.4	125.2	137.0
Oct.	114.4	137.5	141.2	146.8	149.5	152.4	136.5	124.3	125.6	137.1
Nov.	114.5	137.6	141.5	146.8	149.7	152.3	136.8	124.4	125.7	137.0
Dec.	115.2	137.9	141.5	146.8	149.7	152.1	136.8	124.3	125.7	136.9
Clothing index										
1960 Jan.	105.8	119.8	117.4	105.3	112.9	113.1	116.2	120.4	118.5	115.2
Feb.	105.9	119.0	117.4	103.8	113.8	114.1	116.1	120.4	118.5	114.8
Mar.	106.6	119.9	118.9	104.0	114.5	114.3	117.2	122.1	119.9	117.4
Apr.	106.9	120.5	118.9	105.1	113.8	114.2	117.6	122.1	120.1	116.7
May	107.6	120.2	118.9	105.3	113.8	113.8	117.8	122.1	120.2	116.9
June	107.6	120.5	119.5	105.3	114.1	114.2	117.6	123.0	120.1	117.0
July	109.2	120.7	119.5	105.3	114.1	113.5	117.2	123.0	120.1	116.9
Aug.	109.2	120.7	119.5	104.7	114.2	113.6	116.2	123.0	120.2	115.6
Sept.	109.5	121.1	119.7	105.1	115.2	113.5	116.3	124.0	120.3	115.5
Oct.	110.1	121.2	119.7	106.0	115.6	114.2	115.9	124.0	120.9	116.5
Nov.	110.7	122.0	119.7	108.1	117.0	115.0	118.8	124.0	121.3	117.5
Dec.	110.7	122.0	120.7	108.3	116.9	115.1	118.8	124.0	121.4	117.7
1961 Jan.	110.3	121.2	120.7	107.2	115.0	114.2	117.3	124.0	121.1	116.0
Feb.	110.6	121.2	120.7	107.3	114.7	114.5	116.0	124.0	120.5	116.2
Mar.	110.7	121.1	120.8	107.5	115.0	114.7	116.9	124.3	120.6	117.0
Apr.	110.7	122.9	120.8	107.9	115.1	114.8	116.9	124.3	120.7	117.1
May	110.7	123.1	120.8	107.9	114.7	114.7	116.9	124.3	120.7	116.6
June	110.7	123.1	121.0	108.0	114.6	114.7	117.1	124.1	120.7	116.2
July	110.7	122.9	121.0	107.8	113.9	114.6	116.6	124.1	120.6	115.8
Aug.	110.4	122.7	121.0	107.8	114.3	114.4	116.7	124.1	120.5	115.1
Sept.	110.4	122.6	120.9	107.9	117.0	117.3	116.6	123.5	120.3	114.9
Oct.	110.5	122.8	120.9	107.9	118.3	117.5	117.5	123.5	121.3	115.7
Nov.	110.5	123.4	120.9	108.1	119.4	117.5	119.0	123.5	121.6	116.4
Dec.	110.7	123.3	121.0	107.7	118.7	117.2	119.0	123.9	121.7	116.5

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

TABLE 12. Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities - Concluded
(1949=100)

	St. John's Nfld. (1)	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saska- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver
Household operation index										
1960 Jan.	109.4	129.9	124.6	119.0	121.8	123.6	120.0	125.2	126.7	133.9
Feb.	109.7	129.6	124.6	118.9	121.2	123.7	119.6	125.2	126.7	134.6
Mar.	107.5	129.9	124.7	118.9	121.3	123.7	119.8	125.4	127.0	135.0
Apr.	109.7	129.5	124.2	119.6	121.2	123.8	119.8	125.1	127.2	132.8
May	109.9	129.5	124.2	118.7	121.4	124.1	120.0	125.2	127.5	132.0
June	110.0	129.5	124.3	118.8	122.5	123.8	120.2	125.5	127.9	132.1
July	111.9	129.3	124.3	118.2	122.5	123.6	120.4	125.7	128.0	132.1
Aug.	112.1	129.6	124.3	118.5	122.1	123.4	120.2	125.8	127.1	132.1
Sept.	111.7	129.6	124.2	118.8	122.2	123.4	120.3	125.5	127.1	132.5
Oct.	111.9	129.3	124.2	118.9	122.1	124.1	120.3	125.5	126.8	135.2
Nov.	111.7	129.3	124.1	119.0	121.7	123.8	120.2	125.8	127.5	135.8
Dec.	111.7	129.8	124.3	118.8	122.0	124.0	120.2	126.2	127.6	135.5
1961 Jan.	111.7	129.1	124.0	118.7	121.9	124.0	120.1	125.9	127.4	135.8
Feb.	112.1	129.2	124.1	118.8	121.7	123.8	120.0	126.1	127.3	136.0
Mar.	112.0	129.5	124.5	119.0	122.4	123.6	119.5	126.2	127.4	135.8
Apr.	112.0	130.5	124.5	119.2	122.5	123.8	119.6	125.9	127.5	135.9
May	112.1	130.7	124.6	118.2	122.4	123.5	119.5	125.9	127.5	133.1
June	112.2	130.9	124.7	118.2	121.3	123.6	120.5	126.3	127.5	133.0
July	111.9	130.8	124.6	118.0	121.1	123.7	120.0	126.2	127.9	132.7
Aug.	112.0	130.8	124.7	118.3	121.1	123.8	120.2	126.2	127.9	133.0
Sept.	111.4	130.8	124.6	118.6	123.4	126.3	120.2	126.3	127.8	133.0
Oct.	111.3	130.5	124.5	120.2	123.3	125.9	120.4	126.5	127.8	133.1
Nov.	111.9	130.7	124.5	120.2	123.0	125.9	120.5	126.6	127.8	135.7
Dec.	111.9	130.8	124.8	120.4	123.2	126.2	120.3	126.6	127.8	135.4
Other commodities and services index										
1960 Jan.	127.5	139.6	143.4	137.4	137.5	138.8	133.9	129.7	133.1	136.9
Feb.	127.6	139.6	143.4	137.4	137.4	138.8	134.0	129.7	133.1	136.7
Mar.	127.5	139.6	143.5	137.5	137.4	138.9	133.6	129.2	133.0	136.7
Apr.	128.0	139.4	143.4	137.7	137.6	139.0	133.9	129.3	133.4	136.9
May	128.0	140.0	143.3	138.2	137.7	139.8	134.7	129.2	133.1	136.8
June	128.0	140.1	143.4	138.4	137.8	140.4	134.3	129.3	133.4	136.9
July	129.0	140.0	143.5	138.4	137.6	140.2	134.4	129.0	133.3	136.5
Aug.	128.9	140.0	142.9	138.5	137.5	140.2	135.7	129.1	133.4	136.5
Sept.	129.0	139.9	142.8	138.4	137.4	139.9	135.6	129.1	133.0	136.4
Oct.	129.0	139.9	142.8	138.5	137.4	140.0	137.2	129.1	133.0	136.4
Nov.	133.0	140.4	143.0	138.8	138.3	140.3	137.3	129.5	133.7	137.5
Dec.	133.0	140.4	143.2	138.9	138.3	140.3	137.3	129.5	133.7	137.2
1961 Jan.	132.9	140.4	142.9	138.9	138.3	140.3	137.2	129.4	133.5	137.1
Feb.	132.8	140.6	143.3	139.0	138.4	140.2	137.3	129.3	133.6	137.4
Mar.	132.9	140.6	143.2	139.0	140.7	139.9	137.3	130.7	133.4	137.2
Apr.	132.9	141.1	144.5	139.4	140.6	139.1	137.5	131.3	133.9	138.1
May	132.9	140.4	144.4	139.8	140.6	140.2	137.6	131.7	134.1	137.9
June	132.9	140.7	144.5	139.8	140.6	140.0	137.6	131.5	134.1	137.9
July	132.9	140.3	144.2	139.6	140.4	139.7	137.1	131.2	133.4	137.5
Aug.	132.9	140.3	144.2	140.0	140.2	139.9	137.2	131.3	133.4	137.6
Sept.	132.8	140.2	144.2	139.8	142.0	141.4	137.1	130.9	133.4	137.4
Oct.	132.8	140.2	144.1	139.8	142.1	141.3	137.1	131.0	133.5	137.0
Nov.	132.8	140.9	144.4	140.4	142.7	141.3	137.5	131.5	134.1	137.5
Dec.	132.8	140.9	144.4	140.4	142.8	141.2	138.2	131.5	134.1	137.5

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

TABLE 13. Average Weekly Wages in Manufacturing in Current Dollars and Adjusted for Changes in the Consumer Price Index(1)
1954 - 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
	\$		\$	
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
1960 - Average	71.96	172.4	56.14	134.5
1960 - Jan.	71.89	172.2	56.52	135.4
Feb.	71.49	171.3	56.34	135.0
Mar.	71.94	172.4	56.42	135.2
Apr.	72.37	173.4	56.81	136.1
May	71.69	171.8	56.18	134.6
June	72.19	173.0	56.62	135.6
July	72.01	172.5	56.30	134.9
Aug.	71.46	171.2	55.65	133.3
Sept.	72.37	173.4	55.93	134.0
Oct.	72.66	174.1	56.06	134.3
Nov.	72.82	174.5	56.19	134.6
Dec.	70.60	169.1	54.64	130.9
1961 - Jan.	72.76	174.3	56.45	135.2
Feb.	73.40	175.9	56.86	136.2
Mar.	73.64	176.4	57.04	136.7
Apr.	74.56	178.6	57.80	138.5
May	74.44	178.3	57.71	138.3
June	75.02	179.7	58.16	139.3
July	73.95	177.2	57.28	137.2
Aug.	74.26	177.9	57.52	137.8
Sept.	75.00	179.7	58.05	139.1
Oct.	75.67 ^P	181.3 ^P	58.34 ^P	139.8 ^P
Nov.				
Dec.				

(1) For detailed explanation, see page 50.

^P Preliminary figures.

TABLE 14. Spatial Retail Food Price Indexes, 1956-60(1)
Winnipeg = 100

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Halifax	99	100	99	102	101
Saint John	101	102	100	102	103
Montreal	98	99	98	98	100
Ottawa	97	99	98	99	99
Toronto	97	98	97	97	99
Winnipeg	100	100	100	100	100
Regina	104	104	103	105	103
Saskatoon	105	104	104	105	104
Calgary	101	101	100	102	100
Edmonton	100	101	100	101	98
Vancouver	105	105	104	106	104

(1) For detailed explanation, see page 51.

TABLE 15. Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers
(1935-39=100)

	Composite index exclusive of living component(1)	Farm machinery	Equipment and materials	Taxes and interest rates(1)	Farm wage rates	Farm family living	Composite index inclusive of living component(1)
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
1959	269.5	248.4	219.1	204.7	538.2	220.1	249.8
1960	276.7	254.2	222.7	214.5	555.3	221.7	254.8
1958 - August	263.9	237.2	213.7	196.7	534.0	218.0	245.5
1959 - August	275.2	248.2	218.8	204.7	572.8	220.9	253.5
1960 - April	279.9	255.2	223.4	214.5	571.7	221.6	256.6
August	281.6	255.5	222.9	214.5	583.9	223.0	258.2
1961 - January	271.8	260.8	223.5	214.5	522.9	223.9	252.6
April	283.4	260.8	226.6	214.5	581.0	224.4	259.8
August	287.8	262.7	230.0	214.5	594.1	224.3	262.4
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
1959	273.3	252.0	215.1	201.3	524.1	219.2	251.7
1960	280.6	257.5	217.8	214.3	540.6	221.4	257.0
1958 - August	264.7	239.6	209.2	192.3	508.0	217.1	245.7
1959 - August	276.7	251.2	213.8	201.3	545.6	220.2	254.1
1960 - April	281.9	258.6	218.8	214.3	544.0	221.3	257.7
August	283.3	259.6	217.4	214.3	555.6	222.7	259.1
1961 - January	279.8	264.8	219.1	214.3	532.2	223.4	257.2
April	285.7	264.8	222.9	214.3	550.3	223.8	260.9
August	289.5	266.8	223.6	214.3	568.0	224.0	263.3
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
1959	265.8	247.0	222.8	207.5	558.3	220.9	247.8
1960	272.9	252.8	227.5	214.6	576.2	222.1	252.6
1958 - August	263.0	236.2	218.1	200.5	571.0	218.9	245.4
1959 - August	273.6	247.0	223.5	207.5	611.4	221.6	252.8
1960 - April	277.9	253.8	227.9	214.6	611.0	221.9	255.5
August	280.0	253.9	228.2	214.6	624.2	223.2	257.3
1961 - January	263.8	259.2	227.7	214.6	509.7	224.4	248.0
April	281.2	259.2	230.1	214.6	624.6	225.0	258.7
August	286.0	261.1	236.2	214.6	631.3	224.6	261.4

(1) 1961 indexes are subject to revision, since tax and interest rate figures are preliminary.

TABLE 16. Average Retail Feed Prices for Canada and Five Geographical Areas
First of the Month Prices - Dollars per cwt

Item	Canada			Maritimes			Quebec		
	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960
	dollars								
Corn, cracked	3.68	3.67	3.66	4.11	4.10	4.11	3.52	3.50	3.47
Oats, unground	3.33	3.33	3.00	3.57	3.58	3.22	3.39	3.39	3.05
Barley, ground	3.24	3.24	2.86	3.52	3.48	3.07	3.25	3.24	2.85
Wheat, unground	3.49	3.45	3.15	3.76	3.73	3.43	3.52	3.46	3.13
Bran	2.73	2.67	2.61	2.64	2.57	2.53	2.66	2.57	2.55
Shorts	2.86	2.83	2.72	2.80	2.77	2.65	2.83	2.79	2.66
Middlings	3.22	3.20	2.95	3.27	3.27	2.92	3.22	3.21	2.92
Linseed oil meal	4.87	4.86	4.87	5.13	5.13	5.27	4.76	4.76	4.75
Soybean oil meal	5.14	5.15	4.61	5.48	5.48	4.81	4.96	4.97	4.58
Calf starter (20-24%)	5.23	5.22	5.09	5.08	5.05	4.93	5.09	5.09	4.77
Dairy ration (16%)	3.70	3.68	3.50	3.71	3.68	3.50	3.63	3.63	3.40
Dairy supplement (24%) (East)	4.36	4.35	4.12	4.40	4.38	4.16	4.32	4.30	4.16
Dairy supplement (32%) (West)	5.07	5.07	4.92	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pig starter mash	4.70	4.69	4.47	4.80	4.80	4.59	4.69	4.68	4.32
Hog concentrate (35%)	5.81	5.82	5.33	5.64	5.56	5.31	6.06	6.05	5.40
Hog grower mash	3.89	3.87	3.63	4.13	4.09	3.78	3.84	3.83	3.53
Chick starter mash (18-20%)	4.88	4.87	4.68	5.20	5.17	4.88	4.80	4.78	4.45
Growing mash	4.34	4.33	4.15	4.46	4.44	4.22	4.42	4.42	4.14
Laying mash (17-20%)	4.43	4.42	4.23	4.57	4.55	4.36	4.44	4.44	4.19
Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	5.09	5.07	4.87	5.31	5.27	4.98	5.29	5.28	4.88
Turkey growing mash	4.82	4.80	4.62	4.99	4.96	4.82	5.09	5.08	4.89
	dollars								
	Ontario			Prairies			British Columbia		
	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960	Dec. 1961	Nov. 1961	Dec. 1960
Corn, cracked	3.30	3.32	3.32	4.89	4.89	4.94	4.10	4.10	4.04
Oats, unground	3.29	3.33	2.99	2.90	2.86	2.45	3.38	3.38	3.11
Barley, ground	3.30	3.31	2.88	2.77	2.78	2.49	3.25	3.25	2.94
Wheat, unground	3.48	3.44	3.13	3.07	3.02	2.76	3.48	3.48	3.20
Bran	2.85	2.74	2.64	2.78	2.77	2.69	2.67	2.65	2.60
Shorts	2.98	2.91	2.79	2.86	2.84	2.74	2.78	2.76	2.70
Middlings	3.32	3.29	3.02	2.92	2.93	2.68	3.12	3.10	3.02
Linseed oil meal	4.68	4.68	4.70	4.80	4.75	4.72	5.36	5.36	5.35
Soybean oil meal	4.66	4.67	4.20	5.32	5.40	5.02	5.88	5.91	5.00
Calf starter (20-24%)	5.22	5.22	4.94	4.92	4.90	4.96	6.06	6.12	6.17
Dairy ration (16%)	3.78	3.77	3.52	3.62	3.54	3.47	3.73	3.74	3.64
Dairy supplement (24%)	4.37	4.38	4.08	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dairy supplement (32%)	-	-	-	4.97	4.97	4.82	5.29	5.29	5.12
Pig starter mash	4.81	4.80	4.51	4.72	4.69	4.66	4.46	4.44	4.31
Hog concentrate (35%)	5.81	5.82	5.25	5.67	5.69	5.33	5.70	5.70	5.54
Hog grower mash	3.84	3.83	3.56	3.70	3.65	3.52	4.03	4.03	3.84
Chick starter mash (18-20%)	5.06	5.07	4.77	4.76	4.74	4.81	4.74	4.75	4.61
Growing mash	4.39	4.37	4.11	4.23	4.22	4.21	4.17	4.15	4.10
Laying mash (17-20%)	4.51	4.50	4.21	4.35	4.31	4.26	4.33	4.33	4.21
Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	5.16	5.11	4.76	4.90	4.90	5.05	4.89	4.86	4.79
Turkey growing mash	5.00	5.00	4.70	4.60	4.59	4.44	4.58	4.57	4.50

Note: Mash includes pellets, crumbles, cubes, etc.

TABLE 17. Index Numbers of Common and Preferred Stock Prices
(1935-39=100)

Number of stocks 1961(1)	Investors index									
	Inves- tors total (88)	Total indus- trials (69)	Machin- ery and equip- ment (10)	Pulp and paper (8)	Mill- ing and grains (3)	Oils (4)	Tex- tiles and cloth- ing (7)	Food and allied pro- ducts (13)	Bever- ages (8)	Build- ing mate- rials (14)
1952	173.1	176.6	428.3	515.2	131.0	155.1	277.2	108.6	365.7	283.6
1953	160.3	160.1	394.8	501.6	131.2	131.0	222.5	120.7	399.3	279.5
1954	181.2	182.3	480.1	692.9	141.9	144.4	161.7	136.2	479.6	326.1
1955	232.7	239.6	696.0	995.1	190.6	164.0	177.8	180.4	566.2	434.9
1956	269.0	282.7	818.8	1,109.9	176.1	221.1	163.0	187.0	548.8	482.1
1957	258.2	271.0	765.1	924.5	135.1	241.0	155.3	193.1	489.9	436.8
1958	239.4	247.6	615.7	901.5	151.9	207.8	166.4	241.9	566.6	451.8
1959	265.4	272.2	728.6	1,126.9	213.1	192.6	213.0	271.7	672.6	536.6
1960	249.6	256.6	673.8	1,111.6	194.3	172.9	186.6	234.2	644.7	448.9
1961	312.2	325.9	735.6	1,298.2	239.9	226.9	219.0	314.4	875.5	497.8
1959 Sept.	255.4	261.6	741.3	1,086.0	221.2	176.7	211.4	251.7	656.7	523.0
Oct.	252.5	257.4	744.9	1,090.8	207.5	168.4	205.7	245.1	652.5	514.3
Nov.	252.8	259.2	706.3	1,123.5	209.8	168.4	206.4	232.4	668.3	529.1
Dec.	261.5	269.3	744.7	1,174.5	208.5	174.8	209.7	231.2	667.5	536.1
1960 Jan.	259.2	267.6	741.9	1,156.8	204.2	180.2	203.2	224.5	656.0	518.0
Feb.	249.9	257.9	713.0	1,080.0	194.0	173.8	197.2	216.8	634.6	488.7
Mar.	242.3	249.3	671.4	1,058.1	181.5	170.8	190.0	215.8	611.0	462.2
Apr.	248.8	256.7	682.2	1,101.4	181.8	173.2	189.1	230.0	625.6	469.2
May	249.2	257.4	699.2	1,124.7	184.8	168.0	190.9	224.5	632.5	466.7
June	251.0	258.3	685.7	1,156.6	190.6	165.4	189.5	228.0	643.3	455.8
July	243.6	249.8	636.7	1,111.7	182.5	161.9	183.6	233.6	638.9	423.2
Aug.	249.3	255.3	651.2	1,124.7	189.8	172.0	180.0	239.3	641.7	424.4
Sept.	248.9	254.2	645.6	1,127.2	200.0	175.5	180.7	245.4	646.7	425.2
Oct.	241.7	246.5	634.9	1,083.3	201.0	169.8	171.6	245.4	634.4	416.0
Nov.	251.1	258.0	642.5	1,093.0	210.9	180.9	181.0	248.8	674.2	417.4
Dec.	260.2	268.0	681.9	1,121.6	210.3	183.2	181.9	258.9	697.7	420.0
1961 Jan.	276.6	286.0	727.7	1,190.1	211.7	200.4	189.5	272.3	720.1	456.4
Feb.	285.3	295.7	741.4	1,223.8	219.2	208.9	193.0	280.1	756.3	470.3
Mar.	294.6	307.4	758.9	1,277.7	227.4	217.3	195.9	287.7	793.0	486.8
Apr.	304.8	319.6	801.0	1,283.2	226.0	227.8	202.2	303.0	806.8	491.3
May	317.6	333.4	809.3	1,282.5	241.0	231.7	210.4	322.6	855.6	490.9
June	316.4	330.9	781.6	1,294.0	247.8	229.4	213.5	321.4	872.1	499.4
July	319.3	335.0	749.8	1,341.9	249.2	223.0	222.8	320.8	879.1	500.7
Aug.	327.6	344.1	738.4	1,381.0	252.6	232.3	234.5	338.6	929.4	508.6
Sept.	325.9	341.4	700.6	1,364.1	247.8	233.4	228.0	334.5	952.0	513.4
Oct.	319.2	332.0	665.0	1,271.7	256.9	230.8	236.0	327.1	949.3	512.0
Nov.	326.3	339.3	673.2	1,323.4	249.7	240.6	250.5	331.3	998.5	521.0
Dec.	333.3	346.4	679.8	1,344.5	249.6	246.8	251.8	332.8	993.6	522.7
Weekly index:										
Dec. 7	331.6	344.5	671.6	1,354.2	254.4	245.2	248.5	331.4	993.4	523.7
Dec. 14	331.0	343.2	659.7	1,340.5	255.7	244.6	253.5	332.5	985.1	525.7
Dec. 21	332.0	344.9	682.5	1,339.3	244.1	246.2	250.3	333.8	986.3	519.2
Dec. 28	338.6	353.1	705.4	1,343.9	244.1	251.0	254.7	333.4	1,009.4	522.2

(1) See page 49 concerning the number of included stocks.

TABLE 17. Index Numbers of Common and Preferred Stock Prices - Concluded
(1935-39=100)

Number of stocks 1961(2)	Investors index						Mining index (1)			Preferred stocks (26)
	Indus- trial mines (2)	Total utili- ties (13)	Trans- porta- tion (3)	Tele- phone (3)	Power and traction (7)	Banks (6)	Mining total (27)	Gold s (21)	Base metals (6)	
1952	139.7	168.3	378.6	94.6	139.8	148.4	103.6	73.9	171.5	160.1
1953	118.1	157.2	297.5	99.2	142.4	168.9	92.1	66.2	151.3	162.3
1954	123.2	165.0	291.6	111.0	150.2	208.0	91.3	64.8	151.9	170.2
1955	184.3	197.0	365.8	125.5	181.2	246.3	116.9	72.3	219.0	177.2
1956	218.6	206.3	375.0	123.8	208.1	275.8	134.4	75.8	268.7	166.2
1957	195.9	199.8	352.0	108.6	230.9	263.8	114.0	70.5	213.5	151.3
1958	166.9	189.1	314.7	107.9	216.7	273.2	103.8	72.4	175.8	160.6
1959	193.7	197.3	332.7	112.1	224.8	355.8	118.7	85.0	195.9	157.2
1960	209.4	189.1	287.3	121.0	194.3	320.0	104.9	75.6	172.0	152.8
1961	302.5	218.3	314.0	144.8	218.1	392.1	125.4	79.3	230.8	162.5
1959 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	149.2
Feb.	203.1	186.8	298.6	115.8	195.3	316.3	110.4	82.0	175.6	148.7
Mar.	195.6	184.5	287.6	116.9	189.8	305.8	107.4	82.5	164.4	147.2
Apr.	206.9	188.2	306.4	119.3	188.1	309.1	105.1	78.4	166.4	146.6
May	211.2	188.1	304.8	119.0	189.2	308.8	98.0	67.8	167.2	148.9
June	217.6	190.6	302.2	120.4	194.8	317.7	96.0	64.9	167.4	152.4
July	213.0	187.3	287.6	121.0	188.8	311.5	95.5	64.7	166.0	155.1
Aug.	215.3	191.6	289.6	123.8	194.8	322.9	101.4	71.4	169.9	156.4
Sept.	206.1	191.7	277.8	124.8	197.2	329.3	104.0	73.5	173.8	157.5
Oct.	195.8	187.8	262.4	123.7	193.8	318.6	107.4	79.9	170.3	157.5
Nov.	213.8	188.2	261.4	125.4	191.1	328.5	110.2	81.2	176.9	157.3
Dec.	228.6	193.0	266.9	126.9	200.4	338.1	108.5	78.1	178.2	156.8
1961 Jan.	243.5	200.7	276.5	130.7	212.1	358.7	115.5	83.9	188.0	157.9
Feb.	252.1	205.9	289.3	131.8	220.8	364.8	110.8	75.9	190.8	158.2
Mar.	264.2	206.2	290.0	132.1	221.1	371.8	112.3	72.4	203.6	157.7
Apr.	280.1	208.8	297.4	134.6	220.2	377.6	116.6	72.1	218.2	159.6
May	311.7	220.7	321.7	145.4	221.8	383.4	122.5	73.6	234.4	161.4
June	306.5	223.2	324.9	148.7	220.0	385.5	121.9	73.8	232.1	162.3
July	328.4	219.7	320.2	147.2	214.3	391.4	129.0	77.2	247.4	163.5
Aug.	336.1	220.7	322.3	147.8	214.8	409.3	135.8	85.3	251.5	163.4
Sept.	332.7	224.0	326.8	150.4	217.3	406.2	131.2	83.3	241.0	165.4
Oct.	321.3	226.8	333.0	153.2	216.0	404.0	131.1	82.5	242.4	167.4
Nov.	319.2	230.7	330.9	157.2	218.7	417.0	138.2	86.0	257.6	167.2
Dec.	334.5	232.3	334.8	158.2	220.0	436.0	139.3	85.6	262.4	166.0
Weekly index:										
Dec. 7	330.2	234.0	333.3	160.4	220.4	428.7	138.0	86.9	255.1	..
Dec. 14	330.8	232.6	334.4	158.9	219.0	436.9	139.8	86.3	262.2	..
Dec. 21	331.4	229.9	335.6	155.7	218.2	439.4	138.7	84.3	263.1	..
Dec. 28	345.5	232.6	335.9	157.7	222.2	438.9	140.8	84.7	269.1	..

(1) Mining stocks are not included in Investors total index.
(2) See note page 49 concerning the number of included stocks.
.. Figures not available.

TABLE 18. Index Numbers of Common Stock Prices(1)
(1956=100)

Number of stocks 1961(2)	Utili- ties (13)	Pipe- lines (5)	Banks (6)	Investment and loan (5)	Mining (27)	Uraniums (6)	Industrial oils (4)	Primary oils and gas (9)
1956	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1957	96.9	132.6	95.7	93.8	84.8	118.7	109.0	107.0
1958	91.7	105.5	99.1	109.1	77.3	95.0	94.0	84.2
1959	95.6	117.2	129.0	127.8	88.3	82.6	87.1	76.0
1960	91.6	106.2	116.0	119.8	78.0	59.1	78.1	48.2
1961	105.8	136.4	142.2	177.1	93.3	71.8	102.6	59.1
1959 Mar.	98.2	112.7	125.4	133.3	94.2	88.2	94.8	84.8
Apr.	97.6	120.0	129.5	128.4	89.7	94.9	92.6	84.3
May	99.0	119.2	134.3	127.4	88.9	89.3	90.5	81.1
June	97.7	114.9	137.4	128.2	88.8	81.8	85.9	75.5
July	98.4	121.4	140.5	134.9	89.7	88.8	87.2	77.7
Aug.	96.8	120.7	135.5	134.7	89.1	84.3	87.3	77.4
Sept.	91.6	109.6	126.0	123.0	83.0	71.5	79.9	66.7
Oct.	90.8	115.4	128.6	118.1	83.5	73.9	76.2	61.0
Nov.	90.6	116.8	124.2	120.4	83.8	68.1	76.2	59.8
Dec.	92.4	118.8	125.9	122.9	83.9	63.2	79.1	58.1
1960 Jan.	92.6	118.0	120.7	118.5	85.1	68.2	81.5	60.7
Feb.	90.5	110.4	114.7	110.8	82.1	62.8	78.6	56.9
Mar.	89.4	109.6	110.9	110.5	79.9	58.8	77.3	55.0
Apr.	91.2	107.2	112.1	114.6	78.2	58.9	78.3	53.4
May	91.2	102.9	112.0	115.8	72.9	57.3	76.0	47.3
June	92.4	99.5	115.2	119.9	71.5	53.9	74.8	44.6
July	90.8	96.4	113.0	119.2	71.0	55.4	73.2	42.2
Aug.	92.9	99.8	117.1	123.3	75.4	55.1	77.8	44.4
Sept.	92.9	106.0	119.4	128.2	77.4	57.4	79.4	46.1
Oct.	91.0	105.7	115.5	123.1	79.9	59.5	76.8	44.1
Nov.	91.2	109.7	119.1	123.8	82.0	62.0	81.8	43.0
Dec.	93.6	109.7	122.6	129.9	80.7	59.8	82.1	40.8
1961 Jan.	97.3	116.4	130.1	136.7	86.0	65.2	90.6	46.4
Feb.	99.8	121.0	132.2	145.3	82.5	65.8	94.5	55.0
Mar.	99.9	127.6	134.8	154.4	83.5	68.6	98.3	60.0
Apr.	101.2	137.9	137.0	164.8	86.7	70.0	103.0	59.9
May	107.0	142.1	139.0	175.9	91.1	71.6	104.8	60.2
June	108.2	137.8	139.8	179.6	90.7	71.5	103.7	58.2
July	106.5	133.8	141.9	185.2	96.0	71.8	100.9	53.8
Aug.	107.0	133.9	148.4	189.3	101.1	73.5	105.1	58.1
Sept.	108.6	139.9	147.3	191.6	97.6	72.8	105.6	58.6
Oct.	110.0	142.4	146.5	193.0	97.6	76.0	104.4	59.5
Nov.	111.8	149.2	151.2	204.8	102.9	78.9	108.8	66.7
Dec.	112.6	154.8	158.0	204.6	103.7	75.3	111.6	72.4
Weekly index:								
Dec. 7	113.4	156.3	155.4	210.3	102.7	79.3	110.9	70.5
Dec. 14	112.7	155.5	158.4	205.4	104.0	73.8	110.6	73.6
Dec. 21	111.4	152.6	159.3	202.1	103.2	73.2	111.4	72.7
Dec. 28	112.7	154.7	159.1	200.6	104.8	74.8	113.5	73.0

(1) Four indexes on the base 1956=100, pipelines, investment and loan, uraniums, and primary oils and gas, were introduced May 1960. Indexes of utilities, banks, mining and industrial oils from Table 17 have been converted to the base 1956=100 for comparison.

(2) See page 49 concerning the number of included 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 1959-July 1960 were announced June 21, 1961. The price of No. 1 Manitoba Northern was adjusted to \$1.588 per bushel, No. 2 to \$1.547 and No. 3 to \$1.516, and the indexes revised accordingly. An interim payment on all grades of wheat was announced November 2, 1961 for the crop year August 1960-July 1961 bringing the price of Manitoba No. 1 to \$1.50. Subsequent 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 1959-1960 final payment announced February 14, 1961, brought the price to \$.771 per bushel for No. 2 C.W. oats; final payment announced April 20, 1961 brought the price to \$.882 per bushel for No. 1 Feed barley. Initial payment for the crop year 1960-1961 was \$.60 for No. 2 C.W. oats and \$.87 for No. 1 Feed barley.

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 1958, July 1959 and June 1960. Indexes subsequent to July 1960 are subject to revision.

As of October 3, 1960 the bonus of 65 cents per hundred for Grade B hogs was removed. This bonus has been in effect since April 1946. Effective August 14, 1961 there has been a premium paid on lambs of \$2.00 and \$1.00 per head respectively for choice and good lambs weighing between 36 and 51 pounds, warm carcass basis. The estimated premium incorporated into the index was \$1.40 per hundred pounds for good lambs, live weight basis.

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 8. 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 2 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, on a time base 1949=100 and weights based on family expenditure patterns of 1947-48. A revision of the Consumer Price Index on the basis of 1957 expenditures while retaining the time base 1949=100, was released in an occasional paper on March 21, 1961 and the revised 1957-weighted index became the official measurement of price change forward from January 1961. The purpose of this latest revision was to bring the items included in the index, and their weights, into line with current family spending patterns.

The Consumer Price Index measures the percentage change through time in the cost of purchasing a constant "basket" of goods and services representing the purchases made by a particular population group in a specified time period. The basket is a constant or equivalent quantity and quality of goods and services but only items for which there is a continually measurable market price over time, corresponding to a specific quantity of the item, are included in the basket.

The index relates to a broad but specific group of urban families and reflects the price changes experienced by that "target group". The index is unlikely to represent closely the experience of any one family within the group nor should it be expected to reflect price change for other population groups for which income, family size and place of residence are characteristically different. The target group to which the revised index relates is composed of families - (a) living in cities with over 30,000 population, (b) ranging in size from two adults to two adults with four children, and (c) with annual incomes during 1957 ranging from \$2,500 to \$7,000.

To measure the influences of price change on the cost of goods and services purchased by such families, the Consumer Price Index contains some 300 items.

Full details on the revised index are available in the occasional paper "The Consumer Price Index for Canada (1949=100) - Revision Based on 1957 Expenditures", D.B.S. Catalogue Number 62-518.

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

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

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

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

Security Price Indexes

Price index numbers of industrial, utility, bank and mining common stocks, and preferred stocks are calculated from Montreal and Toronto exchange quotations. The indexes are designed to reflect weekly and monthly changes of interest to the investor, rather than day-to-day changes of more speculative interest. Individual stock prices are weighted by the number of shares outstanding in January of each year. The list is reviewed completely in January of each year, when new series are introduced and series of declining importance are discontinued. The Investors Index of 88 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.

The number of included common stocks stood at 93 as of January 1961. Since that time five changes have occurred: amalgamation of Maple Leaf Milling Co. Ltd. and Toronto Elevators Ltd. (Maple Leaf Mills Ltd.), April 6th, amalgamation of the Imperial Bank of Canada and the Canadian Bank of Commerce (Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce), June 8th; deletion of British Columbia Power Corp. Ltd., Howard Smith Paper Mills Ltd. and St. Lawrence Corp. Ltd. August 31st, September 14th and 28th respectively. The number of preferred stocks was changed from 27 to 26 in August when B.C. Electric Company was removed.

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

<u>Reference Papers and Special Publications</u>	<u>Price</u> <u>\$</u>
The Consumer Price Index for Canada (1949=100) - Revision Based on 1957 Expenditures .....	.75
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
Industry Selling Price Indexes, 1956 - 59 (Reference Paper, Catalogue No. 62-515)	1.50

Measuring the Purchasing Power of Earnings

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

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

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

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 13, page 41 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.

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.

Spatial Retail Food Price Indexes for Selected Canadian Cities

1956-60

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, 1959 and 1960, 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 14 on page 41. 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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