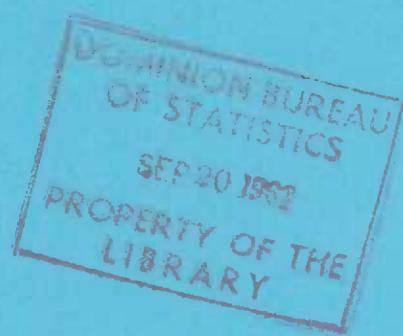


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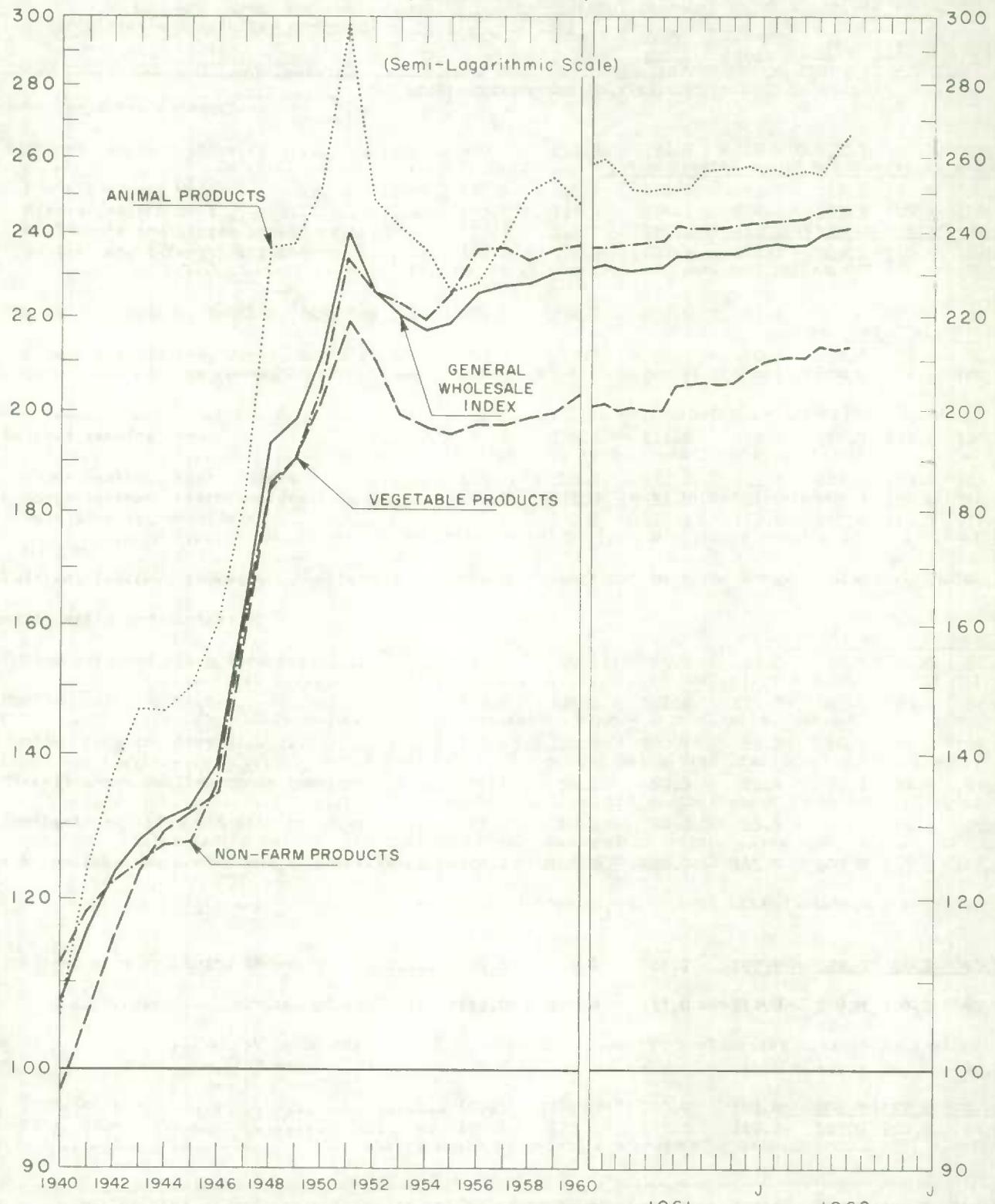
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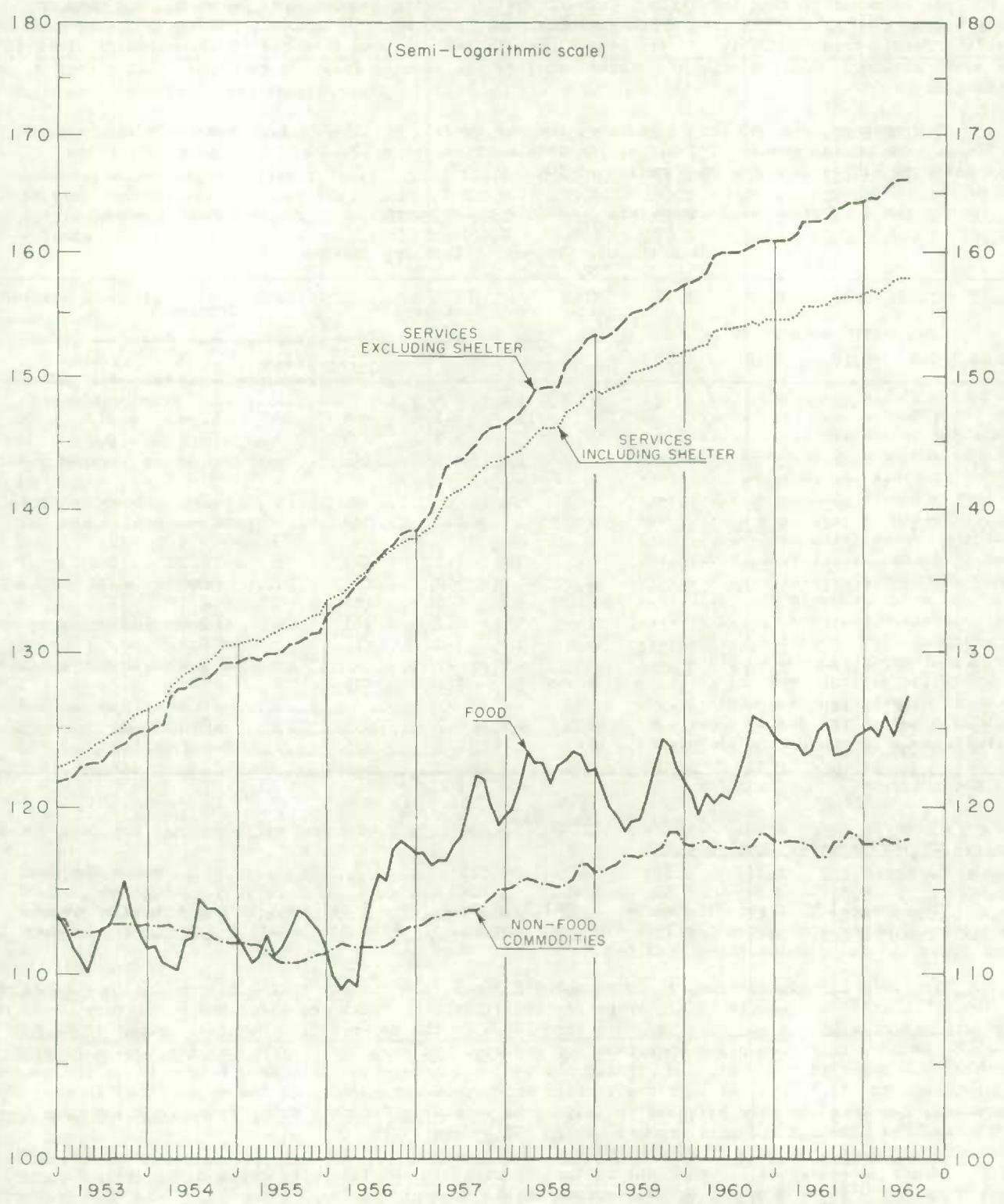
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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES
TOTAL INDEX AND SELECTED COMPONENT GROUPS
ANNUALLY, 1940-1960; MONTHLY, JANUARY 1961 - JULY 1962
 $(1935-39=100)$



NOTE: NON-FARM PRODUCTS IS THE GENERAL WHOLESALE INDEX LESS ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE PRODUCTS COMPONENT GROUPS.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES
FOOD, NON-FOOD COMMODITIES, SERVICES INCLUDING AND EXCLUDING SHELTER
MONTHLY JANUARY 1953 - JULY 1962
1949=100



NOTES ON PRICES AND PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

Industry Selling Price Indexes (1956=100)

In 24 manufacturing industries, Industry Selling Price Indexes were lower in July than in June, 6 more than in the previous month-to-month comparison when 18 industry indexes declined from May levels. Twenty-three industry indexes were higher in July, 5 less than the 28 increases recorded in the month earlier. Fifty of the 97 indexes remained the same in July, as compared to June when 51 were unchanged.

The average level of the 97 industry indexes in July was 104.2, just above the June average of 104.1. The median was 104.3 (half of the indexes were above 104.3 and the other half below 104.3) also slightly higher than the June median of 104.1.

The following table summarizes June-July price movements by major industry group:

June to July Changes in Industry Indexes

Major industry group	Total indus- tries	Increases			Decreases			Un- changed
	No.	No.	Average %	Median %	No.	Average %	Median %	
All industries	97	23	1.1	0.4	24	- 0.4	- 0.2	50
Foods and beverages	19	5	1.9	1.9	4	- 0.5	- 0.2	10
Tobacco and tobacco products	1	1	0.1	(1)	-	-	-	-
Rubber products	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Leather products	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Textile mills	9	5	0.5	0.4	-	-	-	4
Clothing and knitting mills	4	-	-	-	1	- 0.2	(1)	3
Wood products	7	2	1.1	(1)	3	- 0.2	- 0.2	2
Paper products	5	1	4.8	(1)	2	- 0.6	(1)	2
Iron and steel products	9	1	0.3	(1)	2	- 0.2	(1)	6
Transportation equipment	3	1	0.1	(1)	2	- 0.8	(1)	-
Non-ferrous metal products	5	1	1.3	(1)	3	- 0.3	- 0.3	1
Electrical apparatus and supplies	5	-	-	-	3	- 0.4	- 0.3	2
Non-metallic mineral products	5	1	1.0	(1)	-	-	-	4
Products of petroleum and coal	3	-	-	-	2	- 0.4	(1)	1
Chemicals and allied products	11	4	0.2	0.2	2	- 0.6	(1)	5
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	6	1	2.2	(1)	-	-	-	5

(1) Not relevant.

General Wholesale Index (1935-39=100)

The General Wholesale Index rose to 241.3 in July, up 0.4 per cent from the June index of 240.3, and 2.9 per cent above the July 1961 index of 234.5. Five of the eight major group indexes were higher in July, while three declined.

The Animal Products Group index advanced 2.3 per cent in July to 266.6 from the June index of 260.5, chiefly as a result of higher prices for livestock, fresh and cured meats, fishery products, and lard. A rise of 0.8 per cent to 190.0 from 188.4 in the Non-metallic Minerals Group index, stemmed mainly from price increases for pottery, and coal. Higher prices for cotton fabrics, imported and domestic raw wool, and worsted and wool cloth were the principal causes of an increase of 0.3 per cent to 242.7 from 241.9 in the Textile Products Group index. Of the major group indexes which increased, two moved up only slightly in July: the Vegetable Products Group index to 212.2 from 211.9, and the Chemical Products Group index to 191.4 from 191.3.

Minor decreases of 0.2 per cent or less occurred in the following three major group indexes: Wood Products to 317.4 from 318.0, Non-ferrous Metals Products to 193.2 from 193.7, and Iron Products to 255.9 from 256.1.

The following table shows some of the more noteworthy changes:

Commodity group and sub-group	Percentage changes		
	July 1962	July 1961	July 1962
	June 1962	June 1961	July 1961
Animal products group	+ 2.3	- 0.2	+ 6.2
Lard	+ 4.7	- 4.2	+ 0.6
Meats, fresh	+ 4.6	- 3.0	+ 20.3
Livestock	+ 4.4	- 0.9	+ 19.3
Meats, cured	+ 4.0	+ 0.9	+ 5.2
Fishery products	+ 2.1	+ 1.8	+ 2.6
Hides and skins	- 8.7	+ 8.5	- 6.4
Fowl, dressed	- 1.0	- 4.4	+ 6.4
Non-metallic minerals products group	+ 0.8	+ 0.6	+ 2.8
Pottery	+ 13.2	-	+ 21.6
Coal	+ 1.1	+ 3.1	+ 2.0
Textile products group	+ 0.3	+ 1.1	+ 2.6
Wool, raw, imported	+ 3.7	+ 3.8	+ 0.8
Wool, raw, domestic	+ 1.9	+ 0.6	+ 12.0
Cotton fabrics	+ 1.6	+ 1.3	+ 4.2
Cotton, raw	- 2.3	+ 5.0	+ 3.5
Vegetable products group	+ 0.1	+ 2.5	+ 3.5
Potatoes	+ 31.0	- 4.3	+ 3.8
Fruits, dried	+ 1.9	+ 0.9	+ 3.4
Sugar and its products	+ 1.8	+ 0.3	- 1.2
Fruits, canned	+ 1.6	+ 1.5	- 5.6
Onions	- 21.0	+ 81.3	- 23.3
Grains	- 0.7	+ 6.9	+ 10.5
Rubber, raw	- 0.6	+ 4.0	- 3.1
Non-ferrous metals products group	- 0.2	+ 4.5	+ 3.3
Lead, electrolytic	- 2.5	+ 5.0	- 4.8
Tin	- 1.3	+ 7.6	- 0.1
Iron products group	- 0.1	-	- 1.3
Scrap iron and steel	- 1.4	-	- 18.1

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

The price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets moved up 2.8 per cent from 228.8 to 235.1 between June and July. The Animal Products index advanced 3.4 per cent from 285.7 to 295.5 reflecting higher prices for steers, hogs, lambs and raw wool on both Eastern and Western markets, for cheesemilk and butterfat in the East, and for eggs in the West. Showing lower were calves both East and West, and eggs in the East. The Field Products index edged 1.6 per cent higher from 172.0 to 174.7 reflecting price increases for potatoes, hay, peas and corn in the East and price declines for rye both East and West, and for hay and potatoes in the West.

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

The index of thirty industrial materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, eased from 251.3 to 251.2 between June and July. Prices for nine commodities declined and five advanced while sixteen remained unchanged. Principal price changes included decreases for beef hides, steel scrap, raw cotton, domestic lead, tin, iron ore, bleached sulphite pulp and domestic wheat, and increases for steers, hogs, raw wool, raw sugar and raw rubber.

Security Price Indexes (1956=100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices moved 2.0 per cent lower between June and July from 117.6 to 115.2 reflecting declines for major groups, as follows: Finance 5.9 per cent from 131.6 to 123.9, Industrials 1.4 per cent from 115.4 to 113.8, and Utilities 1.1 per cent from 114.9 to 113.6. Within Finance, both sub-groups declined, with Investment and Loan down 8.0 per cent and Banks down 4.6 per cent. Seven sub-groups in Industrials moved lower with declines led by Construction (9.1 per cent), Industrial Mines (3.7 per cent), and Foods (3.5 per cent). For the remaining six sub-groups advanced were led by Chemicals (4.1 per cent), Printing and Publishing (2.3 per cent), and Non-metallic minerals (1.3 per cent). Within Utilities sub-groups showing lower were Transportation (4.7 per cent), Gas Distribution (3.9 per cent) and Telephones (0.8 per cent) while Pipelines remained unchanged at 127.2. Electric Power rose 0.8 per cent.

The Mining stock index eased 0.8 per cent lower from 98.1 to 97.3 reflecting a decline of 1.7 per cent for Base Metals from 84.2 to 82.8 and an increase of 0.2 per cent for Golds from 123.5 to 123.8.

The two supplementary indexes were also lower with Primary Oils and Gas down 1.7 per cent from 53.5 to 52.6, and Uraniums down 0.1 per cent from 70.6 to 70.5.

The index of Preferred stock prices moved down 2.7 per cent between June and July from 99.3 to 96.6.

The Consumer Price Index (1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.4 per cent from 130.5 to 131.0 between the beginning of June and July 1962 largely as a result of an increase of 1.1 per cent in the Food index. The Housing, Transportation, Health and Personal Care, and Recreation and Reading indexes were also at higher levels. The Clothing index declined and the Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged.

The Food index rose 1.1 per cent from 125.6 to 127.0 reflecting price increases for most fresh and cured meats, particularly pork and chicken. Beef prices continued to rise. Higher prices were also reported for eggs, flour, coffee, grapefruit, apples, canned fruits and most fresh vegetables, notably tomatoes and potatoes. Lower prices occurred for margarine, powdered skim milk, oranges, bananas, grapes, cabbage and lettuce.

The Housing index edged up 0.1 per cent from 134.9 to 135.1 with both the shelter and household operation components at slightly higher levels. In shelter, the rent and home-ownership indexes were both up. In household operation, increases occurred in fuel and lighting, floor coverings, textiles, utensils and equipment and household supplies. Furniture prices were unchanged and appliance prices somewhat lower.

The Clothing index declined 0.2 per cent from 113.1 to 112.9 as a result of sale prices for men's, women's and children's wear and piece goods.

The Transportation index rose 0.2 per cent from 140.4 to 140.7 as higher prices were reported for both domestic and imported passenger cars. Gasoline prices declined slightly.

The Health and Personal Care index was up 0.1 per cent from 158.2 to 158.4 due to price increases for toilet soap in personal care supplies and men's haircuts in services.

The Recreation and Reading index increased 0.5 per cent from 147.0 to 147.8 as the recreation component was unchanged but the reading component was up as a result of price increases for newspapers and imported magazines.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index was unchanged at 117.9.

TABLE 1. Summary of Current Price Indexes

	Indexes				Percentage changes		
	July 1962	June 1962	July 1961	June 1961	July 1962 June 1962	July 1961 June 1961	July 1962 July 1961
Wholesale price indexes:							
Industry selling price indexes							
(1956=100)(See textual table page 6)							
General wholesale index (1935-39=100)(1)	241.3	240.3	234.5	231.4	+ 0.4	+ 1.3	+ 2.9
Vegetable products	212.2	211.9	205.0	200.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.5	+ 3.5
Animal products	266.6	260.5	251.1	251.5	+ 2.3	- 0.2	+ 6.2
Textile products	242.7	241.9	236.6	234.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.1	+ 2.6
Wood products	317.4	318.0	307.8	302.4	- 0.2	+ 1.8	+ 3.1
Iron products	255.9	256.1	259.3	259.3	- 0.1	-	- 1.3
Non-ferrous metals	193.2	193.7	187.1	179.0	- 0.2	+ 4.5	+ 3.3
Non-metallic minerals	190.0	188.4	184.9	183.7	+ 0.8	+ 0.6	+ 2.8
Chemical products	191.4	191.3	189.1	187.6	(2)	+ 0.8	+ 1.2
Canadian farm products (1935-39=100)(1)	235.1	228.8	228.3	228.6	+ 2.8	- 0.1	(3)
Eastern total	253.4	244.5	236.4	237.8	+ 3.6	- 0.6	+ 7.2
Western total	216.9	213.2	220.1	219.4	+ 1.7	+ 0.3	(3)
Field	174.7	172.0	191.3	192.5	+ 1.6	- 0.6	(3)
Animal	295.5	285.7	265.3	264.7	+ 3.4	+ 0.2	+ 11.4
Selected price indexes:(1)							
Thirty industrial materials (1935-39=100) ...	251.2	251.3	247.7	239.7	- 0.04	+ 3.3	+ 1.4
Residential building materials (1949=100) ...	130.2	130.1	128.5	128.5	+ 0.1	-	+ 1.3
Non-residential building materials (1949=100)	131.9	131.6	130.9	130.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Consumer price indexes (1949=100):							
All-items index	131.0	130.5	129.0	129.0	+ 0.4	-	+ 1.6
Food	127.0	125.6	124.9	123.5	+ 1.1	+ 1.1	+ 1.7
Housing	135.1	134.9	132.9	132.9	+ 0.1	-	+ 1.7
Clothing	112.9	113.1	112.2	112.5	- 0.2	- 0.3	+ 0.6
Transportation	140.7	140.4	138.7	141.2	+ 0.2	- 1.8	+ 1.4
Health and personal care	158.4	158.2	155.1	155.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Recreation and reading	147.8	147.0	145.0	145.8	+ 0.5	- 0.5	+ 1.9
Tobacco and alcohol	117.9	117.9	115.8	115.8	-	-	+ 1.8
Security price indexes (1956=100)(4)							
Total investors index	115.2	117.6	136.0	133.6	- 2.0	+ 1.8	- 15.3
Total industrials	113.8	115.4	134.4	130.7	- 1.4	+ 2.8	- 15.3
Industrial mines	114.3	118.7	150.2	140.2	- 3.7	+ 7.1	- 23.9
Foods	147.6	153.0	179.1	180.2	- 3.5	- 0.6	- 17.6
Beverages	160.0	161.7	160.2	158.9	- 1.1	+ 0.8	- 0.1
Textiles and clothing	146.4	144.6	136.7	131.0	+ 1.2	+ 4.4	+ 7.1
Pulp and paper	115.4	115.0	120.9	116.6	+ 0.3	+ 3.7	- 4.6
Printing and publishing	270.9	264.7	343.3	326.2	+ 2.3	+ 5.2	- 21.1
Primary metals	76.0	77.3	100.0	100.9	- 1.7	- 0.9	- 24.0
Metal fabricating	84.7	84.9	94.6	96.4	- 0.2	- 1.9	- 10.5
Non-metallic minerals	96.4	95.2	93.9	94.3	+ 1.3	- 0.4	+ 2.7
Petroleum	90.8	93.6	100.9	103.7	- 3.0	- 2.7	- 10.0
Chemicals	93.9	90.2	90.4	84.8	+ 4.1	+ 6.6	+ 3.9
Construction	79.7	87.7	105.0	115.4	- 9.1	- 9.0	- 24.1
Retail trade	148.0	147.9	184.6	170.8	+ 0.1	+ 8.1	- 19.8
Total utilities	113.6	114.9	125.9	128.5	- 1.1	- 2.0	- 9.8
Pipeline	127.2	127.2	133.8	137.8	-	- 2.9	- 4.9
Transportation	78.6	82.5	85.4	86.6	- 4.7	- 1.4	- 8.0
Telephone	111.9	112.8	118.9	120.1	- 0.8	- 1.0	- 5.9
Electric power	103.6	102.8	129.7	135.4	+ 0.8	- 4.2	- 20.1
Gas distribution	164.2	170.9	185.5	186.0	- 3.9	- 0.3	- 11.5
Total finance	123.9	131.6	156.9	153.6	- 5.9	+ 2.1	- 21.0
Banks	118.6	124.3	141.9	139.8	- 4.6	+ 1.5	- 16.4
Investment and loan	133.9	145.5	185.2	179.6	- 8.0	+ 3.1	- 27.7
Mining stocks:							
General index	97.3	98.1	95.5	90.3	- 0.8	+ 5.8	+ 1.9
Golds	123.8	123.5	101.8	97.4	+ 4.5	- 5.4	+ 21.6
Base metals	82.8	84.2	92.1	86.4	+ 6.6	+ 17.8	- 10.1
Supplementary indexes:							
Uraniums	70.5	70.6	71.8	71.5	- 0.1	+ 0.4	- 1.8
Primary oils and gas	52.6	53.5	53.8	58.2	- 1.7	- 7.6	- 2.2

(1) Indexes for 1962 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 48 for details of Western grain prices.

(4) See page 50 for details of revised security price indexes introduced in June 1962.

TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry and Selected Commodities
(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	July 1962	June 1962	July 1961	June 1961	1961	1960	1959
Foods and beverages industries:							
Slaughtering and meat packing industry	126.3	121.8	111.6	113.7	113.5	108.3	112.8
Pork, fresh or frozen	127.7	123.2	113.6	114.1	107.7	103.1	99.6
Sausage, fresh	118.3	113.9	114.2	113.2	113.5	105.5	105.4
Weiners and bologna	135.0	132.5	132.0	132.3	132.6	127.8	130.6
Margarine	84.6	85.4	94.9	93.3	91.1	88.3	93.4
Concentrated milk products industry	99.5	99.5	100.0	100.1	101.0	103.1	105.4
Milk, whole, evaporated	107.8	107.8	109.6	109.6	109.6	109.0	107.8
Milk, whole, powder, spray process	101.4	101.4	101.4	102.4	103.0	107.0	107.5
Milk, skim, powder, spray process	66.8	66.8	63.1	63.1	67.4	78.8	95.1
Cheese, processed, industry	103.5	103.5	108.0	108.0	108.3	108.8	107.2
Dairy products, other, industry	101.3	101.3	107.6	107.6	107.1	107.0	105.8
Fish processing industry	129.8	126.8	125.7	123.3	127.4	120.1	113.7
Cod, fillets, frozen	122.3	122.3	118.6	120.2	119.1	110.9	117.8
Salmon, canned, sockeye	119.1	119.1	124.2	124.2	124.7	122.5	109.6
Fruit and vegetable preparations industry ..	103.8	104.0	104.1	104.6	104.0	104.8	102.9
Peaches, canned	101.9	101.9	114.9	114.9	109.7	112.5	97.3
Corn, creamed, whole grain, canned	117.2	117.2	118.4	118.4	118.1	121.5	119.3
Peas, canned	106.8	106.8	103.6	103.6	105.0	100.8	93.4
Tomato juice, canned	101.3	105.3	99.6	99.6	97.0	97.4	99.0
Feed mills industry	114.8	114.4	106.0	102.0	104.6	103.5	103.6
Feeds, dairy and cattle	112.1	112.4	98.5	96.5	100.6	97.7	99.4
Flour mills industry	119.0	119.3	107.2	104.1	108.4	104.4	103.6
Wheat flour, Spring, No. 2 patent	125.8	125.8	114.1	108.4	111.8	109.3	108.3
Wheat flour, Spring, No. 3 patent	121.5	121.5	109.3	106.1	108.4	104.7	104.3
Wheat flour, Ontario winter	116.9	115.4	113.5	113.5	110.9	114.3	103.4
Shorts and middlings	104.1	106.3	96.7	84.8	99.5	87.9	92.7
Breakfast foods industry	119.6	119.6	113.2	113.2	113.4	111.8	111.4
Biscuits industry	106.3	106.3	108.9	108.9	108.7	109.4	107.7
Bread and other bakery products industry ...	116.3	116.3	115.6	115.6	115.2	114.3	112.9
Rolls and buns, plain	123.3	123.3	123.3	123.3	123.3	120.4	116.6
Pies, cakes, cookies and pastries	110.9	110.9	113.1	113.1	112.6	109.8	108.3

TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry and Selected Commodities - Continued
(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	July 1962	June 1962	July 1961	June 1961	1961	1960	1959
Foods and beverages industries - Concluded							
Carbonated beverages industry	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.0	106.5	105.1
Distilled liquors industry	107.6	107.8	106.8	106.1	106.4	106.4	106.6
Breweries industry	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	104.8
Beer in small bottles	105.1	105.1	105.1	105.1	105.1	105.1	104.2
Wines industry	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	100.0	100.8
Confectionery industry	112.0	113.6	115.0	115.0	114.3	114.8	115.4
Chewing gum	97.7	97.7	101.6	101.6	101.9	102.7	102.8
Chocolate bars	105.7	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.1	108.2	109.0
Chocolate, in packages	115.1	116.0	116.0	116.0	116.0	118.0	117.3
Sugar confectionery, in bulk	125.4	128.0	129.8	129.8	129.3	128.0	128.9
Sugar refining industry	97.3	95.5	98.2	98.5	95.1	95.6	93.6
Sugar, granulated, cane and beet	97.4	95.5	98.6	98.8	95.4	95.9	94.0
Sugar, yellow or brown, cane and beet	95.5	93.7	93.5	93.5	90.9	91.6	88.8
Sugar, icing, cane and beet	99.4	98.1	100.7	100.8	97.5	98.5	94.4
Miscellaneous food preparations industry ...	86.6	85.4	84.3	82.9	83.8	82.2	82.5
Coffee, roasted	67.0	65.4	65.2	62.2	63.7	62.4	63.2
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	98.2	96.6	96.6
Macaroni and kindred products industry	121.8	121.8	112.6	112.6	114.8	110.1	108.1
Tobacco and tobacco products industries:							
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes industry	102.4	102.3	102.2	102.2	102.2	101.4	101.1
Tobacco, smoking, fine cut	109.5	109.5	109.0	109.0	109.2	105.8	105.1
Cigarettes	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.2	99.9
Rubber products industries:							
Rubber goods, including footwear, industry	88.6	88.6	98.7	103.1	100.8	102.5	99.3
Tires, balloon, passenger cars, standard	86.2	86.2	96.9	102.1	98.8	101.1	98.5
Hose, fire, garden, etc.	95.8	95.8	100.3	100.3	100.2	103.0	99.9

TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry and Selected Commodities - Continued
(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	July 1962	June 1962	July 1961	June 1961	1961	1960	1959
Leather products industries:							
Footwear, leather industry	110.8	110.8	110.0	110.0	110.0	109.6	105.6
Men's goodyear welts	114.1	114.1	112.7	112.7	112.5	111.6	108.2
Misses' stitchdowns	105.8	105.8	104.1	104.1	103.5	105.3	104.3
Children's and little gents' stitchdowns .	116.0	116.0	114.3	114.3	113.8	115.2	109.0
Babies' and infants' stitchdowns	112.2	111.6	109.1	109.1	109.2	110.8	107.4
Gloves and mittens, leather, industry	101.9	101.9	101.9	101.9	102.0	109.2	102.9
Gloves and mittens, dress, men's lined ...	93.1	93.1	90.5	90.5	90.6	93.9	92.3
Gloves and mittens, work, men's unlined ..	107.4	107.4	109.1	109.1	109.1	118.8	109.3
Leather tanning industry	126.6	126.6	117.8	118.0	119.3	119.2	130.8
Upper leather, cattle hides	130.1	130.1	122.2	122.1	123.1	118.8	133.1
Upper leather, chrome splits	111.0	111.0	111.8	111.8	113.3	124.9	124.6
Sole leather, shoulders	120.1	120.1	109.1	110.8	112.1	113.0	117.6
Belting, leather, industry	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.4
Textile mills industries:							
Cotton yarn and cloth industry	100.4	99.6(1)	96.8	95.8	96.8	96.0	96.4
Woollen cloth industry	101.9	101.2	101.6	101.7	101.4	100.4	98.6
Woollen yarn industry	101.0	100.6	100.4	99.3	98.5	97.6	96.9
Miscellaneous woollen goods industry	96.1	96.1	96.3	96.4	96.3	97.1	97.5
Synthetic textiles and silk industry	97.0	96.6	96.0	95.5	96.2	96.2	99.0
Woven fabrics, continuous filament rayon	106.2	105.3	103.3	102.6	103.8	102.9	100.6
Cordage, rope and twine industry	99.4	99.4	102.7	102.7	102.5	99.5	93.8
Twine, all sisal	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	117.0	107.0	95.7
Bags, cotton and jute, industry	119.2	119.0	112.1	110.6	112.7	101.6	95.7
Bags, cotton	107.5	107.0	100.8	100.4	101.1	99.8	97.0
Bags, jute	129.6	129.6	122.2	119.7	123.0	103.1	94.6
Oilcloth, linoleum and other coated fabrics industry	108.8	108.8	103.8	103.5	103.7	101.8	100.9
Automobile accessories, fabric, industry ...	84.9	84.9	88.4	88.4	87.2	91.4	86.6

(1) Corrected.

TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry and Selected Commodities - Continued
(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	July 1962	June 1962	July 1961	June 1961	1961	1960	1959
Clothing and knitting mills industries:							
Clothing, men's factory, industry	105.8	105.8	103.7	103.6	103.8	103.2	102.3
Jackets, separate, civilian	116.8	116.8	111.3	111.3	112.7	109.2	107.3
Shirts, cotton, fine	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.1	99.0
Shirts, cotton, work	96.2	96.2	96.5	96.5	96.4	99.2	97.4
Pyjamas	100.4	100.4	100.6	100.6	100.6	100.6	100.6
Hosiery industry	87.7	87.7	87.8	87.8	87.8	88.1	92.0
Socks, wool and wool mixtures, men's, seamless, fine	89.7	89.7	92.0	92.0	92.0	93.2	95.0
Socks, wool and wool mixtures, men's, seamless, work	99.5	99.5	97.8	97.8	97.8	97.8	97.8
Other knitted goods industry	91.7	91.9	91.1	91.3	91.4	93.7	96.7
Knitted goods, infants', all kinds	97.4	97.4	96.8	96.8	96.7	96.2	99.5
Linings, glove and shoe	104.2	103.0	101.0	100.2	101.0	101.0	100.6
Hats and caps industry	103.3	103.3	103.9	103.9	103.9	102.7	102.2
Wood products industries:							
Veneers and plywoods industry	85.7	85.9	85.5	88.2	83.4	87.5	93.3
Veneer, yellow birch	84.9	85.7	90.9	90.9	88.4	95.9	90.7
Plywood, Douglas fir	83.0	83.0	81.0	85.0	77.8	81.4	92.9
Plywood, yellow birch	93.3	93.3	92.2	94.6	93.6	96.9	96.4
Doors, veneer and plywood, slab-type	89.5	89.5	87.8	87.8	87.7	89.4	94.6
Sash, door and planing mills industry	100.0	100.3	100.7	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.9
Sash and doors	112.0	112.0	111.3	111.3	111.3	109.4	105.0
Lumber, matched	101.6	101.9	97.7	96.4	97.2	96.0	100.5
Lumber, planed	90.4	90.7	93.1	92.6	92.4	94.2	97.6
Mouldings	104.1	104.1	103.2	103.2	103.4	104.3	104.4
Flooring, hardwood, industry	94.6	94.6	93.8	94.5	93.9	95.6	97.8
Flooring, birch	96.4	96.4	96.4	98.0	97.0	100.5	100.4
Flooring, red oak	92.8	92.8	91.1	91.0	90.7	90.8	95.1
Lumber mills industry	97.4	97.5	93.0	92.4	92.0	95.0	98.6
Pine, white	104.1	104.1	105.9	105.9	105.7	105.9	103.7
Pine, jack and lodge-pole	87.5	88.5	88.7	88.7	87.7	90.1	94.2
Birch, yellow	109.3	109.9	105.6	105.9	106.2	104.2	104.2
Maple, hard	97.6	98.0(1)	96.5	95.1	95.4	93.8	95.2

(1) Corrected.

TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry and Selected Commodities - Continued
(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	July 1962	June 1962	July 1961	June 1961	1961	1960	1959
Wood products industries - Concluded							
Shingle mills industry	101.1	99.1	90.4	88.1	87.2	91.3	102.6
Furniture industry	105.7	105.5	106.0	106.0	106.1	106.0	105.2
Bedroom furniture, wooden, not upholstered	107.3	107.3	107.2	107.2	107.4	106.4	106.0
Office furnishings and fixtures, wooden ..	115.2	115.2	114.6	114.6	115.0	113.2	104.6
Office and store furnishings and fixtures, metal	110.6	108.6	106.9	106.9	107.3	105.8	104.5
Mattresses, spring filled	96.4	96.4	98.4	98.4	98.2	100.9	100.2
Boxes and baskets, wood, industry	117.0	117.0	116.8	116.8	116.8	116.1	113.8
Paper products industries:							
Boxes and bags, paper, industry	104.5	104.5	104.1	104.1	104.0	103.9	103.4
Boxes, folding	105.2	105.2	104.2	104.2	104.3	103.3	104.2
Boxes, corrugated, including wrappers ..	101.8	101.8	101.8	101.8	101.8	102.8	102.0
Bags, self-opening, square	111.2	111.2	107.2	107.2	107.0	105.1	107.1
Pulp mills industry	98.4	99.3	95.4	92.5	93.7	96.4	98.0
Sulphite, bleached, paper grade, domestic market	89.1	89.1	91.0	91.0	90.9	100.4	102.3
Groundwood pulp, export market	98.3	100.1	98.5	96.6	97.2	93.7	97.3
Sulphite, unbleached, strong, export market	104.9	106.2	99.6	95.7	97.6	101.7	100.8
Sulphate, bleached, export market	99.2	100.2	97.7	94.1	95.7	99.1	99.4
Paper mills industry	107.6	107.9	106.1	104.6	105.2	103.7	102.8
Paper, book	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	111.9	110.0	107.8
Paper, fine	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	110.0	107.8
Box board, for folding cartons	107.6	107.6	107.9	107.9	107.8	107.8	107.7
Building board	99.2	99.2	103.4	103.3	103.1	105.4	104.2
Roofing paper industry	89.3	85.2	90.4	91.2	91.6	92.8	94.0
Roll roofing, smooth surfaced	95.0	91.0	99.5	99.5	100.3	96.4	92.2
Roll roofing, felt, mineral surfaced	87.0	83.5	90.5	90.5	91.5	91.2	90.8
Felts, tar and asphalt saturated	92.0	84.2	85.2	85.2	87.3	94.3	91.9
Floor tiles, asphalt	103.0	103.0	108.0	104.0	106.1	103.4	103.0
Miscellaneous paper goods industry	103.6	103.6	104.0	104.1	104.2	105.5	105.7
Envelopes	99.3	99.3	98.4	98.3	98.5	104.0	106.5
Paper, toilet, packaged	104.6	104.6	107.1	107.1	106.7	107.0	104.8
Paper, waxed, including bread wrappers ...	102.0	102.0	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.8	104.2
Tissues, facial	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	95.3	98.5	100.0

TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry and Selected Commodities - Continued
(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	July 1962	June 1962	July 1961	June 1961	1961	1960	1959
Iron and steel products industries:							
Agricultural implements industry	115.1	115.1	113.2	113.2	113.3	111.2	110.1
Drills, grain and fertilizer, combination	120.4	120.4	120.0	120.0	120.0	117.4	115.6
Harrow-ploughs, one-way discs, tiller combines.....	113.5	113.5	111.1	111.2	111.1	107.7	106.9
Combines, reaper-threshers and stationary threshers	115.2	115.2	113.4	113.4	113.5	111.5	110.7
Swathers or windrowers	115.9	115.9	113.2	113.2	113.4	109.4	106.0
Hardware, tools and cutlery industry	114.3	114.3	114.6	114.3	113.7	-	-
Heating and cooking apparatus industry	94.6	94.8	94.8	94.8	95.0	97.1	98.1
Furnaces, oil, gravity or forced air circulation	95.7	95.7	94.4	94.4	94.8	94.4	94.7
Stoves and ranges, cooking, gas	98.0	99.3	97.2	98.2	98.2	102.5	101.9
Machinery, household, office and store, industry	98.7	98.4	99.6	99.7	99.5	99.3	99.3
Castings, iron, industry	107.0	107.2	107.7	107.7	107.2	105.6	104.1
Soil pipe and fittings, cast iron	94.8	96.7	99.7	98.7	99.3	102.0	103.0
Pipe fittings, malleable iron, all kinds	121.4	121.4	117.0	117.0	114.2	109.5	100.1
Pig iron industry	106.2	106.2	106.2	106.2	105.5	105.6	105.4
Steel ingots and castings industry	119.6	119.6	121.1	121.1	121.1	119.6	115.7
Rolled iron and steel products industry	106.7	106.7	106.6	107.3	107.0	107.6	107.2
Hot-rolled products, rails	108.2	108.2	108.2	108.2	108.2	108.2	109.1
Hot-rolled products, bars, all grades excluding concrete reinforcing bars	102.6	102.6	102.6	106.3	104.4	106.5	107.6
Bars, cold-rolled and cold-drawn	108.7	108.7	108.7	108.7	108.5	108.0	108.0
Sheets, cold-rolled, reducing mill production	113.4	113.4	113.4	113.4	113.4	113.5	113.5
Wire and wire goods industry	105.5	105.5	106.3	106.3	106.2	106.0	105.6
Nails, wire, iron and steel	101.6	101.6	102.0	102.0	102.0	102.0	103.2
Woven wire, farm fence, steel	108.2	108.2	112.5	112.5	111.6	113.2	114.5
Wire cloth, Fourdrinier	103.6	103.6	106.7	106.7	106.7	105.9	102.0
Rope, steel wire	100.6	100.6	103.5	103.3	102.3	103.3	103.3
Transportation equipment industries:							
Boatbuilding industry	125.7	127.7	128.3	128.3	125.4	124.3	118.9

TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry and Selected Commodities - Continued
(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	July 1962	June 1962	July 1961	June 1961	1961	1960	1959
Transportation equipment industries - Concluded							
Motor vehicles industry	118.8	118.9	115.8	116.3	116.8	116.3	115.2
Passenger cars, 2-door sedan	121.7	121.9	118.2	118.8	119.4	118.7	117.5
Passenger cars, 4-door sedan	119.2	119.4	115.6	116.2	116.8	116.2	115.3
Trucks, 5,000 lbs. or less, gross vehicle weight	116.0	116.1	114.8	114.8	115.0	115.0	114.4
Trucks, 5,001-10,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight	116.1	116.2	114.5	114.5	114.8	114.3	112.4
Motor vehicles parts industry	106.8	106.7	106.1	106.0	106.0	104.6	103.4
Non-ferrous metal products industries:							
Aluminum products industry	104.2	102.9	102.8	102.8	102.8	101.8	100.2
Sheets	106.6	104.9	105.9	105.9	105.7	104.4	100.7
Utensils, cooking	120.7	120.7	115.4	115.4	116.3	115.4	116.4
Brass and copper products industry	86.2	86.2	84.0	84.0	83.0	83.4	82.3
Ingots, brass and bronze	86.3	86.7	84.4	84.4	82.0	74.5	74.8
Faucets and combinations, sink, bath and lavatory	100.1	100.1	95.4	95.4	97.2	94.4	94.6
Jewellery and silverware industry	113.9	114.1	103.6	101.6	103.1	100.0	99.1
Gold alloys	107.7	108.7	104.3	101.7	103.2	100.7	99.9
Flatware and cutlery, silver-plated	105.4	105.4	96.9	96.9	96.9	96.9	96.1
Non-ferrous metal smelting and refining industry	99.6	100.0	98.2	93.5	95.4	93.4	90.7
White metal alloys industry	88.3	88.6	89.4	88.0	88.5	88.1	86.1
Lead, antimonial	67.8	69.2	71.0	68.5	69.5	72.1	72.0
Solders	100.1	100.5	100.6	93.6	96.6	89.9	90.3
Type and type metals	93.3	93.3	93.6	93.3	93.4	93.3	93.4
Electrical apparatus and supplies industries:							
Batteries industry	96.4	96.4	99.2	99.2	99.2	98.6	99.6
Batteries, storage, automotive	81.6	81.6	85.5	85.5	85.6	84.8	88.0
Batteries, drycell, radio, non-portable ..	108.7	108.7	108.7	108.7	108.7	108.7	107.8
Batteries, drycell, flashlight	128.0	128.0	128.2	128.2	128.2	128.1	126.7

TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry and Selected Commodities - Continued

(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	July 1962	June 1962	July 1961	June 1961	1961	1960	1959
Electrical apparatus and supplies industries							
- Concluded							
Machinery, heavy electrical, industry	89.6	89.6	89.0	90.2	89.7	96.7	97.7
Industrial control equipment	101.0	100.8	98.9	99.9	99.0	107.8	110.3
Generators	88.9	88.9	90.4	93.0	91.7	94.7	95.0
Motors a-c	95.2	95.2	95.2	98.5	97.0	100.4	99.1
Motors d-c	108.3	107.5	105.3	105.3	105.3	106.0	103.1
Transformers	80.0	80.3	78.5	79.2	77.8	90.2	94.0
Refrigerators, vacuum cleaners and appliances industry							
Stoves or ranges, cooking, domestic, over 35 amps.	83.3	83.8(1)	85.6	85.8	85.3	92.1	99.4
Irons, automatic, flat	91.3	91.3	97.7	97.7	97.2	100.0	99.8
Washing machines, electric, domestic, automatic type	91.2	91.0	-	-	-	-	-
Refrigerators, household	75.6	75.6	76.6	77.2	76.6	83.5	91.1
Miscellaneous electrical apparatus and supplies industry							
Lamps, incandescent, standard	122.5	122.5	116.1	116.1	118.2	116.1	112.1
Lamps, fluorescent	105.8	105.8	102.8	102.8	103.8	102.8	103.6
Lighting fixtures, fluorescent, commercial	104.1	103.6	102.9	102.9	103.0	103.1	102.4
Wires and cables industry							
Conductors, un-insulated:							
Copper, copperweld, including trolley wires	86.0	86.0	82.7	82.7	81.3	81.9	80.5
Conductors, insulated:							
Weatherproof wires, all types	80.1	80.1	77.2	77.2	75.6	77.6	76.6
Rubber-insulated and braided	79.8	82.4	89.2	89.2	88.6	92.2	92.3
Magnet wires, enamelled	91.8	91.8	89.8	89.8	88.7	90.1	89.2
Non-metallic mineral products industries:							
Abrasives, artificial, industry	114.2	114.2	113.8	113.2	113.5	113.0	111.6
Alumina, fused, crude	112.4	112.4	112.5	112.0	112.2	111.9	111.8
Silicon carbide, crude	113.8	113.8	111.7	110.4	110.9	110.2	109.3
Clay products from imported clay industry ..	106.8	106.8	107.4	107.4	107.4	108.0	103.0
Gypsum products industry	106.2	106.2	105.6	105.6	105.6	105.0	105.2
Lath, gypsum	106.1	106.1	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4	104.4

(1) Corrected.

TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry and Selected Commodities - Continued
 (1956=100)

TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry and Selected Commodities - Concluded

(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	July 1962	June 1962	July 1961	June 1961	1961	1960	1959
Chemicals and allied products industries							
- Concluded							
Soaps, washing compounds and cleaning preparations industry	113.6	113.5	113.9	113.4	113.7	113.4	111.4
Vegetable oils industry	105.1	104.7	107.6	98.1	101.3	87.5	92.5
Soya bean oilcake	128.4	124.8	118.6	110.0	111.8	96.3	100.8
Linseed oil, raw	104.9	104.9	111.3	86.9	95.0	83.7	91.5
Primary plastics industry	88.2	88.5	90.0	90.3	89.8	93.0	94.2
Synthetic resins, phenol-formaldehyde type	86.0	86.8	94.3	94.3	92.1	93.0	94.5
Inks, printing, industry	99.9	99.9	104.2	104.2	104.2	104.1	103.8
Polishes and dressings industry	114.5	114.5	111.6	111.6	111.5	107.9	106.6
Wax, liquid, self-polishing	113.4	113.4	110.4	110.4	110.4	107.7	106.7
Gases, compressed, industry	110.0	110.0	111.4	111.4	111.4	112.4	110.5
Adhesives industry	107.2	106.9	109.2	109.2	108.2	108.2	106.9
Glue, synthetic resin	102.5	102.5	107.8	107.8	106.5	107.8	107.0
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries:							
Typewriter supplies industry	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3
Fountain pens and pencils industry	103.4	103.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4
Clocks, watches and watch cases industry ...	110.7	108.3	102.3	103.0	104.1	101.4	101.6
Buttons, buckles and fasteners industry	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.1	107.1
Candles industry	104.5	104.5	104.4	103.8	104.1	103.4	103.0
Pipes, lighters and smokers' supplies industry	95.2	95.2	95.7	95.7	95.7	103.6	100.9

TABLE 3. Selected Price Indicators (1935-39=100)

General Wholesale Index and Principal Components

Date	General whole- sale index	Vege- table 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
1961	233.3	203.1	254.7	234.5	305.1	258.1	181.6	185.2	188.7
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 Jan.	231.7	201.0	258.3	230.1	302.9	255.1	176.2	186.0	188.1
Feb.	232.1	201.4	259.4	232.4	301.7	256.6	174.4	185.8	187.8
Mar.	231.3	200.0	256.2	233.0	301.6	256.7	174.6	186.2	188.0
Apr.	230.9	200.4	251.0	233.3	302.3	259.1	174.7	184.4	188.0
May	231.2	200.1	250.7	234.2	302.1	259.1	178.3	183.8	187.7
June	231.4	200.0	251.5	234.0	302.4	259.3	179.0	183.7	187.6
July	234.5	205.0	251.1	236.6	307.8	259.3	187.1	184.9	189.1
Aug.	234.5	205.4	251.6	235.6	307.6	259.1	187.0	184.9	188.6
Sept.	235.3	205.7	256.1	235.8	307.4	258.8	187.0	185.3	189.7
Oct.	235.3	205.2	256.5	235.9	307.4	258.8	186.9	185.4	189.8
Nov.	235.3	205.3	256.5	236.2	308.4	257.9	186.2	185.7	189.9
Dec.	236.5	208.0	257.1	237.2	309.4	257.5	188.1	186.7	190.2
1962(2) Jan.	237.0	209.6	256.4	237.3	310.2	257.6	188.4	186.9	190.3
Feb.	237.2	210.2	256.6	238.2	309.8	257.6	188.1	187.7	189.9
Mar.	237.1	210.5	255.0	239.1	310.0	257.5	188.0	187.8	190.2
Apr.	237.4	210.2	256.2	237.9	311.7	257.1	188.7	187.8	190.3
May	239.1	212.5	254.4	239.6	317.0	256.9	194.8	188.1	190.4
June	240.3	211.9	260.5	241.9	318.0	256.1	193.7	188.4	191.3
July	241.3	212.2	266.6	242.7	317.4	255.9	193.2	190.0	191.4
Aug.									
Sept.									
Oct.									
Nov.									
Dec.									

(1) Includes gold.

(2) Indexes for 1962 are subject to revision.

TABLE 3. Selected Price Indicators (1935-39=100) - Continued

Special Groupings of Components of General Wholesale Index

Date	Non-farm products(1)	Raw	Fully	Iron	Fully and chiefly manufactured goods		
		and partly mfg. goods(2)	and chiefly mfg. goods(2)	and non-ferrous metals(3)	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
1961	239.1	212.6	244.5	253.3	254.4	253.4	270.0
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 Jan.	236.4	208.8	244.0	248.1	253.6	252.8	266.5
Feb.	236.4	208.8	244.5	247.7	253.7	253.0	264.6
Mar.	236.6	207.8	243.8	248.0	253.7	253.0	264.6
Apr.	237.2	207.2	243.6	249.5	254.1	253.5	264.1
May	237.8	208.4	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	244.7	257.3	255.0	253.9	273.5
Aug.	241.0	215.5	244.7	257.2	254.7	253.6	273.5
Sept.	241.0	216.9	245.2	257.1	254.6	253.4	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	254.5	253.4	273.0
Dec.	241.8	219.2	246.0	256.8	254.5	253.4	273.0
1962(5) Jan.	242.2	219.3	246.6	256.9	254.0	252.9	273.0
Feb.	242.3	220.2	246.2	256.6	254.0	252.9	272.6
Mar.	242.4	219.6	246.4	256.5	254.3	253.2	272.6
Apr.	242.8	220.3	246.9	256.7	254.3	253.2	272.6
May	245.2	224.3	247.5	259.9	254.5	253.2	275.7
June	245.6	225.3	248.7	258.6	254.5	252.8	277.1
July	245.7	226.4	249.8	258.5	254.5	253.1	277.5
Aug.							
Sept.							
Oct.							
Nov.							
Dec.							

(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 1962 are subject to revision.

TABLE 3. Selected Price Indicators - Concluded

Date	Industrial materials	Building materials		Canadian farm products(2)		
		Residential(1)	Non- residential	Field	Animal	Total
		(1935-39=100)	(1949=100)	(1935-39=100)		
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	189.1	264.1	226.6
1961	243.2	128.3	131.1	179.6	270.0	224.8
1960	Jan.	243.2	129.6	132.0	184.9	257.7
	Feb.	241.8	129.6	132.1	185.2	252.0
	Mar.	240.4	129.6	132.2	188.2	252.2
	Apr.	241.7	129.8	132.5	193.7	256.2
	May	243.2	129.6	132.4	195.4	257.8
	June	242.2	129.6	132.6	198.4	265.0
	July	240.5	129.5	132.8	186.7	270.1
	Aug.	240.8	128.7	132.7	186.7	271.7
	Sept.	241.0	128.6	132.3	186.5	273.6
	Oct.	238.5	128.1	132.3	187.7	267.8
	Nov.	236.0	128.5	132.0	187.5	269.7
	Dec.	235.2	128.9	132.3	188.4	275.0
1961	Jan.	235.4	128.3	132.0	189.3	277.1
	Feb.	238.1	128.2	131.7	189.0	276.3
	Mar.	240.2	128.9	131.7	188.2	268.6
	Apr.	241.7	128.6	131.4	188.5	261.7
	May	244.0	128.2	130.5	187.3	264.4
	June	239.7	128.5	130.7	192.5	264.7
	July	247.7	128.5	130.9	191.3	265.3
	Aug.	247.1	128.0	130.9	168.5	265.4
	Sept.	247.8	127.9	130.7	165.7	272.3
	Oct.	246.6	127.7	130.6	165.3	275.3
	Nov.	244.6	128.2	130.6	164.2	275.0
	Dec.	245.7	128.2	131.2	165.8	274.2
1962(3)	Jan.	245.2	128.7	131.5	166.7	271.0
	Feb.	246.2	128.4	131.5	167.5	270.8
	Mar.	247.1	128.9	131.6	167.1	267.5
	Apr.	247.6	129.1	131.6	166.4	272.0
	May	251.8	129.7	131.6	168.9	276.7
	June	251.3	130.1	131.6	172.0	285.7
	July	251.2	130.2	131.9	174.7	295.5
	Aug.					
	Sept.					
	Oct.					
	Nov.					
	Dec.					

(1) Converted from the base 1935-39=100. See Table 6.

(2) Final to July 1961. See page 48 for details on Western grain prices and specific publications wherein final indexes for earlier years may be found.

(3) Indexes for 1962 are subject to revision.

TABLE 4. Wholesale Price Index Numbers showing Component Detail(1) - Concluded

(1935-39=100)

Commodity group and sub-group	Months				Annual averages		
	July 1962	June 1962	July 1961	June 1961	1961	1960	1959
General wholesale index - Concluded:							
Total chemical products	191.4	191.3	189.1	187.6	188.7	188.2	187.0
Inorganic chemicals	152.3	150.8	150.6	150.3	150.4	151.8	152.4
Organic chemicals	160.9	160.8	169.0	169.0	169.0	172.2	169.4
Coal tar products	176.9	177.3	187.3	187.3	187.0	188.5	187.4
Dyeing and tanning materials	239.0	239.0	221.5	205.2	213.8	205.0	211.9
Explosives	158.6	158.6	158.6	158.6	158.6	158.0	149.8
Paint, prepared	233.4	233.4	225.2	225.2	227.9	222.6	222.4
Fertilizer materials	163.2	163.2	162.6	160.4	159.8	160.4	158.1
Industrial gases	152.8	152.8	145.0	145.0	146.8	150.3	151.0
Soaps and detergents	229.5	229.5	228.7	227.8	228.5	227.8	227.0

(1) Indexes for 1962 are subject to revision.

TABLE 5. Wholesale Prices of Selected Commodities

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity	Months				Annual averages		
	July 1962	June 1962	July 1961	June 1961	1961	1960	1959
dollars							
Vegetable products:							
Barley, No. 1 feed, bu.	1.30	1.31	1.16	.97	1.10	.97	.96
Coffee beans, Green Santos 2/3's, lb. ....	.40	.42	.41	.40	.40	.39	.39
Flour, first patent, Toronto, 100-lb. bag	7.15	7.15	6.35	6.35	6.49	6.35	6.16
Linseed oil, raw, Montreal, gal.	1.52	1.52	1.61	1.28	1.40	1.24	1.36
Oats, No. 2 C.W., bu. ....	.96	.96	.93	.82	.88	.83	.79
Potatoes, No. 1 Saint John, 75-lb. bag	2.87	1.84	2.36	2.15	1.85	2.78	2.12
Sugar, granulated, std., Montreal, 100-lb. bag	7.20	7.10	7.30	7.30	7.04	7.12	6.86
Wheat, No. 2, Manitoba Northern, bu.	1.95	1.97	1.76	1.68	1.72	1.62	1.64
 Animal products:							
Butter, prints, 1st. grade, Montreal, lb. ....	.53	.54	.64	.65	.65	.65	.65
Eggs, grade "A", large, Montreal, doz. ....	.43	.41	.54	.47	.51	.49	.49
Hides, packer, light native steers, lb. ....	.19	.20	.20	.18	.19	.18	.23
Hogs, Toronto (bonus excluded) 100-lb.	32.07	30.09	28.89	28.53	27.36	24.00	23.76
Steers, good, Toronto, 100 lb.	26.36	24.80	21.03	21.79	22.85	22.72	25.09

Animal products:

Butter, prints, 1st. grade, Montreal, lb. ....	.53	.54	.64	.65	.65	.65	.65
Eggs, grade "A", large, Montreal, doz. ....	.43	.41	.54	.47	.51	.49	.49
Hides, packer, light native steers, lb. ....	.19	.20	.20	.18	.19	.18	.23
Hogs, Toronto (bonus excluded) 100-lb.	32.07	30.09	28.89	28.53	27.36	24.00	23.76
Steers, good, Toronto, 100 lb.	26.36	24.80	21.03	21.79	22.85	22.72	25.09

TABLE 5. Wholesale Prices of Selected Commodities - Concluded
(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity	Months				Annual averages		
	July 1962	June 1962	July 1961	June 1961	1961	1960	1959
dollars							
Textile products:							
Cotton, raw, middling, 1", New York, lb. ....	.39	.39	.36	.35	.35	.32	.32
Cotton yarn, 10's, white, lb. ....	.75	.75	.71	.69	.71	.69	.70
Cotton, grey Osnaburg, clean, 7 1/8 oz., yd. ....	.34	.34	.33	.33	.33	.33	.34
Rayon yarn, 36 filament, 150 denier, lb. ....	.91	.91	.91	.91	.91	.89	.89
Wool, raw, Australian, 64's, clean, lb.	1.27	1.21	1.24	1.20	1.17	1.08	-
Wool, raw, Eastern, domestic, lb. ....	.45	.44	.41	.41	.42	.41	.38
Wood products:							
Newsprint paper, standard, Quebec, 2000-lb. ton	126.03	127.31	120.74	116.25	118.29	113.78	112.04
Pine, white, No. 1, 1" x 8", 8' - 16', 1000-bd. ft.	185.00	185.00	185.00	185.00	185.00	187.00	184.67
Shingles, asphalt, 12" x 36", 100 sq. ft. ...	6.60	6.05	6.40	6.50	6.57	6.55	7.16
Spruce, merchantable, 1" x 6"/7", 1000-bd. ft.	85.50	85.50	85.50	85.50	85.50	85.50	85.50
Iron products:							
Cast iron scrap, 2240-lb. ton	50.00	50.00	48.00	48.00	48.50	49.67	49.67
Steel scrap, heavy melting, No. 1, 2240-lb. ton	29.30	29.67	36.65	36.65	34.42	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.	31.50	31.50	30.00	30.00	29.16	30.24	29.60
Lead, pig, electrolytic, domestic, 100-lb.	9.74	10.13	10.50	10.04	10.21	10.68	10.62
Tin, ingots, 99.8%, Montreal, lb.	1.27	1.29	1.29	1.22	1.22	1.05	1.04
Zinc, high grade, electrolytic, 100-lb.	12.10	12.10	12.58	12.46	12.58	13.35	11.65
Non-metallic minerals products:							
Cement, Portland, Calgary, 350-lb.	3.54	3.54	3.54	3.54	3.54	3.36	3.19
Cement, Portland, Toronto, 350-lb.	3.26	3.26	3.26	3.26	3.26	3.26	3.12
Coal, anthracite, U.S., stove size, 2000-lb. ton	21.85	22.07	20.03	18.78	20.08	19.46	20.45
Chemical products:							
Sodium carbonate, (soda ash) 58 p.c., 100-lb.	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05
Sulphuric acid, 66° Baume, 2000-lb. ton	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.45	25.35

TABLE 7. Price Index Numbers of Non-Residential Building Materials
(1949=100)

Date	Principal components						
	Total index	Aggregate, cement, and concrete mix	Blocks, brick, and building stone	Tile	Lumber and lumber products	Plumbing, heating, and other equipment	Electrical equipment and fixtures
1952	123.2	117.4	119.7	115.5	127.9	121.3	121.7
1953	124.4	120.2	125.9	117.1	127.8	119.2	119.6
1954	121.8	120.9	127.0	120.6	124.5	115.2	117.6
1955	123.4	120.3	127.0	120.3	127.5	118.0	121.3
1956	128.0	117.0	130.3	120.8	131.5	123.4	123.6
1957	130.0	119.4	134.0	118.5	128.7	124.1	118.4
1958	129.8	119.6	135.7	118.2	126.8	123.8	114.0
1959	131.7	118.6	137.4	118.3	131.3	126.0	119.2
1960	132.3	119.8	139.1	121.0	129.0	126.7	119.5
1961	131.1	119.8	133.0	123.9	127.6	126.3	113.8
1960 Jan.	132.0	121.7	138.5	118.6	130.8	126.5	117.6
Feb.	132.1	121.7	138.5	118.2	130.6	126.7	118.0
Mar.	132.2	121.7	139.7	118.2	130.4	126.7	117.7
Apr.	132.5	119.4	139.5	118.2	130.5	126.9	122.7
May	132.4	117.2	139.5	122.1	129.4	127.0	122.1
June	132.6	117.3	139.5	122.1	129.1	127.0	122.1
July	132.8	118.8	139.3	122.3	129.1	127.0	122.1
Aug.	132.7	118.8	139.3	122.3	128.3	126.9	122.1
Sept.	132.3	118.8	139.3	122.3	127.4	126.6	120.3
Oct.	132.3	118.6	138.6	122.1	127.1	126.4	119.7
Nov.	132.0	120.3	138.6	122.1	127.1	126.4	114.7
Dec.	132.3	122.9	138.6	123.2	127.9	126.4	114.6
1961 Jan.	132.0	122.9	138.7	123.7	127.6	125.7	114.6
Feb.	131.7	122.5	136.7	123.0	126.9	125.9	114.1
Mar.	131.7	122.5	137.0	123.0	127.2	125.8	114.1
Apr.	131.4	120.0	136.8	122.8	128.0	126.0	113.1
May	130.5	118.3	130.5	122.8	128.3	126.6	112.7
June	130.7	118.3	130.4	124.4	128.3	126.7	113.1
July	130.9	118.3	130.4	124.4	128.1	126.7	114.3
Aug.	130.9	118.3	130.5	124.7	127.6	126.7	114.4
Sept.	130.7	118.0	131.1	124.5	127.4	126.3	114.4
Oct.	130.6	117.4	131.1	124.5	127.0	126.5	114.1
Nov.	130.6	119.3	131.3	124.6	127.2	126.6	112.3
Dec.	131.2	121.6	131.3	124.6	127.7	126.6	114.3
1962(1) Jan.	131.5	124.0	131.5	124.7	128.5	126.9	114.6
Feb.	131.5	124.0	130.9	124.7	129.0	127.1	114.2
Mar.	131.6	124.0	130.9	124.6	130.2	127.1	114.2
Apr.	131.6	121.6	130.9	124.8	130.6	127.1	113.4
May	131.6	120.1	130.9	124.9	131.0	127.1	114.0
June	131.6	120.2	130.9	124.8	131.7	127.4	113.2
July	131.9	120.2	130.9	125.2	131.6	127.3	113.5
Aug.							
Sept.							
Oct.							
Nov.							
Dec.							

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TABLE 7. Price Index Numbers of Non-Residential Building Materials - Concluded
(1949=100)

Date	Principal components					
	Steel and metal work	Hard- ware	Lath, plaster, and insulation	Roofing materials	Paint and glass	Miscel- laneous materials
1952	131.3	125.9	109.7	134.5	115.6	106.4
1953	134.7	129.3	110.0	133.6	125.3	103.8
1954	128.2	125.4	109.7	132.8	128.2	100.9
1955	129.9	132.6	108.1	127.3	133.3	97.4
1956	139.0	145.4	112.7	137.3	141.6	93.6
1957	147.8	151.9	115.5	140.0	144.2	93.8
1958	150.9	155.1	118.5	123.3	145.3	93.7
1959	152.6	156.2	119.5	121.8	146.3	93.7
1960	152.9	157.6	119.6	126.5	146.4	97.2
1961	153.2	160.1	119.0	119.2	148.6	100.2
1960 Jan.	152.9	157.5	118.6	118.4	146.2	93.7
Feb.	153.0	157.5	118.6	118.5	146.2	93.7
Mar.	153.0	157.5	119.3	118.5	146.2	93.7
Apr.	152.9	157.5	119.3	118.5	146.2	93.7
May	152.9	157.5	119.3	122.8	146.2	93.7
June	152.9	157.5	120.1	128.9	146.2	93.7
July	152.9	157.5	120.2	129.0	146.2	100.6
Aug.	152.9	157.5	119.4	129.0	146.2	100.6
Sept.	152.8	157.9	119.4	129.0	146.2	100.6
Oct.	152.8	157.9	119.3	135.8	146.2	100.6
Nov.	152.8	157.9	121.2	137.7	146.2	100.6
Dec.	153.1	157.9	120.1	131.6	148.5	100.6
1961 Jan.	153.1	157.9	117.1	128.7	148.5	100.1
Feb.	153.2	158.5	117.0	128.7	148.5	100.1
Mar.	153.2	158.5	117.0	128.7	148.5	100.1
Apr.	153.2	159.8	116.9	124.3	148.4	100.1
May	153.2	159.8	117.4	116.7	148.4	100.1
June	153.3	160.9	119.8	116.7	148.4	100.1
July	153.3	160.9	119.8	116.7	148.4	100.7
Aug.	153.3	160.9	119.8	116.7	148.4	100.7
Sept.	153.3	160.9	120.7	113.2	148.8	100.7
Oct.	153.3	160.9	120.6	113.2	148.8	100.7
Nov.	153.3	160.9	120.7	113.3	148.8	99.7
Dec.	153.3	160.9	120.7	113.3	148.8	99.7
1962(1) Jan.	153.3	159.1	120.7	109.5	148.8	99.5
Feb.	153.3	159.1	121.1	109.5	148.8	99.5
Mar.	153.3	159.1	121.5	109.5	148.8	99.5
Apr.	153.3	159.1	121.9	119.6	148.8	99.5
May	153.3	159.1	121.9	119.6	148.8	100.3
June	153.3	159.1	121.1	119.6	148.8	100.1
July	153.3	159.1	121.3	128.5	149.3	100.1
Aug.						
Sept.						
Oct.						
Nov.						
Dec.						

(1) Indexes for 1962 are subject to revision.

TABLE 12. Average Weekly Wages in Manufacturing in Current Dollars and Adjusted for Changes in the Consumer Price Index(1)
1955 - 1962

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
	\$	\$	\$	
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
1961 - Average				
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.	75.69	181.3	58.36	139.8
Nov.	75.64	181.2	58.27	139.6
Dec.	72.85	174.5	56.17	134.6
1962 - Jan.	75.46	180.8	58.14	139.3
Feb.	75.99	182.1	58.59	140.4
Mar.	76.68	183.7	58.85	141.0
Apr.	76.50	183.3	58.80	140.9
May	77.50P	185.7P	59.39P	142.3P
June				
July				
Aug.				
Sept.				
Oct.				
Nov.				
Dec.				

(1) For detailed explanation, see page 53.

P Preliminary figures.

TABLE 13. Spatial Retail Food Price Indexes, 1956-61(1)

Winnipeg = 100

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Halifax	99	100	99	102	101	99
Saint John	101	102	100	102	103	101
Montreal	98	99	98	98	100	98
Ottawa	97	99	98	99	99	98
Toronto	97	98	97	97	99	97
Winnipeg	100	100	100	100	100	100
Regina	104	104	103	105	103	101
Saskatoon	105	104	104	105	104	102
Calgary	101	101	100	102	100	98
Edmonton	100	101	100	101	98	97
Vancouver	105	105	104	106	104	102

(1) For detailed explanation, see page 54.

TABLE 14. 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
1961	282.2	261.4	226.7	220.6	566.0	224.2	259.0
1959 - April	273.0	248.9	220.2	204.7	554.6	220.0	251.8
1960 - April	279.9	255.2	223.4	214.5	571.7	221.6	256.6
1961 - April	284.7	260.8	226.6	220.6	581.0	224.4	260.6
August	289.0	262.7	230.0	220.6	594.1	224.3	263.1
1962 - January ...	281.8	267.9	233.6	220.6	537.9	226.4	259.7
April	291.6	267.9	235.8	220.6	587.4	228.0	266.1
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
1961	286.8	265.5	221.9	223.6	550.2	223.7	261.6
1959 - April	275.4	253.1	217.3	201.3	527.8	219.3	252.9
1960 - April	281.9	258.6	218.8	214.3	544.0	221.3	257.7
1961 - April	287.4	264.8	222.9	223.6	550.3	223.8	262.0
August	291.3	266.8	223.6	223.6	568.0	224.0	264.4
1962 - January ...	291.1	271.9	229.1	223.6	549.8	226.2	265.1
April	294.5	271.6	231.9	223.6	558.1	227.5	267.7
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
1961	277.8	259.8	231.3	218.0	588.5	224.7	256.5
1959 - April	270.7	247.3	223.0	207.5	592.6	220.7	250.7
1960 - April	277.9	253.8	227.9	214.6	611.0	221.9	255.5
1961 - April	282.0	259.2	230.1	218.0	624.6	225.0	259.2
August	286.8	261.1	236.2	218.0	631.3	224.6	261.9
1962 - January ...	272.6	266.3	237.9	218.0	521.0	226.7	254.2
April	288.7	266.5	239.6	218.0	629.1	228.5	264.6

(1) 1962 indexes are subject to revision, since tax and interest rate figures are preliminary.

Explanation of Methods Used and Additional Sources for Price Series

Appearing in this Bulletin

Wholesale Price Indexes

Industry Selling Price Indexes (1956=100)

Industry Selling Price Indexes are published for most of the manufacturing industries and as such are the first Canadian "wholesale" price indexes to be organized according to an industry classification. Because of their common form of organization these indexes may be used in conjunction with a whole array of related statistics such as shipments, employment and inventories, to name a few, which also conform to the Standard Industrial Classification. Thus, Industry Selling Price Indexes have a clearly defined conceptual basis which fits into a common framework of analytical statistics. For this reason and because of their relatively high standard of representativeness they are recommended over their counterpart commodity series of the General Wholesale Index for purposes relating to output of manufacturing industries. However, because Industry Selling Price Indexes are available only since 1956 (in a few cases since 1949) the General Wholesale Index and its components must still be relied upon for earlier periods.

A complete description of these indexes is contained in:

Industry Selling Price Indexes 1956-59

Catalogue No. 62-515

General Wholesale Index (1935-39=100)

The General Wholesale Index is a commodity classified index of prices. The index is "general" inasmuch as it incorporates a diverse selection of both primary and processed commodities. It is called "wholesale" because its ingredient prices relate to that broad and heterogeneous area of commodity distribution which excludes only retail trade. In fact, the term "wholesale" has more of a connotation of bulk trading than of any homogeneous level of distribution. Thus, though the index mainly includes prices of producers, it also covers transactions of "middle men" who trade in commodities of a type or in quantities characteristic of primary marketing functions.

Though general wholesale price indexes have been calculated by many countries for years there is no precise answer to the question of what such an index measures. This is so because the index cannot be associated with any adequately definable value aggregate. Unlike a consumer price index which can be identified with expenditures of household consumers, a general wholesale index covers a host of overlapping transactions sometimes involving the same ingredient in as many as three different stages of processing. Yet, conceptually, it is not a measure of the purchasing power of money because it omits significant areas of monetary transactions such as prices of land, labour, securities and services, except in so far as prices of these things are implicit in commodity prices. As a conventional summary figure, its use has tended towards a reference level against which to observe the behaviour of particular price groups such as farm products, industrial materials, building materials and the various other groupings for which indexes are published. And as an indicator of general business conditions it is usually included in the group which is regarded as approximately coincident with the business cycle. However, its main attribute now lies in its long historical continuity.

For further details about the General Wholesale Index please consult:

Wholesale Price Indexes 1913-1950 (Reference Paper No. 24)

Prices and Price Indexes 1949-1952 (Vol. 23) (Catalogue No. 62-501)

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 1960-July 1961 were announced April 2, 1962. The price of No. 1 Manitoba Northern was adjusted to \$1.791 per bushel, No. 2 to \$1.759 and No. 3 to \$1.743, 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 Northern No. 1 to \$1.50. Subsequent indexes are based on an initial payment of \$1.50 for Manitoba Northern No. 1.

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 1960-1961 final payment announced December 11, 1961 brought the price to \$.741 per bushel for No. 2 C.W. oats; final payment announced January 10, 1962 brought the price to \$.949 per bushel for No. 1 Feed barley. Initial payment for the crop year 1961-1962 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, June 1960 and June 1961. Indexes subsequent to July 1961 are subject to revision.

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

A second special purpose price index related to the construction industry entitled "Non-Residential Building Materials Price Index" is shown in Table 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 1951 = 100, all indexes are on the base 1949 = 100. The regional indexes 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 method 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

Security price indexes measure through time the effect of price change on the value of a portfolio of stocks bought and held by a hypothetical investor (as opposed to the more speculative trader). The portfolio represents stocks of Canadian companies listed on Toronto, Montreal and Canadian stock exchanges. The number of shares held for each issue is in proportion to the total number of shares outstanding. Prices in the common and mining stock indexes are Thursday's closing quotations as reported in the *Globe and Mail* and the *Montreal Gazette*. For preferred stocks, prices are monthly weighted averages of the daily closing prices in which weights are daily total sales. The price reference base for the indexes is the year 1956 which has been adopted as an interim base for recently developed D.B.S. indexes. The indexes express current prices as a percentage of prices in 1956.

Revised indexes on the base 1956=100 were first presented in the June 1962 issue of this publication. The most important change in the revision of the index, apart from the shift in the price reference base, is the classification of stocks according to the Standard Industrial Classification. In the continuing major group Industrials 4 sub-groups (Milling and Grains, Food and Allied Products, Machinery and Equipment, and Building Materials have been replaced by 8 new sub-groups (Foods, Printing and Publishing, Primary Metals, Metal Fabricating, Non-metallic Minerals, Chemicals, Construction, and Retail Trade). The remaining 5 sub-groups of the former index, viz., Industrial Mines, Beverages, Textiles and Clothing, Pulp and Paper, and Oils (renamed Petroleum) have been continued. The major group Utilities is continued but the Pipeline index has been added as a sub-group and the previous Power and Traction sub-group has been replaced by two new sub-groups, viz., Electric Power and Gas Distribution. A new major group Finance is composed of the former major group Banks and the former supplementary index Investment and Loan. Constant weights, which were previously limited to major groups, have been extended to sub-groups. Weights in the index continue to be based on shares outstanding.

For lists of stocks currently included in the Investors Index, Mining Index and Preferred Index, see Prices and Price Indexes for June 1962, May 1962, and February 1962. Monthly indexes from January 1956 are given on page 52 of the June issue for the Investors Index, its major components, and the Mining Index. Included at the bottom of the table are conversion factors which may be used to arithmetically convert indexes preceding January 1956 to the new base. Revised indexes in Table 16 include detailed components by years from 1952 and by months from September 1960. A reference paper, to be released within the next few months, will include available historical indexes on the new base for the Investors, Mining and Preferred stock indexes by months and years.

Reference Papers and Special Publications

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The Consumer Price Index for Canada (1949=100) - Revision Based on 1957 Expenditures75
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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 12, page 42 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

1956-61

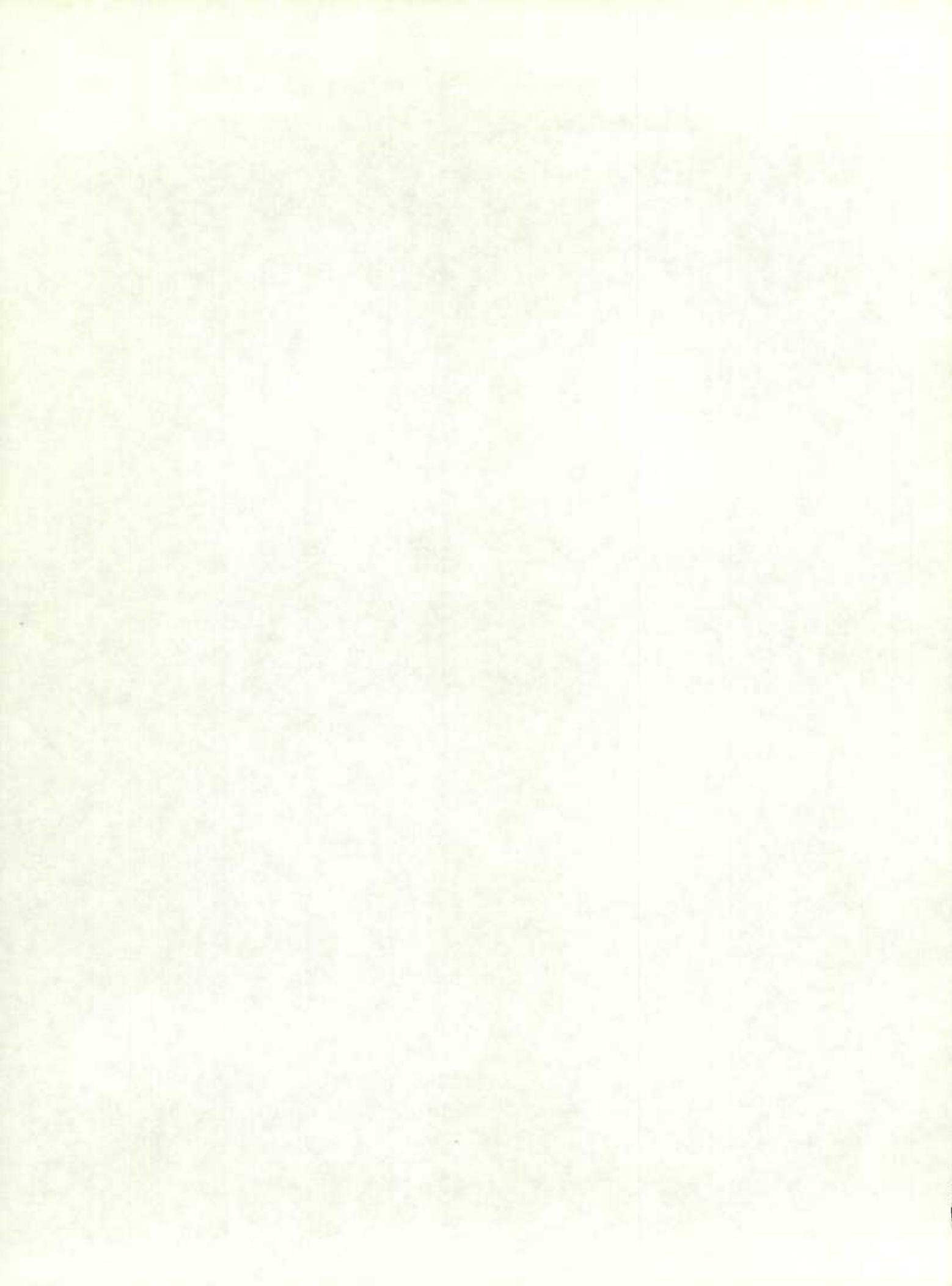
For some years the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has been investigating the problems of calculating indexes which will indicate, with some precision, the extent of the differences in the average level of retail prices between major Canadian cities. In commodities and services other than food, problems 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 13 on page 42. 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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