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Against a background of a high level of consumer demand, an exceptionally strong export market, increasing production, and rising wage rates, prices below the retail level as well as at retail continued to increase during the first six months of 1968 . The increase in prices through the six-month period, when expressed in terms of annual rates, was approximately equal to that experienced during the twelve-month period ending December 1967 , both for the consumer price index and for the general wholesale index, (although movements in the latter have been significantly affected by increases in lumber and silver prices.) However there were some interesting compositional shifts in terms of the pressure points registered by price rises. For example prices of durable consumer goods showed a fractional decline at retail during the first half of 1968 in contrast to the three and one half per cent increase of the preceding twelve months. At the manufacturers' level, industries producing mainly consumer durable goods, as a whole also showed either declines or moderate increases in the first six months of 1968 , as compared with rather widespread increases in the preceding twelve-month period. Food prices at retail showed a notable easing in the rate of price increases in the first half of 1968 . However price increases of food and beverage manufacturers' output showed a moderate acceleration during the same period, much of which occured in the April to June period,

The latest month for which United States prices are available is May 1968. During the five month period ending in May, U.S. prices at the consumer level were rising at a somewhat lower rate than in canada, (up 1.8 per cent in the U.S. during this five month period compared with 3.0 per cent in Canada.) The wholesale price indexes are not strictly comparable, inasmuch as the U.S. series contains proportionally more manufactured goods. Thus the U.S. general wholesale price index rose hy 1.5 per cent almost as much as did the U.S. O. F. T. while the Gamadiar a. . . . increased oy nily one half of one per cenc.

## Industry Selliag Price Indexes

Although no single aggregate is available for manufacturers' selling prices, an examination of the various industry indexes shows evidence of widespread price increases during the first half of 1968, although the rate of increase, by and large, was somewhat less than was evident during the preceeding twelve-month period. Important factors causing price changes were the upsurge in housebuilding activity in the United States and Canada, resulting in a strong demand for lumber and lumber products, and increasing wage and material costs which affected industries such as furniture and leather footwear.

For the first five months of 1968 total dwelling starts rose 33 per cent in Canada and 39 per cent in the United States over their low level in the comparable period of 1967. Although apartment starts were much the stronger in both countries, nevertheless housing starts, which use proportionally more lumber, increased by about 20 per cent in Canada and 25 per cent in the United States during this period. This surge in housing construction in both countries, together with prolonged strikes in interior British Columbia lumber mills caused prices of goods produced by the lumber products industry to increase by approximately 10 per cent during the six months ending in June of 1968 . Other industries whose prices were affected by the sharp increase in housing construction were roofing paper (up 7 per cent), and shingle mills (up 14 per cent).

Increases in material and/or labour costs were cited by industry spokesmen as the cause of moderate price increases in industries such as rubber and rubber products, leather footwear, furniture and such textile industries as woolen cloth, and cotton yarn and cloth.

An over-all price decline of 1.9 per cent in the capital goods producing heavy electrical equipment industry was partly a result of off-shore competition.

Taken as a whole, prices of goods produced by the food and beverage industries increased a Little less than during the same period last year. However, greater than seasonal increases in meat mices in May and June pushed the prices of products of the slaughtering and meat packing industry up by about two and one half per cent, discounting seasonality, from their relatively low April level.

Other industries that produced mainly consumer non-durable goods and showed significant increases during the six month period ending June 1968 were men's clothing (up 3.9 per cent), medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations (up 1.5 per cent), and the above-mentioned leather footwear industry (up 1.9 per cent).

In most of the industries whose products are sold to other industries for further processing prices increased during the six-month period. In addition to those industries whose products are sold to the construction industry, and whose prices rose sharply, moderate increases occured in industries such as textiles, chemicals and non metallic minerals. Notable exceptions, however, were the primary steel industries such as steel ingots and castings (unchanged from December 1967) and rolled iron and steel products (down 0.2 per cent).

## May to June Changes in Industry Indexes

|  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Major industry group |

(1) Not relevant.

## The General Wholesale Price Index

Manufactured goods are not as well represented in this index as in the industry selling price indexes. Consequently raw and semi-finished products heavily influence the movement of the index. The two categories of the G.W.I. showing the most significant price changes during the six-month period ending in June were wood products (up 3.5 per cent) and non-metallic minerals (up 2.8 per cent). Despite a 19 per cent increase in the price of silver during this period, largely attributable to the world monetary situation, non-ferrous metals as a whole advanced by only 1.4 per cent. Other major groups showed only fractional changes in price. At the total level the general wholesale index rose cy 1.2 per cent.

| Commodity group and sub-group | $\frac{\text { June 1968 }}{\text { May } 1968}$ | $\frac{\text { June 1967 }}{\text { May } 1967}$ | $\frac{\text { June } 1968}{\text { June } 1967}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Animal products group | + 1.8 | + 0.6 | - 0.2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Meats, fresh. | + 5.1 | + 4.1 | + 1.2 |
| Meats, cured | + 3.5 | + 2.2 | - 5.6 |
| Livestock | + 3.5 | + 1.5 | - 0.9 |
| Fishery products | - 1.8 | - 4.4 | + 4.1 |
| Hides and skins | 1.2 | - | - 6.7 |
| Vegetable products group | + 0.8 | + 0.2 | - 1.2 |
| Rubber, raw | $+11.6$ | + 4.4 | - 2.6 |
| Potatoes | + 8.3 | + 13.4 | $+48.5$ |
| Fruits, fresh | +.2.4 | - 7.3 | + 48.6 |
| Bakery products | + 2.3 | - | + 4.8 |
| Livestock and poultry feeds | + 1.8 | - | - 14.6 |
| Sugar raw | 3.6 | $+4.7$ | - 22.6 |
| Vegetable oils | 1.0 | + 5.1 | +16.2 |
| Chemical products group | + 0.6 | + 1.8 | + 1.5 |
| Soap and detergents | + 3.1 | + 7.8 | + 12.7 |
| Non-ferrous metals products group | + 0.5 | (1) | + 9.8 |
| Silver | + 5.0 | + 0.5 | +92.4 |
| Aluminum | + 2.8 | - | + 2.8 |
| Tin | - 1.2 | + 1.6 | - 9.1 |
| General Wholesale Price Index | + 0.6 | $+0.2$ | + 2.3 |

$$
\text { (1) Change of } 0.05 \text { per cent or less. }
$$

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

The price index of Thirty Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, advanced 0.4 per cent to 253.0 in June from the May index 252.0. Prices were higher for four conmodities, lower for five and unchanged for twenty one. Principal changes included increases for raw rubber, hogs and steers, while decreases occurred for raw sugar, steel scrap and tin.

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

The price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets moved up 1.7 per cent to 259.9 in June from the May index of 255.5 . The Animal Products Index advanced 2.4 per cent to 330.0 from 322.2 on higher prices for hogs and steers on both Eastern and Western markets, and for lambs and eggs in the West. Lower prices were shown for lambs and eggs in the East and for calves in the West. The Field Products Index rose 0.6 per cent to 189.8 from 188.7 reflecting higher prices for potatoes on both Eastern and Western markets and for corn in the East. Lower prices were shown for barley in the East and for rye and flex in the fest.
the Consumer Price Index for Canada rose by 0.3 per cent to 154.7 at the beginning of June from 154.2 ac the beginning of May. The index was 4.0 per cent above its level of 148.8 recorded twelve months earlier. Five of the seven main component indexes increased since the preceding month. Among them, the Food and the Housing indexes both recorded increases of 0.3 per cent; whereas, clothing and transportation prices rose 0.4 and 0.5 per cent respectively. A marginal increase was recorded in the Health and Personal Care component, while the indexes for Recreation and Reading and for tobacco and alcohol remained unchanged from the previous month.

The Food index increased by 0.3 per cent to 149.4 in June from 148.9 in May, reflecting generally higher meat prices. After declining for seven consecutive months, the price of beef rose by 2.5 per cent, with higher quotations also recorded for bacon, ham, chicken and fish. Fruit and vegetable price movements were mixed: potatoes, turnips, cabbage and apples were higher in price, while onions, tomatoes, and bananas were lower. Among staple items, milk and bread prices increased in several cities, whereas, butter and eggs declined. The Food index in June 1968 was 3.2 per cent higher than its level of twelve months earlier.

The Housing index rose by 0.3 per cent to 157.6 in June from 157.1 in May. Rents advanced by 0.9 per cent, reflecting the many contract changes at this time of year. Among the major cities, the largest rent increases were registered for Montreal, Ottawa, Calgary and Halifax. Home-ownership costs, by constrast, edged up by 0.1 per cent. Among household operation items, utensils, furniture, floor coverings, and textiles were slightly higher in price. The June 1968 Housing index was 4.2 per cent above its level of June 1967.

The Clothing index increased by 0.4 per cent to 136.4 in June from 135.8 in the preceding month. Men's and children's wear recorded upward price movements as many sale items returned to regular or higher prices. Footwear, piece goods and clothing services also were higher in price. However, lower quotations for spring coats and sweaters contributed to a 0.2 per cent decline for women's wear. The Clothing index stood 2.9 per cent above its level of June 1967.

The Transportation index rose 0.5 per cent to 161.8 in June from 161.0 a month earlier. Higher 2nter-city train and bus fares accounted for much of the rise. Automobile operation costs remained mehanged as higher gasoline pricesand service charges offset a fractional decline in the price of new du: tomobiles. The Transportation index was 2.3 per cent above its level of twelve months previous.

The Health and Personal Care component edged up by 0.1 per cent to 197.9 in June from 197.8 in May. Higher prices were recorded for some toiletries and for men's haircuts in Winnipeg. The Health and Personal Care index was 3.8 per cent above its level twelve months ago.

The Recreation and Reading index remained unchanged from the preceding month at a level of 174.2 . This index was 4.2 per cent higher than a year earlier.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index also remained unchanged. At its June 1968 level of 141.1 , this index was 10.1 per cent higher than at June 1967.

Security Price Indexes (1956=100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices rose steadily throughout June to be 1.9 per cent above the level recorded in May. That it regained its level of January was mainly due to Finance which rose 5.6 per cent to its highest level of the year, while utilities rose 3.2 per cent and Industrials 0.9 per cent. In Finance, Banks reached their highest recorded level, after an unusually steep rise of 25.9 per cent in three months, and Investment and Loan which rose 3.0 per cent reached its highest of the year. In Utilities, indexes for four sub-groups increased and one decreased. Those at their highest for the year were Transportation and Gas Distribution, with increases of 7.3 per cent and 4.8 per cent respectively. Electric Power eased 1.2 per cent to 118.6 from 120.0. Within Industrials, indexes for ten sub-groups increased and three decreased. The largest increases were registered by Construction, 8.6 per cent and Metal Fabricating, 7.4 per cent. These sub-groups, which in three months have risen 31.9 per cent and 31.6 per cent respectively are now at their highest levels for nearly two years. Beverages and Retall Trade, which have each moved more strongly than the market as : whole for five of the last six months have both reached their highest recorded levels. The largest filll was 2.7 per cent for Industrial Mines, the second month running that this sub-group has fallen wile most others rose.

In the same period, the index of Mining stock prices edged up I.2 per cent. Golds remainded at
 January.

Both supplementary priee indexes rose, with irimary Dils and Gas up B.0 per econt, fac Urantir: up 0.8 per cent.

The Preferred stock index moved down again after last month's increase, with a loss of 0.8 per cent to 75.0 from 75.6 .


71 indexes for 1968 are subject to revision.
(3) Change of 0.05 per cent or less.
(3) Percentage not shown since indexes are not comparable. Indexes subsequent to July 1967 are subject to revision. See notes page 40 for details of Western grain prices.

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

|  | Months |  |  |  | Annual averages |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industries and selected commodities | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1968 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1968 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |

Foods and beverages industries:

| Slaughtering and meat packing industry | 131.7 | 126.5 | 133.7 | 129.8 | 130.6 | 136.5 | 120.8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bacon and sides | 115.9 | 109.5 | 125.9 | 120.9 | 119.9 | 144.7 | 132.4 |
| Beef, fresh or frozen | 152.1 | 146.2 | 149.7 | 143.3 | 148.7 | 137.7 | 120.3 |
| Hams, cured | 117.6 | 112.8 | 118.9 | 115.6 | 117.4 | 131.6 | 116.0 |
| Lard . . . . | 91.6 | 93.9 | 110.1 | 110.6 | 110.0 | 133.4 | 123.1 |
| Margarine | 95.4 | $93.6{ }^{\text {r }}$ | 96.2 | 96.4 | 96.2 | 99.2 | 97.5 |
| Mutton and lamb, fresh or frozen | 183.1 | 192.3 | 165.3 | 159.5 | 134.8 | 133.8 | 126.8 |
| Pork, fresh or frozen | 125.1 | 113.2 | 126.7 | 122.0 | 119.1 | 134.0 | 121.2 |
| Poultry, fresh or frozen | 80.3 | 80.3 | 82.0 | 82.0 | 81.9 | 90.2 | 78.7 |
| Sausage, fresh | 126.2 | 124.9 | 132.0 | 131.0 | 130.2 | 145.3 | 129.1 |
| Veal, fresh or frozen | 166.7 | 162.8 | 164.9 | 162.5 | 162.8 | 150.1 | 126.9 |
| Wieners and bologna | 144.6 | 143.2 | 151.2 | 147.0 | 149.5 | 154.5 | 136.2 |
| Butter and cheese factories industry | 127.0 | 126.6 | 125.3 | 125.0 | 124.0 | 117.0 | 108.4 |
| Butter | 110.8 | 110.8 | 110.9 | 110.9 | 110.1 | 103.2 | 94.5 |
| Milk, whole, fresh | 150.7 | 150.7 | 145.5 | 145.5 | 143.8 | 135.2 | 124.9 |
| Concentrated milk products industry | 131.2 | 131.2 | 132.6 | 132.6 | 130.9 | 122.4 | 116.0 |
| Milk, whole, evaporated | 126.3 | 126.3 | 128.0 | 128.0 | 126.7 | 120.2 | 115.9 |
| Milk, whole, powder, spray process | 121.0 | 121.0 | 120.5 | 120.5 | 119.5 | 114.7 | 112.4 |
| Milk, skim, powder, spray process | 155.7 | 155.7 | 157.4 | 157.4 | 154.2 | 135.3 | 118.8 |
| Cheese, processed, industry | 128.4 | 132.7 | 122.9 | 125.1 | 125.0 | 117.7 | 112.6 |
| Dairy products, other, industry | 108.3 | 108.3 | 106.4 | 106.4 | 106.4 | 107.0 | 105.5 |
| Fish processing industry | 162.9 | $163.2{ }^{\text {r }}$ | 154.2 | 156.0 | 160.6 | 156.2 | 148.2 |
| Cod, fillets, frozen | 154.7 | 154.7 | 151.0 | 151.0 | 149.0 | 148.2 | 125.8 |
| Salmon, canned, sockeye | 133.7 | 132.9 | 132.9 | 132.9 | 132.9 | 133.8 | 130.3 |
| Fruit and vegetable preparations industry | 118.8 | 119.0 | 116.3 | 114.2 | 117.4 | 115.1 | 111.9 |
| Jams | 115.3 | 115.3 | 112.6 | 106.9 | 116.8 | 116.0 | 118.8 |
| Corn, creamed, whole grain, canned | 138.6 | 138.6 | 125.2 | 125.2 | 126.7 | 121.0 | 118.9 |
| Peaches, canned | 152.0 | 152.0 | 139.5 | 139.5 | 141.7 | 138.0 | 126.5 |
| Peas, canned | 132.0 | 132.0 | 120.9 | 117.8 | 121.7 | 112.3 | 109.3 |
| Soups, canned | 106.4 | 101.8 | 104.3 | 100.8 | 103.7 | 101.6 | 98.3 |
| Tomato juice, canned | 111,8 | 126.3 | 122.3 | 122.3 | 125.0 | 123.0 | 121.1 |
| Feed mills industry | 114.2 | 114.6 | 117.9 | 117.7 | 117.0 | 117.3 | 112.8 |
| Feeds, dairy and cattle | 110.0 | 111.0 | 114.8 | 114.0 | 113.8 | 112.0 | 107.7 |
| Feeds, poultry, laying and hatching | 114.0 | 113.6 | 119.4 | 120.1 | 118.4 | 119.7 | 115.6 |

[^1]TABLE 2. Intintry Selling Price Indezes, by Industry and Selected Commodities - Continued
(1956=100)

| Industries and selected commodities | Months |  |  |  | Annual averages |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1968 \end{aligned}$ | May 1968 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |

Foods and beverages industries - Concluded:


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

| Industries and selected commodities | Months |  |  |  | Annual averages |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | June | May | June | May | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |
|  | 1968 | 1968 | 1967 | 1967 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |

Tobacco and tobacco products industries:


Rubber products industries:

| Rubber goods, including footwear, industry | 99.6 | 99.6 | 99.0 | 99.0 | 99.0 | 96.6 | 94.0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tires, balloon, bus and truck | 94.6 | 94.6 | 95.9 | 95.9 | 95.7 | 93.0 | 88.8 |
| Tires, balloon, passenger cars, standard | 93.4 | 93.4 | 93.3 | 93.3 | 93.6 | 91.0 | 89.4 |
| Hose, fire, garden, etc. | 118.5 | 118.5 | 114.8 | 114.0 | 114.3 | 109.5 | 103.2 |

Leather products industries:

| Footwear, leather industry | 128.4 | 127.9 | 126.1 | 126.1 | 126.0 | 122.9 | 114.8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Men's goodyear welts | 143.4 | 143.4 | 136.1 | 136.1 | 136.1 | 132.2 | 118.3 |
| Misses' vulcanized and stitchdowns | 118.9 | 114.4 | 117.0 | 117.0 | 117.0 | 116.4 | 111.3 |
| Children's and little gents' vulcanized and stitchdowns | 135.6 | 130.6 | 131.5 | 131.5 | 131.5 | 128.8 | 117.8 |
| Gloves and mittens, leather, industry | 129.2 | 129.2 | 132.0 | 132.5 | 132.3 | 127.0 | 112.3 |
| Gloves and mittens, dress, men's lined | 116.0 | 116.0 | 114.5 | 114.5 | 114.5 | 109.7 | 106.3 |
| Gloves and mittens, work, men's unlined | 137.5 | 137.5 | 142.9 | 143.8 | 143.5 | 137.8 | 116.1 |
| Leather tanning industry | 130.4 | 128.9 | 133.3 | 134.1 | 132.2 | 145.6 | 123.0 |
| Upper leather, cattle hides | 130.0 | 127.6 | 131.0 | 131.0 | 128.4 | 142.7 | 120.4 |
| Upper leather, chrome splits | 119.9 | 119.9 | 139.6 | 139.6 | 135.8 | 141.3 | 118.8 |
| Sole leather, bends | 137.5 | 137.5 | 146.4 | 146.4 | 148.3 | 162.3 | 135.0 |
| Sole leather, shoulders | 115.2 | 116.0 | 127.1 | 130.2 | 127.0 | 147.9 | 130.3 |
| Belting, leather, industry | 113.2 | 113.2 | 99.4 | 99.4 | 99.4 | 99.4 | 99.4 |

Textile mills industries:

| Cotton thread industry | 142.4 | 142.4 | 138.9 | 138.9 | 137.8 | 132.0 | 129.4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cotton yarn and cloth industry | 105.2 | 105.1 | 103.8 | 104.3 | 104.1 | 101.6 | 100.1 |
| Cotton fabrics, grey | 111.1 | 111.0 | 109.0 | 110.0 | 109.8 | 107.2 | 105.2 |
| Yarn, spun cotton, grey, knitting | 101.0 | 101.0 | 102.4 | 102.4 | 102.2 | 101.3 | 99.4 |
| Woollen cloth industry | 125.8 | 125.8 | 124.1 | 123.8 | 123.8 | 120.9 | 120.2 |
| Woven fabrics, all wool, worsted ....... | 109.7 | 109.7 | 109.3 | 108.7 | 108.6 | 107.8 | 106.0 |

TABIE 2. Lutuze:y Saling Mire Indeces, by Industry and Selected Commodities - Continued
(1956=100)

|  | Months |  |  |  | Annual averages |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industries and selected commodities | June 1968 | May 1968 | June 1967 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |

Textile mills industries - Concluded:

| Woollen yarn industry | 103.7 | 103.7 | 105.0 | 104.3 | 104.3 | 105.3 | 105.3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yarns, worsted, oil spun, machine knitting | 107.2 | 107.2 | 110.2 | 109.4 | 109.2 | 112.4 | 112.0 |
| Miscellaneous woollen goods industry | 106.0 | 106.0 | 106.0 | 106.0 | 106.0 | 102.0 | 99.9 |
| Synthetic textiles and silk industry | 96.9 | 96.6 | 96.3 | 96.3 | 96.4 | 96.8 | 98.4 |
| Carpets, mats and rugs industry | 94.8 | 94.8 | 97.1 | 97.3 | 97.3 | 98.2 | 98.3 |
| Carpets, wilton in rolls | 100.0 | 100.0 | 104.9 | 104.9 | 104.9 | 105.4 | 105.1 |
| Carpets, tufted | 89.6 | 89.6 | 89.4 | 89.6 | 89.6 | 91.0 | 91.5 |
| Cordage, rope and twine industry | 114.0 | 114.0 | 115.7 | 116.4 | 115.3 | 118.2 | 126.1 |
| Twine, all sisal | 119.0 | 119.0 | 137.7 | 137.7 | 132.1 | 137.7 | 137.9 |
| i, ings, cotton and jute, industry | 118.6 | 119.1 | 123.4 | 124.4 | 123.5 | 129.1 | 119.5 |
| Sags, cotton | 109.0 | 109.0 | 109.0 | 109.0 | 109.0 | 111.0 | 108.6 |
| lags, jute. | 127.2 | 128.2 | 136.4 | 138.1 | 136.5 | 145.2 | 129.3 |
| Oilcloth, linoleum and other coated fabrics industry | 116.2 | 116.2 | 114.5 | 114.5 | 114.3 | 113.3 | 112.5 |

Clothing and knitting mills industries:


[^2]TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry anc Selectec Conuozitie: - continaed
(1956=100)

|  | Months |  |  |  | Annual averages |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industries and selected comodities | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1968 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1968 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |

Clothing and knitting mills industries -
Concluded:
Hats and caps industry ........................ 128.7 125.4
$121.1 \quad 121.1 \quad 120.7 \quad 114.2 \quad 107.6$

Wood products industries:

| Veneers and plywoods industry | 103.5 | 103.1 | 97.8 | 97.7 | 98.0 | 95.4 | 93.0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Veneer, yellow birch | 94.8 | 94.8 | 96.4 | 96.4 | 96.3 | 93.2 | 90.2 |
| Plywood, Douglas fir | 108.1 | 107.3 | 97.4 | 97.4 | 97.9 | 94.4 | 93.4 |
| Plywood, yellow birch | 99.6 | 99.6 | 99.6 | 98.9 | 99.3 | 97.9 | 94.7 |
| Doors, veneer and plywood, slab-type. | 101.2 | 101.2 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 99.8 |  | 93.4 |
| Sash, door and planing mills industry | 127.1 | 127.0 | 121.3 | 121.6 | 122.3 | 115.8 | 107.7 |
| Sash and doors | 143.0 | 143.0 | 140.1 | 140.1 | 140.2 | 133.3 | 126.6 |
| Lumber, matched | 138.9 | 138.6 | 131.7 | 130.8 | 131.2 | 123.7 | 115.8 |
| Lumber, planed | 109.8 | 109.8 | 102.8 | 103.4 | 104.8 | 98.7 | $90 . ?$ |
| Mouldings .... | 157.1 | 157.1 ${ }^{\text {T }}$ | 144.9 | 144.9 | 145.4 | 139.0 | 124.2 |
| Flooring, hardwood, industry | 124.1 | 124.1 | 120.2 | 115.9 | 119.4 | 111.4 | 100.3 |
| Flooring, birch | 130.1 | 130.1 | 123.3 | 217.6 | 123.1 | 111.9 | 99.6 |
| Flooring, red oak | 118.0 | 118.0 | 117.1 | 114.3 | 115.6 | 110.8 | 101.9 |
| Lumber mills industry | 125.7 | 124.6 | 109.5 | 109.3 | 110.1 | 107.0 | 103.0 |
| Pine, white | 114.1 | 114.1 | 113.2 | 113.2 | 113.2 | 111.2 | 107.8 |
| Pine, Jack and lodge-pole | 108.3 | 108.0 | 100.4 | 99.8 | 103.1 | 96.3 | 90.3 |
| Birch, yellow | 120.6 | 120.6 | 117.9 | 118.0 | 117.9 | 115.7 | 110.3 |
| Maple, hard | 119.5 | 119.5 | 117.9 | 118.0 | 116.9 | 107.2 | 97.5 |
| Cedar | 163.7 | 163.7 | 139.9 | 138.6 | 141.3 | 135.7 | 129.2 |
| Spruce | 112.0 | $110.6{ }^{\text {r }}$ | 98.4 | 98.7 | 99.8 | 98.2 | 94.9 |
| Spruce, B.C. Interior | 110.2 | $107.4^{5}$ | 90.0 | 90.5 | 92.1 | 91.5 | 89.? |
| Spruce, East of Rockies | 113.8 | 113.8 | 106.9 | 106.9 | 107.7 | 104.8 | 100.6 |
| Hemlock, B.C. coast... | 127.1 | 128.1 | 110.8 | 110.7 | 109.5 | 104.8 | 99.6 |
| Fir, Douglas ...... | 137.3 | $134.9{ }^{\text {r }}$ | 111.0 | 110.6 | 111.4 | 108.8 | 106.1 |
| Fir, Douglas, B.C. interior |  |  |  |  |  | 112.5 | 110.8 |
| Fir, Douglas, B.C. coast | 127.5 | $126.7^{5}$ | 105.9 | 107.1 | 105.4 | 106.2 | 102.8 |
| Shingle mills industry | 160.4 | 158.1 | 109.8 | 108.7 | 118.1 | 115.9 | 122.8 |
| Furniture industry ............................ | 117.7 | 117.9 | 116.3 | 115.9 | 116.0 | 112.9 | 109.8 |
| Bedroom furniture, wooden, not upholstered |  |  | 116.1 | 114.6 | 115.1 | 110.9 | 109.3 |
| Living room furniture, upholstered | 126.2 | 126.2 | 121.8 | 121.8 | 122.0 | 118.8 | 114.9 |
| Office furnishings and fixtures, wooden .. | 137.1 | $137.1^{\text {r }}$ | 137.4 | 137.4 | 136.8 | 132.8 | 129.4 |
| Office and store furnishings and fixtures, metal | 125.3 | $125.3^{\text {r }}$ | 122.5 | 122.5 | 122.1 | 120.2 | 114.1 |
| Mattresses, spring filled................ | 101.3 | 101.3 | 99.1 | 99.1 | 99.1 | 96.7 | 96. |
| Boxes and baskets, wood, industry | 140.5 | 140.5 | 133.7 | 133.7 | 133.2 | 124.1 | 119.9 |

[^3]
$(: 956=100)$

| Industries and selected commodities | Months |  |  |  | Annual averages |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | June | May | June | May | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |
|  | 1968 | 1968 | 1967 | 1967 |  |  |  |

Paper products industries:

| Boxes and bags, paper, industry | 117.0 | 116.7 | 115.1 | 115.0 | 114.8 | 110.8 | 106.6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Boxes, folding | 117.6 | 116.6 | 116.3 | 116.3 | 116.0 | 111.7 | 105.5 |
| Boxes, corrugated, including wrappers | 114.8 | 114.8 | 114.9 | 114.9 | 114.5 | 108.9 | 104.6 |
| Bags, self-opening, square | 107.0 | 111.8 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 107.9 | 104.9 |
| Pulp mills industry | 102.7 | 102.4 | 103.3 | 103.4 | 103.2 | 102.6 | 102.7 |
| Sulphite, bleached, paper grade, domestic market |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Groundwood pulp, export market | 105.8 | 104.5 | 104.8 | 104.9 | 105.1 | 105.0 | 100.6 |
| Sulphate, bleached, export market | 102.9 | 103.0 | 105.8 | 106.0 | 105.9 | 104.5 | 106.3 |
| Paper mills industry | 113.6 | 113.6 | 112.2 | 112.0 | 112.8 | 109.5 | 107.6 |
| Paper, book | 131.7 | 131.7 | 131.9 | 131.9 | 131.8 | 123.8 | 116.4 |
| Paper, fine | 126.2 | 126.2 | 129.0 | 128.9 | 128.3 | 121.9 | 116.6 |
| Rox board, for folding cartons | 108.9 | 108.9 | 109.1 | 109.1 | 109.0 | 107.7 | 107.0 |
| Building board | 100.3 | 100.3 | 97.8 | 97.5 | 99.2 | 98.3 | 98.1 |
| ?aper, newsprint, white, in rolls | 113.7 | 113.7 | 112.0 | 111.7 | 112.7 | 109.3 | 107.8 |
| ?aper, wrapping, Kraft No. 1 | 117.1 | 117.1 | 116.7 | 116.8 | 116.7 | 114.6 | 108.1 |
| Roofing paper industry ...................... | 90.2 | 86.8 | 81.6 | 80.2 | 82.4 | 78.6 | 81.6 |
| Roll roofing, smooth surfaced | 98.5 | 93.0 | 88.5 | 85.0 | 87.8 | 81.0 | 81.1 |
| Roll roofing, felt, mineral surfaced | 94.5 | 89.5 | 84.5 | 81.0 | 83.9 | 76.5 | 75.9 |
| Felts, tar and asphalt saturated .......... Shingles, felt, asphalt saturated, rag and | 79.2 | 77.5 | 75.8 | 74.5 | 75.2 | 69.5 | 72.8 |
| asbestos ................................. | 81.0 | 75.8 | 70.0 | 67.4 | 69.5 | 64.5 | 64.0 |
| Miscellaneous paper goods industry | 117.3 | 117.4 | 113.1 | 113.1 | 114.0 | 109.7 | 106.0 |
| Envelopes <br> Paper, toilet, packaged <br> Paper, waxed, including bread wrappers ... Tissues, facial | 122.2 | 122.2 | 117.2 | 117.1 | 117.9 | 111.1 | 106.9 |
|  | 116.8 | 116.8 | 109.8 | 109.8 | 111.6 | 106.5 | 103.8 |
|  | 115.9 | 115.9 | 110.4 | 110.4 | 111.1 | 107.5 | 103.6 |
|  | 105.6 | 105.6 | 102.3 | 102.3 | 102.8 | 100.9 | 97.5 |

Iron and steel products industries:

| Agricultural implements industry | 127.4 | 127.4 | 123.3 | 123.3 | 123.5 | 121.5 | 117.4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Drills, grain and fertilizer, combination Harrow-ploughs, one-way discs, tiller | 139.7 | 139.7 | 134.5 | 134.5 | 135.1 | 132.2 | 128.4 |
| combines | 126.3 | 126.3 | 123.6 | 123.6 | 123.8 | 124.4 | 121.2 |
| Combines, reaper-threshers and stationary threshers | 126.6 | 126.6 | 122.1 | 122.1 | 122.2 | 119.8 | 115.4 |
| Swathers or windrowers | 119.0 | 119.0 | 120.9 | 120.9 | 121.0 | 122.7 | 119.0 |

TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry and Selected Comodities - Continut:i
(1956=100)

| Industries and selected comodities | Months |  |  |  | Annual averages |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1968 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1968 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |


| Hardware, tools and cutlery industry | 132.4 | 132.4 | 129.3 | 129.5 | 129.1 | 124.7 | 120.2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Heating and cooking apparatus industry | 96.3 | 96.4 | 93.3 | 93.2 | 93.7 | 92.2 | 93.5 |
| Furnaces, ofl, gravity or forced air circulation | 90.4 | 90.5 | 90.6 | 90.6 | 92.6 | 92.4 | 92.9 |
| Stoves and ranges, cooking, gas | 101.0 | 100.7 | 97.3 | 97.0 | 97.1 | 96.8 | 96.3 |
| Machinery, household, office and store, industry . ......................................... | 103.1 | 103.1 | 101.5 | 101.6 | 101.4 | 100.1 | 99.9 |
| Castings, iron, industry | 118.7 | 118.3 | 116.5 | 116.9 | 117.5 | 113.8 | 110.6 |
| Soil pipe and fittings, cast iron ........ | 119.6 | 119.6 | 117.8 | 117.8 | 117.6 | 112.8 | 108.2 |
| Pipe fittings, malleable iron, all kinds | 129.1 | 129.1 | 126.7 | 135.7 | 130.6 | 133.7 | 126.4 |
| Castings, grey iron, conmercial | 127.0 | 127.0 | 118.9 | 119.0 | 121.6 | 119.1 | 116.4 |
| Steel pipe and tubing | 93.6 | 92.3 | 99.6 | 99.6 | 99.4 | 99.6 | 98.2 |
| Pig iron industry | 102.9 | 102.9 | 105.0 | 105.0 | 104.3 | 104.3 | 104.2 |
| Steel ingots and castings industry | 128.2 | 128.2 | 128.2 | 128.2 | 128.0 | 122.4 | 122.2 |
| Rolled iron and steel products industry | 111.0 | 111.0 | 111.4 | 111.4 | 111.2 | 109.4 | 108.6 |
| Hot-rolled products, bars, all grades excluding concrete reinforcing bars .... Sheets, cold-rolled, reducing mill | 104.0 | 104.0 | 104.3 | 104.3 | 104.2 | 105.3 | 104.3 |
| production ...................... | 117.1 | 117.1 | 116.7 | 116.7 | 116.4 | 112.0 | 111.7 |
| Wire and wire goods industry | 112.3 | 112.3 | 111.5 | 111.5 | 111.4 | 110.6 | 109.6 |
| Nails, wire, iron and steel .............. | 99.1 | 99.1 | 98.0 | 98.0 | 98.4 | 104.2 | 105.1 |
| Woven wire, farm fence, steel | 116.5 | 116.5 | 114.2 | 114.0 | 113.8 | 111.1 | 109.2 |
| Wire cloth, Fourdrinier | 119.0 | 119.0 | 115.6 | 115.6 | 115.8 | 113.6 | 104.8 |
| Rope, steel wire | 109.0 | 109.0 | 108.4 | 108.4 | 107.0 | 103.0 | 103.5 |
| Wire, plain ...... | 126.6 | 126.6 | 127.0 | 127.0 | 126.3 | 123.8 | 122.2 |

Transportation equipment industries:

| Boatbuilding in | 135.3 | 135.3 | 139.0 | 139.0 | 137.6 | 132.8 | 130.3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Motor vehicles industry | 120.7 | 120.7 | 117.5 | 117.5 | 118.2 | 118.1 | 119.0 |
| Passenger cars, hard-top | 121.6 | 121.6 | 119.8 | 119.8 | 120.3 | 120.6 | 121.0 |
| Passenger cars, 4 -door sedan | 120.7 | 120.7 | 117.3 | 117.3 | 118.2 | 117.8 | 119.2 |
| Trucks, 5,000 lbs. or less, gross vehicle weight | 119.1 | 119.1 | 115.8 | 115.8 | 116.5 | 116.6 | 116.0 |
| Trucks, 5,001-10,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight | 119.7 | 119.7 | 116.5 | 116.5 | 117.1 | 117.9 | 117.8 |

Tasit 2. Indust: Galling veice incoses, by Industry and Selected Comodities - Continued
(1956=100)

| Industries and selected commodities | Months |  |  |  | Annual averages |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1968 \end{aligned}$ | May 1968 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | May 1967 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |



Electrical apparatus and supplies industries:

| Batteries industry | 114.4 | 114.2 | 115.4 | 115.3 | 114.5 | 107.7 | 104.8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Batteries, storage, automotive | 99.4 | 98.0 | 98.7 | 98.7 | 98.0 | 93.6 | 89.9 |
| Batteries, drycell, radio, non-portable | 118.3 | 118.3 | 118.6 | 118.6 | 117.7 | 111.4 | 110.0 |
| Batteries, drycell, flashlight | 168.0 | 168.0 | 168.5 | 168.5 | 166.4 | 150.6 | 146.9 |
| Machinery, heavy electrical, industry (l) | 92.2 | 91.7 | 95.9 | 96.4 | 95.4 | 93.8 | 91.2 |
| Industrial control equipment (1) | 96.6 | 96.9 | 102.8 | 104.2 | 102.8 | 101.2 | 96.2 |
| Motors a-c | 88.4 | 88.4 | 90.2 | 90.5 | 89.9 | 88.4 | 89.0 |
| Motors d-c | 116.3 | 115.8 | 119.5 | 119.5 | 118.6 | 116.4 | 116.5 |
| Transformers(1) | 88.7 | 88.8 | 94.3 | 95.2 | 94.1 | 91.1 | 87.1 |
| Radio and television sets and parts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| industry |  |  | . | $\ldots$ |  |  |  |
| Talevision sets, table model, including |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| nortable $18^{\prime \prime}$ to $23^{\prime \prime} . . . . . . . . . . .$. | 80.4 | 80.4 | 81.8 | 81.8 | 81.8 | 80.2 | 81.1 |
| Television sets, console model, $18^{\prime \prime}$ to $23^{\prime \prime}$ | 78.9 | 78.9 | 77.4 | 77.4 | 77.2 | 77.9 | 79.5 |

[^4]TABLE 2. Industry Selling Price Indexes, by Industry and Selected Gonmotitios - Cont inned
$(1956=100)$

|  | Months |  |  |  | Annual averages |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industries and selected commodities | June 1968 | May $1968$ | June $1967$ | May $1967$ | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |



| Abraslves, artificial, industry | 122.7 | 122.7 | 123.0 | 123.1 | 123.0 | 119.4 | 115.9 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alumina, fused, crude | 118.6 | 118.6 | 120.7 | 120.8 | 120.5 | 117.3 | 113.2 |
| Silicon carbide, crude | 116.3 | 116.3 | 117.9 | 118.0 | 117.6 | 114.0 | 113.8 |
| Cement, hydraulic, industry | 134.0 | 134.0 | 128.2 | 128.2 | 128.2 | 121.8 | 115.4 |
| Clay products from imported clay industry | 121.3 | 121.3 | 117.6 | 117.6 | 117.5 | 115.9 | 112.1 |
| Glass and glass products industry | 117.4 | 117.4 | 114.2 | 114.2 | 114.2 | 111.9 | 109.3 |
| Lime industry | 118.3 | 118.3 | 117.6 | 117.6 | 117.6 | 116.1 | 114.6 |
| Gypsum products industry | 119.4 | 119.4 | 114.3 | 114.3 | 114.3 | 109.2 | 107.9 |
| Lath, sypsum | 117.2 | 117.2 | 112.4 | 112.4 | 112.4 | 108.9 | 107.8 |

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

| Industries and selected commodities | Months |  |  |  | Annual averages |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | June | May | June | May | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |
|  | 1968 | 1968 | 1967 | 1967 |  |  |  |



Products of petroleum and coal industries:
Coke and gas products industry .............. 117.4
Tatroleum refining and products industry ... 96.1
117.4
116.2116 .2
$116.6 \quad 113.3 \quad 112.3$

Fuel oil, stove, No. 1
106.6

Diesel fuel ....................................... 103. 3
Fuel oil, light ................................ 106.7
ruel oil, heavy ..................................... 89.5
95.4
94.5
94.6
$94.2 \quad 93.5 \quad 93.2$
$104.2 \quad 101.5 \quad 101.5 \quad 101.3 \quad 98.8 \quad 98.8$

Lubricating oils and greases industry ...... 133.

Chemicals and allied products industries:

| Acids, alkalies and salts industry ......... | 107.1 | 107.4 | 106. 3 | 106.7 | 106.6 | 103.4 | 102.5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chlorine, liquid | 95.6 | 95.6 | 99.0 | 99.0 | 99.0 | 96.9 | 96.8 |
| Sodium hydroxide (caustic soda) .......... | 109.0 | 109.0 | 104.4 | 104.3 | 104.4 | 102.7 | 102.5 |
| Fertilizers industry | 116.3 | 116.0 | 112.8 | 112.5 | 111.5 | 108.6 | 107.5 |
| Medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| industry | 107.7 | 107.7 | 103.0 | 103.5 | 104.4 | 101.7 | 98.3 |
| Patent medicines | 144.4 | 144.4 | 130.9 | 130.9 | 133.0 | 131.1 | 120.7 |
| Ethical preparations for human use | 108.8 | 108.7 | 105.3 | 106.3 | 107.7 | 104.2 | 102.9 |
| Vitamin preparations | 85.8 | 85.8 | 87.7 | 88.3 | 87.5 | 86.2 | 86.5 |
| Paints, varnishes and lacquers industry | 120.0 | 120.0 | 113.5 | 113.3 | 113.3 | 108.3 | 108.4 |
| Lacquers, clear | 108.5 | 108. 5 | 101.7 | 101.7 | 100.8 | 103.2 | 106.3 |
| Enamels, ready-mixed, oil and synthetic | 120.9 | 120.9 | 114.8 | 114.6 | 115.1 | 108.4 | 108.2 |
| Thinners, lacquer, paint and enamel | 99.5 | 99.5 | 105.0 | 105.0 | 103.0 | 102.6 | 100.2 |
| paints, latex emulsion ................... | 130.8 | 130.8 | 119.5 | 118.8 | 119.7 | 114.5 | 113.0 |
| tar paints ................................ | 122.0 | 122.0 | 112.6 | 112.6 | 112.4 | 108.1 | 109.3 |
| Varnishes, including japans, shellacs, and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| driers | 117.1 | 117.1 | 120.3 | 120.3 | 118.2 | 112.4 | 108.2 |

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

| Industries and selected commodities | Months |  |  |  | Annual averages |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1968 \end{aligned}$ | May 1968 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |

Chemicals and allied products industries -
Concluded:

| preparations industry | 115.0 | 115.3 | 114.9 | 112.9 | 115.4 | 113.1 | 117.5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vegetable oils industry | 105.9 | 104.9 | 105.7 | 103.1 | 105.6 | 112.9 | 106.6 |
| Soya bean oilcake | 147.7 | 138.6 | 141.8 | 133.0 | 138.2 | 151.4 | 134.9 |
| Linseed oil, raw | 86.1 | 88.2 | 74.7 | 74.0 | 80.8 | 77.1 | 80.7 |
| Primary plastics industry | 86.4 | $86.4{ }^{\text {r }}$ | 88.0 | 88.2 | 87.4 | 84.6 | 83.3 |
| Synthetic resins, phenol-formaldehyde <br> type | 73.5 | 74.5 | 78.2 | 78.2 | 77.6 | 78.6 | 78.8 |
| Inks, printing, industry | 108.2 | 108.2 | 104.1 | 104.1 | 104.1 | 101.3 | 99.6 |
| Polishes and dressings industry | 123.0 | 123.2 | 119.6 | 119.2 | 119.2 | 115.5 | 114.8 |
| Wax, liquid, self-polishing | 121.2 | 121.7 | 120.1 | 119.6 | 117.0 | 115.2 | 114.0 |
| Gases, compressed, industry | 118.1 | 114.4 | 110.6 | 110.5 | 110.4 | 110.6 | 110.8 |
| Adhesives industry | 109.4 | 109.4 | 109.4 | 109.4 | 109.2 | 107.9 | 107.8 |
| Glue, synthetic resin | 102.0 | 102.0 | 102.0 | 102.0 | 102.0 | 101.4 | 101.3 |

Miscellaneous manufacturing industries:


[^5]1ABLE 3. Selected Price Indicators (1935-39=100)
Cuneral Wholesale Index and Principal Components


[^6]TABLE 3. Selected Price Indicators (1935-39=100) - Continued
Special Groupings of Components of General Wholesale Indes:


[^7]TABLE 3. Selected Price Indicators - Concluded


July
Aug.
Sept. ....
oct. ........
Nov. . . . . . . .
Dec. ........

[^8]TABLE 4. Wholesale Price Indexes of Selected Primary Comodities(1)
( $1935-39=100$ )

| Primary commodities | Months |  |  |  | Annual averages |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1968 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1968 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |
| Asbestos, crude | 379.6 | 379.6 | 371.6 | 371.6 | 368.4 | 355.1 | 355.1 |
| Beans, cocoa | 666.0 | 663.9 | 645.1 | 647.2 | €64.3 | 585.8 | 415.0 |
| Beans, coffee | 284.6 | 285.6 | 305.4 | 302.5 | 299.2 | 328.1 | 342.4 |
| Coal ..... | 208.3 | 208.3 | 201.8 | 201.8 | 204.7 | 201.8 | 200.9 |
| Copper, electrolytic | 475.5 | 475.5 | 440.5 | 440.5 | 441.7 | 419.5 | 351.6 |
| Cotton, raw | 299.9 | 305.4 | 271.3 | 270.0 | 280.6 | 273.7 | 286.7 |
| Eggs | 126.8 | 127.9 | 126.4 | 132.6 | 139.2 | 175.5 | 146.1 |
| Fruits, fresh | 259. 9 | 253.8 | 174.9 | 188.6 | 201.8 | 206.5 | 211.0 |
| Grains | 211.9 | 210.5 | 225.9 | 226.6 | 220.1 | 221.1 | 208.1 |
| Hides and skins | 151.4 | 153.3 | 162.2 | 162.2 | 160.6 | 206.3 | 159.1 |
| Lead, electrolytic | 272.5 | 272.5 | 293.5 | 293.5 | 293.5 | 312.7 | 324.9 |
| Livestock. | 361.6 | 349.4 | 364.7 | 359.4 | 355.5 | 362.9 | 333.4 |
| Nickel | 351.7 | 351.7 | 317.2 | 317.2 | 328.7 | 294.2 | 289.6 |
| Oil, crude | 191.5 | 191.7 | 191.8 | 191.7 | 191.7 | 191.6 | 192.0 |
| Onions | 357.1 | 357.1 | 272.2 | 299.9 | 290.6 | 277.8 | 245.0 |
| Potatoes | 226.5 | 209.2 | 152.5 | 134.5 | 162.1 | 223.5 | 319.0 |
| Rubber, raw | 144.3 | 129.3 | 148.1 | 141.8 | 138.7 | 164.2 | 176.5 |
| Scrap iron and steel | 255.9 | 260.2 | 264.8 | 267.1 | 263.5 | 282.7 | 300.5 |
| Silver ............ | 699.0 | 665.9 | 363.4 | 361.7 | 425.8 | 360.0 | 360.? |
| Steers | 457.6 | 446.0 | 456.7 | 437.9 | 460.8 | 432.5 | 400.0 |
| Sugar, raw | 98.4 | 102.1 | 127.1 | 121.4 | 103.5 | 99.6 | 113.7 |
| Tin | 292.4 | 296.1 | 321.8 | 316.8 | 317.3 | 339.1 | 367.5 |
| Wool, raw, domestic | 152.5 | 152.5 | 190.0 | 192.4 | 183.1 | 242.8 | 229.3 |
| Wool, raw, imported | 157.5 | 157.1 | 177.9 | 177.9 | 163.1 | 192.3 | 174.9 |
| Zinc, prime, western | 300.2 | 300.2 | 305.8 | 305.8 | 308.5 | 322.4 | 322.4 |

(1) Indexes for 1968 are subject to revision.

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

| Commodity | Months |  |  |  | Annual averages |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1968 \end{aligned}$ | May $1968$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |
|  | dollars |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vegetable products: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Barley, No. 1 feed, bu. ...... | 1.15 | 1.17 | 1.26 | 1.24 | 1.25 |  |  |
| Coffee beans, Green Santos $2 / 3$ 's, 1 l . | . 42 | . 42 | . .44 | . 44 | . 44 | . 48 | . 52 |
| Flour, first patent, Toronto, 100-1b bag | 8.12 | 8.12 | 8.12 | 8.12 | 8.12 | 7.88 | 7.67 |
| Linseed oil, raw, Montreal, gal. | 1.27 | 1.33 | 1.07 | 1.02 | 1.16 | 1.10 | 1.16 |
| Oats, No. 2 C.W., bu. ........... | . 94 | . 95 | . 92 | . 92 | . 93 | . 93 | . 85 |
| Potatoes, No. 1 Saint John, 75-1b. bag ... | 2.62 | 2. 20 | 1.85 | 1. 30 | 2.09 | 2.86 | 3.78 |
|  | 6.60 | 6.60 | 7.55 | 7.40 | 6.62 | 6.38 | 6.83 |
| Wheat, No. 2, Manitoba Northern, bu. ....... | 1.94 | 1.92 | 2.08 | 2.10 | 2.02 | 2.04 | 1.91 |
| Animal products: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Butter, prints, lst. grade, Montreal, 1b. | . 66 | . 66 | . 66 | . 66 | . 65 | . 62 | . 5 \% |
| Eggs, grade "A", large, Montreal, doz. ..... | . 43 | . 44 | . 42 | . 43 | . 48 | . 58 | . 48 |
| Hides, packer, light native steers, 1b, ... | . 14 | . 15 | . 16 | . 16 | . 16 | . 22 | . 17 |
| Hogs, Toronto (bonus excluded) 100-1b. .... | 30.34 | 27.66 | 31.41 | 32.68 | 29.69 | 35.05 | $32.46$ |
| Steers, good, Toronto, 100 lb . | 27.22 | 26.50 | 27.50 | 26.50 | 27.66 | 26.05 | $24.03$ |

GBLF 5. Wholesale Prices of Selected Comodities - Concluded
(is11 prices given in Canadian funds)

| Commodity | Months |  |  |  | Annual averages |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1968 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1968 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |

Textile products:

| Cotton, raw, middling, 1', Memphis, lb. (1) | . 27 | . 27 | . 26 | . 26 | . 27 | . 31 | . 35 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cotton yarn, 10's, white, lb. | . 77 | . 77 | . 77 | . 77 | . 77 | . 76 | . 75 |
| Cotton, grey 0snaburg, clean, $71 / 8 \mathrm{oz}$. , y | . 36 | . 36 | . 37 | . 36 | . 36 | . 35 | . 35 |
| Rayon yarn, 36 filament, 150 denier, lb. | . 95 | . 95 | . 95 | . 95 | . 94 | . 93 | . 93 |
| Wool, raw, Australian, 64's, clean, lb. | . 93 | . 93 | . 93 | . 93 | . 87 | 1.01 | . 92 |
| Wool, raw, Eastern, domestic, lb. | . 28 | . 28 | . 37 | 38 | . 36 | . 48 | 45 |

Wood products:
Newsprint paper, standard, Quebec, 2000-1b.
ton ............................................................
Pine, white, No. $1,1^{\prime \prime} \times 8^{\prime \prime}, 8^{\prime}-16^{\prime}$, $1000-\mathrm{bd}$. ft. .......................................
Shingles, asphalt, $12^{\prime \prime} \times 36^{\prime \prime}, 100$ sq. ft. . .
6.72

Spruce, merchantable, $I^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime} / 7 "$, $1000-\mathrm{bd}$. ft.
91.40
91.40
87.30
87.30
87.34
86.85
85.50

Iron products:

| Ctst iron scrap, 2240-1b. ton | 43.00 | 43.00 | 45.00 | 47.00 | 45.25 | 51.17 | 48.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Becel scrap, No. 1, heavy melting, cbs. 2000-1b. ton ............................ |  |  | 26.00 | 26.00 | 26.00 | 30.52 | 33.55 |
| Pig iron, foundry, silicon 2.01-2.25, 2240-1b. ton | 65.00 | 65.00 | 65.00 | 65.00 | 65.00 | 65.00 | 65.00 |
| Non-ferrous metals products: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Copper, electrolytic, domestic, 100-1b. | 51.00 | 51.00 | 47.25 | 47.25 | 47.38 | 45.00 | 37.64 |
| Lead, pig, electrolytic, domestic, 100-1 | 13.00 | 13.00 | 14.00 | 14.00 | 14.00 | 14.92 | 15.50 |
| Tin, ingots, $99.8 \%$, Montreal, 1 b . | 1.56 | 1.58 | 1.72 | 1.69 | 1.69 | 1.81 | 1.97 |
| Zinc, high grade, electrolytic, 100-1b. | 14. 10 | 14.10 | 14.35 | 14. 35 | 14.48 | 15.10 | 15.10 |

Non-metallic minerals products:

| Cement, Portland, Calgary, 350-1b. | 4.30 | 4. 30 | 4.10 | 4.00 | 4.05 | 3.84 | 3.68 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cement, Portland, Toronto, 350-1b. | 3. 74 | 3.59 | 3.59 | 3.59 | 3.59 | 3.44 | 3.41 |
| Coal, anthracite, U.S., stove siz 2000-1b. ton ..................... | 26.95 | 26.95 | 25.94 | 25.98 | 26.29 | 25.86 | 26.12 |

Chemical products:

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Sodium carbonate, (soda ash) }58\mathrm{ p.c.,
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(1.) "rices prior to December 1967 are based on New York spot commodity market.
glsures not available.

TABLE 6. Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materiala
$(1935-39=100)$

| Date |  | Principal components |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total index | Concrete products | Bricks | Lumber and 1 umber products | ```Wal1 board and insula- tion``` | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Roofing } \\ & \text { ma- } \\ & \text { terials } \end{aligned}$ | Paint and glass | Plumb ing and heating equip. ment | Electrical equipment and fixtures | Metal products |
| 1958 |  | 290.2 | 156.8 | 224.6 | 409.8 | 139.8 | 235.4 | 226.6 | 229.8 | 186.9 | 254.0 |
| 1959 |  | 296.3 | 153.8 | 227.8 | 421.1 | 140.9 | 239.3 | 229.3 | 231.6 | 201.6 | 256.9 |
| 1960 |  | 294.5 | 154.6 | 229.3 | 415.9 | 142.4 | 214.5 | 230.5 | 235.2 | 198.2 | 262.3 |
| 1961 |  | 292.5 | 153.0 | 218.9 | 412.3 | 144.8 | 204.0 | 235.6 | 236.1 | 194.2 | 261.8 |
| 1962 |  | 295.7 | 153.0 | 216.8 | 420.2 | 149.0 | 213.4 | 238.6 | 231.8 | 197.6 | 259.2 |
| 1963 |  | 305.3 | 157.2 | 225.5 | 436.4 | 151.1 | 236.6 | 256.4 | 234.7 | 204.8 | 250.1 |
| 1964 |  | 324.9 | 161.9 | 233.5 | 472.1 | 158.6 | 251.6 | 269.2 | 242.0 | 208.1 | 259.5 |
| 1965 |  | 339.6 | 168.1 | 246.5 | 495.7 | 164.3 | 243.8 | 282.6 | 254.4 | 208.2 | 266.5 |
| 1966 |  | 352.0 | 176.2 | 251.9 | 519.4 | 166.6 | 243.5 | 286.6 | 256.0 | 232.0 | 264.6 |
| 1967 |  | 363.3 | 182.2 | 256.5 | 537.4 | 169.5 | 257.6 | 298.7 | 264.0 | 245.1 | 260.3 |
| 1966(2) | - Jan. | 342.7 | 172.6 | 250.8 | 501.3 | 165.8 | 243.5 | 283.1 | 251.6 | 227.8 | 262.8 |
|  | Feb. | 343.7 | 172.7 | 250.7 | 502.2 | 166.2 | 243.5 | 283.1 | 253.7 | 228.0 | 266.8 |
|  | Mar. | 345.4 | 172.7 | 251.8 | 505.7 | 166.2 | 243.5 | 285.9 | 253.8 | 228.9 | 266.8 |
|  | Apr. | 346.3 | 176.2 | 252.2 | 506.7 | 166.8 | 243.5 | 285.9 | 254.1 | 231.6 | 265.0 |
|  | May | 348.4 | 176.2 | 252.2 | 510.0 | 167.5 | 243.5 | 286.3 | 257.0 | 233.6 | 265.3 |
|  | June | 354.3 | 176.3 | 252.2 | 523.4 | 167.5 | 243.5 | 286.3 | 257.5 | 234.5 | 265.3 |
|  | Ju1y | 356.1 | 176.3 | 252.2 | 528.0 | 166.6 | 243.5 | 287.2 | 257.5 | 233.7 | 265.3 |
|  | Aug. | 356.7 | 177.4 | 252.2 | 529.4 | 166.6 | 243.5 | 287.5 | 257.5 | 233.4 | 263.5 |
|  | Sept. | 357.9 | 177.7 | 252.2 | 532.1 | 166.6 | 243.5 | 287.5 | 257.5 | 233.4 | 263.5 |
|  | Oct. | 357.4 | 178.9 | 252.2 | 530.7 | 166.6 | 243.5 | 288.8 | 257.2 | 233.4 | 263.4 |
|  | Nov. | 357.5 | 178.9 | 252.2 | 531.0 | 166.4 | 243.5 | 289.0 | 257.2 | 232.9 | 264.9 |
|  | Dec. | 357.8 | 178.9 | 252.2 | 531.9 | 166.4 | 243.5 | 289.0 | 257.2 | 232.9 | 262.6 |
| 1967 - | Jan. | 356.9 | 180.7 | 252.2 | 526.6 | 168.2 | 247.5 | 296.6 | 259.9 | 234.5 | 265.3 |
|  | Feb. | 358.5 | 181.5 | 252.2 | 528.8 | 168.2 | 250.5 | 296.6 | 262.6 | 238.9 | 262.1 |
|  | Mar. | 359.3 | 181.4 | 254.7 | 529.8 | 169.0 | 250.5 | 296.6 | 263.0 | 240.5 | 260.9 |
|  | Apr. | 359.7 | 181.3 | 254.3 | 530.5 | 169.7 | 250.5 | 296.6 | 263.3 | 240.5 | 260.8 |
|  | May . | 361.2 | 182.3 | 258.5 | 532.6 | 169.7 | 250.5 | 297.5 | 263.1 | 252.4 | 259.6 |
|  | June | 361.7 | 182.0 | 258.5 | 533.5 | 169.9 | 255.9 | 298.2 | 263.5 | 248.4 | 259.2 |
|  | July | 363.5 | 181.7 | 259.1 | 537.5 | 169.9 | 262.5 | 298.2 | 263.2 | 248.4 | 259.2 |
|  | Aug. | 365.1 | 181.7 | 256.2 | 540.5 | 169.9 | 262.5 | 298.2 | 265.3 | 248.4 | 259.2 |
|  | Sept. | 366.2 | 181.7 | 256.2 | 543.1 | 169.9 | 262.5 | 301.5 | 264.9 | 247.8 | 259.2 |
|  | Oct. | 368.2 | 184.3 | 259.1 | 547.2 | 169.9 | 262.5 | 301.5 | 264.6 | 247.1 | 259.2 |
|  | Nov. | 369.1 | 183.9 | 258.7 | 548.5 | 169.9 | 268.1 | 301.5 | 266.4 | 243.9 | 259.6 |
|  | Dec. | 370.2 | 183.6 | 258.7 | 549.6 | 170.1 | 268.1 | 301.5 | 268.3 | 250.6 | 259.6 |
| 1968(1) | - Jan. | 373.3 | 187.0 | 261.3 | 553.9 | 170.1 | 268.1 | 304.7 | 272.3 | 251.3 | 261.2 |
|  | Feb. | 374.9 | 187.0 | 262.8 | 557.3 | 170.1 | 280.5 | 312.8 | 272.5 | 235.5 | 261.2 |
|  | Mar. | 376.7 | 187.5 | 262.6 | 560.9 | 172.2 | 280.5 | 313.4 | 272.2 | 235.5 | 262.5 |
|  | Apr. | 379.3 | 187.8 | 263.5 | 565.8 | 175.9 | 280.5 | 313.4 | 272.0 | 235.2 | 262.5 |
|  | May | 379.0 | 188.3 | 263.5 | 564.0 | 176.9 | 280.5 | 314.3 | 275.2 | 229.9 | 262.0 |
|  | June | 380.8 | 188.4 | 263.5 | 567.1 | 177.2 | 299.7 | 314.3 | 274.4 | 228.7 | 262.6 |
|  | July |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sept. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Dec. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

(1) Indexes for 1968 are subject to revision.
(2) An explanation of the 1966 revision is provided on page 41.


See footnotes at end of table.

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


[^9]LABLE 8. Consumer Price Indexes, Canada, 1958-68
$(1949=100)$

(1) 1957 weights replace 1947-48 weights beginning January 1961.
(2) The system of variable weights for seasonal foods was revised beginning January 1961.

TABLE 9. Consumer Price Indexes - Main Groups, Selected Compontits abl Supplementary Classifications
$(1949=100)$

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1968 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1968 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All-items index | 154.7 | 154. 2 | 148.8 | 148.1 | 149.0 | 143.9 | 138.7 |
| Food | 149.4 | 148.9 | 144.8 | 143.7 | 146.4 | 144.5 | 135.9 |
| Food at home | 146.6 | 146.1 | 142.6 | 141.4 | 144.2 | 143.6 | 135.2 |
| Dairy products | 165.2 | 164.7 | 160.6 | 156.0 | 159.0 | 148.6 | 139.5 |
| Cereal products ....... | 171.3 | 170.8 | 167.5 | 167.0 | 168.9 | 166.4 | 162.1 |
| Miscellaneous groceries | 134.1 | 133.8 | 130.8 | 130.1 | 131.0 | 131.0 | 129.0 |
| Beef | 161.2 | 157.2 | 155.2 | 153.8 | 162.3 | 154.4 | 140.2 |
| Pork | 126.2 | 124.5 | 134.2 | 131.2 | 133.5 | 147.6 | 127.6 |
| Fresh pork | 127.3 | 128.0 | 136.7 | 131.0 | 134.9 | 144.1 | 126.9 |
| Cured pork | 124.3 | 120.3 | 131.0 | 130.3 | 131.3 | 149.3 | 127.1 |
| 0 ther meats | 137.4 | 136.6 | 134.7 | 133.9 | 137.0 | 136.6 | 121.3 |
| Fish | 171.7 | 169.8 | 166.8 | 168.2 | 168.0 | 164.8 | 150.1 |
| Poultry | 79.4 | 78.3 | 78.6 | 78.0 | 77.5 | 80.7 | 74.8 |
| Eg8s . . | 80.4 | 83.3 | 78.6 | 83.4 | 88.0 | 104.3 | 88.3 |
| Dairy products including butter | 149.4 | 149.2 | 146.1 | 142.9 | 144.9 | 135.9 | 126.9 |
| Fats and oils including butter ................ | 108.7 | 109.0 | 109.8 | 110.2 | 109.7 | 106.5 | 98.7 |
| Fats and olls excluding butter | 108.0 | 107.9 | 111.5 | 112.2 | 111.9 | 114.2 | 109.1 |
| Total fruit | 187.6 | 187.9 | 153.8 | 152.3 | 151.8 | 150.9 | 152.6 |
| Fresh fruit | 212.7 | 213.2 | 164.9 | 162.1 | 160.0 | 155.6 | 158.1 |
| Canned fruit | 138.3 | 138.1 | 127.9 | 127.8 | 129.3 | 132.0 | 131.9 |
| Total vegetables | 176.4 | 177.3 | 166.7 | 159.0 | 159.0 | 162.6 | 160.8 |
| Fresh vegetables | 186.0 | 187.4 | 175.2 | 163.7 | 162.9 | 170.5 | 170.6 |
| Canned vegetables | 160.2 | 159.9 | 151.8 | 152.0 | 153.8 | 149.8 | 143.8 |
| Direct imports(1) | 170.5 | 173.0 | 142.2 | 143.0 | 143.7 | 145.3 | 148.8 |
| Restaurant meals(2) | 144.6 | 144.6 | 137.5 | 137.5 | 138.7 | 129.0 | 120.2 |
| Housing | 157.6 | 157.1 | 151.2 | 150.5 | 151.0 | 144.7 | 140.9 |
| Shelter | 180.5 | 179.7 | 170.3 | 169.4 | 170.5 | 162.9 | 157.8 |
| Tenant costs | 160.3 | 158.8 | 153.5 | 151.9 | 153.5 | 148.5 | 146.0 |
| Home-ownership costs | 200.0 | 199.9 | 186.7 | 186.4 | 187.0 | 177.0 | 169.5 |
| Property taxes ... | 198.0 | 198.0 | 184.0 | 184.0 | 184.0 | 176.8 | 169.1 |
| Mortgage interest | 145.2 | 145.2 | 135.0 | 135.0 | 137.2 | 130.8 | 125.5 |
| Repairs ........ | 213.1 | 212.6 | 200.8 | 200.2 | 199.5 | 187.9 | 180.9 |
| New houses | 217.5 | 217.4 | 203.9 | 203.2 | 202.9 | 189.3 | 181.2 |
| Personal property insurance ............ | 178.7 | 178.7 | 164.4 | 164.4 | 167.6 | 158.3 | 147.8 |
| Household operation | 135.6 | 135.4 | 132.9 | 132.6 | 132.5 | 127.6 | 125.1 |
| Fuel | 117.0 | 116.8 | 113.6 | 113.8 | 113.5 | 111.7 | 111.6 |
| Coal | 147.2 | 148.5 | 143.5 | 144.5 | 144.6 | 140.8 | 138.6 |
| Fuel oil | 98.6 | 98.0 | 95.0 | 95.0 | 94.6 | 92.9 | 93.1 |
| Domestic gas | 113.7 | 113.7 | 112.1 | 112.1 | 112.0 | 111.8 | 112.3 |
| Electricity ...... | 126.5 | 126.5 | 125.7 | 125.7 | 122.7 | 114.4 | 114.3 |
| Home furnishings | 131.0 | 130.5 | 127.7 | 127.1 | 127.6 | 122.3 | 119.5 |
| Appliances ... | 83.8 | 83.8 | 83.1 | 82.8 | 83.6 | 82.0 | 81.3 |
| Furniture ..... | 148.7 | $148.3$ | 144.2 | 144.7 | 143.7 | 134.8 | 129.2 |
| Floor coverings | 140.3 | 139.8 | 139.9 | 138.8 | 139.5 | 137.7 | 139.3 |
| Textiles ........... | 133.4 | 132.4 | 128.3 | 127.5 | 127.9 | 124.7 | 122.9 |
| Utensils and equipment | 181.3 | 180.2 | 173.6 | 170.7 | 172.6 | 162.2 | 154.9 |

Yably : Gonswat Price Indexes - Main Groups, Selected Components and Si.pplementary Classifications - Continued
(1949=100)

|  | June 1968 | May 1968 | June 1967 | May 1967 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Housing - Concluded: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Supplies and services | 157.9 | 157.6 | 156.0 | 155.9 | 156.3 | 151.2 | 146.5 |
| Supplies | 149.0 | 148.4 | 148.8 | 148.3 | 148.4 | 142.3 | 138.7 |
| Services | 164.5 | 164.5 | 161.3 | 161.3 | 162.2 | 157.8 | 152.2 |
| Telephone rates | 157.4 | 157.4 | 156.6 | 156.6 | 156.2 | 154.1 | 152.4 |
| Postage | 131.7 | 131.7 | 130.8 | 130.8 | 130.8 | 130.8 | 130.8 |
| Household help.. | 233.1 | 233.1 | 221.2 | 221.2 | 226.6 | 212.5 | 195.6 |
| Household effects in- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| surance ........... | 150.2 | 150.2 | 144.3 | 144.3 | 145.9 | 138.3 | 119.4 |
| Clothing | 136.4 | 135.8 | 132.5 | 131.9 | 132.3 | 126.0 | 121.4 |
| Men's wear | 146.3 | 145.9 | 141.6 | 141.0 | 141.1 | 133.8 | 129.4 |
| Suit | 162.3 | 161.1 | 156.3 | 155.9 | 155.0 | 145.4 | 140.3 |
| Business shirt | 139.1 | 138.5 | 137.4 | 136.9 | 136.5 | 131.5 | 122.2 |
| Hat | - | - | - | - | 150.0 | 141.5 | 139.0 |
| Women's wear | 116.7 | 116.9 | 114.5 | 114.3 | 114.8 | 110.2 | 106.4 |
| Winter coat | - | - | - | - | 129.4 | 124.5 | 115.6 |
| Spring coat | 106.5 | 109.7 | 102.3 | 103.0 | 103.4 | 100.0 | 95.6 |
| Cotton street dress | 114.7 | 113.3 | 108.6 | 109.5 | 108.0 | 106.1 | 105.2 |
| Slip. | 102.6 | 102.6 | 102.2 | 101.9 | 101.8 | 100.3 | 99.3 |
| dosiery | 78.9 | 78.9 | 78.9 | 78.5 | 78.5 | 77.2 | 76.6 |
| Children's wear | 119.1 | 118.6 | 117.8 | 117.7 | 117.9 | 111.8 | 110.5 |
| Boys: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Slacks | 130.5 | 127.2 | 124.0 | 124.4 | 125.3 | 119.4 | 118.4 |
| T-Shirt | 121.7 | 122.7 | 121.0 | 121.6 | 121.1 | 120.9 | 118.2 |
| Sweater | 149.9 | 149.8 | 141.3 | 141.0 | 141.7 | 132.8 | 129.1 |
| Parka | - | - | - | - | 101.8 | 96.8 | 90.1 |
| Girls: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Spring coat . | 132.0 | 132.0 | 134.4 | 134.9 | 133.7 | 122.0 | 129.3 |
| Cotton dress. | 104.7 | 104.7 | 104.6 | 104.6 | 104.1 | 98.0 | 97.4 |
| Snow suit | - | - | - | - | 106.0 | 102.0 | 100.4 |
| Infants: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Diapers | 126.0 | 126.0 | 124.1 | 124.3 | 124.4 | 122.5 | 122.5 |
| Overalls | 115.2 | 115.1 | 115.3 | 115.2 | 113.4 | 114.7 | 113.7 |
| Footwear | 188.1 | 186.5 | 178.9 | 178.9 | 178.1 | 168.1 | 157.8 |
| Men's oxfords ....... | 202. 5 | 198.1 | 194.3 | 194.3 | 193.8 | 179.4 | 166.4 |
| Women's street shoes ...... | 179.2 | 177.6 | 171.3 | 171.4 | 170.3 | 161.3 | 151.5 |
| Children's shoes | 198.1 | 199.9 | 188.2 | 187.9 | 186.3 | 178.4 | 167.7 |
| Women's overshoes ......... | - |  | - | 187.9 | 153.1 | 145.5 | 140.4 |
| Piece goods ................. | 134.7 | 133.5 | 134.5 | 131.5 | 132.8 | 126.1 | 124.1 |
| Cotton dress print ........ | 128.2 | 127.2 | 128.6 | 122.0 | 126.2 | 119.1 | 117.3 |
| Wool dress material ....... | 101.5 | 101. 2 | 100.5 | 101. 5 | 100.4 | 100.4 | 99.3 |
| Clothing services | 176.1 | 174.8 | 170.6 | 168.7 | 169.8 | 163.1 | 155.3 |
| Laundry | 193.5 | 191.5 | 186.7 | 185.3 | 186.4 | 179.5 | 172.1 |
| Dry cleaning | 160.7 | 159.8 | 156.3 | 154.6 | 155.5 | 149.8 | 142.6 |
| Shoe repairs .............. | 193.6 | 190.8 | 183.7 | 180.4 | 182.8 | 172.0 | 161.9 |
| Jwellery(2) ........... | 136.8 | 136.8 | 129.6 | 129.2 | 129.5 | 122.4 | 118.0 |

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 9. Consumer Price Indexes - Main Groups, Selected Components and Supplementary Classifications - Continued
$(1949=100)$

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1968 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1968 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Transportation | 161.8 | 161.0 | 158.2 | 157.2 | 157.2 | 150.8 | 147.3 |
| Automobile operation | 135.7 | 135.7 | 133.3 | 132.6 | 132.9 | 129.6 | 127.0 |
| New passenger car | 119.8 | 120.0 | 118.2 | 117.1 | 117.7 | 115.7 | 118.0 |
| Gasoline .... | 121.0 | 120.7 | 116.4 | 116.2 | 116.0 | 113.3 | 108.6 |
| Tires | 164.5 | 164.5 | 168.2 | 167.8 | 167.0 | 156.9 | 148.3 |
| Automobile insurance | 223.3 | 223.3 | 229.4 | 229.4 | 229.2 | 226.3 | 208.4 |
| Fender replacement | 254.9 | 254.9 | 238.1 | 237.7 | 240.0 | 223.9 | 208.7 |
| Brake relining ............ | 191.4 | 191.4 | 179.6 | 179.3 | 180.4 | 168.0 | 159.4 |
| Battery | 112.3 | 112.3 | 110.4 | 110.2 | 110.4 | 105.0 | 101.1 |
| Local transportation | 277.9 | 276.0 | 268.3 | 267.9 | 263.5 | 229.0 | 221.0 |
| Street car and bus fares | 298.2 | 296.0 | 287.7 | 287.7 | 282.0 | 242.5 | 234.2 |
| Taxi fare .............. | 160.5 | 160.5 | 155.7 | 153.8 | 154.8 | 145.6 | 139.8 |
| Travel | 144.9 | 131.9 | 135.9 | 131.6 | 131.7 | 127.9 | 122.3 |
| Train fare | 142.2 | 118.4 | 135.2 | 127.9 | 127.1 | 120.5 | 109.8 |
| Bus fare | 137.3 | 132.5 | 131.5 | 128.3 | 130.4 | 128.5 | 127.8 |
| Plane fare(2) | 123.8 | 123.8 | 112.1 | 112.1 | 112.1 | 112.1 | 111.9 |
| Health and personal care | 197.9 | 197.8 | 190.7 | 191.0 | 190.2 | 180.9 | 175.5 |
| Health care | 202.8 | 202.8 | 194.3 | 194.3 | 193.4 | 184.1 | 180.6 |
| Doctors' fees. | 186.7 | 186.7 | 181.3 | 181.3 | 178.7 |  |  |
| Office call. | 209.1 | 209.1 | 202.6 | 202.6 | 198.2 | 176.6 | 171.3 |
| Confinement | 207.4 | 207.4 | 202.2 | 202.2 | 200.8 | 190.2 | 184.9 |
| Appendectomy . ........... | 123.5 | 123.5 | 122.7 | 122.7 | 122.8 | 122.3 | 122.0 |
| Dentists' fees | 229.0 | 229.0 | 209.2 | 209.2 | 208.8 | 198.6 | 187.8 |
| Filling | 233.2 | 233.2 | 211.2 | 211.2 | 210.9 | 202.0 | 190.3 |
| Dentures ................. | 185.6 | 185.6 | 171.6 | 171.6 | 171.8 | 164.4 | 158.0 |
| Extraction .............. | 290.6 | 290.6 | 266.7 | 266.7 | 264.8 | 247.4 | 231.2 |
| Optical care | 177.0 | 177.0 | 168.0 | 168.0 | 167.9 | 162.0 | 156.8 |
| Prepaid medical care | 241.7 | 241.7 | 223.4 | 223.4 | 226.0 | 217.2 | 219.1 |
| Pharmaceuticals | 117.8 | 117.8 | 124.2 | 124.2 | 122.2 | 121.4 | 119.9 |
| Headache tablets | 120.3 | 120.3 | 128.8 | 128.8 | 126.9 | 127.4 | 125.7 |
| Vitamins ................ | 89.0 | 89.0 | 96.3 | 96.3 | 94.6 | 96.2 | 98.5 |
| Bandages ................. | 171.6 | 171.6 | 174.7 | 174.3 | 173.4 | 174.6 | 174.2 |
| Prescriptions ............ | 95.3 | 95.3 | 100.6 | 100.6 | 98.9 | 98.5 | 97.0 |
| Personal care . | 186.6 | 186.3 | 181.7 | 182.3 | 181.7 | 172.7 | 164.1 |
| Supplies | 145.7 | 145.9 | 144.1 | 145.3 | 144.9 | 142.6 | 138.1 |
| Toilet soap | 151.4 | 153.5 | 154.1 | 158.3 | 156.7 | 157.2 | 148.9 |
| Toothpaste | 142.8 | 140.3 | 141.6 | 141.2 | 142.5 | 141.2 | 138.7 |
| Face powder | 161.4 | 161.4 | 155.3 | 154.9 | 154.9 | 149.6 | 147.4 |
| Razor blades .... | 112.1 | 112.0 | 111.0 | 109.9 | 110.4 | 106.7 | 106.2 |
| Cleansing tissues | 129.3 | 129.4 | 123.0 | 125.7 | 125.2 | 123.7 | 119.6 |
| Services | 246.2 | 245.2 |  | 236.5 | 235.5 | 217.0 | 202.3 |
| Men's haircuts | 269.2 | 267.2 | 258.7 | 258.7 | 257.2 | 235.8 | 219.8 |
| Women's hairdressing . | 217.0 | 217.0 | 208.2 | 208.2 | 207.8 | 192.6 | 179.6 |

[^10]Tabie 9. Consumer Price Indexes - Main Groups, Selected Components and Supplementary Classifications - Concluded
(1949=100)

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1968 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1968 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1967 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1967 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Recreation and reading ........ | 174.2 | 174.2 | 167.1 | 166.6 | 166.8 | 158.7 | 154.3 |
| Recreation | 169.3 | 169.2 | 163.0 | 162.2 | 162.5 | 154.5 | 150.7 |
| Theatre admission | 295.4 | 295.4 | 272.9 | 272.9 | 268.4 | 236.5 | 215.4 |
| Admission to sporting events | 231.9 | 231.9 | 217.9 | 214.0 | 220.4 | 208.6 | 205.8 |
| Radio ............................. | 98.6 | 98.6 | 97.3 | 97.0 | 97.7 | 97.1 | 96.5 |
| Television, console(2) | 92.7 | 92.7 | 94.8 | 94.4 | 95.8 | 95.8 | 98.0 |
| Camera film | 180.0 | 180.0 | 174.8 | 174.4 | 173.6 | 167.1 | 163.4 |
| Phonograph record | 159.0 | 159.0 | 139.6 | 139.1 | 143.3 | 132.5 | 131.0 |
| Bicycle | 137.3 | 137.3 | 132.6 | 133.0 | 132.6 | 125.0 | 122.4 |
| Sports equipment (2) | 126.4 | 125.3 | 119.2 | 114.9 | 118.3 | 109.3 | 105.6 |
| Toys(2) .................... | 120.7 | 120.7 | 118.1 | 117.7 | 116.1 | 109.7 | 107.3 |
| Television repairs(2) ...... | 134.0 | 134.0 | 126.6 | 126.4 | 126.6 | 124.7 | 122.5 |
| Reading | 189.3 | 189.3 | 179.7 | 179.7 | 179.7 | 171.5 | 165.2 |
| Newspapers | 230.3 | 230.3 | 221.5 | 221.5 | 221.3 | 212.3 | 201.8 |
| Magazines | 116.5 | 116.5 | 107.4 | 107.4 | 107.6 | 101.7 | 100.7 |
| Tobacco and alcohol | 141.1 | 141.1 | 128.1 | 127.9 | 128. 3 | 125.1 | 122.3 |
| Tobacco | 140.9 | 140.9 | 124.0 | 124.0 | 124.4 | 119.5 | 114.7 |
|  | 134.7 | 134.7 | 118.3 | 118.3 | 118.6 | 113.6 | 108.9 |
| Cigarette tobacco.......... | 158.0 | 158.0 | 141.8 | 141.8 | 142.8 | 141.5 | 139.4 |
| Alcohol | 140.9 | 140.9 | 130.9 | 130.4 | 131.0 | 128.9 | 127.6 |
| Beer | 135.7 | 135.7 | 126.8 | 126.4 | 127.0 | 125.5 | 124.9 |
| Liquor . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 151.3 | 151.3 | 139.1 | 138.6 | 138.9 | 135.9 | 132.9 |

Grplementary classifications:

| Total | 139.2 | 138.8 | 134.8 | 134.0 | 134.9 | 131.5 | 126.7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total excluding food | 133.5 | 133.4 | 128.9 | 128.4 | 128.6 | 124.0 | 121.5 |
| Durable | 120.6 | 120.6 | 118.8 | 118.1 | 118.6 | 115.0 | 114.6 |
| Household equipment ........ | 124.9 | 124.6 | 122.7 | 122.2 | 122.7 | 118.2 | 116.1 |
| Appliances (3) ............ | 85.8 | 85.8 | 85.8 | 85.5 | 86.3 | 85.3 | 85.6 |
| Other | 158.0 | 157.4 | 153.1 | 152.5 | 152.5 | 144.1 | 139.0 |
| Transportation equipment | 120.2 | 120.4 | 118.8 | 117.8 | 118.2 | 115.7 | 117.2 |
| Non-durable | 143.0 | 142.6 | 138.1 | 137.3 | 138.3 | 134.9 | 129.2 |
| Non-durable excluding food ... | 138.3 | 138.2 | 132.7 | 132.4 | 132.4 | 127.5 | 124.1 |
| Textiles ("use" classifi- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| cation) .................... | 127.7 | 127.5 | 124.8 | 124.3 | 124.7 | 119.1 | 115.8 |
| Garments | 126.7 | 126.6 | 123.9 | 123.6 | 123.9 | 118.2 | 114.6 |
| Household furnishings and piece goods | 134.0 | 132.8 | 130.6 | 129.0 | 129.7 | 125.3 | 123.4 |
| Textiles (chief component material classification) | 127.7 | 127.5 | 124.8 | 124.3 | 124.7 | 119.1 | 115.8 |
| Wool | 142.4 | 142.3 | 136.3 | 136.2 | 137.5 | 130.9 | 126.5 |
| Cotton | 132.6 | 132.2 | 128.8 | 128.1 | 128.2 | 122.7 | 120.0 |
| Synthetic | 109.3 | 109.0 | 106.6 | 105.8 | 106.1 | 102.7 | 101.2 |
| Fur | 109.7 | 109.8 | 119.0 | 117.1 | 117.1 | 109.7 | 104.0 |
| Footwear | 188.1 | 186.5 | 178.9 | 118.8 | 178. 1 | 168.1 | 157.8 |
| Leather | 191.2 | 189.6 | 182.6 | 182.6 | 181.6 | 171.2 | 160.2 |
| Rubber and plastic | 166.0 | 164.6 | 152.0 | 152.0 | 153.1 | 145.5 | 140.4 |
| Other non-durable | 139.2 | 139.1 | 132.5 | 132.3 | 132.2 | 128.0 | 125.1 |
| Services: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| total | 194.5 | 193.2 | 186.4 | 185.5 | 185.9 | 176.6 | 170.6 |
| Total excluding shelter .... | 215.9 | 214.7 | 207.4 | 206.8 | 206.4 | 194.4 | 186.2 |

[^11] coffee. (2) 1957=100. (3) Includes television and radio.

TABLE 10. Average Retail Prices for Canada - Selected Food Items (1)

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1968 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1968 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1967 \end{aligned}$ | 1967 | 1966 | $\begin{gathered} 1968 \\ \text { price } \\ \text { relative } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1949=100 |
| Dairy products: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Milk, fresh, qt. | 30.4 | 30.3 | 29.5 | 28.4 | 29.0 | 26.8 | 170.5 |
| Milk, evaporated, 16 oz . | 18.6 | 18.5 | 18.7 | 18.7 | 18.7 | 18.5 | 125.6 |
| Powdered skim milk, pkg., 3 lb. | 136.5 | 136.9 | 136.5 | 134.7 | 134.2 | 125.6 | 116.1 (2) |
| Butter, creamery, first grade, lb. | 70.4 | 70.8 | 70.6 | 70.8 | 70.4 | 67.1 | 109.0 |
| Cheese, plain, processed, $1 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$. | 45.7 | 45.4 | 44.8 | 43.8 | 44.7 | 43.1 | 156.4 |
| Poultry and eggs: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chicken, grade A evisc. (11/2-4lb.).1b. ... | 47.9 | 47.1 | 48.0 | 47.6 | 47.5 | 49.7 | 90.8 (3) |
| Turkey, grade A evisc. (8-16 1b.), 1b. .... | 49.0 | 49.0 | 48.6 | 48.8 | 48.2 | 50.5 | 83.4 (2) |
| Eggs, fresh, grade A large, doz. ............ | 49.5 | 51.2 | 48.3 | 51.3 | 54.1 | 64.1 | 80.4 |
| Eggs, fresh, grade A medium, doz. | 45.3 | 46.9 | 41.6 | 45.6 | 46.5 | 58.4 | 97.6 |
| Beef: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sirloin steak, | 124.6 | 117.4 | 116.7 | 115.2 | 123.7 | 116.7 | 177.0 |
| Round steak, 1 b . | 106.4 | 104.2 | 102.8 | 100.9 | 107.8 | 102.5 | 158.7 |
| Prime rib roast, lb. (4) | 107.2 | 106.2 | 105.9 | 106.2 | 108.7 | 104.9 | 159.8 |
| Blade roast, lb. (5) | 70.4 | 71.0 | 69.8 | 70.8 | 74.6 | 71.1 | 145.5 |
| Stewing beef, 1 l . | 82.9 | 81.5 | 77.0 | 77.0 | 79.2 | 76.3 | 177.8 |
| Hamburg, 1b. .................................... | 58.8 | 58.6 | 57.8 | 57.5 | 58.7 | 55.8 | 155.1 |
| Liver, sliced, lb. | 61.4 | 60.9 | 59.9 | 61.1 | 60.7 | 62.9 | 109.5 (2) |
| Pork: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rib chops, fresh, lb. | 79.8 | 80.7 | 86.8 | 81.9 | 85.1 | 91.0 | 140.3 |
| Shoulder roast, Boston butt, fresh, lb, ..... | 60.1 | 58.6 | 65.1 | 61.2 | 64.1 | 72.3 | 108.7 |
| Sausage, pure pork, 1b. ...................... | 69.7 | 70.1 | 72.2 | 72.3 | 72.4 | 74.8 | 141.2 |
| Bacon, side, fancy, sliced, rind off, $1 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$. | 51.7 | 48.4 | 54.8 | 53.7 | 55.0 | 66.5 | 122.1 |
| Ham, smoked, boneless, to be cooked, 1b. (6) | 116.5 | 115.8 | 126.0 | 125.2 | 124.8 | 136.8 | 137.0(3) |
| Other meats: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lamb, leg roast, 1 l . | 84.2 | 82.9 | 78.1 | 76.8 | 81.9 | 89.3 | 116.9 |
| Veal, loin chops, rib end, 1 l . .............. | 124.9 | 123.1 | 117.0 | 115.2 | 119.7 | 110.1 | 168.1 |
| Wheners or frankfurters, 1 b . ................ | 61.1 | 61.3 | 62.0 | 61.8 | 62.4 | 63.1 | 116.8 (2) |
| Meat loaf, canned, mainly pork, 12 oz . ..... | 53.3 | 53.4 | 57.1 | 57.2 | 57.3 | 60.8 | 170.2 (2) |
| Fish: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cod fillets, frozen, lb. (3) ................. | 49.9 | 48.3 | 48.4 | 48.4 | 48.2 | 47.4 | 147.3(3) |
| Salmon, canned, fancy pink, 8 oz. .......... | 42.7 | 42.5 | 41.3 | 41.5 | 41.6 | 41.4 | 172.4 |
| Fats and oils: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Margarine, 1 b . | 34.0 | 33.8 | 35.3 | 35.4 | 35.4 | 36.0 | 105.6 |
| Lard, pure, 1 l . | 22.5 | 22.8 | 27.9 | 28.1 | 27.4 | 30.1 | 95.7 |
| Shortening, 1b. | 39.2 | 39.1 | 39.9 | 40.3 | 40.2 | 40.9 | 121.3 |
| Salad dressing, jar, 16 oz . ................. | 43.3 | 43.3 | 43.6 | 43.8 | 43.7 | 44.4 | 106.9 (2) |
| Cereals and bakery products: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Flour, white, all purpose, lb . | 11.9 | 11.9 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 11.4 | 171.1 |
| Corn flakes, pkg., 8 oz. ..................... | 24.2 | 24.2 | 24.0 | 23.9 | 24.2 | 23.4 | 171.5 |
| Macaroni, dry, pkg., lb. | 23.5 | 23.4 | 22.9 | 22.7 | 23.0 | 21.8 | 171.3 |
| Cake mix, white, pkg., 14-16 oz. ............ | 39.3 | 39.2 | 38.8 | 39.3 | 39.3 | 39.4 | 123.4 |
| Bread, plain, white, wrapped, sliced, lb.... | 19.4 | 19.3 | 18.8 | 18.7 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 192.2 |
| Soda crackers, pkg., lb. ...................... | 42.6 | 42.7 | 41.4 | 41.5 | 41.3 | 40.0 | 112.2 (2) |
| Sugar and sweets: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sugar, granulated, lb. | 09.5 | 09.5 | 10.0 | 09.6 | 9.4 | 9.5 | 102.8 |
| Jam, strawberry, 2 lb . jar, 1b. (7) | 30.6 | 30.6 | 30.1 | 30.3 | 30.5 | 31.7 | 131.9 |
| Honey, No. 1, white, 2 lb. ....... | 71.1 | 71.0 | 71.4 | 71.7 | 71.6 | 70.1 | 116.9 亿3! |

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 10. Average Retail Prices for Canada - Selected Food Items (1) - Concluded

|  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Beverages:

| Tea bags, orange pekoe, pkg., 60 -bag $\ldots \ldots .$. | 85.4 | 85.4 | 84.6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Miscellaneous groceries:

| Tomato catsup, bottle, 11 | 26.1 | 26.1 | 26.3 | 26.3 | 26.5 | 26.1 | 110.6 (2) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Peanut butter, plain, jar, 16 oz . | 44.5 | 44.9 | 44.7 | 44.8 | 44.7 | 45.5 | 122.6 |
| Pickles, sweet, mixed, jar, 16 oz. | 40.0 | 39.8 | 39.4 | 39.4 | 39.3 | 38.8 | 143.9 |
| Jelly powders, flavoured, pkg. | 12.0 | 12.0 | 11.9 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 11.7 | 123.6 (3) |

[^12]TABLE 11. Consumer Price Indexes, Regional Cities, 1958-6
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. (1)

(1) For explanation see Page 43.
(2) 1957 weights replace 1947-48 weights beginning February 1962.

LABLE 11. Consumer Price Indexes, Regional Cities - Continued

(1) 1yj7 weights replace 1947-48 weights beginning February 1962.
(2) The system of variable weights for seasonal foods was revised beginning February 1962.

TABLE 11. Consumer Price Indexes, Regional Cities - Continued


CLOTHING

| 1967 | Jan. | 117.8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Feb. ...... | 118.1 |
|  | Max. | 125.0 |
|  | Apr. | 127.1 |
|  | May | 127.0 |
|  | June | 127.1 |
|  | July | 126.9 |
|  | Aug. | 126.0 |
|  | Sept. | 127.7 |
|  | Oct. | 128.1 |
|  | Nov. | 129.8 |
|  | Dec. | 130.1 |
| 1968 | - Jan. ...... | 129.6 |
|  | Feb. | 130.3 |
|  | Mar. | 132.2 |
|  | Apr. | 133.6 |
|  | May | 133.9 |
|  | June | 135.3 |


| 137.0 | 139.2 | 119.8 | 134.2 | 137.2 | 134.8 | 141.2 | 137.5 | 131.5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 137.7 | 139.2 | 120.1 | 134.6 | 137.7 | 135.6 | 141.2 | 137.5 | 132.8 |
| 139.7 | 141.1 | 121.7 | 135.8 | 139.8 | 137.4 | 142.5 | 138.3 | 133.5 |
| 140.0 | 141.2 | 124.7 | 136.3 | 140.2 | 137.9 | 142.6 | 140.0 | 134.0 |
| 139.7 | 141.2 | 124.5 | 136.2 | 140.1 | 138.2 | 142.7 | 140.9 | 133.9 |
| 140.3 | 142.1 | 125.1 | 136.6 | 140.2 | 143.5 | 143.7 | 141.3 | 133.6 |
| 140.2 | 142.1 | 125.1 | 136.6 | 140.0 | 143.5 | 143.7 | 141.5 | 134.3 |
| 140.1 | 142.1 | 125.1 | 136.6 | 139.6 | 144.2 | 143.7 | 141.7 | 134.6 |
| 141.7 | 143.3 | 127.2 | 138.5 | 142.6 | 147.3 | 145.4 | 143.8 | 135.9 |
| 142.1 | 143.5 | 125.6 | 139.3 | 140.8 | 147.0 | 145.6 | 144.3 | 136.1 |
| 142.6 | 143.5 | 126.2 | 140.0 | 142.3 | 147.6 | 145.6 | 144.3 | 136.4 |
| 142.6 | 144.3 | 126.6 | 140.2 | 142.3 | 147.3 | 146.5 | 144.2 | 136.8 |
| 142.4 | 144.3 | 124.8 | 138.2 | 140.6 | 147.0 | 146.5 | 143.1 | 136.4 |
| 142.9 | 144.3 | 125.4 | 138.7 | 141.3 | 147.2 | 146.5 | 143.8 | 137.1 |
| 143.9 | 145.7 | 126.8 | 139.4 | 143.4 | 148.1 | 149.3 | 145.0 | 138.6 |
| 144.4 | 146.5 | 127.5 | 140.4 | 143.9 | 150.3 | 150.0 | 146.2 | 139.7 |
| 143.9 | 146.5 | 127.2 | 139.9 | 143.4 | 151.0 | 150.0 | 146.4 | 139.5 |
| 144.2 | 147.6 | 127.2 | 140.5 | 143.9 | 151.2 | 150.5 | 146.5 | 140.2 |

July

Aug. .......
Sept. ......
Oct........
Nov. .......
Dec. ........

LABLE 11. Consumer Price Indexes, Regional Cities - Continued


TRANSPORTATION


| 141.9 | 152.0 | 171.4 | 167.4 | 152.7 | 142.3 | 139.1 | 138.0 | 152.8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 142.4 | 152.5 | 179.9 | 167.7 | 153.2 | 145.6 | 139.0 | 138.8 | 151.8 |
| 143.3 | 153.0 | 181.3 | 168.1 | 154.1 | 146.1 | 139.5 | 139.5 | 152.4 |
| 142.8 | 152.5 | 182.7 | 167.8 | 158.4 | 145.6 | 140.3 | 139.5 | 152.4 |
| 142.5 | 152.1 | 183.0 | 168.1 | 158.7 | 145.5 | 140.2 | 141.4 | 153.0 |
| 143.7 | 153.3 | 183.4 | 168.8 | 159.6 | 150.1 | 140.8 | 142.1 | 154.1 |
| 143.4 | 153.0 | 183.0 | 168.9 | 159.9 | 150.3 | 141.2 | 142.6 | 154.4 |
| 143.2 | 152.8 | 182.4 | 168.8 | 159.9 | 149.3 | 140.9 | 142.4 | 154.5 |
| 143.7 | 155.3 | 182.7 | 169.1 | 160.0 | 150.1 | 142.4 | 143.2 | 155.3 |
| 143.4 | 155.2 | 182.1 | 168.4 | 159.1 | 150.1 | 142.0 | 142.8 | 154.8 |
| 143.4 | 155.1 | 181.9 | 168.4 | 159.1 | 149.9 | 142.0 | 142.8 | 154.8 |
| 144.8 | 156.8 | 184.1 | 169.8 | 160.0 | 153.5 | 145.2 | 147.8 | 156.5 |
| 144.6 | 156.5 | 184.8 | 170.5 | 160.5 | 153.8 | 144.8 | 147.3 | 156.9 |
| 145.6 | 157.1 | 184.1 | 174.9 | 158.3 | 152.9 | 145.4 | 146.8 | 156.8 |
| 146.4 | 158.3 | 184.1 | 177.0 | 159.9 | 151.5 | 147.6 | 147.5 | 156.8 |
| 146.5 | 159.1 | 185.6 | 177.5 | 159.9 | 151.5 | 147.4 | 147.3 | 157.0 |
| 146.6 | 161.8 | 185.7 | 177.7 | 159.9 | 151.7 | 147.3 | 146.8 | 157.2 |
| 146.4 | 161.5 | 186.2 | 178.6 | 160.6 | 152.2 | 147.6 | 149.0 | 157.9 |

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TABLE 11. Consumer Price Indexes, Regional Cities - Concluded


## TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL

| 1967 | - Jan. | 117.9 | 128.1 | 129.2 | 129.6 | 134.5 | 131.5 | 140.2 | 126.8 | 123.6 | 125.3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Feb. | 118.1 | 128.0 | 129.2 | 129.6 | 134.8 | 131.7 | 140.2 | 126.8 | 125.0 | 125.6 |
|  | Mar. | 119.5 | 128.0 | 129.2 | 131.0 | 135.9 | 132.4 | 141.2 | 129.2 | 126.1 | 126.4 |
|  | Apr. | 120.2 | 130.0 | 131.1 | 131.6 | 135.9 | 132.4 | 141.2 | 129.2 | 126.1 | 126.4 |
|  | May | 120.4 | 130.0 | 131.1 | 131.8 | 136.0 | 132.4 | 141.4 | 129.3 | 126.2 | 126.9 |
|  | June | 120.4 | 130.0 | 131.1 | 131.8 | 136.0 | 132.4 | 146.0 | 129.3 | 126.2 | 126.9 |
|  | Ju1y | 120.4 | 130.0 | 131.1 | 131.8 | 136.0 | 132.4 | 146.0 | 129.3 | 126.2 | 126.9 |
|  | Aug. | 120.4 | 131.8 | 131.1 | 131.9 | 136.0 | 132.5 | 147.4 | 129.3 | 126.1 | 128.5 |
|  | Sept. | 120.4 | 131.8 | 131.1 | 131.9 | 136.0 | 132.5 | 147.4 | 129.3 | 126.1 | 128.5 |
|  | Oct. | 120.4 | 131.8 | 131.1 | 131.9 | 136.0 | 132.5 | 147.4 | 129.3 | 126.1 | 128.5 |
|  | Nov. | 120.5 | 131.8 | 131.5 | 131.9 | 136.2 | 132.7 | 147.4 | 129.3 | 126.2 | 128.5 |
|  | Dec. | 125.5 | 134.7 | 134.6 | 137.4 | 139.8 | 136.0 | 150.8 | 135.9 | 131.5 | 135.1 |
| 1968 | - Jan. | 126.2 | 140.2 | 139.6 | 137.6 | 147.0 | 143.7 | 154.3 | 136.2 | 131.7 | 135.1 |
|  | Feb. | 126.2 | 140.2 | 139.6 | 137.9 | 146.9 | 143.7 | 154.3 | 137.0 | 132.0 | 135.7 |
|  | Mar. | 126.2 | 140.2 | 139.6 | 137.9 | 150.2 | 148.9 | 154.3 | 140.1 | 132.0 | 135.7 |
|  | Apr. | 139.2 | 140.2 | 139.6 | 146.5 | 150.2 | 148.9 | 154.3 | 140.1 | 132.0 | 135.7 |
|  | May | 139.2 | 139.8 | 139.7 | 146.5 | 152.8 | 149.4 | 154.5 | 140.5 | 132.1 | 135.7 |
|  | June | 139.2 | 139.8 | 139.7 | 146.5 | 152.8 | 149.4 | 154.5 | 140.5 | 132.1 | 135.7 |
|  | July |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sept. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov. Dec |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

 Changes in the Consumer Price Index, Canada(1) 1961-68

|  |  | Weekly wages in current dollars | Index numbers of weekly wages <br> in current dollars | $\begin{gathered} \text { Weekly wages } \\ \text { in } 1961 \\ \text { dollars } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Index numbers of weekly wages in 1961 dollars |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | \$ | (1961=100) | \$ |  |
| 1961 | - Average | 74.45 | 100.0 | 74.45 | 100.0 |
| 1962 | " | 76.75 | 103.1 | 75.87 | 101.9 |
| 1963 | " | 79.51 | 106.8 | 77.24 | 103.7 |
| 1964 | 11 | 82.96 | 111.4 | 79.16 | 106.3 |
| 1965 | " | 86.89 | 116.7 | 80.94 | 108.7 |
| 1966 | " | 91.65 | 123.1 | 82.04 | 110.2 |
| 1967 | " | 96.84 | 130.1 | 83.64 | 112.4 |
| 1967 | - Jan. | 93.26 | 125.3 | 82.47 | 110.8 |
|  | Feb. | 94.23 | 126.6 | 83.10 | 111.6 |
|  | Mar. | 95.02 | 127.6 | 83.06 | 111.6 |
|  | Apr. | 96.50 | 129.6 | 84.19 | 113.1 |
|  | May | 96.06 | 129.0 | 83.41 | 112.0 |
|  | June | 97.13 | 130.5 | 83.55 | 112.2 |
|  | July | 96.45 | 129.6 | 82.58 | 110.9 |
|  | Aug. . | 97.43 | 130.9 | 83.53 | 112.2 |
|  | Sept. . | 99.20 | 133.2 | 85.16 | 114.4 |
|  | Oct. | 99.88 | 134.2 | 85.46 | 114.8 |
|  | Nov. . . | 100.18 | 134.6 | 85.26 | 114.5 |
|  | Dec. ... | 96.78 | 130.0 | 81.94 | 110.1 |
| 1268 |  |  | 133.7 |  |  |
|  | eb. | 100.53 | 135.0 | 84.29 | 113.2 |
|  | Mar. | $100.63$ | 135.2 | 84.37 | 113.2 |
|  | Apr. |  | 140.0 P |  | 117.3P |
|  | May . . |  |  |  |  |
|  | June . . |  |  |  |  |
|  | July |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug. |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sept. |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct. |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov. |  |  |  |  |
|  | Dec. ... |  |  |  |  |

(1) For detailed explanation, see page 44

P Preliminary figures.

TABLE 13. Spatial Retail Food Price Indexes, Regional Cities, 1958-1967(1)
Winnipeg $=100$

|  | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Halifax | 99 | 102 | 101 | 99 | 99 | 100 | 100 | 101 | 100 | 99 |
| Saint John | 100 | 102 | 103 | 101 | 100 | 101 | 102 | 101 | 100 | 100 |
| Montreal | 98 | 98 | 100 | 98 | 98 | 100 | 101 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| ot tawa | 98 | 99 | 99 | 98 | 97 | 99 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Toronto | 97 | 97 | 99 | 97 | 96 | 98 | 98 | 99 | 100 | 98 |
| Winmipeg | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Regina. | 103 | 105 | 103 | 101 | 101 | 102 | 103 | 103 | 103 | 103 |
| Serskatoon | 104 | 105 | 104 | 102 | 102 | 103 | 103 | 103 | 103 | 104 |
| Eitlgary. | 100 | 102 | 100 | 98 | 98 | 98 | 98 | 98 | 97 | 98 |
| Edmonton | 100 | 101 | 98 | 97 | 96 | 97 | 96 | 96 | 95 | 96 |
| Bancouver | 104 | 106 | 104 | 102 | 101 | 103 | 102 | 102 | 100 | 100 |

(1) For detailed explanation, see page 45

TABLE 14. Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Service: Leed Dy Iarncrs
$(1935-39=100)$

|  |  | Composite index exclusive of living component (1) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Farm } \\ & \text { machinery } \end{aligned}$ | Equipment and materials | Taxes and interest rates(1) | Farm wage rates | Farm family living | Composite index inclusive of living component (1) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | All Canada |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1949 |  | 204.1 | 158.3 | 180.3 | 138.7 | 373.3 | 173.2 | 191.7 |
| 1965 |  | 321.8 | 284.9 | 247.4 | 259.1 | 677.0 | 240.6 | 289.3 |
| 1966 |  | 343.2 | 293.1 | 254.0 | 272.2 | 764.4 | 248.2 | 305.2 |
| 1967 |  | 365.3 | 302.2 | 263.1 | 288.1 | 842.4 | 258.4 | 322.6 |
| 1966 | January | 331.2 | 291.5 |  |  |  |  | 296.6 |
|  | April. | 349.5 | 293.8 | 254.9 | 272.2 | 798.5 | 248.7 | 309.2 |
|  | August | 349.0 | 293.9 | 256.4 | 272.2 | 789.4 | 251.4 | 309.9 |
| 1967 | - January | 354.8 | 301.6 | 260.7 | 288.1 | 788.4 | 252.3 | 313.8 |
|  | April | 370.8 | 302.8 | 263.6 | 288.1 | 873.3 | 258.3 | 325.8 |
|  | August | 370.4 | 302.1 | 265.1 | 288.1 | 865.6 | 264.6 | 328.1 |
| 1968 | - January | $367.6{ }^{\text {r }}$ | 313.2 | $268.6{ }^{\text {r }}$ | 288.1 | 835.7 | 265.0 | $326.6{ }^{\text {r }}$ |
|  | April . . <br> August | 388.9 | 313.6 | 272.4 | 288.1 | 948.8 | 267.1 |  |



(1) 1968 indexes are subject to revision, since tax and interest rate figures are preliminary.
$r$ Revised figures.

TW. EE is. Sue: SE Retail Feed Prices for Canada and Five Geographical Areas Irst of the Month Prices - Dollars per cwt


| Ontar 10 |  |  | Prairies |  |  | British Columbia |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| June | May | June | June | May | June | June | May | June |
| 1968 | 1968 | 1967 | 1968 | 1968 | 1967 | 1968 | 1968 | 1967 |


| Corn, cracked .............. 3.48 | 3.47 | 3.87 | 4.77 | 4.76 | 4.72 | 4.49 | 4.49 | 4.56 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oats, unground .............. 3.52 | 3.52 | 3.45 | 2.64 | 2.63 | 2.68 | 3.84 | 3.83 | 3.58 |
| Barley, ground .............. 3.50 | 3.53 | 3.56 | 2.66 | 2.66 | 2.68 | 3.63 | 3.64 | 3.49 |
| Wheat, unground ............. 3.93 | 3.92 | 3.97 | 3.25 | 3.26 | 3.35 | 4.15 | 4.15 | 4.02 |
| Bran .......................... 3.41 | 3.41 | 3.65 | 3.53 | 3.52 | 3.47 | 3.41 | 3.42 | 3.59 |
| Shorts . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3.56 | 3.56 | 3.75 | 3.54 | 3.53 | 3.54 | 3.59 | 3.59 | 3.70 |
| Middlings ................... 3.67 | 3.68 | 3.90 | 3.70 | 3.58 | 3.54 | 3.84 | 3.84 | 3.88 |
| Linseed oll meal ............ 5.79 | 5.79 | 5.66 | 5.90 | 5.90 | 5.74 | 6.44 | 6.44 | 6.42 |
| Soybean oil meal ............ 6.06 | 6.05 | 6.14 | 6.98 | 6.96 | 6.70 | 6.69 | 6.71 | 6.90 |
| Calf starter (20-24\%) ...... 5.82 | 5.85 | 5.79 | 5.41 | 5.41 | 5.36 | 6.02 | 6.01 | 6.14 |
| Dairy ration (16\%) ......... 4.02 | 4.04 | 4.05 | 3.77 | 3.75 | 3.77 | 4.24 | 4.26 | 4.17 |
| Dairy supplement (24\%) ...... 4.79 | 4.82 | 4.80 | - | - | - | . | . 26 | 4.17 |
| Dairy supplement (32\%) ...... | - | - | 5.38 | 5.38 | 5.32 | 6.10 | 6.10 | 5.85 |
| Pig starter mash ............ 5.46 | 5.48 | 5.58 | 5.44 | 5.42 | 5.47 | 4.79 | 4.79 | 4.80 |
| Hog concentrate (35\%) ...... 6.83 | 6.81 | 6.84 | 6.65 | 6.66 | 6.42 | 6.70 | 6.70 | 6.83 |
| Hog grower mash ............ 4.27 | 4.28 | 4.38 | 3.81 | 3.80 | 3.88 | 4.49 | 4.46 | 4.41 |
| Chick starter mash (18-20\%) 5.69 | 5.68 | 5.80 | 5.19 | 5.19 | 5.18 | 5.60 | 5.59 | 5.40 |
| frowing mash ................. 4.88 | 4.90 | 4.94 | 4.36 | 4.37 | 4.46 | 4.97 | 4.96 | 4.84 |
| Laying mash (17-20\%) ....... 4.81 | 4.82 | 4.91 | 4.48 | 4.50 | 4.53 | 4.91 | 4.89 | 4.79 |
| Broiler starter mash (20-23\%) 5.60 | 5.62 | 5.81 | 5.39 | 5.40 | 5.36 | 5.58 | 5.58 | 5.71 |
| Turkey growing mash ........ 5.51 | 5.50 | 5.57 | 4.79 | 4.74 | 4.95 | 5.33 | 5.34 | 5.01 |

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

TABLE 16. Index Numbers of Common and Preferred Stock Prices
$(1956=100)$

| Current number of stocks |  | Investors index |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Inves tors (1) total | Total indus trials | Indus trial mines | Foods | Bever ages | Textiles and clothing | Pulp and paper | ```Printing and publish- 1ng``` | Primary <br> metals | Metal fabricating |
|  |  | (114) | (80) | (4) | (11) | (7) | (5) | (7) | (4) | (8) | (9) |
| 1958 |  | 94.1 | 90.6 | 76.3 | 108.9 | 103.2 | 102.1 | 81.2 | 141.1 | 81.2 | 82.7 |
| 1959 |  | 110.4 | 106.8 | 88.6 | 140.2 | 122.6 | 130.7 | 101.5 | 220.9 | 95.2 | 104.6 |
| 1960 |  | 104.5 | 101.7 | 95.8 | 127.3 | 117.5 | 114.5 | 100.2 | 253.4 | 87.6 | 82.6 |
| 1961 |  | 132.7 | 130.0 | 138.4 | 175.5 | 159.5 | 134.4 | 117.0 | 326.4 | 98.4 | 93.8 |
| 1962 |  | 127.9 | 125.5 | 129.7 | 163.5 | 174.4 | 153.7 | 118.6 | 300.6 | 86.4 | 92.3 |
| 1963 |  | 136.7 | 134.4 | 131.9 | 173.8 | 191.2 | 212.2 | 129.9 | 312.5 | 96.4 | 107.1 |
| 1964 |  | 160.3 | 163.6 | 169.7 | 190.9 | 219.6 | 291.9 | 161.8 | 326.4 | 118.6 | 136.5 |
| 1965 |  | 176.2 | 181.6 | 194.9 | 215.7 | 245.2 | 353.6 | 156.8 | 416.8 | 126.5 | 144.6 |
| 1966 |  | 166.2 | 172.7 | 190.4 | 207.8 | 208.4 | 309.1 | 138.5 | 467.9 | 120.1 | 135.3 |
| 1967 |  | 174.2 | 182.4 | 197.4 | 209.9 | 237.2 | 229.6 | 132.1 | 644.0 | 108.5 | 115.5 |
| 1966 | - Sept. | 152.7 | 158.1 | 171.8 | 196.4 | 183.9 | 272.6 | 132.1 | 437.5 | 106.3 | 119.3 |
|  | oct. | 149.1 | 154.6 | 167.6 | 188.8 | 185.7 | 251.4 | 128.3 | 438.2 | 100.3 | 109.1 |
|  | Nov. | 152.4 | 158.8 | 171.3 | 191.6 | 197.5 | 253.5 | 129.7 | 465.7 | 101.0 | 108.1 |
|  | Dec. | 154.6 | 161.8 | 179.6 | 194.7 | 204.4 | 261.5 | 124.8 | 483.9 | 99.4 | 106.7 |
| 1967 | - Jan. | 163.3 | 171.1 | 185.2 | 200.4 | 218.5 | 285.2 | 132.6 | 512.4 | 109.6 | 114.8 |
|  | Feb. | 168.8 | 176.3 | 189.2 | 205.8 | 224.4 | 285.5 | 142.5 | 527.6 | 115.0 | 119.0 |
|  | Mar. | 171.4 | 177.4 | 186.1 | 211.9 | 232.8 | 262.2 | 148.8 | 553.5 | 113.4 | 118.7 |
|  | Apr. | 174.8 | 180.4 | 187.5 | 215.8 | 238.4 | 243.7 | 147.6 | 581.0 | 115.8 | 117.8 |
|  | May . | 175.3 | 181.6 | 188.5 | 219.1 | 240.6 | 218.2 | 141.0 | 637.3 | 116.0 | 117.2 |
|  | June | 174.5 | 181.7 | 193.6 | 211.3 | 239.5 | 205.4 | 134.4 | 661.2 | 110.4 | 115.9 |
|  | July | 177.5 | 185.2 | 198.2 | 210.8 | 238.6 | 217.7 | 133.5 | 694.1 | 108.4 | 119.1 |
|  | Aug. | 180.8 | 189.3 | 201.6 | 215.7 | 248.8 | 223.8 | 131.8 | 728.2 | 110.9 | 120.0 |
|  | Sept. | 181.0 | 190.4 | 203.0 | 216.7 | 249.0 | 229.5 | 130.0 | 739.7 | 108.8 | 117.7 |
|  | oct. | 176.3 | 187.3 | 208.3 | 208.9 | 241.0 | 213.1 | 121.9 | 716.5 | 102.1 | 115.9 |
|  | Nov. | 173.7 | 183.7 | 208.8 | 203.2 | 238.8 | 197.1 | 113.7 | 703.7 | 95.4 | 106.7 |
|  | Dec. | 173.6 | 184.5 | 219.2 | 199.7 | 235.7 | 173.4 | 107.5 | 673.4 | 95.7 | 103.4 |
| 1968 | - Jan. | 174.4 | 185.2 | 214.6 | 205.6 | 247.9 | 172.6 | 104.8 | 673.6 | 94.9 | 106.0 |
|  | Feb. | 163.8 | 172.8 | 199.8 | 198.3 | 237.4 | 152.8 | 97.1 | 630.2 | 88.2 | 96.8 |
|  | Mar. . | 157.7 | 167.2 | 203.1 | 178.1 | 235.5 | 130.4 | 87.9 | 610.7 | 83.2 | $94.1$ |
|  | Apr. | 169.1 | 178.8 | 210.8 | 180.2 | 251.3 | 130.1 | 97.0 | 682.5 | 87.4 | $104.2$ |
|  | May .. | 171.2 | 181.0 | 208.2 | 191.4 | 259.0 | 142.4 | 93.6 | 688.7 | 87.6 | 115.3 |
|  | June . | 174.4 | 182.7 | 202.5 | 199.8 | 263.8 | 146.1 | 100.4 | 677.9 | 88.0 | 123.8 |
|  | July .. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug. . . |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sept. oct. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Dec. . |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weekly index: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | June 6 | $17 \% .7$ | 179.2 | 201.3 | 189.9 | 261.5 | 138.4 | 9.6 | 670.6 | 86.9 | 123.6 |
|  | June 13 | 174.0 | 182.7 | 206.1 | 193.3 | 259.7 | 149.8 | 96.7 | 677.1 | 88.3 | 124.4 |
|  | June 20 | 174.5 | 182.6 | 201.9 | 208.5 | 261.0 | 145.9 | 103.1 | 670.6 | 88.2 | 122.2 |
|  | June 27 | 178.4 | 186.3 | 200.8 | 207.5 | 272.8 | 150.2 | 107.3 | 693.4 | 88.4 | 124.9 |

[^13]ThLS le. Tusies muntrs of Command Preferred Stock Prices - Continued
(1756=100)

Investors index


Weekly index:

| June 6 | $\ldots$ | 91.4 | 161.8 | 102.9 | 72.9 | 287.1 | 155.2 | 173.9 | 184.4 | 99.8 | 113.4 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Bune 13 | $\ldots \ldots$ | 93.7 | 168.6 | 104.8 | 71.6 | 294.0 | 158.0 | 177.0 | 191.4 | 100.0 | 115.6 |
| June 20 | $\ldots$. | 92.8 | 167.5 | 107.0 | 81.1 | 296.0 | 159.8 | 176.4 | 190.7 | 101.7 | 121.2 |
| June 27 | $\ldots$. | 94.1 | 174.2 | 112.1 | 83.9 | 301.1 | 163.2 | 178.1 | 192.1 | 106.1 | 124.0 |

TABLE 16. Index Numbers of Common and Preferred stock Prices - Concluded
$(1956=100)$

|  | Current number of stocks | Investors index |  |  |  | Mining index |  |  | Supplementary indexes |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Gas <br> dis - <br> tribution <br> (5) | Total finance (14) | Banks (6) | Invest - <br> ment and loan $\qquad$ (8) | Total mining $(24)$ | Golds (13) | Base metals <br> (11) | Uraniums $(6)$ | Primary ofls and gas <br> (6) | Preferred stocks <br> (24) |
| 1958 |  | 147.2 | 102.6 | 99.1 | 109.1 | 76.1 | 95.5 | 65.4 | 95.0 | 84.2 | 96.6 |
| 1959 |  | 160.3 | 128.6 | 129.0 | 127.8 | 86.8 | 112.1 | 72.9 | 82.6 | 76.0 | 94.6 |
| 1960 |  | 142.2 | 117.3 | 116.0 | 119.8 | 76.6 | 99.7 | 64.0 | 59.1 | 48.2 | 91.9 |
| 1961 |  | 191.3 | 154.3 | 142.2 | 177.1 | 92.5 | 104.6 | 85.9 | 71.8 | 59.1 | 97.8 |
| 1962 | .......... | 190.9 | 145.6 | 136.1 | 163.3 | 95.9 | 112.5 | 86.8 | 76.7 | 63.4 | 99.3 |
| 1963 |  | 217.9 | 148.8 | 141.2 | 163.1 | 91.0 | 107.6 | 81.9 | 91.3 | 65.4 | 102.3 |
| 1964 |  | 244.0 | 152.5 | 143.6 | 169.1 | 101.1 | 115.0 | 93.5 | 84.0 | 80.7 | 103.5 |
| 1965 |  | 290.8 | 155.3 | 143.2 | 178.2 | 113.3 | 133.1 | 102.5 | 128.3 | 99.4 | 102.8 |
| 1966 |  | 314.6 | 138.6 | 132.1 | 150.8 | 112.0 | 133.8 | 100.1 | 180.7 | 115.4 | 92.0 |
| 1967 | ........ | 348.8 | 142.5 | 141.6 | 143.8 | $1 \cup 2.6$ | 131.6 | 86.7 | 244.1 | 184.3 | 87.9 |
| 1966 | - Sept. | 286.8 | 128.0 | 122.2 | 138.8 | 107.6 | 134.3 | 93.0 | 188.3 | 114.5 | 89.2 |
|  | oct. .. | 282.2 | 125.9 | $120.9$ | $135.1$ | $101.5$ | $125.6$ | $88.2$ | $196.4$ | $124.0$ | $88.4$ |
|  | Nov. . | $292.5$ | 127.9 | $123.3$ | $136.3$ | 96.9 | $114.8$ | 87.2 | 198.4 | 130.9 | 87.8 |
|  | Dec. . | 299.6 | 126.1 | 122.6 | 132.4 | 95.6 | 116.9 | 83.9 | 189.8 | 151.5 | 85.3 |
| 1967 | - Jan. | 312.3 | 134.3 | 130.3 | 141.5 | 102.6 | 123.0 | 91.3 | 195.0 | 160.1 | 87.0 |
|  | Feb. | $312.6$ | 141.8 | 136.8 | $151.0$ | $103.1$ | $123.0$ | $92.2$ | $189.5$ | $154.3$ | $89.6$ |
|  | Mar. . . | 322.8 | 148.5 | 146.4 | 152.3 | 99.3 | $117.9$ | 89.2 | 203.9 | 158.6 | 90.7 |
|  | Apr. .. | 333.4 | 152.6 | $151.1$ | $155.2$ | 99.9 | $122.8$ | 87.4 | $222.1$ | $165.9$ | 91.9 |
|  | May . . | 318.6 | 152.6 | $150.7$ | $155.6$ | 98.9 | $126.4$ | $83.9$ | $243.1$ | $159.8$ | 91.4 |
|  | June . | 337.2 | 143.6 | 141.3 | 147.4 | 101.3 | 134.6 | 83.1 | 261.2 | 173.6 | 90.2 |
|  | July. | 355.8 | 142.6 | 142.8 | 141.6 | 100.0 | 128.2 | 34.5 | 261.5 | 190.8 | 90.5 |
|  | Aug. | 375.1 | 146.2 | 146.9 | 144.4 | 103.9 | 135.1 | 86.7 | 255.4 | 205.9 | 90.6 |
|  | Sept. | 383.7 | 145.1 | 146.6 | 141.8 | 105.1 | 135.9 | 88.3 | 272.1 | 216.6 | 87.2 |
|  | Oct. | 375.4 | 133.7 | 132.9 | 134.8 | 106.1 | 141.1 | 87.0 | 283.6 | 207.5 | 83.6 |
|  | Nov. | 384.0 | 133.6 | 134.2 | 131.8 | 104.0 | 139.6 | 84.6 | 273.4 | 197.8 | 82.2 |
|  | Dec. | 374.2 | 135.4 | 139.1 | 127.8 | 107.0 | 152.1 | 82.3 | 268.6 | 220.4 | 80.0 |
| 1968 | - Jan. | 392.4 | 137.4 | 141.9 | 128. 3 | 111.6 | 163.2 | 83.4 | $276.5$ | $228.1$ | 80.6 |
|  | Eeb. . | $366.6$ | $132.8$ | $137.1$ | $124.0$ | $109.8$ | $163.3$ | $80.6$ | $243.5$ | $193.1$ | 79.1 |
|  | Mar. . | $336.5$ | $126.1$ | $131.0$ | $116.3$ | $109.6$ | $163.3$ | 80.2 | 239.4 | 174.3 | 76.9 |
|  | Apr. | 374.0 | 141.7 | 150.6 | 124.2 | 102.4 | 149.4 | 76.7 | 251.3 | 189.9 | 75.4 |
|  | May . | 374.7 | 145.9 | 154.6 | 128.6 | 107.3 | 158.1 | 79.5 | 255.7 | 189.3 | 75.6 |
|  | June. | 392.8 | 154.0 | 164.9 | 132.4 | 108.6 | 158.1 | 81.4 | 257.8 | 205.5 | 75.0 |
|  | July |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Aug. ... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sept. .. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | oct. ... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nov. . . . |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Dec. .. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Weekly index:

| June 6 | $\ldots$ | 383.9 | 149.6 | 159.7 | 129.6 | 108.1 | 158.3 | 80.6 | 250.7 | 198.5 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| June 13 | $\ldots$ | 391.4 | 152.3 | 162.8 | 131.6 | 111.6 | 164.8 | 82.5 | 262.1 | 214.6 |
| June 20 | $\ldots$ | 394.1 | 154.3 | 165.6 | 132.0 | 107.4 | 155.0 | 81.3 | 258.2 | 205.6 |
| June 27 | $\ldots$ | 401.7 | 159.8 | 171.6 | 136.4 | 107.2 | 154.4 | 81.4 | 260.2 | 203.3 |

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## Th shway Construction Price Indexes $(1956=100)(1)$

The Price Indexes of Highway Construction in Canada express prices paid by provincial governments in contracts asarded for highway construction each year as a percentage of prices paid in 1956. Base-weighted indexes are published annually whi measure, through time, the effect of price change on the cost of specific programan of highway construction in Canada represented by highway construction contracts of $\$ 50,000$ or more awarded by specified provincial governments over the period 1956 to 1966. Weights of items in the index, representing the relative importance of units of construction in the specified baseperiod are held constant. Only prices change from year to year, and the index thus measures the movement of prices through time. The all-items index or its components are useful for planning and budgeting for highway construction programes, in escalating or up-dating previously costed road-work, in estimating replacement costs of previously completed roadwork, and as historical measurements of price trends in highway construction.

These indexes do not necessarily reflect the price movements of non-contract construction or maintenance work. The indexes are designed to measure price changes through time for a fixed programe of highway construction, in each of the seven provinces. Because price levels in the base-period varied from province to province the indexes cannot be used to compare price differences between provinces.

Prices contained in the index are not for units of labour and materials as is usually the case in construction price indexes but rather for units of construction work put in place such as an acre of clearing, a cubic yard of earth excavation or a ton of bituminous hot-mix paving. In addition, the index contains prices of some materials, such as culvert pipe, usually supplied to the contractor by the highway departments. Prices of highway construction work are annual weighted averages of bid prices of units of construction in groups of contracts awarded, (2) classified by price-determining characteristics of the contracts and the bid items such as volume of the bid item, type of contract and geographic location. Prices of material items of supply are prices paid by government departments to suppliers.

A complete description of the index is contained in the reference paper price Indexes of Highway Construction in Canada, 1956=100, DBS Catalogue No. 62-520. A description of the revision 18 contained in December 1967 issue of Prices and Price Indexes, DBS Catalogue No. 62-002. Reprints of the article contained in this publication are avallable on request.
(1) The years refer to fiscal years. Thus 1966 refers to the period April 1, 1966 to March 31, 1967.
(2) There may be a considerable time lag between the letting of the contract and the completion of the job.

TABLE 17. Base-weighted Highway Construction Price Indexes All-items and Major Components, Combined Annually, 1956-66(1) (1956=100)

Note: The years referred to are fiscal years. For example, 1956 represents the period April 1, 1956 to March 31,1957


TABLE 18. Base-weighted Highway Construction All-items Price Indexes for Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, Annually, 1956-66(1)

Note: The years refered to are fiscal years. For example, 1956 represents the period April 1,1956 to March 31,1957

|  | Newfoundland | Nova Scotia | New Brunswick | Ontario | Manitoba | Saskatchewan | British Columbla |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1956 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 1957 | 84.1 | 90.9 | 97.2 | 87.5 | 112.0 | 102.8 | 93.1 |
| 1958 | 95.6 | 90.1 | 103.3 | 81.4 | 83.8 | 79.7 | 78.4 |
| 1959 | 87.3 | 95.6 | 102.6 | 84.8 | 82.4 | 72.8 | 80.1 |
| 1960 | 91.6 | 102.9 | 96.9 | 79.9 | 87.4 | 69.1 | 79.8 |
| 1961 | 73.4 | 86.9 | 100.1 | 74.5 | 75.1 | 65.6 | 70.2 |
| 1962 | 80.1 | 85.3 | 99.4 | 82.1 | 81.2 | 64.5 | 66.9 |
| +4\%63 | 74.2 | 83.3 | 102.3 | 94.3 | 90.3 | 67.4 | 68.0 |
| 6864 | 80.0 | 83.8 | 103.8 | 92.1 | 92.9 | 76.6 | 74.5 |
| 4505 | 88.2 | 101.6 | 103.3 | 107.3 | $100.2$ | $94.7$ | $89.7$ |
| 1966 | 95.7 | 100.8 | 103.8 | 117.3 | 114.9 | 110.2 | 91.0 |
| 4767 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1968 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4969 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

(1) Major components for the provincial indexes were presented in the December 1967 issue of Prices and Price Indexes.

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## Wholesale Price Indexe:

## 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 comon 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 cormodity 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 commodicy 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 cormodity 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 fngredient 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 comodity prices. As a conventional sumary 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

 attribute now lies in its long historical continuity.

For further detalls about the General Wholesale Inime wiana Paper No. 24) Prices and Price Indexes 1949-52 (Vo1. 23) (Gatalogue No. 62-501)

## Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers

The index of Comodities 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 Nubers of Comodities and Seryices Used by Farmers, 1913 to 1948 (Revised 1948)." A special bulletin giving total and group index detail is released subsequent to each pricing date.

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

Wheat prices used in the index are buying prices of the Canadian Wheat Board for Nos. 1,2 and 3 Manitoba Northern at Fort William - Port Arthur. Prices for western oats and barley are also supplied by the Wheat Board and quotations relating to No. 2 C.W., No. 3 C.W. and No. 1 Feed Oats and to Nos. 1 and 2 feed barley are included in the price index. Initial payments are first used in the index calculation and are revised as further payments are announced.

Final participation payments for the crop year August 1966 - July 1967 were announced on March 14, 1968 for oats and bailey and on March 27, 1968 for wheat. Initial and final payments recently included in the index are shown in the following Table.

|  | Unit | Finsl participation payments $1966-67$ Indexes revised August 1966 - July 1967 | Initial payments 1966-67 included in index August 1966 - July 1967 | ```Indtial payments 1967-68 included in index August }196``` |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wheat $\$$ |  |  |  |  |
| No. 1 Manitobe Northern | bushel | 1.982 | 1.50 | 1.70 |
| No. 2 Manitoba Northern | bushel | 1.956 | 1.46 | 1.66 |
| No. 3 Manitobs Northern | bushel | 1.912 | 1.42 | 1.62 |
| Oats |  |  |  |  |
| No. 2 C.W. | bushel | . 832 | . 60 | . 65 |
| No. 3 C.W. ..... | bushel | . 801 | . 57 | . 62 |
| No. 1 Feed Oats | bushel | . 793 | . 55 | . 60 |
| Barley |  |  |  |  |
| No. 1 Feed | bushel | 1.205 | . 87 | .97 |
| No. 2 Feed | bushel | 1.183 | . 84 | . 94 |

## The Residential and Non-Residential Building Materials Price Indexes

The maidfos matitials indexes, shown in Tables 6 and 7 of this publication are constructed to measure price change of muselats used in residential and non-residential building construction.

The residential building materials index in Table 6 is calculated on the base 1935-39 $=100$, and using weights derived from the estimated material requirement for a national housing target for the year 1946, contains a totsl materials index for residential buildings, together with indexes for nine component groups. In Table 3 the total residential building materials index has been converted arithmetically to the base $1949=100$ for essier comparison with other series.

The non-residential building materials index, which appears in Table 7 , measures price change for materials used in non-residential building construction. This index is calculated on the base $1949=100$ with weights derived from cost data provided by general and trade contractors for a sample of buildings constructed in Canada in the years 1948-1950.

Beginning in 1966 the sample of prices used to calculate the indexes has been revised while the weighting patterns and time bases have been left as described above. The new prices have been selected from the industry classified system of prices shown in Table 2 of this publication entitled "Industry Selligg Price Index". For the latter indexes, ptices collected are manufacturers' prices, f.o.b. plant with discounts to the largest class of customer removed; freight and caxes are excluded. Federal sales tax has been added to these prices where applicable.

For the residential building materials index, in addition to selecting new prices from the Industry Seling Price Indexes, the commodicies included in 1966 have been revised following consultation with industry specialists, to produce a shorter but more efficient sample of comonly-used comodities. Greater regional coverage has been sought with a view to ultimately publishing as many regional comodity price indexes as possible. Also, a programme of experimental pricing is underway to determine the validity of using manufacturers' selling prices to represent price movement of wholesalers' and retallers' prices to contractors and other builders.

As well as updating the commodity coverage for the residential index, the new price sample has the advantage of measuring price change at a consistent level in the distribution process and is based on the wide range of commodity detail available in the Industry Selling Price Index. Also, the treatment of price discontinuities is handled in the same manner as described in the reference paper for the Industry Selling Price Index referred to belaw.

The new commodities introduced and the new price sample have been "linked" into the index at the level of the old price sample at the beginaing of 1966 so that the movement of the index has not been affected by the changeover. The same component groups will continue to be published. The tables following show the items used and their percentage weights.

Expianations of the basic methods of construction and weighting patterns for the building materials indexes are cuntainned in the following publications:

1. Price Index numbers of Residential Building Materials 1926-48, Catalogue 18-7080-Price \$ . 10.
2. Non-Residential. Building Materials Price Index 1935-52, Catalogue 8002-524-Price $\$ .25$.
\& Eomplete description of the characteristics of the Industry Seling Price Indexes and methods of sample selection will be iound in: Industry Seling Price Indexes 1956-59. Cat. 62-515.

Residential Building Materials<br>Conmodities Included Beginning February 1966<br>Items and Groups

|  | I tem welght | Group weight |  | Item weight | Group welight |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Concrete products | 100.00 | 7.61 | Roofing materials | 100.00 | 2.89 |
| Ready-mix concrete | 86.07 |  | Asphalt shingles | 100.00 |  |
| Concrete blocks ....... | 13.93 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Paint and glass | 100.00 | 3.20 |
| Bricks | 100.00 | 4.97 | Paint | 74.06 |  |
| Clay bricks | 100.00 |  | Glass | 25.94 |  |
| Lumber and lumber products | 100.00 | 42.64 | Plumbing sad heating | 100.00 | 18.57 |
| Framing lumber ........ | 24.83 |  | Plumbing .......... | 66.50 |  |
| Spruce |  |  | Copper pipe |  |  |
| Douglas fir |  |  | Bathtubs |  |  |
| Sheathing lumber | 7.17 |  | Closet combinations |  |  |
| Spruce |  |  | Wash basins |  |  |
| Douglas fir |  |  | Deck sets |  |  |
| Plywood ..... | 7.17 |  | Water tank heaters |  |  |
| Spruce |  |  | Heating | 33.50 |  |
| Aspen and poplat |  |  | Bollers |  |  |
| Douglas fir |  |  | Furnaces, gas |  |  |
| Fibreboard | 7.18 |  | Purnaces, ofl |  |  |
| Siding ... | 5.37 |  |  |  |  |
| White pine |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cedar |  |  | Electrical equipment and fixtures | 100.00 | 3.85 |
| $y$ trooring | 10.36 |  | Panelboards .............. | 33.33 |  |
| 3irch |  |  | Lighting fixtures | 33.33 |  |
| Wed oak |  |  | Wire.. | 33.34 |  |
| Deors. | 12.64 |  |  |  |  |
| 9: Miow frames | 12.64 |  | Metal products | 100.00 | 4.96 |
| Kt echen cupboards .... | 12.64 |  | Structural steel beams | 25.00 |  |
|  |  |  | Locksets | 25.00 |  |
| wellboard and insulation | 100.00 | 11.31 | Nails | 25.00 |  |
| Gypsum wallboard | 75.42 |  | Exterior aluminum cladding | 25.00 |  |
| Mineral wool ...... | 24.58 |  | Total |  | 100.00 |
| Total |  | 100.00 |  |  |  |



## Security Pxice 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 Mall and the Montreal Gazette. For preferred stocks, prices are monthly weighted averages of the dally 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 intexim base for recently developed DBS 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 mportant change in the revision of the index, apart from the shift in the price reference base, is the classification of tocks according to the Standard Industrial Classiflcation. 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, Chemicale, 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 Pipelines index has been added as a sub-group and the previous Fower 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 rhe former supplementary index Investment and Loan. Constant welghts, which were previously limited to major groups, this bean extended to sub-groups. Welghts in the index continue to be based on shares outstanding.

For the list of stocks currently included in the indexes, see Prices and Price Indexes for February locs, $\quad$ fis following changes have occurred to the list of stocks: in April, MacLean-Funter Publishing Co. Ltd. changed its n:in : Machean-Funter Ltd., Canada Iron Foundries changed its name to Canron Ltd., and Stanrock Urandum Mines Ltd. was introduced into the Uraniums Index to replace Gunnar Mining Ltd., Lorado Uranium Mines Ltd, and Rayrocks Mines Led. In July Montreal Lucumutive Works Ltd. changed its name to MLW = Worthington Ltd. and Hullinger Consolidated Gold Mines Ltd. (see beluw) becaue Hollinger Mines Ltd.

New companies that were added to the Golds sub-group as a result of a revision of the Mining index components, efFietive June 6, 1968 are Aunor Gold Mines Ltd., Campbell Red Lake Mines Ltd., Macassa Gold Mines Ltd., Pamour Porcupine Mines :tc., and Sigma Mines (Quebec) Ltd., those deleted being Barnat Mines Ltd., Leitch Gold Mines Ltd., Malartic Gold Fields O.ebec) Ltd., Pickle Crow Gold Mines Itd., and Teck Corp. Ltd. Those companies added to the Base Metals sub-group were Irinisle Copper Ltd., Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines Ltd., Mattagami Lake Mines Ltd., New Imperial Mines Ltd., Northgate Exploration Ltd., Opemiska Copper Mines (Quebec) Ltd., and United Asbestos Corp. Ltd., replacing Campbell Chibougamau Mines Ltd. Craigmont Mines Ltd., Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co. Ltd. , New Calumet Mines Ltd. Pine Point Mines Ltd., United Keno Hill Mines Ltd. and Willyoy Mines Ltd.

## Retail Price Indexes

## Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index wes constructed to replace che Cost-of-Living Index and was first published October 23 , 295, on time base $1949=100$ and weights bssed on family expenditure patterns of $1947-48$. A revision of the Consumer Price Index on the basis of 1957 expenditures while retsining the time base 1949 al00, was releaged 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 petterns.

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

The index relates to broad but specific group of urbsn familea 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 current index relates is composed of families - (a) living in cities with over 30,000 populstion, (b) ranging in size from two adults to two adults with four children, and (c) with annul incomes during 1957 ranging from $\$ 2,500$ to $\$ 7,000$.

To measure the influeaces of price change on the cost of goods and services purchased by such familles, the Consumer Price Index conteing some 300 1tems.

Full details on the revised index are availsble in the occasional paper "The Consumer Price Index for Canada (2949 1Di) = Revision Based on 1957 Expenditures", DBS Catalogue Number 62-518.

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities: Consumet Price Indexes are published monthly in this bulletin for the Teilowing cities or city combinations: St. John's, Halifax, Saint John, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, SsskatoonHalina, Edmonton-Calg:ry and Vancouver. With the exception of the index for St. John's, Newfoundland, which is constructed ta 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 faily coverage, item content and weighting system.

These indexes fulfil the same purpose as the cost-of-living series which they replace, viz.: each index is destgned to messure 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 consumpton of a represencstive group of families in those particular areas.

In using the city indexes, it ahould 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 citles. Suppose that in city A the tempers. ture increasea 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 cemperature chenge for city A would be 120 at Time 2 when Time $1=100$, and the corresponding index for city $B$ would be 130. From theae 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 messurements of temperature change, they do not in any way indicate the comparative levels of temperature.

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 and consumption patterns had remained constant. The following illustration shows how this kind of an adjustment can be made.

Suppose that a series of average weekly wages rises from $\$ 80.00$ in week $A$ to $\$ 100.00$ in week $B$, and that in the same interval a consumer price index advances from 100.00 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, a 25 per cent rise from $\$ 80.00$ to $\$ 100.00$ 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 $\$ 100.00$ by the amount of the consumer price increase. The adjusted average is $\$ 90.91$ ( $100.00 / 110.0 \mathrm{x}$ 100.0), which may be referred to as a weekly wage average for week B expressed in che 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 $\$ 80.00$ and the week $B$ figure of $\$ 90.91$. Taking the week $A$ average of $\$ 80.00$ as equal to 100.0 , the week $B$ index becomes $113.6(90.91 / 80.00 \times 100.0)$. Such an index may be called an index of weekly real wages. It indicates that average wages for week $B$ will buy 13.6 per cent more goods and services than those received in week $A$, in spite of a 10 per cent rise in consumer prices. This 13,6 per cent increase in real wages compares with the rise of 25 per cent in money wates (100.00/80.00\%1:10.0).
 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 sex of the wage-earner. Moreover, individual spending habits differ widely, but the consumer price index which is used to adjust the earnings data refers only to the average consumption pattern of a particular income group. Groupspending 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 may be saved, and it should be borne in mind that it is not appropriate to reduce savings to a constant dollar basis by using index which reflects consumpion 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, pay deductions for such things as social insurance and pension plans. 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, and in addition to the factors already mentioned, do not take into account other family income (including family allowances) or changes in the savings position of families.

The table in this report showing indexes of both actual and real wages uses 1961 as a reference year. However, the adjustment made in the foregoing illustration can be applied to any reference level; percentage change between any two periods will be the same regardless of the reference period selected.

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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 signlficance 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 Catadian cities with sufficient reliability. These have been calculated annually for 1958-67, 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 Wimnipeg and Vancouver weights in the calculation of the Winnipeg-Vancouver comparison, rather than the use of average urban food expenditures. However, the calculation of number of indexes using weights relating to each city did not produce indexes significantly different from those which appear in Table 13 on page 33. 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 eliminate completely 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 pites cowye: sons.
witle these indexes have been expressed in terms of Winnipeg $=100$, the selection of Winnipeg as the base city has no stgn ? fesace, and the indexes may be expressed on the base of any of the eleven cities included.

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Price Indexes of Electric Utility Construction, 1956-65 (Reference Paper, Catalogue No. 62-526) ........................ .... ... 75


* A comprehensive statistical report on wholesale, farm, consumer and security prices and price indexes covering intensively the period 1949-52 and more broadly earlier periods, in some cases from 1913 ; brief text 1 is included.

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[^0]:    A short note on recent price trends as reflected in The Industry Selling Price and General Wholesale Indexes is included on page vi to viii of this issue.

[^1]:    r Revised figures.

[^2]:    digu;es suc: avallabla.

[^3]:    $\bar{I}$ Revised figures.
    Figures not available.

[^4]:    (1) From January 1968, this series may reflect some element of changes in the basket of goods being priced as well as price changes.
    . Figures not available.

[^5]:    Revised figures.

[^6]:    (1) Includes gold.
    (2) Indexes for 1968 are subject to revision.

[^7]:    (1) Consists of Generul Tholesila Tnde: $16 s s$ mimal products ant veretable products component groups (see preceding page). (2) Consists of Iron products, and Non-ferrous metals products component groups less gold (see preceding page). (3) These two series comprise the General Wholesale Index. (4) Excludes golds. (5) Indexes for 1968 are subject to revision.

[^8]:    (1) Converted from the base $1935-39=100$. See Table 6. (2) Final to July 1967. See page 40 for details on Western grain prices and specific publications wherein final indexes or earlier years may be found. (3) Indexes for 1968 are subject to revision. (4) An explanation of the 1966 revision is provided on rage 41.

[^9]:    (1) Indexes for 1908 are subject to revision.
    (2) An explanation of the 1966 revision is provided on page 41.

[^10]:    See footnotes at end of table.

[^11]:    (1) Includes oranges and orange juice, grapefruit, bananas, grapes, canned pineapple, raisins, tea and

[^12]:    (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) July $1960=100$. (3) $1956=100$. (4) Includes cuts with bone-in and boned and rolled. (5) Includes cuts with blade-in and hlade removed. (6) Average prices based on chain store prices in 7 cicas. (7) races for pectin and pure jan combined.

[^13]:    (1) Mining stocks are not included in Investors index.

[^14]:    .. Figures not available.

