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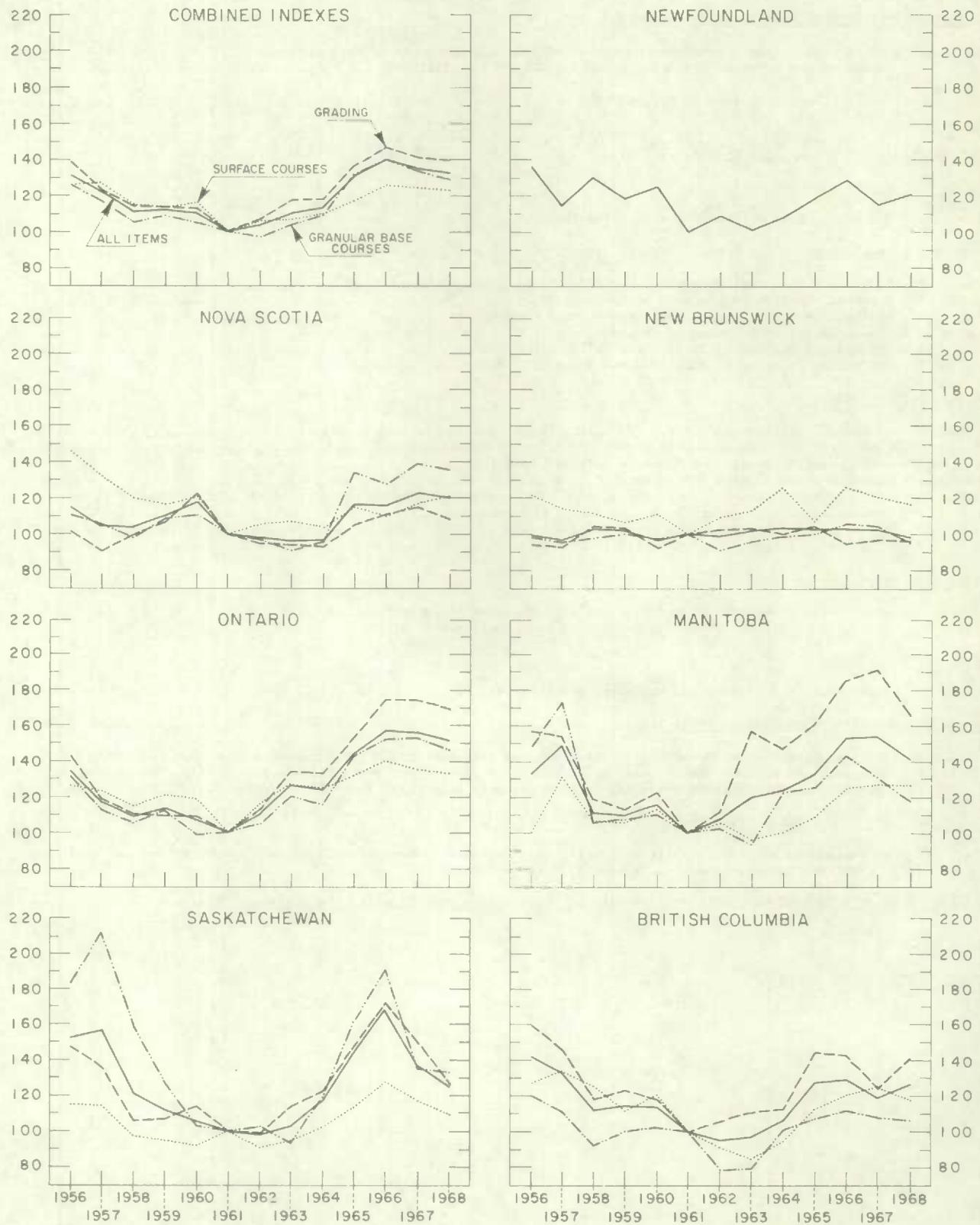
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CHART - I

BASE-WEIGHTED HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PRICE INDEXES, ALL ITEMS AND MAJOR COMPONENTS.
 COMBINED AND PROVINCE INDEXES
 ANNUALLY 1956-1968⁽¹⁾

(1961=100)



(1) Years refer to fiscal year, e.g. 1968 refers to the period April 1, 1968 to March 31, 1969.

PRICE INDEXES OF HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION IN CANADA

base-weighted, 1956-1968(1)
1961=100

Base-weighted highway construction price indexes presented herein for the period 1956 to 1968 include the combined all-items index and seven provincial indexes. Major group indexes relating to grading, granular base courses and surface courses are also presented.

The indexes express the relationship of prices provincial highway departments are paying in any given year, to prices paid in the base period for an unchanging or equivalent programme of construction. Prices included in the index relate to bid items of contracts awarded and to materials purchased by the department which are supplied free to the contractor.

This summary includes a brief statement of the characteristics of the index, a review of recent significant changes in index levels and summary tables and charts.

Characteristics of the Indexes

The indexes presented herein are based on 1961=100. They were derived by arithmetic conversion of indexes based on 1956=100, to facilitate comparisons with other statistical series published on the time base 1961=100. Indexes on the base 1956=100 are available upon written request.

The arithmetic conversion from the time base 1956 to the base 1961 does not change the period to period movement of the indexes in percentage terms but does alter the movements, in terms of index points. Further, previously published weights appropriate to the 1956 based indexes (2) are not suitable for reweighting the converted 1961 based indexes.

Base-weighted indexes are published annually and measure, for the period 1956 to 1968, the effect of price change on the cost of specific programmes of highway construction in Canada represented by highway construction contracts of approximately \$50,000 or more awarded by specified provincial governments during the weight-base period. Weights of items in the index, representing the relative importance of units of construction in the specified weight base-period(2) are held constant. Only the estimates of prices change from year to year, and the indexes thus measure the movement of prices through time(3). The all-items index or its components are useful for planning and budgeting for highway construction programmes, in escalating or up-dating previously costed roadwork, in estimating replacement costs of previously completed roadwork, and as historical measurements of price trends in highway construction.

The indexes do not necessarily reflect the price movements of non-contract construction or maintenance work. The indexes are designed to measure price changes for a fixed programme of highway construction, in each of the seven provinces. Because price levels in the time base-period (1961) varied from province to province the indexes cannot be used to compare price differences between provinces, but only to compare differences in the rate at which prices are changing in the 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,(4) 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.

Characteristics of Recent Price Movement

In 1968 the all-items combined index stood at 132.6, a decline of about two percent from 1967. This is a continuation of the pattern begun in 1967 when general price declines in most highway indexes were observed for the first time since 1961. The 1968 decline is accompanied by a drop of about eight percent in provincial capital road expenditures and a reduction of less than one percent in total capital road programmes. Employment in roads, bridges and street construction also exhibited a further sharp decline in 1968 of seven percent.

Road construction accounted for a smaller proportion of total public and private construction expenditure during the period, viz. 9.2 percent in 1968 compared to about 10 percent for the three preceding years. Provincial government programmes continued to account for the major portion of this expenditure although in 1968 the proportion expended by the provincial governments fell from 66 to 61 percent, with municipal expenditures showing an increase of almost 24 percent during the same period. These programmes were funded by bond issues carrying sharply higher yields, the rate on provincial bonds rising to 7.6 in 1968 from 6.7 in 1967. This is the largest increase in bond yields observed in the four years under review.

In Ontario the all-items index declined at a faster rate in 1968 compared to 1967, viz., three percent compared to one percent. During the period total provincial expenditure on roads was up eleven percent while provincial government road expenditures rose only one percent.

(1) The years refer to fiscal years. Thus 1968 refers to the period April 1, 1968 to March 31, 1969.

(2) See Table 2 for the weights used in the 1956-based index for each province.

(3) For a more complete statement of the problems of estimating price change for highway construction see pages vi & vii of the December issue of *Prices and Price Indexes*, DBS publication 62-002 and pages 9 & 10 of the reference paper *Price Indexes of Highway Construction in Canada* DBS publication 62-520.

(4) There may be a considerable time lag between the letting of the contract and the completion of the job.

In the western provinces most all-items and major group indexes moved lower and in Manitoba the declines in index were accompanied by declining expenditures on highways. Saskatchewan road programmes underwent a large expansion but provincial sources reported keen competition for the contracts let, a situation created partly by contractors moving into the province with the result that prices again fell in 1968 but at a slower rate than was observed in 1967.

In British Columbia the total index rose while provincial road building programmes fell for the first time in this period under review, with the provincial government programmes declining sharply. Price behaviour was mixed with prices on gravelling and paving contracts moving lower while prices on grading contracts rose with rock prices particularly exhibiting a strong increase.

In the Atlantic provinces the Newfoundland index rose about five percent, a change which was accompanied by an expansion in provincial road building programmes which was almost as large as the sharp increase of 43 percent which occurred in 1967. In Nova Scotia the all-items index fell by 2.3 percent, a change which accompanied a sharp increase in provincial programmes. In New Brunswick road programmes declined almost 50 percent and this heavy decline was accompanied by lower bid prices on provincial contracts. Because it was necessary to estimate a price for rock excavation the index must be regarded as preliminary.

Highway Construction Price Indexes and Related Economic Indicators Canada and Provinces, Annually, 1964 to 1968

	Percentage changes				1968 index
	1965 1964	1966 1965	1967 1966	1968 1967	
Price Indexes					
All items combined	+ 15.3	+ 7.0	- 3.6	- 1.9	132.6
Newfoundland	+ 10.2	+ 8.5	- 11.1	+ 4.9	120.8
Nova Scotia	+ 21.2	- 0.6	+ 5.7	- 2.3	119.9
New Brunswick	- 0.5	+ 0.4	- 0.6	- 4.2	98.7
Ontario	+ 16.4	+ 9.3	- 0.7	- 3.1	151.5
Manitoba	+ 7.8	+ 14.7	+ 0.6	- 8.5	140.8
Saskatchewan	+ 23.6	+ 16.4	- 18.1	- 9.2	124.9
British Columbia	+ 20.4	+ 1.6	- 7.9	+ 6.0	126.6
Grading combined	+ 15.8	+ 7.3	- 3.9	- 1.3	139.8
Granular base courses combined	+ 19.8	+ 6.7	- 4.6	- 3.1	129.5
Surface courses combined	+ 7.1	+ 7.1	- 1.0	- 1.1	123.4
Related economic indicators					
					1968 values \$ '000,000
Public and private expenditures for construction in Canada(1)	+ 15.9	+ 14.4	+ 1.8	+ 7.3	10,136.0
Public and private expenditure for road and highway construction in Canada(2)	+ 9.1	+ 12.9	+ 1.3	- 0.7	935.9
Provincial government expenditure for roads and highways(3)	+ 9.7	+ 11.8	+ 5.1	- 7.8	573.5
Provincial expenditure for roads and highways:					
Newfoundland	- 13.5	- 28.0	+ 42.6	+ 41.2	56.7
Nova Scotia	+ 11.7	+ 105.0	- 15.0	+ 39.8	52.8
New Brunswick	+ 31.9	+ 9.9	+ 39.4	- 48.6	27.6
Ontario	+ 25.3	+ 19.8	+ 4.8	+ 11.1	307.6
Manitoba	+ 13.7	+ 20.0	- 11.7	- 8.2	42.2
Saskatchewan	+ 45.2	+ 23.0	+ 5.0	+ 14.7	69.5
British Columbia	+ 20.3	+ 14.6	+ 0.7	- 10.1	124.7
Index					
Roads, Bridges and Streets Employment Index(4)	+ 5.2	+ 2.0	- 9.0	- 7.0	90.2
	1965	1966	1967	1968	
Public and private expenditure for roads and highways as a proportion of total public and private construction expenditure	10.2	10.0	10.0	9.2	
Provincial government road and highway expenditure as a proportion of total public and private expenditure for roads and highways	64.2	63.6	66.0	61.3	
Bond Yield Averages (10 Provincials)(5) ...	5.59	6.29	6.70	7.60	

Source: (1) Private and Public Investment in Canada, DBS Catalogue 61-205 (Annual).

(2,3) Construction in Canada, DBS Catalogue 64-201 (Annual).

(4) Employment and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, DBS Catalogue 72-002.

(5) McLeod, Young, Weir and Company, 50 King St. West, Toronto.

TABLE 1. Base-weighted Highway Construction Price Indexes All-items and Major Components,
Combined and Provinces, Annually, 1956-68
(1961=100)(1)

	All-items	Major components		
		Grading	Granular base courses	Surface courses
Combined				
1956	131.6	139.1	126.1	126.1
1957	122.1	123.2	117.6	127.5
1958	111.1	114.3	105.2	114.8
1959	112.2	113.7	109.5	113.7
1960	110.6	113.1	104.5	116.1
1961	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1962	103.7	107.6	97.6	106.2
1963	110.6	118.1	103.7	107.4
1964	113.5	118.6	109.6	109.8
1965	130.9	137.3	131.3	117.6
1966	140.1	147.3	140.1	126.0
1967	135.1	141.6	133.7	124.8
1968	132.6	139.8	129.5	123.4
Newfoundland				
1956	136.2			
1957	114.6			
1958	130.3			
1959	118.9			
1960	124.7			
1961	100.0			
1962	109.1			
1963	101.1			
1964	108.4			
1965	119.3			
1966	129.6			
1967	115.3			
1968	120.8			
Nova Scotia				
1956	115.1	101.8	111.5	146.5
1957	104.5	90.2	105.6	131.8
1958	103.7	99.5	98.1	119.6
1959	110.0	107.5	109.0	116.2
1960	118.4	122.8	110.4	120.7
1961	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1962	98.2	95.0	97.3	105.7
1963	95.9	94.1	90.4	107.0
1964	96.4	92.8	96.1	104.2
1965	116.8	105.8	134.1	115.3
1966	116.1	110.7	128.6	109.8
1967	122.7	114.5	138.8	117.2
1968	119.9	108.8	135.8	120.5
New Brunswick				
1956	99.9	94.0	98.8	121.4
1957	97.1	92.7	96.0	113.7
1958	103.2	104.4	98.0	111.8
1959	102.5	102.9	100.1	107.1
1960	96.8	92.2	96.9	111.4
1961	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1962	99.3	102.5	90.9	109.8
1963	102.2	103.3	96.2	113.2
1964	103.7	100.2	99.3	125.8
1965	103.2	104.4	99.9	107.4
1966	103.6	94.5	106.4	126.1
1967	103.0	96.8	104.1	120.3
1968	98.7	96.9	95.9	116.5

See footnote(s) at end of table.

TABLE I. Base-weighted Highway Construction Price Indexes All-items and Major Components
Combined and Provinces, Annually, 1956-68 - Concluded
(1961=100)(1)

	All-items	Major components		
		Grading	Granular base courses	Surface courses
Ontario				
1956	134.2	143.0	131.1	126.9
1957	117.5	119.3	113.3	123.0
1958	109.2	110.2	106.0	113.9
1959	113.8	110.0	113.0	121.2
1960	107.2	109.7	99.3	119.1
1961	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1962	110.2	113.1	104.9	116.4
1963	126.5	134.4	120.3	126.7
1964	123.7	133.3	116.2	123.9
1965	144.0	152.7	143.1	132.4
1966	157.4	175.5	152.0	140.3
1967	156.3	174.7	152.5	135.6
1968	151.5	169.4	147.1	133.2
Manitoba				
1956	133.1	157.3	148.8	100.2
1957	149.1	154.2	173.6	130.9
1958	111.5	119.0	106.1	106.8
1959	109.7	113.6	108.3	106.6
1960	116.4	122.5	110.2	113.3
1961	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1962	108.0	112.1	103.4	106.4
1963	120.2	157.0	93.8	96.8
1964	123.7	147.1	122.9	100.3
1965	133.3	160.6	125.4	109.8
1966	152.9	185.4	143.5	124.9
1967	153.8	191.3	130.7	127.8
1968	140.8	166.4	117.8	126.9
Saskatchewan				
1956	152.5	147.8	183.9	115.7
1957	156.7	136.5	212.3	114.6
1958	121.5	106.2	158.0	98.2
1959	111.0	106.9	127.1	95.5
1960	105.3	113.8	103.0	92.2
1961	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1962	98.4	98.8	102.7	91.1
1963	102.7	113.8	93.9	94.2
1964	116.8	122.2	119.7	102.2
1965	144.4	147.5	161.6	113.4
1966	168.1	172.1	190.4	127.9
1967	137.6	150.0	134.9	117.7
1968	124.9	126.6	133.2	109.7
British Columbia				
1956	142.4	159.5	120.2	127.8
1957	132.6	144.7	110.8	133.3
1958	111.6	118.4	92.4	125.0
1959	114.1	122.7	100.3	111.7
1960	113.7	118.2	102.1	120.6
1961	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1962	95.2	106.0	78.5	91.2
1963	96.9	110.6	79.7	83.9
1964	106.1	112.1	101.6	94.6
1965	127.7	143.9	107.4	112.5
1966	129.7	142.6	111.8	120.5
1967	119.4	124.4	108.1	124.6
1968	126.6	140.8	106.2	118.1

(1) To assist comparison with other published series the indexes presented below have been arithmetically converted from 1958=100 to 1961=100. The 1956=100 indexes are available on request.

TABLE 2. Base-period Item Weights for the 1956-based Highway Construction Price Indexes, Combined and Provinces

	Combined	N'fld.	N.S.	N.B.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	B.C.
per cent								
Grading	45.0	51.5	40.6	45.1	36.0	47.2	42.6	59.8
Clearing .....	.5	1.3	1.1	.5	.8	-	-	-
Grubbing .....	.6	1.4	1.2	.7	.8	-	-	-
Earth excavation	28.1	28.9	23.3	24.3	18.6	40.2	40.4	37.9
Rock excavation	9.4	14.0	8.7	13.6	4.9	-	-	21.4
Compaction .....	.9				2.4			
Drainage:								
Placing	1.0	2.4	2.1	1.2	1.1	1.4	.6	-
Supply	3.9	3.5	4.2	4.8	5.8	5.6	1.6	.5
Concrete in culverts								
Placing and supply .....	.6				1.6			
Granular base courses	34.4	26.9	30.2	36.6	43.0	23.2	40.1	25.7
Pit-run gravels	10.8	-	11.9	7.1	18.4	-	-	11.0
Screened or crushed gravels	21.7	26.9	18.3	11.2	23.2	23.2	40.1	14.7
Haul	1.4			18.3				
Compaction .....	.5				1.4			
Surface Courses	20.6	21.6	29.2	18.3	21.0	29.6	17.3	14.5
Placing bituminous hot-mix	14.4	15.8	21.9	13.4	16.1	11.7	12.4	9.9
Placing portland cement concrete .....	.7					7.7		
Supply of asphalt or cement for surface courses	5.5	5.8	7.3	4.9	4.9	10.2	4.9	4.6
All-items	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Province weights	100.0	8.0	9.6	7.7	36.8	8.1	8.3	21.5

NOTES ON PRICES AND PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

Industry Selling Price Indexes (1956=100)

In 29 manufacturing industries, Industry Selling Price Indexes were higher in August, 9 less in the previous month-to-month comparison in July when 38 industries rose from June levels. Industry indexes which declined numbered 17 in August, the same number as recorded in the June - July period. Of the 102 industries, 56 were unchanged in August, 9 more than in July.

The more notable changes in August included increases of 3 to 5% for the roofing paper, fish processing, brass and copper products, and wires and cables industries. Sharp declines were shown for the sugar refining industry (8%) and for the lumber mills industry which moved 6% lower.

The average of the 102 industry indexes was unchanged from the previous month at 121.5. The median advanced to 120.5 from 119.6.

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

July to August Changes in Industry Indexes

Major industry group	Total indus- ties	Increases			Decreases			Un- changed
	No.	No.	Average %	Median %	No.	Average %	Median %	
All industries	102	29	1.2	0.7	17	- 1.7	- 0.6	56
Foods and beverages	20	4	1.9	1.6	4	- 3.0	- 1.3	12
Tobacco and tobacco products	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Rubber products	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Leather products	4	2	0.2	(1)	-	-	-	2
Textile mills	10	-	-	-	1	- 0.1	(1)	9
Clothing and knitting mills	4	1	0.1	(1)	-	-	-	3
Wood products	7	3	0.6	0.6	4	- 2.9	- 2.2	-
Paper products	5	3	1.7	0.4	2	- 0.2	(1)	-
Iron and steel products	9	3	0.3	0.3	-	-	-	6
Transportation equipment	3	1	0.7	(1)	-	-	-	2
Non-ferrous metal products.....	5	4	1.1	0.4	1	- 1.8	(1)	-
Electrical apparatus and supplies	5	2	1.5	(1)	-	-	-	3
Non-metallic mineral products.....	8	1	1.3	(1)	1	- 0.2	(1)	6
Products of petroleum and coal	3	1	2.4	(1)	1	- 0.2	(1)	1
Chemicals and allied products	11	3	1.6	1.9	3	- 1.1	- 0.5	5
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	6	1	1.7	(1)	-	-	-	5

(1) Not relevant.

General Wholesale Index (1935-39=100)

The General Wholesale Index declined 0.1 per cent in August to 282.4 from the July index of 282.7 and was 4.6 per cent higher than the August 1968 index of 270.0. Two of the eight major group indexes were lower while six advanced.

The Animal Products Group index moved down 1.3 per cent in August to 328.8 from the July index of 333.1 on lower prices for livestock and fresh meats. A decrease of 0.8 per cent to 237.1 from 239.0 in the Vegetable Products Group index reflected lower prices for sugar and its products, grains, and tea, coffee and cocoa.

The Non-ferrous Metals Products Group index rose 2.0 per cent to 264.0 from 258.8 on higher prices for copper and its products, silver, and tin. Price increases for soaps and detergents, and tanning materials resulted in an advance of 0.7 per cent to 220.8 from 219.2 in the Chemical Products Group index. The Non-metallic Minerals Products Group index rose 0.4 per cent to 210.8 from 209.9 on higher prices for petroleum products. Increases of 0.2 per cent or less occurred in three major group indexes, Wood Products to 383.9 from 383.0, Iron Products to 285.2 from 285.0, and Textile Products to 256.9 from 256.8.

The following table shows some of the more noteworthy changes:

Commodity group and sub-group	Percentage change		
	August 1969 July 1969	August 1968 July 1968	August 1969 August 1968
Animal products group	- 1.3	+ 1.2	+ 9.7
Livestock	- 4.4	+ 2.2	+ 9.9
Meats, fresh	- 4.3	+ 2.1	+ 10.8
Eggs	- 1.4	+ 10.4	+ 1.5
Animal oils and fats	+ 6.9	+ 0.5	+ 29.6
Fishery products	+ 5.6	- 2.2	+ 18.1
Vegetable products group	- 0.8	- 0.2	+ 3.2
Sugar and its products	- 8.5	- 0.3	+ 26.2
Fruits, canned	- 6.1	+ 0.3	- 0.5
Tea, coffee and cocoa	- 2.5	- 0.4	+ 24.6
Grains	- 2.3	+ 0.1	- 6.4
Potatoes	+ 23.4	- 6.0	+ 3.8
Fruits, fresh	+ 17.5	- 0.1	- 13.8
Rubber, raw	+ 10.2	+ 0.9	+ 47.5
Non-ferrous metals products group	+ 2.0	- 0.6	+ 7.6
Copper and its products	+ 5.2	-	+ 16.8
Tin	+ 3.2	- 0.5	+ 18.1
Silver	+ 2.1	- 5.6	- 21.9
Chemical products	+ 0.7	+ 0.7	+ 2.6
Tanning materials	+ 9.8	--	+ 8.3
Soaps and detergents	+ 5.6	+ 6.8	+ 1.6
Organic chemicals	- 2.6	-	- 5.4
Fertilizers	- 2.4	- 4.4	+ 2.1

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

The price index of Thirty Industrial Materials, calculated as an unweighted geometric average, was unchanged in August from the July index of 269.2. Prices were higher for six commodities, lower for ten and unchanged for fourteen. Principal changes included increases for linseed oil, raw rubber, domestic copper, tin, hogs and beef hides while decreases were recorded for steers, fir timber, raw sugar, oats, cottonseed oil, domestic wheat, raw wool and raw cotton.

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

The price index of Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets declined 1.4 per cent to 275.0 in August from the July index of 278.8. A decrease of 2.7 per cent to 361.7 from 371.6 in the Animal Products index reflected lower prices for lambs, steers and calves on both Eastern and Western markets, for poultry in the East, and for eggs and raw wool in the West. Higher prices were shown for hogs on both markets. The Field Products index advanced 1.2 per cent to 188.2 from 186.0 on higher prices for potatoes in the East and for hay in the West. Lower prices were recorded for rye on both Eastern and Western markets, for barley and hay in the East, and for potatoes and flax in the West.

The Consumer Price Index (1961=100)

The Consumer Price Index for Canada rose by 0.4 per cent to 126.9 in August from 126.4 in July. At its August 1969 level it stood 5.1 per cent higher than twelve months earlier. Most of the increase in the latest month was attributable to a 1.4 per cent upward movement in the Food index. All other major components registered only fractional advances except the Health and Personal Care index, which was unchanged, and the Transportation index, which declined slightly.

The Food component advanced by 1.4 per cent to 130.6 in August from 128.8 in July. In the latest month, higher prices were registered for a number of fresh fruits and vegetables, with increases of over ten per cent recorded for potatoes, onions, carrots and grapefruit. Not all produce prices moved higher; lettuce, celery and cabbage were some items which registered noticeable declines. Among meat items, beef prices were 2.6 per cent lower to mark the second consecutive month of decline from their June peak. Poultry and fish prices, by contrast, rose by 3.4 and 1.8 per cent, respectively, while pork was largely unchanged. Some staples such as bread, butter, margarine and sugar declined slightly, but a number of speciality food items including baby food, pasta products, and cake mixes registered noticeable increases. Egg prices rose by some six per cent since the preceding month, but the increase was considerably less than normally experienced at this time of year. The August Food index stood 5.4 per cent above its level of a year earlier.

The Housing index increased by 0.2 per cent to 125.4 in August from 125.2 in the preceding month. Rents moved up in most cities across the country, while home-ownership costs also edged up in response to increased outlays for dwelling and contents insurance. Among household operation items, fuel oil prices were raised in a number of Ontario cities, but summer sales of furniture, utensils and equipment offset minor price increases in other homefurnishing items. The August Housing index stood 5.5 per cent above its level of twelve months previous.

The Clothing index moved up by 0.2 per cent to 125.0 in August from 124.8 in July. Price levels for men's, women's and children's wear were slightly higher since the preceding month while piece goods advanced by 1.0 per cent, partially reflecting a return to regular prices following summer sales. The Clothing index stood 3.6 per cent above its level of a year earlier.

The Transportation index declined by 0.2 per cent to 120.5 in August from 120.7 a month earlier. New automobile prices decreased by 0.5 per cent reflecting the larger discounts negotiated towards the end of the car-model year. Gasoline prices, by contrast, increased in Toronto and several other Ontario centres. Among inter-city travel prices, train fares were seasonally lower. The August Transportation index was 4.7 per cent above its level of twelve months previous.

The Health and Personal Care index remained unchanged at its July level of 134.2. Pharmaceutical prices edged up by 0.1 per cent, as higher prices for patent medicines outweighed minor declines for prescription drugs. Toiletry prices also registered mixed movements, but edged up on the whole. The Health and Personal Care index was 4.7 per cent above its level of a year ago.

The Recreation and Reading index moved up by 0.2 per cent to 127.6 in August from 127.4 in July largely on the strength of a 0.7 per cent increase in cinema admissions, and on a 0.8 per cent rise in camera film and developing charges. The Recreation and Reading index stood 6.4 per cent above its level of twelve months previous.

The Tobacco and Alcohol index edged up by 0.1 per cent to 126.4 in August from 126.3 in July. Sporadic price increases were registered across the country for both cigarettes and pipe tobacco. The Tobacco and Alcohol index was 4.2 per cent higher than a year earlier.

Security Price Indexes (1956=100)

The Investors Index of common stock prices eased 0.6 per cent to 188.3 between July and August. Among the three major groups, Industrials decreased just 0.4 per cent, Utilities dropped 2.9 per cent, and Finance edged up 0.8 per cent. Within Industrials, indexes for six sub-groups increased and seven decreased. Increases ranged from 0.2 per cent for Industrial Mines to 2.9 per cent for Foods, the former to 194.7 and the latter to a yearly high of 239.4. Other increases remained under three per cent, while Construction registered the largest decrease of 7.0 per cent. In Utilities, all sub-groups showed decreases except Pipelines, edging up 0.1 per cent to 182.5. Transportation maintained the largest loss at 5.5 per cent. In Finance, Banks increased 0.6 per cent over last month and Investment and Loan rose 1.3 per cent.

In the same period, the index of Mining stock prices continued to fall, registering 5.4 per cent lower than last month. This was due to decreases shown by Golds and Base Metals of 11.4 per cent and 0.6 per cent respectively.

Among the supplementary price indexes, Uraniums rose 0.7 per cent while Primary Oils and Gas dropped 4.4 per cent.

The Preferred stock index eased 0.7 per cent to an all-time low of 73.3.

TABLE 1. Summary of Current Price Indexes

	Indexes				Percentage changes		
	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	July 1968	Aug. 1969 July 1969	Aug. 1968 July 1968	Aug. 1969 Aug. 1968
Wholesale price indexes:							
Industry selling price indexes (1956=100) (See textual table page XI)							
General wholesale index (1935-39=100):(1) ...	282.4	282.7 ^r	270.0	269.2	- 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 4.6
Vegetable products	237.1	239.0	229.7	230.2	- 0.8	- 0.2	+ 3.2
Animal products	328.8	333.1	299.8	296.1	- 1.3	+ 1.2	+ 9.7
Textile products	256.9	256.8	256.5	256.1	--	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Wood products	383.9	383.0 ^r	367.8	365.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.7	+ 4.4
Iron products	285.2	285.0	276.9	276.8	+ 0.1	--	+ 3.0
Non-ferrous metals	264.0	258.8	245.3	246.8	+ 2.0	- 0.6	+ 7.6
Non-metallic minerals	210.8	209.9	206.4	206.3	+ 0.4	--	+ 2.1
Chemical products	220.8	219.2	215.1	213.7	+ 0.7	+ 0.7	+ 2.6
Canadian farm products (1935-39=100):(2) ...	275.0	278.8	265.1	267.0	- 1.4	- 0.7	(2)
Eastern total	296.1	300.2	284.6	283.4	- 1.4	+ 0.4	+ 4.0
Western total	253.8	257.4	245.6	250.6	- 1.4	- 2.0	(2)
Field	188.2	186.0	189.4	201.0	+ 1.2	- 5.8	(2)
Animal	361.7	371.6	340.8	333.1	- 2.7	+ 2.3	+ 6.1
Selected price indexes:(1)							
Thirty industrial materials (1935-39=100) ...	269.2	269.2	254.2	253.4	-	+ 0.3	+ 5.9
Residential building materials (1961=100) ...	140.4	141.3	131.9	131.5	- 0.6	+ 0.3	+ 6.4
Non-residential building materials (1961=100) ...	126.4	126.0	120.4	120.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 5.0
Consumer price indexes (1961=100):							
All-items index	126.9	126.4	120.7	120.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.2	+ 5.1
Food	130.6	128.8	123.9	122.5	+ 1.4	+ 1.1	+ 5.4
Housing	125.4	125.2	118.9	118.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.1	+ 5.5
Clothing	125.0	124.8	120.6	121.0	+ 0.2	- 0.3	+ 3.6
Transportation	120.5	120.7	115.1	115.1	- 0.2	-	+ 4.7
Health and personal care	134.2	134.2	128.2	128.0	-	+ 0.2	+ 4.7
Recreation and reading	127.6	127.4	119.9	119.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	+ 6.4
Tobacco and alcohol	126.4	126.3	121.3	121.3	+ 0.1	-	+ 4.2
Security price indexes (1956=100):							
Total investors index	188.3	189.5	180.8	181.8	- 0.6	- 0.6	+ 4.1
Total industrials	194.1	194.8	187.9	189.4	- 0.4	- 0.8	+ 3.3
Industrial mines	194.7	194.4	195.1	198.4	+ 0.2	- 1.7	- 0.2
Foods	239.4	232.7	230.8	225.3	+ 2.9	+ 2.4	+ 3.7
Beverages	306.0	304.2	277.8	277.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.1	+ 10.2
Textiles and clothing	139.6	148.1	152.5	162.1	- 5.7	- 5.9	- 8.5
Pulp and paper	144.3	140.5	107.3	112.0	+ 2.7	- 4.2	+ 34.5
Printing and publishing	747.4	742.1	675.6	689.5	+ 0.7	- 2.0	+ 10.6
Primary metals	99.4	99.0	91.2	93.7	+ 0.4	- 2.7	+ 9.0
Metal fabricating	135.2	140.1	123.9	130.3	- 3.5	- 4.9	+ 9.1
Non-metallic minerals	120.3	124.5	109.7	107.0	- 3.4	+ 2.5	+ 9.7
Petroleum	172.8	177.2	183.4	176.1	- 2.5	+ 4.1	- 5.8
Chemicals	109.2	111.6	112.8	116.5	- 2.2	- 3.2	- 3.2
Construction	91.0	97.9	88.0	82.9	- 7.0	+ 6.2	+ 3.4
Retail trade	247.7	255.8	306.9	308.6	- 3.2	- 0.6	- 19.3
Total utilities	172.1	177.3	164.9	166.5	- 2.9	- 1.0	+ 4.4
Pipeline	182.5	182.3	181.2	179.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.8	+ 0.7
Transportation	229.0	242.4	197.9	197.1	- 5.5	+ 0.4	+ 15.7
Telephone	107.3	111.4	104.2	106.8	- 3.7	- 2.4	+ 3.0
Electric power	131.6	137.7	126.1	128.3	- 4.4	- 1.7	+ 4.4
Gas distribution	411.9	419.1	407.0	414.0	- 1.7	- 1.7	+ 1.2
Total finance	181.1	179.6	167.3	164.5	+ 0.8	+ 1.7	+ 8.2
Banks	187.2	186.1	175.2	174.8	+ 0.6	+ 0.2	+ 6.8
Investment and loan	168.6	166.4	151.3	144.0	+ 1.3	+ 5.1	+ 11.4
Mining stocks:							
General index	104.1	110.1	107.7	105.4	- 5.4	+ 2.2	- 3.3
Golds	123.2	139.0	154.5	151.5	- 11.4	+ 2.0	- 20.3
Base metals	93.6	94.2	82.0	80.1	- 0.6	+ 2.4	+ 14.1
Supplementary indexes:							
Uraniums	152.6	151.5	258.9	271.8	+ 0.7	- 4.7	- 41.1
Primary oils and gas	250.6	262.2	218.2	209.4	- 4.4	+ 4.2	+ 14.8

(1) Indexes for 1969 are subject to revision.

(2) Year to year percentage change not shown since these indexes are not comparable. Indexes subsequent to July 1968 are subject to revision. See notes page 40 for details of Western grain prices.

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

(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	July 1968	1968	1967	1966
<u>Foods and beverages industries</u>							
Slaughtering and meat packing industry	152.0	155.0	135.4	131.9	130.5	130.6	136.5
Bacon and sides	129.3	129.5	121.8	116.0	112.8	119.9	144.7
Beef, fresh or frozen	171.2	182.6	155.7	153.2	148.7	148.7	137.7
Hams, cured	143.3	141.4	128.0	119.1	120.9	117.4	131.6
Lard	115.1	107.8	92.2	91.6	95.0	110.0	133.4
Margarine	96.1	95.8	94.5	94.5	94.8	96.2	99.2
Mutton and lamb, fresh or frozen	151.7	177.6	138.9	157.1	147.4	134.8	133.8
Pork, fresh or frozen	152.6	149.7	135.5	126.8	126.1	119.1	134.0
Poultry, fresh or frozen	82.9	82.0	79.5	79.5	79.5	81.9	90.2
Sausages, fresh	153.3	151.8	127.9	126.6	126.3	130.2	145.3
Veal, fresh or frozen	185.9	192.3	158.3	162.8	164.8	162.8	150.1
Wieners and bologna	171.1	171.1	147.5	145.6	144.8	149.5	154.5
Butter and cheese factories industry	132.8	132.8	128.8	128.6	129.0	124.0	117.0
Butter	113.6	113.6	111.9	111.9	112.4	110.1	103.7
Milk, whole, fresh	162.8	162.8	154.1	154.1	154.7	143.8	135.2
Concentrated milk products industry	134.2	134.2	131.2	131.2	131.3	130.9	122.4
Milk, whole, evaporated	131.2	131.2	126.3	126.3	126.3	126.7	120.2
Milk, whole, powder, spray process	117.5	117.5	121.0	121.0	121.3	119.5	114.7
Milk, skim, powder, spray process	155.9	155.9	155.7	155.7	155.8	154.2	135.3
Cheese, processed, industry	136.7	136.7	132.7	128.4	128.7	125.0	117.7
Dairy products, other, industry	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	107.7	106.4	107.0
Fish processing industry	187.7	181.4	166.9	164.6	166.8	160.6	156.2
Cod, fillets, frozen	166.7	166.7	153.2	153.2	154.0	149.0	148.2
Salmon, canned, sockeye	138.2	134.6	133.7	133.7	133.4	132.9	133.8
Fruit and vegetable preparations industry ...	122.9	123.6	120.6	120.2	120.0	117.4	115.1
Jams	125.4	135.5	117.7	122.4	119.9	116.8	116.0
Corn, creamed, whole grain, canned	137.5	134.7	133.6	138.6	137.8	126.7	121.0
Peaches, canned	153.5	153.5	152.0	152.0	151.2	141.7	138.0
Peas, canned	128.1	129.7	130.1	133.9	131.2	121.7	112.3
Soups, canned	104.7	100.5	106.4	104.0	104.2	103.7	101.6
Tomato juice, canned	124.1	126.5	125.6	119.0	122.9	125.0	123.0
Feed mills industry	108.5	109.2	115.3	115.0	113.5	117.0	117.3
Feeds, dairy and cattle	104.0	104.2	110.3	110.4	109.6	113.8	112.0
Feeds, poultry, laying and hatching	109.4	110.1	115.8	115.2	113.8	118.4	119.7

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

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	July 1968	1968	1967	1966
<u>Foods and beverages industries - Concluded</u>							
Flour mills industry	120.7	120.7	121.8	121.6	122.7	129.0	123.1
Wheat flour, Spring, No. 2 patent	128.1	128.1	128.0	126.1	125.6	128.2	125.1
Wheat flour, Spring, No. 3 patent	119.2	119.2	123.1	122.6	121.3	126.3	118.0
Wheat flour, Ontario winter	115.9	115.9	116.1	115.4	115.7	117.4	113.9
Shorts and middlings	102.0	99.4	96.1	99.2	109.9	131.7	124.8
Breakfast foods industry	145.3	145.3	135.7	135.7	138.0	135.7	129.8
Biscuits industry	134.7	132.2	128.0	128.0	128.0	125.4	120.8
Bread and other bakery products industry	145.2	145.2	142.3	142.3	141.4	136.3	134.9
Bread	152.1	152.1	152.1	152.1	150.7	143.6	140.2
Pies, cakes, cookies and pastries	129.7	129.7	119.7	119.7	119.7	120.1	123.3
Rolls and buns, plain	145.9	145.9	140.6	140.6	140.6	136.3	137.0
Carbonated beverages industry	143.7	143.7	134.9	134.9	135.1	130.7	127.4
Distilled liquors industry	117.6	117.6	117.2	117.2	117.3	113.6	113.5
Breweries industry	118.9	118.9	117.1	117.1	116.9	112.0	109.4
Beer in small bottles	114.7	114.7	113.3	113.3	113.1	109.2	108.3
Wines industry	104.7	104.7	104.3	104.3	104.3	100.3	96.6
Confectionery industry	133.0	131.8	127.8	127.4	127.2	122.8	120.0
Chewing gum	103.6	103.6	102.8	102.7	102.8	101.0	100.0
Chocolate bars	125.9	125.9	119.2	119.2	117.8	112.9	113.9
Chocolate, in packages	146.2	145.8	139.9	139.4	140.3	137.1	130.3
Sugar confectionery, in bulk	148.8	144.9	144.6	143.5	144.0	137.8	133.6
Sugar refining industry	106.0	116.3	86.5	86.9	90.8	90.7	87.2
Sugar, granulated, cane and beet	106.1	116.2	86.7	87.1	91.0	90.8	87.2
Sugar, yellow or brown, cane and beet	103.8	114.9	83.9	84.3	88.5	89.2	86.2
Sugar, icing, cane and beet	108.2	119.2	87.3	87.8	92.4	91.0	88.4
Miscellaneous food preparations industry	97.5	96.3	90.4	90.2	90.6	91.6	94.2
Coffee, roasted	78.8	76.7	74.7	74.0	74.2	75.0	78.2
Jelly powders	117.6	117.4	117.7	117.7	118.7	118.5	117.2
Tea, blended, packaged	99.3	99.3	92.6	92.6	94.2	97.9	99.6
Macaroni and kindred products industry	144.7	144.7	144.7	144.7	143.3	141.4	135.2

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

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	July 1968	1968	1967	1966
<u>Tobacco and tobacco products industries</u>							
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes industry	127.3	127.3	119.6	119.6	120.2	117.6	109.6
Tobacco, smoking, fine cut	126.3	126.3	120.7	120.7	120.7	116.3	110.3
Cigarettes	128.6	128.6	119.9	119.9	120.9	118.9	108.9
<u>Rubber products industries</u>							
Rubber goods, including footwear, industry ..	104.8	104.8	100.3	100.0	99.8	99.0	96.6
Tires, balloon, bus and truck	101.6	101.5	95.0	94.7	94.5	95.7	93.0
Tires, balloon, passenger cars, standard ..	100.2	100.2	94.3	93.7	94.2	93.6	91.0
Hose, fire, garden, etc.	125.0	125.0	119.1	119.1	119.8	114.3	109.5
<u>Leather products industries:</u>							
Footwear, leather industry	133.0	132.7	129.5	129.5	128.7	126.0	122.9
Men's goodyear welts	150.4	150.4	143.4	143.4	143.3	136.1	132.2
Misses' vulcanized and stitchdowns	121.4	121.4	118.9	118.9	117.0	117.0	116.4
Children's and little gents' vulcanized and stitchdowns	138.6	138.6	135.6	135.6	133.5	131.5	128.8
Gloves and mittens, leather, industry	136.3	136.3	130.3	129.2	130.3	132.3	127.0
Gloves and mittens, dress, men's lined	124.7	124.7	118.8	116.0	117.6	114.5	109.7
Gloves and mittens, work, men's unlined ...	143.6	143.6	137.5	137.5	138.3	143.5	137.8
Leather tanning industry	147.4	147.1	132.7	131.5	130.9	132.2	145.6
Upper leather, cattle hides	149.6	149.3	132.8	131.1	128.9	128.4	142.7
Upper leather, chrome splits	118.6	118.6	118.6	119.9	118.9	135.8	141.3
Sole leather, bends	149.9	149.9	137.5	137.5	138.6	148.3	162.3
Sole leather, shoulders	130.2	129.4	115.2	115.2	116.6	127.0	147.9
Belting, leather, industry	113.2	113.2	113.2	113.2	110.6	99.4	99.4
<u>Textile mills industries</u>							
Cotton thread industry	144.8	144.8	142.4	142.4	142.0	137.8	132.0
Cotton yarn and cloth industry	105.4	105.4	105.4	105.4	105.2	104.1	101.6
Cotton fabrics, grey	111.0	111.0	111.5	111.5	110.9	109.8	107.1
Yarn, spun cotton, grey, knitting	101.6	101.6	101.3	101.0	101.6	102.2	101.3
Woollen cloth industry	126.2	126.2	125.8	125.8	125.8	123.8	120.9
Woven fabrics, all wool, worsted	110.3	110.3	109.7	109.7	109.6	108.6	107.3

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

(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	July 1968	1968	1967	1966
<u>Textile mills industries - Concluded</u>							
Woollen yarn industry	104.6	104.6	103.7	103.7	103.9	104.3	105.3
Yarns, worsted, oil spun, machine knitting	108.7	108.7	107.2	107.2	107.4	109.2	112.4
Miscellaneous woollen goods industry	116.2	116.2	106.0	106.0	106.0	106.0	102.0
Synthetic textiles and silk industry	102.6	102.6	97.1	97.0	97.3	96.4	96.8
Carpets, mats and rugs industry	94.4	94.4	94.8	94.8	95.2	97.3	98.2
Carpets, wilton in rolls	99.3	99.3	100.0	100.0	101.0	104.9	105.4
Carpets, tufted	89.5	89.5	89.5	89.5	89.5	89.6	91.0
Cordage, rope and twine industry	115.5	115.5	114.0	114.0	113.4	115.3	118.2
Twine, all sisal	120.7	120.7	119.0	119.0	119.0	132.1	137.7
Bags, cotton and jute, industry	123.3	123.4	120.4	118.6	121.4	123.5	129.1
Bags, cotton	106.2	106.2	109.0	109.0	109.0	109.0	111.0
Bags, jute	138.5	138.8	130.5	127.2	132.5	136.5	145.2
Oilcloth, linoleum and other coated fabrics industry	119.1	119.1	116.5	116.5	116.4	114.3	113.3
<u>Clothing and knitting mills industries</u>							
Clothing, men's factory, industry	134.2	134.1	129.9	129.9	129.4	122.5	117.6
Jackets, separate, civilian	173.7	173.1	163.7	163.7	163.6	152.6	143.4
Shirts, cotton, fine	112.6	112.6	111.4	111.4	110.6	108.3	106.7
Shirts, cotton, work	118.8	118.8	115.2	115.2	113.9	109.5	103.7
Pyjamas	115.8	115.8	117.0	117.0	115.8	110.1	107.6
Hosiery industry	88.5	88.5	88.5	88.5	88.5	88.6	86.0
Socks, wool and wool mixtures, men's seam- less, fine	94.1	94.1	94.1	94.1	94.1	93.3	88.6
Socks, wool and wool mixtures, men's, seam- less, work	113.8	113.8	113.8	113.8	113.8	112.5	109.6
Other knitted goods industry	90.9	90.9	89.9	89.9	89.6	87.6	85.2
Knitted goods, infants', all kinds	116.0	116.0	112.1	112.1	113.1	112.1	112.1
Linings, glove and shoe .....	..	..	..	..	..	117.2	111.2

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

(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	July 1968	1968	1967	1966
<u>Clothing and knitting mills industries -</u>							
<u>Concluded</u>							
Hats and caps industry	126.8	126.8	127.3	127.3	126.6	120.7	114.2
<u>Wood products industries</u>							
Veneers and plywoods industry	113.9	115.3	106.2	104.9	104.5	98.0	95.4
Veneer, yellow birch	95.9	95.9	94.7	94.8	95.0	96.3	93.2
Plywood, Douglas fir	123.8	126.2	113.0	110.6	109.6	97.9	94.4
Plywood, yellow birch	102.1	102.1	99.6	99.6	99.8	99.3	97.9
Doors, veneer and plywood, slab-type	114.1	114.1	101.2	101.2	101.9	99.8	..
Sash, door and planing mills industry	148.5	152.1	130.2	129.7	130.0	122.3	115.8
Sash and doors	167.8	167.8	148.6	148.6	149.0	140.2	133.3
Lumber, matched	164.5	166.2	142.4	141.4	141.1	131.2	123.7
Lumber, planed	125.3	132.3	111.1	110.4	110.7	104.8	98.7
Mouldings	202.1	202.1	157.1	157.1	157.1	145.4	139.0
Flooring, hardwood, industry	135.9	135.1	124.1	124.1	124.8	119.4	111.4
Flooring, birch	137.0	137.0	130.1	130.1	130.6	123.1	111.9
Flooring, red oak	134.9	133.3	118.0	118.0	118.9	115.6	110.8
Lumber mills industry	121.4	129.2	127.8	125.9	126.9	110.1	107.0
Pine, white	143.0	143.1	113.9	113.9	116.0	113.2	111.2
Pine, jack and lodge-pole	106.0	112.4	114.4	109.2	111.2	103.1	96.3
Birch, yellow	122.1	122.2	120.4	120.4	120.5	117.9	115.7
Maple, hard	109.2	109.4	119.3	119.4	119.6	116.9	107.2
Cedar	182.2	188.5	170.4	163.4	165.9	141.3	135.7
Spruce	102.2	109.4	113.5	111.9	113.0	99.8	98.2
Spruce, B.C. interior	87.5	98.8	110.1	110.1	110.5	92.1	91.5
Spruce, East of Rockies	117.1	120.1	116.9	113.8	115.5	107.7	104.8
Hemlock, B.C. coast	114.7	128.3	132.6	129.1	130.7	109.5	104.8
Fir, Douglas	126.6	137.8	138.1	137.5	137.5	111.4	108.8
Fir, Douglas, B.C. interior	117.5	125.2	150.9	153.2	152.1	..	112.5
Fir, Douglas, B.C. coast	133.1	146.8	129.1	126.4	127.1	105.4	106.2
Shingle mills industry	145.5	148.4	168.9	163.2	170.6	118.1	115.9
Furniture industry	123.9	122.9	118.9	117.9	118.4	116.0	112.9
Bedroom furniture, wooden, not upholstered	122.7	119.9	116.0	115.0	115.4	115.1	110.9
Living room furniture, upholstered	133.2	133.2	128.6	126.2	127.5	122.0	118.8
Office furnishings and fixtures, wooden ...	141.2	139.1	137.1	137.1	137.8	136.8	132.8
Office and store furnishings and fixtures, metal	133.8	133.8	128.1	125.3	125.7	122.1	120.2
Mattresses, spring filled	103.7	103.7	102.4	102.4	101.8	99.1	96.7
Boxes and baskets, wood, industry	152.4	152.0 ^r	143.1	141.7	142.2	133.2	124.1

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

	Months				Annual averages		
	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	July 1968	1968	1967	1966
<u>Paper products industries</u>							
Boxes and bags, paper, industry	122.2	122.1	117.4	117.2	117.4	114.8	110.8
Boxes, folding	120.0	120.0	117.8	117.8	117.2	116.0	111.7
Boxes, corrugated, including wrappers	123.8	123.8	114.8	114.8	116.0	114.5	108.9
Bags, self-opening, square	102.0	102.0	107.0	107.0	108.9	111.0	107.9
Pulp mills industry	104.7	104.9	102.2	102.3	102.3	103.2	102.6
Sulphite, bleached, paper grade, domestic market	96.1	96.2	92.8	92.9	92.7	93.8	94.0
Groundwood pulp, export market	110.8	110.1	106.2	104.4	105.1	105.1	105.0
Sulphate, bleached, export market	104.3	104.7	103.1	103.3	103.2	105.9	104.5
Paper mills industry	117.3	117.5	113.1	113.2	113.5	112.8	109.5
Paper, book	132.9	132.9	131.7	131.7	131.8	131.8	123.8
Paper, fine	132.0	132.0	126.2	126.2	126.6	128.3	121.9
Box board, for folding cartons	112.3	112.3	108.9	108.9	108.9	109.0	107.7
Building board	112.2	110.7	100.8	100.7	100.5	99.2	98.3
Paper, newsprint, white, in rolls	117.6	117.9	113.1	113.3	113.6	112.7	109.3
Paper, wrapping, Kraft No. 1	119.0	119.0	117.1	117.1	117.1	116.7	114.6
Roofing paper industry	96.7	92.5	90.6	90.6	89.0	82.4	78.6
Roll roofing, smooth surfaced	104.0	100.0	98.5	98.5	96.0	87.8	81.0
Roll roofing, felt, mineral surfaced	100.0	96.0	94.5	94.5	92.3	83.9	76.5
Felts, tar and asphalt saturated	82.2	81.5	80.2	80.2	79.6	75.2	69.5
Shingles, felt, asphalt saturated, rag and asbestos	85.2	82.0	81.0	81.0	78.5	69.5	64.5
Miscellaneous paper goods industry	120.1	119.6	117.6	117.4	117.4	114.0	109.7
Envelopes	126.5	126.5	122.2	122.2	122.2	117.9	111.1
Paper, toilet, packaged	119.1	118.6	117.3	117.0	117.0	111.6	106.5
Paper, waxed, including bread wrappers	117.4	117.4	115.5	115.9	115.2	111.1	107.5
Tissues , facial	107.2	106.8	105.6	105.6	105.6	102.8	100.9
<u>Iron and steel products industries</u>							
Agricultural implements industry	131.9	131.9	127.7	127.7	128.0	123.5	121.5
Drills, grain and fertilizer, combination	147.4	147.4	140.8	140.8	141.6	135.1	132.2
Harrow-ploughs, one-way discs, tiller combines	128.3	128.3	126.3	126.3	126.2	123.8	124.4
Combines, reaper-threshers and stationary threshers	131.2	131.2	126.6	126.6	127.0	122.2	119.8
Swathers or windrowers	120.6	120.6	119.3	119.3	119.3	121.0	122.7

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

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	July 1968	1968	1967	1966
<u>Iron and steel products industries - Concluded</u>							
Hardware, tools and cutlery industry	138.1	137.5	132.8	132.7	132.3	129.1	124.7
Heating and cooking apparatus industry	98.5	98.5	96.3	96.3	96.3	93.7	92.2
Furnaces, oil, gravity or forced air circulation	91.9	91.9	90.4	90.4	90.9	92.6	92.4
Stoves and ranges, cooking, gas	102.2	102.2	101.0	101.0	100.7	97.1	96.8
Machinery, household, office and store, industry	105.5	105.5	103.1	103.1	103.2	101.4	100.1
Castings, iron, industry	123.8	123.4	118.8	118.7	118.6	117.5	113.8
Soil pipe and fittings, cast iron	123.7	123.7	119.6	119.6	120.5	117.6	112.8
Pipe fittings, malleable iron, all kinds ..	131.0	131.0	129.1	129.1	129.1	130.6	133.7
Castings, grey iron, commerical	130.0	130.1	126.8	126.9	126.8	121.6	119.1
Steel pipe and tubing .....	..	..	..	..	..	99.4	99.6
Pig iron industry	103.1	103.1	102.9	102.9	102.9	104.3	104.3
Steel ingots and castings industry	128.3	128.3	128.2	128.2	128.2	128.0	122.4
Rolled iron and steel products industry	115.5	115.3	111.0	111.0	111.0	111.2	109.4
Hot-rolled products, bars, all grades excluding concrete reinforcing bars	113.0	113.0	104.0	104.0	104.1	104.2	105.3
Sheets, cold-rolled, reducing mill production	119.3	119.3	117.1	117.1	117.1	116.4	112.0
Wire and wire goods industry	116.6	116.6	112.4	112.3	112.4	111.4	110.6
Nails, wire, iron and steel	102.7	102.7	99.1	99.1	99.1	98.4	104.2
Woven wire, farm fence, steel	121.5	121.5	116.5	116.5	116.5	113.8	111.1
Wire cloth, Fourdrinier	126.0	126.0	119.7	119.0	119.9	115.8	113.6
Rope, steel wire	114.2	114.2	109.0	109.0	109.0	107.0	103.0
Wire, plain	131.7	131.7	126.6	126.6	126.6	126.3	123.8
<u>Transportation equipment industries</u>							
Boatbuilding industry	139.3	139.3	135.3	135.3	135.3	137.6	132.8
Motor vehicles industry	121.5	121.5	120.8	120.7	120.9	118.2	118.1
Passenger cars, hard-top	122.3	122.3	121.6	121.6	121.8	120.3	120.6
Passenger cars, 4-door sedan	121.4	121.4	120.7	120.7	120.8	118.2	117.8
Trucks, 5,000 lbs. or less, gross vehicle weight	121.3	121.3	120.0	119.1	119.8	116.5	116.6
Trucks, 5,001-10,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight	120.2	120.2	120.2	119.7	120.0	117.1	117.9

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

(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	July 1968	1968	1967	1966
<u>Transportation equipment industries - Concluded</u>							
Motor vehicles parts industry	119.4	118.6 ^r	116.6	115.9	115.4	113.5	110.6
<u>Non-ferrous metal products industries</u>							
Aluminum products industry	117.1	116.8	113.0	113.7	113.1	112.8	111.7
Sheets	115.1	115.1	112.6	112.9	112.4	112.3	115.1
Utensils, cooking	164.9	164.9	155.5	155.5	155.1	149.7	142.7
Brass and copper products industry	137.6	133.0	120.0	119.9	124.1	120.7	115.7
Ingots, brass and bronze	164.2	164.2	131.7	131.4	135.3	133.8	138.6
Faucets and combinations, sink, bath and lavatory	160.5	159.0 ^r	144.9	144.9	145.0	133.1	131.6
Jewellery and silverware industry	187.5	191.0	189.8	193.5	187.3	157.6	138.6
Gold alloys	134.4	135.9	131.3	131.5	130.3	116.8	112.4
Flatware and cutlery, silver-plated	157.8	157.8 ^r	146.0	146.0	142.5	125.2	114.2
Non-ferrous metal smelting and refining industry	128.6	128.2	121.6	122.3	122.9	119.2	114.9
White metal alloys industry	128.9	128.2	116.7	116.7	118.1	116.6	120.1
Lead, antimonial	114.0	114.0	95.7	95.7	97.8	96.3	102.2
Solders	147.8	145.2	131.6	131.1	134.8	134.8	142.1
Type and type metals	114.5	114.5	121.2	121.2	119.1	112.4	115.1
<u>Electrical apparatus and supplies industries</u>							
Batteries industry	118.1	117.8	115.0	115.0	114.5	114.5	107.7
Batteries, storage, automotive	104.8	104.2	100.8	100.6	99.3	98.0	93.6
Batteries, drycell, radio, non-portable ...	121.4	121.4	118.3	118.3	118.3	117.7	111.4
Batteries, drycell, flashlight	170.2	170.2	166.8	168.0	167.5	166.4	150.6
Machinery, heavy electrical, industry(1)	93.5	93.5	91.3	91.0	92.1	95.4	93.8
Industrial control equipment(1)	100.7	100.7	94.8	95.2	96.3	102.8	101.2
Motors a-c	89.9	89.9	88.6	88.6	88.5	89.9	88.4
Motors d-c	116.0	116.0	116.3	115.8	116.0	118.6	116.4
Transformers(1)	87.2	87.2	87.3	85.9	88.4	94.1	91.1
Radio and television sets and parts industry .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Television sets, table model, including portable 18" to 23"	80.1	80.1	80.0	80.4	80.3	81.8	80.2
Television sets, console model, 18" to 23"	76.6	76.6	78.0	78.9	78.6	77.2	77.9

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	July 1968	1968	1967	1966
<u>Electrical apparatus and supplies industries -</u>							
<u>Concluded</u>							
Refrigerators, vacuum cleaners and appliances industries	79.1	79.1	79.2	79.1	79.0	78.6	78.2
Stoves or ranges, cooking, domestic, over 35 amps	83.6	83.6	83.4	83.4	83.4	83.9	84.0
Irons, automatic, flat	94.3	94.3	94.0	91.2	91.9	89.2	88.7
Washing machines, electric, domestic, automatic type	94.0	94.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	93.9
Refrigerators, household	71.2	71.2	71.6	71.6	71.5	70.6	69.1
Miscellaneous electrical apparatus and supplies industry	108.3	108.3 ^r	113.0	113.0	112.1	109.1	103.1
Lamps, incandescent, standard	149.1	149.1	151.5	151.5	150.9	146.9	140.8
Lamps, fluorescent	111.5	111.5	116.0	116.0	116.0	111.0	110.8
Lighting fixtures, fluorescent, commercial	112.5	112.5 ^r	106.4	106.4	106.4	105.9	99.5
Wires and cables industry	118.4	115.3	106.4	106.2	113.9	117.8	113.9
Conductors, un-insulated:							
Copper, copperweld, including trolley wires	127.2	123.4	115.3	115.3	120.2	120.3	111.4
Conductors, insulated:							
Weatherproof wires, all types	120.3	115.9	107.3	107.3	114.4	116.2	108.4
Rubber-insulated and braided .....	..	..	..	..	113.3	125.8	119.2
Magnet wires, enamelled	124.4	120.1	110.6	110.6	117.2	118.6	113.7
<u>Non-metallic mineral products industries</u>							
Abrasives, artificial, industry	124.1	124.4	122.6	122.8	123.0	123.0	119.4
Alumina, fused, crude	117.8	118.1	118.1	118.3	118.4	120.5	117.3
Silicon carbide, crude	118.2	118.6	117.7	117.9	117.3	117.6	114.0
Cement, hydraulic, industry	141.5	141.5	134.0	134.0	133.0	128.2	121.8
Clay products from imported clay industry ...	124.1	124.1	121.3	121.3	120.8	117.5	115.9
Glass and glass products industry	122.2	122.2	117.4	117.4	117.0	114.2	111.9
Lime industry	124.7	124.7	118.3	118.3	117.7	117.6	116.1
Gypsum products industry	126.0	126.0	119.4	119.4	118.3	114.3	109.2
Lath, gypsum	123.4	123.4	117.2	117.2	116.1	112.4	108.9

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

(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	July 1968	1968	1967	1966
<u>Non-metallic mineral products industries -</u>							
<u>Concluded</u>							
Concrete products industry	121.0	119.4	116.7	116.8	116.3	114.2	110.9
Blocks, gravel, building	113.5	113.5	109.4	109.4	109.4	107.0	102.3
Concrete, ready-mixed	133.7	130.1	129.0	129.0	129.0	129.0	127.2
Clay products from domestic clay industry ...	125.0	125.0	121.6	121.6	121.4	118.7	114.3
Brick, dry press, face	108.3	108.3	106.4	106.4	106.4	103.0	101.9
Tile, structural, hollow blocks	142.2	142.2	134.4	134.4	133.8	130.9	122.4
<u>Products of petroleum and coal industries</u>							
Coke and gas products industry	117.7	117.9	117.4	117.4	117.5	116.6	113.3
Petroleum refining and products industry	99.0	96.7	96.2	96.2	95.7	94.2	93.5
Fuel oil, stove, No. 1	109.2	106.6	106.6	106.6	105.4	101.3	98.8
Diesel fuel	104.7	103.3	103.3	103.3	101.7	97.6	97.5
Fuel oil, light	109.5	106.7	106.7	106.7	105.6	100.8	98.3
Fuel oil, heavy	89.5	89.5	89.5	89.5	89.5	89.5	89.5
Lubricating oils and greases industry	138.2	138.2	133.1	133.1	132.9	124.8	120.9
<u>Chemicals and allied products industries</u>							
Acids, alkalies and salts industry	110.5	111.1	108.0	107.5	107.5	106.6	103.4
Chlorine, liquid	98.0	98.0	95.6	95.6	95.6	99.0	96.9
Sodium hydroxide (caustic soda)	110.8	110.8	109.0	109.0	107.9	104.4	102.7
Fertilizers industry	104.0	106.4	109.8	112.9	113.1	111.5	108.6
Medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations industry	108.0	108.5	107.1	107.1	107.1	104.4	101.7
Patent medicines	143.3	145.9	142.0	142.0	142.1	133.0	131.1
Ethical preparations for human use	108.9	108.4	108.3	108.4	108.5	107.7	104.2
Vitamin preparations	85.8	86.0	86.0	85.9	86.1	87.5	86.2
Paints, varnishes and lacquers industry	119.6	119.6	120.0	120.0	119.7	113.3	108.3
Lacquers, clear	109.8	109.8	108.5	108.5	108.5	100.8	103.2
Enamels, ready-mixed, oil and synthetic ...	120.6	120.6	120.9	120.9	120.6	115.1	108.4
Thinner, lacquer, paint and enamel	100.5	100.5	99.5	99.5	99.5	103.0	102.6
Paints, latex emulsion	130.6	130.6	131.0	131.0	130.4	119.7	114.5
Paints, ready-mixed, including asphalt and tar paints	121.2	121.2	122.1	122.1	121.7	112.4	108.1
Varnishes, including japans, shellacs, and driers	117.0	117.0	117.1	117.1	116.9	118.2	112.4

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

(1956=100)

Industries and selected commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	July 1968	1968	1967	1966
<u>Chemicals and allied products industries - Concluded</u>							
Soaps, washing compounds and cleaning preparations industry	120.2	118.0	117.6	114.9	115.9	115.4	113.1
Vegetable oils industry.....	104.4	102.2	106.3	106.9	104.3	105.6	112.9
Soya bean oilcake	142.1	141.6	152.4	151.7	142.0	138.2	151.4
Linseed oil, raw	84.1	84.5	84.6	87.3	84.6	80.8	77.1
Primary plastics industry	87.5	87.5	86.4	86.4	86.6	87.4	84.6
Synthetic resins, phenol-formaldehyde type	77.8	77.8	73.5	73.5	74.7	77.6	78.6
Inks, printing, industry	112.5	112.5	108.2	108.2	107.8	104.1	101.3
Polishes and dressings industry	127.4	127.4	127.3	124.8	123.1	119.2	115.5
Wax, liquid, self-polishing	128.3	128.3	127.5	123.0	120.6	117.0	115.2
Gases, compressed, industry	115.5	114.6	115.9	116.7	114.6	110.4	110.6
Adhesives industry	112.7	112.7	109.4	109.4	109.4	109.2	107.9
Glue, synthetic resin	102.3	102.3	102.0	102.0	102.0	102.0	101.4
<u>Miscellaneous manufacturing industries</u>							
Typewriter supplies industry	109.2	109.2	109.2	109.2	109.2	110.3	109.1
Fountain pens and pencils industry	109.1	109.1	109.0	109.0	109.0	106.8	105.0
Clocks, watches and watch cases industry	131.2	129.0	126.2	126.2	125.7	123.6	120.2
Buttons, buckles and fasteners industry	107.9	107.9	107.9	107.9	107.9	108.0	104.9
Candles industry	143.5	143.5	133.4	133.4	133.8	131.8	115.1
Pipes, lighters and smokers' supplies industry	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	98.9	97.2	96.8

(1) From January 1968, this series may reflect some element of changes in the basket of goods being priced as well as price changes.

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

General Wholesale Index and Principal Components

Date	General whole- sale index	Veg- table pro- ducts	Animal pro- ducts	Textile pro- ducts	Wood pro- ducts	Iron pro- ducts	Non- ferrous metals pro- ducts(1)	Non- metallic minerals products	Chemical products
1959	230.6	199.5	254.3	228.0	304.0	255.7	174.6	186.5	187.0
1960	230.9	203.0	247.6	229.8	303.8	256.2	177.8	185.6	188.2
1961	233.3	203.1	254.7	234.5	305.1	258.1	181.6	185.2	188.7
1962	240.0	211.6	262.5	241.2	315.9	256.2	192.1	189.1	190.5
1963	244.6	227.8	255.6	248.0	323.4	253.6	197.5	189.5	189.3
1964	245.4	223.3	250.8	248.4	330.9	256.4	205.9	190.9	191.2
1965	250.4	218.4	270.7	246.6	334.0	264.5	217.6	191.6	200.2
1966	259.5	225.9	296.2	251.5	337.8	268.0	229.9	193.7	207.1
1967	264.1	230.9	293.1	252.7	346.3	274.4	240.2	199.2	212.6
1968	269.9	230.8	294.6	256.5	367.9	276.8	250.8	206.0	213.7
1967 - Jan.	261.8	230.7	294.7	250.0	341.3	272.1	232.5	196.9	208.4
Feb.	262.9	232.2	294.5	249.9	342.0	273.2	236.5	196.9	210.0
Mar.	262.4	231.2	290.6	251.4	343.3	272.9	236.6	198.4	209.3
Apr.	262.7	231.5	289.2	252.4	344.4	273.4	236.6	199.4	209.2
May	263.6	233.2	293.2	252.9	344.3	273.7	235.9	198.7	208.7
June	264.1	233.7	295.1	252.8	343.8	273.3	236.0	198.9	212.4
July	263.9	231.2	292.6	252.5	347.0	275.8	235.7	199.4	212.5
Aug.	264.8	231.2	294.2	252.2	348.1	275.4	240.0	200.1	214.6
Sept.	265.1	228.0	295.3	253.2	349.4	275.8	244.6	199.9	215.5
Oct.	265.3	228.2	295.4	253.7	349.5	275.8	245.6	200.2	215.4
Nov.	265.3	229.0	290.4	255.0	350.5	275.8	246.7	200.7	218.1
Dec.	267.1	230.3	292.4	256.2	352.4	275.4	255.6	200.7	216.5
1968 - Jan.	267.2	230.7	287.9	257.4	356.5	276.4	254.4	204.2	210.7
Feb.	267.2	229.9	286.2	255.8	360.4	276.5	253.0	204.4	214.1
Mar.	268.3	230.7	285.9	255.6	362.9	276.5	258.8	204.8	212.9
Apr.	267.7	228.2	285.1	256.3	363.9	276.6	255.6	206.0	215.1
May	268.8	229.1	289.2	255.7	364.4	276.7	257.8	206.0	214.8
June	270.3	231.5	294.4	255.8	364.9	276.7	259.1	206.2	212.6
July	269.2	230.2	296.1	256.1	365.4	276.8	246.8	206.3	213.7
Aug.	270.0	229.7	299.8	256.5	367.8	276.9	245.3	206.4	215.1
Sept.	271.6	229.8	304.1	257.3	373.6	276.5	245.6	206.4	213.9
Oct.	271.3	229.8	302.0	257.0	374.8	277.2	243.2	206.9	213.2
Nov.	272.9	234.0	300.7	257.5	378.1	277.6	245.6	207.0	213.8
Dec.	274.5	236.1	304.4	257.3	381.9	277.6	244.3	207.0	214.8
1969(2) - Jan.	278.1	238.9	306.1	256.5	391.0	278.4	255.6	208.9	215.3
Feb.	279.0	240.0	308.2	256.5	393.8	278.7	253.7	209.8	215.6
Mar.	279.8	238.0	308.8	256.5	397.9	281.5	254.4	209.7	216.5
Apr.	282.2	237.9	316.0	256.4	405.0	282.3	254.4	209.9	219.0
May	283.0	238.4	326.5	256.5	393.6	284.0	258.7	210.9	218.5
June	284.3	238.9	338.6	257.1	388.6	284.3	258.4	210.1	219.0
July	282.7 ^r	239.0	333.1	256.8	383.0 ^r	285.0	258.8	209.9	219.2
Aug.	282.4	237.1	328.8	256.9	383.9	285.2	264.0	210.8	220.8
Sept.									
Oct.									
Nov.									
Dec.									

(1) Includes gold.

(2) Indexes for 1969 are subject to revision.

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

Special Groupings of Components of General Wholesale Index

Date	Non-farm products (1)	Combined	Raw	Fully and chiefly manufactured goods			
		iron, and non-ferrous metals groups (2)	and partly mfg. goods (3)	Total (3)	Iron and non-ferrous metals (4)	Iron	Non-ferrous metals (4)
1959	236.0	248.3	210.9	241.6	251.6	251.0	261.2
1960	237.0	250.6	209.6	242.2	253.5	252.6	269.1
1961	239.1	253.3	212.6	244.5	254.4	253.4	270.0
1962	244.8	258.2	223.8	249.0	254.3	253.0	275.8
1963	248.0	260.4	226.9	254.2	253.9	252.3	280.2
1964	252.2	268.3	225.7	256.4	255.8	254.0	294.5
1965	257.2	281.8	231.2	261.3	264.0	261.5	319.6
1966	262.5	293.1	242.7	268.6	269.4	266.2	336.6
1967	269.0	304.5	246.1	274.2	277.2	274.1	343.6
1968	278.2	313.9	249.1	281.6	281.1	277.6	355.6
1967 - Jan.	265.0	297.3	244.9	271.4	274.6	271.6	337.7
Feb.	266.1	301.0	246.7	271.8	276.0	272.9	341.7
Mar.	266.8	300.8	245.0	272.2	275.7	272.6	341.7
Apr.	267.5	301.1	244.9	272.5	276.1	273.1	341.7
May	267.4	300.7	246.2	273.3	276.1	273.1	341.7
June	267.4	300.6	246.1	274.2	275.8	272.7	341.7
July	268.7	302.0	244.2	275.0	278.7	275.6	344.4
Aug.	269.8	305.1	246.6	275.1	278.3	275.2	344.4
Sept.	271.2	308.7	246.3	275.6	278.8	275.7	344.4
Oct.	271.5	309.6	246.8	275.7	278.8	275.7	344.4
Nov.	272.4	310.3	245.4	276.4	278.8	275.7	344.4
Dec.	274.3	316.6	249.8	276.7	279.2	275.7	354.7
1968 - Jan.	275.6	316.2	249.0	277.4	280.4	276.9	355.2
Feb.	276.3	315.0	247.8	278.1	280.5	277.0	355.2
Mar.	277.8	319.4	250.3	278.3	280.5	277.0	355.1
Apr.	278.0	317.3	247.9	278.7	280.6	277.2	355.1
May	278.4	319.0	249.2	279.7	281.1	277.1	365.8
June	278.6	320.1	250.9	281.2	281.3	277.3	366.2
July	276.9	311.0	248.3	281.0	280.7	277.4	352.0
Aug.	277.4	310.0	248.4	282.2	280.9	277.6	351.9
Sept.	278.9	310.0	249.3	284.2	281.0	277.7	351.9
Oct.	278.9	308.6	247.4	284.8	281.8	278.5	351.9
Nov.	280.3	310.6	249.7	286.0	282.2	278.9	353.5
Dec.	281.1	309.6	250.9	287.7	282.2	278.9	353.5
1969(5) - Jan.	285.5	318.6	255.4	290.8	283.9	280.0	369.1
Feb.	286.1	317.3	255.9	292.0	284.3	280.3	369.8
Mar.	287.9	319.3	255.0	293.7	287.2	283.4	369.9
Apr.	290.0	319.8	256.6	296.6	288.0	284.2	368.8
May	288.4	324.0	260.4	295.7	290.0	285.8	378.4
June	287.2	323.9	263.2	296.2	290.4	286.2	378.6
July	286.0 ^r	324.5	262.6	294.0 ^r	290.7	286.4	381.2
Aug.	287.4	328.7	262.0	293.8	291.0	286.6	384.0
Sept.							
Oct.							
Nov.							
Dec.							

(1) Consists of General Wholesale Index less Animal products and Vegetable 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 1969 are subject to revision.

TABLE 3. Selected Price Indicators - Concluded

Date	Industrial materials	Building materials		Canadian farm products(1)		
		Residential	Non- residential	Field	Animal	Total
		(1935-39=100)	(1961=100)	(1935-39=100)		
1959	240.2	101.3	100.5	176.1	271.6	223.9
1960	240.4	100.7	101.0	189.1	264.1	226.6
1961	243.2	100.0	100.0	191.7	270.0	230.9
1962	248.0	101.1	100.6	195.5	286.0	240.8
1963	253.5	104.4	103.0	197.2	275.4	236.3
1964	258.3	111.1	106.5	198.2	267.3	232.7
1965	258.7	116.1	112.0	210.3	289.3	249.8
1966	261.4	120.0	115.4	209.7	321.5	265.6
1967	253.1	124.3	117.8	198.7	325.3	262.0
1968	254.0	131.3	120.6	186.3	329.3	257.8
1967 - Jan.	253.2	122.0	117.2	208.7	320.7	264.7
Feb.	254.0	122.6	117.4	207.7	322.9	265.3
Mar.	252.0	122.9	117.6	206.7	315.1	260.9
Apr.	252.5	123.0	117.9	204.2	319.9	262.1
May	254.7	123.6	117.7	205.4	327.8	266.6
June	256.7	123.7	117.7	207.4	330.7	269.1
July	253.0	124.4	117.7	208.6	325.0	266.8
Aug.	252.1	125.0	117.8	200.0	329.8	264.9
Sept.	251.2	125.3	117.9	195.2	331.2	263.2
Oct.	250.1	126.0	118.1	195.9	330.9	263.4
Nov.	253.0	126.3	118.2	195.2	323.1	259.1
Dec.	254.3	126.7	118.6	195.3	326.4	260.9
1968 - Jan.	253.8	127.9	119.7	198.7	316.3	257.5
Feb.	252.5	128.3	120.0	195.5	315.4	255.4
Mar.	253.5	129.0	120.3	194.3	312.9	253.6
Apr.	251.0	130.1	120.5	193.3	313.8	253.5
May	251.7	130.2	120.6	197.9	322.2	260.0
June	252.7	131.4	120.7	198.9	330.0	264.5
July	253.4	131.5	120.1	201.0	333.1	267.0
Aug.	254.2	131.9	120.4	189.4	340.8	265.1
Sept.	253.6	133.2	120.7	183.3	343.8	263.6
Oct.	255.3	133.5	120.8	181.3	339.0	260.1
Nov.	257.2	133.8	121.5	182.3	339.2	260.7
Dec.	258.9	135.0	121.8	183.8	345.0	264.4
1969(2) - Jan.	261.4	138.2	123.1	185.4	343.0	264.2
Feb.	263.5	139.8	123.8	185.3	345.4	265.3
Mar.	264.1	143.2	125.5	183.5	344.8	264.1
Apr.	267.7	146.0	126.5	183.0	353.7	268.3
May	271.8	145.0	126.7	183.5	371.7	277.6
June	270.6	142.4	126.2	183.5	381.7	282.6
July	269.2	141.3	126.0	186.0	371.6	278.8
Aug.	269.2	140.4	126.4	188.2	361.7	275.0
Sept.						
Oct.						
Nov.						
Dec.						

(1) Final to July 1968. See page 40 for details on Western grain prices and specific publications wherein final indexes or earlier years may be found. (2) Indexes for 1969 are subject to revision.

TABLE 4. Wholesale Price Indexes of Selected Primary Commodities⁽¹⁾
(1935-39=100)

Primary commodities	Months				Annual averages		
	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	July 1968	1968	1967	1966
Asbestos, crude	399.7	399.7	379.6	379.6	377.6	368.4	355.1
Beans, cocoa	1033.5	1066.9	693.2	693.2	788.2	664.3	585.8
Beans, coffee	287.9	283.8	285.7	285.2	285.0	299.2	328.1
Coal	210.3	210.3	208.3	208.3	208.8	204.7	201.8
Copper, electrolytic	494.1	466.2	419.5	419.5	447.5	441.7	419.5
Cotton, raw	277.6	276.2	303.7	301.8	308.2	280.6	273.7
Eggs	151.0	153.2	148.7	134.7	143.0	139.2	175.5
Fruits, fresh	240.2	204.4	278.7	279.1	257.1	201.8	206.5
Grains	197.5	202.1	211.1	210.9	210.2	220.1	221.1
Hides and skins	169.0	170.5	149.2	149.9	159.4	160.6	206.3
Lead, electrolytic	324.9	324.9	272.5	272.5	281.2	293.5	312.7
Livestock	407.3	426.2	370.5	362.6	354.8	355.5	362.9
Nickel	382.8	382.8	351.7	351.7	351.7	328.7	294.2
Oil, crude	190.8	190.6	191.5	191.5	191.6	191.7	191.6
Onions	312.2	312.9	284.4	357.1	276.2	290.6	277.8
Potatoes	220.9	179.0	212.9	226.5	184.3	162.1	223.5
Rubber, raw	210.2	190.8	142.5	141.2	137.2	138.7	164.2
Scrap iron and steel	255.9	255.9	254.0	255.9	252.7	263.5	282.7
Silver	475.2	465.6	608.3	644.4	602.8	425.8	360.0
Steers	510.9	552.7	475.3	463.5	453.5	460.8	422.5
Sugar, raw	136.3	150.5	91.5	91.5	102.4	103.5	99.5
Tin	343.8	333.1	291.2	292.7	305.8	317.3	339.1
Wool, raw, domestic	172.7	173.8	153.6	156.1	156.4	183.1	242.8
Wool, raw, imported	164.1	164.5	159.0	157.5	158.8	163.1	192.3
Zinc, prime, western	322.4	322.4	300.2	300.2	300.2	308.5	322.4

(1) Indexes for 1969 are subject to revision.

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

Commodity	Months				Annual averages		
	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	July 1968	1968	1967	1966
dollars							
<u>Vegetable products</u>							
Barley, No. 1 feed, bu. ....	.98	.98	1.12	1.16	1.16	1.25	1.32
Coffee beans, Green Santos 2/3's, 1b. ....	.43	.42	.42	.42	.41	.44	.48
Flour, first patent, Toronto, 100-lb. bag ...	8.41	8.41	8.41	8.12	8.24	8.12	7.88
Linseed oil, raw, Montreal, gal.	1.37	1.20	1.30	1.30	1.25	1.16	1.10
Oats, No. 2 C.W., bu. ....	.71	.74	.90	.95	.93	.93	.93
Potatoes, No. 1 Saint John, 75-lb. bag	3.22	2.40	2.65	2.62	2.24	2.09	2.86
Sugar, granulated, std., Montreal, 100-lb. bag	7.90	8.65	6.30	6.40	6.68	6.62	6.38
Wheat, No. 2, Manitoba Northern, bu.	1.83	1.86	1.96	1.94	1.93	2.02	2.04
<u>Animal products</u>							
Butter, prints, 1st. grade, Montreal, 1b. ....	.68	.68	.66	.66	.67	.65	.62
Eggs, grade "A", large, Montreal, doz. ....	.52	.53	.52	.46	.50	.48	.58
Hides, packer, light native steers, lb. ....	.18	.18	.14	.14	.15	.16	.22
Hogs, Toronto (bonus excluded) 100-lb.	37.02	36.62	33.62	31.81	30.30	29.69	35.05
Steers, good, Toronto, 100-lb.	30.20	33.00	28.00	27.50	26.97	27.66	26.05

TABLE 5. Wholesale Prices of Selected Commodities - Concluded

(All prices given in Canadian funds)

Commodity	Months				Annual averages		
	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	July 1968	1968	1967	1966
dollars							
<u>Textile products</u>							
Cotton yarn, 10's, white, 1b. ....	.77	.77	.77	.77	.77	.77	.76
Cotton, grey Osnaburg, 45" W. 6 7/16 oz., yd.(1) .....	.40	.40	.40	.36	..	.36	.35
Rayon yarn, 36 filament, 150 denier, 1b.	1.00	1.00	.95	.95	.96	.94	.93
Wool, raw, Australian, 64's, clean, 1b. ....	.97	.97	.93	.93	.93	.87	1.01
Wool, raw, Eastern, domestic, 1b. ....	.32	.32	.28	.29	.29	.36	.48
<u>Wood products</u>							
Newsprint paper, standard, Quebec, 2000-lb. ton	138.37	138.92	132.70	132.91	133.67	132.85	128.76
Pine, white, No. 1, 1" x 8", 8' - 16', 1000-bd. ft.	232.76	232.76	200.56	200.56	201.79	195.58	188.75
Shingles, asphalt, 12" x 36", 100 sq. ft.	7.13	6.82	6.72	6.72	6.50	5.74	5.26
Spruce, construction, 20% std. grade 2"x6", 8' - 16', D4S, 1000-bd. ft.	95.22	95.22	..	..	..	..	..
<u>Iron products</u>							
Cast iron scrap, 2240-lb. ton	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	45.25	51.17
Pig iron, foundry, silicon 2.01-2.25, 2240-lb. ton	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00
<u>Non-ferrous metals products</u>							
Copper, electrolytic, domestic, 100-lb.	53.00	50.00	45.00	45.00	48.00	47.38	45.00
Lead, pig, electrolytic, domestic, 100-lb. ...	15.50	15.50	13.00	13.00	13.42	14.00	14.92
Tin, ingots, 99.8%, Montreal, 1b.	1.83	1.78	1.55	1.56	1.63	1.69	1.81
Zinc, high grade, electrolytic, 100-lb.	15.10	15.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.48	15.10
<u>Non-metallic minerals products</u>							
Cement, Portland, Calgary, 350-lb.	4.44	4.44	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.05	3.84
Cement, Portland, Toronto, 350-lb.	3.89	3.89	3.74	3.74	3.68	3.59	3.44
<u>Chemical products</u>							
Sodium carbonate, (soda ash) 58 p.c., 100-lb.	2.45	2.45	2.15	2.15	2.16	2.15	2.10
Sulphuric acid, 66° Baume, 2000-lb. ton	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	30.59	28.42	24.48

(1) Prices prior to August 1968 refer to 40" W. 7 1/8 oz., yd.

TABLE 6. Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials
(1961=100)

Date	Principal components									
	Total index	Con-crete products	Bricks	Lumber and lumber products	Wall board and insulation	Roofing materials	Paint and glass	Plumb-ing and heating equip-ment	Elec-trical equip-ment and fixtures	Metal pro-ducts
1959	101.3	100.5	104.0	102.1	97.3	117.3	97.4	98.1	103.8	98.1
1960	100.7	101.0	104.7	100.9	98.3	105.1	97.8	99.6	102.0	100.2
1961	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1962	101.1	100.3	99.1	101.9	102.9	104.6	101.2	98.2	101.8	99.0
1963	104.4	102.9	103.0	105.9	104.4	116.0	108.8	99.4	105.4	95.5
1964	111.1	106.0	106.7	114.5	109.5	123.4	114.3	102.5	107.2	99.1
1965	116.1	110.0	112.6	120.2	113.4	119.5	120.0	107.8	107.2	101.8
1966(2)	120.0	115.3	115.1	125.3	115.1	119.4	121.7	108.4	119.5	101.1
1967	124.3	119.2	117.2	130.4	117.1	126.3	126.8	111.8	126.2	99.4
1968	131.3	123.4	120.3	140.2	121.2	142.5	133.4	114.3	116.6	100.2
1967 - Jan.	122.0	118.2	115.2	127.7	116.2	121.3	125.9	110.1	120.8	101.3
Feb.	122.6	118.7	115.2	128.3	116.2	122.8	125.9	111.2	123.0	100.1
Mar.	122.9	118.7	116.4	128.6	116.7	122.8	125.9	111.4	123.8	99.7
Apr.	123.0	118.6	116.2	128.7	117.2	122.8	125.9	111.5	123.8	99.6
May	123.6	119.3	118.1	129.3	117.2	122.8	126.3	111.4	130.0	99.2
June	123.7	119.1	118.1	129.5	117.3	125.4	126.6	111.6	127.9	99.0
July	124.4	118.9	118.4	130.5	117.3	128.7	126.6	111.5	127.9	99.0
Aug.	125.0	118.9	117.0	131.3	117.3	128.7	126.6	112.4	127.9	99.0
Sept.	125.3	118.9	117.0	131.9	117.3	128.7	128.0	112.2	127.6	99.0
Oct.	126.0	120.5	118.4	132.9	117.3	128.7	128.0	112.1	127.2	99.0
Nov.	126.3	120.4	118.2	133.2	117.3	131.4	128.0	112.8	125.6	99.2
Dec.	126.7	120.1	118.2	133.5	117.5	131.4	128.0	113.6	129.0	99.2
1968 - Jan.	127.9	122.7	118.7	134.7	117.5	131.4	130.7	115.2	129.4	99.8
Feb.	128.3	122.7	119.5	135.4	117.5	137.5	133.2	115.4	121.3	99.8
Mar.	129.0	123.1	120.1	136.3	118.9	137.5	133.4	115.2	121.3	100.3
Apr.	130.1	123.1	120.6	138.0	121.5	137.5	133.4	114.4	121.1	100.3
May	130.2	123.1	120.6	137.9	122.2	137.5	133.7	116.0	118.4	100.1
June	131.4	123.3	120.6	139.6	122.4	146.9	133.7	115.5	117.4	100.3
July	131.5	123.1	120.6	140.6	122.4	146.9	133.8	113.8	111.0	100.4
Aug.	131.9	123.1	120.6	141.8	122.4	146.9	133.8	113.4	111.0	100.3
Sept.	133.2	123.3	120.6	143.5	122.4	146.9	133.7	113.4	111.0	100.3
Oct.	133.5	123.3	120.6	144.1	122.4	146.9	133.7	113.0	111.0	100.3
Nov.	133.8	124.8	120.6	144.2	122.4	146.9	133.7	113.7	112.8	100.5
Dec.	135.0	124.8	120.6	146.4	122.4	146.9	133.7	113.1	113.0	100.6
1969(1) - Jan.	138.2	127.0	123.5	150.5	122.8	143.1	133.5	114.4	126.5	101.2
Feb.	139.8	127.0	123.5	153.0	123.1	145.7	133.5	114.6	127.1	101.6
Mar.	143.2	127.4	127.2	157.8	123.4	152.2	134.2	115.5	125.6	103.7
Apr.	146.0	127.1	127.2	162.3	123.4	152.2	134.2	115.6	125.6	104.3
May	145.0	127.7	127.2	160.0	129.0	146.9	134.2	116.5	125.9	104.7
June	142.4	127.8	127.2	155.5	129.0	146.9	135.5	116.7	126.7	104.7
July	141.3	128.1	127.2	153.5	128.9	146.9	125.5	117.8	126.7	104.7
Aug.	140.4	129.2	127.2	151.4	128.9	151.7	135.5	119.1	127.9	104.7
Sept.										
Oct.										
Nov.										
Dec.										

(1) Indexes for 1969 are subject to revision.

(2) An explanation of the 1966 revision is provided on page 42.

TABLE 7. Price Index Numbers of Non-Residential Building Materials
(1961=100)

Date	Principal components						
	Total index	Concrete products	Blocks, bricks, and building stone	Tile	Lumber and lumber products	Plumbing, heating, and other equipment	Electrical equipment and fixtures
1959	100.5	99.0	103.3	95.5	102.9	99.8	104.8
1960	101.0	100.0	104.6	97.6	101.1	100.3	105.0
1961.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1962	100.6	101.8	98.4	100.8	102.5	100.9	100.2
1963	103.0	105.1	101.7	104.0	107.1	100.6	104.2
1964	106.5	107.8	106.7	108.4	115.5	102.4	105.7
1965	112.0	111.2	112.3	115.6	121.2	108.5	105.9
1966(2)	115.4	117.8	115.4	121.3	126.1	111.8	113.1
1967	117.8	121.5	119.2	126.6	131.8	115.1	116.4
1968	120.6	125.3	122.4	129.5	144.8	117.7	112.6
1967 - Jan.	117.2	120.6	118.6	123.2	128.4	114.2	115.9
Feb.	117.4	120.9	118.6	124.1	129.2	114.5	117.8
Mar.	117.6	120.8	118.6	124.7	129.7	114.9	117.8
Apr.	117.9	120.8	119.4	127.0	130.0	115.0	118.5
May	117.7	121.6	119.4	127.2	130.7	114.8	117.5
June	117.7	121.3	119.4	127.1	131.0	115.1	116.9
July	117.7	121.2	119.4	127.3	131.8	114.8	116.6
Aug.	117.8	121.2	119.4	127.3	132.2	115.5	115.9
Sept.	117.9	121.2	119.4	127.3	133.9	115.4	114.9
Oct.	118.1	123.1	119.4	127.8	134.0	115.5	114.5
Nov.	118.2	122.9	119.4	127.8	134.7	115.8	114.1
Dec.	118.6	122.6	119.3	128.3	136.1	116.2	116.1
1968 - Jan.	119.7	124.6	120.6	128.7	137.3	117.7	116.8
Feb.	120.0	124.6	121.5	128.7	138.9	117.7	116.3
Mar.	120.3	125.0	121.5	128.9	140.8	117.7	116.1
Apr.	120.5	125.1	121.5	129.3	142.3	117.7	115.7
May	120.6	125.1	122.9	129.6	142.7	118.1	113.6
June	120.7	125.2	122.9	129.6	143.2	118.1	113.0
July	120.1	125.1	122.9	129.6	143.8	117.3	109.3
Aug.	120.4	125.1	122.9	129.6	145.6	117.4	109.5
Sept.	120.7	125.2	122.9	129.6	148.2	117.4	109.9
Oct.	120.8	125.2	122.9	129.6	148.4	117.8	109.9
Nov.	121.5	127.0	122.9	130.1	151.3	117.8	110.5
Dec.	121.8	126.9	122.9	130.1	154.5	117.8	110.7
1969(1) - Jan.	123.1	129.4	124.2	132.8	158.2	118.9	112.5
Feb.	123.8	129.4	124.4	132.9	162.7	119.1	112.9
Mar.	125.5	129.8	125.1	133.0	168.1	119.6	113.1
Apr.	126.5	129.6	125.1	133.1	174.8	120.0	112.3
May	126.7	130.0	125.1	133.2	171.1	120.9	112.1
June ...	126.2	130.1	125.1	133.5 ^r	163.5	121.5	112.4
July	126.0	130.4	125.1	133.6	160.7	121.9	112.4
Aug.	126.4	131.8	125.1	134.1	154.9	122.5	114.9
Sept. ...							
Oct.							
Nov.							
Dec.							

See footnote(s) at end of table.

TABLE 7. Price Index Numbers of Non-Residential Building Materials - Concluded

(1961=100)

Date	Principal components					
	Steel and metal work	Hard- ware	Wall- board and insulation	Roofing materials	Paint and glass	Miscel- laneous materials
1959	99.6	97.5	100.5	102.2	98.5	93.5
1960	99.8	98.5	100.5	106.1	98.5	97.0
1961	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1962	100.1	99.4	102.1	102.0	101.5	99.8
1963	102.5	98.7	102.4	104.0	109.8	103.4
1964	107.2	99.3	106.5	96.5	117.6	107.8
1965	116.0	99.6	111.5	99.6	124.0	111.1
1966(2)	117.7	100.6	112.4	96.9	126.7	108.6
1967	115.9	99.4	115.0	105.1	130.8	105.7
1968	116.0	101.5	118.9	115.2	136.0	102.8
1967 - Jan.	117.0	100.5	114.5	102.0	130.3	106.7
Feb.	116.5	99.8	114.5	102.3	130.3	106.7
Mar.	116.8	99.1	114.5	102.3	130.3	106.7
Apr.	116.7	99.1	115.0	102.3	130.3	106.7
May	115.7	99.1	115.0	102.3	130.5	106.7
June	115.4	99.1	115.2	105.9	130.7	106.7
July	115.4	99.3	115.2	106.9	130.7	106.7
Aug.	115.4	99.3	115.2	106.9	130.7	106.7
Sept.	115.4	99.3	115.2	106.9	131.4	106.7
Oct.	115.4	99.3	115.2	106.7	131.4	103.5
Nov.	115.5	99.3	115.2	108.6	131.4	103.5
Dec.	115.7	99.1	115.3	108.6	131.4	100.6
1968 - Jan.	116.1	100.6	115.4	108.9	132.9	102.8
Feb.	116.2	100.6	115.4	111.6	136.0	102.8
Mar.	116.3	101.1	116.6	111.6	136.1	102.8
Apr.	116.3	101.1	119.0	111.6	136.1	102.8
May	116.4	101.1	119.7	111.6	136.4	102.8
June	116.1	101.1	120.1	117.4	136.4	102.8
July	115.6	101.1	120.1	117.8	136.5	102.8
Aug.	115.6	101.4	120.1	117.8	136.5	102.8
Sept.	115.6	101.4	120.1	117.8	136.3	102.8
Oct.	115.6	102.4	120.1	118.6	136.3	102.8
Nov.	115.9	102.9	120.1	118.6	136.3	102.8
Dec.	115.9	103.1	120.1	118.6	136.3	102.8
1969(1) - Jan.	116.2	103.1	120.9	116.6	136.1	102.8
Feb.	116.2	103.7	121.3	119.5	136.1	104.7
Mar.	119.4	103.7	121.7	123.0	137.4	104.7
Apr.	120.7	104.1	121.7	123.3	137.4	107.2
May	121.9	104.7	126.9	119.5	137.4	107.2
June	121.8	105.2	126.9	119.5	139.8	107.2
July	121.8	105.9	126.8	119.5	139.8	107.2
Aug.	123.3	105.9	126.8	123.4	139.8	107.2
Sept.						
Oct.						
Nov.						
Dec.						

(1) Indexes for 1969 are subject to revision.

(2) An explanation of the 1966 revision is provided on page 42.

(3) A note describing the conversion to 1961=100 appears on page V.

TABLE 8. Consumer Price Indexes, Canada, 1961-69

(1961=100)

	All-items	Food	Housing	Clothing	Trans- porta- tion	Health and personal care	Recre- ation and reading	Tobacco and alcohol
1961	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1962	101.2	101.8	101.2	100.9	99.9	102.0	100.8	101.3
1963	103.0	105.1	102.3	103.4	99.9	104.6	102.2	101.5
1964	104.8	106.8	103.9	106.0	101.0	108.0	103.9	103.4
1965	107.4	109.6	105.8	107.9	104.8	113.0	105.6	105.1
1966	111.4	116.6	108.7	112.0	107.3	116.5	108.6	107.6
1967	115.4	118.1	113.4	117.6	111.8	122.5	114.1	110.3
1968	120.1	122.0	118.6	121.1	114.7	127.4	119.7	120.4
1967 - Jan.	113.0	116.9	110.8	114.3	108.8	119.1	110.8	108.8
Feb.	113.1	116.2	110.9	114.8	110.2	119.2	112.0	109.0
Mar.	113.4	115.6	111.4	116.3	110.7	119.3	112.0	109.6
Apr.	114.4	116.1	112.7	117.2	111.7	122.3	112.4	109.8
May	114.6	115.9	113.0	117.2	111.8	123.0	114.0	110.0
June	115.2	116.8	113.5	117.8	112.5	122.8	114.4	110.1
July	116.3	119.8	114.0	117.8	112.6	123.3	114.9	110.1
Aug.	116.8	121.9	114.3	117.6	112.4	123.6	114.9	110.6
Sept.	116.6	119.8	114.6	119.7	112.7	123.2	115.5	110.6
Oct.	116.5	119.2	114.9	118.8	112.3	124.4	115.9	110.6
Nov.	116.9	119.4	115.2	119.6	112.3	124.8	116.7	110.7
Dec.	117.5	119.8	115.5	119.7	113.5	124.8	116.2	114.4
1968 - Jan.	118.1	121.3	116.1	118.6	113.8	124.7	116.5	117.2
Feb.	118.2	120.8	116.7	119.1	113.2	125.1	117.6	117.3
Mar.	118.6	119.9	117.1	120.5	114.0	125.1	118.1	119.0
Apr.	119.3	120.8	117.6	121.2	114.4	126.9	117.8	121.2
May	119.3	120.1	117.9	120.7	114.5	127.4	119.2	121.3
June	119.7	120.5	118.3	121.2	115.1	127.4	119.2	121.3
July	120.4	122.5	118.8	121.0	115.1	128.0	119.6	121.3
Aug.	120.7	123.9	118.9	120.6	115.1	128.2	119.9	121.3
Sept.	121.1	123.4	119.8	121.2	115.4	128.5	121.0	121.3
Oct.	121.4	122.9	120.3	122.8	114.9	129.0	121.4	121.3
Nov.	121.9	123.4	120.9	123.4	115.7	129.4	123.3	121.3
Dec.	122.3	124.5	121.0	123.4	115.7	129.4	123.3	121.3
1969 - Jan.	122.6	125.1	121.9	121.5	116.3	129.5	124.2	121.3
Feb.	122.6	123.9	122.3	121.8	117.3	129.6	124.7	121.9
Mar.	123.2	123.8	122.8	123.8	118.3	129.5	125.1	121.9
Apr.	124.6	125.0	123.7	124.3	119.9	133.7	125.4	125.5
May	124.9	125.1	124.2	123.8	120.4	134.2	127.4	125.8
June	125.9	127.8	124.7	124.9	120.6	134.2	127.4	125.8
July	126.4	128.8	125.2	124.8	120.7	134.2	127.4	126.3
Aug.	126.9	130.6	125.4	125.0	120.5	134.2	127.6	126.4
Sept.								
Oct.								
Nov.								
Dec.								

TABLE 9. Consumer Price Indexes - Main Groups, Selected Components and Supplementary Classifications
(1961=100)

	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	July 1968	1968	1967	1966
All-items index	126.9	126.4	120.7	120.4	120.1	115.4	111.4
Food	130.6	128.8	123.9	122.5	122.0	118.1	116.6
Food at home	128.5	126.4	122.0	120.5	119.9	116.4	115.9
Dairy products	133.8	133.4	127.5	127.4	127.8	122.1	114.1
Cereal products	121.7	121.8	120.9	119.5	120.0	117.4	115.7
Miscellaneous groceries ...	119.0	118.4	115.1	114.6	114.3	110.9	110.9
Beef	143.4	147.2	127.5	127.0	126.3	124.2	118.1
Pork	132.9	133.5	116.8	112.8	116.8	117.8	130.3
Fresh pork	139.0	139.8	118.4	113.8	119.8	118.4	126.6
Cured pork	127.5	128.0	115.3	112.0	114.1	117.2	133.3
Other meats	132.5	131.8	122.2	122.7	121.5	120.5	120.1
Fish	135.7	134.2	127.4	126.9	127.0	124.4	122.0
Poultry	111.9	108.2	110.5	108.7	109.6	106.6	111.0
Eggs	104.2	97.9	99.5	87.4	98.9	96.1	114.0
Dairy products including butter	126.4	126.1	121.1	121.1	121.5	117.0	109.7
Fats and oils including butter	103.5	103.5	102.0	102.4	102.8	103.3	100.3
Fats and oils excluding butter	105.5	105.4	106.4	106.8	107.0	110.9	113.2
Total fruit	127.1	129.2	133.4	133.7	123.3	107.8	107.2
Fresh fruit	129.1	132.6	142.6	143.3	127.2	107.4	104.4
Canned fruit	122.3	122.2	117.1	117.3	116.4	109.2	111.5
Total vegetables	142.5	139.3	133.6	143.2	130.5	123.1	126.0
Fresh vegetables	152.4	147.5	139.3	153.7	134.6	126.0	131.9
Canned vegetables	124.5	124.5	124.4	123.9	124.2	119.0	115.9
Direct imports(1)	114.4	118.1	120.2	123.4	118.2	106.3	107.5
Restaurant meals	146.8	146.8	137.2	137.2	136.9	130.7	121.6
Housing	125.4	125.2	118.9	118.8	118.6	113.4	108.7
Shelter	134.0	133.9	124.8	124.7	124.6	117.5	112.2
Tenant costs	117.2	116.9	112.6	112.4	111.8	107.1	103.6
Home-ownership costs	149.3	149.2	136.0	135.9	136.1	126.9	120.1
Property taxes	142.9	142.9	133.4	133.4	132.2	124.0	119.2
Mortgage interest	158.2	158.2	132.8	132.8	136.6	125.5	119.7
Repairs	136.0	136.1	131.3	131.6	130.5	123.0	115.9
New houses	153.0	153.5	141.8	141.6	140.8	131.6	122.8
Personal property insurance	157.5	149.1	145.2	141.4	142.6	132.6	125.3
Household operation	113.8	113.7	110.8	110.8	110.6	107.8	103.7
Fuel	103.4	102.5	101.5	100.6	100.8	97.6	96.0
Coal	125.2	124.7	119.6	118.8	120.3	116.7	113.7
Fuel oil	97.8	96.5	96.3	95.0	95.0	91.1	89.5
Domestic gas	102.0	102.0	102.2	102.2	102.2	100.6	100.5
Electricity	112.4	112.4	111.7	110.5	109.6	104.4	97.3
Home furnishings	114.4	114.4	112.0	112.6	112.2	109.7	105.2
Appliances	97.6	97.6	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.0	95.1
Furniture	123.7	123.6	119.3	121.2	120.3	116.8	109.6
Floor coverings	105.5	106.2	105.1	106.5	106.0	105.9	104.6
Textiles	117.5	117.4	116.9	116.8	116.5	112.8	110.0
Utensils and equipment ..	131.3	131.5	127.4	127.6	127.1	121.4	114.1

See footnote(s) at end of table.

TABLE 9. Consumer Price Indexes - Main Groups, Selected Components and Supplementary Classifications - Continued
(1961=100)

	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	July 1968	1968	1967	1966
Housing - Concluded:							
Supplies and services	120.4	120.5	115.3	115.2	115.1	113.1	109.4
Supplies	116.8	117.3	114.6	114.5	113.9	112.7	108.0
Services	123.0	122.8	115.7	115.6	115.9	113.4	110.3
Telephone rates	105.7	105.7	105.5	105.5	105.4	104.7	103.3
Postage	142.4	142.4	107.4	107.4	113.2	106.7	106.7
Household help	165.9	165.9	147.5	147.5	146.1	140.6	131.9
Household effects insurance	135.9	133.8	133.9	132.5	133.0	128.6	122.0
Clothing	125.0	124.8	120.6	121.0	121.1	117.6	112.0
Men's wear	126.2	125.8	122.1	122.6	122.2	118.2	112.1
Suit	135.0	134.9	130.3	132.0	129.7	125.0	117.2
Business shirt	125.0	123.8	120.6	120.6	120.2	118.2	114.0
Hat .....	..	..	..	..	126.4	120.9	114.1
Women's wear	122.9	122.8	117.8	118.6	119.4	117.4	112.6
Winter coat .....	..	..	..	..	132.0	123.9	119.3
Spring coat	128.7	128.6	119.6	120.4	122.6	117.6	113.7
Cotton street dress	119.4	119.7	113.7	116.5	116.0	110.8	108.9
Slip	103.7	103.7	103.4	103.4	103.3	102.6	101.1
Hosiery	99.2	99.3	99.1	99.1	98.9	98.8	97.2
Children's wear	115.3	115.2	110.9	111.2	112.3	110.5	104.8
Boys:							
Slacks	115.0	114.1	111.9	113.0	112.4	108.5	103.4
T-Shirt	102.4	104.2	99.6	101.6	100.6	102.2	102.0
Sweater	131.9	131.8	130.7	130.7	130.1	123.7	115.9
Parka .....	..	..	..	..	103.4	106.1	101.0
Girls:							
Spring coat .....	..	..	..	..	112.3	111.5	101.8
Cotton dress	122.9	123.2	117.0	114.6	116.6	113.9	107.3
Snow suit .....	..	..	..	..	108.2	110.3	106.2
Infants:							
Diapers	117.9	117.9	112.6	112.6	113.4	111.2	109.5
Overalls	101.6	101.6	101.1	101.1	101.1	99.6	100.7
Footwear	132.9	132.6	128.7	127.5	127.7	121.0	114.2
Men's oxfords	136.0	135.7	132.6	131.3	131.8	126.6	117.2
Women's street shoes	128.3	128.1	123.4	123.3	122.7	117.2	111.0
Children's shoes	140.3	139.9	136.6	133.2	134.5	125.3	119.9
Women's overshoes	123.9	123.6	120.5	119.3	119.9	110.3	104.8
Piece goods	120.8	119.6	118.6	118.5	118.2	116.3	110.4
Cotton dress print	125.5	123.8	121.9	121.9	121.5	118.9	112.2
Wool dress material	107.5	106.0	105.4	105.4	105.1	104.2	104.3
Clothing services	127.6	127.6	124.0	124.0	123.5	119.6	114.9
Laundry	130.4	130.4	127.1	127.1	126.4	122.4	117.8
Dry cleaning	124.9	124.9	121.9	121.9	121.3	118.0	113.6
Shoe repairs	138.1	138.1	131.0	131.0	130.6	123.7	116.4
Jewellery	132.3	132.3	127.5	127.5	127.2	120.7	114.1

TABLE 9. Consumer Price Indexes - Main Groups, Selected Components and Supplementary Classifications - Continued
(1961=100)

	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	July 1968	1968	1967	1966
Transportation	120.5	120.7	115.1	115.1	114.7	111.8	107.3
Automobile operation	113.5	113.7	110.4	110.6	110.9	108.5	105.8
New passenger car	96.0	96.5	95.5	96.1	96.5	94.8	93.2
Gasoline	118.6	118.0	116.3	116.2	115.3	111.3	108.7
Tires	121.2	121.2	113.6	113.6	116.2	115.4	108.4
Automobile insurance	156.8	156.8	152.1	152.1	152.4	156.1	154.1
Fender replacement	156.8	156.8	140.3	140.3	141.3	132.1	123.2
Brake relining	134.9	134.9	128.3	128.3	128.4	121.0	112.6
Battery	116.4	116.4	113.0	113.0	114.0	111.0	105.6
Local transportation	164.3	164.3	143.2	142.7	142.4	135.2	117.5
Street car and bus fares ..	170.0	170.0	145.9	145.9	145.3	137.8	118.5
Taxi fare	128.0	127.8	125.5	122.1	123.3	117.8	110.8
Travel	131.4	131.9	124.4	125.1	114.8	109.3	106.2
Train fare	137.3	138.3	126.9	128.1	110.9	106.7	101.1
Bus fare	118.3	118.3	112.0	112.0	109.6	104.8	103.3
Plane fare	131.6	131.6	130.0	130.0	125.9	117.8	117.8
Health and personal care	134.2	134.2	128.2	128.0	127.4	122.5	116.5
Health care	134.4	134.4	127.8	127.7	126.8	121.2	115.3
Doctors' fees	132.6	132.6	127.9	127.9	127.8	122.4	112.7
Office call	141.9	141.9	136.1	136.1	136.2	129.0	114.9
Confinement	136.2	136.2	128.8	128.8	128.8	124.8	118.1
Appendectomy	103.9	103.9	103.7	103.7	103.6	103.2	102.7
Dentists' fees	152.0	152.0	144.8	144.4	142.7	131.6	125.2
Filling	155.2	155.2	146.8	146.3	144.3	132.3	126.7
Dentures	140.7	140.7	134.9	134.5	133.4	124.4	119.2
Extraction	160.7	160.7	154.2	153.8	152.3	140.1	130.9
Optical care	137.5	137.5	132.1	132.1	132.0	125.3	120.8
Prepaid medical care	153.1	153.1	139.9	139.9	137.7	128.4	123.4
Pharmaceuticals	97.7	97.6	96.6	96.4	96.5	100.0	99.3
Headache tablets	96.2	96.6	96.2	96.5	96.8	101.8	102.1
Vitamins	82.9	82.3	83.6	83.2	83.4	88.4	89.9
Bandages	108.7	108.0	101.6	100.5	101.0	101.5	102.3
Prescriptions	95.6	95.7	94.9	94.7	94.7	98.3	97.9
Personal care	134.0	133.9	129.0	128.7	128.7	125.0	118.8
Supplies	116.9	116.8	115.4	115.1	115.0	113.8	111.9
Toilet soap	123.1	124.2	124.2	123.8	124.6	125.7	126.2
Toothpaste	112.3	112.4	110.7	111.0	109.0	110.0	109.0
Face powder	128.3	127.7	119.0	115.7	116.6	111.0	107.2
Razor blades	109.0	108.5	109.2	109.7	109.5	108.0	104.4
Cleansing tissues	112.4	110.2	110.7	111.3	110.8	107.7	106.4
Services	152.0	152.0	143.0	143.0	143.0	136.7	126.0
Men's haircuts	162.2	162.2	149.6	149.6	149.6	142.8	131.0
Women's hairdressing	140.9	140.9	136.1	136.1	135.8	130.4	120.8

TABLE 9. Consumer Price Indexes - Main Groups, Selected Components and Supplementary Classifications - Concluded
(1961=100)

	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	July 1968	1968	1967	1966
Recreation and reading	127.6	127.4	119.9	119.6	119.7	114.1	108.6
Recreation	125.2	124.9	118.1	117.8	118.0	113.2	107.7
Theatre admission	194.5	193.1	165.6	165.6	164.4	150.4	132.6
Admission to sporting events	138.2	138.2	128.3	126.7	129.8	120.4	114.0
Radio	93.6	93.6	96.4	96.4	96.4	95.9	95.3
Television, console	90.9	90.9	91.4	91.4	92.1	95.0	95.0
Camera film	119.7	118.7	116.3	114.5	114.7	110.4	106.3
Phonograph record	113.9	113.9	114.7	114.7	115.1	103.2	95.4
Bicycle	124.7	125.3	122.2	121.9	121.8	118.0	111.2
Sports equipment	134.6	134.6	126.8	126.8	127.6	118.6	109.6
Toys	124.4	124.4	119.7	119.7	119.4	115.2	108.8
Television repairs	120.5	120.5	114.7	114.7	115.0	108.4	106.8
Reading	134.6	134.6	125.4	125.3	125.0	117.0	111.7
Newspapers	147.4	147.4	139.7	139.6	138.0	131.0	125.7
Magazines	114.8	114.8	103.4	103.4	105.2	95.5	90.2
Tobacco and alcohol	126.4	126.3	121.3	121.3	120.4	110.3	107.6
Tobacco	134.9	134.6	128.4	128.3	126.8	113.3	108.8
Cigarettes	136.1	135.9	129.3	129.3	127.7	113.8	109.0
Cigarette tobacco	121.0	120.4	118.7	118.4	117.1	107.0	106.0
Alcohol	120.7	120.7	116.6	116.6	116.2	108.4	106.7
Beer	116.9	116.9	112.7	112.7	112.2	105.4	104.2
Liquor	128.3	128.3	124.3	124.3	123.9	114.2	111.6
<u>Supplementary classifications</u>							
Commodities:							
Total	121.6	121.5	116.8	116.5	116.4	112.4	109.5
Total excluding food	116.4	116.4	113.4	113.4	113.2	109.2	105.3
Durable	104.5	104.8	103.2	103.8	103.8	102.1	99.1
Household equipment	110.3	110.3	108.2	108.9	108.6	107.0	103.1
Appliances(2)	95.5	95.5	95.6	95.6	95.8	96.4	95.2
Other	123.5	123.6	119.6	120.9	120.2	116.6	110.2
Transportation equipment	98.3	98.8	97.4	97.9	98.4	96.7	94.6
Non-durable	125.3	125.1	119.6	119.2	119.0	114.6	111.7
Non-durable excluding food	121.0	120.8	117.3	117.2	116.9	111.9	107.7
Textiles ("use" classification)	122.1	121.8	118.0	118.5	118.8	116.1	110.9
Garments	122.6	122.4	118.0	118.7	119.1	116.4	111.0
Household furnishings and piece goods	118.7	118.2	117.5	117.4	117.2	114.1	110.2
Textiles (chief component material classification)	122.1	121.8	118.0	118.5	118.8	116.1	110.9
Wool	125.7	125.6	121.0	121.8	122.1	117.5	111.9
Cotton	120.4	120.3	117.4	117.7	117.6	114.1	109.2
Synthetic	112.3	111.7	108.9	109.3	109.9	107.0	103.5
Fur	140.6	140.5	131.9	132.7	133.9	142.5	133.4
Footwear	132.9	132.6	128.7	127.5	127.7	121.0	114.2
Leather	133.9	133.6	129.8	128.4	128.6	122.3	115.3
Rubber and plastic	123.9	123.6	120.5	119.3	119.9	110.3	104.8
Other non-durable	119.3	119.1	115.8	115.4	114.9	109.0	105.6
Services:							
Total	133.6	133.4	125.9	125.6	125.0	119.7	113.6
Total excluding shelter	143.5	143.4	133.5	133.3	132.6	127.0	119.6

(1) Includes oranges and orange juice, grapefruit, bananas, grapes, canned pineapple, raisins, tea and coffee.

(2) Includes television and radio.

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

	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	July 1968	1968	1967	Aug. 1969 price relative
Dairy products							1961=100
Milk, fresh, qt.	32.3	32.3	30.6	30.6	30.7	29.0	137.6
Milk, evaporated, 16 oz.	18.3	18.3	18.3	18.5	18.5	18.7	113.8
Powdered skim milk, pkg., 3 lb.	135.2	134.9	136.4	136.2	136.5	134.2	127.7
Butter, creamery, first grade, lb.	72.0	72.1	70.2	70.5	70.9	70.4	102.8
Cheese, plain, processed, 1/2 lb.	47.4	47.3	45.5	45.6	45.4	44.7	129.9
Poultry and eggs							
Chicken, grade A evisc. (1 1/2 - 4 lb.). 1b.	49.3	47.6	48.7	47.7	48.2	47.5	114.2
Turkey, grade A evisc. (8 - 16 lb.), 1b.	49.1	48.3	48.3	49.1	49.1	48.2	102.6
Eggs, fresh, grade A large, doz.	58.5	55.0	56.0	49.1	55.6	54.1	104.2
Eggs, fresh, grade A medium, doz.,	50.7	48.4	48.4	43.8	50.0	46.5	102.6
Beef							
Sirloin steak, 1b.	142.7	148.5	130.2	130.0	126.5	123.7	146.9
Round steak, 1b.	124.0	129.0	109.7	109.3	109.6	107.8	140.3
Prime rib roast, 1b.(2)	126.8	128.3	109.5	109.5	110.0	108.7	143.6
Blade roast, 1b.(3)	85.7	83.9	74.7	73.7	74.5	74.6	139.4
Stewing beef, 1b.	94.5	94.8	83.9	83.8	84.0	79.2	144.1
Hamburg, 1b.	67.8	69.1	59.3	59.3	59.3	58.7	146.5
Liver, sliced, 1b.	67.1	65.9	62.5	62.0	61.0	60.7	121.3
Pork							
Rib chops, fresh, 1b.	103.9	105.8	86.3	81.7	88.2	85.1	142.9
Shoulder roast, Boston butt, fresh, 1b.	75.7	75.5	62.6	60.6	62.8	64.1	133.9
Sausage, pure pork, 1b.	76.2	74.6	71.0	70.3	70.3	72.4	132.2
Bacon, side, fancy, sliced, rind off, 1 lb.	98.8	99.8	90.4	87.9	88.3	93.0	103.7(7)
Ham, smoked, boneless,(4)	136.9	137.3	123.8	119.0	122.0	124.8	140.0
Other meats							
Lamb, leg roast, 1b.	79.9	75.9	89.2	87.1	83.8	81.9	108.8
Veal, loin chops, rib end, 1b.	143.0	142.9	125.6	126.5	125.2	119.7	157.8
Wieners or frankfurters, 1b.	66.9	67.6	61.2	62.0	61.8	62.4	123.3
Meat loaf, canned, mainly pork, 12 oz.	57.7	56.6	53.1	53.7	54.0	57.3	126.4
Fish							
Cod fillets, frozen, 1b.(6)	51.2	50.5	49.7	49.8	49.2	48.2	136.6
Salmon, canned, fancy pink, 73/4 oz.	45.7	45.6	42.7	42.7	42.8	41.6	127.3
Fats and oils							
Margarine, 1b.	32.3	32.4	33.6	33.9	33.9	35.4	104.3
Lard, pure, 1b.	24.2	23.7	22.3	22.2	22.8	27.4	104.8
Shortening, 1b.	38.7	38.8	39.2	39.1	39.3	40.2	109.1
Salad dressing, jar, 16 oz.	43.6	43.6	43.1	43.3	43.2	43.7	103.7
Cereals and bakery products							
Flour, white, all purpose, 1b.	12.3	12.3	12.1	11.9	12.0	11.8	136.2
Corn flakes, pkg., 12 oz.	35.5	35.2	34.5	34.6	34.8	34.8	115.3(1)
Macaroni, dry, pkg., 1b.	23.7	23.4	23.9	23.8	23.7	23.0	120.5
Cake mix, white, pkg., 16 oz.	40.3	39.8	39.9	40.0	39.5	39.3	124.5
Bread, plain, white, wrapped, sliced, 1b.	19.7	19.8	19.9	19.5	19.6	19.0	123.4
Soda crackers, pkg., 1b.	44.0	44.1	42.7	42.7	42.6	41.3	116.3
Sugar and sweets							
Sugar, granulated, 1b.	11.3	11.3	9.2	9.2	9.4	9.4	117.3
Jam, strawberry, 2 lb. jar, 1b.(5)	32.9	32.5	30.6	30.7	30.8	30.5	121.5
Honey, No. 1, white, 2 lb.	76.6	76.5	71.3	71.1	71.4	71.6	126.0

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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

	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	July 1968	1968	1967	Aug. 1969 price relative
£							
1961=100							
<u>Fruits</u>							
Oranges, California, medium size (138), doz.	57.6	56.4	72.9	71.9	70.2	56.0	98.9
Grapefruit, white, 48's, 1/2 doz.	84.4	67.7	87.7	85.0	80.7	63.0	156.5
Bananas, yellow, 1b.	17.3	17.5	17.7	18.2	17.6	18.0	91.9
Apples, volume seller, 1b.	29.0	27.2	31.4	27.9	22.1	19.9	162.2
Strawberries, frozen, fancy, pkg., 15 oz. ...	53.0	51.9	49.8	49.9	50.2	50.3	123.6
Orange juice, conc., frozen, fancy, 6 oz. ...	28.0	27.8	25.5	25.3	25.1	22.6	108.2
Apple juice, choice, 48 oz.	45.3	45.5	38.0	38.5	..	..	116.5 (9)
Orange juice, unsweetened, 19 oz.	24.5	24.5	23.1	23.0	22.7	20.4	110.1
Pears, canned, choice, 14 oz.	26.4	26.2	25.1	25.1	24.9	23.8	122.0
Peaches, canned, choice, halves, 14 oz.	33.7	33.6	33.4	33.5	33.1	30.7	141.2
Pineapple, Hawaiian, sliced, 19 oz.	41.8	42.0	41.8	41.9	41.9	42.1	99.5
Raisins, California and Australia, 1b.	44.5	44.4	41.8	41.4	41.6	37.9	150.3
<u>Vegetables</u>							
Potatoes, No. 1 table, 10 lb.	74.1	67.3	71.8	80.1	62.7	56.1	155.2
Onions, No. 1, cooking, 1b.	20.6	17.6	19.2	19.5	16.8	16.4	186.6
Carrots, 1b.	21.0	17.7	15.9	16.6	16.2	14.1	156.6
Turnips, Canada No. 1, 1b.	13.2	12.2	13.8	14.5	11.0	11.2	169.5
Cabbage, 1b.	13.2	15.4	11.4	13.3	12.2	12.7	150.5
Tomatoes, fresh, 1b.	34.8	35.6	37.7	41.1	37.7	31.4	138.6
Celery stalks, green, 1b.	27.5	30.2	21.1	26.1	19.9	19.9	177.5
Lettuce, head, fresh, 1b.	20.6	23.4	19.3	21.4	24.4	26.7	114.5
Green peas, frozen, fancy, pkg., 12 oz.	27.2	27.2	26.3	26.5	26.4	25.7	115.8
Green beans, Fr. cut, frozen, pkg., 10 oz. ..	27.2	27.1	27.3	27.3	27.2	26.9	101.6
Tomatoes, canned, choice, 28 oz.	34.2	34.0	33.5	33.2	33.9	35.5	127.0
Peas, canned, choice, 14 oz.	22.2	22.1	22.7	22.6	22.4	20.3	125.1
Corn, canned, cream, choice, 19 oz.	27.2	27.3	26.6	26.5	26.5	24.8	123.3
Infants' food, vegetable, tin, 4 3/4 oz.	13.2	12.8	12.8	12.5	12.7	12.4	121.9
Beans, with pork and tomato sauce, 14 oz. ...	23.9	24.2	23.5	23.3	23.2	22.9	126.1
Soup, vegetable, 10 oz.	14.6	14.4	15.3	15.3	15.3	15.5	97.4
Tomato juice, fancy, 48 oz.	39.6	39.5	39.8	39.8	..	..	97.1 (9)
<u>Beverages</u>							
Tea bags, orange pekoe, pkg., 60-bag	83.9	83.6	85.8	85.3	85.2	84.9	102.8
Coffee, medium quality, pkg., 1b.	84.9	85.2	88.0	87.7	87.7	89.7	114.5
Coffee, instant, dried, jar, 6 oz.	106.5	107.9	109.7	108.5	108.5	106.8	105.7
<u>Miscellaneous groceries</u>							
Tomato catsup, bottle, 1l oz.	26.4	26.4	26.2	26.3	26.3	26.5	111.6
Peanut butter, plain, jar, 16 oz.	50.6	50.5	44.7	44.9	44.8	44.7	126.7
Pickles, sweet, mixed, jar, 16 oz.	42.4	42.4	40.3	40.1	40.1	39.3	122.2
Jelly powders, flavoured, pkg., 3 oz.	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.9	11.8	117.5

- (1) For detailed explanations on methods of pricing, calculation techniques, coverage and price collection, refer to Prices and Price Indexes, October 1957. Tear sheets of this material are available on request.
- (2) Includes cuts with bone-in and boned and rolled.
- (3) Includes cuts with blade-in and blade removed.
- (4) Average prices based on chain store prices in 7 cities.
- (5) Prices for pectin and pure jam combined.
- (6) Average prices based on prices in 16 cities.
- (7) 1965=100.
- (8) 1963=100.
- (9) June 1968=100.

TABLE 11. Consumer Price Indexes, Regional Cities, 1961-⁵⁹

Note: These indexes measure within each city the percentage change in consumer prices from the base period to the subsequent time periods. They cannot be used to compare levels of prices between cities. (1) For inter-city indexes of retail price differentials refer to Table 13.

	St. John's Nfld.	Hali- fax	Saint John	Mont- real	Ottawa	Tor- onto	Win- nipeg	Saskat- toon Regina	Edmon- ton Calgary	Van- couver
1961=100										
<u>ALL-ITEMS</u>										
1961.....										
1962	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1963	100.8	101.3	100.9	101.2	101.2	100.9	101.3	101.7	101.0	100.3
1964	102.8	102.3	102.5	102.9	102.9	102.6	102.2	102.5	102.1	101.9
1965	103.9	102.7	103.5	104.5	104.5	104.3	103.8	103.5	102.6	102.6
1966	105.5	104.6	105.1	106.7	106.3	106.9	106.1	105.2	104.1	104.5
1967	108.0	107.4	107.8	109.9	110.4	111.6	109.3	108.3	107.5	107.0
1968	110.9	109.9	111.1	114.2	113.1	114.9	113.3	111.3	111.8	111.0
1968 - Jan.	115.9	114.2	115.1	118.1	118.4	119.3	118.2	115.8	116.7	115.1
Feb.	108.8	108.2	109.8	111.4	111.5	113.0	110.4	109.5	109.3	108.9
Mar.	108.5	108.4	110.1	112.0	111.5	112.9	110.7	109.3	109.3	108.9
Apr.	109.5	108.6	110.2	112.4	111.6	113.1	110.7	109.7	109.5	109.1
May	110.3	109.1	110.6	113.7	111.9	114.0	111.1	110.4	110.3	110.1
June	110.7	109.2	110.5	113.8	112.3	114.2	111.3	110.9	111.1	110.5
July	110.7	109.5	110.9	114.2	112.9	114.9	113.7	111.2	111.6	110.9
Aug.	110.9	110.0	111.1	115.2	113.6	115.6	114.4	111.8	112.6	111.4
Sept.	112.2	111.4	112.1	115.8	114.1	115.9	114.9	112.4	113.0	111.8
Oct.	112.1	110.8	111.9	115.3	113.9	116.0	115.4	112.4	113.6	112.1
Nov.	112.1	110.9	111.9	115.1	114.1	115.7	115.1	112.1	113.4	112.0
Dec.	112.1	111.3	111.9	115.7	114.9	116.2	115.5	112.8	113.7	112.1
1968 - Jan.	112.3	111.6	112.6	116.1	115.3	116.8	115.8	113.6	114.5	113.4
Feb.	112.8	112.3	113.4	116.9	116.3	117.5	116.9	113.7	114.7	113.9
Mar.	113.2	112.7	113.6	116.9	116.7	117.2	116.7	114.0	115.0	114.0
Apr.	113.6	112.5	113.9	116.7	117.1	117.9	116.6	114.8	115.0	114.2
May	115.2	113.4	114.3	117.6	117.1	118.6	116.9	114.8	115.6	114.6
June	115.7	113.4	114.7	117.6	117.5	118.5	117.2	115.2	115.6	114.4
July	116.1	114.2	115.2	117.7	118.0	119.1	117.6	115.7	116.5	114.6
Aug.	116.7	114.6	115.9	118.4	119.2	120.0	118.4	116.1	117.0	115.0
Sept.	118.2	115.3	116.3	118.9	119.6	120.0	118.7	116.4	117.3	115.2
Oct.	117.5	115.4	116.2	118.6	119.1	120.2	119.8	117.3	118.3	116.0
Nov.	117.0	114.7	115.7	118.6	119.1	120.4	119.1	116.7	118.2	115.8
Dec.	117.2	115.4	116.2	119.4	120.0	120.7	120.0	117.3	118.8	116.4
1969 - Jan.	117.7	115.9	116.4	120.0	120.2	121.5	120.3	117.7	118.9	116.8
Feb.	117.2	115.8	116.6	120.1	120.3	121.3	120.4	117.8	119.1	116.8
Mar.	117.8	115.5	116.3	120.4	120.1	121.2	120.4	117.7	119.2	117.3
Apr.	118.2	115.9	117.1	120.0	120.8	121.9	120.9	117.7	119.6	117.6
May	118.7	119.0	119.3	121.0	121.9	123.2	121.9	118.3	120.3	118.2
June	119.0	119.3	119.5	121.4	122.7	123.3	122.2	118.9	120.8	118.5
July	119.9	120.0	120.3	122.5	123.5	124.5	123.6	120.1	122.1	119.9
Aug.	120.0	120.4	121.0	122.7	123.8	124.9	123.7	120.5	122.2	120.0
Sept.	120.6	121.4	121.6	123.2	124.3	125.8	123.9	120.7	122.4	120.1
Oct.										
Nov.										
Dec.										

(1) For explanation see page 46.

TABLE 11. Consumer Price Indexes, Regional Cities - Continued

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TABLE 11. Consumer Price Indexes, Regional Cities - Continued

TABLE 11. Consumer Price Indexes, Regional Cities - Concluded

TABLE 12. Average Weekly Wages in Manufacturing in Current Dollars and Adjusted for
Changes in the Consumer Price Index, Canada(1)
1961-69

	Weekly wages in current dollars	Index numbers of weekly wages in current dollars (1961=100)	Weekly wages in 1961 dollars	Index numbers of weekly wages in 1961 dollars
	\$		\$	
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 "	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
1968 "	104.00	139.8	86.58	116.3
1968 - Jan.	99.52	133.7	84.20	113.1
Feb.	100.53	135.0	84.29	113.2
Mar.	100.63	135.2	84.37	113.2
Apr.	104.28	140.1	87.37	117.4
May	104.42	140.3	87.21	117.1
June	103.98	139.7	86.34	116.0
July	102.26	137.4	84.69	113.8
Aug.	104.63	140.5	86.43	116.1
Sept.	107.43	144.3	88.52	118.9
Oct.	108.22	145.4	88.77	119.2
Nov.	108.68	146.0	88.86	119.4
Dec.	102.56	137.8	83.65	112.4
1969 - Jan.	108.42	145.6	88.43	118.8
Feb.	109.65	147.3	89.00	119.5
Mar.	110.97	149.1	89.06	119.6
Apr.	110.87	148.9	88.77	119.2
May	111.98	150.4	88.94	119.5
June	111.81P	150.2P	88.46P	118.8P
July				
Aug.				
Sept.				
Oct.				
Nov.				
Dec.				

(1) For detailed explanation, see page 45.

TABLE 13. Inter-City Indexes of Retail Price Differentials, as at May 1968(1)
Selected Groupings of Commodities and Services
Winnipeg May 1968 Price Level = 100

	Halifax	Montreal	Ottawa	Toronto	Winnipeg	Regina	Edmonton	Vancouver
Food at home	103	97	100	97	100	104	98	101
Household operation(2)	106	109	104	105	100	-	99	111
Clothing	96	97	96	95	100	-	96	99
Transportation	105	115	107	105	100	-	101	106
Health and personal care	102	99	108	107	100	-	110	107
Recreation and reading	102	107	103	105	100	-	100	111
Tobacco and alcohol	99	98	91	91	100	-	88	94

(1) For detailed explanation, see page 46.

(2) Excludes fuel and lighting.

TABLE 14. Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers

(1935-39=100)

	Composite index exclusive of living component (1)	Farm machinery	Equipment and materials	Taxes and interest rates(1)	Farm wage rates	Farm family living	Composite index inclusive of living component (1)
All Canada							
1949	204.1	158.3	180.3	138.7	373.3	173.2	191.7
1961	282.1	260.7	226.5	220.6	566.0	224.2	259.0
1967	365.3	302.2	263.1	288.1	842.4	258.4	322.6
1968	387.3	313.7	271.3	306.3	920.9	266.1	338.9
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	371.4	313.0	268.6	306.3	835.7	265.0	328.8
April	392.6	313.5	272.3	306.3	948.8	266.5	342.2
August	398.0	314.5	273.1	306.3	978.3	266.8	345.6
1969 - January	393.6	320.2	276.3	306.3	939.5	269.8	344.1
April	411.1	325.9	280.9	306.3	1026.9	271.4	355.2
Eastern Canada							
1949	208.9	157.9	183.3	126.1	368.5	171.5	193.9
1961	286.5	262.9	221.5	223.6	550.2	223.7	261.4
1967	378.5	301.3	260.1	298.2	825.2	260.0	331.1
1968	400.6	310.4	265.0	309.4	912.1	267.9	347.5
1967 - January	372.3	301.2	257.5	298.2	801.8	253.5	324.8
April	383.5	301.4	261.3	298.2	846.7	260.3	334.2
August	379.7	301.2	261.5	298.2	827.0	266.3	334.3
1968 - January	385.8	310.1	262.7	309.4	843.7	267.0	338.3
April	404.7	310.4	266.8	309.4	927.4	267.9	350.0
August	411.4	310.6	265.4	309.4	965.1	268.7	354.3
1969 - January	411.4	315.3	266.8	309.4	961.0	271.7	355.5
April	424.0	322.7	272.2	309.4	1008.4	275.1	364.5
Western Canada							
1949	199.2	158.4	177.4	149.4	380.1	174.9	189.5
1961	277.8	259.8	231.3	218.0	588.5	224.7	256.5
1967	352.1	302.0	265.9	279.6	866.9	256.8	314.0
1968	374.0	315.0	277.4	303.6	933.5	264.3	330.2
1967 - January	337.2	301.7	263.8	279.6	769.3	251.1	302.8
April	357.9	302.0	265.4	279.6	911.0	256.3	317.2
August	361.2	302.4	268.6	279.6	920.4	263.0	321.9
1968 - January	356.9	314.1	274.2	303.6	824.4	263.1	319.4
April	380.5	314.7	277.7	303.6	979.2	265.1	334.4
August	384.7	316.1	280.4	303.6	997.0	264.8	336.7
1969 - January	375.8	322.2	285.5	303.6	909.0	267.8	332.6
April	398.2	327.2	289.3	303.6	1053.2	267.8	346.0

(1) 1969 indexes are subject to revision, since tax and interest figures are preliminary.

TABLE 15. Average Retail Feed Prices for Canada and Five Geographical Areas
First of the Month Prices - Dollars per cwt

Item	Canada			Maritimes			Quebec		
	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968
dollars									
Corn, cracked	3.67	3.94	3.76	3.71	4.30	4.22	3.71	3.70	3.58
Oats, unground	3.31	3.20	3.48	3.11	3.39	3.70	3.11	3.18	3.50
Barley, ground	3.19	3.05	3.36	3.29	3.32	3.73	3.00	3.03	3.39
Wheat, unground	3.81	3.69	3.88	3.92	3.94	4.20	3.55	3.59	3.85
Bran	3.35	3.25	3.27	2.91	3.20	3.21	3.04	3.18	3.18
Shorts	3.44	3.33	3.39	3.16	3.27	3.32	3.13	3.27	3.28
Middlings	3.58	3.44	3.53	3.27	3.37	3.41	3.33	3.46	3.49
Linseed oil meal	5.97	6.01	5.97	6.58	6.57	6.64	5.85	5.86	5.88
Soybean oil meal	6.32	6.47	6.58	7.74	7.76	7.89	6.42	6.38	6.58
Calf starter (20-24%)	5.51	5.51	5.60	5.41	5.45	5.66	5.11	5.17	5.32
Dairy ration (16%)	3.94	3.89	4.04	3.96	3.96	4.20	3.86	3.90	4.04
Dairy supplement (24%) (East)	4.74	4.73	4.88	4.52	4.54	4.66	4.91	4.92	4.94
Dairy supplement (32%) (West)	5.48	5.49	5.42	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pig starter mash	5.19	5.19	5.33	5.17	5.14	5.28	5.18	5.21	5.38
Hog concentrate (35%)	6.79	6.34	6.88	7.45	7.13	7.45	6.88	6.87	6.94
Hog grower mash	4.12	4.09	4.23	4.29	4.30	4.50	4.00	4.06	4.27
Chick starter mash (18-20%)	5.41	5.40	5.48	5.56	5.57	5.73	5.28	5.29	5.33
Growing mash	4.73	4.68	4.78	4.68	4.73	4.80	4.71	4.75	4.89
Laying mash (17-20%)	4.73	4.73	4.82	5.08	5.06	5.12	4.75	4.80	4.90
Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	5.44	5.44	5.54	5.89	6.24	6.13	5.49	5.51	5.51
Turkey growing mash	5.17	5.20	5.31	5.65	5.65	5.68	5.50	5.40	5.59
Ontario			Prairies			British Columbia			
Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	Aug. 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1968	
dollars									
Corn, cracked	3.75	3.72	3.50	4.84	4.94	4.80	4.71	4.62	4.45
Oats, unground	3.12	3.18	3.48	2.40	2.42	2.73	3.68	3.70	3.87
Barley, ground	3.06	3.08	3.39	2.38	2.40	2.65	3.37	3.38	3.67
Wheat, unground	3.78	3.81	3.93	2.75	2.83	3.25	4.04	4.06	4.16
Bran	3.03	3.15	3.21	3.87	3.53	3.51	3.39	3.28	3.34
Shorts	3.15	3.25	3.37	3.64	3.59	3.53	3.42	3.41	3.49
Middlings	3.35	3.43	3.56	3.42	3.56	3.70	3.49	3.55	3.64
Linseed oil meal	5.83	5.82	5.81	6.96	6.14	5.92	6.46	6.51	6.44
Soybean oil meal	6.00	5.98	6.19	7.31	7.25	7.15	6.97	7.01	6.82
Calf starter (20-24%)	5.79	5.81	5.84	5.36	5.37	5.40	5.72	5.67	5.98
Dairy ration (16%)	3.92	3.91	4.00	3.49	3.51	3.77	4.08	4.12	4.28
Dairy supplement (24%) (East)	4.61	4.63	4.76	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dairy supplement (32%) (West) .....	...	...	...	5.89	5.43	5.40	5.86	5.84	5.87
Pig starter mash	5.34	5.36	5.36	5.21	5.07	5.45	4.71	4.71	4.86
Hog concentrate (35%)	6.95	6.90	6.92	6.55	6.40	6.60	6.98	6.98	6.78
Hog grower mash	4.10	4.11	4.21	3.62	3.60	3.79	4.40	4.39	4.50
Chick starter mash (18-20%)	5.71	5.71	5.72	5.00	4.99	5.21	5.53	5.55	5.63
Growing mash	4.81	4.82	4.86	4.07	4.13	4.36	4.89	4.89	5.00
Laying mash (17-20%)	4.78	4.78	4.81	4.12	4.21	4.49	4.89	4.90	4.95
Broiler starter mash (20-23%)	5.67	5.76	5.66	5.10	5.09	5.43	5.38	5.39	5.58
Turkey growing mash	5.42	5.41	5.57	4.74	4.74	4.80	5.34	5.32	5.32

Note: 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 indus- trial	Indus- trial mines	Foods	Bever- ages	Textiles and clothing	Pulp and Paper	Printing and publish- ing	Primary metals	Metal fabri- cating
	(114)	(80)	(4)	(10)	(7)	(5)	(7)	(4)	(8)	(9)
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
1968	179.3	186.8	202.1	216.2	270.3	156.8	107.9	674.3	95.2	123.4
1967 - 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	96.6
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	181.8	189.4	198.4	225.3	277.4	162.1	112.0	689.5	93.7	130.3
Aug.	180.8	187.9	195.1	230.8	277.8	152.5	107.3	675.6	91.2	123.9
Sept.	187.8	193.5	193.2	240.0	292.2	171.4	116.8	654.1	100.6	132.7
Oct.	193.1	198.2	199.5	251.4	292.6	178.5	120.8	672.0	106.6	143.8
Nov.	196.0	199.2	196.3	250.4	298.2	173.4	123.9	689.4	112.0	151.6
Dec.	201.5	205.2	203.7	243.3	310.8	169.0	133.0	747.6	109.0	157.7
1969 - Jan.	203.1	208.7	212.8	238.9	311.8	164.3	144.4	752.9	111.8	157.5
Feb.	202.0	208.4	212.2	226.9	319.6	180.3	154.8	732.2	114.4	160.2
Mar.	198.0	203.0	206.6	223.2	311.0	169.9	156.8	721.8	110.8	154.4
Apr.	203.5	208.0	210.9	229.8	319.0	172.1	165.2	744.8	115.4	149.9
May	211.8	218.7	221.4	233.0	330.4	175.3	170.5	810.0	116.1	156.7
June	198.3	204.4	204.8	230.1	319.2	158.1	147.4	757.0	104.0	151.1
July	189.5	194.8	194.4	232.7	304.2	148.1	140.5	742.1	99.0	140.1
Aug.	188.3	194.1	194.7	239.4	306.0	139.6	144.3	747.4	99.4	135.2
Sept.										
Oct.										
Nov.										
Dec.										
<u>Weekly index</u>										
Aug. 7	187.2	192.7	192.2	237.1	304.2	139.7	141.6	738.0	97.8	136.4
" 14	186.2	191.9	194.8	234.3	298.4	138.1	143.5	727.6	97.4	134.2
" 21	189.6	195.6	196.4	240.2	307.1	141.4	145.8	766.0	101.2	135.0
" 28	190.3	196.3	195.4	246.0	314.2	139.3	146.4	758.0	101.0	135.1

See footnote(s) at end of table.

TABLE 16. Index Numbers of Common and Preferred Stock Prices - Continued

(1956=100)

Current number of stocks	Investors index									
	Non- metallic minerals	Petro- leum	Chem- icals	Con- struc- tion	Retail trade	Total utili- ties	Pipe- line	Trans- porta- tion	Tele- phone	Elec- tric- power
(4)	(7)	(4)	(4)	(7)	(20)	(5)	(4)	(3)	(3)	(3)
1959	116.2	87.1	96.9	137.7	175.9	109.7	117.2	88.7	90.5	126.0
1960	95.3	78.2	84.2	104.4	142.5	104.7	106.2	76.6	97.7	116.3
1961	97.3	102.6	89.1	111.9	177.3	125.8	136.4	83.7	117.0	128.6
1962	103.2	101.7	102.3	89.2	157.3	123.1	141.1	83.2	117.9	110.6
1963	129.9	99.2	129.6	71.6	176.0	135.9	152.7	101.7	124.1	126.0
1964	152.5	115.0	166.8	69.7	229.0	153.7	178.6	149.0	130.8	132.3
1965	169.7	120.6	182.1	86.0	274.8	171.4	183.1	207.1	139.9	139.2
1966	140.0	122.7	147.6	79.9	259.2	162.7	159.8	192.3	122.6	148.4
1967	124.7	155.8	128.3	64.5	255.5	167.8	184.2	208.6	114.7	137.3
1968	106.8	175.7	110.6	81.6	287.5	165.6	179.7	197.5	106.1	129.0
1967 - July	124.4	162.1	124.8	64.5	248.2	175.2	201.7	227.2	116.4	138.0
Aug.	123.4	164.1	123.0	64.6	256.5	175.7	197.8	223.5	115.3	139.8
Sept.	122.4	165.1	122.6	65.3	273.5	173.4	196.6	206.3	111.9	142.8
Oct.	116.8	164.8	112.9	62.9	274.2	167.5	186.6	201.1	108.7	137.3
Nov.	104.6	167.0	109.7	62.6	269.5	166.6	190.2	192.2	107.5	133.3
Dec.	89.8	176.7	98.3	58.2	266.3	161.8	186.8	185.7	104.1	128.6
1968 - Jan.....	98.7	178.6	100.4	63.7	273.3	162.3	181.1	181.3	104.8	129.6
Feb.	92.0	162.7	94.0	61.2	259.4	153.7	166.0	171.1	103.8	122.8
Mar.	85.8	150.6	92.4	58.7	247.9	146.1	155.6	164.8	101.9	117.2
Apr.	88.8	160.4	100.4	66.2	277.1	154.1	164.0	171.0	104.7	121.9
May	95.5	163.3	105.9	71.3	284.0	154.0	167.6	176.7	101.5	120.0
June	93.0	168.0	106.7	77.4	294.6	159.0	176.4	189.6	101.9	118.6
July	107.0	176.1	116.5	82.9	308.6	166.5	179.8	197.1	106.8	128.3
Aug.	109.7	183.4	112.8	88.0	306.9	164.9	181.2	197.9	104.2	126.1
Sept.	122.0	190.8	121.7	98.2	312.5	173.8	192.9	209.4	109.2	133.1
Oct.	128.8	192.1	129.2	99.3	301.2	182.3	201.3	226.6	108.8	139.5
Nov.	129.4	189.0	126.0	103.5	294.2	185.5	198.0	234.4	111.3	146.4
Dec.	131.4	193.7	121.2	109.2	289.8	184.9	192.6	250.2	114.0	144.2
1969 - Jan.....	130.3	194.7	126.3	112.8	275.2	181.7	195.5	247.3	110.7	138.3
Feb.	134.3	184.2	128.4	121.9	272.9	181.5	195.6	255.4	107.7	137.2
Mar.	128.6	175.5	126.4	121.2o	264.3	181.3	192.4	259.6	107.9	137.5
Apr.	134.4	177.9	132.4	123.5	269.6	186.4	194.9	264.8	116.5	136.4
May	140.5	195.9	133.4	127.1	284.7	193.3	199.4	276.5	276.5	145.6
June	134.0	189.5	122.8	109.2	267.4	182.8	189.0	254.8	114.2	141.6
July	124.5	177.2	111.6	97.9	255.8	177.3	182.3	242.4	111.4	137.7
Aug.	120.3	172.8	109.2	91.0	247.7	172.1	182.5	229.0	107.3	131.6
Sept.										
Oct.										
Nov.										
Dec.										
<u>Weekly index</u>										
Aug. 7 ...	119.1	173.3	109.9	94.1	249.1	173.1	181.3	234.2	107.8	132.3
" 14 ...	120.4	171.3	107.6	89.9	247.5	170.6	180.6	227.7	105.8	131.2
" 21 ...	121.4	172.9	107.9	89.9	245.9	172.1	183.4	229.6	106.8	131.3
" 28 ...	120.4	173.6	111.3	89.9	248.4	172.6	184.8	224.7	108.9	131.8

See footnote(s) at end of table.

TABLE 16. Index Numbers of Common and Preferred Stock Prices - Concluded

(1956=100)

Current number of stocks	Investors index				Mining index				Supplementary indexes		
	Gas dis- tri- bu-tion	Total fi- nance	Banks	Invest- ment and loan	Total mining	Golds	Base metals	Ura- ni- ums	Primary oils and gas	Pre- ferred stocks	
	(5)	(14)	(6)	(8)	(24)	(6)	(18)	(4)	(6)	(24)	
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	102.6	131.6	86.7	244.1	184.3	87.9	
1968	404.4	160.7	169.6	142.8	110.6	159.4	83.8	258.0	218.4	78.1	
1967 - July	355.8	142.6	142.8	141.6	100.0	128.2	84.5	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	
Feb.	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	414.0	164.5	174.8	144.0	105.4	151.5	80.1	271.8	209.4	77.5	
Aug.	407.0	167.3	175.2	151.3	107.7	154.5	82.0	258.9	218.2	78.7	
Sept.	425.6	177.8	184.6	163.9	111.5	157.4	86.3	262.8	239.3	80.0	
Oct.	460.9	181.8	189.5	166.5	115.0	160.5	90.0	265.4	244.7	80.0	
Nov.	465.7	193.5	206.8	167.2	116.8	162.5	91.8	261.4	256.7	78.4	
Dec.	442.7	205.2	224.6	167.1	121.1	170.6	94.0	251.7	272.4	79.8	
1969 - Jan.	432.2	204.2	223.5	166.2	125.7	172.6	100.1	245.9	277.6	78.6	
Feb.	433.1	197.6	211.2	170.7	128.5	173.7	103.8	234.5	267.8	77.7	
Mar.	429.4	195.0	205.7	173.5	126.5	172.4	101.4	208.1	265.6	76.3	
Apr.	440.7	204.0	214.3	183.3	127.2	171.6	102.8	206.4	289.8	77.0	
May	455.9	201.8	205.9	193.4	127.6	170.9	103.8	196.5	320.3	78.8	
June	427.1	188.6	193.6	178.1	117.5	154.1	97.4	172.7	291.0	76.9	
July	419.1	179.6	186.1	166.4	110.1	139.0	94.2	151.5	262.2	73.8	
Aug.	411.9	181.1	187.2	168.6	104.1	123.2	93.6	152.6	250.6	73.3	
Sept.											
Oct.											
Nov.											
Dec.											
<u>Weekly index</u>											
Aug. 7	414.4	178.4	185.1	164.9	100.5	115.7	92.1	151.1	244.2	..	
" 14	409.1	178.6	184.5	166.6	105.2	129.7	91.8	148.4	242.6	..	
" 21	411.8	182.9	189.2	170.1	105.3	125.2	94.4	148.6	251.1	..	
" 28	412.4	184.4	190.0	172.9	105.3	122.4	95.9	162.1	264.4	..	

(1) Mining stocks are not included in Investors index.

TABLE 17. Price Indexes of Electric Utility Distribution Systems, Transmission Lines and Transformation and Switching Stations, Canada, Annually 1956-68
(1961=100)

	Distribution systems			Transmission lines	Transformation and switching stations		
	Total	Construction	Equipment		Total	Structures and Improvements	Equipment
1956	95.1	92.7	100.4	92.1	115.2	110.1	127.9
1957	96.5	91.9	106.6	94.4	118.1	105.6	132.6
1958	93.2	93.5	92.5	95.7	109.0	101.3	118.4
1959	96.8	96.3	97.9	97.0	113.5	102.6	123.2
1960	100.3	98.5	104.3	98.9	109.8	103.3	115.7
1961	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1962	101.9	102.5	100.4	100.9	104.5	102.6	105.1
1963	102.5	105.2	96.4	102.3	107.2	109.0	106.7
1964	104.6	107.8	97.6	102.7	111.7	113.1	111.5
1965	107.1	112.4	95.4	108.5	118.7	124.4	117.9
1966	112.4	118.5	98.8	113.0	123.7	131.4	122.1
1967	117.4	125.4	99.7	118.8	122.5	125.2	117.4
1968P	117.3	126.2	97.7	121.7	117.3	122.9	107.2
1969							
1970							

Explanation of Methods Used and Additional Sources for Price Series

Industrial Price Indexes

Industry Selling Price Indexes (1956=100)

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

A complete description of these indexes is contained in: Industry Selling Price Indexes 1956-59, Catalogue No. 62-515

General Wholesale Index (1935-39=100)

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

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

For further details about the General Wholesale Index please consult: Wholesale Price Indexes 1913-50 (Reference Paper No. 24) Prices and Price Indexes 1949-52 (Vol. 23) (Catalogue No. 62-501)

Price Index Numbers of Commodities and Services Used by Farmers

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

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 - Fort 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 1967 - July 1968 were announced on March 13, 1969 for oats and barley and on March 28, 1969 for wheat. Initial and final payments recently included in the index are shown in the following Table.

Unit	Final participation payments 1967-68 indexes revised		Initial payments 1967-68 included in index		Initial payments 1968-69 included in index	
	August 1967 - July 1968	\$	August 1967 - July 1968	\$	August 1968	\$
Wheat						
No. 1 Manitoba Northern	bushel	1.813		1.70		1.70
No. 2 Manitoba Northern	bushel	1.785		1.66		1.66
No. 3 Manitoba Northern	bushel	1.763		1.62		1.62
Oats						
No. 2 C.W.	bushel	.823		.65		.65
No. 3 C.W.	bushel	.791		.62		.62
No. 1 Feed Oats	bushel	.776		.60		.60
Barley						
No. 1 Feed	bushel	1.008		.97		.97
No. 2 Feed	bushel	.988		.94		.94

Security Price Indexes

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

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

For the list of stocks currently included in the Investors Index and Preferred Index, see Prices and Price Indexes for February and March 1969.

The Residential and Non-Residential Building Materials Price Indexes

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

The residential building materials index in Table 6 is calculated on the base 1961=100, and using weights derived from the estimated material requirement for a national housing target for the year 1946, contains a total materials index for residential building, together with indexes for nine component groups. 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 1961=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. Both indexes have been arithmetically converted to 1961=100 from their original time reference bases of 1935-39=100 for Residential and 1949=100 for Non-Residential.

Beginning in 1966, some revisions took place in these indexes. More substantial changes occurred in the residential materials index, in which a shorter but more efficient sample of commonly used materials was introduced following consultation with industry specialists. The weighting diagram was unchanged at the group levels but minor adjustments were made within groups to accommodate the shorter list of items. In the non-residential index, no changes were made in either the list of items included or the weights.

A change affecting both the indexes is that the price series used to calculate the building materials price indexes from 1966 forward are drawn from the industry classified system of prices shown in Table 2 of this publication. These prices are collected at the manufacturers' level, f.o.b. plant, with discounts to the main class of customer removed; freight and taxes are not included. Before incorporating these industry selling prices into the building materials indexes, federal sales tax has been added where applicable.

Previously, the prices used to calculate the indexes were collected from a variety of sources at various levels in the distribution process, i.e., manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers.

The advantages of using prices from the industry classified system are that there is a wider range of commodity detail available, and the prices are all collected at a consistent level in the distribution process. In addition, the treatment of price discontinuities is handled in the same manner for the building materials indexes as is described in the reference paper for the Industry Selling Price Indexes referred to below. (This statement is further amplified in Appendix D, Price Indexes of Electric Utility Construction, DBS Publication 62-526.)

Greater regional price coverage is currently being sought, with a view to ultimately publishing as many regional commodity price series 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 retailers' prices to contractors and other builders.

The new commodities introduced and the new price sample were "linked" into the index at the level of the old price sample at the beginning of 1966 so that the movement of the index was not affected by the changeover. The same component groups will continue to be published.

Explanations of the basic methods of construction and weighting patterns for the building materials indexes are contained 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.

A complete description of the characteristics of the Industry Selling Price Indexes and methods of sample selection will be found in: Industry Selling Price Indexes 1956-59 - Cat. 62-515.

Price Indexes of Electric Utility Construction

In electric utility terms, the index is designed to provide an estimate of the impact of price change on the cost of materials, labour and equipment used in constructing and equipping electric utilities in a specified base period. The index provides an estimate of how much more, or less it would cost to reproduce the base-period programme of construction in another period, using the same construction technology as in the base period and assuming rates of profit and productivity in construction are the same in both periods.

As the market does not yield comparable selling prices for such unique transactions as, for example, the sale of a transmission line, it was not possible to produce an index of the prices of completed structures. Completed structure indexes would be appropriate for users wishing either to estimate reproduction costs or to deflate capital formation. For such uses the indexes introduced in this publication have specific shortcomings. Nonetheless, they may be helpful for such purposes provided the users understand the deficiencies. Thus the reader is asked to make particular note of Section III, of DBS Occasional Paper 62-526 Capital Expenditures Price Indexes - The Necessity for Compromise and Section XI, (of the same paper) Uses and Limitations. In addition, because particular construction projects are unique, the aggregate indexes will not likely be appropriate to specific projects since they relate to an average mix of materials, labour and equipment derived from a variety of projects in a specific base period. Thus, if the component price indexes and their weights included in the aggregate index presented herein are inappropriate for a particular purpose the user should consider selecting appropriate component indexes from among those published herein. These indexes could then be combined into an aggregate index by utilizing weights derived from the projects or assets to be costed or deflated.

Prices used in the indexes are for the most part selling prices reported monthly by manufacturers for materials or equipment. The price reported is for units and terms of sale representative of the volume sales of the manufacturer. Where sales to electric utilities form a small share of the total sales of the manufacturer, the price reported may not adequately represent the price to the construction trade and others directly involved in constructing and equipping electric utility facilities. In such cases, prices charged other manufacturers or wholesalers have been included in the index. Federal sales tax changes are reflected in the index but no adjustments have been made for provincial tax changes. Until December 1964 wage rate data were supplied by the Federal Department of Labour and represented minimum hourly rates paid to construction workers in major cities employed on federal government contracts. In 1965 union basic wage rates reported by major utilities and some contractors were incorporated into the index. The sample selected provides an estimate of wage rate change for urban own account and contract electric utility construction. Some further improvements will be made to improve the coverage relating to rural non-union work for transmission lines.

Construction has been defined as new construction or major reconstruction for distribution systems, transmission lines and transformation or switching stations. Maintenance and operating costs are excluded. Cost data were supplied by major utilities, relating to own account and to contract construction erected during the last half of the 1950's. Weights were derived from these data which indicated the relative importance of the major inputs to the construction. The components of cost relating to distribution and transmission facilities encompass such items as poles, hardware, conductors, insulators, meters, distribution transformers and expenditures for labour, e.g. - linemen and groundmen. Costs relating to construction equipment such as trucks, and components of equipment operating costs such as tires, gasoline and repairs were also included. Transformation and switching stations encompass some of the items listed above but the most important elements of cost relate to transformers and switching equipment. Expenditures for land and rights-of-way have been excluded.

The term Canadian electric utility has been defined to include municipal as well as non-municipal utilities but the majority of the cost data tabulated was derived from the major nonmunicipal utilities. Manufacturers who produce electricity for their own use and who may also sell electricity have been excluded from the cost survey.

- (1) There may be a considerable time lag between the letting of the contract and the completion of the job.
- (2) For a more complete statement of the problems of estimating price change for highway construction see pages vi & vii of the December issue of Prices and Price Indexes, DBS publication 62-002 and pages 9 & 10 of the reference paper Price Indexes of Highway Construction in Canada DBS publication 62-520.

Retail Price Indexes

Consumer Price Index for Canada (1961=100)

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

The index relates to a broad but specific group of urban families and reflects the price changes experienced by that "target group". The index is unlikely to represent closely the experience of any one family within the group nor should it be expected to reflect price change for other population groups for which income, family size and place of residence are characteristically different. The target group to which the current index relates is composed of families - (a) living in cities with over 30,000 population, (b) ranging in size from two adults to two adults with four children, and (c) with annual incomes during 1957 ranging from \$2,500 to \$7,000. To measure the influences of price change on the cost of goods and services purchased by such families, the Consumer Price Index reflects movements of some 300 items.

The history of consumer price indexes in Canada extends back to the early 1900's and encompasses periodic revisions of index base reference periods and weighting patterns. In 1952, the time base was updated to 1949=100 from 1935-39=100 and, at the same time, weights were revised to reflect family expenditure patterns in 1947-48. A subsequent revision of weights based on 1957 expenditures was introduced at the beginning of 1961 and the time base was revised from 1949=100 to 1961=100 at the beginning of 1969.

Full details on the latest weighting patterns and time base revisions are available in the occasional paper "The Consumer Price Index for Canada (1949=100) - Revision based on 1957 Expenditures", DBS Catalogue No. 62-518 and in the January, 1969 issue of the monthly bulletin, Prices and Price Indexes, DBS Catalogue No. 62-002.

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities (1961=100)

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities are published monthly in this bulletin (Table 11). The regional indexes are similar in concept and item coverage to the Consumer Price Index for Canada except for their individual weighting systems.

Each index is designed to measure the influence of changes in retail prices taking place in the localities specified, upon the cost of a fixed basket of goods and services representing the level of consumption of a representative group of families in those particular areas.

In using the city indexes, it should be remembered that they are not indicators of comparative levels of prices as between the cities. That is, they do not in any way indicate whether prices are higher or lower in one city than in another.

For comparisons of retail price differentials between cities see Table 13 of this publication and the relevant explanatory note on page 46.

Measuring the Purchasing Power of Earnings

Changing consumer price levels affect the amounts of goods and services which a dollar will buy, and average earnings, of course, will be affected in the same way. An earnings measurement which takes the change of consumer prices into account, can be calculated by reducing actual earnings averages by the percentage amounts consumer price levels rise, or increasing them by the amount price levels fall. The adjusted averages may be used to indicate the comparative quantities of goods and services which could be purchased by average earnings if consumer price levels 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 ($100.00/110.0 \times 100.0$), which may be referred to as a weekly wage average for week B expressed in the dollars of period A, or it may be said to indicate the level of real weekly wages relative to week A.

The foregoing calculation can be carried a step further to express in index number form the relationship between the week A average of \$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 wages ($100.00/80.00 \times 100.0$).

It should be noted that while the estimates of average real wages may reflect the experiences 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. Group-spending patterns change over periods of time. To the extent that this occurs, the earnings data adjusted by the consumer price index (which has a "fixed" consumption pattern), will gradually be rendered less valid. Finally, some part of income 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 consumption patterns.

It should also be kept in mind that measures of change in real earnings calculated from averages of gross earnings may differ from changes in the purchasing power of "take-home" pay, due to such factors as changes in personal income tax, 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.

Indexes of Retail Price Differentials

Statistics previously published relating to differences in retail prices between Canadian cities had been limited to indexes measuring comparative food price levels. Table 13 summarizes the results of a detailed revision of earlier urban place-to-place food indexes and expands the scope of spatial retail price measurements to take in other elements of the family budget. A fuller explanation of the study from which this table is derived, including more details of these inter-city price comparisons, are contained in the November 1968 issue of Prices and Price Indexes (DBS Catalogue Number 62-002). In all, inter-city price comparisons were drawn for commodities and services comprising nearly three-quarters of the budget on which the Consumer Price Index for Canada is currently based. Major omissions are shelter (both rented and owned), domestic utilities (fuel, light and water), and restaurant meals. While recognizing the importance of shelter differentials in any overall comparison of the general price level being encountered by consumers in different urban centres, the problems inherent in drawing valid comparisons between cities are such as to require a good deal more research. Meanwhile, it is considered that, despite the absence of shelter differentials at this time, publication of retail price comparisons for other elements of the budget will go some distance towards serving the varied needs of users.

The original data base of this study was the wide range of retail price quotations collected in the course of production of the national and urban Consumer Price Indexes. In developing these spatial price comparisons efforts were made to achieve comparability by equating qualities of goods and services and by matching types of retail outlets, as far as possible. Price relationships between pairs of cities were derived and subsequently converted to a common base of Winnipeg prices equaling 100 to facilitate comparisons over the whole range of cities. The up-dating of these measurements of inter-city retail price differentials was accomplished by application of the relative movement of prices, at the item level in each city, over the intervening period as derived from the relevant city consumer price indexes. These price relationships at the item level were aggregated on the basis of the Canada urban consumer spending pattern, rather than the patterns applicable to individual cities. While differences in spending patterns exist among cities, the magnitude of these differences in the cities covered is not such as to affect most of the spatial comparisons significantly. Because of the previously mentioned absence of shelter price relationships, which may be of considerable significance in any overall comparison of inter-urban retail price differentials, aggregative indexes beyond major budget groupings are not shown.

It should be noted that the retail prices used in this comparison, being those faced by consumers, include sales and excise taxes as applicable. Variations between provinces in the scale of sales taxes imposed on a wide range of non-food commodities can be of significance in explaining inter-city price differentials for these items.

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

Reference Papers and Special Publications

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