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## PRICE MOVEMENTS

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:  
(1949=100)

The Consumer Price Index declined 0.3 per cent from 127.9 to 127.5 between December 1959 and January 1960. The latest index is 1.1 per cent above the January 1959 index of 126.1. In the current period movement of the total index resulted from a lower food index combined with the effects of January sales in clothing and homefurnishings. Shelter was up fractionally while the Other Commodities and Services component was unchanged.

The Food index declined 0.7 per cent from 122.4 to 121.6 to stand below the January 1959 index of 122.3. Egg prices recorded a further substantial decrease of 6 cents per dozen, as Grade A large averaged 42 cents. Oranges, orange juice, and lettuce were lower and beef and pork prices also eased slightly. Chicken and lamb were higher, fresh vegetables recorded seasonal price increases, and canned vegetables registered slight advances.

The Clothing index decreased 1.1 per cent from 111.4 to 110.2 as traditional January sales were in evidence on a wide range of men's, women's, and children's wear as well as some items of footwear. Sale prices particularly affected women's fur and cloth coats, men's overcoats, and women's overshoes. The Shelter index moved from 142.7 to 142.8, a fractional increase of 0.1 per cent. Rents were unchanged, but the home-ownership component was up.

The Household Operation index, also reflecting January sales in appliances, furniture, and textiles, declined 0.3 per cent from 123.7 to 123.3. Some utensils and equipment and household supplies were higher. The Other Commodities and Services index was unchanged at 136.9 as somewhat lower prices for new passenger cars and gasoline were offset by rates which averaged higher for hospitals and newspapers.

Consumer Price Indexes (1949=100)

	Total Index	Food	Shelter	Clothing	Household Operation	Other Commodities and Services
January 1960	127.5	121.6	142.8	110.2	123.3	136.9
December 1959	127.9	122.4	142.7	111.4	123.7	136.9
January 1959	126.1	122.3	140.2	109.2	121.8	133.4

NOTE: This release contains a four page insert of charts.

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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES (WEEKLY)  
(1935-1939 = 100)

The price index of 30 industrial materials edged up 0.5 per cent from 243.4 to 244.7 in the three-week period December 31st to January 22nd. Price gains were noted for sisal, beef hides, rosin, zinc and tin, while raw sugar and linseed oil moved moderately lower.

Canadian Farm Products at terminal markets moved up 0.7 per cent in the period under review, from 214.1 to 215.6. The Field Product index increase of 2.6 per cent from 168.1 to 172.5, reflected price gains for potatoes, particularly on Eastern markets, and lesser increases for Western rye and hay, and Eastern tobacco, oats, wheat and barley. Three items showing lower were Eastern peas and corn and Western flax. In Animal Products, which eased 0.5 per cent lower from 260.2 to 258.8, price declines were noted for eggs on both markets; hogs and calves, chiefly in the West; Western raw wool and Eastern cheesemilk. These were partially balanced by higher prices for poultry and lambs. Changes for the regional indexes were as follows: Eastern up 1.8 from 235.2 to 239.5, and Western down 0.7 per cent from 193.1 to 191.8.

Wholesale Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)

	1959	1960 Week Ended				Monthly Average		
	Dec. 31st	Jan. 8th	Jan. 15th	Jan. 22nd	Jan. 29th	Jan. 1959	Dec. 1959	Jan. (P) 1960
Industrial Materials.....	243.4	243.6	243.8	244.7	NOT AVAILABLE	234.0	241.9	244.0
Canadian Farm Products .....	214.1	214.0	215.2	215.6		217.7	215.0	214.9
Field .....	168.1	169.7	172.0	172.5		156.6	166.8	171.4
Animal.....	260.2	258.3	258.5	258.8		278.7	263.1	258.5

(1) - All 1959 indexes subject to revision. Canadian Farm Products subsequent to July 1958 are subject to further major revisions as and when interim and/or final participation payments are announced for Western wheat, oats, and barley. For further details see "Prices and Price Indexes, Monthly".

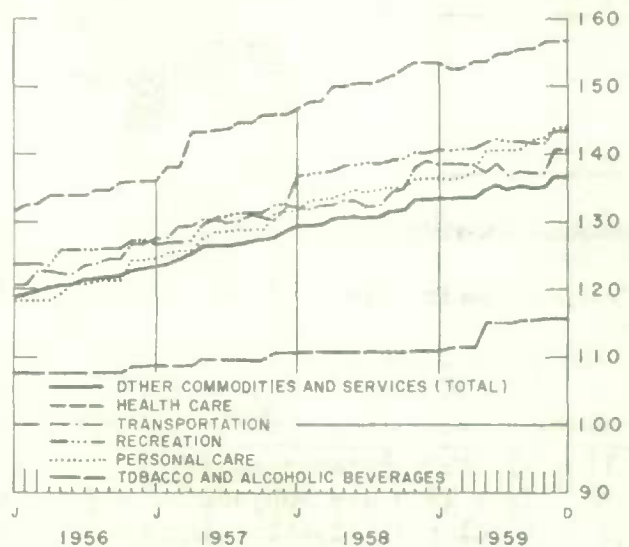
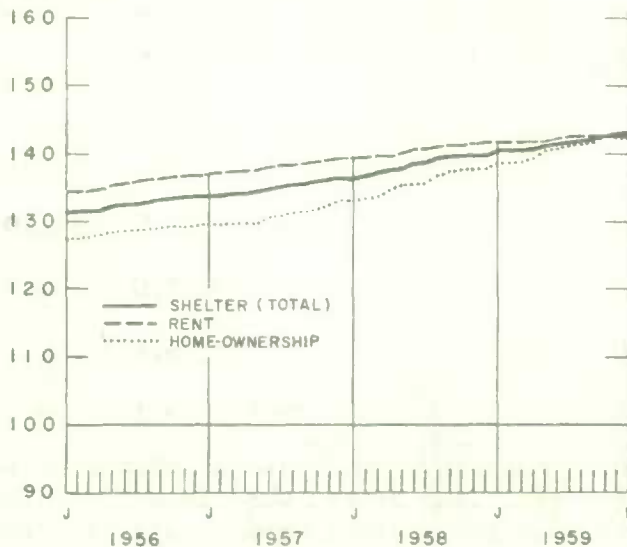
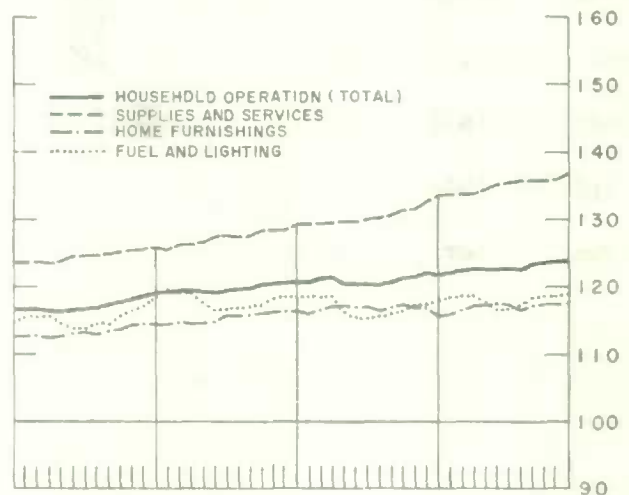
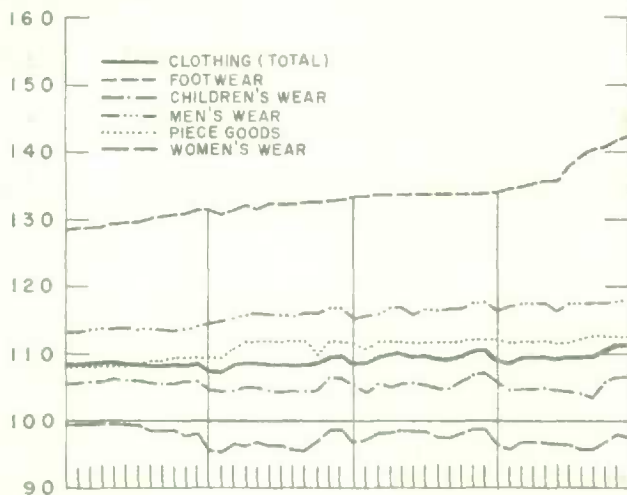
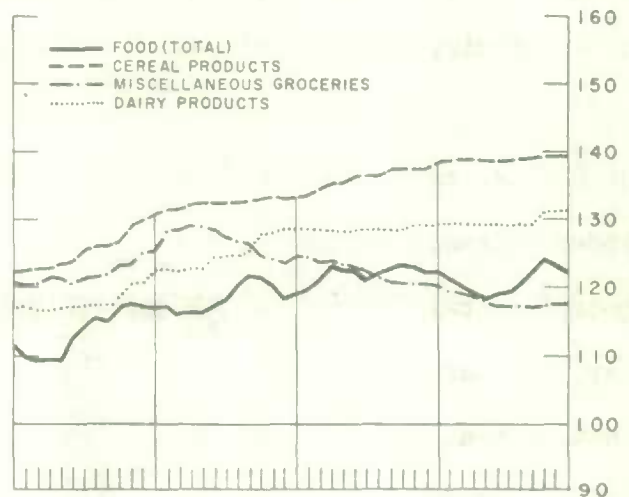
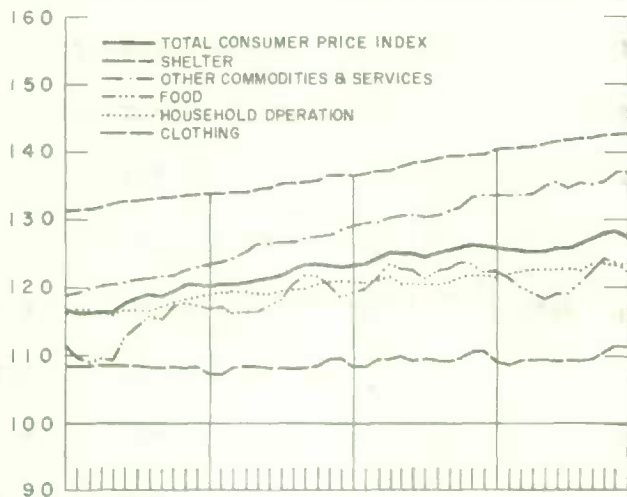
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# CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

## TOTAL, GROUP AND SUB-GROUP INDEXES

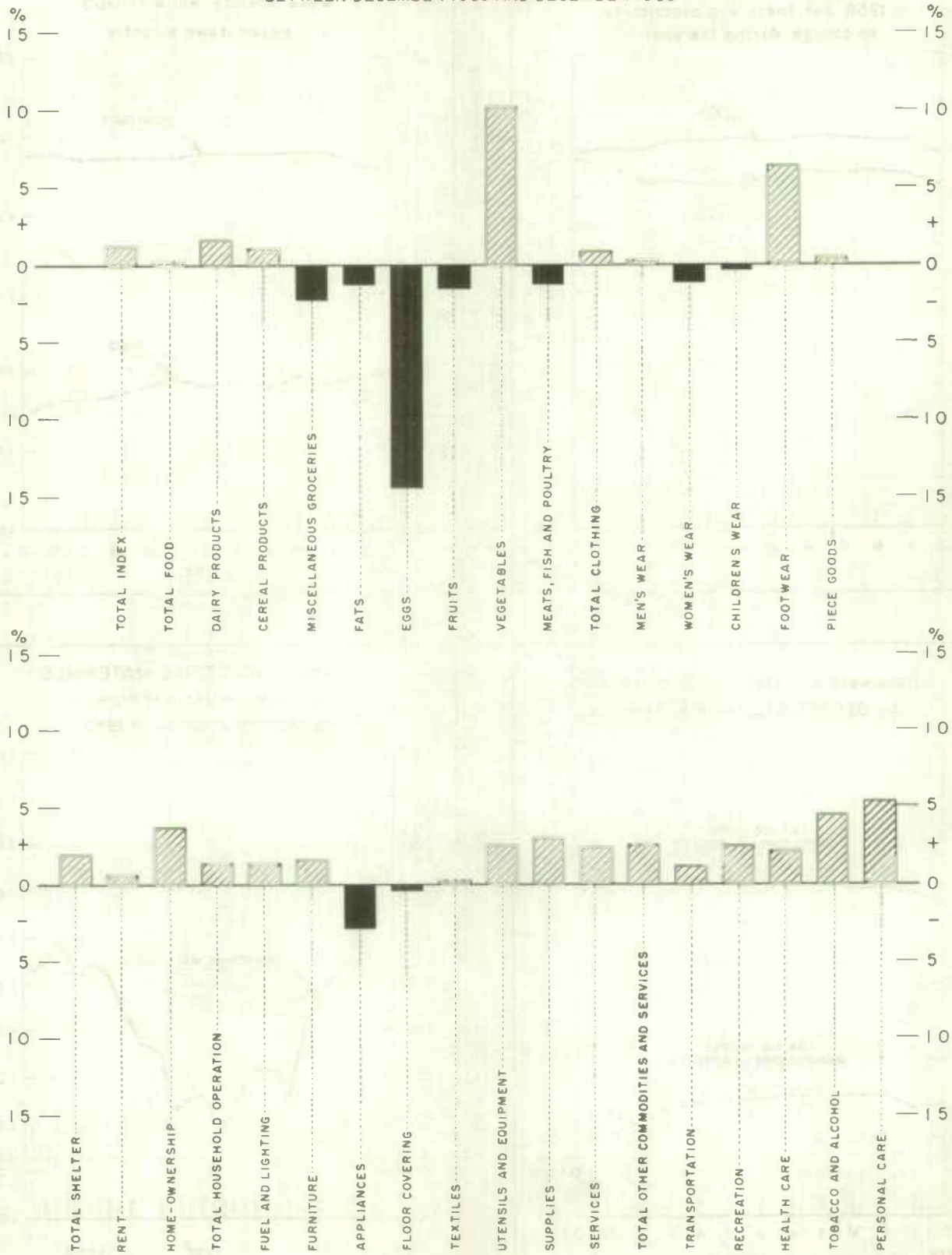
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(1949 = 100)



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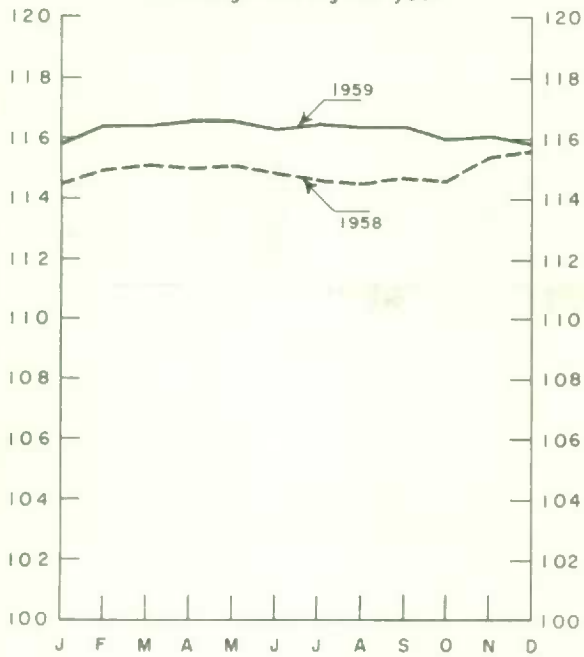
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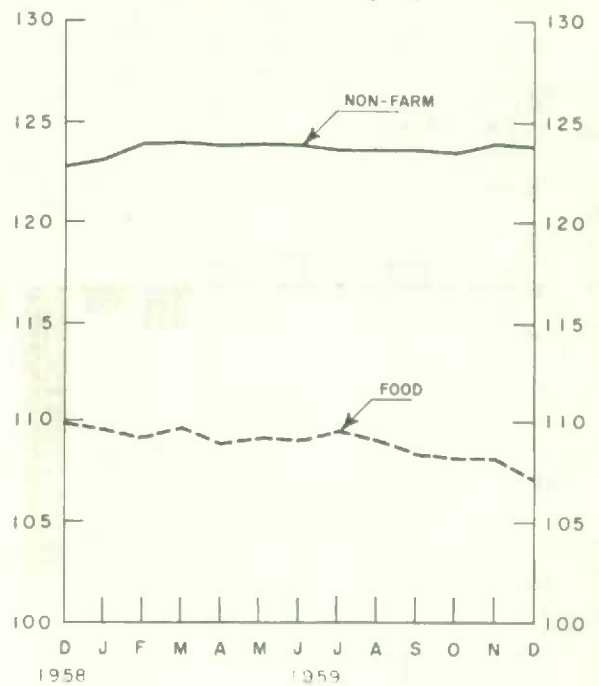
# WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS

(1949 = 100)

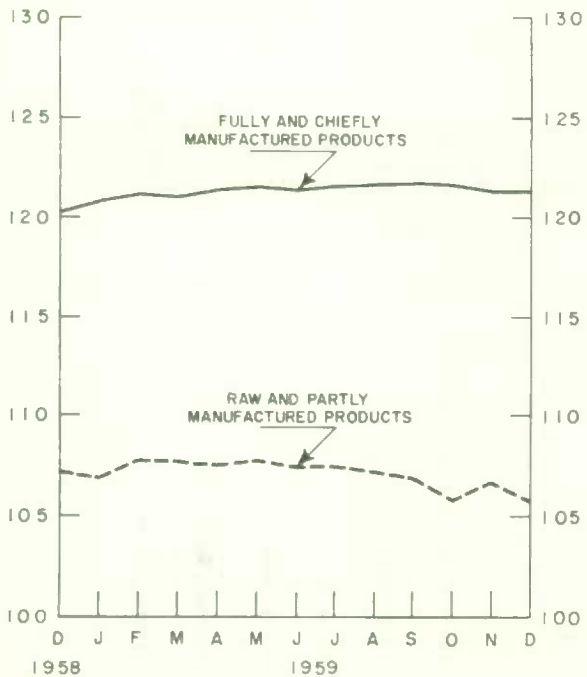
the GENERAL WHOLESALE INDEX averaged higher in 1959 than in 1958 but there was practically no change during the year



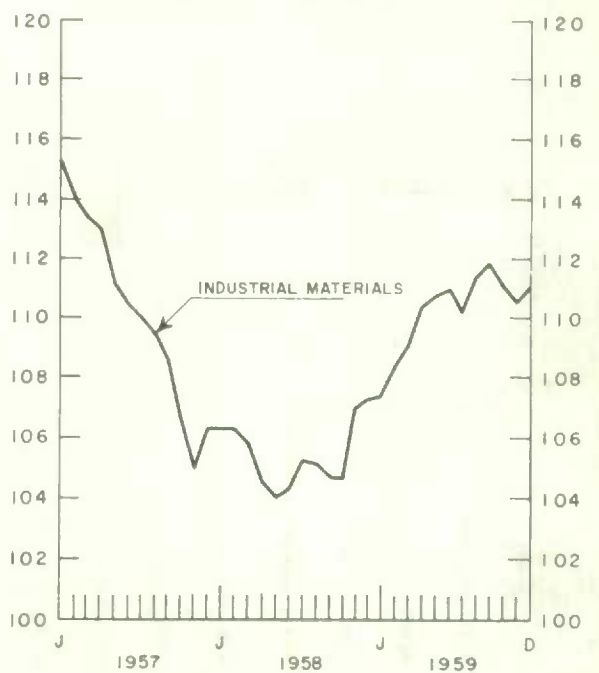
products of NON-FARM origin were steady while FOODS eased down slightly



prices were also steady when classified by DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE



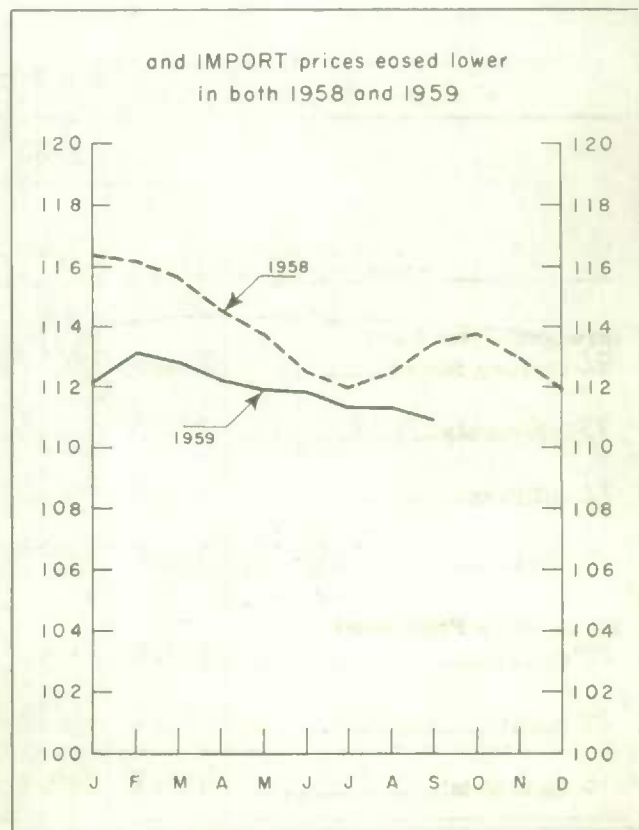
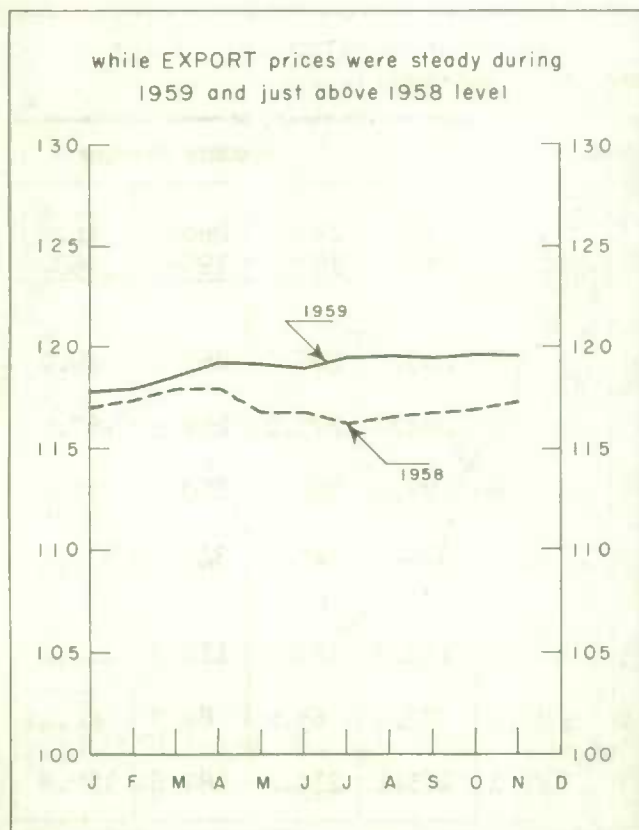
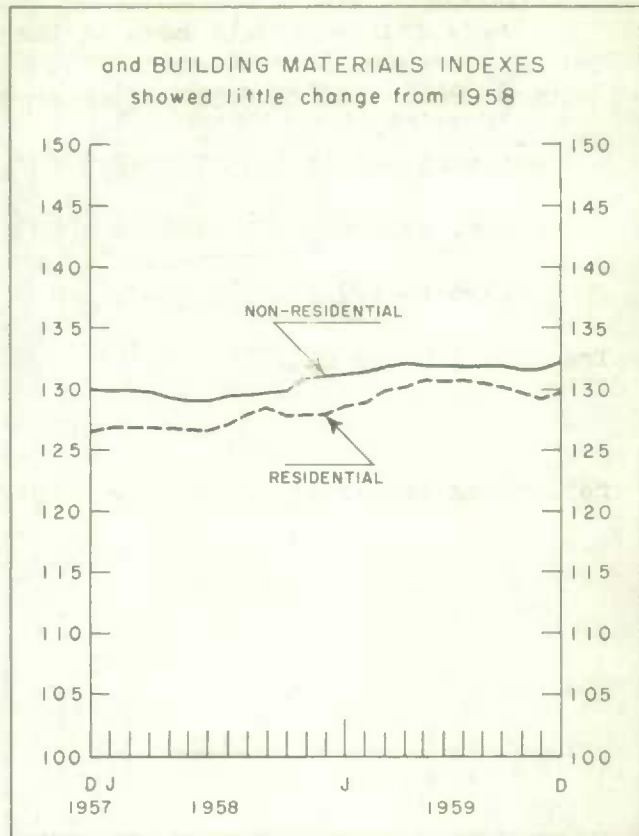
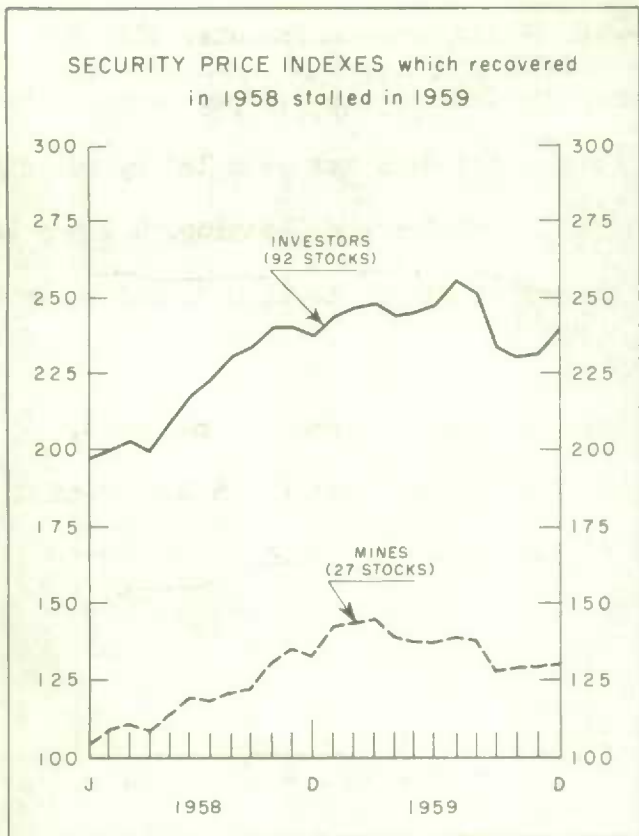
meanwhile INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS continued to recover from a trough in the spring of 1958



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# WHOLESALE PRICE MOVEMENTS

(1949 = 100)



**SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:**  
(1935-1939 = 100)

The Investors' Index of 94 common stock prices fell 3.4 per cent in the four-week period between December 31st and January 28th. Declines for major groups were: 73 Industrials 3.3 per cent; 7 Banks 6.9 per cent and 14 Utilities 1.0 per cent. Sub-group declines were led by Building Materials, down 6.6 per cent from 535.8 to 500.5, Textiles and Clothing, 6.2 per cent from 212.6 to 199.4, Pulp and Paper 5.5 per cent from 1184.9 to 1120.3, and Power and Traction 5.0 per cent from 212.1 to 201.6.

The index of 28 Mining stocks declined 1.1 per cent, reflecting losses of 1.7 per cent for 22 Golds and 0.5 per cent for 6 Base Metals.

**Weekly Security Price Indexes (1935-1939 = 100)**

	1960 Week Ended					Monthly Average		
	1959 Dec. 31st	Jan. 7th	Jan. 14th	Jan. 21st	Jan. 28th	Jan. 1959	Dec. 1959	Jan. 1960
<b>Investors' Price Index</b>								
94 Common Stocks .....	262.5	262.7	262.1	258.3	253.7	266.0	261.5	259.2
73 Industrials.....	271.0	271.1	271.1	266.2	262.0	275.4	269.3	267.6
14 Utilities.....	190.9	192.6	190.9	191.6	189.0	198.9	190.6	191.0
7 Banks .....	343.8	341.5	336.3	333.2	320.1	327.6	347.2	332.8
<b>Mining Stock Price Index</b>								
28 Stocks.....	114.6	115.1	115.1	114.2	113.3	123.7	112.8	114.4
22 Golds .....	83.4	82.7	82.5	82.4	82.0	85.6	82.3	82.4
6 Base Metals .....	186.1	189.4	189.7	187.1	185.1	211.2	182.8	187.8

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