

was extended to obtain a fairer distribution of importance among sub-groups and the base was shifted to the year 1926. Beginning in 1934 the index was further revised to include a total of 567 price series. The following series gives the present index on this basis.

**2.—Annual Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices in Canada, 1918-41, and Monthly Index Numbers, 1938-41**

(1926=100)

Annual Index				Monthly Index				
Year	Index No.	Year	Index No.	Month	1938	1939	1940	1941
1918.....	127.4	1930.....	86.6	January.....	83.8	73.2	82.6	84.8
1919.....	134.0	1931.....	72.1	February.....	83.6	73.2	82.8	85.4
1920.....	155.9	1932.....	66.7	March.....	83.1	73.2	83.2	86.0
1921.....	110.0	1933.....	67.1	April.....	82.3	73.4	83.1	86.8
1922.....	97.3	1934.....	71.6	May.....	80.3	73.7	82.2	88.8
1923.....	98.0	1935.....	72.1	June.....	80.1	73.2	81.6	90.1
1924.....	99.4	1936.....	74.6	July.....	78.6	72.6	82.6	91.3
1925.....	102.6	1937.....	84.6	August.....	76.0	72.3	82.6	92.1
1926.....	100.0	1938.....	78.6	September.....	74.5	78.4	83.0	93.4
1927.....	97.7	1939.....	75.4	October.....	74.1	79.6	83.3	94.0
1928.....	96.4	1940.....	82.9	November.....	73.5	80.3	83.9	94.0
1929.....	95.6	1941.....	90.0	December.....	73.3	81.7	84.2	93.6

**Subsection 2.—Canadian Wholesale Price Movements, 1941**

All commodity component groups, and nearly all individual commodities in the general wholesale index showed net increases for 1941. The greatest rise was in the animal products index, which moved up from 83.5 in December, 1940, to 98.8 in December, 1941; prices for eggs, prepared meats, and oils and fats all recorded substantial gains. The most important group, vegetable products, rose 13.2 p.c. The continued low price of wheat and steadiness in milled products and bakery products, which together make up half of the vegetable products index, counteracted the effect of such large increases as 84.1 p.c. for vegetable oils, 33.9 p.c. for the tea, coffee, cocoa and spices group, and 39.7 p.c. for table vegetables. Rises for other groups varied from 1.6 p.c. for bakery products to 44.1 p.c. for the miscellaneous vegetable products group. For the remaining component groups of the general wholesale index, increases varied from 0.8 p.c. for non-ferrous metals to 14.3 p.c. for chemicals and 12.4 p.c. for fibres, textiles and textile products. The indexes for iron and its products, wood, wood products and paper, and non-metallic minerals rose 6.4 p.c., 8.7 p.c. and 9.4 p.c., respectively.

Raw and partly manufactured materials increased slightly more during the year than fully and chiefly manufactured materials (12.3 p.c. as compared to 11.3 p.c.), in spite of the continued low price of grains, which retarded the rise of the raw and partly manufactured materials index. The fully and chiefly manufactured materials index at 92.1 was still 7.5 p.c. above the raw and partly manufactured materials index at the end of 1941.