

copper and its products registered a firmer tone in 1953 over 1952 levels. As in the previous year, prices for iron and its products continued to strengthen while non-metallic minerals and chemicals and allied products remained relatively steady.

### 1.—Annual Index Numbers of Wholesale Price Groups, 1943-52, and Monthly Indexes, 1952 and 1953

(1935-39=100)

Year and Month	General Wholesale	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods	Industrial Materials	Canadian Farm Products <sup>1</sup>		
					Field	Animal	Total
1943.....	127.9	131.1	126.9	140.0	129.0	161.8	145.4
1944.....	130.6	134.4	129.1	143.1	144.5	166.1	155.3
1945.....	132.1	136.2	129.8	143.2	162.5	170.2	166.4
1946.....	138.9	140.1	138.0	148.6	177.9	181.2	179.5
1947.....	163.3	164.3	162.4	187.0	184.1	200.2	192.2
1948.....	193.4	196.3	192.4	222.7	200.6	263.7	232.1
1949.....	198.3	197.1	199.2	218.0	191.9	265.4	228.7
1950.....	211.2	212.8	211.0	244.6	191.9	281.4	236.7
1951.....	240.2	237.9	242.4	296.1	200.4	336.9	268.6
1952.....	226.0	218.7	230.7	252.6	219.9	277.5	248.7
<b>1952</b>							
January.....	236.7	233.3	239.6	281.4	224.8	318.2	271.5
February.....	232.5	227.5	236.1	270.7	221.9	297.3	259.6
March.....	230.7	225.2	234.5	265.1	230.1	283.3	256.7
April.....	226.8	221.3	230.6	258.4	234.0	273.7	253.8
May.....	224.6	220.2	227.8	250.7	240.0	265.4	252.7
June.....	226.3	220.4	230.3	248.3	244.4	271.4	257.9
July.....	225.4	218.2	229.8	247.8	230.2	276.8	253.5
August.....	223.7	216.2	228.5	245.4	215.4	277.2	246.3
September.....	221.9	212.4	227.6	241.7	202.0	269.1	235.6
October.....	220.2	209.7	227.4	239.7	199.9	263.0	231.4
November.....	221.5	210.5	228.2	241.2	199.3	266.5	232.9
December.....	221.1	210.0	227.8	241.2	196.6	268.3	232.4
<b>1953</b>							
January.....	221.5	209.4	229.0	240.2	193.6	266.4	230.0
February.....	220.9	207.9	228.8	237.9	189.3	263.1	226.2
March.....	221.9	209.8	229.2	237.0	184.4	264.3	224.4
April.....	219.6	205.7	227.9	231.9	180.2	256.0	218.1
May.....	220.1	206.3	228.3	233.2	177.8	263.2	220.5
June.....	221.7	207.2	230.4	234.0	177.1	268.8	222.9
July.....	221.2	207.2	229.6	231.7	180.3	265.3	222.8
August.....	222.4	210.0	230.1	231.4	157.2	269.9	213.6
September.....	221.5	207.0	230.2	228.8	154.0	263.7	208.9
October.....	220.7	204.9	230.0	227.0	151.7	265.3	208.5

<sup>1</sup> The wheat prices used in these indexes are prices currently effective for Manitoba Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Northern at Fort William. Participation payments are included and the series revised whenever such figures are announced. Between August 1945 and July 1950, the price included in the index for No. 1 Manitoba Northern was \$1.83 per bu. For the crop year Aug. 1, 1950-July 31, 1951, the price included was \$1.85 per bu. For the crop year Aug. 1, 1951-July 31, 1952, the price was \$1.83 per bu. The initial payment of \$1.40 per bu. for the crop year beginning Aug. 1, 1952, was increased to \$1.60 per bu. according to an announcement made Feb. 19, 1953. Commencing Aug. 1, 1949, western oats and barley were brought under control of the Canadian Wheat Board. Prices used for Canadian farm products since that time have been initial payments to farmers. Participation payments are included whenever they are announced. An increase in the initial payments for barley for the crop year 1952-53 was announced Feb. 19, 1953.

**Residential Building Materials.**—In March 1949, a series of index numbers of residential building material prices (basis: 1935-39=100) was established to meet the need for a more precise measurement of material components of residential construction. A description of the index together with a record back to 1926 is given in DBS bulletin, *Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials 1926 to 1948*.