

The downward movement continued throughout the first 10 months of 1952, the total index standing at 220.2 for October. Declines were recorded by most of the main commodity groups, although an upward trend was still apparent in iron and steel products and non-metallic mineral products.

During the period October 1952 to October 1953 the total index changed by only 0.2 points from 220.2 to 220.4 as an increase in the animal products group and continued increases in iron and steel products and non-metallic mineral products offset declines in all other groups. Rather widespread decreases between October 1953 and December 1954 moved the total index down 5.1 points to 215.3, 11.7 p.c. below the peak figure of July 1951. All groups, except non-ferrous metals and chemicals which rose about 1 p.c., contributed to this decline.

### 1.—Annual Index Numbers of Wholesale Price Groups, 1945-54, and Monthly Indexes, 1953 and 1954

(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
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	225.0	277.5	250.2
1953.....	220.7	207.0	228.8	232.3	178.1	263.8	220.9
1954.....	217.0	204.8	224.2	223.7	162.6	256.2	209.4
<b>1953</b>							
January.....	221.5	209.3	228.7	240.2	201.6	266.4	234.0
February.....	221.1	208.0	228.8	238.4	196.6	263.1	229.9
March.....	221.9	209.9	229.2	237.5	191.9	264.3	228.1
April.....	219.5	205.6	227.8	232.9	187.6	255.8	221.7
May.....	220.0	206.4	228.2	234.2	185.2	263.2	224.2
June.....	221.5	207.2	230.2	234.0	184.5	268.7	226.6
July.....	221.0	207.2	229.3	231.7	187.7	265.3	226.5
August.....	222.2	210.1	229.7	231.4	164.3	269.9	217.1
September.....	221.2	207.1	229.8	228.8	161.0	263.7	212.4
October.....	220.4	205.0	228.8	227.0	158.8	265.3	212.0
November.....	218.7	203.3	228.0	225.8	158.7	258.0	208.4
December.....	219.0	204.4	227.6	225.8	158.9	261.6	210.2
<b>1954</b>							
January.....	219.8	206.5	227.8	224.1	159.4	266.3	212.9
February.....	219.0	205.1	227.3	223.6	160.0	264.7	212.3
March.....	218.6	204.3	226.9	222.8	158.3	262.0	210.2
April.....	217.9	205.7	225.1	223.9	157.6	260.4	209.0
May.....	218.2	207.5	224.5	224.2	158.2	268.0	213.1
June.....	217.8	206.7	224.5	223.9	158.9	267.3	213.1
July.....	217.4	207.4	223.6	224.2	173.6	262.1	217.8
August.....	215.8	204.9	222.3	222.1	167.6	248.2	207.9
September.....	215.3	202.9	222.6	221.7	162.6	245.5	204.1
October.....	214.3	201.4	221.8	223.3	161.8	240.5	201.1
November.....	214.8	202.1	222.2	224.1	164.0	243.6	203.8
December.....	215.3	203.4	222.3	224.0	163.5	245.9	204.7

<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. For the crop year Aug. 1, 1952-July 31, 1953, the price was \$1.82 per bu. The initial payment for the 1953-54 crop year is \$1.40 per bu. Final payments for the crop year Aug. 1, 1953-July 31, 1954, were announced on Oct. 12 and Oct. 29, 1954, for barley and oats, respectively. 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.