

Between 1962 and 1963, the raw and partly manufactured goods index increased 1.4 p.c. from 223.8 to 226.9 and the fully and chiefly manufactured goods index increased 2.1 p.c. from 249.0 to 254.2. The farm products index, on the other hand, decreased 4.5 p.c. in the same comparison, both field and animal products dropping from the high points reached in 1962.

2.—Annual Index Numbers of Wholesale Price Groups, 1954-63

(1935-39=100)

Year	General Wholesale Index	Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods	Fully and Chiefly Manufactured Goods	Industrial Materials	Canadian Farm Products		
					Field	Animal	Total
1954.....	217.0	204.8	224.2	223.7	170.9	256.2	213.6
1955.....	218.9	209.7	224.5	236.0	180.1	245.1	212.6
1956.....	225.6	215.8	231.5	248.2	181.6	246.9	214.2
1957.....	227.4	209.4	237.9	240.3	169.2	258.0	213.6
1958.....	227.8	209.3	238.3	229.8	171.4	274.5	222.9
1959.....	230.6	210.9	241.6	240.2	176.1	271.6	223.9
1960.....	230.9	209.6	242.2	240.4	189.1	264.1	226.6
1961.....	233.3	212.6	244.5	243.2	191.7	270.0	230.9
1962.....	240.0	223.8	249.0	248.0	195.5	286.0	240.8
1963.....	244.6	226.9	254.2	253.5	184.4 ^p	275.4	229.9 ^p

The price indexes of building materials* were slightly higher in 1963. The non-residential index (1949=100) advanced almost steadily during the year and at 137.6 in December, was up from 132.9 a year earlier; the annual index was 135.5 compared with 131.9 for 1962. The residential building materials index (1935-39=100, arithmetically converted to the base 1949=100 for comparability with the non-residential index) moved up from 130.0 in December 1962 to 138.4 in December 1963; the composite for the year was 4.7 points higher than in 1962.

* Details of weighting and construction and historical series appear in DBS publications *Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials, 1928-48* (Catalogue No. 62-505) and *Price Index Numbers of Non-residential Building Materials, 1935-52* (Catalogue No. 62-506). Revised item list and weighting for the electrical component of the residential building materials index, effective July 1960, is available on request.

3.—Annual Price Index Numbers of Non-residential Building Materials, 1954-63

(1949=100)

Year	Composite Index	Principal Components						
		Steel and Metal Work	Plumbing, Heating and Other Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Fixtures	Aggregate, Cement and Concrete Mix	Lumber and Lumber Products	Blocks, Brick and Stone	Tile
GROUP WEIGHT AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL.....	...	20.1	21.4	11.5	11.1	10.5	9.1	3.8
1954.....	121.8	128.2	115.2	117.6	120.9	124.5	127.0	120.6
1955.....	123.4	129.9	118.0	121.3	120.3	127.6	127.0	120.3
1956.....	128.0	139.0	123.4	123.6	117.0	131.5	130.3	120.8
1957.....	130.0	147.7	124.1	118.4	119.4	128.7	134.0	118.5
1958.....	129.8	150.9	123.8	114.0	119.6	126.8	135.7	118.2
1959.....	131.7	152.6	126.0	119.2	118.6	131.3	137.4	118.3
1960.....	132.3	152.9	126.7	119.5	119.8	129.0	139.1	121.0
1961.....	131.1	153.2	126.3	113.8	119.8	127.6	133.0	123.9
1962.....	131.9	153.3	127.4	114.0	122.0	130.8	130.9	125.0
1963.....	135.5	157.1	126.8	120.8	126.8	136.7	135.9	129.8