

4.—Annual Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials, 1954-63

(1949=100)

Year	Composite Index	Principal Components								
		Cement, Sand and Gravel	Brick, Tile and Stone	Lumber and its Products	Lath, Plaster and Insulation	Roofing Material	Paint and Glass	Plumbing and Heating Equipment	Electrical Equipment and Fixtures	Other Materials
GROUP WEIGHT AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL.....	...	7.6	5.0	42.6	11.3	2.9	3.2	18.6	3.8	5.0
1954.....	121.7	119.1	137.4	124.3	109.1	122.5	116.3	112.5	119.8	129.7
1955.....	124.3	117.6	138.7	127.1	106.1	128.3	122.3	115.0	132.2	131.8
1956.....	128.5	117.9	144.9	130.5	110.8	136.3	126.3	120.9	140.5	139.5
1957.....	128.4	120.9	148.2	128.9	115.9	133.0	125.5	126.3	120.6	145.3
1958.....	127.3	123.5	148.7	127.2	118.4	123.6	126.2	127.5	107.8	145.4
1959.....	130.0	121.1	150.9	130.7	119.3	125.6	127.7	128.5	116.3	147.1
1960.....	129.2	121.7	151.9	129.1	120.6	112.6	128.3	130.5	114.3	150.1
1961.....	128.3	120.5	145.0	128.0	122.6	107.1	131.2	131.0	112.0	149.9
1962.....	129.7	120.5	143.6	130.4	126.2	112.0	132.9	128.6	114.0	149.4
1963.....	134.4	124.9	149.8	135.9	128.5	126.1	142.8	131.0	118.2	143.2

Highway Construction Price Index.—A system of annual base-weighted and current-weighted bid price indexes (1956=100) relating mainly to provincial highway construction was developed recently, by which price movement is shown for completed units of work such as earth excavation or crushed gravel in place. DBS Reference Paper 62-520 contains tables, explanatory text, charts and weights relating to these indexes. Current indexes are published from time to time in the monthly reports on *Prices and Price Indexes* (Catalogue No. 62-002).

World Wholesale Price Indexes.—Price changes within different countries have varied widely during the years. Comparisons of Canadian wholesale price indexes with those of other countries are given in Table 5.

5.—Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices in Canada and Other Countries, 1960-62

(1958=100)

SOURCE: *United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics*, May 1964.

Country	1960	1961	1962	Country	1960	1961	1962
Belgium.....	101	100	101	India.....	111	113	115
Brazil.....	181	250	383	Iran.....	102	102	103
Britain.....	101	100	100	Israel.....	105	115	134
Canada.....	101	102	105	Korea, Republic of.....	113	128	140
Chile.....	137	138	149	Netherlands.....	99	98	99
Denmark.....	100	102	105	New Zealand.....	102	102	102
Dominican Republic (St. Domingo).....	97	91	100	Norway.....	101	102	104
France.....	107	110	113	Sweden.....	103	105	107
Germany, Federal Republic of.....	100	102	103	Switzerland.....	99	99	102
Greece.....	103	104	104	Turkey.....	126	130	137
				United Arab Republic.....	100	102	101
				United States.....	100	100	100