

The general wholesale index averaged 2.0 p.c. higher in 1965, rising to 250.4 from the 1964 average of 245.4. The raw and partly manufactured goods index advanced 2.4 p.c. and the fully and chiefly manufactured goods index was 1.9 p.c. higher. The industrial materials index increased 0.2 p.c. over the same period and the Canadian farm products index rose 4.4 p.c. The latter series, however, is based on preliminary indexes for field products and total farm products, pending receipt of final participation payments from the Canadian Wheat Board.

2.—Annual Index Numbers of Wholesale Price Groups, 1956-65

(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
1956	225.6	215.8	231.5	248.2	181.6	246.9	214.2
1957	227.4	209.4	237.9	240.3	189.2	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	197.2	275.4	236.3
1964	245.4	225.7	256.4	258.3	198.2	267.3	232.7
1965	250.4	231.2	261.3	258.7	196.4	289.3	242.9

The price indexes of building materials* continued to rise in 1965. The non-residential index (1949=100) advanced to 146.8 and was 5.2 p.c. higher than the 1964 average of 139.6. The residential building materials index (1935-39=100, arithmetically converted to the base 1949=100 for comparability with the non-residential index) rose 4.5 p.c. over the same time period to 148.9 from 142.5.

* Details of weighting and construction and historical series appear in DBS publications *Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials, 1936-48* (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, 1956-65

(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	3.3
1956	128.0	139.0	123.4	123.6	117.0	131.5	130.3	120.3
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	135.1	157.1	127.1	118.6	126.0	136.6	135.2	128.9
1964	139.6	164.2	129.4	120.3	129.0	147.4	141.9	134.3
1965	146.8	177.7	137.1	120.5	133.5	154.6	149.3	143.2