

related systems—industrial materials and Canadian farm products. Annual price index numbers of non-residential building materials and residential building materials are given for 1957-66 in Tables 3 and 4, respectively; during 1966 the price samples of both of these indexes were overhauled and the price indexes given for that year are on the new sample basis.

In addition to the summary tables presented in this Section, DBS monthly publication *Prices and Price Indexes* (Catalogue No. 62-002) contains indexes of principal component groups of the wholesale price index. Other industrial price indexes included in the publication are: monthly selling prices of about 100 Canadian manufacturing industries, including commodity details; a system of annual bid price indexes relating to highway construction in which price movements are shown for completed units of work such as earth excavation and crushed gravel put in place; and price indexes for construction of transmission lines, distribution systems and transformation and switching stations of electrical utilities, based on labour, material and capital inputs into these facilities. (See also DBS publications, Catalogue Nos. 62-616, 62-520 and 62-526, respectively.) The monthly DBS publication *Prices and Price Indexes* also contains current series on retail price indexes and security prices indexes covered in Sections 2 and 4 following.

1.—General Wholesale Index Annual Averages, 1939-66

(1935-39=100)

Year	Average	Year	Average	Year	Average	Year	Average
1939.....	99.2	1946.....	138.9	1953.....	220.7	1960.....	230.9
1940.....	108.0	1947.....	163.3	1954.....	217.0	1961.....	233.3
1941.....	116.4	1948.....	193.4	1955.....	218.9	1962.....	240.0
1942.....	123.0	1949.....	198.3	1956.....	225.6	1963.....	244.6
1943.....	127.9	1950.....	211.2	1957.....	227.4	1964.....	245.4
1944.....	130.6	1951.....	240.2	1958.....	227.8	1965.....	250.4
1945.....	132.1	1952.....	226.0	1959.....	230.6	1966.....	259.5

The general wholesale index in 1966 registered the sharpest annual increase since the beginning of the expansion in economic activity in 1961. The average annual level, at 259.5, was 3.6 p.c. higher than the 1965 index. Increases were recorded by all the principal components; animal products led with a rise of almost 10 p.c. and non-ferrous metals and vegetable products also recorded increases higher than the average general wholesale index rise. The upward movements in animal and vegetable products were reflected in the sharper increase in the raw and partly manufactured goods index (5 p.c.) than in the fully and chiefly manufactured goods index (2.9 p.c.). The main increases in the raw and partly manufactured goods index came in the early and the closing months of the year with relative stability in the mid-year months; the fully and chiefly manufactured goods index, on the other hand, rose throughout the first three quarters of the year and levelled off in the final quarter. The impressions gained from these average annual movements were confirmed by the rise of 3.6 p.c. in the price index for Canadian farm products, as opposed to the 1-p.c. rise in the special-purpose industrial materials index. (The farm products index is preliminary, pending farmers' receipts of final payments by the Canadian Wheat Board.)