

## 4.—Annual Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials, 1957-66

(1949=100)

NOTE.—Details of weighting and construction and historical series appear in DBS publication *Price Index Numbers of Residential Building Materials, 1956-68* (Catalogue No. 62-505). Revised item list and weighting, effective January 1966, is available on request.

Year	Com- posite Index	Principal Components								
		Con- crete Pro- ducts	Bricks	Lumber and its Pro- ducts	Wall- board and Insu- lation	Roof- ing Mate- rial	Paint and Glass	Plumb- ing and Heat- ing Equip- ment	Elec- trical Equip- ment and Fix- tures	Metal Pro- ducts
GROUP WEIGHT AS A PER- CENTAGE OF TOTAL.....	...	7.6	5.0	42.6	11.3	2.9	3.2	18.6	3.8	5.0
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	148.4
1963.....	133.9	123.8	149.3	135.5	127.9	124.2	142.8	130.2	118.1	143.2
1964.....	142.5	127.5	154.6	146.6	134.3	132.1	149.9	134.3	120.0	148.5
1965.....	148.9	132.4	163.2	153.9	139.1	128.0	157.3	141.2	120.1	152.5
1966.....	154.4	138.7	166.8	161.3	141.1	127.8	159.6	142.1	133.8	151.5

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, 1964-66

(1958=100)

SOURCE: *United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics*, June 1966.

Country	1964	1965	1966	Country	1964	1965	1966
Belgium.....	109	110	112	India.....	134	145	165
Brazil.....	1,273	1,925	..	Iran <sup>1</sup> .....	108	111	..
Britain.....	106	107	109	Ireland.....	113	117	120
Canada.....	108	110	114	Korea, Republic of <sup>2</sup> .....	201	221	238
Chile.....	345	429	527	Netherlands.....	108	111	117
Denmark.....	111	115	118	New Zealand.....	110	111	112
Dominican Republic (Santo Domingo).....	109	117	111	Norway.....	109	112	114
France.....	119	121	123	Sweden.....	115	120	124
Germany, Federal Republic of.....	104	107	109	Switzerland <sup>3</sup> .....	101	102	104
Greece.....	114	119	123	Turkey.....	142	154	162
				United Arab Republic.....	105	113	122
				United States.....	100	102	105

<sup>1</sup> Base Mar. 21, 1959—Mar. 20, 1960=100.<sup>2</sup> Base 1960=100.<sup>3</sup> Base 1963=100.

## Section 2.—Consumer Price Index\*

The purpose of the consumer price index is to measure the movement from month to month in retail prices of goods and services bought by a representative cross-section of the Canadian urban population. For a particular article or service, a price index number is simply the price of the article in one period of time expressed as a percentage of its price in a reference period, usually called a base period. However, indexes for individual goods

\* A comprehensive description of the index is contained in the publication *The Consumer Price Index (1949=100)*—Revision Based on 1957 Expenditures (Catalogue No. 62-518).