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INVESTORS' AND TRADERS' INDEX NUMBERS OF SECURITY PRICES

1926 = 100

"Investors'" and "Traders'" weighted index numbers of security prices, computed by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on the base 1926 - 100, were as follows for the week ending March 15th.

The "Investors'" index of industrial common stocks was 168.2 for the week ending March 15th as compared with 166.3 for the previous week, a rise of nearly 2 points.

The "Traders'" index of prices of the twenty-five best selling industrial and public utility common stocks, on the Montreal and Toronto exchanges, was 335.7 for the week ending March 15th as compared with 321.0 for the previous week, a rise of nearly 15 points.

The "Investors'" index of domestic utility common stocks was 135.6 for the week ending March 15th as compared with 134.8 for the previous week.

The "Investors'" index for common stocks of companies located abroad in which Canadians are heavily interested was 140.4 for the week ending March 15th as compared with 138.5 for the previous week.

Average weekly prices were higher for seventeen, lower for seven and unchanged for one of the twenty-five stocks. International Nickel rose from \$83.8 to \$91.1, Winnipeg Electric from \$117.8 to \$122.9, Canadian Industrial Alcohol "A" from \$39.3 to \$40.8, Building Products from \$42.2 to \$44.4, Brazilian "Old" from \$202.0 to \$204.8, National Breweries from \$118.4 to \$121.4, Power Corporation from \$78.7 to \$80.9 and Dominion Bridge from \$68.8 to \$71.5. Brompton fell from \$59.7 to \$59.0 and Wayagamack from \$111.6 to \$110.6.

Sales were greater for seventeen and lower for eight stocks. International Nickel was up from 64,300 to 178,600, Brazilian "Old" from 5,700 to 20,100, National Breweries from 5,700 to 15,000, Winnipeg Electric from 9,500 to 14,500, Dominion Bridge from 3,500 to 13,000, Brazilian "New" from 8,400 to 15,600 and Canada Bronze from 200 to 3,500. Canada Power and Paper dropped from 38,300 to 9,500, Shawinigan from 13,400 to 7,100, Canadian Industrial Alcohol "A" from 25,700 to 16,700, Fraser from 7,300 to 1,800 and Page-Hersey from 4,800 to 3,100.

Table of Index Numbers

	Investors' Index Number of Common Stocks 80 Industrial, 23 Public Utility Companies Located: in Canada	Com- panies :Public :Utility	Located: Abroad	All	Traders' Index Number of the twenty-five best selling Industrial and Public Utility Common Stocks	Index of Price	Index of Total Value of all Stocks Traded
1926	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
January, 1927	108.9	108.1	101.9	107.0	111.7	101.5	
February	114.1	115.0	106.6	112.8	123.0	114.6	
March	117.1	117.9	105.4	114.8	132.3	126.3	
April	121.1	120.4	107.2	117.8	146.2	149.6	
May	124.6	122.3	106.1	119.6	161.0	167.8	
June	121.5	120.3	109.7	118.5	177.3	234.2	
July	120.6	121.6	111.0	118.9	174.0	116.0	
August	130.7	125.6	117.6	125.8	187.8	118.5	
September	146.1	127.1	124.6	134.1	211.3	232.6	
October	154.5	129.8	125.1	138.5	236.4	285.1	
November	158.2	130.3	130.9	141.4	251.7	211.2	
December	161.6	135.8	138.0	146.5	281.4	294.0	
January, 1928	172.5	136.2	143.3	152.2	317.2	358.4	
February	167.6	135.1	140.2	148.0	313.2	271.0	
Week ending Feb. 2nd, 1928	175.5	135.1	143.1	152.9	335.6	293.9	
" " " 9th "	172.3	134.4	142.3	151.2	332.4	281.5	
" " " 16th "	170.7	134.8	141.0	150.4	333.8	205.9	
" " " 23rd "	163.3	134.1	136.2	146.1	314.5	275.1	
" " March 1st. "	162.9	133.6	137.2	146.1	307.3	158.8	
" " " 8th "	166.3	134.8	138.5	148.1	321.0	132.9	
" " " 15th "	168.2	135.6	140.4	149.5	335.7	75.3	

Purpose of Traders' and Investors' Index Number

The Investors' index numbers measure the trend of values for the investor who buys a fixed list of stocks and holds them over a long period.

The Traders' index measures the trend of gains or losses for an "average" trader on the Montreal and Toronto stock exchanges, who buys and sells the leading common stocks in the same proportion as they are traded in the market as a whole, and who turns over his investments every week.

INVESTORS' INDEX NUMBERS

1926 = 100

Note. - The investors' index measures the trend of values for the investor who buys a fixed list of stocks and holds them over a long period.

INDUSTRIAL

UTILITY

COMPANIES ABROAD

No. of Securities	INDUSTRIAL									UTILITY			COMPANIES ABROAD				
	Total	Iron and Steel	Pulp and Paper	Mill- ing	Oils	Tex- tiles and Cloth- ing	Food and Allied Products	Bever- ages	Miscell- aneous	Total	Trans- port- ation	Tele- phone & Tele- graph	Power and Trac- tion	Total	Indus- trial	Utility	Grand Total
	79	9	9	5	3	9	21	7	16	16	2	2	12	8	1	7	103
<u>1926</u>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<u>1927</u>																	
Jan.	108.9	108.7	99.1	105.5	111.7	110.5	106.9	95.9	113.5	108.1	105.9	101.0	113.3	101.9	101.2	102.8	107.0
Feb.	114.1	124.2	98.1	115.5	119.7	113.9	111.3	108.6	114.8	115.0	115.3	107.7	116.4	106.6	105.0	108.5	112.8
March	117.1	133.9	98.2	122.2	123.8	116.2	117.8	115.0	115.0	117.9	117.6	107.4	121.4	105.4	98.7	113.4	114.8
April	121.1	146.4	98.6	123.4	122.9	118.9	123.6	116.0	126.1	120.4	115.4	107.8	131.2	107.2	97.2	119.2	117.8
May	124.6	155.8	95.7	123.4	123.2	119.1	125.0	121.2	136.7	122.3	115.4	105.1	137.5	106.1	91.9	123.0	119.6
June	121.5	158.0	94.2	123.1	118.7	115.1	123.0	122.9	132.5	120.3	113.1	107.6	134.7	109.7	91.6	131.3	118.5
July	120.6	154.4	97.4	123.8	120.0	115.9	123.5	124.1	125.8	121.6	117.4	107.7	131.7	111.0	91.6	134.2	118.9
August	130.7	165.0	103.4	126.2	135.0	121.4	129.5	130.3	135.2	125.6	119.4	111.7	138.7	117.6	95.3	144.2	125.8
September	146.1	185.1	112.5	139.6	161.1	131.6	136.9	144.6	143.0	127.1	117.4	108.5	147.0	124.6	100.0	154.1	134.1
October	154.5	187.8	134.7	159.9	168.4	137.1	144.2	147.1	147.7	129.8	124.3	108.5	143.9	125.1	97.8	157.7	138.5
November	158.2	199.1	141.0	171.7	169.6	134.9	149.3	164.8	148.4	130.3	125.1	108.7	144.0	130.9	104.0	163.0	141.4
December	161.6	213.5	135.9	183.7	168.1	136.7	158.0	162.8	159.4	135.8	132.4	112.7	147.0	138.0	110.2	171.3	146.5
January, 1928	172.5	224.1	151.6	187.7	173.8	140.3	170.3	165.5	175.4	136.2	132.1	115.5	147.8	143.3	123.2	168.2	152.2
Feb. 1928	167.6	213.5	153.4	182.6	165.8	137.0	166.7	158.2	172.5	135.1	128.0	116.7	150.1	140.2	115.0	171.2	148.0
<u>1928</u>																	
Feb. 2nd.	175.5	222.1	160.9	189.5	172.2	141.4	175.4	163.4	183.6	135.1	129.0	115.8	148.2	143.1	121.9	178.1	152.9
Feb. 9th.	172.3	217.2	155.4	188.1	170.1	138.5	169.9	159.4	180.1	134.4	126.6	116.4	149.2	142.3	118.4	180.9	151.2
Feb. 16th.	170.7	215.2	155.2	183.2	167.2	137.8	168.5	159.7	179.1	134.8	126.7	116.4	150.2	141.0	114.9	182.1	150.4
Feb. 23rd.	163.3	207.4	149.3	179.9	161.5	132.9	161.9	153.7	167.2	134.1	127.5	115.9	147.3	136.2	109.9	177.1	146.1
March 1st.	162.9	207.1	148.5	175.4	164.8	130.5	159.4	153.3	162.5	133.6	127.3	116.7	146.1	137.2	113.3	175.3	146.1
March 8th.	166.3	212.0	153.8	176.6	166.1	130.5	161.1	162.1	167.3	134.8	130.1	119.0	144.6	138.5	114.5	177.0	148.1
March 15th.	168.2	217.9	148.8	176.9	166.5	130.7	160.7	165.9	174.8	135.6	131.5	119.3	144.7	140.4	115.4	180.3	149.5

