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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 May 31st.

The "Investors'" index of industrial common stocks was 179.9 for the week ending May 31st as compared with 183.4 for the previous week.

The "Traders'" index of prices of the twenty-five best selling industrial and public utility common stocks, on the Montreal and Toronto Exchanges, was 404.9 for the week ending May 31st as compared with 414.3 for the previous week.

The "Investors'" index of domestic utility common stocks was 147.1 for the week ending May 31st as compared with 148.5 for the previous week.

The "Investors'" index for common stocks of companies located abroad in which Canadians are heavily interested was 157.3 for the week ending May 31st as compared with 161.4 for the previous week.

The "Investors'" index for all three groups of common stocks combined was 164.5 for the week ending May 31st as compared with 165.0 for the previous week.

Average weekly prices were higher for four and lower for twenty-one of the twenty-five stocks. International Nickel rose from \$89.5 to \$95.9, Brazilian declined from \$60.4 to \$58.4, Canadian Power & Paper from \$45.4 to \$40.7, Abitibi from \$75.0 to \$69.1, Port Alfred from \$124.6 to \$101.1, Shawinigan from \$105.4 to \$102.4, Dominion Bridge from \$89.4 to \$86.1, Quebec Power from \$101.8 to \$93.8, National Breweries from \$134.2 to \$127.8, Price Bros. from \$107.7 to \$99.5 and Power Corporation from \$92.2 to \$88.5.

Sales were greater for seventeen and lower for eight stocks. International Nickel went up from 41,300 to 91,300, Brazilian from 66,400 to 86,500, Port Alfred from 3,600 to 6,900, Abitibi from 16,100 to 22,900, Canadian Power and Paper from 24,000 to 42,600, Consolidated Smelters from 1,200 to 1,700, Steel of Canada from 1,300 to 2,500, Winnipeg Electric from 3,200 to 5,300, Wayagamack from 2,900 to 5,500 and Price-Hersey from 2,400 to 4,800. Shawinigan fell from 29,300 to 21,600, Dominion Bridge from 15,700 to 12,400, Canadian Industrial Alcohol "A" from 12,500 to 7,700, Brompton from 5,800 to 4,300, Massey-Harris from 11,300 to 9,200, Price Bros. from 4,800 to 3,700 and Quebec Power from 5,600 to 4,500.

Table of Index Numbers.

		Investors' Index Number of Common Stocks			Traders' Index Number		
		30 Industrial Companies Located in Canada		23 Public Utility Companies Located Abroad	of the twenty-five best selling Industrial and Public Utility Common Stocks		
		Industrial	Public Utility		Index of Price	Index of Total Value of all stocks Traded.	
1926		100	100	100	100	100	100
1927							
January		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	317.7	282.9
February		167.6	135.1	140.2	148.0	322.0	230.3
March		172.4	137.6	147.6	152.4	338.5	230.6
April		177.0	139.5	156.0	156.6	379.5	262.0
Week ending April 5th, 1928.		175.3	136.9	151.9	155.1	367.8	310.0
" " " 12th, "		175.1	137.1	151.2	155.1	376.1	155.3
" " " 19th, "		179.1	138.4	155.5	158.2	383.8	324.6
" " " 26th, "		178.9	141.3	153.4	158.8	390.4	258.0
" " May 3rd, "		182.8	147.9	158.7	164.0	412.0	344.8
" " " 10th, "		189.3	151.8	163.3	169.0	425.1	280.5
" " " 17th, "		189.1	151.1	167.0	169.5	429.6	254.7
" " " 24th, "		183.4	148.5	161.4	165.0	414.3	174.4
" " " 31st, "		179.9	147.1	157.3	164.5	404.9	225.9

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 in 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.

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	Mis-cell-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
1926	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
1927																	
January	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
February	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	125.9	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
February "	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
March "	172.4	224.3	156.0	176.7	171.9	133.8	162.5	168.6	179.0	137.6	134.5	119.3	147.3	147.6	118.1	183.6	152.4
April "	177.0	249.8	160.0	180.4	177.0	136.4	165.4	181.9	177.9	139.5	132.8	120.8	154.0	156.0	124.5	194.2	156.6
1928																	
April 5th.	175.3	238.2	160.4	176.2	173.1	129.9	161.3	171.0	183.0	136.9	131.6	118.5	147.7	151.9	119.9	202.1	155.1
April 12th.	175.1	249.1	161.0	179.5	171.1	131.5	162.9	173.0	178.2	137.1	130.9	116.5	149.3	151.2	117.8	203.1	155.1
April 19th.	179.1	250.0	164.3	180.5	177.2	132.8	163.5	184.4	177.6	138.4	131.1	118.8	152.4	155.5	123.9	205.5	158.2
April 26th.	178.9	247.7	173.3	180.3	175.2	132.2	163.1	182.1	176.1	141.3	133.9	121.8	155.2	153.4	123.2	201.3	158.8
May 3rd.	182.8	252.6	177.9	183.7	180.4	133.5	163.4	185.3	179.4	147.9	134.8	122.5	170.4	158.7	128.1	207.7	164.0
May 10th.	189.3	260.6	176.8	186.6	195.0	131.8	166.5	190.3	182.6	151.8	137.4	123.3	176.8	163.3	131.1	214.5	169.0
May 17th.	189.1	257.7	174.1	183.9	196.5	132.4	167.6	189.5	182.2	151.1	135.2	123.5	178.2	167.0	135.6	217.2	169.5
May 24th.	183.4	250.9	161.7	185.1	190.2	130.6	165.9	183.4	178.0	148.5	131.4	124.4	176.4	161.4	130.0	211.5	162.0
May 31st.	179.9	246.3	147.3	183.2	186.0	126.6	163.0	177.5	181.5	147.1	134.0	125.0	169.5	157.3	127.2	205.5	164.5

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