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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 of 1926-100, were as follows for the week ending February 20th.

The "Investors'" index of industrial common stocks was 199.2 for the week ending February 20th, as compared with 204.4 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 867.3 for the week ending February 20th, as compared with 879.6 for the previous week.

The "Investors'" index of domestic utility common stocks was 137.7 for the week ending February 20th, as compared with 139.8 for the previous week.

The "Investors'" index of common stocks of companies located abroad in which Canadians are heavily interested was 118.8 for the week ending February 20th, as compared with 122.3 for the previous week.

The "Investors'" index for all three groups of common stocks combined was 161.5 for the week ending February 20th, as compared with 165.2 for the previous week.

Average weekly prices were lower for thirteen, higher for eight and unchanged for four of the twenty-five stocks. International Nickel fell from \$39.2 to \$37.9, Shawinigan from \$79.7 to \$76.4, Consolidated Mining and Smelting from \$257.4 to \$241.1, Montreal Light, Heat and Power from \$139.1 to \$137.5, C.P.R. "New" from \$56.0 to \$55.2, Dominion Bridge from \$80.5 to \$79.1, Massey Harris from \$38.0 to \$36.8 and Famous Players from \$51.8 to \$49.8. Abitibi rose from \$27.3 to \$30.4, Canada Wire and Cable "B" from \$31.9 to \$38.5 and Brazilian from \$37.6 to \$38.0.

Sales were lower for fourteen and higher for eleven stocks. C.P.R. "New" declined from 54,000 to 10,500, Montreal Light, Heat and Power from 20,500 to 6,600, Consolidated Mining and Smelting from 6,200 to 1,100, Dominion Bridge from 16,200 to 4,200, National Steel Car from 15,700 to 3,900, Massey Harris 20,200 to 4,500, Famous Players from 5,400 to 2,400 and Canadian Car and Foundry from 8,200 to 4,300. Brazilian mounted from 27,100 to 57,900, International Nickel from 66,900 to 83,600, Abitibi from 2,200 to 10,000, Canada Wire and Cable "B" from 400 to 4,500, Walker's from 7,200 to 17,000, and Bruck Silk from 1,500 to 4,600.



TABLE OF INDEX NUMBERS

: Investors' Index Number of Common : Traders' Index Number  
: Stocks : of the twenty-five  
: 100 Industrial 27 Public Utility : best selling Industrial  
: Companies Loca- : : and Public Utility  
: ted in Canada : Companies: : Common Stocks  
: Indust-:Public : Located : All : Index of : Index of  
: rial : Utility: Abroad : : : Price : Total Value  
: : : : : : : of Stocks  
: : : : : : : Traded

	100	100	100	100	100	100
<u>1926</u>						
<u>1929</u>						
January	286.1	154.0	210.5	217.7	1039.5	475.3
February	292.9	158.7	198.9	220.3	1125.8	280.3
March	266.2	150.1	176.8	201.7	1057.3	242.4
April	269.3	143.6	180.3	201.0	962.4	128.4
May	269.3	140.2	164.2	196.5	955.1	113.4
June	264.1	143.4	162.8	195.3	968.0	82.2
July	271.2	150.7	171.9	202.9	1032.1	86.0
August	293.8	159.2	192.6	219.5	1170.1	212.2
September	315.8	163.1	197.2	230.9	1230.4	179.6
October	255.4	149.3	172.7	196.2	1125.8	269.5
November	209.4	130.9	129.5	161.8	769.2	119.4
December	210.0	131.6	137.9	164.0	786.7	55.8
<u>1930</u>						
January	209.1	133.3	130.3	162.8	828.9	56.4
<u>1929</u>						
Week ending Nov. 7th	218.6	134.8	132.6	171.4	813.4	165.1
" " " 14th	195.2	125.2	122.5	155.8	714.8	172.9
" " " 21st	205.9	128.3	134.6	163.9	771.8	94.1
" " " 28th	205.6	128.1	136.4	164.2	777.1	45.8
" " Dec. 5th	208.8	131.1	144.1	168.3	808.7	71.1
" " " 12th	210.8	132.9	144.1	169.9	833.2	96.6
" " " 19th	201.9	129.0	131.7	162.0	771.1	52.4
" " " 26th	194.0	124.8	125.9	155.8	741.0	34.8
<u>1930</u>						
Week ending Jan. 2nd.	201.7	126.7	131.6	160.9	779.6	24.1
" " " 9th	205.5	129.1	129.3	162.9	805.7	54.7
" " " 16th	207.3	131.6	132.3	165.0	828.5	57.1
" " " 23rd	204.6	132.3	128.9	163.5	825.4	44.5
" " " 30th	206.4	132.8	130.8	164.8	856.0	69.3
" " Feb. 6th	205.1	132.8	125.1	163.3	860.7	55.9
" " " 13th	204.4	139.8	122.3	165.2	x879.6	x71.2
" " " 20th	199.2	137.7	118.8	161.5	867.3	43.3

Purpose of Traders' and Investors' Index Numbers

The Investors' Index Numbers measure the trend of values for the investor who buys a fixed list of stock and holds them over a long period.

The Traders' Index measure the trend of gains or losses for a trader on the Montreal and Toronto Exchanges, who buys and sells the leading common stocks in the same proportion as they are traded in the market as a whole, at the mathematical average price of the week and who turns over his investments every week.

x Revised index figures.





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