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# INVESTORS' AND TRADERS' INDEX NUMBERS OF SECURITY PRICES

"Investors!" and "Traders!" weighted index numbers of security prices, computed by the Dominion Fureau of Statistics on the base 1926=100, were as follows for the week ending March 3rd.

The "Investors'" index of industrial common stocks was 67.0 for the week ending March 3rd, as compared with 66.7 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 427.3 for the week ending March 3rd, as compared with 408.6 for the previous week.

The "Investors!" index of domestic utility common stocks was 58.1 for the week ending March 3rd, as compared with 55.2 for the previous week.

The "Investors'" index of common stocks of companies located abroad in which Canadians are heavily interested was 52.2 for the week ending March 3rd, as compared with 51.4 for the previous week.

The "Investors" index for all three groups of common stocks combined was 61.5 for the week ending March 3rd, as compared with 60.0 for the previous week.

Average weekly prices were higher for twelve, unchanged for five and lower for eight of the twenty-five stocks included in the Traders' Index. C.P.R. rose from \$17.8 to \$20.5, National Steel Car from \$8.6 to \$9.3, Southern Canada Power from \$16.5 to \$19.1, Ford "A" from \$15.7 to \$16.2, Consolidated Mining and Smelting from \$69.1 to \$69.5 and Page-Hersey from \$53.7 to \$55.2. Dominion Textile fell from \$54.9 to \$50.6, British Columbia Power "A" from \$22.9 to \$21.8 and Winnipeg Electric from \$6.0 to \$5.1.

Sales were higher for seventeen and lower for eight stocks. C.P.R. mounted from 9,000 to 29,100, Brazilian from 11,300 to 15,300, National Steel Car from 500 to 3,000, Walkers from 7,700 to 11,400, International Nickel from 9,700 to 10,500, McColl-Frontenac Oil from 700 to 1,300 and Montreal Light, Heat and Power from 300 to 500. Steel of Canada declined from 1,500 to 300, British Columbia Power "A" from 2,000 to 1,200, Ford "A" from 3,300 to 2,200 and Dominion Textile from 600 to 400.

### TABLE OF INDEX NUMBERS

	96 Indi	tors: Inde Common S ustrial 26 ies Loca-:	tocks Public	:Traders! Index Number of the twenty-five best sell- ing Industrial and Public :Utility Common Stocks Index of Price				
	Indust	Canada : -:Public : -:Utility:	Located Abroad					
1926 1929	100	100	100	100	100			
Highest Weekly Figures	311.0	163.6	213.3	235.4	1255.4			
Lowest Weekly Figures	194.0	124.8	122.5	155.8	714.8			
1930 Highest Weekly Figures	222.1	142.3	152 a					
Lowest Weekly Figures	112.6	99.8	151.8	178.6	1037.2			
1931	2-2-0	77.0	70.7	100.6	569.4			
January	124.7	207.3	83.6	108.8	609.8			
February	129.3	114.9	84.9	114.0	660.2			
March	127.g.	116.1	79.3	112.9	714.3			
April	106.8	104,8	67.8	97.7	621.5			
May	39.0	85.2	58.7	80.9	495.2			
June	31.1	80°4	59.8	80.0	464.8			
July	94-6	81.7	69.3	83.6	492.4			
August	94.4	76.6	68.1	81.2	470.7			
September	79.3	55.4	49.1	67.2	394.5			
October	74-3	60.1	48.0	62.8	360.6			
November	86.6	63,5	58.8	71.0	448.5			
December	74.3	59.3	51.5	63.0	390.7			
1932			-1					
January February	73.7	59.1	54.3	63.2	402.8			
Week ending January 7th	71:1	53.8	54.5 49.7	62·2 59·5	400.8			
" " 14th	70.3	56.2	50,6	61.5	381.0 408.5			
" " 21st	70.2	57.3	51.9	62.2	416.3			
" " 28th	69.2	55.9	51.7	61,2	405.5			
" February 4th	67.8	55.3	50 × 8	60.3	400.2			
" " " llth	65.9	54.8	49.7	59.2	387.8			
" " 18th	67.2	55.9	50.5	60.3	406.6			
" " 25th	66.7	55.2	51.4	60.0	x408.6			
" March 3rd	67.0	58 <sub>c</sub> 1	52.2	61.5	427.3			

## 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 stocks and holds them over a long period.

The Traders' Index measures 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.

## 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			CCMPA					
Number of Securities	Total	and	Pulp and Paper	Mill- ing	Oils	Textiles and Clothing	Food and Allied Products	Bever- ages	Mis- cell- aneous	Total	Trans port- ation	Tele- phone Tele- graph	Power and Traction	Total	In- dust- rial	Util- ity	Grand Total	
	95	19	9	5	4	9	21	8	21	18	2	2	14	8	1	7	122	
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	10030	
x1929-High	311.0	383.8		267.4	416.8	110.1	193.8	201.4	507.2	163.6	160.6	125.6	192.7	213.3	191.5	258.0	235.4	
Low	194.0	196.1	73.1	191.9	248.3	74-5	131.8	89.1	247.0	124.8	117.1	108.3	131.1	122.5	117.4	138.1	155.8	
x1930 High	222.1	231.3	73.4	192.5	296.6	77.2	.144.8	95.7	328.8	142,3	138.1	113.7	163.3	151.8	136-4	185.3	178.6	
Lov	112.5	134.5	22.3	97.9	167.5	56.7	.01.2	59.9	133.2	99.8	91.0	99.5	108.4	70.7	72.4	72.7	100.6	
1931																	1000	
January	124.7	143.7		107.6	190.8	65.9	112.0	69.3	141.0	107.3	102.2	106.7	115.6	83.6	90.9	80.5	108.8	
February	129.3	149.5		102.1	184.5	65.5	123.4	75.1	159.6	114,9	109.4	111.6	124.2	84.9	85.3	89.2	114.0	
March	127,8	151.8		102.8	169.0	62.5	128.7	74.9	169.1	116.1	105.1	110.2	132.6	79.3	76.7	86.6	112.9	
April	106.8	126.7		86.2	137.0	59.3	122.6	67.2	140.5	104.8	92:0	108,4	121.3	67.8	70.0	69.1	97.7	
May	89.0	103.2		56.2	119.6	49.9	108.8	57.0	112.8	85.2	71.0	100.5	100.8	58.7	65.1	55.1	80.9	cu
June	91.1	99.1	13.6		127.2	49.7	106.0	55.7	116.0	80.4	65.9	101,3	95.1	59.8	68	58.8	80.0	
July	94.6	101.6	13.9	72.4	131.2	50.6	114.1	56.7	120.2	81,7	65.1	103.2	99.0	69.3	71.0	71.4	83.6	
August	94.4	100.6	12.6	69.5	141.5	50.2	112.5	55.7	111.4	76-6	54.8	100.8	99.6	68.1	78.2	61.0	81.2	
September October	79.3	85.9	11.5	56.8	115.0	46.1	105.8	49.1	93.4	65.4	44.1	95.4	86.5	49.1	58.8	41.2	67.2	
November	74.3	78.3	10.6	57.5	107.4	45.4	101.0	45.3	88.2	60.1	38.8	90.1	81.2	48.0	60.0	37.5	62.8	
December	86.6	88.8	12.2	69.5	132.3	46.1	107.1	48.9	100.5	63.5	43.7	93.5	82.9	58.8	75.1	44.1	71.0	
pecempet.	74.3	77.2	10.7	<b>6</b> 5.9	108.7	45.2	98.9	42.1	87.7	59.3	38.0	90.5	80.3	51.5	64.8	39.7	63.0	
1932																		
January	73.7	77.2	10.5	66.5	107.8	44.9	94.7	42.5	86.9	59.1	40 0	00 3	76 0	5/1 2	67.1	42.9	63.2	
February	71.1	76.5	9.9	64.9	106.3	39.6	89.6	40.6	81.7	59.1	40.9	88.3 82.0	76.8 75.3	54.3	65.2	44.8	62.2	
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Jan. 7th	68.2	71.7	9.0	61.1	101.6	40.2	90.8	40.7	80.3	53.8	31.9	81.1	75	49.7	60.8	40.1	59.5	
Jan. 14th	70.3	73.4	9.0	61.2	103.6	39.8	88.7	42.2	85.3	56.2	37.5	80.9	73.5	50.6	60.8	41.9	61.5	
Jan. 21st	70.2	73.5	8.9	61.2	104.7	39.9	89.7	42.7	83.5	57.3	40.2	80.9	73.0	51.9	62.4	43.0	62.2	
Jan. 28th	69.1	72.6	8.8	61.2	103.8	39.8	89.3	42.5	80.9	55.9	39.0	80.9	71.1	51.7	61.8	43.2	61.2	
Feb. 4th	67.8	71.3	8.5	60.6	101.8	39.8	86.8	40.8	79.9	55.3	38.1	80.9	71.0		60.6	42.4	60.3	
Feb. 11th	65.9	71.2	8.3	59.3	98.9	39.7	85.7	39.2	77.0	54.8	202 2	80.9	70.8	50.8	58.9	42.1	59.2	
Feb. 18th	67.2	72.9	8.1	59.5	101.4	39.7	86.2	39.6	785	55.9	39.5	80.9	70.6	50.5	58.9	43.7	60.3	
Feb. 25th	66.7	73.7	8.0	59.5	102.4	35.5	83.0	39.9	76.9	55.2	40.1	74.7	69.6	51.4	59.4	45.2	60.0	
Mar. 3rd	67.0	74.4	8.0		103.1	33.6	82.1	39.7	77.3	58.1	46.1	74.7	69.3	52.2	6k.0	45.4	61.5	

