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## INDEX NUMBERS OT HHOLESATT PRICES

JATUARY, 1932.
The Dominion Bureau of Statjstics index number of wholesale prices on the base $1926=100$, moved down from 70.3 in December, 1931, to 69.4 in January, 1932. 60 quotations were higher, 99 Iere lower, while 343 remained unchanged.

Vegetable Products advanced from 55.6 to 55.7 , gains for oats, rye, oatmeal, rolled oats, coffee and onions more than counterbalancing losses for flax, barley, Wheat, flour, bran and shorts. Animals and Their Products dropped from 66.3 to 63.6 , losses for steers, cured meats, milk, butter, cheese, and fresh eggs, influencing the index more than gains for calves, hogs, lambs, and canned salmon. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products were unchanged at 71,8 , advances for cottonades, denims, and silk machine twist, comiterbalancing declines fen raw jute, raw silk, raw wool, and woollen blankets. Mood, Wood Products and Paper dropped from 77.4 to 74.8 , owing chiefly to reducel quotations for newsprint, hard maple, and bleached sulphite pulp. Iron and Its produts changed fractionally from 87.? to 87.1 , chiefly beause of lower prices for steel tank plates, and auton:ohile body plates. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products rose from 66.3 to 66.5 , higher prices for tin, electrolytic copper, copper wire, and copper wire bars, more than offsetting losses for alminim, lead, and silver. NonMetallic Mnerals and Their products deciined from 88.3 to 87.3 , due mainly to lower prices for domestic coal, sulphur, and building stone. Chemicals and Allied Products were 84.4 in January as compared with 85.3 in December, on account of declines in the prices of hemlock and logwood extract, whitc and red lead, basic slag, and tankage.

Consumers' Goods fell from 74.0 to 73.3 , price reductions for flour, bran, shorts, fresh and cured meats, milk, cheese, butter and eggs, more than outwelghtng advances for coffee, dried frufts, oatrieal, rolled oats, and onions.

Producers' Goods moved down from 67.4 to 66.5 influenced moute by declines for wheat, barley, bran, shorts, steers, newsprint, and hard maple, that by gains for rye, calves, hogs, lambs, silk machine twist, electrolytic copper and tin.

Raw and Partly Manufactured Goods changed from 59.5 to 58.6 , due chiefly
to lower quotations for wheat, steers, eggs, milk, raw wool, aluminium, and silver.
Fully and Chíefly Manufactured Goods dropped from 72.9 to 71.8 , losses for flour, bran, shorts, cured meats, chcese, woollen blankets, and newsprint, more than counterbalancing higher prices for rolled oats, oatmeal, copper wire bars, copper Wire, and silk machine twist.

Canadian Parm Products deciined from 53.0 to 52.0 , reduced prices for wheat, flax, barley, potatoes, and steers, intluencing the index more than better quotations foi fye, onions, calves, hogs, and Lambs.

SUMMARY OF COMNODIS PRICE MOVFMGNS: THEAT AND OTHBR GREINS: The quietness which characterizcá rheat markets in the closing weeks of 1931, continued throughout January. It was so marked that quotations ranged within limite of about $2 \frac{1}{2}$ cents for the entire month, Offerings at finnipe were light and trading was generally quiet with the growing export norement of coutiorn Fernisphere wheat tending to curb such small advances as occurred. The first of these took place about the middle of January when it was feared that snow and sleet might have damaged U.S. winter wheat, but prices failed to hold gains which were made. A second short-lived rise near the close of the month followed upon news of serious poifitical disturbances in the Orient, and of a cold Wave that touched winter wheat areas in the United States. The announcement that Italy would reduce the quota of domostic wheat for milling requirements from 95 per cent. to 70 per cent. for soft graces and from 50 per cent. to 20 per cent. for hard wheat was considered significant in vien of the long period during which European import quotas have been rigidly maintained.

Whe range of cash closing prices for No. 1 Manitoba Northern wheat. Ft. Filliam and Pt. Arthur basis wes betwien $587 / 8 \phi$ and $67 \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4}$ per bushel for january. The average for the month was $60.0 \%$ as against $60.6 \%$ fo: Deceniber.

With the excepicin of those for rye, prices for other grains were also lower. No. 3 C.T. barley declined from an average of $\overline{8} .44$ in Decernoer to $37.7 \phi$ for danuary;

 bushel.

MILIBN PRODUCTS: Janaly wes extremely quiet month for the milling trade, a not unusual condition for the tiree of year, Domostiz demand was limited, and no change occurrea to relieve the depressed stat? of export markets. Limited quantities of good milling oats were given creait for the fimness shown by rolled oat prices.

An avazage of Manitula spring No. i patent flour ouvtations at Toronto, remained the same as in Decemver at $5 j .03$ per harrel of 2-98:s jute. Rolled oats at Moronto, advanced jroin $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 2.65$ per 90 round bag.

SUGAR: Furthe: adjournment of the Paris conference on crop restriction measures, in order that Jeva might reach a decision regarding the amount of 1933 production, kept raw \$ufar rarkets in it state of suspense. Buriñ of raws at New York was in fair volume, but ductations moved gradually lower as the month progressed. Cuban grinding was authorized by Fsesident Machads to begin on January 15th, but production reports subsequertly indicnted that output was at a considerably lower rate than ir 1931. A report that Java had astece to limit 1933 production to 1,400,000 tons helped to steady month-enu quivaitions.

Cuban raw sugar, 96 cuntrifugal, $c$, and $f$. New York fell from $\$ 1.36$ in December to $\$ 1.35$ per cw . in Jannary, qunted in Canadian funds. Standard granulated sugar at Montreal has remainec unchanged fow many months at $\$ 4.56$ per cwt.

LUBBIT: Rubber picices acted rather uncertainly, but averaged lower for the month. Year end staistices rerc mostly bearish. Unc, stocks of raw mbber on hand were given as 322,826 tons, which constjtutted a nev record high, and totalled over 120,000 tons more than holdings a yeas earlick, pumers regarding restriction plans continued to circulate, but failea to brine forth confjumation despite the persistence. Malayan shipruents to the Tinitod statos: December amonted to 27.754 tons as compared with 36,049 tons in November. but inss fact milect to exer much influence in view of the supply situation referred to above Ceylan ribed smored sheets, at New York were unchanged from Decemer, at $5,6 申$ per wound. ’lartatic: first latex crepe, however, fell from $6.1 \phi$ to 5.9 per pound, ana $\because$ priver fine vara raber was also lower at $6.5 \phi$ as against 6.75 per pound in December. (All nuntations in Ganadian funds).

COFHEE: The prospect of the Brazilian destruction campatg was apparently sufficient to maintair coffec prises at firm levels, in the fac of growing world tisible supplies. Hirirlu active buying as reported from lew York, attributed to the fact that a number of rossters and chain cperaturs had allowed stocks to tun very low. Brazil oontinued to leai othon narkets in the uptrard movement of prices.

Green Santos coffes at Teronto adrance? Arcm $15 \cdot 5 \phi$ to $17.0 \phi$ per pound, green R10, rose from 13.5 to $15.0 \phi$ per pruna. and green Jamaica was marked up from $13 \phi$ to $16 \phi$ per pound.

IIVESOCR: Under the influence of plentiful supplies, particularly in the east, dattle markets ?ost ground almost steadily throughout the greater part of the month. Latterly prices stiffened on the strength of the better quality of of ferings together with a cioser adiustment of surnly to manks requirements. Calves did not follow the trend of catile, and pricec were timer with iuns reported moderate, while conditions in the easi were helped aiso ber shipments to the inited states. Lamb rarkets continued the steadjest of the live steck section. With better prices availablefor choice quality. Fiogs: also arereged Ligher: dospite a steady run.

Good stoers over 1050 pounds wore $\$ 5.89$ in January and $\$ 6.04$ per cwt. in December at Iorontc. Gorū steers ar Timipeg averuced $\$ 5.21$ and $\$ 5.18$ per cwt. for these respective months. Goce veail caiter edvanced rrom $\$ 7.30$ to $\$ 7.81$ at Toronto, and fiom $\$ \mathbf{U} .23$ to $\$ 6,26$ pe: cmt. at Tinnipge Good haidywight laribs moved up from $\$ 6.38$ to $\$ 7.07$ at Foronto, from $\$ 5.73$ 7.0 $\$ 5.83$ az Winnspis: and from $\$ 6.40$ to $\$ 6.69$ per owt. at Montreal. Bacon hogs, at croronto, rose frcia $\$ 4.51$ io $\$ 5.24$, at Tinnipeg from $\$ 3.89$ to $\$ 4.05$, and at Moutfeail fron $\$ 4.07$ is $\$ 3 n=11$ per cmt.

production. Fer prop . Reports from most centres indicated that fresh supplies were almost of sufficient volume to meet requirements, with a consequent light movement from storage. Despite the low prices btaining, no marked advance in consumption was reported.

Fresh extras, fell from $45.6 \phi$ to $31.3 \phi$ per dozen at Montreal. This same grade droppel from $40.9 \phi$ to $28.8 \phi$ per dozen at Toronto, and from $43.7 \phi$ to $22.3 \phi$ per dozen at Tinnipeg.

COIMON: Cotton advanced, with the rise attributed chiefly to better export demand for Anerican cotton, particularly from the East, which has been gradually replacing imports from India by U.S. supplies, owing to the high price of the former. Shipments of American cotton to the Orient for the four months, August - November, 1931. asgregated $1,122,000$ bales or 118,000 bales more than for the same part of 1930. World consumption from August 1st - December 24 th, 1931, approximated 16 per cent. higher than for the same period in the previouis year. Visible supplies rose from $9,286,000$ bales on December 31st, to 9,362,000 bales on January 28th, 1932.

Raw cotton, upland middling, at New York average $7.8 申$ in Jamuary as compared with $7.6 \phi$ per pound in December (In Canadian funds). Raw cotton 111 - 1 1/16 moved up from $8.7 \phi$ to $9.1 \phi$ per pound, delivered at Eamilton.

SIIK: Quotations for silk continued downward under the influence of an unfavourable statistical position. The consumption figure of Japanese silk for December represented the lowest monthly total since July, while stocks were reported 5,000 bales ahead of a year ago, marking the greatest amount held in several years. Exports from Japan, for the first half of January at 12,220 bales were about 2,700 bales lower than for the same period in 1930.

Raw silk, grand double extra, was $\$ 2.90$ in January and $\$ 3.16$ in December. Raw silk, crack double, extra, dropped from $\$ 2.79$ to $\$ 2.49$, and raw silk, extra, moved down from $\$ 2.60$ to $\$ 2.43$ per pound, New York basis. 'All prices in Canadian currency).

WOOL: Wool prices moved lower, though latterly, considerable buying for future delivery was reported. Exports of Canadian raw wool fell from $1,789,724$ pounds in November, to 370,216 pounds in December.

Raw wool, eastern, bright, low, medium or $\frac{1}{4}$ blood staple declined from $13 \phi$ to $12 \phi-13 \phi$ per pound in January. Western wool, $3 / 8$ blood and $\frac{1}{2}$ blood staple were $1 \phi$ lower at $9 \phi$ per pound, in quantities of 20,000 pounds, or more.

NBWSPRINT: A further reduction in mewsprint quotations was made at the beginning of the year, marking the second fall since December, 1930. Production in the mills of Canada and the United States totalled 3,378,272 tons in 1931, as compared with 3,786,519 tons in 1930 .

Newsprint paper rolls were $\$ 2.31$ in January as compared with $\$ 2.51$ per 100 pounds, carloads, f.o.b. mill, in December.

IRON AND STEEN: Variations in the prices of iron and steel products were largely attributable to the exchange situation. Market conditions showed little change with most plants still operating on a reduced scale, for small spot orders.

Automobile body plates declined from $\$ 3.72$ to $\$ 3.44$ per 100 pounds, f.o.b. mill. Bittsburg. Steel tank plates moved down from $\$ 1.92 \sim \$ 1.98$ to $\$ 1.78$ - $\$ 1.90$ per 100 pounds f. 0. b. mill, Pittsburg. (All qotations in Canadian funds).

COPPER: From an opening of $7 \frac{1}{3} \phi$, the export price of copper in the $\mathrm{U} . \mathrm{S}$. basic market rose to $75 / 8 \phi$, but dropped back towards the close of the month to $71 / 8 \phi$ per pound, c.i,f. European ports. The advance was ascribed mainly to the curtailment program, which became effective January lst. Forld statistics were not available but it was estlinated that stocks of refined copper in the United States reached a new high record of aoout 453,000 tons on December 31 st, as compared with 357,500 tons a year earlier.

Electrolytic domestic copper rose from $\$ 9.45$ to $\$ 9.75$ per 100 pounds, f. 0.b. Montreal. Imported copper wire bars advanced from $\$ 8.37$ to $\$ 8.89$ per 100 pounds (Canadian funds) f. $0 . b$. New York, and solid, bare, oppper wire moved up from $12.3 \phi$ to $13.5 \phi$ per pound at Montreal.

TIN: Chiefly due to plans for reducing output, prices of tin advanced slightly in January. Statistics proved less favourable than had been expected. Consumption in

United States and Europe was reported as declining, while the world visible supply at the close of the year was given by Messrs. Strauss at 50,938 tons, an increase of 793 tons over the previous month.

Tin ingots, Straits, f.0.b. Toronto, moved up from $29.5 \phi$ to $30.0 \phi$ per pound.
COAL: Quotations for domestic coal were easter in January.
Testern, domestic, standard, screened 1 ump, dropped from $\$ 4.20$ to $\$ 4.00$ per ton at Drumheller and from $\$ 3.50$ to $\$ 3.25$ per ton at Edmonton.
the LEAD: While lead prices moved down to pre-war levels merking thecond lecine in/last two months.

Basic carbonate white lead in oil, fell from $\$ 8.35$ to $\$ 7.90$ per 100 pounds, f.0.b. Montreal. Red lead declined from $\$ 7.50$ to $\$ 7.00$ per 100 pounds, f.0.b. Montreal.

BUIIDING AND CONSTMUCTION MATERIALS - 1913=100
See page 8 for these data on the base 1926-100

| Mo. of <br> Price <br> Series Jan. JulyAug. Sept. oct. Nov. Dec.1931 <br> Jan. |
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Building and Construction Materials
Lumber
Painters 1 Materials
Miscellaneous

| 97 | 128.4 | 127.2 | 125.4 | 123.6 | 123.1 | 122.0 | 122.2 | 121.4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 27 | 118.6 | 114.4 | 111.1 | 107.5 | 107.1 | 103.8 | 103.5 | 103.8 |
| 11 | 127.8 | 125.3 | 124.6 | 123.0 | 120.6 | 122.8 | 124.1 | 121.7 |
| 59 | 136.9 | 139.4 | 138.9 | 138.9 | 138.9 | 139.4 | 139.7 | 138.2 |

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|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Price } \\ & \text { Series } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Jan} . \\ & 1931 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { oct. } \\ & 2231 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov. } \\ 1931 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Dec. $1931$ | +2:. $19 z 2$ |
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| Total Index 502 emmodities | 502 | 76.7 | 70.4 | 70.6 | 70.3 | 69.4 |
| INDEX NUMEERE OE CORA'ODITIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CLASSIITSD ACCUSDING TO MEMR CHIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| COMPONEMT MATETALS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Vegetaible Products (crain, |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| fruits, etc.) | 124 | 58.0 | 56.0 | 57.5 | 55.6 | 55.7 |
| 11. Animals and their Products | 74 | 88.2 | 68.0 | 67.3 | 66.3 | 53.6 |
| 111. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Sroducts | 60 |  |  |  |  |  |
| IV. Food, Wood Products and Paper | - 44 | 15.5 83.1 | 71.9 | 76.7 | 71.8 77.4 | 71.3 74.8 |
| T. Ison and Its Procuets | 39 | 88.7 | 87.3 | 37.0 | 87.3 | 87.1 |
| VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and their Products | 15 | 69.1 | 62.9 | 63.8 | 65.3 | 66.5 |
| VII. Non-Wetallic Kinerals and r"eir Products | 73 | 89.3 | 86.6 | 85.5 | 88.3 | 87.3 |
| VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products | s 73 | 88.4 | 84.7 | 84.9 | 85.3 | 84.4 |

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II. Producers? Goods Froducers' Equipment Producers: initeriels 329 Building 象 Construction

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$\begin{array}{lllll}51.7 & 74.9 & 74.3 & 74.0 & 73.3\end{array}$

| 79.9 | 67.3 | 66.1 | 65.1 | 63.6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 82.9 | 79.9 | 79.8 | 79.9 | 79.8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 70.3 | 66.0 | 67.8 | 67.4 | 66.5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 97.5 | 89.3 | 89.2 | 93.0 | 91.1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 84.0 | 80.6 | 79.9 | 80.0 | 79.5 |
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| 64.4 | 59.6 | 62.2 | 61.2 |
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(b) Tully nà chiefly manufautureá 49
$92.0 \quad 71$.

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| 81.7 | 63.5 | 67.7 | 64.8 | 63.1 |

(c) Totol 90

| 86.2 | 63.5 | 67.7 | 66.9 | 64.7 |
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| (2) Animal | 13 |
| (3) Iotal | 59 |

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INDEX INUBERS OF COIMODITIES
(Classified According to Chief Component Materials) 1926=100
Indexes for the current year are subject to final revision.

|  | Commodities ${ }^{\text {No }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. of } \\ & \text { Price } \\ & \text { Series } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1931 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { oct. } \\ & 1931 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 193 i \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1931 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1932 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Index | 502 | 76.7 | 70.4 | 70.5 | 70.3 | 69.4 |
| 1. | Vegetable Products | 124 | 58.0 | 56.0 | 57.5 | 55.6 | 55.7 |
|  | Fraits | 15 | 92.0 | 126.6 | 81.2 | 80.8 | 79.1 |
|  | Fresh, Domestic | 3 | 110.6 | 179.4 | 67.4 | 57.4 | 67.4 |
|  | Fresh, Foreign | 4 | 77.1 | 102.3 | 92.5 | 91.7 | 35.0 |
|  | Dried | 5 | 78.9 | 90.5 | 93.7 | 93.1 | 99.4 |
|  | Canned | 3 | 93.7 | 76.8 | 75.8 | 75.8 | 75.8 |
|  | Grains | 23 | 37.9 | 40.0 | 45.9 | 41.7 | 41.2 |
|  | Flour and Milled Produets | , | 60.0 | 50.7 | 60.0 | 58.8 | 58.7 |
|  | Bakery Products | 2 | 83.0 | 81.9 | 81.9 | 81.9 | 81.9 |
|  | Vegetable 0ils | 6 | 71.1 | 61.4 | 64.8 | 64.4 | 64.2 |
|  | Rubber and Its Products | 6 | 55.4 | 48.8 | 48.8 | 48.8 | 49.9 |
|  | Sugar and Its Products and Glucose | 5 | 77.5 | 77.3 | 77.2 | 77.1 | 77.1 |
|  | Tea, doffee, Cocoa and Spices | - 13 | 70.9 | 66.8 | 66.9 | 65.9 | 68.1 |
|  | Tobacco | 8 | 68.1 | 68.1 | 68.1 | 68.1 | 08.1 |
|  | Tegetables | 15 | 55.2 | 36.1 | 32.2 | 32.5 | 32.7 |
|  | Míscellaneous | 22 | 80.6 | 67.0 | 66.3 | 67.1 | 65.3 |
| 11. | Animals and Their Products | 74 | 88.2 | 68.0 | 67.3 | 66.3 | 63.5 |
|  | Fishery Products | 16 | 84.7 | 73.2 | 13.8 | 71.5 | 71.0 |
|  | Furs | 9 | 85.8 | 61.5 | 61.5 | 61.5 | 58.6 |
|  | Eldes and Skins |  | 53.1 | 47.0 | 48.8 | 48.5 | 48.5 |
|  | Leather, Urmanufactured | 5 | 99.0 | 87.8 | 87.8 | 87.8 | 87.1 |
|  | Boots and Shoes | 3 | 98.7 | 93.7 | 93.7 | 93.7 | 93.7 |
|  | Live Stock | 4 | 92.1 | 66.8 | 65.5 | 66.5 | 65.7 |
|  | Meats and Poultry | 10 | 89.6 | 62.2 | 58.9 | 57.1 | 53.5 |
|  | Milk and Its Products | 12 | 87.0 | 66.2 | 66.4 | 67.0 | 65.0 |
|  | Fats | 5 | 80.3 | 54.5 | 54.9 | 53.3 | 49.5 |
|  | Fggs | 5 | 88.1 | 79.2 | 81.9 | 76.0 | 57.2 |
| 111. Fibres, Textiles and Textile <br> Products <br> $\begin{array}{llllll}60 & 75.5 & 71.9 & 11.7 & 71.8 & 71.8\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Cotton, raw cotton Yarn and Thread | 2 | 58.8 81.5 | 40.6 | 41.2 78.5 | 43.5 78.5 | 4.6 |
|  | Cotton Yarn and Thread cotton Fabrics | 17 | 81.9 | 76.5 | 76.5 | 75.5 | 76.5 |
|  | Knit Goods | 1 | 86.7 | 83.3 | 80.0 | 80.0 | 80.0 |
|  | Sash Cord | 1 | 97.4 | 93.5 | 93.5 | 93.5 | 93.5 |
|  | Tlax, Hemp and Jute Products | 8 | 67.8 | 60.1 | 62.3 | 62.5 | 62.1 |
|  | Silk, raw | 3 | 51.6 | 43.5 | 43.2 | 44.4 | 40.5 |
|  | Silk, thread and yarn | 2 | 72.8 | 65.5 | 69.4 | 69.4 | 72.6 |
|  | Silk hosiery | 2 | 75.8 | 75.5 | 75.5 | 75.5 | 75.5 |
|  | Silk fabrics | 4 | 46.9 | 60.5 | 60.3 | 60.6 | 60.6 |
|  | Artificial Silk and Products | 2 | 68.5 | 64.9 | 64.9 | 64.9 | 64.9 |
|  | Wool, raw | 3 | 48.6 | 36.3 | 37.6 | 37.6 | 35.1 |
|  | Wool yarns | 4 | 70.5 | 66.9 | 67.6 | 67.6 | 67.6 |
|  | Fool hosiery and knit goods | 2 | 92.3 | 85.7 | 85.7 | 85.7 | 85.7 |
|  | Wool blankets | 1 | 89.8 | 86.7 | 86.7 | 86.7 | 78.5 |
|  | Wool cloth | 4 | 79.0 | 71.4 | 70.2 | 70.2 | 70.2 |
|  | Carpets | 2 | 92.4 | 93.0 | 93.0 | 93.0 | 93.0 |

(Indexes for the Current Year are Sulject to I'inal kevision)

| Commodities |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. of } \\ & \text { Price } \\ & \text { Series } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1931 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { oct. } \\ & 1231 \end{aligned}$ | Nov. $1231$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec } \\ 1952 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan } \\ & 1.92 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| IV. | Food, Wood Products and Paper | 44 | 83.1 | 71.5 | 76.7 | 77.4 | 74.5 |
|  | Newsprin' | 2 | 80.5 | 77.7 | $77-7$ | 77.7 | 72.2 |
|  | Lumber and Timber | 21 | 81.7 | 73.7 | 71.4 | 71.2 | 71.4 |
|  | Pulp | 3 | 88.6 | 77.0 | 75.6 | 81.6 | 80.9 |
|  | Furiniture | 11 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 93.8 | 90.8 |
|  | Natches | 1 | 72.5 | $74 \sim 7$ | 74.7 | 74.7 | $74 . ?$ |
| \%. | Lron and Its Products | 39 | 88.7 | 87.3 | 57.0 | \& 7.3 | $\begin{aligned} & 510 . \mathrm{L} \\ & 86.9 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Pig Irca and Steel Billets | 4 | 85.9 | 86.9 | 85.9 | 86.5 |  |
|  | Rolling xill products | 10 | 91.5 | 91.5 | 91. 5 | 92, 8 | 92.5 |
|  | Pipe (Cast Iron and Steel) | $?$ | \$9.9 | 89.9 | 89.9 | 89.9 | 89.9 |
|  | Eardware | 1. | 91.1 | 88.5 | 88.6 | 83.6 | 38.6 |
|  | Wire | 3 | 80.3 | 82.8 | 82.8 | \&2, 8 | 82.8 |
|  | Scrap | 5 | 68.2 | 53.2 | 50.1 | 43.5 | 43.5 |
|  | Miscellansous | 1 | 95.0 | 35.0 | 95.0 | 95.0 | 95.0 |
| Vi. | Non-Ferrous Netals and Their Products | 15 | 69.1 | 62.9 | 63.8 | 66.3 | 56.5 |
|  | Aluminium | 1 | 84. 6 | 94.5 | 95.0 | 102.4 | 90.4 |
|  | Antimony | 1 | 43.7 | 39.9 | 41.4 | 38.4 | 38.4 |
|  | Brass, Copper anc roducts | 5 | 76.1 | 60.1 | 58.1 | 62.7 | 64.9 |
|  | Lead and Its Products | 2 | 57.2 | 48.4 | 51.5 | $5 ? .8$ | 52.7 |
|  | Metallic Nickel | 1 | 97.5 | 97.5 | 97.5 | 97.5 | 97. 5 |
|  | Silver |  | 47.6 | 53.2 | 58.4 | 58.7 | 56.5 |
|  | Tin Jngots | 1 | 42.5 | 43.3 | 43.3 | 443 | 4.8 |
|  | Zinc and Its Products | 2 | 49.5 | 42.6 | 45.5 | 46.1 | 45, 3 |
|  | Solder | 1 | 50.2 | 45.0 | 45.15 | 45.0 | 1.5.8. |
| VII. | Mon-Metallic Minerals and Their Products | 73 | 8'9, 3 | 86.5 | 85.5 | 88.3 | 870.3 |
|  | Bricks | 8 | 100.3 | 200.4 | 200.4 | 700 L | 200.4 |
|  | Pottery | 2 | 81.2 | 85.1 | 85.0 | 85.0 | 85.0 |
|  | Coal | 11 | 93.1 | 93.8 | 95.\% | 97.4 | 35.3 |
|  | Coke | 6 | 100.8 | 100.3 | 100. 8 | $100, \%$ |  |
|  | Coal mar | 1 | 100.0 | 708.9 | 102.9 | 102.9 | 10? 9 |
|  | Glass and Its Products | 6 | 65.2 | 71.2 | 17.2 | 77.2 | 17.2 |
|  | Petroleum Products | 6 | 80.3 | 12. 5 | 72.2 | 72.3 | 72.9 |
|  | Salt | 4 | 114.6 | 114.6 | 114.6 | 124.5 | 1.1406 |
|  | Suiphur | 1 | 100.0 | 200.0 | 1.11 .9 | 124.0 | 128.15 |
|  | Plaster | 3 | 96.9 | 94.9 | 94.9 | 94.9 | 94.9 |
|  | Ifme | 1. | 98.1 | 91.8 | 97.8 | 91.8 | 91.3 |
|  | Cement | I | ic0. 7 | 103.5 | 303.5 | 103.5 | 2030.6 |
|  | Sand and Gravel | 8 | 95.5 | 92.2 | C2.? | $9 \geq .2$ | 92, ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
|  | Crushed stone | 3 | $87 . ?$ | 87.5 | 87.6 | 87,6 | 87.5 |
|  | Building Stone | 3 | 55.0 | 65.6 | 66.6 | $66 . .5$ | 65.5 |
|  | Asbestos |  | 89, 2 | 75.4 | 72.3 | 72.3 | 7-? |
| VIII. Chemicals and Allie? Products |  | 73 | 88.4 | 84. 7 | 84.8 | 85.5 | 84.4 |
|  | Inorganic Chemicals | $2 ?$ | 91.0 | 95.1 | 91.2 | 31.4 | 91:5 |
|  | Organic Ohericals | 7 | 75.4 | 75.2 | $75-2$ | 751 | 75.3 |
|  | Coal Jar Products | 2 | 99.1 | 09.1 | 96 |  | 1.01,4 |
|  | Dyeing and Tanning Materials Paint Materials | 10 9 | 91.7 | 370.2 72.4 | 72.5 | 103.8 73.2 | 1.02 .5 7.05 |
|  | Drugs and Piarmaceutical Chemicals | 10 | 99.3 | 87.3 | 88.6 | 8.8 | 37.7 |
|  | Fertilizers | 10 | 8 8.? | 75.5 | 75.5 |  | 7-0 |
|  | Industrial Gases | , | 97.1 | 88.1 | 88.7 | 88.9 | \&3, 7 |
|  | Soap | 1 | 92.6 | 92.6 | 92.6 | 92.6 | 92.5 |

## INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES

(Classified According to Purpose for which used, 1926 100)
Indexes for the current year are subject to final revision




#  JAVUARY, 1932. 

The index number of wetail prices, rents, and costs of services fell from 86.1 in December to 85.6 for Jamary.

For 46 food items the index declined from T.. 2 to 69.5, fractionally higher prices for creamery a d dairy butter being more than offset by lower quotations for eggs, milk, cheese, lard, some mests, potatoes, tea and coffee. Among the meats, fresh pork dropped from $i \sigma^{6} 6$ to 16.0 , sait pork from $17.8 \phi$ to $17.2 \phi$, breakfast bacon from $22.3 \phi$ to $20.8 \phi$ and cooked ham frorn 4 c. $4 \xi$ to $39.6 \phi$, per 1 lb . Fresh eggs "Specials" and "Extras" were dom from $49.56^{\circ}$ to 47.8 , per doz., while the cooking and storage variety were $36.7 \phi$ and $32.6 \phi$, respectively, for Decermber and January. Nilk at $10.7 \phi$ per quart was $1 / 10$ of a cent lower, Cheese feil from $22.5 \phi$ to $22.1 \phi$, and lard from $13.0 \phi$ to $12.8 \phi$ per 1 b . Potatoes were durn from an average price of $16.1 \phi$ to $15.8 \phi$ per peck. Tea was slightly lower at $51.4 \phi$ per 1 lb 。 while cuffee declined from $45.0 \phi$ to $44.6 \phi$ per 1 b . Butter showed but little change. The upward tendency, howeve: , continued, dairy being $23.7 \phi$ per 1 b . in December and $24.3 \phi$ for january, while creamery advanced from $27.2 \phi$ to $27.5 \$$ per 1 b 。

The clothing index has been rovised back to December in order to indicate a drop from 78.6 to 75.4 . Indexes for both men's and women's clothing registered declines, but the decline continued to be more pronounced in the case of ladiest apparel

The index for miscelianeous itens was unchanged at 97.8. However, a revision in the Decmber index indicated a decline from 98.0 to 97.8 , in that month, due to declines in the sub-groups for furniture and housefumishings. Continuing a steady recession which has persisted over a period of years, the former index fell from 88.7 to 87.9. Housefurnishings similarly registered a decline, from 89.4 to 88.9. Declines in two of the three groups comprising this sub-index, viz., hardware and household effects, accounted for tris 1 esult.

Indexes for other gioups were unchanged.
INDEX NUMBERS OE PRTATT PRICES, RINTS, ANO COSTS OF SERVICES, 1913TATHLX, 1932.
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N.B.- Rental indexes are calculatod in liay and october only. Clothing indexes are calculated for March, June Sentember and December as are certain sub-indexes in the Miscellaneous group. Dif ficulties in obtaining these data promptly, cause revisions to be of ton one or two months late.

AVERAGE RETAIL PRIGES OF PINGIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN CANADA - Cont'd.

|  | Beaf Sirloin (Pound) | Be of Chuck (Pound) | Veal <br> Roast <br> (Pound) | llutton Roast (Pound) | Pork <br> Fresh <br> (Pound) | Pork <br> Salt <br> (Pound) | Bacon Breakfast (Pound) | Lard <br> Pure (Pound) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Eggs } \\ & \text { Fresh } \\ & \text { (Dozen) } \end{aligned}$ | Eggs Storage and Booking (Dozen) | Milk <br> (Quart) | Butter <br> Dairy <br> (Pound) | Butter Creamery (Pound) | Cheese <br> (Pound) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1929 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Liny | 36.4 | 22.5 | 23.9 | 31.5 | 30.3 | 27.2 | 38.3 | 21.9 | 35.0 | 30.8 | 13.0 | 44.1 | 48.5 | 33.9 |
| June | 38.1 | 24.2 | 24.4 | 31.1 | 31.1 | 27.7 | 39.6 | 22.0 | 35.1 | 31.0 | 12.7 | 40.7 | 44.7 | 33.2 |
| July | 38.2 | 24.3 | 24.6 | 31.8 | 32.6 | 28.1 | 39.6 | 22.0 | 36.0 | 32.0 | 12.7 | 39.2 | 44.1 | 33.2 |
| August | 38.4 | 24.0 | 24.6 | 32.3 | 32.8 | 28.1 | 41.0 | 22.2 | 39.2 | 34.6 | 12.7 | 40.2 | 44.9 | 33.3 |
| September | 37.6 | 23.3 | 24.6 | 31.8 | 32.5 | 28.5 | 41.6 | 21.9 | 47.4 | 41.5 | 12.4 | 41.8 | 46.0 | 33.2 |
| Octozer | 36.9 | $22: 6$ | $24: 8$ | 30.9 | 31.3 | $27: 7$ | 41:0 | 21.7 | 51.3 | 45.1 | 12.4 | 42.6 | 46.9 | 33.0 |
| November | 35.8 | 22.3 | 24.9 | 30.3 | 30.0 | 27.5 | 40.3 | 21.5 | 58.3 | 48.6 | 12.9 | 43.6 | 47.4 | 33.1 |
| December | 35.0 | 22.1 | 25.0 | 30.2 | 28.9 | 27.2 | 39.6 | 21.4 | 64.7 | 50.4 | 12.9 | 43.9 | 47.5 | 33.2 |
| 1930 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 35.9 | 22:7 | 25:0 | 31:0 | 29.8 | 27:4 | 39.6 | 21.3 | 64.4 | 52.3 | 13.6 | 44.0 | $47 \cdot 5$ | 33.1 |
| February | 36.3 | $23: 1$ | 24:9 | $31: 2$ | 30.1 | $27: 5$ | 39.7 | 21.4 | 59.7 | 51.8 | 13.4 | 42.2 | 46.4 | 32.6 |
| Larch | 36.2 | 23.2 | $25: 7$ | $31: 7$ | 30.6 | 27.7 | 40.3 | 21.5 | 52.0 | 45.8 | 13.4 | 41.5 | 45.4 | 32.9 |
| April | 36.6 | 23.4 | 24:9 | $32: 0$ | 30.5 | 27.6 | 40.4 | 21.4 | 36.9 | 32.6 | 13.3 | 39.4 | 43.2 | 32.9 |
| Way | 37:3 | 24.0 | 24.4 | $32: 4$ | 30.5 | 27.0 | 40.3 | 21.3 | 34.9 | 31.1 | 13.3 | 36.4 | 39.5 | 32.9 |
| June | 38.0 | 24:3 | 24.1 | 31.9 | 30.8 | 27.3 | 40.3 | 21.4 | 35.6 | 32.7 | 12.9 | 34.9 | 38.7 | 32.6 |
| July | $37: 5$ | 23.4 | 23.8 | 31.1 | 30.4 | 27.0 | 40.4 | 21.3 | 36.2 | 32.7 | 12.6 | 33.0 | 36.3 | 37.6 ~ |
| August | 36.6 | 22.6 | 23.3 | 30:0 | 30.3 | 27.6 | 40.2 | 21.1 | 37.3 | 33.8 | 12.0 | 32.1 | 35.8 | 31.6 1 |
| September | 34:9 | 21.1 | 22.9 | 29.7 | 29.9 | 27.2 | 39.9 | 21.0 | 38.6 | 34.6 | 12.2 | 33.1 | 36.5 | 31.2 |
| October | 33.8 | 20:? | 22.9 | 28.2 | 29.6 | 27.1 | 39.9 | 21.1 | 42.5 | 37.9 | 12.2 | 34.9 | 38.7 | 30.7 |
| November | 32.4 | 19.3 | 22.2 | 27.3 | 28.5 | 27.1 | 39.6 | 21.2 | 51.0 | 42.9 | 12.4 | 35.5 | 38.9 | 30.1 |
| December | 31.6 | 18.5 | 21.8 | 27.2 | 26.8 | 26.7 | 39.0 | 20.9 | 58.3 | 45.9 | 12.4 | 34.9 | 38.2 | 29.9 |
| 1931 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 31.3 | 18.6 | 21.8 | 26.7 | 25.8 | 26.1 | 38.3 | 20.8 | 50.3 | 40.1 | 12.3 | 33.8 | 37.3 | 29.2 |
| Fobruary | 31.2 | 18.5 | 21:9 | 27.6 | 25.4 | 26.1 | 37.2 | 20.2 | 35.0 | 27.4 | 12.2 | 33.4 | 37.7 | 28.7 |
| March | 29.4 | 17.1 | 20.0 | 26.9 | 23.1 | 24.7 | 34.4 | 18.4 | 33.9 | 27.6 | 12.1 | 33.0 | 37.6 | 28.2 |
| iprif | 29.2 | 17.0 | 19.7 | 26.8 | 22.9 | 23.9 | 31.9 | 16.7 | 20.4 | 23-2 | 11.9 | 33.2 | 37.2 | 27.8 |
| Way | 29.3 | 16.3 | 18.2 | 27.0 | 22.6 | 23.2 | 31.1 | 16.1 | 25.5 | 20.6 | 11.6 | 28.9 | 32.8 | 26.6 |
| June | 28.8 | 16.0 | 17.8 | 27.0 | 22.7 | 23.2 | 29.9 | 15.2 | 23.6 | 1.9 .6 | 11.1 | 23.7 | 27.1 | 23.5 |
| July | 28.8 | $15: 6$ | 17.6 | $26: 6$ | 23.2 | 22.9 | 29.2 | 14.6 | 24.3 | 20.3 | 11.0 | 23.2 | 26.8 | 23.7 |
| August | 28.9 | 15.2 | 16.7 | 26.4 | 24.5 | 22.3 | 28.9 | 14.2 | 26.1 | 22.0 | 10.8 | 23.5 | 27.0 | 23.0 |
| September | 28.2 | 14.5 | 16.5 | 24.8 | 22.3 | 22.0 | 28.0 | 13.8 | 30.3 | 25.7 | 10.8 | 23.5 | 27.2 | 22.9 |
| October | 27.1 | 14.1 | $16: 2$ | 23.3 | 19:9 | 19.7 | 26.1 | 13.3 | 32.4 | 27.? | $10: 8$ | 23.3 | 26.8 | 22.9 |
| iNoveimer | 26.1 | 13.8 | 16.0 | 22.2 | 18.3 | 18:8 | 24.2 | 12.9 | 44.4 | 34.4 | 10.8 | 23.1 | $26: 2$ | 22.5 |
| December $+232$ | 24.9 | 13.2 | $15: 8$ | 2.9 | 16.6 | 17.8 | 22.3 | 13.0 | 49.5 | 36.7 | 10.8 | 23.7 | 27.2 | 22.5 |
| tanuary | 25.0 | 13.3 | 15.3 | 22.2 | 16.0 | 17.2 | 20.8 | 12.8 | 41.8 | 32.6 | 10.7 | 24.3 | 27.5 | 22.1 |


| Year and Nonth | Bread <br> (Pound) | Flour <br> (Pound) | Rolled Oats (Pound) | Rice <br> (Pound) | Beans <br> (Pound) | Apples Evaporated (Pound) | Prungs <br> (Pound) | Sugar <br> Granu- <br> lated <br> (Pound) | Sugar <br> Yellow <br> (Pound) | Tea <br> (Pound) | Coffer <br> (Pound) | Potatoes <br> (Peck) | Tineger (Pint) |
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| Hay | 7.4 | $4: 9$ | 6.3 | 10.4 | 12.0 | 20.8 | 13.5 | 7.2 | 6.9 | 70.8 | 60.7 | 25.2 | 7.8 |
| June | 7:3 | $4: 8$ | 6.2 | $10: 3$ | 12.0 | 21.0 | $13: 6$ | 7.1 | 6.7 | 70.4 | 60.4 | 26.3 | 7.9 |
| July | 7:3 | 4.8 | 6.3 | 10:3 | 11.9 | 21.1 | $13: 7$ | 7.2 | 6.8 | 70.4 | 60.5 | 30.1 | 7.7 |
| August | 7:3 | $5: 3$ | 6.4 | 10:3 | 11.9 | 21.5 | $13: 8$ | 7.0 | 6.8 | 70.4 | 60.2 | 55.3 | 7:8 |
| September | 7.6 | $5: 3$ | $6: 4$ | 10.4 | $11: 9$ | 21.1 | 14.2 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 70.5 | 60.2 | 43.9 | $7: 9$ |
| October | 7.6 | $5 \cdot 3$ | 6.4 | 10:3 | 11.8 | 20.9 | 14:6 | 7.2 | 6.9 | 70.1 | 60.2 | 42.3 | 7.8 |
| November | 7.6 | $5: 3$ | 6.4 | $10: 2$ | 11.3 | 21.3 | $15: 3$ | 7.3 | 6.9 | 70.2 | 60.6 | 42.4 | 7.8 |
| December | 7.6 | $5 \cdot 3$ | 6.4 | 10.3 | 10.8 | 21.2 | 15.6 | 7.3 | 6.9 | 70.2 | 60.4 | 42.9 | 7.8 |
| 1930 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 7:8 | $5: 2$ | $6: 4$ | 10:3 | $10: 4$ | 21.0 | $16: 1$ | 7.2 | 6.9 | 70.5 | 60.4 | 44.3 | 7.8 |
| Fobruary | 7.8 | 5.2 | 6:3 | 10:2 | 10.1 | 20.8 | 16.4 | 7.2 | 6.9 | 69.8 | 59.7 | 47.3 | 7.7 |
| liarch | 7:8 | 5.1 | 6.2 | 10.2 | 9.9 | 20.7 | 16.3 | 7.2 | 6.9 | 68.4 | 58.8 | 47.8 | 7.8 |
| April | $7: 8$ | $5: 0$ | $6: 3$ | 10.2 | 9.5 | 20.6 | 16.5 | 7.1 | 6.8 | (7.8 | 58.6 | 45.0 | 7.8 |
| May | 7.8 | $5: 0$ | 6.2 | 10.1 | 9.3 | 20.3 | 16.3 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 65.8 | 57.8 | 49.1 | 7.8 |
| tune | 7.8 | 4.9 | 6.2 | 10.2 | 9.6 | 20.8 | 16.4 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 60.5 | 57.3 | 50.7 | 7.8 |
| July | 7.6 | $4: 8$ | $6: 2$ | 10.1 | 9.5 | 20.7 | 15.9 | 6.7 | 6.3 | 59.7 | 56.7 | 49.4 | 7.8 ¢ |
| hugust | 7.6 | 4.7 | 6,2 | 10.1 | 9.3 | 20.1 | 15.6 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 58.9 | 56.3 | 44.3 | 7.8 |
| Septembsr | 7.1 | $4: 6$ | 6.1 | 10.0 | 9.3 | 20.0 | 15.2 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 59.1 | 55.5 | 32.3 | 7.7 |
| Detober | 7.0 | 4.3 | 5.9 | 10.1 | 9.2 | 20.4 | 14:8 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 58.9 | 54.8 | 30.6 | 7.7 |
| November | 6.8 | 4.1 | 5.6 | 10.0 | 8.7 | 20.0 | 13.9 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 58.1 | 54.2 | 28.6 | 97 |
| Dscember | 6.4 | 3.8 | 5.5 | 9.8 | 8.1 | 19.0 | 13.0 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 57.5 | 53.9 | 27.1 | 7.7 |
| 1931 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| vanuery | 6.5 | 3.7 | 5.3 | 9.8 | 7.7 | 18.6 | 12.6 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 57.3 | 53.2 | 26.5 | 7.7 |
| Februery | 6.4 | 3.5 | 5.1 | 9.6 | 7.1 | 18.6 | $12: 3$ | $6: 3$ | $6: 1$ | 56.5 | 51.7 | 25.9 | 7.7 |
| March | 6.4 | 3.4 | 5.1 | 9.5 | 6.5 | 18:3 | 12:1 | 6.3 | 6.0 | $56: 3$ | 51.2 | 24.7 | 7.7 |
| April | 6.5 | 3.4 | 5.0 | 9.5 | 6.3 | 17.6 | $12: 1$ | 6.3 | $6: 0$ | 55.8 | 50.3 | 23.4 | 7.6 |
| dey | 6.4 | 3.3 | 5.1 | 9.1 | 6.1 | 17.2 | 11:9 | 6.2 | $6: 0$ | 55.1 | 50.0 | 23.2 | 7.6 |
| Jure | 6.3 | 3.3 | $5: 0$ | $9: 3$ | 6.1 | 16.9 | 11.7 | 6.2 | $6: 0$ | 54.7 | 49.0 | 21.9 | 7.6 |
| July | $6: 3$ | 3.2 | 5.0 | $9: 3$ | 6.1 | 17:0 | $12: 0$ | 6.2 | $6: 0$ | 55.1 | 49.1 | 22.7 | 7.7 |
| Ausust | 6.3 | $2: 9$ | $5: 0$ | $9: 1$ | $5: 9$ | 17.1 | 11.7 | 6.2 | $6: 0$ | 54.9 | 49.2 | 29.3 | 7:6 |
| September | $6: 3$ | 3.1 | $5: 0$ | 9.1 | $5: 9$ | 17.4 | 12.2 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 54.3 | 47.9 | 20.6 | $7: 7$ |
| cotober | 6.3 | 3.0 | 4:8 | $9: 0$ | $5: 6$ | $16: 8$ | 11:9 | 6.2 | 6:0 | 53.6 | 47.1 | 17:6 | 7.6 |
| November | 6.3 | 2:9 | 4.6 | 8.8 | 5.1 | 16.7 | 12.1 | 6.2 | $6: 0$ | 52.7 | 45.9 | 16.1 | 7.6 |
| December $1932$ | 6.2 | $3: 0$ | 4.7 | 8.8 | 4.9 | 17.6 | 11.8 | 6.2 | 5.9 | 52.4 | 45.0 | 16.1 | 7.5 |
| January | 6.3 | 3.1 | 4.7 | 8.7 | 4.8 | 16.6 | 11.7 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 51.4 | 44.6 | 16.6 | 7.6 |




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## TRIDERS' IIDEX

The "Traders" Index" of prices of the twenty-five Dos's selling inkatrial and public utility comion stocirs on the jontreal and Foronto Dichanges was 402.8 for the month of January, 1932, as cormared with 390.7 for December, 1051, (montily iniexes are simple averages of weekly figures).

Some of the principal changes in price during the month were as follows:Pagenersey fell from $\$ 69.5$ to $\$ 63.6$, Canadian Dredge and Dry Dock from $\$ 16.2$ to $\$ 15.0$, Bell Telepione from :121.6 to $\$ 119.0$, Consumers fas fron 165.4 to 163.1 , Nacional Steel
 Heat and Porrer from "38.0 to 36.1 and Steel of Canada from 32.3 to $\$ 20: 9$. No: " "A" rose from $\$ 1.7$ to $\$ 10.2$, Brazilian from ${ }^{3} 11.1$ to $k 12.5$, C\&P\& frow $\$ 15.4$ to $\$ 10.6$ and con solidated lining and Smelting from $\$ 69.0$ to 170.0 .

Sales of Walkers declined from 41,100 to 17,100 , Drazilian from 53,700 to 41,700, International Nickel from 50,900 to 40,600, hassey-Hiaris fron 13,400 to 5, 000 , Canadian Car ana Foundry from 6,200 to 2,300, Steel of Canada from 6,100 to 5,100, Dominion Stores from 3,800 to 1,400 , Bell Telephone from 5,300 to 1,000 and Cockshutt Plow Co. from 4,30c. to 2,300. Nontreal Light, Feat and Pover mounted fron 1,400 to 18,000 , McColl-Frontenac Oil from 400 to 7,500 and Dominion Bricige fros 600 to 2,000.

NOTE: The Traders' Index measures the trend of gains or losses for an "Averate" Trader on the IIontreal and Coronto Stock Exchanges, who buys and sells as a whole and tums over his investments every veel. It is based won tho prices of the 25 best selling Industrial and Public Utility Comon $\begin{gathered}\text { Utocks on the }\end{gathered}$ Montreal and Toronto ikichanges.
Index numbers of the total money value aiscontinued.

| $\frac{\text { Date }}{1923}$ | $\frac{\text { Prices }}{100}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1929 |  |
| July | 1032.1 |
| August | 1170.1 |
| September | 1230.4 |
| October | 1125.8 |
| November | 769.2 |
| December | 786.7 |
| 1930 |  |
| January | 828.9 |
| February | 864.5 |
| March | 898.6 |
| April | 1010.9 |
| May | 921.2 |
| June | 821.5 |
| July | 768.6 |
| August | 731.3 |
| September | 778.4 |
| October | 618.1 |
| November | 612.7 |
| December | 596. 5 |
| 1931 |  |
| January | 609.8 |
| February | 660.2 |
| March | 714.3 |
| April | 621.5 |
| Nay | 495.2 |
| June | 104.8 |
| July | 492.4 |
| August | 470.7 |
| September | 394.5 |
| Octoider | 360.6 |
| November | 448.5 |
| December | 390.7 |
| 1932 |  |
| January | 402.8 |

## INVESTORS : INDEX NUMBES OF COMMON STOCKS

The monthly index of ninety-six industrial stocks declined from 74.3 in December to 73.7 in January. All sub-groups, with the exception of Milling, Beverages and Iron and Steel, were lower. Food and Allied Products fell from 98.9 to 94.7, Oils from 108.7 to 107.8 and Miscellaneous from 87.7 to 86.9 while Iron and Steel remained unchanged at 77.2. Eighteen Utilities showed a slight decrease from 59.3 to 59.1, Power and Iraction declining from 80.3 to 76.8 and Telephone and Telegraph from 90.5 to 88.3 while Transportation rose from 38.0 to 40.9 . Eight companies located abroad mounted from 51.5 to 54.3. In this group, Utilities rose from 39.7 to 42.9 and International Petroleum, the Industrial included, from 64.8 to 67.1. Eight banks dropped from 92.9 in December to 90.3 in January.

## PRTHFRRED STOCKS

The index number of twenty-two preferred stocks was 60.8 in January as compared With 63.0 in December. Canada Cement fell from 70.5 to 63.2 , Canada Bread from 95.0 to 83.8 , Canadian Car and Foundry from 15.8 to 15.5 . Dominion Glass from 125.0 to 102.0 , Moore Preferred "A" from 95.0 to 93.0 , Moore Preferred "B" from 97.8 to 96.7 and Maple Leaf from 20.8 to 16.4. Canadian General Electrlc rosc from 55.0 to 55.7.

## INDEX NUMBERS OF 22 PREFYRPRU STOCKS <br> 1926-1932 <br> (1926-100)

|  | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. Apr. May | June July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1926 | 100.4 | 101.4 | 100.9 | 99.6 | 98.3 | 98.7 | 99.1 | 99.4 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 101.0 | 101.4 |
| 1927 | 102.1 | 102.5 | 102.7 | 102.6 | 102.5 | 102.1 | 102.5 | 103.8 | 104.8 | 107.8 | 110.8 | 111.8 |
| 1928 | 111.5 | 110.9 | 109.9 | 121.4 | 11.7 | 111.2 | 110.3 | 107.5 | 107.6 | 106.2 | 104.0 | 107.9 |
| 1929 | 107.4 | 108.1 | 106.8 | 104.3 | 104.3 | 104.8 | 1044.8 | 105.6 | 10.1 | 102.9 | 99.8 | 100.4 |
| 1930 | 97.9 | 98.8 | 100.0 | 103.4 | 102.6 | 99.5 | 97.4 | 97.1 | 96.2 | 83.4 | 81.9 | 82.5 |
| 1931 | 83.2 | 83.4 | 84.2 | 78.8 | 73.8 | 72.6 | 71.8 | 69.1 | 64.2 | 63.9 | 66.5 | 63.0 |
| 1932 | 60.8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

WEIGHMED INDEX NUNBHRS OF 20 MINING STOCKS
$1926=100$
The weighted index number of twenty mining stocks computed by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on the base 1926:100, was 59.2 for the week ending January 28 th, as compared with 59.8 for the previous week.
\#leven gold stocks remained unchanged (59.8), four gold-comper stocks fell from 64.1 to 61.6, and five silver and miscellaneous stocks from 27.0 to 25.4.

Among the gold stocks the weekly average prices behaved as follows:- Dome declined from $\$ 10.08$ to $\$ 9.92$, Kirkland Lake from $52 \phi$ to $50 \phi$, McIntyre from $\$ 18.47$ to $\$ 18.10$, Teck-Fughes from $\$ 4.78$ to $\$ 4.72$ and Tright-Eargreaves from $\$ 2.90$ to $\$ 2.85$. Hollinger mounted from $\$ 5.36$ to $\$ 5.48$, Lake Shore from $\$ 28.59$ to $\$ 28.80$, Premier from $60 \phi$ to $62 \phi$ and sylvanite from $61 \phi$ to $63 \phi$.

Average weekly prices were lower for all of the gold-copper stocks. Amulet dropped from $19 \phi$ to $18 \phi$, Hudson Bay from $\$ 2.65$ to $\$ 2.58$, Noranda from $\$ 15.56$ to $\$ 15.86$ and Sherritt-Gordon from $62 \phi$ to $60 \phi$.

In the silver and miscellaneous group, Mining Corporation fell from \$1. 38 to $\$ 1.35$ and Nipissing from $\$ 1.08$ to $\$ 1.04$.


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\end{gathered}
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\begin{aligned}
& 1930 \\
& \text { April }
\end{aligned}
$$} \& 63.6 \& 139.8 \& 13.5 \& 83.3 <br>

\hline ETay \& \& \& 645 \& 141.6 \& 35.8 \& 76.3 <br>
\hline Juno \& \& \& 64.3 \& 126.3 \& 32.2 \& 73.1 <br>
\hline July \& \& \& 61.3 \& 115.3 \& 28.7 \& 68.7 <br>
\hline August \& \& \& 61.2 \& 111.6 \& 29.4 \& 68.7 <br>
\hline September \& \& \& C2. 6 \& 108. 4 \& 28.5 \& 68.7 <br>
\hline October \& \& \& 59.7 \& 76.2 \& 25.1 \& 61.3 <br>
\hline IT overiber \& \& \& 56.9 \& 83.3 \& 28.3 \& 60.5 <br>
\hline December \& \& \& 57.8 \& 63.1 \& $30_{0} 0$ \& 59.2 <br>
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{\multirow[t]{2}{*}{$\frac{1931}{\text { Janiary }}$}} \& \& \& \& <br>
\hline \& \& \& 63.1 \& 74.4 \& 3.1 \& 68.5 <br>
\hline Feoraary \& \& \& 72.0 \& 82.7 \& 36.8 \& 73.3 <br>
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\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{April} \& 77.5 \& 103.7 \& 30.2 \& 82.3 <br>
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{May} \& 72.9 \& 90.1 \& 35.1 \& 75.9 <br>
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{June} \& 68.6 \& 75.1 \& 31.5 \& 69.1 <br>
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{July} \& 65.8 \& 79.1 \& 32.0 \& 68.6 <br>
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{Aucust} \& 66.0 \& 77.1 \& 33.1 \& 67.8 <br>
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{September} \& 62.6 \& 67.8 \& 32.1 \& 63.1 <br>
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{October} \& 60.7 \& 58.4 \& 29.4 \& 59.5 <br>
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{INovemiver} \& 64.4 \& 68.6 \& 32.3 \& 64.6 <br>
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{December} \& 59.0 \& 62.4 \& 27.6 \& 59.0 <br>
\hline \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Teck ending Dec.} \& $3 \times 4$ \& 61.1 \& 63.1 \& 28.7 \& 60.8 <br>
\hline 11 \& " \& 10 th \& 61.1 \& 66.0 \& 28.2 \& 61.4 <br>
\hline 11 \& " \& 17th \& 57.3 \& 59.8 \& 26.5 \& 57.1 <br>
\hline " 1 \& " \& 24 th \& 57.3 \& 63.9 \& 37.1 \& 57.8 <br>
\hline $:$ \& 11 \& $31 s t$ \& 58.1 \& $60_{0} 2$ \& 27.3 \& 57.8 <br>

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$$ \& \& \& 60.1 \& 62.5 \& $2 \widehat{3}, 5$ \& 69, 7 <br>

\hline Week ending \& Tan. \& 7 th \& 60.0 \& 60.8 \& 26.7 \& 59.3 <br>
\hline " \& 18 \& 14th \& 60.9 \& 63.7 \& 26.9 \& 60.6 <br>
\hline " \& 11 \& $21 s t$ \& 59.8 \& 64.1 \& 27.0 \& 59.8 <br>
\hline . 1 \& 11 \& 28th \& 59.8 \& 6L. 6 \& 25.4 \& 59.2 <br>
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\text { November, 1931, to January, } 1932 .
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[^0]$1926=100$
The index numbers of Interest Rates calculated from the $y$ ields of the most popular Ontario Bonds on the basis $1926=100$ indicated an increase in January, being 119.8 as compared with 108.6 for Decerber. The index is based on information received from Kessrs. Tood, Gundy and Company Limited, showing the yield on these bonds to be on a $5.74 \%$ basis for January.

Index Numbers of Interest Rates in Canada Calculated From Yields of Ontario Bonds, 1900-1932.


Note: The nominal closing quotations in Canadian funds upon which these averases are based, have been supplied by the Dank of liontreal.


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IOHFCNY INDEXES OT AMERICAN STOCK PRICES.1928-1931.

Issued by the Etandard Statistics Company Inc. of New York 1926100

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Motal } \\ & 404 \text { Stocks } \end{aligned}$ | Industrial <br> 337 Stocks | Railroads <br> 33 Stocks | Utilities 34 stocks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1928 |  |  |  |  |
| January | 134.4 | 137.4 | 125.3 | 129.5 |
| February | 132.3 | 134.8 | 121.6 | 130.9 |
| March | 137.9 | 141.1 | 125.9 | 134.4 |
| April | 145.9 | 149.5 | 130.7 | 142.5 |
| May | 152,1 | 154.9 | 133.2 | 155.3 |
| June | 145.3 | 248.2 | 126.7 | 14.1 |
| July | 244.2 | 147.8 | 124.6 | 145.3 |
| August | 148.3 | 152.6 | 126.5 | 147.9 |
| September | 156.6 | 162.2 | 129.5 | 155.8 |
| October | 159.1 | 166.2 | 128.2 | 154.5 |
| Noveraber | 171.1 | 178.9 | 134.9 | 158.6 |
| December | 171.4 | 178.4 | 134.9 | 173.4 |
| 1929 |  |  |  |  |
| January | 185.2 | 192.5 | 141.8 | 192.7 |
| February | 186.5 | 192.3 | 141.5 | 202. 4 |
| Narch | 189.1 | 196.0 | 140.4 | 203.7 |
| April | 186.6 | 193.4 | 138.3 | 201.4 |
| May | 187.8 | 192.6 | 138.7 | 212.3 |
| June | 190.7 | 191.0 | 144.8 | 233.0 |
| July | 207.3 | 202.7 | 160.0 | 272.8 |
| August | 218.1 | 210.3 | 165.4 | 304.3 |
| September | 225.2 | 216.1 | 168.1 | 321.0 |
| October | 201.7 | 194. 4 | 157.0 | 275.6 |
| November | 151.1 | 144.8 | 135.1 | 194. |
| December | 153.8 | 146.9 | 136.3 | 200.9 |
| 1930 |  |  |  |  |
| January | 156.3 | 148.8 | 136.5 | 208.7 |
| February | 165.5 | 155.9 | 142.5 | 230.5 |
| March | 272.4 | 163.0 | 143.2 | 242.1 |
| April | 181.0 | 170.8 | 141.7 | 203.7 |
| Nay | 170.5 | 160.1 | 136.0 | 250.0 |
| June | 152.8 | 143.1 | 224.5 | 223.5 |
| July | 149.3 | 139.8 | 12.2 | 215.4 |
| August | 147.6 | 138.7 | 121.2 | 212.7 |
| Sop tember | 148.8 | 139.3 | 122.6 | 215.4 |
| Octooer | 127.6 | 117.8 | 110.9 | 187.0 |
| November | 116.7 | 108.5 | 102.1 | 167.4 |
| Decomber | 109.4 | 101.9 | 93.5 | 157.9 |
| $1232$ |  |  |  |  |
| January | 172.3 | 103.4 | 100.4 | 163.4 |
| February | 119.8 | 110.3 | 104.7 | 177.9 |
| March | 127.6 | 111.8 | 97.2 | 188.9 |
| April | 103.2 | 100.3 | 87.3 | 169.8 |
| May | 98.0 | 89.4 | 76.8 | 150.4 |
| Jure | 95.1 | 86.5 | 74.0 | 153.0 |
| July | 98:2 | 89.8 | 75.3 | 157.5 |
| August | 95.5 | 88.5 | 66.2 | 154.0 |
| Septimber | 81.7 | 75.8 | 56.1 | 131.9 |
| Cotober | 69.7 | 64.8 | 48.4 | 111.9 |
| November | 71.7 | 67.5 | 46.0 | 114.7 |
| Decembe: | 57.7 | 54.3 | 33.0 | 95.6 |

TOR: D PRICE WUVMENTS, DFCERMP, 1933.

## THITSEL

The jear closct with tro well defined movemonts apparcht in wholesale prices of major countries of the morle. In those wick have adhered to the gold standard, price levels appacently were declining at a rate not matcied since the time of the most severe perica or the recession about one yam ago. Fwance, Germany, Eolland, and the United States furnished examples of this type, On the other hand, mere to be observed a considerable number of countries in which abandonment of the gold standard had produced a pronounced uptred reaction ire price level. Avidence of this movement was furnished by indexes fo. Jenmark, Jinland, Japon, and Norway. Wholesa? prico series for the thiled Xingion, however, offored important exceptions to inis lost statement, and it is of int rest to note that their dect.ine in December interrupted an advance that did not apper to have fully balanced the depueciation of sterling exchange.

A comparison of the morement of wholesale price indexes throughout 1931, with that for $\mathbf{2 9 3 0}$, showed that winere currencies had been mainected by exchange develonnents, the recession was about as great as in the preceding jear, e.gn, trance, Germany, and the United States. Indexes compuied in terms of depreciated currencies were in a number of cases higner or verv little below levels of a year ago-viza, those for the United Iingdom, Finland, Austria, auic uapan.

Comparative Trolesele Pricas Data for December, 1931, Wovember, 1931, and Docember, 1930.

| Country | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Iec, } \\ & 1933 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov } \\ & 1952 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 3930 \end{aligned}$ | Des. 1931, tor-p.e. compared mith |  | Index |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & N C v . \\ & 293 i \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 36 C_{0} \\ & 1930 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Austria | 172 | 112 | 207 | -Jnchancoá | 14.7 | Iecieral Statistical Office, Jan.-ivuy j. $91^{\prime}$ t- -100 |
| Canada | 70,3 | 70.6 | 77.7 | - 0.4 | -9.5 | Dom. Burear of Statistics, $925=100$ |
| Denmar:- | 71.9 | 227 | 320 | ! 1.7 | 0.8 | Officiai: $1923=100$ |
| Wstonia | 5 | 50 | 95 | -1.2 | $\cdots 11.5$ | officiel, 1973=100 |
| Fintand | $9 ?$ | 87 | 86 | +5.7 | +7.01 | Cilicial - - $926=100$ |
| France | 404.4 | 408.3 | 4.87 .6 | - 2.0 | -17.1 | Statistique Génézale, $1913=1$ |
| Germany | 103.7 | 106.6 | 127.8 | $-2.7$ | $-22.0$ | Hederal Statisti al $\text { Office, } \quad 1913=100$ |
| Hollard | 35 | 89 | 107 | $-4.5$ | $-20,6$ | Central Bureau o Statistics, 1913= 00 |
| Hungary | 93 | 99 | 90 | Unchaneri | 70.0 | Official, $9973=1.0$ |
| Japan | 124.2 | 211.2 | 123.5 | 72.7 | - 5.1 | Bank of eirpan, $1313=100$ |
| Norway | 122 | 119 | 230 | +2.5 | .. 6.2 | OLicial, 1913-? |
| United Kingdom | 105.9 | 1.05,4 | 103.9 | -0.5 | $-8.5$ | Bourd of Irade, 2.9?3=100 |
| united Suates | 66.3 | 68.3 | 78.4 | - 2.9 | $-15.4$ | Eureau of Labor <br> Statisties,1?26: 00 |

## TARID PRICE MOVERMNMS, DECEMBER, 1931

## COST OF IIVING

Iiving cost indexes in December were for the most part fimer or unchanged Series for Germany, the United Kingdom, and the United States, however, provided important exceptions to this statement.

The total decline in living costs during 1931 as measured by index numbers was extremely varied in iifferent countries, and bore little relation to movements in 1930. The Paris index for example, which advanced 5.6 p.c. in 1930 , fell 14. $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. in 1931. In the Tnited Kingdom the Ministry of Labour index dropped 6.7 p.c. and 3.9 p.c. in 1930 and 1931 respectively, while corresponding figures for the National Industrial Conference Board series for the United States were 8.9 p.c. and 10.2 p.c. Other noteworthy declines recorded for the past two years were as follows:
3.9 p.c. and

Gemany, 7.2 p.c. and 6.9 p.c.; Norway $/ 5.7$ p.c.; Finland, 10.8 p.c. and 2.8 p.c. $;$ and canada 4.9 p.c. and 9.8 p.c.

Comparative Cost of Iiving Data for December, 1931, November, 1931, and December, 1930.


IHDEX NULBERS OE WIOIESGE FTICR IN CANOA AMD OTHER COINTRIES


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[^1]
 Month. (e) New Series Federal Labour Department - 78 articles. (f) New series beginming 1928.




1) First half of year. (2) Since date of stabilization, gold index. (3) Recalculated on 1926 base. (4) New Index, $1923=100$. $8 / 2 / 32$ SV


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[^0]:    2/2/32.EB.

[^1]:    (a) Converted to 1913 base.
    (c) Ne:r Series.
    (x) 000,000,000's omitted.
    (d) End of Month .
    (e) Revised from 1924.

[^2]:    (1) Gold Wark Prices. (2) Gold Index since 1926 new series.
    (3) Since date of stabilizaition sold index.
    (4) Since 1926 now index.
    (5) Decemiter. (6) Yearly average.
    (7) Nee series from ly2..
    (@) Revised frow Tanuary, 1931.

