62

# Historical File Copy <br> $5-7-0$ 

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE
DOMANION BUREAU OF STATISTICS
INTERNAL TRADE BRANCH

## PRICES \& PRICE INDEXES

## DECEMBER 1936

Wholesale Prices
Retail Prices
Security Prices
Exchange

> Published by Authority of the Hon. W.D. Euler, M.P., Minister of Trade and Commerce.

## 




## Pages

1. Summary and Analysis of the Movement of Comrodity Prices in Canada .... 1-4
2. Building and Construction Materials Trdex (1913-100) o................... 4
3. Summary Tables of Inde- Numiers of Commodity Pu"ces (Canada) arranged
according to (a) Component Materials,
(b) Purpose,
(c) Origin,
(d) Principal Inoorts and Exports .......... 5
4. Detailed Tables of Index Nurbers arranged according to
$\begin{aligned} & \text { (a) Componens Materials. } \\ & \text { (b) Purpose }\end{aligned}$

5. Oharts - Wholesale Prices ......o.e.o.................................................... 10
6. Index Numbers of Retail Prices, Rents and Costs of Services ............ 11-13
7. Traders' and Investors ' Indexes of Comion Stocks, Preferred Stocks ..

Bonds - Mining Stocks $00000000000.0000000 .0 .0 .0 . .$.
9. Konthly Average Exchange Quotations a; Montreal (21 countries) ......... 19

10, Stock Inderas - Standard Statistics Uo., Inc., 193:-1936................ 20

Issued January $16,1937$.

RoH．Coats，ILeD0，FoR．S．C．，F．S．S．（Hon．）
Prices Statistician：

Herbert Marshall，BoAo，FoSo So
H．To Greenvay，MoA。

PRICE MOVEMENTS，MCEMRER， 1936.

## COMMODITIES

Rapidly rising basic conmodity mariouts carried the Dominion Bureau of Statistiocs index number of wholese．Ja prices upward． $4,6 \mathrm{poco}$ during December，the greatest gain for a single month since the sipeculative rise in July 1933．The index for the final woek of December was 80.8 as comparod witi 71.2 for the ond of November．This was 11 poce abovo levels at the boginning of 1935．The Dectinber rise，although led by wheat which mas quoted at the highest prices since January 1930 was supported by a wide variety of raw materials．Rubber and the nonferrous metals wero again very autive．Rav cotton mas unusually strong，and the characteristic．．＂igidity of iron and steel prices was broken by appreciable increases during December．Intimations were current that United States comodity exchanges mjght iake stops to cunc spsculative activity，by increasing traders margins．The relative movemeat of prices during the past year in different comodity groups is indicated by the foilowing percentaces of increase：Vogatable Products 28．0， Animal Products $\mathrm{I}_{0} 8$ ，Mextiles 2.0 ，Wood．Products 5．8，Iron and Its Products 409，Non－ Forrous Metals 17．8，Non－Metallic lainerals 0.5 ，Chemical Products 1.9 ，and Canadian Farm Products 29．6．

## COST OF LIVING

A moderate advance in food prices was reflected in a slight rise in the general Canadian cost of living indox fron 81.7 in Novimber to 81.8 in December．The comparativo figure for December，1935，was 80．5．Influenced by ceasona？gains for butter，eggs，milk， beans and potatoes，the food index creased fiom 75.0 to 7503 ，the highest point recorded during the year．Practicaj．jey a．l．meats showed declines．Food prices in Decomber，1936， were almost 25 per cont。above the depression lovel roachod in tho spring of 1933，but wero still more than 29 per cento lowor than at the beginning of 1930 。

## SECURITIDS

Cormon stock prices recoverod from the sharp roaction in tho lattor half of Novomber and started upward gain at a more cautious pace．Although still bolot Novomber peaks in most cases，year end prices for industrials showed appreciable gains over the Iow points touchod during the week ending Docomber 3．Utilitiss registored modorato gains， and closed firm at the highast levels of the year．The Eureauss utility index was 64.7 for the final week of Decembe：which comparod wi．th 6\％．cl a month earlier，the rise being due principally to strength in power issucs． dustrials from recording a net gain for tho month，as all othor sections of this group wore highor．This was particular？y trus of the iron and stecl，mijling，and miscellancous sections．The industrial index for the fiast week of Docomber was 217.6 as comparod with 217.7 for tho samo weck of Novemberc Gold stcciss finished strong to show vory littlo net change for the month，wile baso motals consolidated sharp gains in the second meok to record a not increaso of approximately $3 p_{0} c_{0}$ Bond prices were also firm，and the Bureau＇s index number of Dominion of Canada longmerm maturities advanced from 117.9 to 218． 4.

## FORBIGN EXCHANGE

News regarding foreign exchange was mixed．，but predominantly favourable． Political crises in the United Kingdom and China failed to disturb sterling or the Shanghai dollar to any great extent．More positive evidence of growing atability came from three different sources．A gradual rise in the Argentine peso froo rate from a discount of approximatcly 5 conts to loss than $2 \frac{1}{2}$ conts below tho official rate refloctod improvement in that country＇s financial and forelgn trade positiono From Italy came news of the lifting of exchange restrictions imposed at the time of the Italo－Ethiopian war．The third constructive dewslopment was the rosumption of free trading in futuro positions of French francs on a strong market．Palarced against these dovelopments，were the sharp broak in rogistered German marks end weaknoss in the Japanose yen．Both of theso movo－ ments were associated in financiel circles with less favourable conditions relating to finance and foreign trade．The Canadian dollar declined fractionally during Decembor in terms of most leading currencieso

## SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT COMAODITY MARKETS

WHEAT AND OTHER GRIINS: Grain prices in Docember registered the most pronouncod gains in many yoars.despitc a sharp sotback in the third wook. Coarse grains shared fully in this movement, particularly ryo and barloy, top grades for which marked up net gains of over 30 cants and $j^{\prime \prime}$ : cents per bushol respectively. No.l Manitoba Northem cash wheat at Minnipeg mounted $191 / 8$ cents per bushel. Liverpool led the advanco with Winnipeg tonding to follow... closoly at first, but more cautiously in the last two weeks, ซhilo Chicago definitely lost ground during this period. Tho basic forco bohind tho riso was the changed outlook regarding Europoan import requirements which had proviously boen underestimatod matorially. It was supportod also by hoavy rains in the Argentino tonding to increase tho percontage of soft wheat harvestod, and by potential Oricontal. domand for Australion whoat. A sharp reaction from Decomber 18 to 23, coincided with a luJ. 1 in Europoan domand and considorablo liquidation of long positions. Losses approximating six conts por bushel mero complotely wipod out, however, in the tro following days with Liverpool leading in the recovery. As the year closed markets quictor, with overscas domand less active, and littlo pressure from the principal oxporting countrios.


FI,OUR AND MII,IPD PRODUCTS: Rising wheat prices carried flour quotations up ward in their wake. Higher levels were supported by active interest from overseas buyers, although this proved more beneficiai to eastern than to western millers. Rolled oats, bran, and shorts also recorded gains during Decembor.

| Descriptions | 1935 <br> Docember 15 |  | 1936 <br> November 15 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | | 1936 |
| :---: |
| Docember 15 |

SUGAR: The price of Cuban sugar at New York advanced during the first two weeks of December, declined slightly on the publication of the Unitod States 1937 quotas by the A.A.A., and then advancod again in tho last meok to a high point for the year. The 1937 sugar quotas were basod upon an estimate of total consumption at $6,682,670$ tons, 248,582 tons more than tho initial 1936 quota and 130,017 tons loss than the figure finally reached in 1936. BoW.I sugar at Montreal dropped in price towards the middle of the month but recovered again in the latter half. Trading on both the United States and London markets was heavy, accompanied by broad speculative activity.


| 1935 <br> December 15 | 1936 <br> $\$$ | $\frac{1936}{\text { November } 15}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |$\quad$| $\$$ |
| :---: |
| 4.71 |

RUSBER: The downwari trend in world rubber stocks and increasing speculative interest centring around the scarcity of near at hand supplies sent December raw rubber prices at New York up sharply to above 20 conts per pound. World stocks aro unusually low, estimated at onjy $4 \frac{1}{2}$ months: consumption, whilo raises of consumption continue at record levels. The Intermational Rubber Rogulation Committee announced on December 15th now quotas for 1937, of $75 p_{0} c_{\text {. for }}$ fhe first quarter and 80 p.c. for the second, these figures boing 10 and $15 p_{0} c_{0}$ in advance of tho presont $65 p_{0} c_{0}$ quota.

|  | 1935 | 1936 | 1936 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Descriptions | Docember | November | December |
| Raw ribbed, per pound, at New York | Average | Average | Averago |
| (Canadian funds) | $\phi$ | ¢ | 4 |
| Standard latex crepe sheets. | 23.6 | 18.8 | 22.1 |
|  | 13.3 | 18.1 | 20.1 |

$\qquad$
$\qquad$

IIVESTOCK: Considerable sirength was displayed by livestock markets in December despite the holiday soason. funs of all classes were kopt woll adjusted to current needs and prices moved forward. Exports, with the oxcoption of hogs, were low, but liboral shipmonts of bacons morc roportod to both the Unitod States and Groat Britain, While the United Kingdom bac on prices romainod firm。

| Descriptions | $\begin{gathered} 1935 \\ \text { December } \\ \text { Avcrage } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $1936$ <br> November Average | $1936$ <br> December Average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Steers, good, over 1050 pounds, per cwt. at Toronto.......... Winnipog ......... | $\begin{aligned} & 6.33 \\ & 4.88 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5.14 \\ & 4.63 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5.46 \\ & 4.82 \end{aligned}$ |
| Calvos, good voal, por cwt. <br> at Toronto ........... <br> Winnipeg | $\begin{aligned} & 9.60 \\ & 7023 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8.37 \\ & 5.81 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9.48 \\ & 7.16 \end{aligned}$ |
| Lambs, good handyweight, per cwt., <br> at Toronto ............ | 8.77 | 7.96 | 8.50 |
| Winnipeg | 7.37 | 6.88 | 7.64 |
| Hogs, bacon, per cwלoat Toronto .......... | 8.40 | 7.59 | 8.21 |
| Hinnipeg .......... | 7042 | 7.01 | 7.38 |

BUITER: Irading in major butter markets was dull during the early part of cathe month and deaiers appeared to lack interest. Existing demand was sufficient to take of the meagre offerings and pricos held comparativoly steady. Towards the close of Docembor, buying bocamo moro active and quotations at some contros roached the highest lovels for the curront yoaio. Cold storago stocks, as ostimatod by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at $43,522,649$ pounds on Docomber 1 , showed a drop of $18 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}_{0}$ from holdings on the first of tho provious month, but woro about 7 p.c. groater than on Docombor $1,1935{ }^{\circ}$

## Descriptions

Jobbing price of first grade aceamexy prints per pound

| 1935 | 1936 | 1936 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Docembor | Novembor | Docember |
| Avorage | Average | Average |
| ¢ | 4 | f |
| 27.8 | 26.5 | 27.3 |
| 27.7 | 26.9 | 27.5 |

EGGS: Opening egg markets showed dealers buying cautiously particularly at easterm centres. Domand remained low and shipments were made from British Columbia where stocks on hand together with heavy fresh receipts proved too great for local needs. Towards the close of the month the gencral situation becamo more varicd. In the cast, comsumptive domand increascd, light rocoipts worc roadily cloarod and pricos advanced slightiy, while larger offerings on western sections kept quotations there at lower levels As estimated by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, cold storage stocks on December 1 were $3,293,668$ dozo. Thss rcprosentod a drop of about 53 p.c. from November 1 holdings and approximatcly. 4 p.c. loss than on Docember 1, 1935.


COTTON: Early December gains in the New York cotton market were mainly based upon the belief that 1937 acreage would be limited to around 1936 levels. Fears that the United States government planned to reloaso loan cotton wore lator accompaniod by price declines during the third weok, but the market subsequently reacted, and spot domand improved as the boliuf grew that sales of loan cotton would be so controlled as not to disturb the market unduly. Statistics showod that world visible supplios of American cotton had fallen from 6,809,000 bales on Decomber 4 to 6,596,000 bales at the 02 se of the year. The official crop ostimate of Docomber 1 at $12,407,000$ bales was only 74,000 bales under the first forecast of August 1 .

1935
December
$\frac{\text { Average }}{\phi}$
12.1

1936
November
Average
$\phi$
12.2
12.8
4








## $\square-\square-$

 $\because, \ldots \ln 28$
 2
 $x=-2$ $\qquad$

## 

0


뀸
$\qquad$
tant



SILK: Considerable Iiquidation and disappointing November consumption figures

- were credited with dopressing silk futuros on the Nen York market in the early part of December. Subsequently values truproved on reports of more active buying and sharp price incroases in primary contres. The actual United Statos Docember consumption of 41,627 bales exceeded previous estimates ranging from 38,000 to 40,000 balos. Japanese stocks at the end of tho yoar wero shown as 78,700 balos, 1,400 bales less than a month oarlier.

| Descriptions | 1935 <br> December <br> Averago | $1936$ <br> November Avorage | $1936$ <br> December <br> Average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Raw silk per pound, quoted on a 60 day basis at New York (Canadian funds) | \$ | \% | \$ |
| Special Grand XX 85 poc. 20-22 deniers | 2.14 | 2.00 | 2.01 |
| Special Grand XX 83 poc .13 -15 deniers | 2.16 | 2.04 | 2.06 |

WOOI: Reflecting the strong prico levols in primary markets, Canadian mool quotations held firm。 Stocks of wool are low, and a fatr "o" me of business was transacted although some dealers appcared hositant about buying at tho higher prices. Experts of raw wool mounted from 796,996 pounds in October to $1,414,256$ pounds in November.

## Descriptions

Raw wool per pound in quantities of 20,000 pounds or more f.o.bo Weston

| Eastern bright, low,medium, $3 / 8 \mathrm{blood}$ staple or 50's | 18.0 | 22.0 | 24.5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Western semi-bright $\frac{1}{3}$ blood staple |  |  |  |
| 58's-60's ........ | 19.0 | 22.0 | 24.0 |

LUNFER AND TINBER: General stiffening of prices was rccorded in lumber markets. Domand held good and was roported unusually brisk for wostern grades duo to the desire of eastern doalors to replenish stocks before rail froight rates increasod. Unsettled shipping conditions in tho Unitcd States continucd to contributo to a better inquiry for Canadian specifications. The British Columbia October log scale of 311,562,000 feet reached the highest lovel since Juno 1930.

| Descriptions | $\begin{gathered} 1935 \\ \text { Docomber } \end{gathered}$ | $1936$ <br> Noyomber | $1936$ <br> December |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Price Index Numbers 1926m100 |  |  |  |
| White pine lumber .0.0.0. | 89.6 | 93.1 | 93.4 |
| Spruce lumber | 69.7 | 89.2 | 88.4 |
| Fir lumber | 84.3 | 90.6 | 92.4 |
| Cedar lumber | 91.1 | 87.3 | 88.2 |

IRON AND STHEI: Now business in iron and steel products continued good, with greater interest in replacements and in plant improvements by several companies being observed. Current demand continued to be predominantly for spot tonnages, but some bookings for first quarter requirements also appearod. As the holiday soason approachod, trading becane quietor, but not before pricos had stiffoned appreciably for a number of basic products.

## Descriptions

Pig iron, foundry No. 1 per gross ton carlots

No. 1 scrap iron, deliverod at Canadian foundry
per gross ton
$\frac{\begin{array}{c}1935 \\ \text { December } 15\end{array} \$}{\$}$
20.50
10.00

1936
$\frac{\begin{array}{l}1936 \\ \text { December } 15\end{array}}{\$}$
21.50
11.00

EEIIDING AND COHSTRUCTION MATERIALS, $1913=100$
(See page 8 for the se data on the base $1926=100$ )

|  | 1935 | 1936 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Dec。 | Aug. | Sopt. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
| Building and Construction |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| , Materials ................... | 122.5 | 127.9 | 128.3 | 129.2 | 129.5 | 131.3 |
| Iumber ......................... | 120.2 | 129.0 | 129.1 | 131.6 | 131.7 | 132.1 |
| Painters: Materials ........ | 11504 | 119.5 | 120.2 | 120.1 | 120.1 | 122.0 |
| Miscellane ous ............... | 129.9 | 132.5 | 133.0 | 132.7 | 133.1 | 136.4 |



|  | Commodity | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Noc of } \\ & \text { Price } \\ & \text { Ser亡os } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { yuarly } \\ & \text { dverags } \\ & 2935 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & D 9 C 0 \\ & 2955 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 c \% \\ & 1936 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hovo } \\ & i 936 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec。 } \\ & 1936 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Index | 567 | 72.1 | 7207 | 77.1 | 77.2 | 79.7 |
| I． | Vegetablo Products | 135 | 67.3 | 67.1 | 79，6 | 79.2 | 8403 |
|  | Fruits | 15 | 77.1 | $83_{0}{ }^{7}$ | 89.7 | 84.3 | 75.4 |
|  | Fresh | ＋ | 77.5 | 34.0 | 94.2 | 87.0 | 74.5 |
|  | Dried | 5 | 32,6 | ơ0．？ | 82.3 | 82.3 | 84.5 |
|  | Canned． | 6 | $\bigcirc 00$ | 59.6 | 69：9 | 70.0 | $7 \pm .9$ |
|  | Grains | 23 | 5\％。\％ | 57.0 | 7 c | 77.5 | 26.0 |
|  | Hour and Millod Products | 12 | 69.8 | 6903 | 5705 | 85.7 | 94.0 |
|  | Baxery Products | 2. | 43.5 | $8 \%$ it | 85．2 | 86.3 | 8102 |
|  | Vegetable Oils | 8 | 0.5 | 69.5 | 76.6 | $75 . ?$ | $8 \pm .7$ |
|  | Rubber and Its Products | 9 | 56.8 | 56.5 | 56.2 | 63.00 | 62.0 |
|  | Sugar and Its Products and Glucose | 8 | 82.7 | 80.9 | 79.3 | 79.3 | 79.4 |
|  | Tea，Coffee，Cocoa and Spices | 15 | 700？ | 70.4 | 74.5 | 75.0 | 81.6 |
|  | Tobacco | 8 | 12.6 | 48,2 | $49_{0} 3$ | 43.3 | 55,4 |
|  | Vegetables | 13 | 4602 | 57.4 | 64， 2 | 63.4 | 71.9 |
|  | Miscellanoous | 22 | 6.700 | 59.5 | 67.4 | 6.07 | 64.7 |
| II． | Anjmals and Their Products | 76 | 70.4 | 73.0 | 7.305 | 73.5 | 73.9 |
|  | Fishory Products | 16 | 71． 5 | 70.4 | 76.4 | $74+4$ | 72.2 |
|  | Furs | 9 | 51.07 | 52.9 | 58， 8 | 5\％${ }^{\text {\％}}$ | 62.6 |
|  | Hides and Skins | 6 | 69.2 | 84.0 | 82．？ | $9: 0.3$ | 102.1 |
|  | Leather，Umanufacturod． | 9 | 990 | 8507 | ¢7． 1 | 85oz | 9？．0 |
|  | Boots and Shoes | 2 | 85 c 3 | 8708 | 88.7 | 89.9 | 90.0 |
|  | Live Stock | 4 | 7904 | 7702. | 68.0 | 67.4 | 7707 |
|  | Meats and Poultry | 10 | 70.3 | $65_{8} 6$ | 69.0 | E6．0 | 66.9 |
|  | Milk and Its Froducts | 12 | 658 | 72.8 | 72.8 | 75． | 76.1 |
|  | Fats | 5 | 770.1 | 30.8 | 72,0 | 71.7 | 7408 |
|  | Eggs | 3 | 60,5 | 78.0 | 80.0 | 83.6 | 75.6 |

III．Fibres，Textiles and Textile Products

| 85 | 70.2 | 69.6 | 69.6 | 69.6 | 71.0 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2 | 69.6 | 70.4 | 71.3 | 71.0 | 74.5 |
| 5 | 82.2 | 82.1 | 83.2 | 83.2 | 83.4 |
| 19 | 76.4 | 72.0 | 73.6 | 73.6 | 74.4 |
| 3 | 82.6 | 82.3 | 82.3 | 82.3 | 82.3 |
| 1 | 102.1 | 93.5 | 93.5 | 93.5 | 93.5 |
| 10 | 50.9 | 51.9 | 44.4 | 44.4 | 44.5 |
| 9 | 27.0 | 33.0 | 28.7 | 31.9 | 32.0 |
| 2 | 63.9 | 63.9 | 62.3 | 62.3 | 62.3 |
| 2 | 65.8 | 68.4 | 65.3 | 65.3 | 65.3 |
| 4 | 46.3 | 46.2 | 44.6 | 44.6 | 44.6 |
| 5 | 50.5 | 49.6 | 45.8 | 45.8 | 45.8 |
| 3 | 50.4 | 59.6 | 68.6 | 71.1 | 78.4 |
| 6 | 82.2 | 84.5 | 82.7 | 84.5 | 89.1 |
| 5 | 87.1 | 86.1 | 87.0 | 87.0 | 87.0 |
| 1 | 76.5 | 76.5 | 79.6 | 79.6 | 100.0 |
| 6 | 72.9 | 75.8 | 77.5 | 77.5 | 81.1 |
| 2 | 92.5 | 92.5 | 92.5 | 92.5 | 92.5 |


(Olassified According to Purpose for which used)
(1926: 100 )


xCanadian Funds.
f For month of nearesi dalivery when spot quotations not availablo.

WHOIESAIE PRIOES,
1935 AND 1936
$(1926=100)$









The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of retail prices, rents and costs of services on the base 1926 100, rose slightly from 81.7 in November to 81.8 in Decomber, reflecting a modorato advance in tho food group.

An index for rotail prices alono including foods, coal, coko, clothing, household requirements, etco, showed a slight advance from 77.2 to 77.3 . Whon foods were removed from this indox it remained unchanged at 79.2 .

For 46 food items an indox rose from 7500 to 7503 , declines in meat prices being more than offset by gains for oggs, buttor, milk, beans, onions and potatoes. Toods during 1936 were highost in Docomber at 75.3 and lowost in April at 71.0 . Between November and Docomber, Grado "A" oggs advanced from $43.9 \phi$ to $45.6 \phi$ per dozen, whilo an average of Grade "B" and Grado "C" eggs was $35.2 \phi$ in December as compared with $34.3 \phi$ for the previous month. Milk at $10.9 \phi$ per quart was fractionally higher. Creamory butter rose from $28.4 \phi$ to $29.4 \phi$, and dairy butter from $2504 \phi$ to $26.0 \phi$ per pound. Dry beans at $6.7 \phi$ and onions at $304 \phi$ por pound registored small incroases. Folloring a declino dating from August, potatoes reversed direction and rocordod an upward movement from $28.6 \phi$ to 29. $4 \phi$ per peck. Meat pricos, thich were slightly below the levol of a yoar ago, declined as follows betwoen November and Decomber: Sirloin bocf from $22.6 \phi$ to $22.0 \phi$, shoulder beef from $12.0 \phi$ to $11.8 \phi$, voal from $13.4 \phi$ to $13.3 \phi$, mutton from $20.7 \phi$ to $20.4 \phi$, salt pork from $19.9 \phi$ to $19.5 \phi$, bacon from $30.0 \phi$ to $29.1 \phi$, and cookod ham from $52.6 \phi$ to $51.6 \phi$ per pound.

Index numbers for othor groups were unchanged.
INIRX NUMAERS OF RETAII PRICES, RENTS, AND COSTS OF SERVICES, 1913-DECEMBER, 1936.
( $1926=100$ )

|  |  | $\vdots$ $\vdots$ Total Index | Food Index | $\vdots$ $\vdots$ Fuol Index | Rent <br> Indox | Cloth ing Index | Sundries: Index: | Retail <br> Prices <br> Index <br> (Foods, <br> Fuel, <br> Clothing; <br> Housohold <br> Roquire-: <br> monts, <br> otc.) | Retal 1 <br> Pricos <br> Index <br> (Frool, <br> Clothing, <br> Household <br> Require- <br> ments, <br> otc.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1913 |  | 65.4 | 66.2 | 65.8 | 64.1 | 63.3 | 66.2 | $\cdots$ | - |
| 1920 |  | 124.2 | 141.1 | 102.6 | 86.5 | 153.2 | 104.0 | -. | - |
| 1921 |  | 109.2 | 107.9 | 109.2 | 94.2 | 124.7 | 106.0 | - | - |
| 1922 |  | 100.0 | 91.4 | 104.6 | 98.1 | 105.7 | 106.0 | - | - |
| 1923 |  | 100.0 | 92.1 | 104.6 | 100.6 | 104.4 | 105.3 | - | - |
| 1924 | ........... | 98.0 | 90.7 | 102.0 | 101.3 | 101.9 | 103.3 | - | - |
| 1925 | .......... | 99.3 | 94.7 | 100.0 | 101.3 | 101.9 | 101.3 | - | - |
| 1926 | ........... | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 2927 | ........... | 98.4 | 98.1 | 97.9 | 98.8 | 97.5 | 99.1 | 97.9 | 97.9 |
| 1928 | .......... | 98.9 | 98.6 | 96.9 | 101.2 | 97.4 | 98.8 | 97.9 | 97.3 |
| 1929 | ........... | 99.9 | 101.0 | 96.4 | 103.3 | 96.9 | 99.0 | 98.9 | 96.9 |
| 1930 | .......... | 99.2 | 98.6 | 95.7 | 105.9 | 93.9 | 99.4 | 96.7 | 94.9 |
| 1931 |  | 89.6 | 77.3 | 94.2 | 103.0 | 82.2 | 97.4 | 82.5 | 87.3 |
| 1932 |  | 81.4 | 64.3 | 91.4 | 94.7 | 72.8 | 94.6 | 72.7 | 80.6 |
| 1933 |  | 77.7 | 63.7 | 87.7 | 85.1 | 67.9 | 92.7 | 70.4 | 76.7 |
| 1934 | .......... | 78.7 | 69.4 | 87.7 | 80.1 | 70.5 | 92.1 | 73.9 | 78.2 |
| 1935 |  | 79.3 | 70.4 | 86.8 | 81.3 | 70.7 | 92.2 | 74.3 | 77.9 |
| 1935 | December . | 80.5 | 73.7 | 87.1 | 82.6 | 70.6 | 92.1 | 76.0 | 78.2 |
| 1936 | January .. | 80,5 | 73.9 | 87.2 | 82.6 | 70.6 | 91.9 | 76.0 | 78.0 |
|  | February.. | 80.3 | 72.9 | 87.2 | 82.6 | 70.6 | 92.0 | 75.6 | 78.1 |
|  | March .... | 80.4 | 73.4 | 87.4 | 82.6 | 70.6 | 92.1 | 75.9 | 78.2 |
|  | April.... | 79.7 | 71.0 | 87.3 | 82.6 | 70.6 | 92.1 | 74.7 | 78.2 |
|  | May ....... | 80.0 | 71.3 | 87.2 | 83.8 | 70.6 | 92.1 | 74.9 | 78.2 |
|  | Jume ..... | 80.1 | 71.3 | 85.8 | 83.8 | 71.0 | 92.2 | 74.9 | 78.2 |
|  | July ..... | 80.4 | 72.6 | 85.8 | 83.8 | 71.0 | 92.1 | 75.4 | 78.1 |
|  | August ... | 81.0 | 74.7 | 85.8 | 83.6 | 71.0 | 92.1 | 76.5 | 78.1 |
|  | Sep tember. | $\mathrm{Sl}_{5} 5$ | 75.1 | 86.1 | 83.8 | 72.6 | 92.2 | 77.2 | 79.1 |
|  | October .. | 81.5 | 74.4 | 86.3 | 84.9 | 72.6 | 92.1 | 76.9 | 79.2 |
|  | Novamber . | 8107 | 75.0 | 86.7 | 8409 | 72.6 | 92.2 | 77.2 | 79.2 |
|  | Docember.. | 81.8 | 75.3 | 86.7 | 84.9 | 72.6 | 92.2 | 77.3 | 79.2 |

N.B. - Rental indexes are calculated in May and October only. Clothing indexes are calculated for March, June, September and Docember as are certain sub-indexes in the Miscellaneous group. Difficulties in obtaining theso data promptly, causd revisions to be often ons or two months late.

| Year <br> and <br> Month | $\begin{gathered} \text { Beef } \\ \text { Sirloin } \end{gathered}$ | Beef <br> Chcak | Veal <br> Roast | Mutton <br> Roast | Pork <br> Fresh | : Pork <br> : Sal\# | - Bacon <br> - Break- <br> : Past | Lard <br> Pure | $\begin{aligned} & \text { : Eggs } \\ & \text { : Grade } \\ & \text { : "4" } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Eggs } \\ & \text { Grade" } B^{\prime \prime} \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { Grade" }{ }^{\prime \prime \prime} \end{aligned}$ | : Milk | Butter <br> Dairy | : Butter <br> : Creamery | Cheese |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1934 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 68.0 | CO. 0 | C3. 5 | 63.7 | 55.0 | 66.3 | 50.0 | 55.1 | 87.0 | 76.4 | 82.5 | 60.2 | 63.5 | 61.9 |
| February | 71.8 | 71.1 | 65.1 | 67.4 | 63.2 | 65.6 | 57.4 | 55.1 | 75.4 | 71.3 | 83.3 | 63.5 | 66.4 | 63.2 |
| March | 72.8 | 74.8 | 68.2 | 70.1 | 70.2 | 67.4 | 66.4 | 56.3 | 86.5 | 86.9 | 82.5 | 69.9 | 72.7 | 63.8 |
| April | 72.8 | 75.5 | 67.2 | 69.1 | 68.2 | 67.0 | 67.1 | 55.1 | 57.9 | 57.3 | 83.3 | 72.3 | 73.6 | 64.2 |
| May | 74.8 | 76.1 | 63.5 | 74.2 | 64.9 | 64.2 | 66.4 | 53.5 | 47.6 | 46.5 | 83.3 | 60.5 | 62.3 | 63.2 |
| June | 75.5 | 77.4 | 62.0 | 72.5 | 66.2 | 65.6 | 67.4 | 52.7 | 47.6 | 46.7 | 82.5 | 54.8 | 56.6 | 62,6 |
| July | 76.5 | 76.7 | 62.0 | 70.1 | 69.2 | 67.4 | 72.0 | 51.4 | 53.0 | 53.0 | 82.5 | 54.3 | 56.2 | 62.9 |
| August | 76.2 | 74.2 | 61.5 | 70.1 | 71.9 | 69.2 | 76.9 | 51.8 | 57.5 | 56.8 | 82.5 | 51.4 | 53.9 | 62.6 |
| September | 74.5 | 71.7 | 62.0 | 63.8 | 71.5 | 70.3 | 81.3 | 53.9 | 58.8 | 59.3 | 83.3 | 51.9 | 53.5 | 62.6 |
| October | 71.4 | 69.8 | 60.9 | 61.7 | 68.5 | 70.3 | 83.8 | 59.2 | 69.7 | 68.3 | 84.2 | 53.8 | 55.0 | 62.3 |
| November | 68.7 | 66.7 | 60.4 | 62.8 | 66.2 | 69.5 | 79.9 | 59.6 | 86.3 | 79.6 | 88.3 | 53.6 | 54.6 | 61.6 |
| December | 65.6 | 64.8 | 60.4 | 63.1 | 63.2 | 68.5 | 75.7 | 59.6 | 88.5 | 78.4 | 87.5 | 54.8 | 56.2 | 61.0 |
| $1935$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 68.0 | 67.9 | 63.0 | 66.4 | 64.2 | 68.1 | 74.8 | 59.6 | 79.3 | 73.6 | 86.7 | 54.8 | 57.0 | 61.0 |
| Tebaruary | 71.1 | 70.4 | 67.2 | 69.5 | 65.9 | 69.5 | 73.8 | 60.8 | 70.3 | 67.8 | 86.7 | 60.0 | 62.6 | 61.9 |
| March | 72.1 | 73.0 | 67.2 | 70.1 | 66.2 | 68.8 | 72.9 | 61.6 | 67.1 | 65.1 | 87.5 | 62.7 | 66.2 | 62.6 |
| April | 76.5 | 79.2 | 66.1 | 72.1 | 66.2 | 69.5 | 72.2 | 62.0 | 51.9 | 51.0 | 87.5 | 60.7 | 62.9 | 62.9 |
| May | 80.6 | 84.3 | 65.6 | 72.5 | 67.5 | 70.3 | 70.1 | 62.0 | 47.0 | 46.7 | 87.5 | 61.5 | 64.0 | 63.5 |
| June | 84.4 | 88.1 | 66.1 | 72.1 | 70.5 | 70.6 | 69.7 | 62.4 | 48.3 | 47.5 | 87.5 | 57.5 | 58.8 | 62.9 |
| July | 85.4 | 88.1 | 66.7 | 71.8 | 74.2 | 72.4 | 69.7 | 63.3 | 52.8 | 53.0 | 85.8 | 52.8 | 55.5 | 62.6 |
| August | 84.4 | 83.0 | 66.1 | 70.8 | 74.8 | 72.0 | 70.6 | 64.9 | 59.2 | 59.5 | 85.8 | 52.6 | 55.9 | 61.9 |
| September | 82.7 | 80.5 | 67.2 | 70.1 | 76.5 | 73.5 | 73.1 | 70.2 | 66.7 | 66.3 | 86.7 | 54.1 | 56.8 | 61.6 |
| October | 79.6 | 79.9 | 69.8 | 68.1 | 75.2 | 73.5 | 73.6 | 73.9 | 76.5 | 75.6 | 88.3 | 58.0 | 60.6 | 62.6 |
| November | 76.5 | 77.4 | 69.8 | 66,8 | 72.5 | 73.1 | 72.2 | 74.7 | 88.7 | 83.9 | 88.3 | 61.5 | 64.0 | 64.5 |
| December $1936$ | 75.9 | 76.1 | 69.8 | 67.8 | 68.9 | 73.1 | 69.2 | 74.7 | 92.7 | 87.2 | 88.3 | 65.4 | 67.8 | 64.5 |
| Jemuary | 77.6 | 79.2 | 73.4 | 72.5 | 69.9 | 72.8 | 67.8 | 73.1 | 88.7 | 85.2 | 89.2 | 66.4 | 68.5 | 64.8 |
| February | 78.6 | 81.1 | 76.6 | 73.8 | 70.5 | 72.4 | 67.4 | 70.2 | 72.2 | 72.4 | 89.2 | 65.2 | 67.3 | 64.5 |
| March | 79.6 | 81.1 | 79.2 | 74.8 | 69.9 | 72.0 | 67.1 | 67.8 | 81.4 | 79.4 | 89.2 | 63.2 | 64.2 | 64.8 |
| April | 77.9 | 79.2 | 71.9 | 74.8 | 69.5 | 71.3 | 66.4 | 65.3 | 60.0 | 58.3 | 89.2 | 61.0 | 61.7 | 64.8 |
| May | 78.6 | 81.1 | 71.4 | 80.2 | 70.2 | 72.0 | 66.7 | 64.9 | 50.6 | 50.0 | 89.2 | 58.3 | 60.0 | 64.2 |
| June | 78.2 | 79.9 | 68.8 | 81.2 | 70.2 | 71.3 | 66.9 | 63.7 | 52.1 | 51.5 | 89.2 | 54.3 | 56.4 | 63.8 |
| July | 78.9 | 78.6 | 69.3 | 77.2 | 72.5 | 72.0 | 68.3 | 62.4 | 58.1 | 58.8 | 86.7 | 55.1 | 58.6 | 65.1 |
| August | 78.6 | 79.2 | 68.2 | 76.8 | 74.2 | 72.8 | 69.4 | 62.9 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 86.7 | 59.0 | 62.6 | 66.0 |
| September | 79.3 | 77.4 | 69.3 | 75.5 | 74.2 | 72.4 | 71.3 | 63.7 | 71.6 | 71.6 | 87.5 | 62.7 | 66.2 | 68.6 |
| October | 77.9 | 76.1 | 69.8 | 70.8 | 71.9 | 72.8 | 70.8 | 64.1 | 75.9 | 74.4 | 90.0 | 63.7 | 65.3 | 70.4 |
| November <br> December | $\begin{aligned} & 76.9 \\ & 74.8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 75.5 \\ 74.2 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 69.8 \\ & 69.2 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 69.5 \\ & 68.5 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 69.9 \\ 67.5 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 71.3 \\ 69.9 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 69.4 \\ & 67.4 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 64.5 \\ 64.9 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 93.8 \\ & 97.4 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 86.2 \\ & 88.4 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 90.0 \\ & 90.8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 62.7 \\ & 64.2 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 63.5 \\ & 65: 8 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 70.8 \\ 70.4 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |

IIDEN NUNEFS OF RETATL PRICES OF PRINCTPA AREICLES OF NOOD IN CHSDA-CONt'


## INVESTCRS! INIEX NUNRERS OF COMVION STOCKS

Although December common stock prices staged a steady recovery from their sharp Wovember set-back, index averages for several important industrial groups were less than for the preceding month, depressing the general and industrial indexes belor November levels. Utilities, banks, and milling, iron and steol, foods, pulp and paper and bevorages among the industrials, however, showed gains over November. The general index for 121 issues dropped from 131.8 in November to 129.2 in December. Eighty-nino Industrials recordod a substantial loss of 701 points although, as notod above, fivo of tho oight sub-groups were higher. Appreciable losses for International Potroloum, Imperial Oil, Dominion Glass, International Nickel, National Sewer Pipo " $A$ " and Moore were mainly responsible for the docline in the Industrial indoz from 219.9 for November to 212.8 for December. Among stocks in this group to advance noticeably during the month were National stoel Car, Canadian Bronze, Steel of Canada, Lake of the Woods, B.C. Packers, Kelvinator and Consolidated fmelters. Twenty-three utilitios were genorally firner and the index rose fractionally from 62.4 for November to 62.8 for the following month. Prices of stocks included in Utilitios fluctuatod narrorly, Tith tho excoption of Bell Tolophone which gained $\$ 5.30$. Nine banks moved higher for the fifth month in succossion, and the Index reached 87.7, the maximum since January 1932.

## PREEMRRED STOCKS

The index number for twenty-five preferred stocks was 93.9 in December as compared with 91.1 in November. Canada Cemen rose from 100. 4 to 101.0, Canadian Car and Foundry from 27.1 to 28.7 , Canadian Hyäromelectric from 61.6 to 72.4 , Dominion Coal from 19.9 to 21.2 , Simpson's from 97.9 to 99.0 , StoLawrenco Corporation "A" from 20.6 to 24.3. stael of Canada from 62.9 to 72.7 , and Sherwin-Williams from 127.5 to 130.5 . Canadian Celanese fell from 127.3 to l2́. 2: Canadian 0 from 126.5 to l22.4, Lake of the Troods from 157.8 to 150.0 , McColl Frontenac from 101.9 to 9900 and Wational Browerios from 44.2 to 43.2 .

INIPX NUMBERS OF 25 PFEIFRRRED STOCKS
(1926-1936)
(1926=100)


The general weekly index of mining issues moved alternatively lower and higher during December and ended the month at 170,3 , the highest level since its inception in 1927. The figure for the comparative weck in November was 168.2.

The gold index sustained an appreciable loss for the weok of Decombor 10, declining from 133.0 to 129.9 and for the following two weeks, it fluctuated within narrow limitt. Ner vigour doveloped in tho final woek and the index mountod to 133.6 . For the corresponding interval in November this index was 133.0 .

The weakness exhibited in base metals prices in the First week of December was succeeded by a stronger genoral tone and the index for this group soared from 306.9 for the week of December 10 to 320.5 for the wock of December 17 . Prices continucd to be firm for the remainder of tho month, changes boing confined to small amounts. The index for the weok of December 31 was 322.1 , as compared with 313.6 for the moek of Docember 3. Ifsted below is a table of prices for the weeks of December 3 and 31, 1936, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.


|  | General | Banks | UTILITIES |  |  |  | INDUSTRIALS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Date | Total | Total | Total | Trans port．－ ation | Telo－ <br> phone <br> Tele－ <br> graph | Power <br> and <br> Trac－ <br> tion | Total | Iron \＆ Steel \＆ Iron \＆ Steel Products | Pulp and Paper | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mill- } \\ & \text { ing } \end{aligned}$ | Oils | Tex－ tiles and Cloth－ ing | Food <br> and <br> Allied <br> Pro－ <br> ducts | Bever－ ages | 1．ins－ <br> cell－ <br> aneous |  |
| 1934 10.0 Stocks | 121 | 8 | 25 | 2 | 2 | 21 | 88 | 17 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 18 | 8 | 20 |  |
| August | 83.8 | 73.1 | 51.2 | 33.4 | 89.4 | 64.4 | 120.1 | 100.7 | 9.9 | 73.2 | 158.0 | 73.1 | 125.5 | 91.3 | 174.7 |  |
| September | 83.8 | 74.9 | 50.1 | 33.1 | 90.6 | 61.7 | 118．8 | 98.8 | 9.6 | 72.6 | 160.2 | 71.9 | 123.4 | 93.8 | 168.4 |  |
| October | 85.2 | 76.1 | 49.0 | 31.1 | 92.7 | 60.8 | 122.0 | 107.7 | 9.8 | 68.4 | 169.0 | 74.4 | 126.6 | 89.2 | 168.8 |  |
| November | 86.0 | 78.3 | 46.5 | 28.6 | 93.7 | 57.5 | 125.3 | 111.3 | 11.0 | 66.0 | 180.8 | 74.3 | 128．1 | 98.4 | 164 |  |
| December | 86.2 | 79.0 | 47.5 | 29.1 | 97.6 | 58.5 | 125.6 | 119．8 | 11.6 | 71.0 | 177.8 | 74.3 | 130.3 | 93.6 | 166.2 |  |
| $\frac{1935}{\text { No．of Stocks }}$ | 12.1 | 9 | 24 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 88 | 15 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 19 | 8 | 21 |  |
| January | 88．6 | 80.1 | 50.4 | 32.1 | 100．3 | 61.3 | 129.7 | 129.4 | 14.0 | 71.5 | 181.5 | 75.8 | 134.2 | 106.8 | 168.6 |  |
| February | 87.8 | 79.9 | 49.4 | 30.8 | 102.4 | 59.8 | 128．8 | 126,4 | 13.4 | 67.4 | 179.7 | 75.6 | 131.3 | 109．1 | 168．6 |  |
| Liarch | 84.4 | 76.8 | 45.1 | 25.3 | 100．1 | 56.4 | 125．6 | 117.0 | 11.6 | 56．0 | 176.0 | 74.1 | 126.5 | 101． 6 | 168．7 |  |
| Aprjil | 86.4 | 75．0 | 43.8 | 25.8 | 94.8 | 53.9 | 130.8 | 119.4 | 11.1 | 56.9 | 178.6 | 73.1 | 125.1 | 99.6 | 135．1 | $\vdash$ |
| miay | 93.6 | 73.1 | 4.464 | 27.0 | 95.5 | 53.8 | 144.4 | 121.9 | 10.8 | 59.9 | 211.7 | 70.3 | 127.8 | 102.4 | 200．0 | G |
| June | 93.8 | 72.0 | 45.0 | 26.5 | 97.6 | 55.3 | 145．2 | 118．6 | 10.5 | 58.4 | 217.8 | 67.2 | 127.0 | 104.7 | 198.1 | ： |
| July | 92.4 | 71.7 | 4．4．7 | 25.0 | 98.6 | 56.0 | $143=8$ | ？22．2 | 10，6 | 57.4 | 210.6 | 66．7 | 128.5 | 116.7 | 195.4 |  |
| Augusi | 94.7 | 70.6 | 47.7 | 26.7 | 99.9 | 60.8 | 145． 1 | 122．？ | 12.0 | 59.3 | 210．0 | 65.5 | 130．1 | 122.9 | 202．0 |  |
| Septembe＝ | 93.6 | 65.9 | 46.3 | 25.7 | 100.3 | －8．6 | 1.47 c .3. | 118.7 | $12=4$ | 61.2 | 200.6 | 61.8 | 128.7 | 126.5 | 209．6 |  |
| OS亡力うも | 96.1 | 58.4 | 45.5 | 23.4 | 100.0 | 50.6 | 152.9 | 123．3 | 12．20 | 60.9 | 215．1 | $63=5$ | 13．34．4 | 133.2 | 217.5 |  |
| November | 1058 | 73.0 | 50.9 | ？ 7 ？ | 2051 | 66. | 170.3 | 327.8 | 14.6 | 66.9 | 228.7 | 67.0 | 145.7 | 157.3 | 254.4 |  |
| Decemuer | 207.4 | 75.1 | 30.1 | 28.6 | 10300 | 62.7 | 278.2 | 125.0 | 15.9 | 75.7 | 214.8 | 70，4 | 148.5 | 161.0 | 294.5 |  |
| 1236 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No．of Stosks | 121 | 9 | 23 |  | 2 | 19， | 89 | 15 730.3 |  |  | 231.0 | 11. | 18 153.6 | \％ 91.7 | $\begin{gathered} 20 \\ 307.1 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Tanuary | 112.9 | 78.6 | 52.4 | 29，8 | 111.4 | 66．0 | 287.7 | $730=3$ | 18，6 | 80.4 84.3 | 231.0 | 75.5 74.0 | 153.6 158.7 | 151.7 | 307.1 |  |
| February luarch | 120， 7 | 32.6 79.6 | 57.5 55.5 | 35.0 33.3 | 112.3 110.4 | 71.1 | 200.0 194.8 | 140.5 136.5 | 20.2 18.5 | 84.3 88.7 | 246.5 237.3 | 74.0 | 158.7 153.0 | 151．7 | 337.2 329.7 |  |
| April | 115.9 | 77.5 | 53.2 | 30.8 | 109．7 | 67.1 | 194．2 | 131.7 | 17.5 | 91.0 | 244.5 | 71.3 | 150.7 | 131．7 | 319.0 |  |
| Way | 112.8 | 77.7 | 52.5 | 30.5 | 109．5 | 65.9 | 187.9 | 125.1 | 16.7 | 87.3 | 234.0 | 68.1 | 145.7 | 131.4 | 313.1 |  |
| June | 113.8 | 77.8 | 53.3 | 31.2 | 112.5 | 66，4 | 189.3 | 125.3 | 17.5 | 86.5 | 228．1 | 67.4 | 149.2 | 129.3 | 330.5 |  |
| July | 114.3 | 77.2 | 53.8 | 31.9 | 111.7 | 66.9 | 190．1 | 126.0 | 18.6 | 87.0 898 | 224.3 | 66.8 68.0 | 153.9 | 131.6 | 338.7 |  |
| August | 114.7 | 79.0 | 53.1 | 29.7 | 113.2 | 67.1 | 191.4 | 128.5 | 18.0 | 89.8 | 218.9 | 70.6 | 162.5 | 135.7 | 384． 4 |  |
| September | 119.5 | 79.7 | 54.8 | 30，2 | 114.0 | 70.0 | 200.6 | 137.9 | 20.3 | 93.9 | 220.6 | 70.6 | 162.5 | 138.2 | 384.4 4.09 .5 |  |
| October | 126.9 | 80.6 | 59.8 | 33.4 | 114.6 | 77.7 | 212.3 | 151.9 | 2.4 | 101.9 | 232.5 | 73.4 | 171.7 |  | 409.5 |  |
| November | 131.8 | 84.5 | 62.4 | 34.6 | 116.5 | 81.8 | 219.9 212.8 | 166.9 | 27.5 | 107.0 | 233.4 | 74.4 | 179.6 182.3 | 143.6 145.3 | 432.3 428.2 |  |
| December | 129.2 | 87.7 | 62.8 | 34.6 | 120.4 | 82，1 | 212.8 | 162.8 | 29.2 | 122.5 | 215.4 | 73.5 | 182.3 | 145.3 | 428.2 |  |



OCTOBER - DFCEMPER, 1936.


The Dominion Bureau 0 ? Statistics index number of long-term bond prices, on the base $1926=100$, rose from 11706 Son November to $118_{0} 2$ for December. In the early days of the month the constitutionsi crisis in Great Britain was reflected in a dull market with slightly easier prices, but a kruner demand developed when the uncertainty regarding the outcome was finally removed. I'fe latter half of the month was broken by holidays and remained generally quiet but finm with nothing of an outstanding nature reported.

The index for Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields declined from 65.1 to 64.1 . The average yield of the issues used in this index was 3.03 for December 31 as compared with 3.07 for Norember O

Dopular Ontario issues sold on a 3.34 basis and the index dropped from 71.8 to 69.7.

## ARNTUL SUNQARY

Dominion of Canada long-term maturities moved to all time high levels in the first three quarters of 1936 , on markets which were exceptionally steady. The gradual progress of the Buroau's Dominiun iong-term price index from 113.2 to 11904 during thes period was unbroken, save for a few short fractional reactions. The most serious of these came in April when the Province of Alberta defaulted on the principal of a small maturity issue and reduced interest paymente on it from $6 p_{0} c$. to $3 p_{0} c_{0}$ Within the month, however, prices hai fully recovered small losses occurring at that time. The strength of the market was tested at irregulax intervals by Dominion financing which was mostly concerned with refunding. A. good reception to the $\$ 48,000,000$ refunding issue floated in Now York izl January stimulated the home market. Oversubscription of a $\$ 20,000,000$ general purpose domestic loan and a successful refunding operation in excess of $\$ 215,000,000$ in June furnished further evidence of basic strength. The same favourable reception greeteci the $\$ 100,000,000$ issue on September 10 , of which $\$ 73,000,000$ was for refunding。

The breaikup of the European goid bloc in the final week of September and the subsequent currency devaluations by France, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Italy, and Czechoslovakia were followed by moderate price declines which carried the Dominion index down from 11904 at the middle of Soptember to 116,6 for the final week of October. Gradual recovery in the last two months brought if back to 118.4 at the close of the year.

MONTHIY INTEX NUMBERS OF DOMTNIC"T OF CANADA IONG-TERM BOND PRICES AND YIETDS, 1933-1936. (From data, issued by $A_{0}$ E. Ames and Company Itdo)

|  | PRICES |  |  |  | YIEIDS |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1933 | 1934 | 2235 | 1936 | 1933 | 1934 | 1935 | 1936 |
| January ..... | 103.3 | 104.6 | 115.9 | 113.6 | 96.3 | 93.2 | 70.9 | 72.4 |
| February .... | 103.4 | 10504 | 114.2 | 115.0 | 96.0 | 91.0 | 73.2 | 70.8 |
| March | 102.1 | 107.9 | 115.0 | 115.5 | 97.7 | 86.1 | 71.4 | 69.9 |
| April | 102.9 | 109.4 | 11.405 | 115.7 | 96.6 | 83.8 | 72.2 | 69.5 |
| May -........ | 103.8 | 110.3 | 115.2 | 115.9 | 95.0 | 81.8 | 71.4 | 68.8 |
| June | 104.9 | 110.4 | 11402 | 117.0 | 93.3 | 82.1 | 73.4 | 66.9 |
| Jwiy | 104.8 | 111.1 | 114.5 | 118.0 | 93.5 | 80.1 | 72.1 | 65.1 |
| August | 105.6 | 112.3 | 11408 | 119.1 | 92.2 | 77.8 | 71.6 | 63.2 |
| September ... | 105.7 | 112.6 | 110.9 | 119.1 | 92.4 | 77.2 | 79.8 | 63.1 |
| October | 105.0 | 111.1 | 110.2 | 117.1 | 93.5 | 79.3 | 78.9 | 66.2 |
| November | 104.2 | 112.2 | 112.5 | 117.6 | 94.3 | 77.2 | 74.5 | 65.1 |
| Decermber | 103.6 | 115 c 2 | 112.5 | 118.2 | 95.1 | 71.3 | 75.5 | 64.1 |

## WEEKTY INITX NTMBERSX 1936.


$x$ Based upon an average of daily figures for the week ending on dates specified.


$$
(1926=100)
$$

|  | $: 419$ Stotal | ; Industrials <br> : 347 Stocks | Railroad <br> 32 Stocks | : | Utilitios 40 Stocks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1932 |  |  |  |  |  |
| October | 51.4 | 49.2 | 29.0 |  | 82.6 |
| November | 47.9 | 45.9 | 25.8 |  | 78.0 |
| December | 47.1 | 44.5 | 25.4 |  | 78.9 |
| 1933 |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 49.1 | 46.2 | 27.6 |  | 81.8 |
| February | 44.9 | 42.5 | 26.7 |  | 73.1 |
| March | 43.3 | 41.5 | 25.5 |  | 68.3 |
| April | 46.5 | 47.4 | 26.2 |  | 63.2 |
| May | 61.5 | 63.7 | 36.5 |  | 77.8 |
| June | 72.8 | 75.1 | 42.6 |  | 93.9 |
| July | 79.8 | 82.8 | 51.3 |  | 97.4 |
| August | 74.4 | 77.9 | 48.7 |  | 87.2 |
| September | 75.5 | 81.0 | 48.2 |  | 81.5 |
| October | 69.5 | 75.5 | 40.3 |  | 75 |
| November | 58.8 | 76.2 | 38.4 |  |  |
| Decomider | 70.4 | 73.8 | 40.0 |  |  |
| 1934 |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 74.6 | 82.9 | 44.5 |  |  |
| February | 80.9 | 88.9 | 50.5 |  | 80. |
| March | 77.2 | 85.1 | 47.5 |  | 70.2 |
| April | 79.6 | 88.3 | 49.3 |  | 76.3 |
| May | 71.8 | 79.6 | 43.3 |  | 69.7 |
| June | 73.1 | 81.0 | 43.9 |  | 71.6 |
| July | 71.4 | 79.7 | 41.2 |  | 69.2 |
| August | $67 \cdot 5$ | 76.3 | 35.3 |  | 64.5 |
| September | 67.4 | 76.2 | 35.4 |  | 64.0 |
| october | 67.6 | 76.7 | 35.9 |  | 63.2 |
| November | 68.3 | 78.4 | 34.8 |  | 60.5 |
| December | 69.6 | 80.6 | 35.9 |  | 58.8 |
| 1935 |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 70.1 | 81.9 | 35.0 |  | 57.6 |
| February | 68.0 | 80.1 | 32.3 |  | 55.1 |
| March | 64.6 | 76.2 | 28.4 |  | 53.4 |
| April | 67.5 | 78.9 | 29.4 |  | 59.1 |
| May | 73.1 | 8507 | $30 \cdot 9$ |  | 63.7 |
| June | 75.5 | 87.4 | 32.4 |  | 69.8 |
| July | 78.8 83.0 | 91.2 95.0 | 33.8 35.8 |  | 73.3 80.6 |
| August | 83.0 85.0 | 95.0 97.5 | 35.8 37.0 |  | 80.6 81.9 |
| October | 85.2 | 98.5 | 34.3 |  | 81.0 |
| November | 93.3 | 107.4 | 37.6 |  | 90.1 |
| December | 95.3 | 109.2 | 41.4 |  | 91.6 |
| 1936 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jamuary | 100.0 | 114.5 | 43.8 |  | 97.0 |
| Tebruary | 106.1 | 120.9 | 49.1 |  | 102.8 |
| March | 108.7 | 124.6 | 49.2 |  | 102.8 |
| April | 108.9 | 125.3 | 48.9 |  | 101.5 |
| May | 101.0 | 116.2 | 45.0 |  | 94.7 |
| June | 105.6 | 120.6 | 47.7 |  | 102.0 |
| July | 109.2 | 124.3 | 50.7 |  | 105.8 |
| August | 113.0 | 128.4 | 53.9 |  | 108.8 |
| Soptember | 114.1 | 130.2 136.0 | $55 \cdot 4$ 58.4 |  | 109.1 |
| November | 124.2 | 144.3 | 57.9 |  | 108.9 |
| 3rd week of December | 123.9 | 144.0 | 54.8 |  | 110.9 |

$x$ Revised in May 1936.

