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PRICE MOVEMENTS, DECEMBER, 1937.
COMMODITIES
Grains dominated wholesale comodity prices in December and were mainly responsible for advancing the Dominion Bureau of Statistics wholesale price index from 82.5 to 83.0 between the final weeks of November and December. However, the December monthly average of 82.7 was fractionally below the correaponding November figure of 83.1 .
Vegetable Products alone of the eight major groups included in the index showed an increase, while all other groups moved lower. Shortage of supplies in the better grades of Canadian wheat kecame more acute and prices showed a sensitive response to moderate export inquiry.

The pattern for the year has been irregular. Animal Products, Wood, Iron, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals have shown net advances, while Vegetable Products, Textiles and Non-Ferrous Metals declined. For the first three months the general index robe rapidly from 80.9 to 86.9 , but then commenced a moderate recession which extended well into June. At that time crop news began to exert a more pronounced influence upon grain prices and the irdex again rose sharply to 87.7 , the high for the year, in the third week of July. Following this the tendency was to drift gradually lower until checked in December. The range of indexes in 1936 compared with that in 1937 indicated a substantially higher level in the latter year. The high and low points for 1936 were 80.8 (December) and 71.8 (May), those for 1937 being 87.7 (July) and 80.9 (January).

COST OF IIVING
A slight voperd tendency in foods and fuel caused the Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost of living index for Canads to advance from 84.2 in November to 84.3 in December. The comparative figure for December, 1936, was 81.8. A retall prices index for foods rose from 78.8 to 79.1 , gains for butter, eggs, onions and canned salmon being of more consequence than a lengthier list of declines which included lard, beans, canned vegetables, finnan haddje and most meats. Commencing with the fall months of 1936, the advance in wholesalc food prices was much more marked than that exhibited by rotail food. prices. Wholesale pricos have tended to react noticeably in the last four months, although no roaction of consequence has been apparont in retail prioe lovels. They have tonded to lovel of $\hat{C}$, holfovor, aftor a protractod advance dating from 1933. Moderate increases for coal, coko, and wood caused tho fuel index to riso from 85.7 in November to 86.1 in December. The clothing indox was slightly higher for the quartor ended in Docember, mainly owing to advances in woollon ready-to-wear garments.

## STOCES AND BONDS

As in the preceding month, Canadian industrial stock markets passed through two complete cycles, which were of approximately equal duration. The initial rise and final decline were both quite pronounced and of about the same magnitude. The intermediate recession and recovery likewise balanced, but were of minor proportions. As a result, the position of stock averages at the end of the month differed but little from those at the beginning. There was no consistent pattern apparent in the behaviour of different stock grours. Those for milling, foods, industrial mines and building materials showed underlying strength, while pulp and paper, machinery and equipment, oils, and textiles declined. the daily inder for industrial issues showed a small net gain of 2.3 for December, closjng at 165.6 . Utilities moved narrowly during the month, and closed at 47.8 for a tractional net loss of 0.3 . The general Investors' price index was 102.1 on December? 31 as cumpared with 100.9 on November 30. Mining stocks were otronger than industrials and utilities, although thoy declined for the first ten days, and base metals later reacted in the final week after a sharp intervening advance. A general index of 24 mining stock prices moved up from 129.1 on November 30 to 137.2 on Decomber 31, with golds advancing from 112.2 to 118.3 and base metals from 198.1 to 214.7. Dominion of Canada long term bond pricea moved gradually upward during Decomber from 115.0 to 116.2 . A corresponding index of yields dropped from 68.6 to 66.2

## FORTIGN RXCHANGE

The United States dollar moved to a slight premium at Montreal during December after remaining at sinall fractional discounts for nearly two months. Reaction in the final days of the year reduced rates from a premium of approximately $3 / 16$ of one per cent. almost to par. New York 90 -day discounts of $1 / 64$ of one per cent. in the latter half of December wers unusually low. Sterling showed steady strength, advancing from $\$ 4.9844$ on December 1 to $\$ 5.0017$ or the 31st. The French frane was held within narrow
limits, but forward positions were weak. Ninety-day franc rates fell to a discount of 11 points at New York at the time of the Paris strike, but subsequently registered moderate recovery. The Netherlands florin continued to show exceptional strength, with

- Duropean currencies generally remaining steady. The Spanish peseta which has been tuoted regularly since last August fluctuated between 6.36 cents and 6.07 cents. Argentine pesos held with narrow limits during December, but the Brazilian milreis suffered a
marked decline from 5.49 cents to 5.23 cents. Official restriction of milreis exchange under the direction of the Bank of Brazil was again introduced late in December after a brief period in which no control was exercised.


## REVIEN OF IMPORTANT COMMODITY MARKETS

WHEAT AND OTHNR GRATNS: Tinnipeg cash wheat prices were steady and firm throughout December, opening at the low point for the month and closing at the high for a net gain of over 15 cents per bushel. The spread between No. 1 and No. 3 Northern remained large and was 21 cents on the final day of trading. The dominant market factor was the Argentine harvest which was extremely spotty and showed heavy damagn from frost. New estimates of the final yield wore far below earlier figures and it was believed that much of the crop would be of 10 w quality.

Scoring a 4 cent gain on the opening day of the month, Winnipeg prices moved eteadily upward until December 7 when a 4 cent drop occurred. This loss was more than recovered by the 15 th, however, and No. 3 Northern reached $\$ 1.20$, which was $15 \frac{3}{4}$ cents per bushel above the year's 10 established late in November. For the nexi week prices fluctuated narrowly with small net declines, but on the 24 th strength appeared which was maintained through the holiday week and the year closed with No. 1 and No. 2 Northern at the high point for the ourrent recovory. No. 3 reached a fourth-quarter high of $\$ 1.235 / 8$ on the 30th.

Coarse grains followed wheat quite closely although the final rally was not so pronounced. Net gains for the month were about as folloms: Oats 5 cents, barley 7 cents rye 7 cents, and flax 4 cents per bushel.

| Descriptions (Basis, cash per bushel, | December | d, tember | December |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fort William and Port Arthur) | Average | Average | Average |
|  | $\phi$ | $\phi$ | $\phi$ |
| No. 1 Manitoba Northern wheat | 120.2 | 134.6 | 137.4 |
| No. 2 C.W. oats | 50.0 | 47.4 | 49.5 |
| No. 2 C.W. rye | 96.6 | 73.7 | 75.3 |
| No. 3 C.W. barley | 76.4 | 58.6 | 57.2 |
| No. 1 C.W. flax | 167.6 | 174.0 | 170.1. |

FIOUR AND MILIED PRODUCTS: Scarcity of first-class miling wheat in Canada has resulted in a deorease in stocks of flour on hand. Prices were relatively strong in gympathy with wheat but forelgn buyers refused to pay the premiums asked and export sales were light. Bran and shorts also were higher.

## Descriptions

Houx, No. 1 patent. Manitoba, per barrel,

| Montreal | 7.50 | 7.40 | 7.80 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| led oats, Toronto, per 90-pound bag | 3.45 | 3.54 | 3.43 |
| meal, Toronto, per 90-pound bag | 3.75 | 3.80 | 3.70 |


| 1936 <br> December <br> $\$$ | {f565a4518-3067-4a7a-bb1d-80c31009a8f7}1937 <br>  November  15}$\$$ | $\frac{1937}{\text { December }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7.50 | 7.40 | 7.80 |
| 3.45 | 3.54 | 3.43 |
| 3.75 | 3.80 | 3.70 |

SUGAR: Tho No. 4 world contract at New York opened the month at 2.245 cents per pound, made a low of 1.12 cents on the 9 th and a high of 2.165 cents on the 23 rd and olosed at 1.14 cents per pound. B.T.I. raw sugar at Montreal was quoted at 2.26 cents per pound forthe first week, declined to 2.25 cents for the second week, and to 2.225 cents during the remainder of the month. Commitments in United States were light as traders awalted announcement of 1938 quotas. These were set at a total of $6,126,571$ long tons which compared with final 1937 quotas totalling $6,288.155$ long tons and estimated 1937 consumption of 5,950,000 long tons.

## Descriptions

Granulatod sugar, standard per cwt. at

| 1936 | 1937 | 1937 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| December 15 | November 15 | December 15 |
| \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 4.61 | 5.09 | 5.09 |
| 4.51 | 4.95 | 4.83 |
| 1.88 | 2.23 | 2.23 |

B.F.I. raw sugar, pur cwt. at Montrea1....... $2.88 \quad 2.23$

RUBRRR: Raw rubber prices at New York moved up sharply at the begiraing of December after the Inturnational Rubber Regulntion Comittee set production quotas at 70 p.c. of standard production. Even this drastic cut, however, did not appear sufficient
to balance the continued declines in consumption in United States, where November roquircments were the lowest for any month since October 1934. Far Eastern grades onded tho month fractionally up from the November closc, but spot Para quotations showed a net decline of half a cent por pound.

Descriptions

| 1936 <br> Docember <br> Average | 1937 <br> November <br> Average |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | | 1937 |
| :---: |
| B) |

LIVESTOCK: Scasonal compotition from poultry was felt on all markets as the Christmas season appronched. Recoipts were scanty but buyers' interests were limited. December export sales were small although preliminery figures for 1937 show substantial increases ovor 1936. Steers were down about 25 cents per cwt . during the month while veal calves were up $\$ 1,00$ at Tinnipeg and $a$ fow cents at eastern centras. Undor the influence of steady bacon prices in the United Kingdom, hogs displayed strength at all points in the week ending the 10 th, but wero lower again until the final week when impressive gains occurred. Hogs at Montrecl and Toronto ceored a net rise of about 60 cents for the month and of 35 cents per cwt . at Winnipeg. Lamb prices fluctuated over a very narrow renge.

Descriptions
Steers, good, over 1050 pcunds, per cwt.

| 1936 | 1937 | 1937 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| December | November | December |
| Average | Average | Average |
| \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 5.46 | 7.38 | 7.05 |
| 4.82 | 5.59 | 5.26 |
| 9.48 | 9.63 | 9.71 |
| 7.16 | 6.87 | 7.98 |
| 8.21 | 8.20 | 8.32 |
| 7.38 | 7.80 | 8.03 |
| 8.50 | 7.82 | 7.68 |
| 7.64 | 6.73 | 6.82 |

BUTTPR: Butter markets showed considerable strength throughout the month. Trading was quiet with demand only moderate, while supplies continued light. Estimates by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics placed storage stocks of creamery butter on December 1 at about $37,892,000$ pounds. This was 6.5 milion pounds less than supplies in storage on December 1,1936 , and 9.8 million below the November 1 figure.

Descriptions
Jobbing price of first grade creamery butter per pound at

| 1936 |
| :---: |
| December |
| Average |
| $\phi$ |
| 27.3 |
| 27.5 |

1937

| Nov ember <br> Average |
| :---: |
| $\phi$ |
| 31.4 |
| 31.7 |

1937
December Average $\phi$
31.4
32.1

BGGS: Eastern markets remained comparatively firm during the first three weeks. Prices advanced during this period as demand became more active and fresh supplies while increasing, were kept well cleared. In the fourth week both Montreal and Toronto dropped sharply, Retail demand declined and arrivals increased so that stocks began to accumulate. Western quotations were generally weaker throughout the month although prices at Winnipeg rallied towards the close. As calculated by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, cold storage stocks on December 1, at 2,958,000 dozen, was 51 p.c. below November 1 supplies.

Descriptions

| 1936 |
| ---: |
| December |
| Average |
| 40.4 |
| 36.6 |
| 28.9 |


| 1937 <br> November <br> Average |
| :---: |
| 44.7 <br> 41.9 <br> 36.1 |

1937
December Average
35.4
33.8
26.6

COTTON: The first major interruption in the steady downward movement of New York raw cotion prices came during the month of December, when a rally of over $\frac{\frac{1}{2}}{}$ cent per pound occurred. Loans by the Federal goverment have enabled producers to hold back deliveries and export sales have been running very little ahead of last yeer's levels despite a 35 poco drop in prices. The latest official United Stetes crop estimate was $18,746,000$ bales, a neir record. Spot midding raw cotton, laid down at Hamilton, Ontario, was quoted as follows for the firs Tridays in December: 9.93 cents, 10.09 cents, 10.20 conts, 10.31 cents, and 10,23 sents per pound.


SIIK: Several bearish factors tended to depress silk, but the premium of Japanese prices over New York quotations moderated the decline. Demand continued liglit and United States mill takings were estimated below 25,000 bales, the lowest figure since June 1924. Reports indicated that substantial quantities of Italian grades were available at rates considerably below Japanese quotations.
Descriptions

WOOT: Following higher prices at New Zealand wool sales, Bradford also strengthened, and cables from the United Kingdom indicated some expansion in business. As outside markets advaiced, Canadian wool became firmer. Sizablo quantities were sold, despite the fact that owing to inventory taking, demand from some mills was negligible. Exports in November at 487,639 pounds were more than 84,000 pounds greater than in October.

| Descriptions D | December 15 | November 15 | December 15 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Raw wool per pound in quantities of | $\phi$ | $\phi$ | ¢ |
| 20,000 pounds or more, foocbe Ontario points |  |  |  |
| Eastern, low, medium $\frac{1}{n}$ blood staple or 501 s . | . 24.5 | 24.5 | 23.5 |
| Western, semi-bright, $\frac{1}{3}$ blood staple or |  |  |  |
| 581 s - 601s ..... | 24.0 | 19.5 | 18.5 |

ITMBER: Iittle change occurred in the Canadian lumber situation and prices eased slightly. Overseas markets remained dull and heavy stocks were reported in the United Kingdom. Exports of boards and planks from Canada declined from 149.547 is bd.ft. in October to $148,112 \mathrm{M}$ bdoft. in November. Maritime records showed substantial supplies on hand with no immediate outlet in sight. Eastern demand for British Columbia lumber dropped on the re-establishment of winter freight rates.

| Descriptions | $\begin{gathered} 1936 \\ \text { December } \end{gathered}$ | $1937$ <br> November | $\begin{gathered} 1937 \\ \text { December } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (price Indexes 1926=200) |  |  |  |
| White pine lumber | 93.4 | 202.7 | 102.7 |
| Spruce lumber | 88.4 | 92.3 | 91.5 |
| Fir Iumber | 92.4 | 88.2 | 87.4 |
| dedar lumber | 88.2 | 94.1 | 93.9 |

IRON AND STMPL: Downward revisions in scrap iron prices occurred in December. Business tapered off and new current demand for iron and steel products was donfined almost entirely to small spot tonnages. Production showed little change as most mills were still filling becklog orders.

| Descriptions | 1936 | 1937 | 1937 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pig iron, foundry No. 1 per gross to | \$ |  |  |
| carlots, f.o.b. selierst works ..... | 21.50 | 25.50 | 25.50 |
| No. 1 scrap steel, charging box size, per |  |  |  |

BUIIDING AND CONSTRUCTION MATMRIALS, $1913=100$

|  | (See page 8 for these data on the base $1926=100$ ) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Vearly: } \\ \text { Average: } \\ 1936 \text { : } \end{gathered}$ | Dec. 1936 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { oct. } \\ & 1937 \end{aligned}$ | Nov. 1937 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & : 1937 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Inder 567 Commodisies | 567 | 74.6 | 79.6 | 84.7 | 83.1 | 82.7 |
| CHIEP COMPONENT MATERIATS CLASSIFICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I. Vegetab? Products | 135 | 72.6 | 84.0 | 87.6 | 84.7 | 85.3 |
| II. Animals and Theis Products | 76 | 71.8 | 73.9 | 81.5 | 80.6 | 78.2 |
| III. Fibres, Textilos and Textile Products | 85 | 69.6 | 70.9 | 70.6 | 69.5 | 69.0 |
| IV. Wook, Wood Products and Paper | 49 | 68.5 | 69.6 | 76.3 | 75.9 | 75.5 |
| V. Tron and I.ts Prociucts | 44 | 88.0 | 91.4 | 105.1 | 104.2 | 104.1 |
| VI. Non-Tomrous Metale and Their Produc se | 18 | 70.0 | 77.8 | 77.2 | 73.5 | 72.3 |
| VII. Non-ketaliะ Witnerals and their Produets | 83 | 85.5 | 85.9 | 87.1 | 87.2 | 87.1 |
| VIII. Chemicals and injued Products | 77 | 78.0 | 79.1 | 81.9 | 81.3 | 80.7 |
| PURPOSE CLASETRICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I. Consunersi Goods | 236 | 74.7 | 76.9 | 80.5 | 79.3 | 79.1 |
| Foods, Beveraces and Tobacco | 126 | 73.4 | 77.5 | 83.0 | 82. 8 | 80.3 |
| Other Coxsumars: Guods | 110 | 75.5 | 76.5 | 78.9 | 78.5 | 78.3 |
| II. Froducers: Goods | 402 | 72.4 | 80.4 | 84.9 | 82.4 | 82.7 |
| Producers? Euaimenu | 2.4 | 90.0 | 91.8 | 94.3 | 94.3 | 94.2 |
| Producers' Materials | 378 | 70.4 | 79.1 | 83.8 | 81.1 | 81.4 |
| Butlairg \& Construction Materia]s | 111 | 85.3 | 87.8 | 92.7 | 91.9 | 91.7 |
| Manufar 'uuers' Materiale | 267 | 67.9 | 77.6 | 82.3 | 79.3 | 79.6 |
| ORIGIN CLAESEMEAMION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Kaw and lartiy Manufantured | 2.45 | 70.8 | 79.3 | 83.5 | 81.2 | 80.8 |
| Total Fully ama Chiefly Manafastured | 322 | 73.6 | 77.3 | 81.3 | 80.6 | 80.2 |
| I. Articies of Farm Origin (Domestje and Foreign) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A. Fielc. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (b) Furiy and chiefly manufactured | 95 91 | 63.8 73.8 | 78.0 80.7 | 80.9 83.2 | 76.5 82.4 | 82.5 |
| (c) Totai | 186 | 69.2 | 79.5 | 82.1 | 79.7 | 80.3 |
| B. Anjmal |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 46 | 73.6 | 78.0 | 84.1 | 84.5 | 81.6 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured. | 59 | 71.4 | 73.5 | 79.0 | 77.5 | 76.1 |
| (c) Total | 105 | 72.4 | 75.5 | 81.2 | 80.5 | 78.5 |
| O. Canadian riarm Products |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (1) Field | 52 | 65.8 | 83.4 | 86.3 | 81.9 | 83.9 |
| (2) Animal | 1.8 | $75 \cdot 3$ | 80.8 | 86.5 | 87.4 | 84.6 |
| (3) Total | 70 | 69.4 | 82.4 | 86.4 | 84.0 |  |
| II. Articles of Marine Crigin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw ard faribly manfacturod |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (b) Fuliy and chiefly manufactured | 11 | $70.1$ | $69.6$ | 72.6 | 73.7 | 73.8 |
| (c) Total | 16 | 69.3 | 69.6 | 76.1 | 76.0 |  |
| III. Articles of Forest Origain <br> (a) Raw and partiy manufactured | 37 | 80.8 | 83.3 | 93.0 | 92,1 |  |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manû̂aotured | 20 | 57.5 | 57.5 | E1. 2 | 61.2 | 61.3 |
| (c) motei | 57 | 68.4 | 69.5 | 76.0 | 75.6 | 75.3 |
| IV. Artjcles of Mineral Origin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Han and partly manutactuiod <br> (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 141 | 85.2 | 87.2 | 92.6 | 92.4 | 92.0 |
| (c) Totsi | 203 | 82.8 | 85.2 | 88.8 | 88.1 | 87.7 |
| IMPORT ANI EMPCRT UTASSEFTCATISIT 76 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imporis | 76 | 79.4 | 83.4 | 90.1 | $87.0$ $78.2$ | $85.9$ $78.9$ |
| Exports | 70 | 66.7 | 75.7 | 80.6 | $78.2$ | $78.9$ |

(Classified According to Ohief Component Materials)
(1926=100)


|  | Commodities | 80.01 <br> Fric3 <br> Series | $\begin{gathered} \text { Yearly } \\ \text { Average } \\ 1936 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1936 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { oct. } \\ & 1937 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov: } \\ & \text { 1937: } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1937 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| IV. | Wood, Wood Products and Paper | 49 | 68.5 | 69.6 | 76.3 | 75.9 | 75.5 |
|  | Newsprint | 2 | 55.4 | 55.4 | 58.1 | 58.1 | 58.2 |
|  | Lumber | 33 | 86.3 | 89.1 | 93.8 | 93.0 | 92.5 |
|  | Pulp | 3 | 68.3 | 69.9 | 91.1 | \%.0. 2 | 88.7 |
|  | Furniture | 10 | 69.5 | 69.3 | 83.5 | 83.5 | 83. |
|  | Matches | 1 | 77.4 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.9 |
| V. | Iron and Its Products | 44 | 88.0 | 91.4 | 105.1 | 104.2 | 104.1 |
|  | Pig Iron and Steel Billets Rolling Mill Products | 3 | 83.393.0 | 87.2 | 103.2 | 103.2 | 103.2 |
|  |  |  |  | 96.886.5 | 111.9100.3 | 111.9 | 111.7 |
|  | Pipe (Cast Iron and Steel) | 2 | 85.1 |  |  | 100.3 |  |
|  | Hardwaro | 16 | 86.3 | 87.9 | 91.4 | 91.4 | 101.6 91.4 |
|  | Wire | 3 | $\begin{aligned} & 87.2 \\ & 62.2 \end{aligned}$ | 91.7 | 103.2 | 103.2 | 103.270.5 |
|  | Scrap |  |  | 67.5 | 86.9 | 72.2 |  |
|  | Miscellaneous | 1 | 95.0 | 95.0 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 |
|  | Non-Ferrous Metals and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Their Products | 18 | 70,0 | 77.8 | 77.2 | 73.5 | 72.3 |
|  | Aluminium | 2 | 81.6 | 83.8 | 93.9 | 93.9 | 93.9 |
|  | Antimony | 1 | 80.1 | 78.3 | 103.4 | 100.4 | 94.5 |
|  | Brass and Copper Products | 6 | 68.3 | 77.1 | 82.6 | 75.2 | 73.0 |
|  | Lead and Its Producta | 2 | 57.5 | 77.2 | 60.3 | 57.4 | 55.3 |
|  | Silver | 1 | 72.6 | 73.1 | 72.1 | 72.1 | 72.3 |
|  | Tin Ingots | 2 | 73.4 | 82.2 | 80.8 | 72.6 | 70.4 |
|  | Zinc and Its Products | 2 | 47.1 | 54.1 | 54.0 | 49.7 | 48.8 |
|  | Solder | 1 | 78.8 | 84.9 | 89.6 | 81.1 | 81.1 |
| VII. | Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products |  |  |  | 87.1 | 87.2 | 87.1 |
|  |  | 83 | 85.5 | 85.9 |  |  |  |
|  | Olay and Allied Material Products | 10 | 88.0 | 87.4 | 88.2 | 88.2 | 88.2 |
|  | Pottery | 2 | 90.9 | 93.5 | 96.6 | 96.6 | 96.6 |
|  | Coal | 13 | 91.5 | 91.3 | 93.2 | 93.5 | 93.5 |
|  | Coke | 5 | 94.5 | 110.9 | 111.0 | 211.5 | 111.0 |
|  | Manufactured Gas | 3 | 98.0 | 98.0 | 98.0 | 98.0 | 98.0 |
|  | Coal Tar | 1 | 111.7 | 107.5 | 94.7 | 94.7 | 94.7 |
|  | Glass and Its Products | 6 | 77.1 | 85.6 | 84.0 | 84.0 | 84.0 |
|  | Petroleum Producta | 6 | 73.4 | 72.4 | 74.4 | 74.4 | 73.8 |
|  | Asphalt | 2 | 91.4 | 91.4 | 90.6 | 90.6 | 90.6 |
|  | Salt | 4 | 80.6 | 77.7 | 77.7 | 77.7 | 77.7 |
|  | Sulphur | 1 | 94.0 | 93.7 | 98.0 | 98.0 | 98.1 |
|  | Plaster | 3 | 111.3 | 112.2 | 115.1 | 115.1 | 115.1 |
|  | Lime | 4 | 104.5 | 105.7 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.2 |
|  | Cement | 1 | 105.8 | 106.2 | 106.2 | 106.2 | 106.2 |
|  | Sand and Gravel | 8 | 91.4 | 91.4 | 91.4 | 91.4 | 91.4 |
|  | Crushed Stone | 3 | 83.6 | 85.8 | 85.8 | 85.8 | 85.8 |
|  | Building Stone | 3 | 64.5 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 64.3 |
|  | Asbestos | 8 | 75.8 | 75.8 | 75.8 | 75.8 | 75.8 |
| VIII. | Chemicals and Allied Products | 77 | 78.0 | 79.1 | 81.9 | 81.3 | 80.7 |
|  | Inorganic Chemicals | 22 | 88.6 | 88.5 | 87.9 | 88.0 | 86.4 |
|  | Organic Chemicals | 6 | 75.5 | 82.6 | 84.6 | 80.5 | 78.0 |
|  | Coal Tar Products | 2 | 88.5 | 89.9 | 93.4 | 93.4 | 93.4 |
|  | Dyeing and Tanning Materials | 10 | 104.5 | 106.1 | 106.6 | 106.6 | 106.6 |
|  | Explosives | 2 | 77.5 | 76.4 | 74.7 | 74.7 | 74. |
|  | Paint Materials | 9 | 68.8 | 72.1 | 77.2 | 75.0 | 73.1 |
|  | Paints Prepared | 2 | 65.5 | 67.2 | 74.1 | 74.1 | 74.1 |
|  | Drugs and Pharmaceutical |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Chemicals | 10 | 74.7 | 75.3 | 77.2 | 76.0 | 76.0 |
|  | Fertilizers | 10 | 74.5 | 74.2 | 74.5 | 74.5 | 75.2 |
|  | Industrial Gases | 2 | 92.4 | 92.2 | 93.4 | 91.6 | 90.1 |
|  | Soap | 2 | 85.4 | 85.4 | 91.9 | 91.9 | 91.9 |

## INDEX MUMBERS OF COMMODITIES

(Classified According to Purpose for which used)
$(1926=100)$









The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of retail psices, rents and costs of services on the base $1926=100$, rose from 84.2 in November to 84.3 in December, principally owing to slight increases in the food and fuel groups. The comparative figure for December, 1936, was 81.8 .

An index for retail prices alone, including foods, coal, cake, clothing, household requirements, etc.: advanced from 79.5 to 79.7 . When foods were removed from this index it was 80.3 in December as compared with 80.2 for the previous month.

An index for 46 food items moved up from 78.8 to 79.1 , reductions for meats, canned goods, evaporated apples and beans being more than :ffset by higher prices for eggs, milk, butter and onions. Foods durir; 1937 were highest in August and December at 79.1 and lowest in January at 75.2 . Grade "A" eggs rose from $44.0 \psi$ for November to 44.9 $\phi$ per dozen for December, while an average of Grade "B" and Grade "C" eggs was $35.1 \phi$ as compared with $34.3 \phi$ in November. Milk at $11.3 \phi$ per quart was fractionally higher. Creamery butter advanced from $32.6 \phi$ to $34,5 \phi$ and dairy butter from $28.7 \phi$ to $30.4 \phi$ per pound. Onions averaged $4.8 \phi$ as against $4.3 \phi$ for the previous month. Meat prices declined as follows between Nowember and December: Sirloin beef from $25.6 \phi$ to $24.9 \phi$, shoulder beef from $13.8 \phi$ to $13.7 \phi$, mutton from $22.0 \phi$ to $21.2 \phi$, fresh pork from $22.8 \phi$ to $21.9 \phi$, salt pori: from $21.0 \phi$ to $20.8 \phi$, bacon from $32.3 \phi$ to $31.6 \phi$ and cooked ham from $57.2 \phi$ to $56.3 \phi$ per numd. Lard, beans, canned goods, evaporated apples, coffee and pepper registered slight declines.

The fuel and lighting index registered a moderate increase from 85.7 to 86.1, which compared with 86.4 for December 1936. The sub-index for coal rose from 85.9 to 86.6, while that for coke morred up from 87.0 to $87.2^{\circ}$
other indexes remained unchanged。
INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES, RENTS, AND COSTS OF SERVICES, 1913-DECEMBER, 1931.
(1926=100)

|  |  |  | ! $\vdots$ $\vdots$ $\vdots$ | Food <br> Tndex | Fuel <br> Index | : | Rent Index | Cloth ing Index | ! $\vdots$ Sun- dries Index $\vdots$ $\vdots$ | Retail <br> Index <br> (Foods, <br> Fuel, <br> House- <br> Reguire | Retail <br> Prices <br> Index <br> (Fuel, <br> Clothing <br> hold <br> Reguire |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1913 |  | . 4 |  | 66.2 | 65.8 |  | 64.1 | 63.3 | 66.2 |  |  |
| 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 |  | 100.0 | 104.4 | 105.3 | - |  |
| 1924 |  | 98.0 |  | 90.7 | 102.0 |  | 101.3 | 101.9 | 103.3 | - |  |
| 1926 |  | 100.0 |  | 100.0 | 100.0 |  | 100.0 | 100:0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 1927 |  | 98.4 |  | 98.1 | 97.9 |  | 98.8 | 9.0 | 99.1 | 97.9 | 97.9 |
| 1928 |  | 98.9 |  | 98.6 | 96. |  | 101.2 | 97.4 | 98.8 | 97.9 | 97. |
| 1929 |  | 99.9 |  | 101.0 | 96.4 |  | 103.3 | 96.9 | 99.0 | 98.9 | 96. |
| 1931 |  | 89.6 |  | 98.6 | 95.2 |  | 103.9 | 82.9 | 97 | 82.5 | 87\% ${ }^{\text {9 }}$ |
| 1932 | …........ | 81.3 |  |  | 91.4 |  | , | 72.3 | 94.6 | 72.6 | 80. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 92.6 |  |  |
| 1934 | ..... |  |  |  | 87.7 |  | 80.1 | 9.7 | 92.1 | 73.7 | 77 |
| 1936 |  | 80.8 |  | 73.4 | 860.8 86.4 |  | 81.3 | 69.9 | 92.2 |  | 77.5 |
| 1936 | November. | 81.5 |  | 75.0 | 86.4 |  | 84.9 | 70.6 | 92.9 | 76.6 | 78.1 |
|  | December.. | 81.8 |  | 75.3 | 86.4 |  | 84.9 | 71.6 | 93.0 | 77.1 | 78.8 |
| 1937 | January .- | 81.8 |  | 75.2 | 86.3 |  | 84.9 | 71.6 | 93.0 | 77.1 | 78.8 |
|  | February.. | 81.9 |  |  | 86.4 |  | 84.9 | 71.6 | 93.1 | 77.2 | 78.8 |
|  | March .... | 82.2 |  |  | 86.4 |  | 84.9 | 72.6 | 3. 3 | 77.7 | 79. |
|  | Apri1 .... | 82.4 |  |  | 88.4 |  | 84.9 | 72.6 | 93\% ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 77.9 |  |
|  | June ...... | 82.9 |  | 76.4 | 84.0 |  |  | 72.9 | 93.7 |  | 1 |
|  | July | 83.1 |  |  |  |  | 87.5 | 72.9 |  | 8.4 |  |
|  | August. | 83.7 |  |  | 54.4 |  | 87.3 | 72.9 |  | 19.4 | 79.6 |
|  | October .. | 84.2 ? |  |  | 85.3 |  | 89.0 | 13.3 | 93.99 | 79.5 | 7909 80.1 |
|  | November.. | 84.2 |  | 78.8 | 85.7 |  | 89.0 | 73.3 | 93.9 | 79.5 | 80.2 |
|  | December.. | 84.3 |  | 79.1 | 86.1 |  | 89.0 | 73.3 | 93.9 | 79.7 | 80.3 |

N.B.-Rental indexes are calculated in May and October only. Clothing indexes are calculated for March, June. September, and December as are certain sub-indexes in the Kiscellaneous group. Difficulties in obtaining these data promptly cause revisions to be of ten one cr two months late。

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## INVESTORS! INDEX NUNBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

Canadian common stocks reversed their trend of the past three months and registered a fractional gain in December. The Investors' index for this month was still approximately 20 p.c. lower than for December 1936. It afforded a sharp contrast to the Nesbitt Thoms on index of dividend payments which was 22.8 p.c. higher than for December 1936. Averages for industrial, utility and bank common stocks advanced steadily from 100.9 at the opening to 105.1 on December 8 , and then moved irregularly forward to 105.7 on the 24 th. Later a three day decline of 4.2 points occurred, with little subsequent recovery befcre the close. In the industrial section, four sub-groups were higher and five were lower. Considerable interest was centred on industrial mines due mainly to increases in metal prices in world markets. Building materiala, milling and foods also recorded gains, while oils and pulp and paper issues showed the largest declines in this group. Utilities attracted attention following the signing of Ontario Hydro agreements, but later turned downard, and banks registered the first monthly advance since February. The Investors' index for 96 common stocks rose from 103.1 in November to 103.7 in December. Industrials were up 1.4 to 167.7 and banke 2.6 to 81.6 , while utilities declined 0.1 to 49.5 .

## WEEKTY INDEX MOMBBRS OF 24 MINING STOCXS <br> (1926:100)

With the exception of a few slight declines, mining stock pricea moved ateadily higher in December and the general index of twenty-four mining issues rose from 129.4 In November to 134.3 for the following month. This compared with 167.7 for December 1936. The daily index mounted sharply from 129.7 on the opening day to 138.7 on the 24 th, and closed the month at 137.2. The upward movement of prices was accompanied by a fairly good volume of trading. Gold prices were well maintained and the closing session Index indicated a net gain of 4.7 points with Dome the most important source of strength. Base metals reflected increases on world metal markets and the index for this group was 213.1 for December as compared with 192.4 for the previous month. On December 24 , the base metal index of 224.9 attained a new high since September 22, 1937. Appearing below is a table of prices for the weaks of December 30 and December 2, 1937.


In December the preferred stock index reached the year's low point of 81.0 after a steady downward movement which began in September. The Investors' price index of camon stocke closed the year with a fractional gain of .6 over the previous month otanding at 103.7.

Of the twenty-five stocks included in the Bureau of Statistics index number of preferred stocks, thirteen showed lesses, seven gains and five were unchanged. Newsprints were weak despite the higher November shipment figuros and December average prices for Abitibi Power \& Paper eased 3.3 points to $\$ 17.30$, while St. Lewrence Corporation A was down 2.3 points to $\$ 14$. 20. Textilee made a good recovery during the early part of the month, but at the close gains and losses were about equal. The monthly average price for Dominion Textiles remained unchanged while Canadian Cottons fell from $\$ 109.00$ to $\$ 108.70$, and Canadian Celanese from $\$ 107,20$; $\$ 105.50$. Massey-Herris advanced two points recovering a portion of earlier losses. The Steel and Construction Group were active and the Steel of Canada December average moved up to $\$ 58.00$, 1.1 points over November.

The more noticeable declines included: Moore A which fell from $\$ 147.30$ to $\$ 145.50$, Ogilvie Flour Mills from $\$ 164.50$ to $\$ 155.00$, Simps on's from $\$ 85.70$ to $\$ 81.00$ and Tuckett Tobacco from $\$ 149.50$ to $\$ 145.00$.

## INDEX NUNBERS OF 25 PREFHRRRED STOCKS, $1929,1933,2934,1937$



INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NU BERS OF COIION STOCKS
$(1926=100)$

|  | General | Banks |  |  | ilities |  |  |  |  |  |  | Industrials |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Securities 1937 | Total | Total | Total | Trans -portation |  | Power <br> and <br> Trac- <br> tion |  | Machin <br> ery <br> and <br> Lquip <br> ment <br> 8 | Pulp and : Paper | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bil1- } \\ & : \text { ing } \\ & : \\ & : \quad 4 \end{aligned}$ | Oils | Textiles: and Clothing | Fond <br> and <br> Allied <br> Pro- <br> ducts <br> 13 | Bever- gges | Build- <br> ing <br> liater- <br> ials <br> : | : | $\begin{gathered} \text { Indust - } \\ \text { rial } \\ \text { ines } \end{gathered}$ |  |
| $\underline{1935}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| August | 94.7 | 70.6 | 47.7 | 26.7 | 99.9 | 60.8 | 146.1 | 119.7 | 12.0 | 59.3 | 210.0 | 65.5 | 130.1 | 122.9 | 105.7 |  | 246.0 |  |
| September | 93.6 | 65.9 | 46.3 | 25.7 | 100.3 | 58.6 | 147.1 | 115.3 | 12.4 | 61.2 | 206.0ं | 61.8 | 128.7 | 126.5 | 103.3 |  | 257.0 |  |
| October | 96.1 | 68.4 | 45.6 | 23.4 | 100.0 | 59.6 | 152.9 | 120.3 | 12.6 | 60.9 | 215.1 | 63.5 | 134.4 | 133.2 | 103.8 |  | 267.3 |  |
| November | 103.8 | 73.0 | 50.9 | 27.9 | 105.1 | 66.1 | $170 \cdot 3$ | 122.6 | 14.6 | 66.9 | 228.7 | 69.0 | 145.7 | 157.3 | 112.7 |  | 315.7 |  |
| Decei ber | 107.4 | 75.1 | 50.1 | 28.6 | 108.0 | 62.7 | 178.2 | 116.4 | 15.9 | 76.7 | 214.8 | 70.4 | 148.5 | 161.0 | 117.8 |  | 370.1 |  |
| 1936 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 112.9 | 78.6 | 52.4 | 29.8 | 111.4 | 66.0 | 187.7 | 118.2 | 18.6 | 80.4 | 231.0 | 75.5 | 153.6 | 151.7 | 127.3 |  | 387.2 |  |
| February | 120.7 | 82.6 | 57.0 | 35.0 | 112.3 | 71.1 | 200,0 | 125.0 | 20.2 | 84.3 | 246.5 | 74.0 | 158.7 | 151.7 | 135.4 |  | 418.2 |  |
| march | 117.4 | 79.6 | 55.5 | 33.3 | 110.4 | 69.7 | 194.8 | 122.2 | 18.5 | 88.7 | 237.3 | 73.1 | 153.0 | 140.1 | 131.7 |  | 416.3 |  |
| Aoril | 115.9 | 77.5 | 53.2 | 30.8 | 109.7 | 67.1 | 194.2 | 114.3 | 17.5 | 91.0 | 244.5 | 71.3 | 150.7 | 131.7 | 134.1 |  | 401.8 | 1 |
| May | 112.8 | 77.7 | 52.5 | 30.5 | 109.5 | 65.9 | 187.9 | 108.0 | 16.7 | 87.3 | 234.0 | 68.1 | 145.7 | 131.4 | 128.6 |  | $394=8$ | - |
| June | 113.8 | 77.8 | 53.3 | 31.2 | 112.5 | 66.4 | 189.3 | 106.3 | 17.5 | 86.5 | 228.1 | 67.4 | 149.2 | 129.3 | 131.0 |  | 417.8 | G |
| July | 114.3 | 77.2 | 53.8 | 31.9 | 111.77 | 66.9 | 190.1 | 102:4 | 18.6 | 87.0 | $224 \cdot 3$ | 66.8 | 153.9 | 131.6 | 137.2 |  | 428.5 |  |
| August | 114.7 | 79.0 | 53.1 | 29.7 | 113.2 | 67.1 | 191.4 | 103.0 | 18.0 | 89.8 | 218.9 | 68.0 | 157.1 | 135,7 | $1 \div 2.5$ |  | 444.2 |  |
| September | 119.5 | 79.7 | 54.8 | $3 \mathrm{C} \cdot 2$ | 114.2 | 70.0 | 200.6 | 113.6 | 20.3 | 93.9 | 220.6 | $70 \cdot 6$ | 162.5 | 138.2 | 149.7 |  | 488.1 |  |
| October | 126.9 | $80 \cdot 6$ | 59.8 | 33.4 | 114.6 | 77.7 | 212.3 | 127.3 | 24.4 | 101.9 | 232.5 | 73.4 | 171.7 | 135.6 | $162 \cdot 6$ |  | 519.3 |  |
| November | 131.8 | 84.5 | 62.4 | 34.6 | 116.5 | 81.8 | 219.9 | 140.4 | 27.5 | 107.0 | 233.4 | 74.4 | 179.6 | 143.6 | 178.3 |  | 546.2 |  |
| Deceriber | 129.2 | 87.7 | 62.8 | 34.6 | 120.4 | 82.1 | 212.8 | 139.4 | 29.7 | 112.5 | 215.4 | 73.5 | 182.3 | $145 \cdot 3$ | 181.9 |  | 540,0 |  |
| 1937 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 137.4 | 94.4 | 68.5 | 38.7 | 122.0 | 91.1 | 222.0 | 156.3 | 37.2 | 119.6 | 229.6 | 77.3 | 184.2 | 141.0 | 197.0 |  | 549.3 |  |
| Fobruary | 142.4 | 96.7 | 73.1 | 41.8 | 125.8 | 97.5 | 228.8 | 163.4 | 36.7 | 120.7 | 235.2 | 78.5 | 188.2 | 139.3 | 203.5 |  | 585.7 |  |
| liarch | 147.2 | 95.9 | 71.0 | 39.6 | 124.2 | 94.7 | 241.7 | 168.3 | 40.2 | 127.0 | 247.7 | 80.2 | 190.0 | 141.8 | 213.4 |  | 618.2 |  |
| April | 136.2 | 94.0 | 64.1 | 35.0 | 122.0 | 85.1 | 224.1 | 157.5 | 47.1 | 117.4 | 230.4 | 79.9 | $182 \cdot 1$ | 133.4 | 204.8 |  | $538 \cdot 9$ |  |
| Way | 132.2 | 92.7 | 63.0 | 32,8 | 124.7 | 84.0 | 216.4 | 151.3 | 38.5 | 109.4 | 229.6 | 77.5 | 178.5 | 128.4 | 188.4 |  | 525.8 |  |
| June | 129.4 | $92 \cdot 3$ | 63.2 | 32.3 | 127.3 | 84.1 | 210.1 | 148.1 | 38.2 | 103.7 | 220.2 | $77 \cdot 7$ | 177.7 | 131.0 | 179.6 |  | 510.8 |  |
| July | 133.0 | $90 \cdot 2$ | 53.9 | 29.7 | 128.0 | 88.0 | 217.8 | 148.0 | ${ }_{5} 0.5$ | 102.0 | 222.6 | 79.7 | 182.1 | 136.1 | 188.7 |  | 547.4 |  |
| August | 135.2 | 89.9 | 65.2 | 25.9 | 128.7 | 90.4 | 221.6 | 151.2 | 40.4 | 95.2 | 223.6 | 79.5 | 182.0 | 136.9 | 192.7 |  | $564 \cdot 2$ |  |
| September | 118.9 | 84.9 | 57.4 | 24.8 | 126.6 | 78.6 | 193.3 | 122:8 | 29.3 | 89.1 | 205.3 | $73 \cdot 3$ | 167.9 | 118.3 | 155.4 |  | 470.5 |  |
| October | 105.8 | 81.4 | 51.7 | 20.9 | 122.9 | 70.7 | 170.3 | 104.3 | 22.5 | 69.9 | 192.0 | 68.0 | 154.1 | $105 \cdot 6$ | 132.5 |  | 395.0 |  |
| November | 103.1 | 79.0 | 49.6 | 19.9 | 122.2 | 66.9 | 166.3 | 104.7 | 20.4 | 80.1 | 193.2 | 67.7 | 154.1 | 115.7 | 129.5 |  | 359.2 |  |
| December | 103.7 | $81 \cdot 6$ | 49.5 | 19.8 | 125.4 | 66.0 | 167.7 | 103.2 | 18.3 | 82.9 | 188.0 | 67.1 | 154.7 | 114.2 | 131.9 |  | $382 \cdot 7$ |  |


| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number of } \\ & \text { Stocks } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Gold } \\ & 21 \end{aligned}$ | Base Metal 3 | Total <br> Index <br> 24 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\times 1928$ - High | $\begin{array}{r} 137.2 \\ 75.4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32.2 .2 \\ & 105.7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 138.6 \\ & 107.3 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\times 1929-\underset{\text { Low }}{\text { High }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 89.7 \\ & 52.7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 318.0 \\ & 157.3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 127.9 \\ 72.6 \end{array}$ |
| x1930 - High | $\begin{aligned} & 66.7 \\ & 53.3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 203.1 \\ 56.4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 88.3 \\ & 56.7 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\text { x1931 - } \underset{\text { LOW }}{\text { High }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 79.5 \\ & 54.4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 108.3 \\ 49.9 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 85.4 \\ & 54.8 \end{aligned}$ |
| x1932 - High | $\begin{aligned} & 63.1 \\ & 48.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 82.3 \\ & 42.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 64.8 \\ & 46.8 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\times 1933 \text { - } \underset{\text { How }}{\text { High }}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 111.9 \\ 64.9 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 144.1 \\ 68.2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 116.7 \\ 65.1 \end{array}$ |
| x1934- High | $\begin{aligned} & 140.1 \\ & 103.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 167.6 \\ & 125.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 143.3 \\ & 107.3 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} \times 1935- \\ \text { How } \\ \text { Low } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 131.2 \\ & 104.7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 211.7 \\ & 128.6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 136.7 \\ & 114.9 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\times 1936-\underset{\mathrm{LOW}}{\mathrm{High}}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 136.2 \\ & 118.3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32.2 .1 \\ & 205.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 170.3 \\ & 135.4 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\text { 1937 - } \underset{\text { Ligh }}{\text { High }}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 141.3 \\ 99.7 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 356.5 \\ & 183.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 180.0 \\ & 115.8 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\frac{2936}{\text { October }}$ | 126.4 | 289.4 | 158.2 |
| November | 131.8 | 312.5 | 167.0 |
| December | 131.3 | 317.8 | 167.7 |
| $\frac{1937}{\text { January }}$ | 137.5 | 329.6 | 174.6 |
| February | 139.4 | 344.8 | 177.2 |
| March | 133.0 | 340.5 | 172.6 |
| April | 120.0 | 288.0 | 154.1 |
| May | 111.3 | 269.3 | 142.1 |
| June | 105.9 | 255.0 | 134.7 |
| July | 109.2 | 278.9 | 141.8 |
| Augrst | 112.5 | 287.4 | 146.2 |
| September | 103.5 | 224.5 | 127.6 |
| cotober | 104.3 | 192.4 | 121.6 |
| November | 113.8 | 192,4 | 129.4 |
| December | 115.5 | 213.1 | 134.3 |
| Weekly Index Numbers |  |  |  |
| Week ending Dec. 2nd  <br> " " " 9 th <br> $" 1$ $" 1$ $" 1$ 16 th <br> $" 1$ $" 1$ $" 1$ 23 rd | $\begin{aligned} & 113.5 \\ & 114.1 \\ & 114.2 \\ & 116.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 198.1 \\ & 207.5 \\ & 206.7 \\ & 221.8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 130.1 \\ & 132.3 \\ & 132.3 \\ & 136.2 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 117.9 \\ & 119.6 \\ & 119.9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 21.9 .0 \\ & 226,4 \\ & 247.2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 137.6 \\ & 140.1 \\ & 144.3 \end{aligned}$ |

$x$ feekly figures.


The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of Dominion of Canada longterm bond prices, on the base $19 \mathfrak{c}^{T}=100$, rose from 114.8 for November to 115.6 for December. Prices mounted briskly as the month opened and subsequently were well maintained until the third week. A second advance then commenced which ontinued for the balance of the month. Among the provincials Mailitobas were conspicuous for weakness and losses of over 10 points were suffered by some issues, British Consols at London were $\frac{1}{4}$ point lower while the Jow-Jones list of 40 high-grade United States bonds averaged fractionally higher. The index of Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields declined from 68.8 for November to 67.4 for December. Selected Ontario bonds averaged 3.41 for the month, according to information received from Messrs. Wood, Gundy \& Co. Itd. and the index of yieles fell from 7 P.c 7 to 71.2 .

MONTHYY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA IONG-TERM BOND PRICES, 1929-1937. (From data issued by A.E. Ames and Company, Ltd.)

|  | 1929 | 1930 | 1227 | 1932 | 1933 | 1934 | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jamuary | 101.4 | 99.0 | 103.1 | 94.1 | 203.3 | 104.6 | 115.9 | 113.6 | 317.7 |
| February | 101.0 | 99.3 | 103.1 | 94.9 | 1.03 .4 | 105.4 | 114.2 | 115.0 | 115.3 |
| March | 99.2 | 99.9 | 1.03 .7 | 96.4 | 1.02.1 | 107.9 | 115.0 | 115.5 | 112.9 |
| April | 100.2 | 100.5 | 104. 5 | 96.2 | 102.9 | 109.4 | 114.5 | 115.7 | 112.7 |
| May | 100.0 | 100.9 | 124.0 | 96.3 | 103.8 | 110.3 | 115.2 | 115.9 | 113.8 |
| June | 98.3 | 101.0 | 135.4 | 94.6 | 104.9 | 110.4 | 114.2 | 117.0 | 114.9 |
| July | 98.3 | 101.2 | 105.3 | 97.0 | 104.8 | 111. 1 | 114.5 | 118.0 | 115.1 |
| August | 99.3 | 102.1 | 105.3 | 101.0 | 105.6 | 112.3 | 114.8 | 119.1 | 115.5 |
| Soptember | 99.0 | 103.0 | 102.1 | 101.8 | 205.7 | 112.6 | 110.9 | 119,1 | 115.3 |
| October. | 98.2 | 103.2 | 93.1 | 103.8 | 105.0 | 111.1 | 110.2 | 117.1 | 114.5 |
| November | 98.7 | 103.2 | 97.4 | 102.6 | 104.2 | 112.2 | 112.5 | 117.6 | 114.8 |
| December | 99.4 | 103.1 | 95.5 | 101.2 | 103.6 | 115.2 | 112.5 | 118.2 | 11.6 |

MONTHLY INDEX NTNBEFS OF DCVINION OF CANADA LCNG-TERM BOND YIELDS, 1922-1931.
(From data issued by A.E. Ames and Company, Itd.)

| ry | $\frac{1929}{97.3}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1920 \\ 102 \end{array}$ | $\frac{1931}{93.9}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1932 \\ 112.7 \end{array}$ | $\frac{2933}{96.3}$ | $\frac{1934}{93.2}$ | $\frac{1935}{70.9}$ | $\frac{1936}{72.4}$ | $\frac{1937}{64.6}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| February | 98.3 | 101.4 | 93.6 | 112.2 | 96.0 | 91.0 | 73.2 | 70.8 | 68.4 |
| March | 102.3 | 101.1 | 91.9 | 109.1 | 97.7 | 86.1 | 71.4 | 69.9 | 72.7 |
| April | 100.9 | 99.3 | 00.0 | 109.8 | 96.6 | 83.8 | 72.2 | 69.5 | 73.2 |
| May | 100.2 | 98.4 | 89.3 | 109.3 | 95.0 | 81.8 | 71.4 | 68.8 | 71.0 |
| June | 104.0 | 98.2 | 88.3 | 111.7 | 93.3 | 82.1 | 73.4 | 66.9 | 69.3 |
| July | 104.0 | 98.0 | 88.3 | 107.5 | 93.5 | 80.1 | 72.1 | 65.1 | 69.0 |
| August | 12. 20 | 95.9 | 88.3 | 100.5 | 92.2 | 77.8 | 71.6 | 63.2 | 68.1 |
| Soptember | 102.8 | 93.9 | 95.5 | 98.7 | 92.4 | 77.2 | 79.8 | 63.1 | 68.3 |
| October | 103.7 | 93.6 | 105.2 | 96.2 | 93.5 | 79.3 | 78.9 | 66.2 | 69.7 |
| November | 103.3 | 93.6 | 107.7 | 98.5 | 94.3 | 77.2 | 74.5 | 65.1 | 68.8 |
| December | 101.4 | 93.9 | 117.7 | 99.4 | 95.1 | 71.3 | 75.5 | 64.1 | 67.4 |

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| Date |  |  | Prices | Yields |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| September | ? | .0.0.0.0...................... | 115.7 | 67.7 |
|  | 9 |  | 115.7 | 67.7 |
|  | 16 | - | 115.5 | 68.1 |
|  | 2.3 | .0.0....0......0............ | 115.4 | 68.4 |
|  | 30 | no.e......................... | 114.7 | 69.2 |
| October |  | $\ldots$ | 114.8 | 69.4 |
|  | 14 | n............................. | 114.7 | 69.6 |
|  | 2.1 | -.....000.................... | 114.5 | 69.7 |
|  | 28 |  | 114.2 | 69.9 |
| November | 4 | .............0.0.0.0...o. | 114.3 | 69.9 |
|  | 1.7. | ............................ | 1.14 .9 | 68.7 |
|  | 18 | no............................... | 114.9 | 68.7 |
|  | 25 |  | 114.9 | 68.8 |
| December | 2 |  | 115.0 | 68.6 |
|  | 9 | -c............................. | 115.3 | 67.8 |
|  | 16 |  | 115.3 | 67.9 |
|  | 23 |  | 115.8 | 67.0 |
|  | 30 |  | 116.1 | 66.2 |

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

Note:- The noon rates in Canadian Funis upon which these averages are based, have beon supplied by the Bank of Canada


MONTHY INDRXXS OF AMERIGAN STOCK PRICES, 19341937.
Issued by the Standard Statistics Company, Inc., New York.
(1926=100)

|  | Total <br> 419 Stocks | Industrials 347 Stocks | : Railroad <br> : 32 Stocks | Utilities <br> 40 Stocks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1934 |  |  |  |  |
| January | 74.6 | 82.9 | 44.5 | 72.2 |
| February | 80.9 | 88.9 | 50.5 | 80.7 |
| March | 77.2 | 85.1 | 47.5 | 76.2 |
| 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 | 67.5 | 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 | 60.8 |
| 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 | 85.7 | 30.9 | 63.7 |
| June | 75.5 | 87.4 | 32.4 | 69.8 |
| July | 78.8 | 91.2 | 33.8 | 73.3 |
| Augus t | 83.0 | 95.0 | 35.8 | 80.6 |
| September | 85.0 | 97.5 | 37.0 | 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 |  |  |  |  |
| January | 100.0 | 114.5 | 43.8 | 97.0 |
| February | 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 |
| Augus t | 113.0 | 128.4 | 53.9 | 108.8 |
| September | 114.1 | 130.2 | 55.4 | 107.7 |
| October | 118.7 | 136.0 | 58.4 | 109.1 |
| November | 124.2 | 244.3 | 57.9 | 108.9 |
| December | 122.8 | 142.6 | 54.4 | 110.6 |
| 1937 - 55.6 |  |  |  |  |
| January | 126.0 | 146.3 | 55.6 | 113.2 |
| February | 129.5 | 151.7 | 57.9 | 110.7 |
| March | 129.9 | 152.6 | 62.8 | 105.7 |
| April | 124.5 | 146.5 | 60.1 | 100.7 |
| May | 116.3 | 136.7 | 57.1 | 94.1 |
| June | 113.6 | 134.0 | 53.9 | 91.3 |
| July | 117.8 | 129.4 | 52.1 | 95.9 |
| Augus t | 120.5 | 143.5 | 50.9 | 97.0 |
| September | 206.4 | 126.2 | 42.6 | 89.2 |
| October | 91.4 | 107.4 | 35.4 | 81.3 |
| November | 82.9 | 96.1 | 31.4 | 79.5 |
| lst week of December | 81.1 | 93.5 | 30.8 | 79.7 |


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