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### PRICE MOVEMENTS, MAY 1937

#### COMMODITIES

Commodity price levels in May showed signs of steadying after a sharp reaction in the preceding month. Grain markets moved upward again but failed to maintain their gains, while copper recorded irregular recovery of minor proportions. Weekly wholesale price index numbers of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for May remained between limits of 84.7 and 85.4, and the close of 85.1 was upon a par with the final week of April. This was also the exact level of the May monthly index which compared with an April monthly figure of 86.1. Not changes in the principal commodity groups were nearly all fractional, advances in Wood Products, Non-Ferrous Metals, and Non-Netallic Minerals, being balanced by declines for Vegotable and Animal Products, Iron and Chemicals. The signing of a five-year international agreement on May 6 with respect to raw sugar free market export quotas was followed by a moderate rise in London raw quotations, but New York was less buoyant. There was little reaction in coffee markets to the announcement about two weeks later that Brazil was planning to destroy 70 p.c. of its current crop in an effort to reduce world supplies to more normal proportions.

### COST OF LIVING

Increases in food prices and in rentals resulted in an advance for the Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost of living index for Canada from 82.2 in April to 82.8 in May. The food group recorded a slight rise from 76.3 to 76.6, gains for butter, cheese, flour, beans and meats being of more consequence than declines for eggs and potatoes. The rental survey for May showed rents to be still increasing gradually, the index for this group being 87.3 as compared with 84.9 in October. Single houses showed the greatest advance, although all types of dwellings were firmer. The sundries group remained stationary at 92.6 despite a fractional rise in motor operating costs from 92.0 to 92.1, due to higher prices of tires. Reductions in the price of coal in several cities caused the fuel index to recede from 86.6 to 86.1.

#### SECURITIES

Common stock prices levelled off during May after a weak rebound from the extreme lows of April 28 and 29, which marked the culmination of a six week decline. Two attempted rallies in the first and third weeks of May met with little success, but subsequent reactions were not large, thus leaving market price averages approximately upon the same levels at the close of the month as they had started from at the beginning. The volume of trading was the lowest for the current year to date. Practically all groups of stocks with the exception of newsprint issues followed the general market fluctuations outlined above. Nowsprints were strong, particularly in the second half of the month. The Investors general price index of industrial, utility, and bank common stocks was 129.8 on May 31 as compared with 130.0 on April 30, corresponding figures for industrials being 211.2 and 213.5, and for utilities 62.5 and 60.9. Mining stock prices although displaying less underlying strength than industrials followed the same general course except that the second rally among the mines came in the fourth instead of the third week of May. This was short-kived however, and the Bureau's general index of 24 mining stock prices closed at 137.9 down appreciably from 144.3, the level at the end of April. The gold section registered a net decline of 4.7 to close at 108.3, while base metals dropped from 273.7 to 260.0. Long-term Dominion of Canada bond prices moved gradually forward during May, as indicated by price indexes of 112.5 for the last week of April, and 114.9 for the final week of May. A corresponding index of yields dropped from 73.3 to 69.3.

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Although exchange fluctuations were fairly narrow throughout May, this could scarcely be interpreted as a reflection of underlying stability. Heavy repatriation of funds from Lendon to Rotterdam during the first fortnight caused the Netherlands authorities to reduce their official price of gold a second time in an effort to check the volume of this movement. Later, the flow from Lendon to New York increased again, as nervous hearders became apprehensive tagarding the future of gold prices, and dumped their holdings on the Lendon open market. Despite the rapid inflow of gold, the United States dellar was strong, and Montreal rates returned to par on May 31 after being at

fractional discounts since March 11. The French franc moved irregularly lower from 4.49 cents to 4.45 cents, while sterling held between \$4.92 and \$4.94.

#### REVIEW OF IMPORTANT COMMODITY MARKETS

WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS: North American wheat markets were extremely sensitive to weather news during May, and their wide fluctuations offered a noteworthy contrast to Liverpool prices which were less responsive to market stimuli. A moderate rally commencing late in April was checked towards the close of the first week of May as export interest declined and weather prospects improved in winter wheat areas of the United States and Eastern Europe. Then from the 13th to 19th, Winnipeg prices moved up more than 10 cents per bushel for No.1 Northern cash wheat, as a serious drought situation threatened in Western Canada. This was followed by a decline of approximately 15 cents when rains and favourable growing temperatures prevailed during the balance of the month. The net decrease for May was about 9 cents per bushel for wheat and rye, with barley and flax following closely with declines of about 7 cents and 6 cents respectively. Oats held relatively firm, No.2 C.W. losing less than 2 cents per bushel.

Descriptions (Basis, cash per bushel, Fort William and Port Arthur)	1936 May Average	1937 April Average \$\phi\$	1937 May Average
No.1 Manitoba Northern wheat No.2 C.W. oats No.2 C.W. rye No.3 C.W. barley No.1 C.W. flax	76.8	138.9	130.6
	33.1	58.8	56.2
	41.1	113.5	114.4
	37.2	74.7	71.1
	145.4	182.2	172.6

FLOUR AND MILLED PRODUCTS: Domestic flour business improved moderately during the greater part of May, but the prolonged decline in wheat markets tended to undermine buyers' confidence towards the close. Export inquiry remained quiet.

	1936	1937	1937
Descriptions	May 15	April 15	May 15
	\$	\$	\$
Flour, No.1 patent, Manitoba, per barrel,			
Montreal	5.30	7.50	7.40
Rolled oats, Torento, per 90 pound bag	2.70	3.65	3.29
Oatmeal, Toronto, per 98 pound bag	3.03	3.96	3.96

SUGAR: Although the signing of an international agreement to limit raw sugar exported to free markets during the next five years was considered as an important achievement, informed opinion remained skeptical regarding the price outlook. It was believed that 1937-8 quotas are of such proportions that highly competitive conditions will remain, and no appreciable rise in prices was expected. The London market was comparatively quiet during May, while New York prices sagged in the latter half of the month as uncertainty increased regarding the possible outcome of a deadlock between Congress and the Administration concerning new sugar legislation.

	1936	1937	1937
Descriptions	May 15	April 15	May 15
Granulated sugar, standard per cwt.,	\$	\$	\$
Montreal	4.61	4.99	4.99
Yellow sugar, No. 1 per cwt. Montreal	4.33	4.71	4.71
B.W.I. raw sugar, per cwt., Montraal	1,91	2.21	2.15

RUBBER: Raw rubber quotations moved irregularly lower during May with apparently more attention being paid to long-run than to short-run market influences. The chief among the latter were a prospective new record of 56,000 tons for May consumption in the United States and a slight decline in Malayan shipments. Consumption can scarcely continue at its present level, however, and production in the Far East is likely to increase. Further, Germany and Italy have both taken steps recently to curb consumptiom of raw rubber in favour of the synthetic product.

	1936 May	1937 April	1937 May
Descriptions	Average ¢	Average ¢	Average
Raw rubber per pound at New York (Canadian funds) Standard latex crepe sheets	15.9	27.7 23.6	25.9
Ceylon plantation ribbed smoked sheets	15.7	23.6	21.2

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LIVESTOCK: Early in May price levels for cattle were adversely affected by weakness in the export situation. Quotations moved downward generally, but centres where runs were light, offered some resistance to the decline. Markets strengthened later as offerings became better regulated and export domand increased. Supplies of calvod were ever plentiful and markets lest ground but prices stiffened slightly towards the close of the month. Hogs also averaged lever, but lambs advanced.

	1.936	1937	1937
Descriptions	May	April.	May
	Average	Averago	Avorago
	\$	\$	\$
Stoors, good over 1050 pounds per cate at			
Toronto		7.80	7.60
Winnipsg	4.43	7.08	7.15
Calves, good veal, per cwt. at Toronto		9.29	8.37
Winnapeg		6.33	6,49
Hogs, bacon, per cwt. at Momento	5,16	8.75	8.85
Winnipeg	8,13	g <sub>o</sub> <sup>1</sup>	8.05
Lambs, good hand; weight, per out. at			
Toronto ,	10.84	10,83	x10.88
Winnipeg	9.30	9.32	x 9.32
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moved downward and the decline was further accentuated by increasing receipts during the first two weeks. Markets then steeded and advances were recorded at some eastern centres. Fresh supplies decreased and trading became more active both for consumption and storage purposes. Cold storage heldings were shown by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Eureau of Statistics at \$,229,088 dozen on June 1, or about 110 p.c. greater than stocks on the first of the previous menth.

Descriptions	2.936	1937	1937
	May	April	May
Egg Grade "A" Large per desen at Montroal so Toronto so Vancouveres	Average \$ 23.6 22.3 22.5	Average 24.6 23.4 22.0	Average \$21.3 22.6 22.0

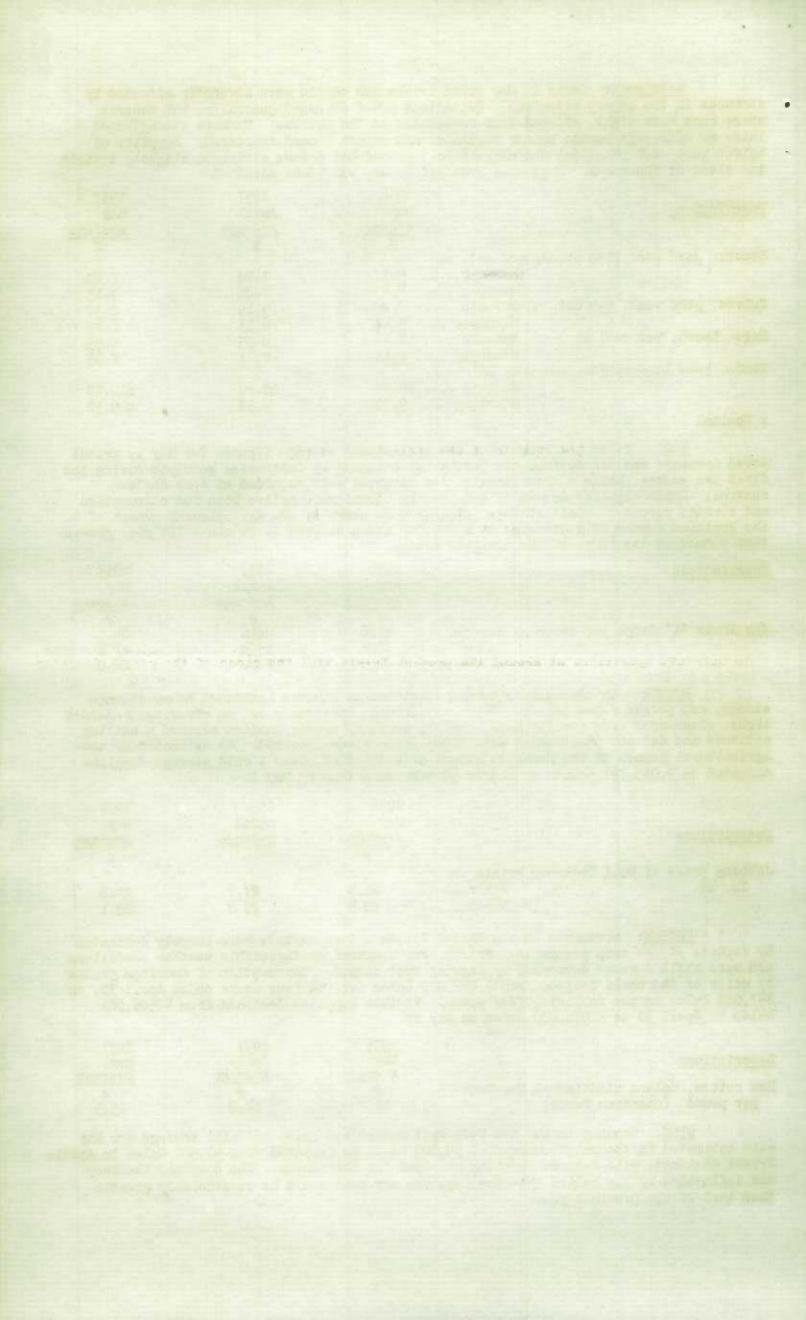
BUTTER: Butter markets became upsettled as reports indicated heavy storage stocks, and prices ruled easier. Purchases brought cautiously but as offerings remained light, clearances were readily made. As the month advanced, holders assumed a waiting attitude and did not press sales when minor price rises occurred. As estimated by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, June 1 cold storage supplies amounted to 9,089,791 pounds or nearly 59 p.c. more than on May 1.

	1936	1937	1937
	May	April	May
Descriptions	<u>Average</u> $\phi$	Average	Average
	nts per ontreal 21.4 oronto 22.4	27.7 28.8	24.6 25.1

COTTON: Movements in the United States cotton markets were largely dominated by reports of new crop prospects. Prices were weekened by favourable weather conditions and were still further depressed by lagging spot demand. Consumption of American grades by mills of the world dropped from 1,022,000 bales for the four weeks ended April 30, to 847,000 bales in the following four weeks. Visible supplies declined from 4,506,000 bales on April 30 to 3,978,000 bales on May 28.

	1.936	1937	1.937
Descriptions	May	April	May
State of the second sec	Average	Average	Average
Raw cotton, upland middling at New York	ø	¢	¢
per pound, (Canadian funds)	11.7	14.2	13.3

SILK: Trading in the New York spot market was quiet and mill takings for May were estimated in the neighbourhood of 34,000 bales as compared with 40,561 bales in April. Prices declined, with futures meaching new lows for the season. The downward tendency was influenced by the belief that the Japanese new crop would be considerably greater than that of the previous year.



Descriptions	1935	1937	1937
	May	April	May
Raw silk quoted on a 60 day basis, per pound at New York (Canadian Sunds)	Average	Average	Average
	\$	\$	\$
Special grand XX, 85 p.c. 20-82 deniers Special grand XX, 83 p.c. 13-15 deniers	1.66	2.03	1.92 1.99

WOOL: Domestic demand was limited but this was as expected, since mills had already done considerable covering of their requirements. Prices held firm at first, but eased following reports of the weak closing of London sales. Eastern wool appeared in more volume but only small quantities of western grades were yet available. Foreign trade was quiet and exports fell from 237,507 pounds in March to 124,530 pounds in April.

Descriptions	1936 <u>May 15</u>	1937 April 15	1937 May 15
Raw wool in quantities of 20,000 pounds or more f.o.b. Weston, per pound	\$	¢	Ф
Eastern, low, medium or 1 blood staple or Western semi-bright 1 blood staple 58:5-60		29°0 24°0	33.0 28.0

LUMBER AND TIMBER: Righ shipping sates persisted and exports of boards and planks fell from 145,837 M bd.ft. in March to 101,079 M bd.ft. in April, despite the fact that many British Columbia mills had booked record amounts for overseas shipment. Stocks of Canadian lumber in the United Kingdom were reported heavy and the price situation there showed signs of unsettlement. Domestic domand slackened and purchases by the Prairies and Eastern Canada doclined.

Descriptions (Price Index Numbers 1926-100)	1936 Nev	1937 April	1.937 May
White pine lumber	91°3 76°6	102.7	102.7
Fir Jumber	94°6 92°3	113.7	112.6

IRON AND STEEL: Current spit orders increased as the month progressed and prices were mostly unchanged. General improvement in plant operations stimulated demand for raw materials and owing to the continued scarcity of scrap, sales of pig iron advanced. No large contracts were recorded, but most mills reported sufficient business to maintain operations at around the present levels till the close of the year. Considerable purchases were noted on the part of the mining and the pulp and paper industries as well as a steady flow of orders from concerns manufacturing automobiles and agricultural implements.

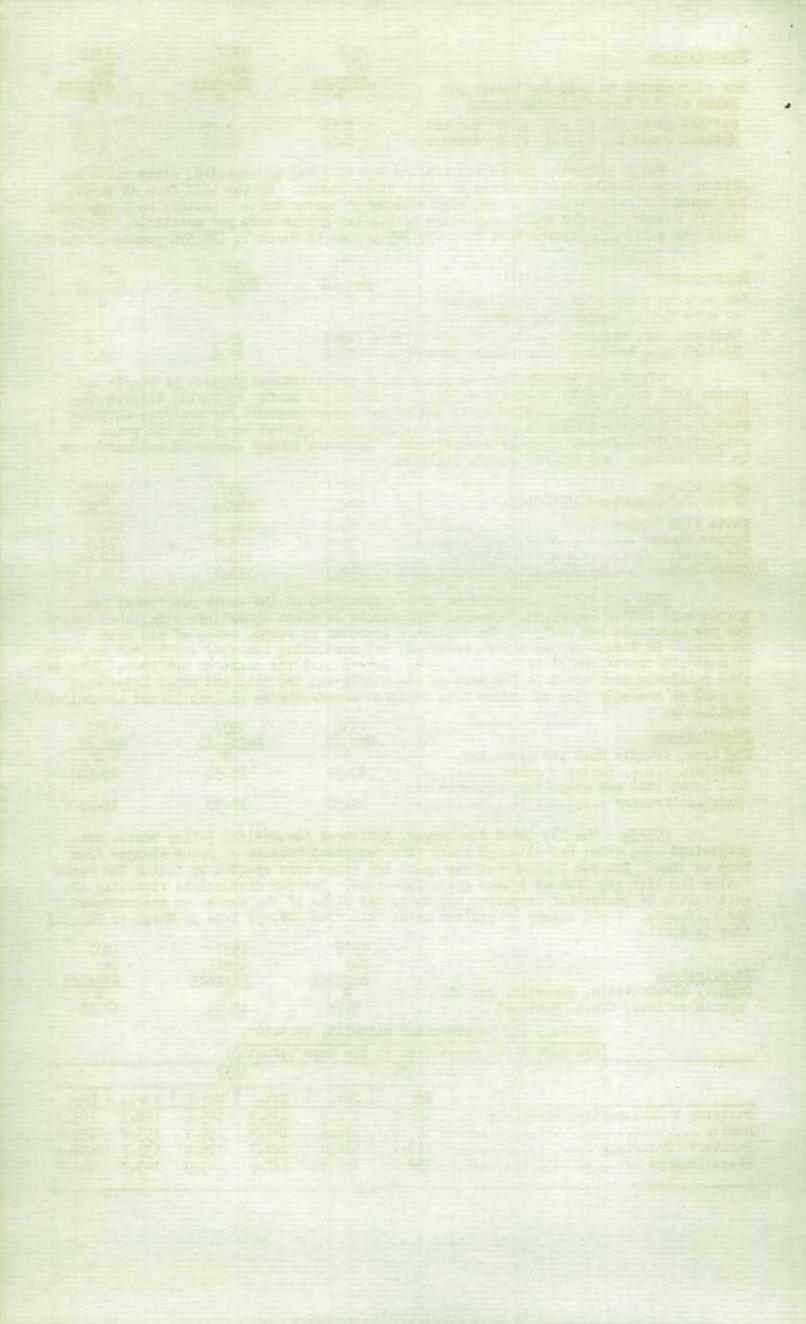
Descriptions Pig iron, foundry No.1 per gross ton,	1936 May 15	April 15	1937 May 15
carlots, f.o.b. Seller's works No.l scrap iron per gross ton delivered at	20.50	25.50	25.50
Canadian foundry	10,50	17.50	16,00

COPPER: The 14¢ level for copper, delivered Connecticut Valley basis, was maintained throughout May, although there were recurrent remours of price changes from time to time. The New York market was quiet but sales were speeded up during the weeks ending the 13th and 27th as London quotations rose. Further discussions regarding the restriction of production occurred, but up to the close of the month, no announcement had been made. World stocks of refined metal fell from 308,431 tons in March to 283,363 tons in April.

	1.936	1937	1937
	May	April	May
Descriptions	Average	Average	Average
Copper, electrolytic, domestic, per 100	\$	\$	\$
pounds carlots, foods Montreal	9.75	15.54	14.86

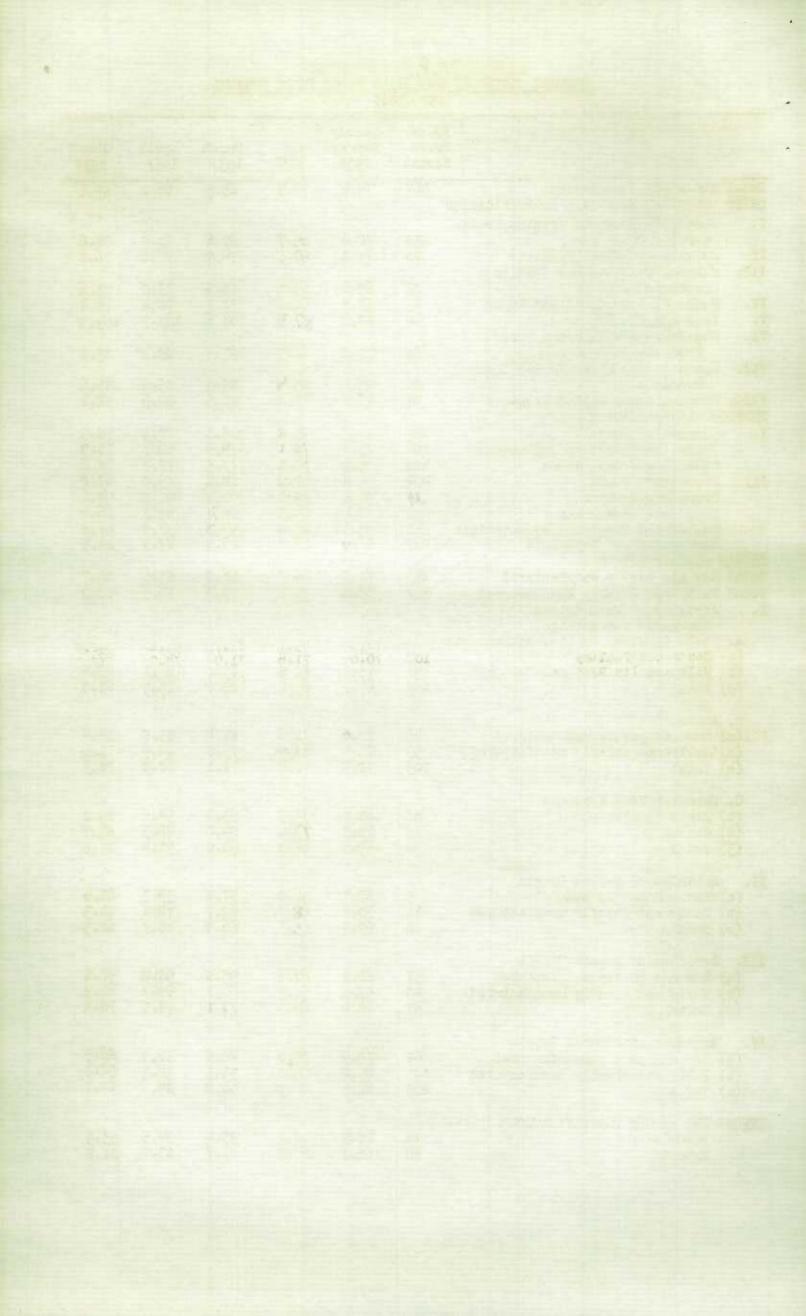
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL, 1913-100 (See page 8 for these data on the base 1926-100)

Control of the Contro	1936	8	1937			
	May	Jane	Feb.	Merch	April	May
Building & Construction Materials	126,8	132.9	135.9	1.45.2	146.1	145.9
Lumber accommondation	127.6	136.5	141.4	155.1	155.8	155.5
Painters: Materials	116.6	182°8	122.7	126.2	133.3	132.9
Miscellaneous	132.0	135.5	137.5	143.9	143.7	143.9



# SUMMARY TABLES OF WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX MIMBERS (1926-100)

	No. of Price Series	Yearly Average 1.936	May 1976	March	April 1937	May 1937
Total Index 567 Commodities CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS CLASSIFICATI	567 ON	74.6	71.9	85.5	86,1	85.1
I. Vegetable Products (grains, fruit etc.)	s, 135	72.6	65.7	90.6	91.4	88.6
II. Animals and Their Products III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile	76	71.8	69.1	74.9	77.01	76.7
IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper V. Iron and Its Products	749 449 85	69.6 68.5 88.0	69.1. 68.2 <b>87.8</b>	73.5 77.3 101.6	73.8 78.4 103.7	73.6 78.4 103.9
VI. Non-Werrous Motals and Their Products VII. Non-Metallie Minerals and Their	1.5	70.0	65.3	97.4	89.3	85.7
VIII. Choricals and Allied Products	83 77	85.5 78.0	85. <b>4</b> 77.2	85.4 81.6	85.6 82.6	86.6 82.1
PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION  L. Consumers Goods  Poods Berchages and Mebacco	236	74°7 73°1	73.2 70.1	78.3 79.4	78.9 80.7	78°9 79°9
Other Consumers' Goods II. Producers' Goods	110	75°5 72°4	75.3 67.9	77.5	77°7 83°0	78.2 87.2
Producers' Equipment Producers' Materials Building & Construction Material Manufacturers' Materials	378 8 111 267	90.0 70.4 85.3 67. <b>9</b>	89.9 65.5 85.0 62.2	91.9 88.4 97.3 86.9	91.9 38.7 97.9 87.1	94.1 86.4 97.8 34.5
ORIGIN CHASSIFICATION  Total Raw and Partly Manufactured  Total Fully and Chtofly Manufactured  I. Articles of Warm Origin	245 322	70°8 73°6	66.2 717	86.8 79.7	87.5 80.5	85.7 80.0
(Domestic and Foreign)  A. Field (grains, fruits, cotton, e  (a) Raw and partly manufactured  (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured  (c) Total	te.) 95 91 186	63.8 73.8 69.2	55.0 70.5 63.3	87°5 83°5 85°8	85.1 84.1 85.9	83.8 83.4 83.6
B. Animal (a) Raw and partly manufactured (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured (c) Total	46 59 105	73. <b>6</b> 71.4 72.4	72.6 63.9 70.5	81.4 73.8 77.1	83.8 74.9 78.8	84.4 73.6 78.3
C. Canadian Farm Products (1) Field (grains, etc.) (2) Animal (3) Total	52 18 70	65.8 75.3 69.4	59.9 <b>7</b> 3.0 64.8	93.4 54.2 90.0	94°4 86°3 91°4	89.0 85.7 87.8
II. Articles of Marine Origin  (a) Raw and partly manufactured  (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured  (c) Total	5 11 16	67.1 70.1 69.3	56.0 6 <b>8</b> .7 6 <b>5</b> .3	57°2 69°7 66°3	59°7 72°1 68°7	61.0 71.3 68.5
III. Articles of Forest Origin  (a) Raw and partly manufactured  (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured  (c) Fotal	37 20 57	80.8 57.5 68.4	80.3 57.5 68.1	95.8 60.7 77.1	98.0 60.7 78.1	97.8 60.9 78.1
IV. Articles of Mineral Origin  (a) Raw and partly manufactured  (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured  (c) Total	62 1 <sup>1</sup> 41 203	79.9 85.2 82.8	79.0 35.0 82.3	88.8 91.5 90.2	86.3 92.3 89.6	86.5 92.3 89.7
IMPORT AND EXPORT CLASSIFICATION Imports Exports	76 70	79°9 66°8	78.1 61.9	93°4 83°7	94°5 83°8	93°5 81°2



### INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES

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

	Commodity :	No. of Price	Yearly Average	May	March	April	: May
	Commodity	Series	1936	1936	1937	1937	1937
	Total Index	567	74.6	71.9	85.5	86.1	85.1
I.	Vegetable Products	135	72.6	65.7	90.6	91.4	88.6
	Fruits	15	79.0	75.8	82.6	85,2	89.2
	Fresh Dried	4	80.4	76.5	84.2	87.8	93.3
	Canned	5	81.4 67.9	81.4	85.0 70.3	85.0 69.7	85.0 69.1
	Grains	23	66.3	53.6	96.6	98.5	93.1
	Flour and Milled Products	12	75.5	65.2	99.3	99.6	97.2
	Bakery Products	2	84.0	83.4	85.3	89.7	89.7
	Vegetable Oils	8	74.5	72.3	86.3	84.9	81.6
	. Rubber and Its Products	9	58.4	57.7	63.5	63.4	63.2
	Sugar and Its Products						1
	and Glucose	8	79.6	.79.3	85.6	85.8	85.8
	Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices	15	73.2	71.4	82.0	81.4	79.7
	Tobacco	8	48.9	48.3	55.5	55.5	55.5
	Vegotables	13	69.7	70.7	81.5	74.0	67.5
	Miscellane ous	55	60.1	58.2	64.4	64.1	65.0
II.	Animals and Their Products	76	71.8	69.1	74.9	77.1	76.7
	Fishery Products	16	72.1	67.6	68.1	69.8	69.6
	Furs	96	59.8	63.0	73.6	73.6	72.8
	Hides and Skins		50.4	75.5	114.2	120.9	112.4
	Leather, Unmanufactured Boots and Shoes	9 2	87.1 88.4	85.9	97.8	99.6	99.6
	Live Stock	4	72.5	69.7	87.7	94.2	93.4
	Meats and Poultry	10	70.0	71.6	71.0	74.9	78.0
	Milk and Its Products	12	71.0	66.3	77.6	78.6	75.2
	Fats	5	69.9	66.8	76.1	78.9	76.5
	Eggs	3	67.3	52.5	52.5	53.1	52.7
III.	Fibres, Textiles and						
	Textile Products	85	69.6	69.1	73.5	73.8	73.6
	Cotton, raw	2	71.1	68.5		82.1	78.0
	Cotton Yarn and Thread	5	82.7	82.1	83.7	84.0	84.0
	Cotton Fabrics	19	72.6		76.8	76.9	76.9
	Knit Goods	3	82.3	82.3	82.3	84.6	84.6
	Sash Cord	1	93.5	93.5	93.5	93.5	93.5
	Flax, Hemp and Jute Products	10	46.3	45.2	46.4	46.9	30.2
	Silk, raw	9 2	28.8 62.3	26.0	32.4 62.3	31.9	64.6
	Silk Thread and Yarn	2	65.8	66.1	65.3	65.3	65.3
	Silk Hosiery Silk Fabrics	2	45.5	46.5	48.0	48.0	48.0
	Artificial Silk Products		46.2	45.8	45.8	42.8	42.8
	Wool, raw	5 3 6	68.1	63.7	92.3	91.5	100.9
	Wool Yarns	6	85.1	84.6		92.3	93.1
	Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods		86.8			88.4	88.4
	Wool Blankets	5	81.3	-		98.0	98.0
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	Wool Cloth	6	78.3	79.0	83.1	84.4	92.1

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	Newsprint Lumber Pulp Furniture Matches	2 33 3 10 1	55°4 86°3 68°3 69°5 77°4	55°5 86°0 67°2 69°4 77°9	58.0 104.5 75.9 79.1 77.9	58.1 105.0 81.9 79.1 77.9	58.3 104.8 81.9 80.7 77.9
	Iron and Its Products	11/1	88,0	87.8	101.6	103.7	103.9
	Pig Iron and Steel Billets Rolling Mill Products Pipe (Cast Iron and Steel) Hardware Wire Scrap Miscellaneous	3 14 2 16 3 5	83.3 93.0 85.1 86.3 87.2 62.2 95.0	83.0 92.6 85.2 86.2 86.8 62.9 95.0	103.2 109.2 94.3 85.4 96.6 88.8 100.0	103.2 111.8 95.1 86.2 96.6 97.6 100.0	103.2 111.9 100.3 86.2 96.6 90.6 100.0
VI.	Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products	18	70.0	68.3	97.4	89.3	85.7
	Aluminium Antimony Brass and Copper Products Lead and Its Products Silver Tin Ingots Zinc and Its Products Solder	21.621.221	81.6 80.3 68.3 57.5 72.6 73.4 47.3 78.8	82.2 81.2 66.9 51.3 72.6 72.8 45.2 78.5	91.1 96.0 111.4 95.4 72.8 1.01.1 88.3 101.7	91.1 93.1 102.8 78.2 73.2 91.9 71.8 94.0	93°9 90°1 96°9 73°4 72°4 85°6 64°6 88°3
VII.	Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products	83	85.5	85.4	85.4	85.6	86.6
	Clay and Allied Material Product Pottery Coal Coke Manufactured Gas Coal Tar Glass and Its Products Petroleum Products Asphalt Salt Sulphur Plaster Lime Cement Sand and Gravel Crushed Stone Building Stone Asbestos	23531662413418338	88.0 90.9 91.5 98.0 111.7 77.1 491.4 90.6 94.0 111.3 104.5 105.8 91.4 83.6 64.3 75.8	74.0 91.4 77.7 94.3 113.1 105.7 706.2 91.4 80.5 64.3 75.8	75.8	89.5 89.0 73.9 91.4 77.7 93.7 112.2 106.2 91.7 85.8 64.3 75.8	88.2 93.5 92.2 110.9 98.0 94.0 73.9 90.6 77.7 115.1 108.2 91.7 85.8 64.3 75.8
7III.	Chemicals and Allied Products	77	78.0	77.2	81.6	82.6	82,1
	Inorganic Chemicals Organic Chemicals Coal Tar Products Dyeing and Tanning Materials Explosives Paint Materials Paints Prepared Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals	22 6 2 10 2 9 2	86.6 75.5 88.5 104.5 77.5 68.8 65.5	87.8 72.8 87.2 103.9 78.0 68.2 63.6	87.9 93.1 92.2 106.0 76.4 80.7 67.2	87.6 93.1 92.2 106.1 76.4 79.8 74.1	87.5 86.9 92.2 106.0 76.4 79.2 74.1
	Chemicals Fertilizers Industrial Gases Soap	10 2 2	74.5 92.4 85.4	74.3	74.2	74°5 92°5	74.5 93.3 91.9

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## INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES

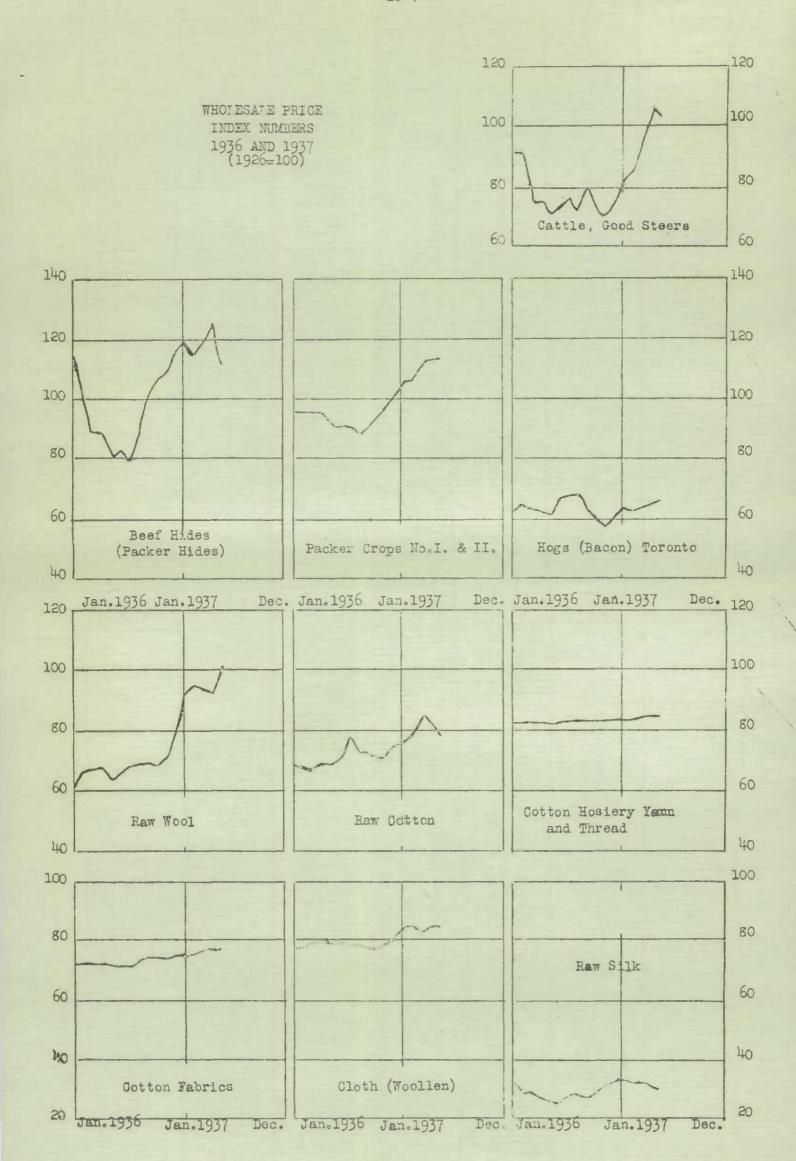
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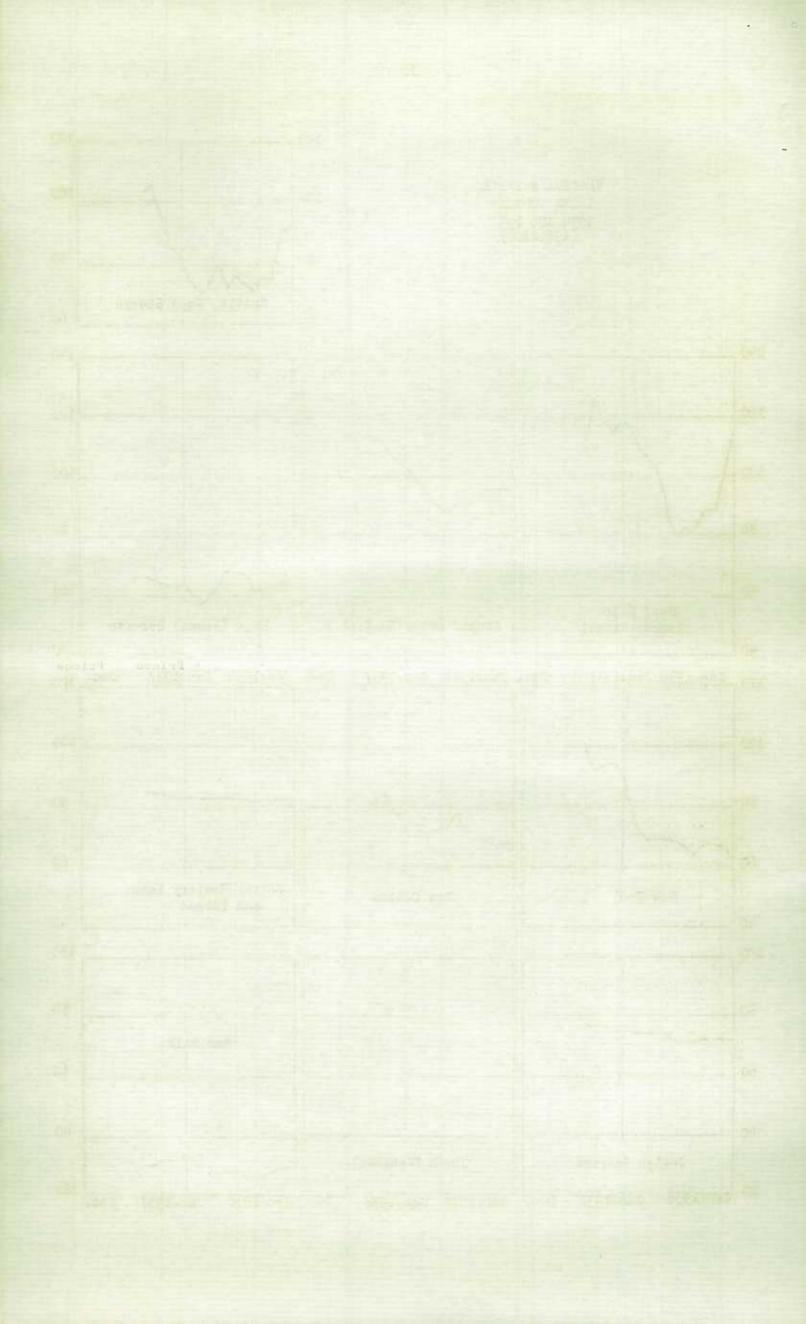
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			Yearly Average	May		April	: May : 1937
I.	CONSUMERS! GCODS (GROUPS A & B)	236	74.7	73.2	78.3	78.9	78.9
A.	Foods, Beverages and Tobacco	1.26	73.4	70°1	79.4	80.7	79.9
	Beverages Flour and Milled Products Bakery Products Fish Fruits Meats and Poultry Milk and Milk Products Sugar and Its Products Vegetables Eggs Tobacco	9 12 2 16 15 10 12 8 13 3	73.8 75.5 84.0 72.1 79.0 74.0 79.6 69.7 67.3	73.7 65.2 83.4 67.6 75.6 75.6 79.3 70.7 52.5 48.3	79.1 99.3 85.3 68.1 82.6 71.0 77.6 85.6 81.5 52.5	78.9 99.6 89.7 69.8 85.2 74.9 78.6 85.5 74.0 55.5	79.1 97.2 89.7 69.6 89.2 75.2 85.8 67.5 55.7
	Miscellaneous	7.8	71.8	71.1	78.6	80.5	78.4
В.	Other Consumers Goods	2.20	75.5	75-3	77.5	77.7	78.2
	Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hubbers, Hosiery and Underwear Household Equipment and Supplies	52	7 <b>4</b> .6 76.2	74°4 75°9	77°7 77°3	78.0 77.4	78.4 78.1
II.	PRODUCERS' COODS (GROUPS C & D)	) <del>1</del> 05	72,14	67.9	88.8	89.0	87.2
C.	Producers Equipment	24	90.0	39.9	91.9	91.9	94.1
	Tools Light, Heat & Power Equipment and Supplies Explosives Miscellaneous	3 17 2 2	8 <b>6</b> ,6 90.6 77.5 84.5	90.5 78.0 84.5	91.3 92.6 76.4 83.9	91.3 92.6 76.4 85.9	91.3 94.9 76.4 85.9
D.	Producers: Materials	378	70° ji	65.5	88° j	88.7	86.4
	Building and Construction Materials Lumber	111	85. <b>3</b> 86.3	35.0 36.0	97.3	97.9	97.8
	Painters: Materials Miscellaneous	33 33 65	65,2 85,6	67.0	72.5		76.4 96.5
	Manufacturers Materials	267	67.9	62.2	36.9	87.1	84.5
	Textiles and Clothing Furs and Leather Goods For Metal Working Industries For Chemical Using Industries For Meat Packing Industries For Milling and Other Industrie Miscellaneous Producers!	64 24 41. 43 43 43	67.4 76.7 73.5 89.2 72.5 66.3	66.9 76.6 72.1 88.2 69.7 53.6	91.5	71.09 93.6 93.1 91.4 94.2 98.5	90.1 90.5 92.8
	Materials	68	62.0	57.8	72.2	72.8	71.9

### VHOLESALE PRICES OF IMPORTANT COMMODITIES

WHOLESALE PRIC	ES OF IM	FORTANT (				
		· Assess	: Yearl;		: Armill	: • Mosr
				ge: May : 1936		: May : 1937
		:	2	:	:	:
OATS, No.2 C.W.		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ft.William and Pt.Arthur basis	Bush.	.548	.401	.331	.588	.562
WHEAT, No. 1. Man. Northern						
Ft. William and Pt. Arthur basis	Bush	1.495	.937	e768	1.389	1.306
FLOUR. First Patent, 2-98's Jule		a 601	6 007	E 700	7 F00	7.400
Toronto	Cwt.	8.821	1.890	5.300	7.500	2.150
SUGAR, Br. West Indies, Montreal SUGAR, granulated. Montreal	Cwt.	5.958	4,626	4,610	4.990	4.990
xRUBBER, Ceylon, ribbed, smoked sheet						
footh Non York	Lbe	े तंब्रह	.165	.157	。2.36	,212
CAMPUR, Steers, Good over 1050 lbs.	Clark.	7 776	E E70	5 370	7.800	7.600
Torento	Cwto	7,330	5.539	5.170	10000	1.000
HOGS, Bacon Toronto	Cwt.	13,320	8.461	8.160	8.750	8.850
BEMF HIDES, Packer Hides, Native Stee						
Toronto	Lb.	.135	.129	.110	.170	.150
HIDES. Packer, crops, No. I & TA f. o. t			. 363	。350	.440	. 440
Distributing points	Lbs		6,005	0770	8770	8710
BOX SINES B, Oshawa	F4.	, 263	. 240	. 240	. 260	. 260
BUTTER, Creamery, finest, prints,	70 00	020)	022.0	00	0.400	
Montreal	Lo	.390	.253	.214	. 277	. 246
CHRESE, Canadian, old, large,		207	262	2.50	1.00	.180
Montreal Today Santa	Lbo	.227	.161	. 1.50	. 180	•100
EGGS, Grade "A" hange, Monvreal	Doze		.340	.236	. 246	. 243
COTTON, raw 1" - 1. 1/16"	270210					
Hamilton	lio.	0194	03.41	.136	.161	.155
COTTON YARNS, 101s white, single	Age da	76	005	200	7.07	707
Hosiery cops, Mill	Lb.	e 368	, 295	.290	.383	•383
Mow York, 13-15 denions	Lb.		1.897	2.573.3	2.215	2.097
WOOL, eastern bright, 1/4 blood, dome	stic,					
Toronto	Lb.	.306	.208	.195	.290	-330
WOOL, western range, semi-bright 1	72	776	orli	200	270	.280
blood, domestic, Toronto	Lb。	.316	°51†	。200	270	• 200
PULP, grandwood, No.1 f.o.b. Will	Ton	29.670	20.098	19.630	24.134	24.124
		22.830			24.000	24.000
STEMS, merchant bars, mild		0 1.	0.26	0.050	0 700	
	.oo lbs.	2.450	m. 263	2.250	2.700	2.700
COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic,	Cwt.	3.5.767	1.0.070	9.748	1.5.538	14.858
IEAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots	01100		2.00010	20113	,,,	2.60,0
Montreel	Cwtc	8.154	4.642	4.130	6.248	5.843
TIN AWHOTS, Straits, f.o.b.		660		-07	(37	-7-
Toronto	Lb.	و669ء	- 525	。523	.613	•575
Zinc, Demostic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal	Cout	8.825	4.153	3.980	6.327	5.688
COAL, Anthracite, Toronto,	OII VB	0,012)	.,, ., , , ,	20,000		
	Fross Ton	12.110	10.542	9.990	9.320	9.580
COAL, Bituminous, N.S.		(		E 0=0	5 050	
man-of-mine	Ton	6.083	5, 250	5.250	5.250	5.250
GASOLENE	Galo	- 253	1149	.150	.160	.160
Toronto SULPHURIC ACID 66 Beaume						
Toronto	Net Ton	14.000	1.6.000	16c000	16.000	16.000

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# INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES; RENTS AND COSTS OF SERVICES IN CANADA, MAY, 1937. (Calculations based on prices for the first of each month)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of retail prices, rents and costs of services on the base 1926=100, rose from 82.2 in April to 82.8 in May, owing to increases in the food and rentals groups.

An index for retail prices alone, including foods, coal, coke, clothing, household requirements, etc., advanced from 77.9 to 78.0. When foods were removed from this index it was 79.4 in May as compared with 79.5 in April.

An index for 46 food items moved up from 76.3 to 76.6, declines for eggs, potatoes and evaporated apples being more than offset by advances in meats, butter, flour and onions. The current figure of 76.6 compares with 71.3 in May, 1936. Grade "A" eggs declined from 26.8 ¢ to 25.5 ¢ per dozen, while an average of Grade "B" and Grade "C" eggs was 21.3 ¢ as compared with 22.7 ¢ for the previous menth. Potatoes fell from 37.0 ¢ to 33.1 ¢ per peck, and evaporated apples from 16.1 ¢ to 15.7 ¢ per pound. The following increases were noted in meats. Sirloin beef from 24.8 ¢ to 26.9 ¢, shoulder beef from 13.6 ¢ to 14.8 ¢, mutten from 22.8 ¢ to 24.0 ¢, fresh perk from 20.9 ¢ to 21.3 ¢ and cocked ham from 51.6 ¢ to 52.3 ¢ per pound. Creamery butter was up from 30.5 ¢ to 30.8 ¢, and dairy butter from 26.9 ¢ to 27.3 ¢ per pound. Onions averaged 4.3 ¢ per pound as against 4.0 ¢ in April.

The rentals index rose from 84.9 to 87.3, continuing the upward movement first apparent in October 1934. Rentals for dwellings occupied by workingmen were up 1.3 per cent, while middle grade dwellings advanced 1.7 per cent. In both types, single houses showed the greatest increase.

The fuel index fell from 86.6 to 86.1, due to seasonal declines in the price of coal.

The sundries group memained stationary at 92.6 despite a fractional rise in motor operating costs from 92.0 to 92.1, due to higher prices for tires.

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES, RENTS, AND COSTS OF SERVICES, 1913-May, 1937.
(1926-100)

			(1.920	m:100)				
	Total Index	Food Index	Fuel Index	Rent	Cloth- ing Index	Sun- dries Index	Retail Prices Index (Foods, Fuel, Clothing Househol Requirements, etc.)	d hold
1913 1920 1921 1922 1923 1924 1925 1926 1927 1928 1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1935 1936 May June July August September October. November. December January February March April May	65.4 124.2 100.0 100.0 98.3 100.0 98.4 98.9 99.2 89.6 81.3 77.5 78.6 81.1 81.4 81.6 81.1 81.4 81.6 81.7 82.2 82.8	61.094 107.1.2016 107.1.2016 108.60 108.60 108.67 1	65.29.44.60 100.09.94.72.47.78.28.88.66.66.66.66.66.66.1	64.1 54.1 52.1 100.6 101.3 100.8 101.3 100.8 103.9 103.9 103.9 103.9 103.9 103.8	633277710966992317992777006666666666666666666666666666666	66.40 106.00 106.00 100.10 100	100.99997.56 97.99998.7 73.7 74.7 74.8 77.6 77.6 77.9 77.9 78.0	100.0 97.9 97.3 96.9 97.3 96.9 87.3 77.7 77.5 77.0 78.0 78.0 778.7 778.7 779.5 79.4

AT	VERAGE	RETAIL	PRICES	OF	PRINCIPAL	ARTICLES	OF	FOOD	IN	CANADA-Cont	inued

Year and Month	Beef Sirloin (Pound	Beef Chuck (Pound)	Veal Roast (Pound)	Roast	Pork Fresh (Pound)		Bacon Breakfast (Pound)			A"Grade "C	:(Quart):	Butter Dairy (Pound)	01000000	Cheese (Pound)	
1934 October	21.0	11.1	11.7	18.4	20.7	19.6	36.2	14.5	32.6	27.2	10.1	21.8	24.6	19.8	
November	20.2	10.6	11.6	18.7	20.0	19.4	34.5	14.6	40.4	31.7	10.0	21.7	24.4	19.6	
December	19.3	10.3	11.6	18.8	19.1	19.1	32.7	14.6	41.4	31.2	10.5	22.2	25.1	19.4	
1935	10,0	10.0	11.0	20.0	TOST	TOST	02.7	II.O	TT • T	01.0	10.0	40.4	20.1	17.4	
January	20.0	10.8	12.1	19.8	19.4	19.0	32.3	14.6	37.1	29.3	10.4	22.2	25.5	19.4	
February	20.9	11.2	12.9	20.7	19.9	19.4	31.9	14.9	32.9	27.0	10.4	24.3	28.0	19.7	
March	21.2	11.6	12.9	20.9	20.0	19.2	31.5	15.1	31.4	25.9	10.5	25.4	29.6	19.9	
April	22.5	12.6	12.7	21.5	20.0	19.4	31.2	15.2	24.3	20.3	10.5	24.6	28.1	20.0	
May	23.7	13.4	12.6	21.6	20.4	19.6	30.3	15.2	22.0	18.6	10.5	24.9	28.6	20.2	
June	24.8	14.0	12.7	21.5	21.3	19.7	30.1	15.3	22.6	18.9	10.5	23.3	26.3	20.0	
July	25.1	14.0	12.8	21.4	22.4	20.2	30.1	15.5	24.7	21.1	10.3	21.4	24.8	19.9	
August	24.8	13.2	12.7	21.1	22.6	20.1	30.5	15.9	27.7	23.7	10.3	21.3	25.0	19.7	
September	24.3	12.8	12.9	20.9	23.1	20.5	31.6	17.2	31.2	26.4	10.4	21.9	25.4	19.6	
October	23.4	12.7	13.4	20.3	22.7	20.5	31.8	18.1	35.8	30.1	10.6	23.5	27.1	19.9	· I
November	22.5	12.3	13.4	19.9	21.9	20.4	31.2	18.3	41.5	33.4	10.6	24.9	28.6	20.5	12
December 1936	22.3	12.1	13.4	20.2	20.8	20.4	29.9	18.3	43.4	34.7	10.6	26.5	30.3	20.5	1
January	22.8	12.6	14.1	21.6	21.1	20.3	29.3	17.9	41.5	33.9	10.7	26.9	30.6	20.6	
February	23.1	12.9	14.7	22.0	21.3	20.2	29.1	17.2	33.8	28.8	10.7	26.4	30.1	20.5	
March	23.A	12.9	15.2	22.3	21.1	20.1	29.0	16.6	38.1	31.6	10.7	25.6	28.7	20.6	
April	22.9	12.6	13.8	22.3	21.0	19.9	28.7	16.0	28.1	23.2	10.7	24.7	27.6	20,6	
May	23.1	12.9	13.7	23.9	21.2	20.1	28.8	15.9	23.7	19.9	10.7	23.6	26.8	20.4	
June	23.0	12.7	13.2	24.2	21.2	19.9	28.9	15.6	24.4	20.5	10.7	22.0	25.2	20.3	
July	23.2	12.5	13.3	23.0	21.9	20.1	29.5	15.3	27.2	23.4	10.4	22.3	26.2	20.7	
August	23.1	12.6	13.1	22.9	22.4	20.3	30.0	15.4	30.1	25.6	10.4	23.9	28.0	21.0	
September	23.3	12.3	13.3	22.5	22.4	20.2	30.8	15.6	33.5	28.5	10.5	25.4	29.6	21.8	
October	22.9	12.1	13.4	21.1	21.7	20.3	30.6	15.7	35.5	29.6	10.8	25.8	29.2	22.4	
November	22.6	12.0	13.4	20.7	21.1	19.9	30.0	15.8	43.9	34.3	10.8	25.4	28.4	22.5	
December 1937	22.0	11.8	13.5	20.4	20.4	19.5	29.1	15.9	45.6	35.2	10.9	26.0	29.4	22.4	
January	22.7	12.2	14.1	21.5	20.5	19.7	29.2	15.9	39.6	32.6	10.8	26.8	30.3	22.4	
February	23.9	12.9	14.9	22.4	21.2	19.9	29.0	16.6	31.6	26.3	10.8	27.0	30.9	22.6	
March	23.3	12.8	14.4	21.7	20.5	19.7	28.6	16.6	29.8	24.7	11.0	26.5	29.9	22.4	
April	24.8	13.6	14.3	22.8	20.9	19.6	28.5	16.8	26.8	22.7	11.0	26.9	30.5	22.5	
May	26.9	14.8	14.3	24.0	21.3	19.9	28.6	16.8	25.5	21.3	11.0	.27.3	30.8	22.6	

THE REPORT OF 

AVERATE RETAIL PRICES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN CANADA - Concluded

12	0 0		Rolled	•	•	Apples	0	: Sugar	0			e 0	
Year	: Bread	Flour	· Oats	Rica	Beans	Evapor-	Prunes	: Granu-	Sugar	Tea	Coffee	· Potatoes:	Vinegar
and	· (Pound)	1-	· (Pound)	0	(Pound)	ated	: (Pound)		Yellow	(Pound)		(Peck)	(Pint)
Month			6	0	6	o (Pound)	0	c (Pound)	° (Pound)		(2 0 0 2 0 7		(1 1110 /
1934													
October	5.8	3.4	5.1	8.1	4.7	15.1	12.9	6.6	6.4	53.1	38:8	18.6	7.2
November	5.7	3.4	5.2	7.9	4.9	14.9	12.8	6.5	6.3	52.8	38.1	16.7	7.2
December	5.8	3.4	5.2	8.0	4.9	15.0	12.6	6.5	6.3	53.2	37.9	16.0	7-2
1935				Librari Ir									
January	5.7	3.3	5.2	7.9	5.0	15.0	12.5	6.4	6.3	52.9	38.0	16.4	7.1
February	5.7	3.3	5.2	7.9	5.1	15.1	12.5	6.5	6.3	52.4	38.2	16.5	7.1
March	5.7	3.3	5.2	8.0	5.1	14.9	12.5	6.4	6.3	52.3	38.1	16.8	7.1
April	5.7	3.3	52	7.8	5.2	15.3	12.3	6.4	6.3	51.8	37.7	16.9	7.1
May	5.6	3.4	5.2	7.8	5.2	15.6	12.3	6.4	6.3	52.2	37.3	1.6 • 6	7.1
June	5.7	3-4	5.3	7.9	5.3	15.9	12.4	6.5	6.3	52.0	37.6	16.7	7.2
July	5.7	3.3	5.2	7.8	5.4	16.0	12.3	6.4	6.3	51.8	37.1	16.3	7.2
August	5.7	3.3	5.2	7.8	5.3	16.1	12.3	6.4	6.3	51.5	37.5	27.5	7.1
September	5.6	3.2	5.2	7.9	5.2	15.7	12.1	6.4	6.3	52.4	37.1	20.4	7.0
October	5.7	3.3	5.3	7.9	5.3	15.4	12.0	6.3	6.1	51.8	37.1	22.1	6.9
November	5.7	3.5	5.2	7.8	5.3	15.4	11.6	6.2	6.1	52.3	36.6	22.0	6.9
December	5.8	3.4	5.2	7.9	5.4	15.3	11.3	.6.2	6.1	51.9	36.7	23.6	6.9
1936													
January	5.8	3.4	5.2	7.8	5.4	15.4	11.4	6.2	6.1	52.2	36.6	24.2	7.0
February	5.8	3.4	5.2	7.9	5.4	16.0	11.2	6.2	6.1	51.9	36.3	25.4	6.9
March	5.8	3.4	5.1	7.8	5.4	15.8	10.9	6.2	6.1	51.9	36.2	26 . 2	7.0
April	5.8	3.4	5.1	7.8	5.0	1.5 .8	11.0	6.1	6.0	51.8	35.7	26.0	6.9
May	5.9	3.4	5.2	7.9	5 = 0	15.5	10.8	6.1	6.0	52.4	35.8	30.5	7.0
June	5.9	3.4	5.1	7.9	4.8	15.8	10.9	6.1	6.0	52.0	35.9	32.3	6.9
July	5.9	3.3	5.1	7.9	4.9	16.2	10.8	601	6.0	51.9	35.6	37.7	7.0
August	6.0	3.5	5.2	7.9	5.1	15.7	11.1	6.1	6.0	52.1	35.4	42.8	6.9
September	6.1	3.7	5.3	8.0	5.7	16.4	11.3	6.1	6.0	51.9	35.4	36.8	6.9
October	6.1	3.8	5.4	7.9	6.2	16.5	11.2	6.1	6.0	52.1	35.5	30.6	6.8
November	6.1	3.9	5.4	7.9	6.4	16.7	11.3	6.1	6.0	52.0	35.5	28.6	6.9
December 1937	6.2	3.9	5.4	8.0	6.7	15.9	11.3	6.1	6.0	52.0	35.4	29.4	6.8
January	6.2	4.0	5.5	7.9	6.9	16.4	11.4	6.2	6.1	52.2	35.2	30.2	6.9
February	6.2	4.2	5.6	8.1	7.2	16.0	11.5	6.2	6.1	52.0	35.1	34.5	6.9
March	6.3	4.3	5.7	8.1	7.5	15.8	11.6	6.3	6.2	52.1	35.6	37.1	6.9
April	6.4	4.4	5.7	8.2	7.8	16.1	11.7	6.4	6.3	52.3	35.4	37.0	6.9
May	6.4	4.5	5.8	8.2	7.9	15.7	11.7	6.5	6.3	52.4	35.4	33.1	6.9

### INVESTORS' INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

Canadian common stocks rallied in the beginning of May but failed to hold the ground recovered and the index dropped from 134.4 on May 8 to 129.6 on May 13, the minimum for the month under review. In the following week the index regained most of the losses of the previous period of recession. Strength was apparent in all groups till the final day of trading when the index fell from 133.4 on May 29 to 129.8 on May 31. Common stock indexes moved narrowly in comparison with the preceding month and the general index declined from 136.2 in April to 132.2 in May. In the Industrial section declines were general with most sub-groups dropping to new lows for 1937. Building Materials continued the recession which began in April, losing over 16 points, and industrial mines, pulp and paper, milling and machinery and equipment also suffered appreciable losses. For the third successive month, nineteen utilities moved lower and the monthly index was 63.0 as compared with 64.2 in the preceding month. In this group, Telephone and Telegraph moved against the general trend due to an increased rate of dividend for Bell Telephone. Name banks gradually declined from 93.8 for the week ended April 29 to 92.9 for the week ended May 27.

# WHENLY INDEX NUMBERS OF 24 MINING STOCKS (1926-100)

Further declines in market values of gold and base metals shares were registered for the fourth consecutive menth as the general index receded from 15%. I in April to 142.1 in May. This setback reflected declines in base metal commodity markets, and also the continued uncertainty over the future of gold prices. Trading during the month was dull. After a firm opening, mining stocks moved irregularly downward for the first two weeks in May, bringing the index of twenty-four mining issues to 136.9 on May 13, the lowest level for 1937. Between May 14 and 24 prices improved, led by base metals, and the index advanced to 145.1 almost on a par with that of May 1. Gradual recessions in the latter part of the month erased earlier gains and the index fell back within a point of its new established law. The monthly index for the gold group was 111.3 as compared with 120.0 in April while base metals fell from 288.0 to 269.3. Listed below is a table of average prices for the weeks of Juno 3 and April 29, 1937, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

COLD

Beattie Bralorne Buffalo-Ankerite Central Patricia Cod's Lake Hollinger Howey Little Long Lac Little Long Lac	June 7  \$ 1.15 6.95 9.45 3.00 39.04 .52 11.41 .37 1.31 50.25 5.27	April 29  1.32 7.22 9.72 3.19 41.81 .54 11.87 .40 1.41 50.10 5.95	Macassa  McIntyre  Pickle Grow  Pioneer  Reno  San Antonio  Siscoe  Sylvanite  Teck-Hughes  Wright-Hargreaves	June 3 5.16 33.73 6.18 3.91 .87 1.46 3.83 3.09 5.06 6.37	\$ 5.65 35.39 6.25 4.80 .98 1.63 4.21 3.24 5.10 6.55
Falconbridge	7.74 29.04	BASE METAL. 8.19 29.31.	Noranda	61.62	63.37

#### PREFERRED STOCKS

The index number for twenty-five preferred stocks was 100.2 in May as compared with 103.1 in April. Abitibi Power and Paper fell from 72.4 to 64.6, Canada Cement from 106.4 to 103.4, Canadian Car and Foundry from 27.0 to 26.0, Dominion Coal from 21.2 to 20.2, Simpson's from 101.6 to 99.1, St. Lawrence Corporation A from 35.3 to 32.8 and Steel of Canada from 79.2 to 73.5. Canadian Canners "B" rose from 10.6 to 11.8, Canadian Hydro-Electric from 75.3 to 77.0, National Breweries from 41.2 to 42.0 and Ogilvie Flour Mills from 150.2 to 160.0.

# INDEX NUMBERS OF 25 PREFERRED STOCKS (1927-1937)

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	Jan.	Feb.	Mare	Apro				Aug. 105.6	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec. 100.4
1929	 107.4	108.1	106.8	104.3	104.3	104.8	104,8	105.6	105.1	102.9	99.8	100.4
3076	 97.9	98.8	100.0	103.4	102.6	99.5	97.4	97.1 69.1	96.2	83.4	81.9	82.5
1931	 83.2	83.4	84.2	78.5	73.8	72.6	71.8	6901	64.2	63.9	66.5	63.0
1932	 57.2		58.0	55.4	48.4	45.2	49.5	52.9	53.4	52.9	52.2	50.2
1933	 49.6	49.6	47.3	47.2	54.6	58.5	61.9 68.1	61.7	61.0	59.7	59.1	60.2
1934	 64.1	66.5		68.5	63.7			67.3			70.6	71.4
1935	 73.5	73.8							69.2	69.5	72.5	73.8
1936	 74.9	77.2	76.3	76.0	74.6	76.2	79.5	80.6	83.8	86.8	91.1	93.9
1937	 99.2	100,4	1.02.6	103.1	1.00.2							

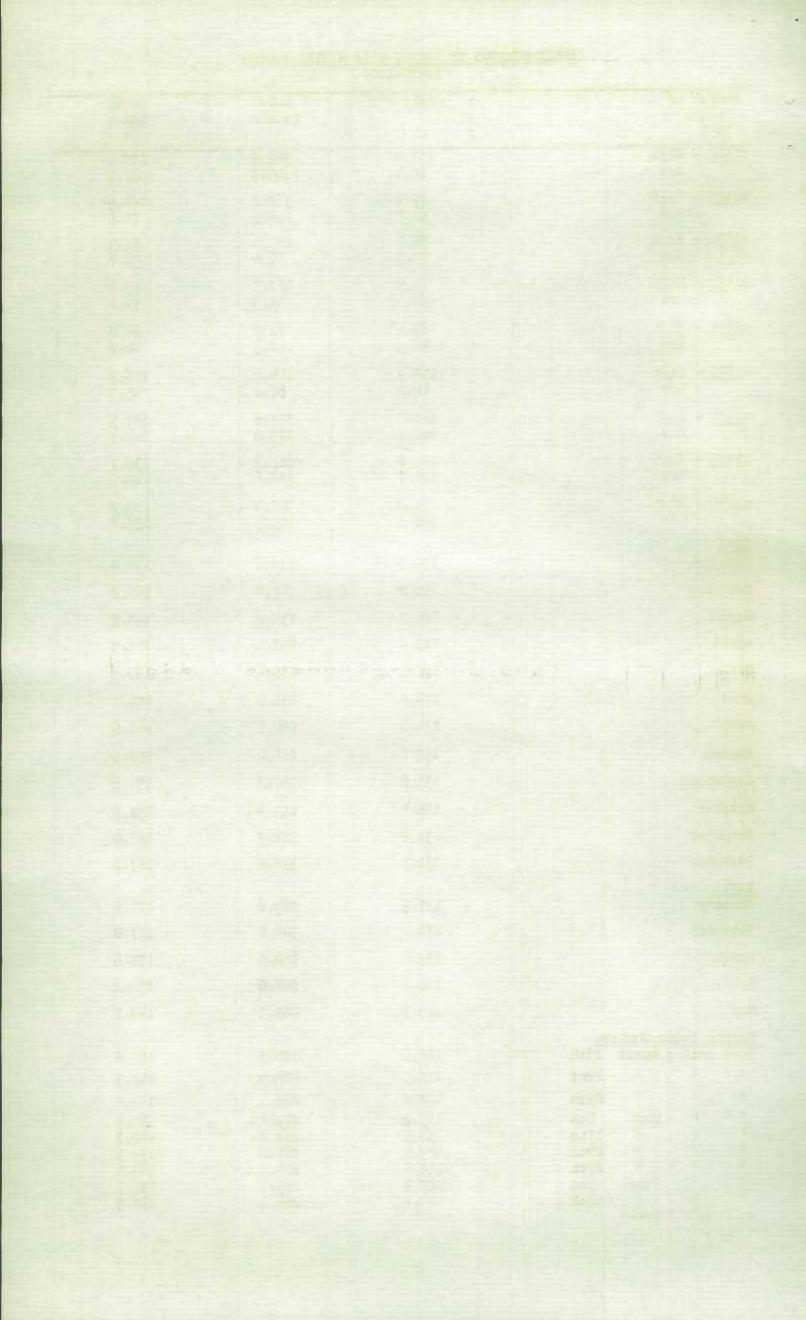
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# INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS 1926 = 100

	General	Banks		UTILITI	ES				and the second second second second			p. 11-100 to 10 to 10 to 20-11	INDUST	RIALS		y
umber of ecurities 1937	Total	Total	Total	Trans- port- ation	Tele- phone Tele- graph	Power and Traction	Total	Ma- chinery and Equip-	Pulp and Paper	Mill- ing	Oils	Tex- tiles and Cloth- ing	Food and Allied Pro- ducts	Bever- ages	Build- ing Mate- rials	Industria
	06	0	19	2	. 2	15	68	ment 8	6	4	4	10	13	7	14	2
1935	96	9	1.2								h tankaharakhaja namata nama				20/ 5	300
January	88.6	80.1	50.4	32.1	100.3	61.3	129.7	130.4	14.0	71.5	181.5	75.8	134.2	106.8	106.5	198.4
February	87.8	79.9	49.4	30.8	102.4	59.8	128.0	120.0	13.4	67.4	179.7	75.6	131.3	109.1	102.5	198.9
warch	84.4	76.8	45.1	25.3	100.1	56.4	125.6	119.4	11.6	56.0	176.0	74.1	126.5	101.6	95.5	200.4
April	86.4	75.0	43.8	25.8	94.8	53.9	130.8	122.7	11.1	56.9	178.6	73.1	125.1	99.6	97.7	222.9
May	93.6	73.1	44.4	27.0	95.5	53.8	144.4	120.2	10.8	59.9	211.7	70.3	127.8	102.4	102.0	243.0
June	93.8	72.0	45.0	26.5	97.6	55.3	145.2	115.5	10.5	58.4	217.9	67.2	127.0	104.7	103.4	240.4
July	92.4	71.7	44.7	25.0	98.6	56.0	143.8	119.6	10.6	57.4	210.6	66.7	128.5	116.7	103.6	236.4
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	206.6	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	105.8	73.0	50.9	27.9	105.1	66.1	170.3	122.6	14.6	66.9	228.7	69.0	145.7	157.3	112.7	315.7
December	107.4	75.1	50.1	28.6	108.0	62.7	178.2	116.4	15.9	76.7	214.8	70.4	140.5	161.0	117.8	370.1
1936	201.4	1704	70.2									-				
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	150.7	151.7	135.4	410.2
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
				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
April	115.9	77.5	53.2	-	109.5	65.9	187.9	108.0	16.7	87.3	234.0	68.1	145.7	131.4	120.6	394.8
May	112.8	77.7	52.5	30.5	1	66.4	189.3	106.3	17.5	86.5	220.1	67.4	149.2	129.3	131.0	417.8
June	113.8	77.8	53.3	31.2	112.5	66.9	190.1	102.4	18.6	87.0	224.3	66.8	153.9	131.6	137.2	420.5
July	114.3	77.2	53.8	31.9	111.7	4	191.4	103.0	18.0	89.8	218.9	68.0	157.1	135.7	142.5	444.2
August	114.7	79.0	53.1	29.7	113.2	67.1		-	20.23	93.9	220.6	70.6	162.5	130.2	149.7	488.1
September	119.5	79.7	54.8	30.2	114.2	70.0	200.6	113.6	24.4	101.9	232.5	73.4	171.7	135.6	162.6	519.3
October	126.9	80.6	59.8	33-4	114.6	77.7	212.3	127.3	1	1	233.4	74.4	179.6	143.6	170.3	546.2
November	131.8	84.5	62.4	34.6	116.5	81.8	219.9	140.4	27.5	107.0		1	182.3	145.3	1	540.0
December	129.2	87.7	62.8	34.6	120.4	82.1	212.8	139.4	29.7	112.5	215.4	73.5	105.0	L. C.	2016)	1
1937									3= 6	220 /	000 (	777	184.2	141.0	197.0	549.3
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	188.2		203.5	586.7
February	142.4	96.7	73.1	41.8	125.8	97.5	220.8	163.4	36.7	120.7	235.2	78.5	1	139-3		618.2
march	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	1
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	182.4	133.4	204.8	538.9
hay	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

# INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FOUR MINING STOCKS (1926=100)

	(1920=100)		
Number of	: Gold :	Baso	: Total
Stocks	* *	Metals	: Index
1.937	: 21 :	3	5 ji
x192s - High Low	137, 2 75.4	322,2 105,7	138,6 107.3
x1929 - High Low	89°7 52°7	3 <b>18</b> .0	127.9 72.6
x <u>1.930</u> - High Low	66.7 53.3	203.1 56.4	88,3
x1931 - High	79.5	108.3	56.7 85.4
Low x1932 - High	54°4 63°1	49.9	54° 8 61° 8
J.077	48.5	42.5	46.8
x1933 - High Low	111.9 64.9	144,1 68,2	116.7
x1934 - High Low	140°1 103°1	167.6 125.0	143°3 107°3
x1935 - High Low	131.2 104.7	211.7	136.7
x1936 - High Low	136°5 118°3	322°1 205°5	170.3 135.4
1936 January	124,8	214.8	142,4
February	130.2	a30°4	149.8
March	122,7	232.2	144.2
April	122,3	241.1	2.145.8
May	128.9	239.2	150.3
June	134.4	246.0	156.1
July	134°4	254.1	157.6
August	132.6	264.0	158.1
September	131.2	267.1	157.6
October	126.4	289,4	158,2
November	133.08	312.5	167.0
December	131.3	317.8	167.7
1937 January	137.5	3 <b>2</b> 9 <sub>e</sub> 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
Weekly Index Numbers Week ending April 15th	100 6	707 5	n min
" " 22nd	122.6	303.5	157.8
" " 29th	115°3 112°8	284.0	148.3
" May 6th	113.2	267°1 273°8	143°h 144°5
" 13th	110.0	264.3	140.1
" " 1 20th	109.4	267.2	139.9
" " 27th " June 3rd	112.6	274.3	J;i;†°O
ii loth	108.3	265.1 264.1	138.7 139.9
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# WEEKLY AVERAGE PRICES OF 24 MINING STOCKS MARCH - MAY 1937

		M	ARCH				A P	RIL			1	MAY		JUN:
	4th	llth	18th	25th	lst	8th	15th	22nd	29th	6th	13th	20th	27th	3rd
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
OLD GROUP														
Beattie	1.44	1.42	1.42	1.43	1.56	1.54	1.42	1.31	1.32	1.32	1.25	1.23	1.25	1.15
ralorne	8.87	8.62	8.50	8.57	8.27	8.31	7.87	7.58	7.22	6.90	6.62	6.50	6.99	6.95
uffalo-Ankerite	11.52	11.19	11.66	11.64	11.25	11.04	10.62	9.89	9.72	9.20	9.08	9.00	9.52	9.46
entral Patricia	4.68	4.43	4.49	4.40	4.28	4.06	3.62	3.30	3.19	3.22	2.96	2.99	3.23	3.00
ome	47.62	46.50	47.52	46.75	45.79	44.87	43.37	43.79	41.81	40.85	39.67	39.87	40.12	39.04
od's Lake	.80	.76	•76	.74	•73	•70	.63	•59	•54	-52	•48	•48	•54	•52
ollinger	14.96	14.58	14.54	14.14	13.87	13.66	13.17	12.21	11.87	11.98	11.40	11.12	11.40	11.41
cwey	. 59	.54	.51	.51	•46	•46	.41	• 38	•40	.38	.36	•36	•37	•37
irkland Lake	1.05	.98	1.04	1.16	1.37	1.56	1.52	1.41	1.41	1.47	1.38	1.37	1.43	1.31
ake Shore	58.83	57.25	56.33	56.60	56.08	55.04	52.89	50.89	50.10	50.58	52.72	51.85	53,20	50.25
ittle Long Lac	7.07	6.64	6.89	6.77	6.62	6.69	6.44	5.87	5.95	5.87	5.57	5.33	5.54	5.27
acassa	7.81	7.21	6.91	7.47	7.38	7.21	6.70	5.86	5.65	5.57	5.17	5.08	5.49	5.16
cIntyre	40.50	40.52	40.29	39.77	39.71	39.10	38.04	36.98	35.39	34.52	33.50	34.39	34.20	33.73
ickle Crow	8.02	7.43	7.51	7.49	7.30	7.07	6.67	6.13	6.25	6.29	6.04	5.98	6.37	6.18
ioneer	5.84	5.73	5.43	5.23	5.37	5.23	5.05	4.99	4.80	4.54	4.19	4.02	4.01	3.91
eno	1.19	1.15	1.12	1.09	1.09	1.09	1.03	.98	•98	•99	•90	•87	.89	•87
an Antonio	2.03	1.99	1.98	1.98	1.98	1.91	1.71	1.61	1.63	1.63	1.55	1.50	1.56	1.46
Siscoe	5.70	5.46	5.37	5.38	5.37	5.17	4.69	4.31	4.21	4.06	3.85	3.88	4.07	3.83
ylvanite	4.15	4.11	4.00	3.98	3.93	3.88	3.65	3.37	3.24	3.22	3.05	3.08	3.23	3.09
eck-Hughes	5.97	5 - 86	5.72	5.74	5.72	5.62	5.25	5.16	5.10	5.21	5.08	5.01	5.17	5.06
right-Hargreaves	7.74	7.58	7.57	7.57	7.60	7.61	7.23	6.82	6.55	6 • 69	6.40	6.35	6 • 46	6.37
ASE METALS GROUP														
'alconbridge	11.69	10.79	10.27	9.97	9.83	9.69	9.22	8.29	8.19	8.22	8.08	7.80	8.00	7.74
ludson Bay	38.14	38.73	37.02	35.81	37.25	34.77	32.79	31.58	29.31	29.94	28.70	29.58	31.05	29.04
loranda	78.50	79.10	77.08	75.06	75.17	73.96	70.71	66.37	63.37	63.50	61.75	61.33	62.52	61.62

# INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND PRICES AND YIELDS, 1929-1937. (1926-100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices, on the base 1926=100, advanced from 112.7 for April to 113.8 for May. The volume of sales was unusually light but prices moved gradually higher as demand was steady and offerings not excessive. In the first week of the month holders of the 5½ p.c. - 1937 Dominion issue were invited to convert their bonds at lower rates of interest and a fair response was made.

, British Consols moved 7/16 lower, closing at 76 3/8 but the Dow-Jones average of selected high-grade United States bonds showed a slight rise.

The index of Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields declined from 73.2 to 71.0. with the average yield for the six issues included in this index at 3.31 for the last day of May as compared with 3.50 for the last day of April. Representative Ontario issues averaged 3.57 for May and the Ontario yield index fell from 77.9 to 74.5.

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

	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
January	101.4	99.0	1.03.1	94.1	103.3	104.6	115.9	113.6	117.7
February	101.0	99.3	103.1	94.9	103.4	105.4	114.2	115.0	115.3
March	99.2	99.9	103.7	96° H	102.1	107.9	115.0	115.5	112.9
April	100.0	100.5	104.5	96.2	102.9	109.4	114.5	115.7	112.7
May	100.0	100.9	1.04.0	96.3	103.8	110.3	115.2	115.9	113.8
June	98.3	101.0	1.05.4	94.6	104.9	110.4	114.2	117.0	***
July	98.3	1.01.2	105.3	97.0	104.8	1.11.1	114.5	118.0	
August	99.3	102.1	105.3	101.0	105.6	112.3	114.8	119.1	
September	99.0	103.0	1.02.1	101.8	105.7	112.6	110.9	119.1	**
October	98.2	103.2	98.1	3.03.8	105.0	111.1	110.2	117.1	
November	98.7	103.2	97.4	102.6	104.2	112.2	112.5	117.6	-
December	99.4	103.1	95.5	101.2	103.6	1.15.2	112.5	118.2	-

# MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, 1929-1937. (From data issued by A.E. Ames and Company Ltd.)

	1929	1.930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
January	97.3	7.02.1	93.9	112.7	96.3	33.2	70.9	72,4	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.	97.4	86.1	71.4	69.9	72.7
April	100.9	99.3	90.0	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	1.11.07	93.3	82.1	73.4	66.9	-
July	104.0	98.0	88.3	107.5	93.5	80.1	72.1	65.1	-
August	102.0	95.9	88.3	100.5	92.2	77.8	71.6	63.2	-
September	102.8	93.9	95.5	98.7	92.4	77.2	79.8	63.1	-
October	103.7	93.6	105.2	96.2	93.5	79.3	78.9	66.2	000
November	103.3	93.6	107.7	98.5	94.3	77.2	74.5	65.1	***
December	101.4	93.9	111.7	99.4	95.1	71.3	75.5	64.1	

## WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS 1937.

Date March	4 11 18 25	Prices 113.9 113.3 112.7	Yields 70.8 72.2 73.2 73.7
April	1 8 15 22 29	112.7 112.5 112.6 113.1 112.5	73.2 73.8 73.5 72.4 73.3
May	6 13 20 27	113.0 113.6 113.8 114.5	72.4 71.6 71.3 69.9

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

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS AT MONTREAL, 1936-1937 NOTE: The noon rates in Canadian Funds upon which these averages are based have been supplied by the Bank of Canada.

Former Gold Parities	New York Funds	London Sterlin		Belg Bel	gian I lga .	taly ira ,0526 (2)	Switzerland Franc .1930 (3)	Holland Guilder .4020 (4)	Norway Kroner	Sweden Kroner	Denmark Kroner
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June	1,0026	5.0328	.0661	1.	695	.0789	。3250	.6790	.2529	.2595	.2246
July cooccessoo	1.0008	5.0269				.0789	.3275	.6813	.2526	.2591	.2244
August	1,0001	5.0265		.1.	686	0787	.3260	6791	.2525	.2592	。2244
September	.9997	5.0390	.0547		689	.0786	.3174	.6671	و2532	.2598	.2249
October	。9997	4.8972	.0467		683	0545	.2299	.5362	。2460	. 2525	.2186
November	. 9986	4.831.7	.0464	.1.	688	0525	.2295	.5392	. 2452	.2516	.2179
December	5993	4.,9030	.0465			。0526	.2297	.5451	.2463	.2528	. 2.1.89
1937 - January	1,0003	4-9092	.0467			0526	。2294	.5477	.2467	.2531	.2192
February	1.0002	4.8953	.0466			.0526	.2284	.5470	。2460	. 2524	.2185
March occo	69995	4.8824	.0460			.0526	.2278	.5467	.2453	. 2517	.21.80
April	9987	4.9095	.0449			.0525	.2279	.5468	.2467	.2530	.2191
May coscoo	. 9984	4.9313	.9447	.1	684	0525	。2283	.5484	.2478	.2542	。2201
Former Gold Parities	Spain Peseta .1930	Slovakia Koruna .0296 (5)	Argentine Peso (Faper) .4244 Unofficial	Austrelia (Pound) 4,8666	Brazil Milreis .1196 Unofficial	Germany Reichs- mark .2382		China (Shanghai) Dollar	Japan Yen .4985	Union of S.Africa (Pound) 4.8666	New Zealand (Pound) 4.8666
1936	5	ક	5	Ü	Ş	Ş	\$	Ş	Ş	¥	Ų
Juna secososos	,1369	0425	2770	4,0262	50568	.4038	3 .3797	.3002	.2948	5.0265	4.0587
July	-1373	.0416	.2729	4.021.5	.0578	.4036	3792	.3000	.2935	5.0206	4.0539
August	.1365	,0413	2778	4.023.0	.0584	.4023	3794	。3007	.2941	5.0202	4.0538
September	.1.365	.0413	。2833	4.0312	.0589	.4010		.2999	.2946	5.0327	4.0637
October	'en	.0365	.2772	3.9178	.0585	.4019		。2938	.2860	4.8911	3.9488
November	per-	。0354	.2765	3.9054	.0585	.4017	3686	.2949	。2849	4.8760	3.9368
December	Ст	و0352	。2975	3.8820	.0594	.4019		2954	.2849	4.8964	3.9528
1937 - January	<b>\$</b> 7.9 €	.0350	.3024	3.9273	。0609	.4024		2970	.2855	4.9031	3.9591
February	em	.0349	.3003	3.9162	.0611	.4023		.2964	.2854	4.8892	3.9485
	w.	。0349	.2998	3.9060	.0610	.4019	.3687	.2967	.2848	4.8763	3.9375
March		4-7.1									
March	-	.0349	.3028	3.9276	.0625	.4015	3708	.2969	.2860	4.9033	3.9592

(1) French franc devalued September 26 - New Gold content temporarily established between 43 to 49 milligrammes.

<sup>(2)</sup> Italian lira devalued by 40.93 p.c. October 5. (3) Swiss franc devalued September 26 - No value fixed but held temporarily at a rate within 10 p.c. of its former nominal dollar parity. (4) Holland abandoned gold standard September 26 - No definite stabilization level for the Dutch guilder yet established. (5) Gzecho-Slovakian crown devalued October 8 by 13.3 p.c. to 18.7 p.c. over and above the 16 2/3 p.c. devaluation of February, 1934.

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47 4.7	: Total	Industrials :	Railroad	: Utilities
	: 419 Stocks	347 Stocks	32 Stocks	: 40 Stocks
1933				
May	61.5	63.7	36.5	77.8
June	72.8	75.1	42.8	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	75.0
November	68.8	76.2	38.4	70.0
December	70.4	78.8	40.0	67.8
1934				
Jamery	74.6	82.9	44.5	72,2
February	80.9	88.9	50 5	50.7
March	77.2	85.1	47.5	76.2
Apr'il	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
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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
	73.1	85.7	30.9	63.7
Nay	75.5	87.4	32.4	69.8
July	78.8	91.2	33.8	73.3
-	.83.0	95.0	35.8	80.6
August September	85.0	97.5	37.0	81.09
October	85.2	98.5	34.3	87.0
Novembor	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	9700
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
August	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	144.3	. 57.9	108.9
De cember	122.8	142.6	54.4	110.6
1937	i de la			
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
ALLEY VICTORIAN VICTORIA				
April	124.5	146,5	60.1	1.00.7



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