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## COMMODITIES

Although recessions gxeatiy outnumbered advances, the index for comodity prices moved up from 84.8 for the last week of August to 85 c. at the end of September. This was due principally to exceptional strength in cash grain prices, which counterbalanced numerous small declines in other commodities. The sharp increase in wheat was a feature of September markuts, with No. 1 Manitoba Northern rising by more than $1^{4} \phi$ per bumel. A feod shortage in Wcstern Canada stimulatod the eastorly movomont of cattlo and receipts at stock-yards were particularly heavy. These lattorly depressed prices, and the livestock index dropped 7.3 points to 95.4 . Raw cotton worked down to 1933 levels and raw wool fell kharply alsoc Non-ferrous metals continued a decline commenced early in August and the index for copper dropped from 96.1 to $\$ 6.3$ during the month. This compared with $6 g_{n} 4$ for a yea: ago. Scrap iron made a substantial gain as increasing exports limitec dumetic suppics, while higher quotations for pottery caused a fractional gain in the index for Non-Motallic Minerals. British Columbia lumber weakened further and the index for B.C.fir fell to 95.2 as compared with 113.7 in the early summer. The index for Ca adian Farr Products climbed 5.9 points to 88.0 . Ficld Products made a sharp gain of 8.1 points moving to 88.4 , and Animal Products showed strength also, rising from 85 , 3 in the final weok of August to 87.3 at the closo of Soptember. The monthly wholesale price index dropped from 85.5 for Augrst to 85.0 for September.

## COST OF LIVING

The first appreciabze decline in food prices during the past year was responsible for a small decrease in the Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost of living index from 83.6 in August to 83.4 in September. The food index fell from 79.1 to 78.3 , due principally to lower tendencies in prices for vegetables and beef. These were of greater consequence than increases in other meats, butter, and eggs. This movement is of particular interest in view of the downward tendency in wholesale food prices during the past two months. It comes at a time of the year when food prices are usually dominated by seasonal increases. Thels which are also subject to seasonal influences, recorded slight advances for Septembor。

The Bureau's cost of living index for Septombor was 3 p.c. above that of a year ago, and 9 poce higher than the doprossion low point in 1933. Meanwhile wholesale price levels have risen by more than 24 poc. Although shelter, clothing, and household equipment have contributed to some extent to recent advances, the family budget hes been affected most by frood prices, Between the summers of 1933 and 1937 food prices increased on the average by about 15 poc. with more than one-third of this movement occurring in the past year.

SECURITIES
Declines in common stock prices during September developed the proportions of a serious recession. All sections of the list shared in a series of reactions wbich within the space of six weeks depiessed prices to summer levels of 1936. A general index of common stock prices (Investors!) dropped from 135.2 in August to 118.9 for September. The industrial section fell from 221.6 to 193.3 , while utilities moved down from 65.2 to 57.4. Sub-group declines ranged between 38 poc. for pulp and paper to 6 p.c. for banks, with the average approximating 14 poc。 Mining issues were also hard hit, but showed greater recuperative power in the closing days of the month, particularly among gold stocks. A general index for mining stork prices fell from 146.2. for August to 127.6 for Soptember, with golds down from 112.5 to 103.5 and baso metals more sharply from 287.4 to 224.5 . Both sections made substantial recovery in the closing days of September. Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices averaged slightly less in the final week of September than for the corresponding period of August as indicated by respective indexes of 114.7 and 115.7.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE

The unstable position of tho French franc was clearly revealed by two sharp breaks in September and a third on October 2, resulting in a total decline in Montreal rates from 3.73 cents to 3.29 cents, This constituted a new low record in terms of gold values. A heavily adverse comiodity trade balance together with curtailment of summer tourist traffic in France were important factors in the recession. Seasonal declines in sterling were halted early in September about 4 conts below the August peak of $\$ 4.99$.

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Rates have subsequently fluctuate uncertainly around \$4.95. Pressure upon the Belgian belga resulted in considerable gold shipments in the latter half of September. Montreal rates on New York funds were at par during the greater part of September.

## REVIEN OF IMPORTANT COMMODITY MARKETS

WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS: A nervous advance on wheat markets in the opening days of September was not maintained, but subsequently prices moved sharply upward from the 13 th to the 29th. This movement gained momentum in its closing phase due to alarm in importing countries over the tightness of the existing freight situation. The principal cause of uneasiness appeared to be recurrent tension related to the international situation. Although Russian wheat was offered in considerable quantities, North America remained as the principal source of supply until the main movement from the Southern Hemisphere commences towards the beginning of the New Year. No. 1 Manitoba Northern cash quotations registered a net advance of $143 / 8 \phi$ per bushel for September to close at $\$ 1.42 \frac{1}{4}$. The October future mounted much less sharply by $93 / 8 \phi$ to $\$ 1.32 \frac{1}{4}$ with the result that the premium on cash wheat increased materially. Other grains with the exception of flax recorded increases which ranged generally between $5 \phi$ and $8 \phi$ per bushel. Flew showed little net change, fluctuating narrowly throughout the month.

| Dexcriptions (Basis, cash per bushel, | 1936 | 1937 | 1937 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fort William and Port Arthur) | September | August | September |
|  | Average | Averase | Average |
| No. 1 Manitoba Northern wheat | $\begin{gathered} \phi \\ 102.2 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \phi \\ 131.8 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \phi \\ 133.6 \end{array}$ |
| No. 2 C.TV. oats | 44.9 | 50.9 | 52.1 |
| No. 2 C.N. rye | 68.0 | 87.5 | 89.5 |
| No. 3 C.W. barley | 58.8 | 58.3 | 59.2 |
| No. 1 C.N. flax | 167.7 | 173.3 | 175.9 |

FLOUR AND MIITED FRODUCIS: Hour prices along with those for other milled products stiffened in the latter half of September, bringing them back to levels of midAugust. Domestic trade in flour was stimulated by rising prices, but export business remained dull.

| Descriptions | $\begin{gathered} 1936 \\ \text { September } 15 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $1937$ <br> August 15 | $\begin{gathered} 1937 \\ \text { September } 15 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Flour, No.l patent, Manitoba, | \$ | \$ | + |
| per barrel Montreal. | 6.40 | 8.10 | 7.60 |
| Rolled oats, Toronto, per 90 pounc bag | 3.15 | 3.68 | 3.54 |
| Oatmeal, Toronto, per 98 pound bag ......... | 3.41 | 3.95 | 3.80 |

SUGAR: Raw sugar markets drifted gradually lower during September with London quotations on an $f_{0} 0_{0}$ 。 basis declining from the equivalent of 1.15 cents to 1.095 cents per pound. United States raw quotations were affected by upward quota revisions announced on September 9. In trade circles the net figure were considered to be somewhat high. Small increases in refined quotations on the Canadian Pacific coast were announced in the third week of September.

| Descriptions | $\begin{gathered} 1936 \\ \text { September } 15 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1937 \\ \text { August } 15 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1937 \\ \text { September } 15 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$ | \$ | + |
| Granulated sugar, standard, per crit. | 4.61 | 5.09 | 5.09 |
|  | 4.50 | 4.93 | 5.00 |
| B.N.I. raw sugar, per cwt., Montreal | 1.85 | 2.33 | 2.25 |

RITBB RR: R Raw rubber prices turned decidodly weak in the latter half of September deapite an unusually large volume of physical absorption in the United States. August consumption in the United States at 41,456 tons was the smallest since February 1936, with roughly one-third of this being reclaimed rubber. The prospective statistical position remains the principal bearish feature, as current stocks are relatively low and tire inventories in the United Statos ara also said to be of moderate proportions.

| Descriptions | $1936$ <br> Septeraber Average | 1937 <br> August <br> Average | 1937 <br> September <br> Averase |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Raw rubber per pound at New York (Canadian funds) | ¢ | - |  |
| Standard latex crepe sheets ............... | 17.1 | 19.8 | 19.7 |
| Ceylon plantation ribbed smoked sheets | 16.5 | 18.5 | 18.6 |

IIVESTOCK: Oversupplies depressed cattle prices, although markets generally showed unusual powers of absorption. Trade was supported largely by export shipments and listterly as the weather coo.ed by heary movements to packers. Subsequent to higher prices
on the American side, calves moved upwaid. Hogs and lambs averaged lower. Harly British cables indicated firm bacon quotations but Canadian hog markets weakened as runs became heavies and dowato rlackened.


EGGG: As the weathe: became cooler and production declined, egg markets strengthened. Prices at Montreal and Tcronto rose sharply and subsequently quotations in the Prairies advanced also. Retail demand increased and eggs began moving from storage. Ais spot quotations reacied leve?.s 500 high to be supported by consumptiad demand, the movement out of storage gain monentum. British Columbia moved against the general trend as cupplios choro tore sugmented by plentiful receipts of pullet eggs.


3ITTHi: Bluter mancets mere barely cteady during September. Trade was dull with buyers not anxious to stuok up, and holders not pressing sales. Cold storage stocks of creamery butter were shown by the Agricultural. Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at $48: 9-0,81$ ? pombs on Sentemion 1 as compared with $40,391,382$ pounds on August i。

Descriptions
Jobbing price of finst grade crscinery prints per powal st
19.6
Saptember Avernge

Tloronto oo
26.6
25.9


1937 September Average
$\phi$ 28.1
28.7

Qunton: After a sligh reliy in eanly September, cotton prices eased and gradually recэdec to new lows for the season。 Offerings were heavy and the into-sight movement increased. Owing to more favourab?e weather conditions, grades improved and an upward revision of the crop forecast wac predicted. Prices of gray goods latterly were reported at icn levels and aill operations wore curtailod, but this apparently was insufficiont io prevent accumulation of goods.

|  | $1936$ <br> scptember | $1937$ <br> Augus t | 1937 <br> September |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Descriptions | - Arerage | Average | Average |
| Raw cotton, upland middling at New York per pound (Canadian funds) | $\begin{gathered} \phi \\ 22.3 \end{gathered}$ | $1.0 \mathrm{C} 4$ | $9.0$ |

SIIK: Political unsettiement in the F'ar Fast and reports indicating a 9.9 p.c. rise in the estimated Japanese spring ccoojn crop were conducive to easier raw silk prices. The New York market was further depressed by forecasts of United States mill consumption of about 30,000 bales as against 45,700 bales in September 1936. Considerable weakness followed the ennouncument that price limits had been Jixod at which levels steps to regulate prices would be taken by the Japanese Raw Silk Stabilization Committee.

| Descriptions | 1936 <br> September <br> HVerage | $195^{\circ}$ <br> Augus t <br> tverage | 1937 <br> September <br> нverage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Raw silk quoted on a 60-day basis per pound at New York(Canadian funds) | \% | \$ | \$ |
| Special grand XX 85 poc. 20.22. deniors | 1.68 | 1.89 | 1.83 |
| Special grand XX 83 poco $13-1.5$ deniers | 1., 76 | 2.10 | 2.07 |

WOOL: Easier quotations at primary centres disturbed the Canadian market sonewhat but declines were not so sharp as at London. Demand became more limited and dealers appeared hesitant about malking heavy forward commitments.

| Descriptions | $\begin{aligned} & 1936 \\ & \text { September } 15 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1937 \\ \text { August } 15 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1937 \\ \text { September } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | ¢ | ¢ |
| Raw wool in quantities of 20,000 pounds or more, f.o.b. Ontario points |  |  |  |
| Eastern, low, medium $\frac{1}{4}$ blood staples or 501s ....................................... | 21.0 | 31.0 | 30.0 |
| Weatern, semi-bright $\frac{3}{?}$ blood staple or $581_{8}-61^{\prime}$ | 22.0 | 27.0 | 25.0 |

IINBER $A N D$ TINBER: Freight rates and lack of shipping space continued to depress the Canadian lumber market. Overseas supplies were reportod ample with plentiful replacements available. Net business was lacking for British Columbia mills and curtalment of operstions was undor consideration. Reil forwardings to the Prairies and Hastern Canada deciined. August exports of B.C. lumber reached r record of 119:500,000 bd.ft. but were representative mostly of old orders.

| $\frac{\text { Descriptions }}{\text { Prico Index }}$ Numbors $1926=100$ | $\begin{gathered} 1936 \\ \text { Septembor } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1937 \\ \text { A농ust } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1937 \\ & \text { Septembor } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| White pine lumber | 91.3 | 102.7 | 102.7 |
| Spruce lumber | 82.8 | 98.9 | 97.0 |
| Fir lumber | 91.4 | 10402 | 95. 2 |
| codur lumber | 92.6 | 96.7 | 95.3 |

IRON AND STHEL: Steady domestic domand and firm prices obtrined in Canodian Iron and stoel minkets. Plant operntions were incroased but many mills wore reported as late with deliverics. Considerable orders for reinforcing brers cnd structural stocl wore placod and inquiry for buildersi supplies was sterdyo Dealers in scrap roportod scarcity of supplies with trade holding at good levelso

| Descriptions | $\begin{gathered} 1936 \\ \text { September } 15 \end{gathered} \frac{\$}{\$}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1937 \\ \text { musurit } \\ \$ \end{gathered}$ | $\frac{\begin{array}{c} 3.937 \\ \text { September } 15 \end{array}}{\$}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pig iron, foundry No. 1 per gross ton, carlots f.0.b. sellersl works ........... | 20.50 | 25.50 | 25.50 |
| No. 1 sorap iron per gross ton, delivered at Canadian foundry | 10.50 | 14.00 | 14.00 |

BUIIDING AND CONSTRUCTI ON MATBRIAIS: 1.913 ra 100
(See page 8 for these data on the base 1926:=100)

|  | 1936 |  | 1937 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sept. | May | June | Tuly | Aug. | Sept. |
| Building \& Construction Materials. | 128.0 | 145.9 | 143.7 | 143.1 | 142.5 | 240.4 |
|  | 12.0 .1 | 155.5 | 150.3 | 148.3 | 146.9 | 24206 |
| Painteral Materials | 120.2 | 132.9 | 132.1 | 131.7 | 131.5 | 131.4 |
| Miscellaneous ...................... | 132.4 | 14309 | 144.0 | 244.6 | 144.9 | 144.3 |

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I. Articles of Tarm Onigia (Dumestic and Furef gn)
A。 Fiole (Grainc, fruits, cotton, etc.)
(a) Raw and parily marufactured
(b) Funly and chiefly manufactured

| 95 | 63.8 | 70.4 | 91.0 | 80.4 | 79.8 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 91 | 73.8 | 75.5 | 87.0 | 84.7 | 83.0 |
| 186 | 69.2 | 73.1 | 88.8 | 82.7 | 81.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 46 | 73.6 | 72.9 | 81.8 | 82.7 | 84.9 |
| 59 | 73.4 | 73.9 | 76.3 | 78.6 | 78.6 |
| 105 | 72.4 | 73.5 | 78.7 | 80.4 | 81.3 |

B. Animal.
(a) Raw and partiy manufactured
(b) Iully and chiefly manufactured
C. Canadtan Fama Products
(1) Fiold (grains, etc.)
(2) Animal

| 65.8 | 74.2 | 97.7 | 84.6 | 84.8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 75.3 | 74.7 | 83.9 | 85.5 | 88.4 |
| 69.4 | 74.4 | 92.5 | 84.9 | 86.1 |

II. Articles of Marine Origin
(a) Raw and partly manufactured
(b) Thlly and chiofly manufactured
(c) Total

| 5 | 67.1 | 73.6 | 67.9 | 83.0 | 85.8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 11 | 70.1 | 71.2 | 72.4 | 70.9 | 73.4 |
| 16 | 69.3 | 71.8 | 71.2 | 74.2 | 76.7 |

III. Articlea of Ticrest Origin
(a) Raw and partiy mawufactured
(b) Fuily and chiefly manufactured
(c) Total
IV. Articles of Mineral Origin
(a) Raw and partly manufactured
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured
(c) Total

PORTIS AND EXPURT! OLASSIFTCATION Imports
Experts

| 79.9 | 79.9 | 86.1 | 86.2 | 85.7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 85.2 | 85.3 | 92.8 | 93.1 | 93.1 |
| 82.8 | 82.9 | 89.8 | 90.0 | 89.8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 79.4 | 80.8 | 92.9 | 92.4 | 91.9 |
| 66.8 | 70.4 | 85.8 | 81.0 | 80.5 |

# (Classified According to Ohief Component Materials) 

(1926 $=100$ )

|  | Commodity | No. of <br> Price <br> Series | :Yearly <br> :Average <br> : 1936 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { : sept. } \\ & \vdots \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} : & \text { July } \\ : & 1937 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & 1937 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1937 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I. | Total Index | 567 | 74.6 | 76.4 | 87.5 | 85.6 | 85.0 |
|  | Vegetable Products | 135 | 72.6 | 77.4 | 95.3 | 87.7 | 86.6 |
|  | Truits | 25 | 79.0 | 82.8 | 103.0 | 99.2 | 94.6 |
|  | Fresh | 4 | 80.4 | 85.1 | 112.1 | 107.1 | 101.5 |
|  | Dried | 5 | 81.4 | 82.1 | 85.0 | 84.6 | 82.7 |
|  | Canned | 6 | 67.9 | 69.9 | 66.1 | 66.0 | 65.4 |
|  | Grains | 23 | 66.3 | 75.3 | 102.5 | 39.7 | 90.4 |
|  | Flour and Milled Products | 12 | 75.5 | 80.8 | 107.5 | 98.4 | 93.2 |
|  | Bakery Products | 2 | 84.0 | 85.2 | 92.5 | 94.0 | 94.0 |
|  | Vogetable Oils | 8 | 74.5 | 76.8 | 78.5 | 76.7 | 77.5 |
|  | Rubber and Its Products | 9 | 58.4 | 58.2 | 63.5 | 63.2 | 64.6 |
|  | Sugar and Its Products and GIuoose | 8 | 79.6 | 79.4 | 87.9 | 87.8 | 87.8 |
|  | Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices | 15 | 73.2 | 73.2 | 79.4 | 79.8 | 79.9 |
|  | Tobacco | 8 | 48.9 | 48.3 | 55.5 | 55.5 | 55.5 |
|  | Vegetables | 13 | 69.7 | 73.7 | 73.2 | 54.3 | 47.1 |
|  | Miscolianeous | 22 | 60.1 | 62.0 | 67.1 | 66.6 | 66.8 |
| II. | Animale and Their Products | 76 | 71.8 | 73.4 | 78.8 | 81.0 | 81.7 |
|  | Fishery Products | 16 | 72.1 | 75.2 | 72.8 | $\because 7.6$ | 79.9 |
|  | Furs | 9 | 59.8 | 58.8 | 67.? | 67.2 | 64.3 |
|  | Hides end Skins | 6 | 80.4 | 77.5 | 99.4 | 107.2 | 107.2 |
|  | Leather, Umanufactured | 9 | 87.1 | 86.4 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
|  | Boots and Shoes | 2 | 88.4 | 88.7 | 95.1 | 95.1 | 95.1 |
|  | Live Stock | 4 | 72.5 | 72.1 | 101.6 | 204.1 | 100.1 |
|  | Meats and Poultry | 10 | 70.0 | 70.7 | 81.5 | 86.9 | 84.7 |
|  | Milk and Its Products | 12 | 71.0 | 74.2 | 75.5 | 1405 | 77.7 |
|  | Fats | 5 | 69.9 | 72.6 | 75.7 | - 5.9 | 74.2 |
|  | Hggs | 3 | 67.3 | 66.9 | 62.0 | 64.8 | 71.6 |

III. Fibres, Textiles and

Textile Products
Cotton, ram
Cotton Yarn and Thread
Cotton Fabrics
Knit Goods
Sash Cord
Hlax, Hemp and Jute Products
Silk, raw
Silk Thread and Yarn
Silk Hosiery
Silk Fabrics
Artificial Silk Froducts
Tool, Yam
Wool,Yarns
Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods
Wool Blankets
Wool Cloth
Caxpete

| 85 | 69.6 | 69.6 | 74.6 | 73.8 | 71.5 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2 | 71.1 | 72.1 | 74.8 | 63.7 | 53.9 |
| 5 | 82.7 | 83.2 | 83.7 | 83.4 | 83.1 |
| 19 | 72.6 | 73.6 | 79.3 | 79.3 | 76.2 |
| 3 | 82.3 | 82.3 | 84.6 | 84.6 | 85.0 |
| 1 | 93.5 | 93.5 | 93.5 | 93.5 | 93.5 |
| 10 | 46.3 | 44.5 | 52.0 | 52.1 | 47.9 |
| 9 | 28.8 | 27.2 | 32.3 | 30.9 | 30.2 |
| 2 | 62.3 | 62.3 | 64.6 | 64.6 | 64.6 |
| 2 | 65.8 | 65.3 | 65.3 | 65.3 | 65.3 |
| 4 | 45.5 | 44.6 | 48.0 | 48.0 | 48.0 |
| 5 | 46.2 | 45.8 | 42.8 | 42.8 | 42.8 |
| 3 | 68.1 | 69.4 | 98.0 | 96.0 | 90.7 |
| 6 | 85.1 | 85.2 | 93.5 | 93.7 | 93.0 |
| 5 | 86.8 | 87.0 | 88.8 | 88.8 | 89.7 |
| 1 | 81.3 | 79.6 | 103.1 | 103.1 | 103.1 |
| 6 | 78.3 | 77.5 | 84.4 | 84.4 | 82.8 |
| 2 | 90.6 | 90.4 | 92.1 | 92.1 | 97.1 |


|  |  | No. of : Price : Series: | Yearly: <br> Average: $3.936$ | Sop\%: $2936:$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 2.937 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & 1937 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1937 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Wood, Mood Products and Paper | 49 | 68.5 | 68.8 | 78.0 | 77.9 | 77.0 |
|  | Newsprint | 2 | 55.4 | 55.3 | 58.2 | 58.2 | 58.2 |
|  | Lumber | 33 | 86.3 | 87.0 | 99.9 | 99.0 | 96.1 |
|  | Pulp | 3 | 68.3 | 69.2 | 89.9 | 91.0 | 91.5 |
|  | Furriture | 20 | 69.5 | 69.3 | 80. 7 | 80.7 | 81.0 |
|  | Matches | 1 | 77.4 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.9 |
| จ. | Iron and Its Products | 44 | 88.0 | 88.2 | 104.1 | 204.8 | 105.4 |
|  | Pj. Eron and Steel Billetr |  | 83.3 | 83.0 | 103.8 | 203.2 | 103.2 |
|  | Hoillng kill Eroducts | 14 | 930 | 92.9 | 210.6 | 111.9 | 111.9 |
|  | pipo (Cast İon and Steel) | 2 | 85.1 | 85.2 | 100.3 | 100.3 | 100.3 |
|  | Hardware | 26 | 85.3 | 86.0 | 92.4 | 91.4 | 91.4 |
|  | Wire | 3 | 87.2 | 86.8 | 103.2 | 103.? | 103.2 |
|  | Scrap | , | 62.2 | 66.7 | 81.7 | 81.7 | 91.3 |
|  | Miscellanecus | 1 | 95.0 | 95.0 | 13.25 | 112.5 | 112.5 |
| VI. | Non-yezrous Metals and Thetr Producte | 2.8 | 70.0 | 70.2 | 85.6 | 86.1 | 83.2 |
|  | Aluminiun | 2 | 81.6 | 83.8 | 93.9 | 93.9 | 93.9 |
|  | Antimons | 2 | 80.3 | 75.3 | 88.6 | 90.1 | 100.4 |
|  | Brase and Copper Produats | 6 | 68.3 | 69.4 | 97.7 | 97.9 | 93.9 |
|  | Lead and Its Products | 2 | 57.5 | 58.2 | 73.0 | 70.9 | 66.3 |
|  | Silver | 1 | 7.2 .6 | 72.2 | 72.3 | 72.3 | 72.3 |
|  | Tin Tageds | 2 | 73.4 | 6S.? | 90.5 | S2. 3 | 90.6 |
|  | zinc anc Its Producta | 2 | 47.1 | 44.2 | 63.3 | 68.0 | 61.8 |
|  | Solde\% | 1 | 78.8 | 77.3 | 92.7 | 32.7 | 92.7 |
| VII. | Non-Metallio Mineral.s and Thets Prodicts | 83 | 85.5 | 85.4 | 87.0 | 87.0 | 87.2 |
|  | Clay and Alited Material Producta | - 10 | 88.0 | 87.4 | 88.2 | 88.2 | 88.2 |
|  | Potさery | 2. | 90.9 | 93.5 | 93.5 | 93.5 | 96.6 |
|  | Coal | 13 | 91.05 | 91.7 | 92.6 | 92.6 | 93.1 |
|  | Coke | 5 | 94.5 | 93.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 |
|  | Manufactured Gas | 3 | 98.0 | 98.0 | 98.0 | 98.0 | 98.0 |
|  | Coal mar | 1 | 111.7 | 713 ¢ | 94.7 | 94.7 | 94.7 |
|  | Glass and Ita Products | 6 | 77.1 | 75.8 | 84.0 | 84.0 | 84.0 |
|  | Petioloven Products | 6 | 73.4 | 73.6 | 74.8 | 74.8 | 74.8 |
|  | Asphalt | 2 | 91.4 | 91.4 | 9.2 .6 | 90.6 | 90.6 |
|  | Sal | 4 | 80.6 | 77.7 | 77.1 | 77.7 | 77.7 |
|  | Sulphrus | I | 94.0 | 93.8 | 98.3 | 98.1 | 98.1 |
|  | Plastur | 3 | 171.3 | 112.2 | 215.? | 125.1 | 115.1 |
|  | Lime | 4 | 104.5 | 105.7 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.2 |
|  | Cement | 2 | 105.8 | 106.2 | 105.2 | 105.2 | 106.2 |
|  | Sand and Gzavel. | 8 | 92.4 | 91.4 | 97.4 | 91.4 | 91.4 |
|  | Crushes Stone | 3 | 83.6 | 85.8 | 85.3 | 85.8 | 85.8 |
|  | Building 8tons | 3 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 64.3 |
|  | Asberios | 8 | 75.8 | 75.8 | 75.8 | 75.8 | 75.8 |
| VIII。 | Chemicais and Alliod Produots | 77 | 78.0 | 78.5 | 81.7 | 81.8 | 81.7 |
|  | Inorganto Cheratcals | 22 | 88.6 | 88.7 | 87.5 | 87.9 | 87.9 |
|  | Organic Chemicals | 6 | 75.5 | $\%{ }_{6} 7$ | 84.5 | 84.6 | 84.6 |
|  | Coad Tar Products | 2 | $88^{\circ} 5$ | 89.3 | 93.4 | 93.4 | 93.4 |
|  | Dyeing and Tanning Materials | 1.0 | 104,5 | 103.9 | 106.0 | 206.6 | 106.6 |
|  | Explosiven | 2 | 77.5 | 76.4 | 76.4 | 76.4 | 74.7 |
|  | Pajnt Materdais | 9 | 63.9 | 68.6 | 77.7 | 77.7 | 77.7 |
|  | Painte Rrepared | 2 | 55.5 | 67.2 | 74.1 | 74.1 | 74.1 |
|  | Druge anz Fkarmaceutical Chenticala | 10 | 74.7 | 75.3 | 75.3 | 75.5 | 75.5 |
|  | Bervifizera | 10 | 7. 5 | 74.3 | 74.5 | 74.5 | 74.5 |
|  | Industrial Gueos | 2 | 92.4 | 94.9 | 93.4 | 94.8 | 94.3 |
|  | Scay | 2 | 85.4 | 85.4 | 9 9.9 | 91.9 | 91.9 |

INOEX NUMBERS OF COMMODTTIES
(Classiried Ascording to Purpose for which used)
(1926=100)


$x$ Canadian Funds.

THOLRSALE PRICR
INDEX NNABYRS
1936 AND 1937
$(1926-100)$


(Calculations based on prices for the first of each month.)
The Dominion Buiseau of Statistics index number of retail prices, rents and costs of services on the base 1926: 200 , fell from 83.6 in August to 83.4 in September as a result of reduced food prices.

An index including foods, clothing, coal, coke, household furnishings, tobacco, etc., receded from 79.4 to 78.9 . If foods be removed from this index, it shows a decline from 79.7 to 79.4 .

The food index moved down from 79.1 to 78.3 , reductions for beef and vegetables exerting more influence than a lengthier list of conmodities recording moderate gains, including butter, cggs, cheesa, tea, coffee and pork. This marks the first appreciable decrease in food prices during 1937, and it comes at a time of year when seasonal advances usually cause the inder to move upward, Sirloin beef fell from 29.0 $\phi$ to $27.4 \phi$, and shoulder beel from $1502 \phi$ to 14 c $7 \phi$ per pound. The following declines were notod in canned vegetables: Tomatore from $13.4 \phi$ to $13.1 \phi$. peas from $12.3 \phi$ to $11.9 \phi$ and corn from $12.3 \phi$ to $12.1 \phi$. Potatoes registered a seasonal recession from $30.6 \phi$ to $22.7 \phi$ per peck, while onions fell from $5.5 \phi$ to $4.7 \phi$ per pound. Grade "A" eggs rose from $32.2 \phi$ to $34.5 \phi$ per dozen, while an average of Grace " $B$ " and " $C^{1 i}$ eggs was $28,8 \phi$ per dozen as compared with $26.7 \phi$ for the previous month. Creamery butter increased from $30.8 \phi$ to $3104 \phi$, and dairy butter from $26.6 \phi$ to $27.3 \phi$ per pound. Tea and coffeo were fractionally higher at $54.8 \phi$ and $35.9 \phi$ per pound. raspectively, while cheese moved up from $23.0 \phi$ to $23.3 \phi$ per pound.

Noderate seasonal advances in the prices of coal and coke caused a slight rise in the fuel index from 84.6 to 84.7 . The coal index showed an advance from 83.9 to 84.0, while coke rose from 85.8 to 86.2 . The trend in fuel prices has been downard. since 1921, at which time the index stood at 109.2.

IADEX NUMBERS JF RETAIL FRICES, RENTS, AND COSTS OF SERVICES, 1913-SEPTMMBER, 1937
(1926:100)

|  |  | Total <br> Index | Food <br> Index | Fuel <br> Index | Rent <br> Index | Clothing <br> Index | Sundries Index | - Retail <br> : Prices <br> - Index <br> : (Joods, <br> : Fuel, <br> : Househol <br> : Require- <br> : ments, <br> : etc.) | - Retail <br> : Prices <br> : Index <br> : (Fruel, <br> : Clothing <br> : Hous ehola <br> : Require- <br> : ments, <br> : etc.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1913 | ......... | 65.4 | 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 | $\log _{6} 2$ | 94.2 | 124.7 | 106.0 | - | - |
| 1922 |  | 100.0 | 91.4 | 104.6 | 98.1 | 105.7 | 106.0 | - | - |
| 1923 |  | 100.0 | 92.1 | 104.6 | 100.6 | 104.4 | 105.3 | - | - |
| 1924 |  | 98.0 | 90.7 | 102.0 | 101.3 | 101.9 | 103.3 | - | - |
| 1925 |  | 99.3 | 94.7 | 100.0 | 101.3 | 101.9 | 101.3 | - | - |
| 1926 |  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 1927 |  | 98.4 | 98.1 | 97.9 | 98.8 | 97.5 | 99.1 | 97.9 | 97.9 |
| 1928 |  | 98.9 | 98.6 | 96.9 | 101.2 | 97.4 | 98.8 | 97.9 | 97.3 |
| 1929 |  | 99.9 | 101.0 | 96.4 | 103.3 | 96.9 | 99.0 | 98.9 | 96.9 |
| 1930 | ........ | 99.2 | 98.6 | 95.7 | 105.9 | 93.9 | 99.4 | 96.7 | 94.9 |
| 1931 |  | 89.6 | 77.3 | 94.2 | 103.0 | 82.2 | 97.4 | 82.5 | 87.3 |
| 1932 |  | 81.3 | 64.3 | 91.4 | 94.7 | 72.3 | 94.6 | 72.6 | 8 c .3 |
| 1933 |  | 77.5 | 63.7 | 87.7 | 85.1 | 67.1 | 92.6 | 70.1 | 76.2 |
| 1934 |  | 78.6 | 69.4 | 87.7 | 80.1 | 69.7 | 92.1 | 73.7 | 77.7 |
| 1935 |  | 79.1 | 70.4 | 86.8 | 81.3 | 69.9 | 92.2 | 74.1 | 77.5 |
| 1936 | September | 81.1 | 75. 3 | 86.1 | 83.8 | 70.6 | 92.2 | 76.6 | 78.0 |
|  | October. | 81.1 | 74.4 | 86.3 | 84.9 | 70.6 | 92.1 | 76.3 | 78.0 |
|  | November. | 81.4 | 75.0 | 86.7 | 84.9 | 70.6 | 92.2 | 76.6 | 78.1 |
|  | December. | 81.7 | 75.3 | 86.7 | 84.9 | 71.6 | 92.3 | 77.1 | 78.7 |
| 1937 | January.. | 81.6 | 75.2 | 86.5 | 84.9 | 71.6 | 92.3 | 77.0 | 78.7 |
|  | Fobruary. | 81.7 | 75.6 | 86.6 | 84.9 | 71.6 | 92.3 | 77.2 | 78.7 |
|  | March ... | 82.0 | 75.7 | 86.6 | 84.9 | 72.6 | 92.5 | 77.7 | 79.5 |
|  | April... | 82.2 | 76.3 | 86.6 | 84.9 | 72.6 | 92.6 | 77.9 | 79.5 |
|  | May ..... | 82.8 | 76.6 | 86.1 | 87.3 | 72.6 | 92.6 | 78.0 | 79.4 |
|  | June .... | 82.7 | 76.4 | 84.2 | 87.3 | 72.9 | 93.0 | 78.0 | 79.5 |
|  | July .... | 83.0 | 77.2 | 83.9 | 87.3 | 72.9 | 93.1 | 78.4 | 79.5 |
|  | Auçst .. | 83.6 | 79.1 | 84.6 | 87.3 | 72.9 | 93.1 | 79.4 | 79.7 |
|  | September | 83.4 | 78.3 | 84.7 | 81.3 | 72.9 | 93.1 | 78.9 | 79.4 |

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 Miscellaneous group. Difficulties in obtaining these data promptly cause revisions to be ofter one of two months late。

















| Year end <br> Menth | Bread (Pound) | Flour <br> (Pound) | : Rclled <br> - Oats <br> : (Pcund) | Rice (Pound) | Beans (Pound) | - Apples <br> : Evapor- <br> : ated <br> : (Pound) | Prunes (Pound) | Sugar <br> Granu- <br> lated <br> : (Pound) | : Sugar <br> : Yellow <br> : (Pcund) | Tea (Pound) | Coffee (Pound) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Potatoes } \\ \text { (Peck) } \end{gathered}$ | Vinegar (Pint) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1935 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Januery | 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 | 5.2 | 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 | 16.6 | 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 | 15.7 | 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 w |
| April | 5.8 | 3.4 | 5.1 | 7.8 | 5.0 | 15.8 | 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 | 6.1 | 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 |
| Norember | 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 | 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 |
| 1937 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| June | 6.7 | 4.5 | 5.8 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 15.7 | 11.7 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 52.5 | 35.7 | 30.0 | 6.9 |
| July | 6.7 | 4.5 | 5.8 | 8.1 | 7.8 | 15.7 | 11.8 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 53.4 | 35.7 | 28.0 | 7.0 |
| August | 6.7 | 4.7 | 6.0 | 8.2 | 7.6 | 15.5 | 11.8 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 54.3 | 35.5 | 30.6 | 6.9 |
| September | 6.8 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 8.2 | 7.5 | 15.4 | 12.0 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 54.8 | 35.9 | 22.7 | 6.9 |





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## INVESTONS TMUEX NUNBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

The recession in Canadian common stock prices which began about the midde of August gained monentum in September. reflecting weakness on New York and London markets. Several sharp breaks accomparied by heavy liquidation occurred during the month and, although they were folloned by minor reactions, comon stock averages receded to levels of a year ago. All ind:strial. groups coclined, with severe losses being recorded for industrial mines, builaing materials, machinery and equipment, beverages and oils. Utilities showad mone resistancs to the downward trend than industrials. Although power and traction issues led the decline in this group, they showed considerable resistance in its later phases. The Investors? inder for 96 stocks declined from 135.2 in August to 118.9 in September. Jndustrials foil 28.3 points to 193.3 , utilities 7.8 to 57.4 and banks 5.0 to 84.9 .

## WREKII TNDEX. NTABERS OF A 4 MINING STOCKS

## Mining stocks followed practically the sane course as industrials during

September. The index for twenty foum mines declined sharply from 140.5 on September 1 to 119.3 on September 24, the lowest level since November 1935. Marked rallies occurred between September 14 and 26 and in the fina? week of the month when the index closed at 130.4. The downard movement of pricca was accorpanied by the heaviest trading since April. Baso metals consistently receded each week as metal comodity markets declined. Gold issuos were roiat.. 23. Tho Burecuis monthly indox for twonty-four mining issues for Soptomber wes 127.6 as comparod with 146 ? ? for the precoding ronth, Baso metrls dropped 62.9 points to 224.5 and golds 900 to 103.5. Aypexjut below is a table of prices for the weeks of September 30 and September 2, 1937.

| GOT.DS |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sept 30 | Septi 2 |  | Sept. 30 | Sept. 2 |
| Beattie | \$1.06 | \$1.16 | Macasse co.n........ | \$4.64 | \$5.62 |
| Bralorne ............ | 7.43 | 7.75 | Mcintyra | 34.71 | 34.71 |
| Buffalo-Ankerite ... | 9.45 | 10.83 | Pickie Grow | 4.87 | 5.55 |
| Central Patricia.... | 2.19 | 2.63 | Pioneer ... | 3.37 | 4.05 |
| Dome ................. | 43.32 | 40.31 | Reno ...... | . 77 | . 88 |
| God's Lake ......... | . 50 | . 00 | San Antonio | 1.33 | 1.52 |
| Hollinger | 11.25 | 11.98 | Siscoe | 3.06 | 3.68 |
| Howey ... | -32. | 35 | Syivanite | 2.83 | 3.06 |
| Kirkland Iake ...... | 1.29 | 1.25 | Teck-Hughes | 4.84 | 5.29 |
| Lake Shore......... | 43.66 | 50.4? | Wright-Hargreaves . | 6.39 | 6.67 |
| Little Long Lac.o. | 4.62 | 5.27 |  |  |  |
| BASU M |  |  |  |  |  |
| ralconbridge ....... | 5.72 | $7 \cdot+3$ | Norende. | 49.79 | 60.91 |
| Hudson Bay ......... | 23.42 | 30.71 |  |  |  |

## PRBFBRRIE STOTTS

The index number for tirenty-five preferred stocks was down 1.005 points in September, being 91.0 as compared with 101.5 in August. This is the sharpest setback since October, 1930, nearly evcry stock on the last being affected. The following showed the most noticeable declines: Abitibj. Power and Paper which fell from 59.9 to 40.4 , Canada Cement from 108.9 to 104.7. Canadian Car and. Foundry from 26.2 to 22.9, Canadian Hydro-Electric from 92.4 to 85.4 , Massey-Harris from 55.4 to 45.6 , Moore A from 180.4 to 164.6, St, Lawrence Gorporation A from 34.2. to 22.3. Stee]. of Canada from 80.9 to 68.7 and Tuckett Tobacco from 257.0 to 148 c 3.

## INDFX NUMBERS OF 25 PRHFERRED STOCKS <br> (927. 1937 <br> (1926.200)

Jan. Febe Mar. Apr. Nay June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

| 1929 |
| :--- |
| 1930 |
| 1931 |$\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. 107.4 108. $106.8104 .3104 .3104 .5104 .8 \quad 105.6 \quad 105.1 \quad 102.9 \quad \overline{99.8} \overline{100.4}$ $\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrr}107.4 \\ 97.9 & 98.8 & 100.0 & 103.4 & 102.6 & 99.5 & 97.4 & 97.1 & 96.2 & 83.4 & 81.9 & 82.5\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllllllllll}83.2 & 83.4 & 84.2 & 78.8 & 73.8 & 72.6 & 71.8 & 69.1 & 64.2 & 63.9 & 66.5 & 63.0\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllllllllll}57.2 & 58.8 & 58.0 & 55.4 & 48.4 & 4502 & 49.5 & 52.9 & 53.4 & 52.9 & 52.2 & 50.2\end{array}$ $49.6 \quad 49.6 \quad 47.3 \quad 47.2 \quad 54.6 \quad 58.5 \quad 61.9 \quad 61.7 \quad 61.0159 .759 .1 \quad 60.2$ $\begin{array}{llllllllllll}64.1 & 66.5 & 67.3 & 68.5 & 68.7 & 68.4 & 68.1 & 67.3 & 67.4 & 69.5 & 70.6 & 71.4\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllllllllll}73.5 & 73.8 & 71.2 & 69.2 & 68.4 & 68.4 & 69.6 & 70.9 & 69.2 & 69.5 & 72.5 & 73.8\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllllllllllll}74.9 & 77.2 & 76.3 & 76.0 & 74.6 & 76.2 & 79.5 & 80.6 & 83.8 & 86.8 & 91.1 & 93.9\end{array}$



INVESTORS' MONTHLY INDEX NUBERS OF COMDN STOCKS
$1926=100$









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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number of } \\ & \text { Stocks } \\ & 1937 \end{aligned}$ | Gold 21 | : | Base Metal 3 | : | Total <br> Index 24 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1923-\frac{\text { High }}{\text { Low }} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 137.2 \\ 75.4 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 322.2 \\ & 105.7 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 138.6 \\ & 107.3 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { xi229 - } \\ \text { High } \\ \text { Low } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 89.7 \\ & 52.7 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 318.0 \\ & 157.3 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 127.9 \\ 72.6 \end{array}$ |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { Xi970 }-\frac{\text { High }}{\text { LOW }} \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 66.7 \\ & 53.3 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 203.1 \\ 56.4 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 88.3 \\ & 56.7 \end{aligned}$ |
| x1931 … High | $\begin{aligned} & 79.5 \\ & 54.4 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 108.3 \\ 49.9 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 85.4 \\ & 54.8 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { x } 197 ?: \text { High } \\ \text { Low } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 63.1 \\ & 48.5 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 82.3 \\ & 42.5 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 64.8 \\ & 46.8 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { x1932 - Kigh } \\ \text { Low } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 111.9 \\ 64.9 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 144.1 \\ 68.2 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 116.7 \\ 65.1 \end{array}$ |
| $\pm 1924-\underset{\text { High }}{\text { Low }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 140.1 \\ & 103.1 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 167.6 \\ & 125.0 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 143.3 \\ & 107.3 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 131.2 \\ & 104.7 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 211.7 \\ & 128.6 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 136.7 \\ & 114.9 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\times 1936 \cdots \text { High }$ | $\begin{aligned} & 136.2 \\ & 118.3 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 322.1 \\ & 205.5 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 170.3 \\ & 135.4 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\frac{1936}{4 p x_{i 1}}$ | 122.8 |  | 241.1 |  | 145.8 |
| Mey | 128.9 |  | 239.2 |  | 150.3 |
| June | 134.4 |  | 246.0 |  | 156.1 |
| duly | 134.4 |  | 254.1 |  | 157.6 |
| Eugust | 132.6 |  | 264.0 |  | 158.1 |
| -ramber | 131.2 |  | 267.1 |  | 157.6 |
| Jetober | 126.4 |  | 289.4 |  | 158.2 |
| November | 131.8 |  | 312.5 |  | 167.0 |
| December | 131.3 |  | 317.8 |  | 167.7 |
| $\frac{1957}{\text { Sonuary }}$ | 137.5 |  | 329.6 |  | 174.6 |
| Hebruary | 139.4 |  | 344.8 |  | 177.2 |
| March | 133.0 |  | 340.5 |  | 172.6 |
| ancil | 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 |  | 241.8 |
| August | 112.5 |  | 287.4 |  | 146.2 |
| Sapteraber | 103.5 |  | 224.5 |  | 127.6 |
| Weekly Index Numbera |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 110.9 \\ & 104.4 \\ & 101.1 \\ & 104.2 \\ & 104.2 \\ & 110.0 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 266.3 \\ & 243.4 \\ & 229.6 \\ & 224 \cdot 3 \\ & 209.9 \\ & 210.3 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 141.1 \\ & 131.5 \\ & 126.3 \\ & 127.9 \\ & 125.1 \\ & 129.7 \end{aligned}$ |

5. Teckly figures.

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The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices, on the base $1926=100$, fell from 115.5 for August to 115.3 for September. Although trading was still on the light side, the turnover more than doubled that of the previous month. Nervousness, attributed to war fears and to warning signals related to fall business, gripped the major stock markets, and this, in turn, apparently was reflected in bonds. The decline was gradual in the first half of the month but became more precipitate in the fiuE? two weaks. British Consols were slightly lower, drifting from $745 / 16$ for the last day of August to $737 / 8$ for the last day of September, and the Dow-Jones average of 40 high-grade United Statos bonds decreased from 100.07 to 97.62 in the same period. Among the Provincials, Manitobas were a little firmer but tho other issues were steady to soft, in the main. The index of Dominion of Canada longterm bond yields rose from 68.1 for August to 68.3 for Septomber. The avorage yield of the issues used in this index was 3.31 for tho last day of September as compared with 3.25 for the last day of August, and 3.06 for a year ago. Representative Ontario bonds averaged 3.44 for the month, according to information received from Messra. Wood, Gundy and Co. Ltd., and tho index of yields doclinod from 72.2 to 71.8 .

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

|  | 1929 | $\frac{1930}{99.0}$ | $\frac{1931}{103.1}$ | $\frac{1932}{94.1}$ | $\frac{1933}{103.3}$ | $\frac{1934}{104.6}$ | $\frac{1935}{195.9}$ | $\frac{1936}{113.6}$ | $\frac{1937}{117.7}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| January | 101.4 | 99.3 | 103.1 | 94.9 | 103.4 | 105.4 | 114.2 | 115.0 | 115.3 |
| February | 101.0 | 99.3 | 99.2 | 99.9 | 103.7 | 96.4 | 102.1 | 107.9 | 115.0 |
| March | 900.0 | 100.5 | 104.5 | 96.2 | 102.9 | 109.4 | 114.5 | 115.7 | 112.9 |
| Apri1 | 100.0 | 100.9 | 104.0 | 96.3 | 103.8 | 110.3 | 115.2 | 115.9 | 113.8 |
| May | 98.3 | 101.0 | 105.4 | 94.6 | 104.9 | 110.4 | 114.2 | 117.0 | 114.9 |
| June | 98.3 | 101.2 | 105.3 | 97.0 | 104.8 | 111.1 | 114.5 | 118.0 | 115.1 |
| July | 99.3 | 102.1 | 105.3 | 101.0 | 105.6 | 112.3 | 114.8 | 119.1 | 115.5 |
| August | 99.0 | 103.0 | 102.1 | 101.8 | 105.7 | 112.6 | 110.9 | 119.1 | 115.3 |
| September | 98.2 | 103.2 | 98.1 | 103.8 | 105.0 | 111.1 | 110.2 | 117.1 | - |
| Ootober | 98.7 | 103.2 | 97.4 | 102.6 | 104.2 | 112.2 | 111.5 | 117.6 | - |
| November | 99.4 | 103.1 | 95.5 | 101.2 | 103.6 | 115.2 | 112.5 | 118.2 | - |

MONIKITY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OT CANADA IONG-TTERM BOND YIET,DS, 1929-1937. (From data issued by A.E. Ames and Company Ltd.)

|  | $\frac{1929}{97.3}$ | $\frac{1020}{102.1}$ | $\frac{1931}{93.9}$ | $\frac{1932}{112.7}$ | $\frac{1933}{96.3}$ | $\frac{1934}{93.2}$ | $\frac{1935}{70.9}$ | $\frac{1936}{72.4}$ | $\frac{1937}{64.6}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| January | 98.3 | 101.4 | 93.6 | 112.2 | 96.0 | 91.0 | 73.2 | 70.8 | 68.4 |
| February | 102.3 | 101.1 | 91.9 | 109.1 | 97.7 | 86.1 | 71.4 | 69.9 | 72.7 |
| March | 100.9 | 99.3 | 90.0 | 109.8 | 96.6 | 83.8 | 72.2 | 69.5 | 73.2 |
| Apri1 | 100.2 | 98.4 | 89.3 | 109.3 | 95.0 | 81.8 | 71.4 | 68.8 | 71.0 |
| May | 104.0 | 98.2 | 88.3 | 111.7 | 93.3 | 82.1 | 73.4 | 66.9 | 69.3 |
| June | 104.0 | 98.0 | 88.3 | 107.5 | 93.5 | 80.1 | 72.1 | 65.1 | 69.0 |
| July | 102.0 | 95.9 | 88.3 | 100.5 | 92.2 | 77.8 | 71.6 | 63.2 | 68.1 |
| August | 102.8 | 93.9 | 95.5 | 98.7 | 92.4 | 77.2 | 79.8 | 63.1 | 68.3 |
| September | 103.7 | 93.6 | 105.2 | 96.2 | 93.5 | 79.3 | 78.9 | 66.2 | - |
| October | 103.3 | 93.6 | 107.7 | 98.5 | 94.3 | 77.2 | 74.5 | 65.1 | - |
| November | 101.4 | 93.9 | 111.7 | 99.4 | 95.1 | 71.3 | 75.5 | 64.1 | - |

WEPKIY INDEX NUMBERS ${ }^{\text {X }} 1237^{\circ}$

| Date | Prices | Yields |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| July 1 | 115.0 | 69.1 |
| 8 | 115.1 | 69.1 |
| 15 | 115.0 | 69.2 |
| 22 | 115.0 | 69.0 |
| 29 | 115.1 | 68.8 |
| Aug. 5 | 115.2 | 68.8 |
| 12 | 115.5 | 68.2 |
| 19 | 115.8 | 67.7 |
| 26 | 115.5 | 68.2 |
| Sept. 2 | 115.7 | 67.7 |
| 9 | 115.7 | 67.7 |
| 16 | 115.5 | 68.1 |
| 23 | 215.4 | 68.4 |
| 30 | 114.7 | 69.2 |

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

NOTE: The noon rates in Canadian Funds upon which these averages are based have beon supplied by the Bank of Canade

(2) Italian lira devalued by 40.93 p.c. October 5 content established between 43 to 49 milligrammes from Oct. 1, 1936 to June 29 , 1937. $10 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. of its former nominal doliar parity. (4) Holland ranc devalued September 26 - No value fixed but held temporarily at rate within guilder yet estatished. (5) Czecho-Slovakian crown devalued Octod gold standard September 26 - No definite stabilization level for the Dutch of February, 1934.

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(1926=100)



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