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## PRICE MOVEMENTS, OCTOBER, 1938.

## COMMODITIES

Wholesale commodity prices duifted lower during october and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index fell from 74.5 for the week ending September 30 to 73.9 for the week ending October 28. This was a new low since July 1936, and slightly more than 12.5 p.c. below the corresponding period of last year. Five of the eight major groups receded, while advances predominated in Wood, Non-Ferrous Metals and Chemicals. The grain index declined from 47.1 to 43.2 which compared with 92.7 for the final week of october, 1937. Exports were light and the íavourable Argentine crop outlook, together with the present large world stocks, weighed heavily upon the price structure. Livestock values were lower also as demand dragged, and the livestock index dropped 6.0 points to 69.9. Meats became correspondingly cheaper and lard showed a moderate reduction. on the other hand, increasing armament programmes and growing industrial activity stimulated nonferrous metals, while raw rubber regiscered a moderate gain as prospects of a boom in automobile manufacture became more definite。 Potatoes advanced sharply when blight reduced markecable supplies, and hides rose from 68.3 to 80.1 for a gain of over 17 p.c. COST OF LIVING:

Moderate recessions in focds and rentals, offset to some extent by moderately higher prices for fuels, resulted in a decline in the general cost of living for Canada from 84.0 in September to 83.8 in October. The comparative figure for october 1937 was 84.2. The food index fell from 77.6 to 77.1 , gains for eggs, milk, potatoes and codfish being more than offset by easier quotations for meats, butter, bread, flour, canned vegetables and onions. Seasonal advances in prices of coal and coke caused the fuel index to move up from 85.3 to 85.7 . The general level of cool prices during the past sin months has been higher than for the corresponding period of 1937. The resultant stiffening in fuel prices followed a protracted decline dating from 1921, at which time the index stood at 109.2. After having recorded a steady advance since the spring of 1934 , rentals reversed direction and registered a slight decline from 90.3 to 90.1 . Middegrade dwellings and workingmen's abodes shared equally in the recession.
GTOCKS AND BONDS:
Coinciding with the quickening tempo of the New York market and generally improved business sentiment share prices on Canadian stock exchanges showed material increases in October. The advance was broad and all sub-group indexes were higher but outstanding strength was exhibited by the shares of base metal, beverage, machinery and equipment, building material and oil sub-groups. Price advances for such market leaders as National Steel Car, Steel of Canada, Waikers, International Nickel, Consolidated Mining and Smelting and Bell Telephone were impressive. After climbing rapidly from 105.0 on October 1 to 110.2 on the 8 th, the daily index for 95 common stocks levelled off and finally closed the month at 110.6 . The monthly index for this series rose 11.1 between September and October to 109.7. On the mining market, base metal stocks provided the leadership while golds with the exception of one or two specialties showed little movement either way. The Pureau's daily index for 24 mining issues moved up from 152.4 on october 1 to 158.0 on the 31st. The base metal sub-group index advanced from 284.3 on the lst to a high of 318.2 on the 15 th , but the announcement of uncurtailed output of copper lowered share prices considerably and this index closed the month at 312.7. The lack of interest in gold shares may well be illustrated by the movement of the daily index for this group which showed an advance of only 0.2 between October 1 and 31 to 120,6 . The daily index for Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices moving in line with other business indicators, showed an increase of 1.1 between the first and last days of the month, closing at 117.3. The monthly index was 116.9 as compared with 116.0 for September. FOREIGN EXCHANGE: (Quotations mentioned are Montreal noon rates unless otherwise specified)

Foreign exchange dealings in October were on a more normal scale than those obtaining in September. Following a strong opening, however, the British pound and continental European currencies allied to it were definitely reactionary throughout the month. As seasonai pressure and other adverse factors heightened, the pound receded from a high of $\$ 4.2508$ on October 1 to $\$ 4.7840$ on the 13 th, its low for the month. Continued short covering brought moderate recovery to almost $\$ 4.820$, but a second relapse lowered the bid to $\$ 4.7883$ on the final day. The French franc was subjected to heavy selling during part of October as rumors were prevalent of possibilities of further devaluation of French gold reserves. The Belgian belga and Netherlands florin which move independently showed moderate gains between the first and final days of October. Premiums on United States funds moved un from 9/16 of one por cent at the beginning of the month to a high
of $117 / 32$ per cent on the 15 th, and then reacted to close at $11 / 16$ of one per cent on October 31.

## REVIEW OF IMPORTANT COMMODITY MARKEIS

WHFAT AND OTHFR GRAIN: October was a quiet month in the Canadian grain trade - with prices generally easier. The statistical position of wheat showed little or no change, although supplies have probably reached a peak. With so much wheat overhanging world markets, importers showed little interest in future comitments. Careful attention at this time was pald to crop conditions in the southern hemisphere. Conditions in the Argentine at the end of October pointed to an export surplus of approximately $170,000,000$ bushels while in Australia $75,000,000$ bushels was the estimated amount likely to be available for export.

The October opening quotation for No. 1 Manitoba Northern wheat was $611 / 8 \phi$ but improved demand from millers brought this price up to a high for the month of $633 / 4 \varnothing$ on the 15th. This level was not maintained and by the 3lst the price had dropped back to $60 \%$. Price behaviour among the coarse grains was varied; oats and rye were slightly weaker while barley averaged about $2 \phi$ higher for the month. Flax after continuing fairly steady broke sharply on the final day, the loss amounting to $41 / 2 \phi$ per bushel.

| Description (Basis, cash per bushel, | 1937 October Average | 1938 September Average | 1938 October Average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fort William and Port Arthur) | ¢ | ¢ | ¢ |
| No. 1 Manitoba Northern wheat | 142.3 | 63.3 | 61.5 |
| No. 2 Canada Western oats | 53.3 | 29.5 | 28.1 |
| No. 2 Canada Western rye | 84.5 | 39.6 | 41.0 |
| No. 3 Canada Western barley | 62.1 | 34.2 | 35.8 |
| No. 1 Canada Western flax | 178.0 | 135.0 | 132.7 |

FLOUR AND MILIED PRODUCTS: Flour prices dropped approximately $20 \phi$ per barrel between October 1 and 31. These reflaected not only lower wheat quotations but also considerably less demand than that prevailing during the latter part of September. As an aftermath to the war scare, Canadian flour mills were reported to be sold almost to capacity for the first time in several years. In view of the large stocks of wheat on hand, there is a feeling among the trade that any upward move will be only temporary. Roiled oats and cornmeal recorded no price change in October while bran and shorts ruled higher as seasonal demand increased.
(See Above Dates)

## Description

Flour No. 1 patent, Manitoba, per barrel,
Montreal .............................................
Rolled Oats, Toronto, per 90-pound bag .....
Oatmeal, Toronto, per 90-pound bag
\$ \$

| 7.80 | 5.17 | 5.03 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3.54 | 2.45 | 2.45 |
| 3.80 | 3.10 | 3.10 |

SUGAR: Sugar markets went through a period of readjustment during the first part of October. Declines were general but only temporary as cognizance was soon taken of scarcity of supplies remaining for the 1938 season. Yowever, the prospects of record cane and baet crops for the coming season served to restrain the movement in spot prices The New York futures market gave indication of a waiting attitude, pending more definite information on the 1939 quotas. World sugar markets have been dull and English and Continental demand was isilifferent. The price for world contract No. 4 worked down from an opening bid of $1.011 / 2 \phi$ to $.951 / 2 \phi$ on the 25 th but recovered to close at $1.00 \phi$ (bid) on the 3lst. The New York price of Cuban sugar, $96^{\circ}$, delivered, showed a gain of 6 points between October 1 and 31, closing at $3.05 \neq$

| Description |  | Above |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Granulated sugar, standard, per cwt. at | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Montreal | 5.09 | 4.80 | 4.80 |
| Vencouver | 4.98 | 4.70 | 4.70 |
| B.W.I. raw sugar, per cwt., at Montreal | 2.26 | 2.02 | 2.00 |

RUBBER: Continued improvement was noted in the statistical position of raw rubber during October. Price losses sustained during the European war scare wo:3 sesily cencelled and new highs were established for the year, although these gains were not held. Business sentiment continued to improve and sales to automobile manufacturers held up well. United States rubber consumption for October was estimated at 40,000 tons as compared with 37,823 tons in September. World stocks at this time are estimated at 665,000 tons. Some uneasiness appeared in the market during the latter helf of the month, and prices receded accordingly due mainly to the undertainty over the possibilities of an

- 3-
upward revision in the current rroduction quota of 45 per cent. This will not be settled until the meeting of the International Rubber Regulation Comittee on November 15. The delivered price to New York for standard, thick, latex crepe opened at $187 / 8 \phi$ on October 1. A high of $193 / 8 \phi$ was reached on the 9 th but subsequent weakness developed and the closing quotation of $183 / 4 \phi$ was slightly under the opening price.

|  | $\begin{aligned} & 1937 \\ & \text { October } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1938 \\ \text { September } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1938 \\ & \text { October } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Description | Average | Average | Average |
| Raw Rubber per pound, New York (Canadian Funds) | ¢ | ¢ | ¢ |
| Standard latex crepe sheets | 17.3 | 18.1 | 19.2 |
|  | 16.3 | 16.3 | 17.2 |

LIVESTOCK: Relatively heavy offerings coupled with a definite movement towards lower prices were the main features of the livestock market during october. Average prices were down for nearly all classes from the previous month, with hogs showing the most serious losses. Due to increased liquidations of cattle, receipts at stock yards during the third week were reported to be the heaviest for the year to date. A marked improvement on American markets was reflected by a substantial increase in exports of cattle to that country. Supplies became more moderate towards the close and steadier prices prevailed. Gains were recorded in practically all sections during the final week and Canadian markets closed in an improved position.


EGGS: A continuance of the firm trend in egg prices was noted over the greater part of the month, with supplies of fresh eggs remaining saarce, particularly in the top grades. Pullet eggs heve appeared in large quantities and although difficult to clear in the initial stages, gradually increased in demand. A quieter tone was maintained towards the close with stocks becoming more plentiful at Toronto, and demand also less active at Montreal. The movement of storage eggs was reported as being satisfactory although domestic use has been lighter than that of a year ago. Unusually mild weather in many centres accounted partly for this reduced movement out of storage. However, stocks of storage eggs are estimated to be considerably less than the amount on hend for october of the previous year.
Description
(See Above Dates)
Eggs, Grade "A" Large, per dozen, at

| $\not \subset$ | $\phi$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 39.5 | 44.5 |
| 38.4 | 42.5 |

BUTTER: Stocks of creamery butter in Canada on the lst of October were estimated by the Department of Agriculture at $62,236,518 \mathrm{lbs}$. as compared with $54,187,078 \mathrm{lbs}$. on the same date of the previous year. Production figures also proved in exoess of last year's estimate, with Canadion butter production reported at $30,116,180 \mathrm{lbs}$, for September as against $29,092,478$ lbs. a year ago. Prices held fairly firm but followed a slightly easier trend at the close, while october receipts for the most part were light and obtained ready clearances.
(See Above Dates)

| Description |  | $\phi$ | $\phi$ | $\phi$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jobbing prices of pirst grade creamery |  |  |  |  |
| butter per pound at Montreal $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 29.3 | 24.3 | 24.3 |  |
|  | Toronto $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 29.7 | 24.2 | 23.8 |

COTTON: Raw cotton prices were generally firm throughout October on both spot and nearby positions. Following an upsard revision of 387,000 bales in the October 1 official crop estimate, spot cotton at New York declined slightly but the market recovered almost immediately. By the 26 th, quotations had reached the month's high of $8.8 \phi$ about $1 / 2 \phi$ above the opening figure, but closed somewhat easier at $8.7 \phi$ per pound. Demand remained good and world mill takings rose from 657,000 bales for the four weeks ended September 30 to $1,255,000$ beles during the following four weeks. Available supplies were
reported scarce as farmers continued to hold for higher prices, failing which, much of the staple moved into government loan channels.

| Description | 1937 <br> october <br> Average | 1938 <br> September <br> Average | $\phi$ <br> Raw cotton, upland middling, at New York, <br> per pound (Canadian funds) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\phi$ <br> October <br> Average |  |  |  |

SILK: Stimulated by high consumption levels in the United States, silk prices scored sharp advances in October. However, less favourable statistics at the month end caused a temporary unsettlement in prices. Two factors were looked upon as potential disturbing elements, namely, increased rayon substitution and the yen exchange situation. Consumption in the United States, too, was considered as nearly a peak and mill takings in October were 35,631 bales as compared with 38,844 bales in September while stocks on hand increased 3,100 to 43,811 bales in October.

## Description



WOOL: A firm tone prevailed on the principal wool markets and prices averaged slightly higher for several grades. The improved international situation appeared to restore confidence in wool trading somowhat, and a moderate degree of speculative interest was noted. Mill business was disappointing, due largely to the mild October weather and domestic sales were reported dull.
(See Above Dates)
Description

| more, per pound, $f \cdot 0 . b$. Ontario Points - |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Eastern Low Medium $1 / 4$ blood staple or $50^{\circ} \mathrm{s}$.. | . 255 | .160 | . 165 |
| Western, Semi-bright $1 / 2$ blood staple or |  |  |  |
| $58^{\prime} \mathrm{s}-60{ }^{\text {'s }}$ | . 210 | .165 | . 165 |

LUMBER AND TIMBER: Lumber prices remained relatively steady throughout October. Pine and cedar remained unchanged while spruce advanced moderately. Slight weakness was discernible in fir prices. One of the most disappointing features in the lumber trade at this time was the low level of demand for building material on the Prairies following the harvesting of an unusually large grain crop. British Columbia shingle mills have had to curtail production in October as their United States quota was filled and domestic markets quiet. One favourable feature was export trade, and actual shipments to the end of August were forty million feet ahead of last year's. On the other hand, shipments of fir and cedar to the United States were only 105 mill on feet of an allocated quota of 250 million feet.

Deseription (Price indexes 1926=100)

| White pine lumber | 102.7 | 102.7 | 102.7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Spruce lumber | 94.4 | 80.9 | 81.7 |
| Fir lumber | 87.9 | 91.2 | 90.2 |
| Cedar lumber | 94.3 | 98.6 | 98.0 |

COPPER: October copper prices advanced moderately, while world consumption was estimated to be higher on an average per month basis than in 1936 and 1937. Offerings for October have been light due to the rapid clearance of much of the avallable supply during the September war scare. The markets closed on a firm tone, but sales ended quiet both at New York and abroad. Domestic sales in the United States amounted to 78,288 tons for the month as against 62,232 tons in September, and 23,195 tons in August.

Description
Copper, electrolytic domestic, per 100 lbs . carlots, f.o.b. Montreal

(See Above Dates)

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, $1913=100$
(See page 8 for these data on the base $1926=100$ )

|  | 1937 |  |  | 1938 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | oct. | June | :July | : Aug. | : Sept. | Oct. |
| Building and Construction Materials | 138.2 | 132.6 | 133.1 | 134.4 | 133.8 | 134.0 |
| Lumber <br> paint Materiélis <br> Miscellaneous | $\begin{aligned} & 138.8 \\ & 131.2 \\ & 14.3 .3 \end{aligned}$ | 130.3 122.5 140.9 | 131.2 115.9 142.5 | 134.2 $115: 9$ 142.7 | 133.4 115.7 142.2 | $\begin{aligned} & 133.4 \\ & 115.9 \\ & 142.5 \end{aligned}$ |


|  | No. of <br> : Price <br> Series | :Yearly :Average: 1937 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1937 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & : ~ A u g . ~ \\ & : 1938 \end{aligned}$ | Sept. | $\begin{aligned} & : \text { Oct. } \\ & : 1938 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Index 567 Commodities | 567 | 84.6 | 84.7 | 76.0 | 74.5 | 4. |
| CHIEF COMPONENT MATTRIALS CLISSIFICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I. Vegetable Products ...... | 135 | 88.4 | 87.6 | 67.0 | 61.8 | 60.8 |
| II. Animals and Their Products | 76 | 78.4 | 81.7 | 76.2 | 76.4 | 74.8 |
| III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile | 85 | 72.7 | 70.8 | 66.9 |  | 66.5 |
| IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper | 49 | 76.7 | 76.2 | 76.8 | 77.0 | 77.1 |
| V. Iron and Its Products .... | 44 | 101.8 | 105.0 | 98.0 | 98.2 | 98.1 |
| VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their | 18 | 83.8 | 77.4 | 70.0 | 70.7 | 73.0 |
| VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their | 83 | 86.6 | 87.3 | 86.7 | 86.9 | 86.4 |
| VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products | 77 | 81.4 | 81.9 | 79.4 | 79.5 | 79.5 |
| PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I. Consumers' Goods | 236 | 79.5 | 80.6 | 76.5 | 76.1 | 75.3 |
| Foods, Beverages and Tobacco | 126 | 81.2 | 83.0 | 75.8 | 74.3 | 73.0 |
| Other Consumers Goods | 110 | 78.4 | 79.0 | 76.9 | 77.3 | 76.8 |
| II. Producers' Goods | 402 | 86.1 | 84.8 | 71.9 | 69.0 | 68.6 |
| Producers' Equipmen亏 | 24 | 93.8 | 94.5 | 95.5 | 95.6 | 95.3 |
| Producers' Materials | 378 | 85.2 | 83.7 | 69.3 | 66.0 | 65.6 |
| Building \& Construction Materials | 111 | 94.4 | 92.6 | 90.1 | 89.7 | 89.8 |
| Manufacturers' Materials | 267 | 83.6 | 82.2 | 65.8 | 62.0 | 61.5 |
| ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Raw and Partly Manufactured | 245 | 84.3 | 83.5 | 67.5 | 65.6 | 65.1 |
| Total Fully and Chiefiy Manufactured | 322 | 80.5 | 81.4 | 77.0 | 75.6 | 74.8 |
| I. $\frac{\text { Articles of }}{\text { (Domestic }} \frac{\text { arm Origin }}{\text { Foreign }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A. Field |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 95 | 82.8 | 80.8 | 53.2 | 47.6 | 46.9 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured ..... | 91 | 83.4 | 83.3 | 74.3 | 71.1 | 70.2 |
| (c) Total | 186 | 83.1 | 82.1 | 64.6 | 60.3 | 59.4 |
| B. Animal |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 46 | 82.7 | 84.5 | 78.0 | 80.1 | 79.4 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured ..... | 59 | 76.2 | 79.1 | 74.0 | 73.3 | 71.7 |
| (c) Total | 105 | 79.0 | 81.4 | 75.7 | 76.2 | 75.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (2) Animal | 18 | 85.0 | 86.9 | 79.7 | 81.1 | 81.0 |
| (3) Total | 70 | 87.1 | 86.5 | 64.2 | 63.8 | 63.8 |
| II. Articles of Marine Origin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partiy manufactured ........ | 5 | 72.1 | 85.6 | 62.6 | 22.7 | 76.3 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured..... | 11 | 71.7 | 72.6 | 70.8 | 69.9 | 70.6 |
| (c) Total . ........................... | 16 | 71.8 | 76.1 | 68.6 | 70.6 | 72.1 |
| III. Articles of Forest Origin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 20 | 61.1 | 61.2 | 69.7 | 69.9 | 70.1 |
| (c) Total .................. | 57 | 76.4 | 75.9 | 76.5 | 76.7 | 76.8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured..... | 141 | 91.6 | 92.8 | 89.6 | 89.6 | 89.2 |
| (c) Total ............................... | 203 | 88.8 | 88.9 | 85.8 | 86.1 | 85.9 |
| IMPORT AND EXPORT CLASSIFICATION 86 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imports Exports | 76 70 | $\begin{aligned} & 89.8 \\ & 81.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 89.8 \\ & 80.7 \end{aligned}$ | 82.7 65.2 | 82.2 61.9 | 82.0 61.5 |

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

|  | Commodity | No. of Price Series | Yearl Averag 1937 | e:oct. 1937 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ | oct. 1938 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Index | 567 | 84.6 | 84.7 | 76.0 | 74.5 | 74. |
| 1. | Vegetable Products | 135 | 88.4 | 87.6 | 67.0 | 61.8 | 60.8 |
|  | Fruits | 15 | 89.2 | 98.1 | 74.9 | 74.9 | 71.2 |
|  | Fresh | 4 | 93.6 | 106.2 | 76.1 | 76.2 | 71.2 |
|  | Dried | 5 | 84.1 | 82.3 | 77.7 | 77.0 | 78.0 |
|  | Canned | 6 | 67.8 | 65.4 | 64.7 | 64.8 | 64.7 |
|  | Grains | 23 | 92.6 | 92.1 | 53.8 | 45.3 | 43.8 |
|  | Flour and Milled Products | 12 | 97.1 | 95.0 | 73.6 | 64.5 | 64.2 |
|  | Bakery Products | 2 | 91.1 | 94.0 | 94, 2 | 89.7 | 85.3 |
|  | Vegetable Oils. | 8 | 80.1 | 77.8 | 59.0 | 57.6 | 57.6 |
|  | Rubber and Its Products | 9 | 63.3 | 63.7 | 58.1 | 58.2 | 57.5 |
|  | Sugar and Its Products and Glucose | 8 | 86.3 | 87.8 | 82.6 | 82.7 | 82.5 |
|  | Tea, Coffee, Cocioa and Spiess ........ | 15 | 79.0 | 76.8 | 72.5 | 73.0 | 74.3 |
|  | Tobacco ................................ | 8 | 54.9 | 55.5 | 52.5 | 52.5 | 52.5 |
|  | Vegetables | 13 | 64.8 | 48.7 | 45.4 | 45.0 | 49.5 |
|  | Miscellaneous | 22 | 66.4 | 67.8 | 64.3 | 61.7 | 61.7 |
| II. | Animals and Their Products | 76 | 78.4 | 81.7 | 76.2 | 76.4 | 74.8 |
|  | Fishery Products | 16 | 74.2 | 79.6 | 70.3 | 73.1 | 74.9 |
|  | Furs | 9 | 70.4 | 64.3 | 47.9 | 47.9 | 47.9 |
|  | Hides and Skins | 6 | 101.9 | 95.1 | 62.2 | 65.6 | 74.8 |
|  | Leather, Unmanufactured | 9 | 97.7 | 98.6 | 81.7 | 83.9 | 83.9 |
|  | Boots and Shoes | 2 | 93.7 | 9 Ca. | 90.0 | 90.0 | 90.0 |
|  | Live Stock | 4 | 91.3 | 88.7 | 88.2 | 78.1 | 73.0 |
|  | Meats and Poultry | 10 | 77.9 | 82.4 | 84.0 | 81.6 | 74.9 |
|  | Milk and Its Products ................. | 12 | 77.8 | 79.6 | 73.3 | 74.5 | 74.5 |
|  |  | $5$ | $75.7$ | 75.1 | $60.0$ | $58.5$ | 58.4 |
|  | Eggs ............................................ |  | 63.2 | 78.3 | 68.1 | 75.7 | 79.8 |
| III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products $\begin{array}{llllll}85 & 72.7 & 70.8 & 66.9 & 66.7 & 66.5\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Cotton, Raw ............................ | 2 | 67.7 | 50.9 | 50.9 | 49.3 | 52.6 |
|  | Cotton Yarn and Thread ............... | 5 | 83.5 | 82.8 | 81.5 | 81.5 | 81.5 |
|  | Cotton Fabrics | 19 | 76.9 | 75.0 | 72.0 | 72.0 | 71.1 |
|  | Knit Goods | 3 | 84.0 | 85.0 | 82.7 | 81.9 | 81.9 |
|  | Sash Cord | 1 | 92.6 | 91.4 | 83.7 | 83.7 | 83.7 |
|  | Flax, Yemp and Jute Products ......... | 10 | 49.8 | 49.3 | 44.4 | 44.3 | 44.3 |
|  | Silk, Raw .................................... | 9 | 30.3 | 27.7 | 28.2 | 28.5 | 29.9 |
|  | Silk Thread and Yarn .................. | 2 | 64.0 | 64.6 | 64.6 | 64.6 | 64, 6 |
|  | Silk Fosiery | 2 | 65.3 | 65.3 | 65.0 | 65.0 | 65.0 |
|  | Silk Fabrics ............................ | 4 | 47.0 | 47.2 | 44.7 | 44.7 | 44.7 |
|  | Artificial Silk Products ............. | 5 | 43.5 | 42.8 | 42.8 | 42.8 | 42.8 |
|  | Wool, Raw | 3 | 89.3 | 78.0 | 53.1 | 52.7 | 53,9 |
|  | W0ol Yarns .............................. | 6 | 91.0 | 90.2 | 76.7 | 75.9 | 75.5 |
|  | Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods ........... | 5 | 89.0 | 89.7 | 88.2 | 88.2 | 88.2 |
|  | Wool Blankets ........... | 1 | 101. 4 | 103.1 | 89.8 | 89.8 | 89.8 |
|  | Wool cloth | 6 | 83.3 | 82.8 | 73.7 | 73.7 | 72.7 |
|  | Carpets | 2 | 95.0 | 97.1 | 97.1 | 97.1 | 97.1 |


|  | Commodities : | : No. of <br> : Price <br> : Series | $\begin{aligned} & \text { : Yearly : } \\ & \text { : Average: } \\ & : 1937 \text { : } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { oct, } \\ & 1937 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { : Aug. } \\ & : 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & : \\ & : \text { Sept. } \\ & : 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & : \text { Oct. } \\ & : 1938 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| IV. | Wood, Wood Products and Paper ...... | 49 | 76.7 | 76.2 | 77.1 | 77.0 | 77.1 |
|  | Newsprint | 2 | 58.1 | 58.1 | 67.9 | 68.1 | 68.3 |
|  | Lumber | 33 | 98.1 | 93.5 | 90.4 | 89.9 | 89.9 |
|  | Pulp | 3 | 84.5 | 91.1 | 72.0 | 71.7 | 71.8 |
|  | Furniture .......................... | - 10 | 82.0 | 83.5 | 86.7 | 86.7 | 86.7 |
|  | Matches | 1 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.9 |
| จ. | Iron and Its Products | 44 | 101.8 | 105.0 | 98.0 | 98.2 | 98.1 |
|  | Pig Iron and Steel Billets | 3 | 99.5 | 101.7 | 90.2 | 90.2 | 90.2 |
|  | Rolling Mill Products ............. | . 14 | 108.5 | 111.6 | 105.1 | 105.0 | 104.9 |
|  | P1pe (Cast Iron and Steel) | 2 | 97.9 | 101.7 | 97.1 | 97.1 | 97.1 |
|  | Uardware . ............................ | 16 | 90.0 | 91,6 | 89.0 | 88.2 | 88.2 |
|  | Wire | 3 | 99.1 | 103.2 | 97.8 | 97.8 | 97.8 |
|  | Scrap | 5 | 82.8 | 86,9 | 64.7 | 70.0 | 70.0 |
|  | Miscellaneous | 1 | 105.4 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 |
| VI. | Non-Ferrous Metals and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Their Products | 18 | 83.8 | 77.4 | 70.0 | 70.7 | 73.0 |
|  | Aluminium | 2 | 92.0 | 93.9 | 38.3 | 88.3 | 88.3 |
|  | Antimony | 1 | 92.3 | 103.4 | 82.7 | 79.8 | 82.7 |
|  | Brass and Copper Products | 6 | 92.8 | 83.3 | 73.6 | 74.5 | 79.4 |
|  | Lead and Its Products. | 2 | 72.2 | 60.3 | 49,8 | 51.9 | 53.7 |
|  | Silver | 1 | 72.4 | 72.1 | 69.2 | 69.4 | 69.7 |
|  | Tin Ingots | 2 | 85.2 | 80.8 | 68.3 | 67.8 | 70.2 |
|  | Zinc and Its Products | 2 | 63.5 | 53.9 | 43.6 | 44.2 | 46.3 |
|  | Solder | 1 | 89.6 | 89.6 | 72.1 | 72.1 | 74.6 |
| VII. | Non-Metallic Minerals and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Their Products ... | 83 | 86.6 | 87.3 | 86.7 | 86.9 | 86.4 |
|  | Clay and Allied Material Products.. | . 10 | 87.9 | 88.2 | 84.5 | 83.8 | 83.8 |
|  | Pottery | 2 | 94.6 | 96.6 | 96,6 | 96.6 | 96.6 |
|  | Coal | 13 | 92.0 | 93.2 | 94.5 | 95.6 | 95.7 |
|  | Coke | 5 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 |
|  | Manufactured Gas | 3 | 99.7 | 102.0 | 102.0 | 102.0 | 102.0 |
|  | Coal Tar | 1 | 93.0 | 94.7 | 94.7 | 94.7 | 94.7 |
|  | Glass and Its Products | 6 | 84.3 | 84.0 | 74.9 | 74.9 | 74.9 |
|  | Petroleum Products | 6 | 74.1 | 74.4 | 72.9 | 72.9 | 70.9 |
|  | Asphalt | 2 | 90.8 | 90.6 | 92.2 | 92.2 | 92.2 |
|  | Selt | 4 | 77.7 | 77.7 | 77.7 | 77.7 | 77.7 |
|  | Sulphur ............................ | 1 | 96.3 | 98.0 | 98.5 | 92.0 | 92.9 |
|  | Plaster .............................. | - 3 | 114.1 | 115.1 | 112.0 | 111.2 | 110.2 |
|  | Lime | 4 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 100.3 | 100.3 | 100.3 |
|  | Cement | 1 | 106.2 | 106.2 | 99.2 | 99.2 | 99.2 |
|  | Sand and Gravel | 8 | 91.5 | 91.4 | 91.4 | 87.8 | 87.8 |
|  | Crushed Stone | 3 | 85.8 | 85.8 | 85.8 | 85.8 | 85.8 |
|  | Building Stone | 3 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 64.3 |
|  | Asbestos | 8 | 75.8 | 75.8 | 76.8 | 76.8 | 76.8 |
| VIII. | Chemicals and Allied Products | 77 | 81.4 | 81.9 | 79.4 | 79.5 | 79.5 |
|  | Inorganic Chemicals | 22 | 87.6 | 87.8 | 87.3 | 87.6 | 87.5 |
|  | Organic Chemicals | 6 | 86.1 | 84.5 | 74.6 | 74.6 | 74.6 |
|  | Coal Tar Products .................. | - 2 | 92.4 | 93.4 | 92.2 | 92. 2 | 92.2 |
|  | Dyeing and Tanning Materíals | 10 | 106.2 | 106.6 | 104.0 | 104.0 | 104.0 |
|  | Explosives ......................... | 2 | 75.8 | 74.7 | 74.7 | 74.7 | 74.7 |
|  | Paint Materials | 9 | 76.9 | 77.1 | 68.4 | 68.4 | 68.7 |
|  | Paints Prepared .................... | - 2 | 72.4 | 74.1 | 68.4 | 68.4 | 68.4 |
|  | Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals. | . 10 | 176.1 | 77.2 | 74.4 | 74.4 | 74.8 |
|  | Fertilizers ........................ | - 10 | 74.5 | 74.5 | 82.8 | 82.8 | 82.8 |
|  | Industrial Gases | 2 | 92.4 | 92.0 | 93.7 | 94.9 | 93.4 |
|  | Soap | 2 | 91.1 | 91.9 | 91.9 | 91.9 | 91.9 |

## INTCW NUBBRZS OF COMMODITES

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


|  |  | Average 1926 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { e: oct. } \\ &: 1937 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { : Sept. } \\ & : \quad 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & : \quad \text { oct. } \\ & : \quad 1938 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OATS，NO． 2 C ．W． <br> Ft．William and Port Arthur basis |  | $\begin{aligned} & \$ \\ & .548 \end{aligned}$ | $\$$ 546 | \$ | $\$$ | \＄ <br> 281 |
| WFEAT，No．l Man．Northern | Bush |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ft．William and Pt．Arthur basis FLOUR，First Patent，2－98＇s Jute | Bush． | 1.495 | 1.340 | 1.423 | ． 633 | ． 615 |
| Toronto |  | 8.821 | 7.725 | 7.800 | 5.170 | 5.025 |
| SUCiR，Br．Incies，Montreal | Cwt． |  | 2.235 | 2.255 | 2.020 | 2.000 |
| SUGAR，granulated，Montreal | Cwt． | 5.958 | 5.006 | 5.085 | 4.8004 | 4.800 |
| xRUBBER，Ceylon，ribbed，smoked she f．o．b ．New York ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | Lb。 | ． 488 | ． 195 | ． 163 | .163 | .172 |
| CATTLE，steers，good over 1050 lbs Toronto $\qquad$ | Cwt． | 7.330 | 7.626 | 7.600 | 5.930 | 5.700 |
| HOGS，Bacon ．${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Toronto ．．． | Cwt． | 13.320 | 9.068 | 8.740 | 9.150 | 8.010 |
| BEEF HIDES，Packer Hides，Native Steers <br> Toronto |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| HIDES，Packer，crops，No． 1 \＆ 11 f ． Distributing points | Lb． |  | － 433 | ． 430 | ． 360 | ． 360 |
| BOX SIDES B， |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oshawa ． | Ft。 | － 263 | ． 253 | ． 260 | － 220 | － 220 |
| BUTTER，Creamery，finest prints， |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CREESE，Canadian，old，large， Montreal | Lb． | ． 227 | ． 181 | ． 180 | ． 180 | ． 180 |
| EGGS，Grade＂A＂Large， |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Montreal | Doz． |  | ． 316 | .428 | ． 395 | ． 445 |
| COTT ON，raw ${ }^{4 *}-1$ 1／16 $6^{19}$ Hamilton |  | .194 | ． 136 | ． 104 | ． 100 | ． 107 |
| COTTON YARAS， 10 ＇s white，single |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| xSILK，raw，special grand XX 85 p．c． |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WOOL，eastern bright， $1 / 4$ blood，domestic， |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WOOL，western range，semi－bright l／ blood，domestic，Toronto ．．．．．．．．．．． | Lb． | ． 316 | ． 251 | ． 210 | ． 165 | ． 165 |
| PULP，groundwood，No．l |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| f．o．b．Mill | Ton | 29.670 | 24.980 | 26.912 | 20.466 | 20.842 |
| ＋PIG IRON，Malleable，f．o．b．plant | Ss To | 25.680 | 23.250 | 23.500 | 20.500 | 20.500 |
| STEEL，merchant bars，mild Mill | 0 lbs． | $2.450$ | 2.658 | 2.700 | 2.550 | 2.550 |
| COPPER，Electrolytic，domestic， |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LEAD，domestic，f．o．b．carlots Montreal | Cwt． | 8.154 | 5.799 | 4.825 | 4.150 | 4.303 |
| TIN INGOTS，Straits， $\mathrm{f}_{0} \mathrm{O}$ b。 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ZINC，Domestic，f．o．b．carlots |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| COAL，Anthracite：Toronto， |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| COAL，Bituminous，N．S． run－of－mine ．．．．．．．．．． |  | 6.083 | 5.250 | 5． 250 | 5.500 | 5.500 |
| GASOLENE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Toronto | Ga．．． | ． 253 | ． 159 | ． 160 | ． 160 | ． 150 |
| SULPYURIC ACID $66^{\circ}$ Beaume |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Toronto ．．．． | t Ton | 14.000 | 16.000 | 16.000 | 17.000 | 17.000 |

$x$ Canadian Funds．
＋New Grade January


The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of retail prices, rents and costs of services on the base $1926=100$, fell from 84.0 in September to 83.8 in October, owing to reductions in foods and rentals partially offset by seasonal geins in fuels. A comparison of the mow ments of retail and wholesale prices during the past year indicates that the retail index was only 0.5 per cent below the level of the same month for the previous year, while wholesale prices during the corresponding interval showed a recession of 12.5 per cent.

Retail prices including foods, coal, coke, household requirements, books, tobacco, etc., declined from 79.0 in September to 78.8 in October. When foods were removed from this index a slight rise from 80,3 to 80.4 occurred.

An index for 46 food items moved down from 77.6 to 77.1 , declines in meats, butter, flour, bread, canned vegetables and onions more then compensating for gains in eggs, milk, potatoes, codfish and veel. Most price changes were of a seasonal character, the only important exceptions being declines in flour and bread prices. Flour fell from $3.6 \not$ to $3.3 \phi$ and bread from $6.6 \not \subset$ to $6.5 \phi$ per pound. Easier meat prices were indicated by the following reductions: Shoulder beef $15.1 \phi$ to $14.7 \phi$, fresh pork from $25.8 \phi$ to $24.8 \%$, and bacon from $34.9 \phi$ to $34.0 \phi$ per pound. Creamery butter fell from $28.3 \phi$ to $27.2 \phi$ per pound, while dairy butten avcraged $24.7 \phi$ as against $25.5 \phi$ in September. Grade "A" eggs advanced from $36.0 \neq$ to $39.7 ¢$ per dozen, and an average of Grades "B" and "C" was $32.9 \phi$ as compared with $30.2 \phi$ for tha previ ous month.

Rentals receded from 90.3 to 90.1 , the first halt in an upward movement extending over five years, during which period an advance of more than 13 per cent had occurred. Workingmen's dwellings and middle-grade abodes contributed equally to the recession. Middemeiass apartments showed the greatest decline, while flats occupied by rorkingmen recorded no change.
NOTE: Indexes for fuel and sundries heve been revised for 1937 and 1938 in order to take into account changes in certain indexes which are calculated only upon a yearly basis. The fuel index has been revised downward, a decline in the sub-index for electricity being of more consequence than a moderate advance in domestic gas rates. A decline in the amusement cost sub-index more than offset advances in sub-indexes for tramay fares, newspapers, books, doctors? fees, dertists fees, hospital charges and barbers' fees, resulting in a slight downward vevision for miscellaneous items.

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES, RENTS $\triangle N D$ COSTS OF SERVICES, 1913-OCTOBER, 1938.
( $1.926=100$ )

|  |  | Total <br> Index | Food <br> Index: | Tuel <br> Index | : Rent : <br> : Index: | Cloth- <br> ing <br> Index | : Sun- <br> : dries <br> : Index | : Retail <br> : Prices <br> : Index <br> : (Foods, <br> : Puel, <br> :Clothing <br> :Household <br> - Require- <br> .ments,etc | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Retail } \\ & \text { Prices } \\ & \text { Index } \\ & \text { (Fuel, } \\ & \text { fiotilug } \\ & \text { Fusehoid } \\ & \text { Require- } \\ & \text { ments, } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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 | - | - |
| 1926 | . . . . . . . . . . . | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 1929 |  | 99.9 | 101.0 | 96.4 | 103.3 | 96.9 | 99.0 | 98.9 | 96.9 |
| 1930 |  | 90.2 | 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 | 80.3 |
| 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 |  | 80.8 | 73.4 | 86.4 | 83.7 | 70.5 | 92.8 | 75.9 | 78.0 |
| 1937 |  | 83.1 | $77^{7} .3$ | 84.9 | 86.9 | 72.7 | 93.4 | 78.6 | 79.8 |
| 1937 | October | 84.2 | 78.9 | 84.8 | 89.0 | 73.3 | 93.7 | 79.6 | 80.3 |
|  | November | 84.2 | 178.8 | 85.1 | 89.0 | 73.3 | 93.7 | 79.6 | 80.4 |
|  | December | 84.3 | 79.1 | 85.5 | 89.0 | 73.3 | 93.7 | 79.8 | 80.5 |
| 1938 | January ...... | 84.0 | 78.4 | 85.6 | 89.0 | 73.3 | 93.7 | 79.5 | 80.5 |
|  | February ..... | 83.9 | 77.9 | 85.4 | 89.0 | 73.3 | 93.7 | 79.2 | 80.5 |
|  | March ....... | 84.2 | 78.6 | 85.7 | 89.0 | 73.7 | 93.7 | 79.7 | 80.7 |
|  | April ........ | 84.2 | 78.8 | 85.7 | 89.0 | 73.7 | 93.7 | 79.8 | 80.7 |
|  | May . . . . . . . . . | 84.1 | 77.7 | 85.3 | 90.3 | 73.7 | 93.7 | 79.2 | 80.6 |
|  | Jure ......... | 84.0 | 78.1 | 84.5 | 90.3 | 73.0 | 93.6 | 79.1 | 80.1 |
|  | July ......... | 84.1 | 78.1 | 84.4 | 90.3 | 73.0 | 93.6 | 79.2 | 80.0 |
|  | August ...... | 84.8 | 80.7 | 84.6 | 90.3 | 73.0 | 93.6 | 80.4 | 80.1 |
|  | September .... | 84.0 | 77.6 | 84.8 | 90.3 | 73.4 | 93.6 | 79.0 | 80.3 |
|  | October ...... | 83.8 | 77.1 | 85.1 | 90.1 | 73.4 | 93.6 | 78.8 | 80.4 |

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INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRIGES OF SRINCIPLL \&RTICLES OF FOOD II CAN\&A-COR:

| Year <br> and <br> Month | Bread | Flour | Rolled Oats | Rice | Beans | Apples <br> Evapor ated | Prune | Sugar <br> Granu- <br> lated | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sugar } \\ & \text { Yellow } \end{aligned}$ | Toa | Coffee: | Potatoes | Vinegar: | Weighted Food Index (46 Items) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{1935}{\text { December }}$ | 78.4 | 64.2 | 89.7 | 72.5 | 68.4 | 78.9 | 72.0 | 79.5 | 81.3 | ,72.4 | 60.0 | 46.8 | 89.6 | 73.7 |
| 1936 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 48.0 |  |  |
| January February | 78.4 78.4 | 64.2 64.2 | 89.7 89.7 | 71.6 72.5 | 68.4 68.4 | 17.4 80.4 | 72.6 71.3 | 79.5 79.5 | 81.3 81.3 | $\begin{aligned} & 72.8 \\ & 72.4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 59.8 \\ & 59.3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 48.0 \\ & 50.4 \end{aligned}$ | $89.6$ | 72.9 |
| March ... | 78.4 | 64.2 | 87.9 | 71.6 | 68.4 | 79.4 | 69.4 | 79.5 | 81.3 | 72.4 | 59.2 | 52.0 | 90.9 | 73.4 |
| April | 78.4 | 64.2 | 87.9 | 71.6 | 63.3 | 79.4 | 70.1 | 78.2 | 80.0 | 72.2 | 58.3 | 51.6 | 89.6 | 71.0 |
| May . | 79.7 | 64.2 | 89.7 | 72.5 | 63.3 | 77.9 | 68.8 | 78.2 | 80.0 | 73.1 | 58.5 | 60.5 | 90.9 | 71.3 |
| June | 79.7 | 64.2 | 87.9 | 72.5 | 60.8 | 79.4 | 69.4 | 78.2 | 80.0 | 72.5 | 58.7 | 64.1 | 89.6 | 71.3 |
| July | 79.7 | 62.3 | 87.9 | 72.5 | 62.0 | 81.4 | 68.8 | 78.2 | 80.0 | 72.4 | 58.2 | 74.8 | 90.9 | 72.6 |
| August | 81.1 | 66.0 | 89.7 | 72.5 | 64.6 | 78.9 | 70.7 | 78.2 | 80.0 | 72.7 | 57.8 | 84.9 | 89.6 | 74.7 |
| September | 82.4 | 69.8 | 91.4 | 73.4 | 72.2 | 82.4 | 72.0 | 78.2 | 80.0 | 72.4 | 57.8 | 73.0 | 89.6 | 75.1 |
| October .. | 82.4 | 71.7 | 93.1 | 72.5 | 78.5 | 82.9 | 71.3 | 78.2 | 80.0 | 72.7 | 58.0 | 60.7 | 88.3 | 74.4 |
| November | 82.4 | 73.6 | 93.1 | 72.5 | 81.0 | 83.9 | 72.0 | 78.2 | 80.0 | 72.5 | 58.0 | 56.7 58.3 | 89.6 88.3 | 75.0 |
| December | 83.8 | 73.6 | 93.1 | 73.4 | 84.8 | 79.9 | 72.0 | 78.2 | 80.0 | 72.5 | 57.8 | 58.3 | 88.3 | 75.3 |
| January | 83.8 | 75.5 | 94.8 | 72.5 | 87.3 | 82.4 | 72.6 | 79.5 | 81.3 | 72.8 | 57.5 | 59.9 | 89.6 | 75.2 |
| February | 83.8 | 79.2 | 96.6 | 74.3 | 91.1 | 80.4 | 73.2 | 79.5 | 81.3 | 72.5 | 57.4 | 68.5 | 89.6 | 75.6 |
| March | 85.1 | 81.1 | 98.3 | 74.3 | 94.9 | 79.4 | 73.9 | 80.8 | 82.7 | 72.7 | 58.2 | 73.6 | 89.6 | 75.7 |
| April.. | 86.5 | 83.0 | 98.3 | 75.2 | 98.7 | 80.9 | 74.5 | 82.1 | 84.0 | 72.9 | 57.8 | 73.4 | 89.6 | 76.3 |
| May .... | 86.5 | 84.9 | 100.0 | 75.2 | 100.0 | 78.9 | 74.5 | 83.3 | 84.0 | 73.1 | 57.8 | 65.7 | 89.6 | 76.6 |
| June | 90.5 | 84.9 | 100.0 | 75.2 | 100.0 | 78.9 | 74.5 | 83.3 | 84.0 | 73.2 | 58.3 | 59.5 | 89.6 | 76.4 |
| July | 90.5 | 84.9 | 100.0 | 74.3 | 98.7 | 78.9 | 75.2 | 83.3 | 84.0 | 74.5 | 58.3 | 55.6 | 90.9 | 77.2 |
| August | 90.5 | 88.7 | 103.4 | 75.2 | 96.2 | 77.9 | 75.2 | 84.6 | 85.3 | 75.7 | 58.0 | 60.7 | 89.6 89.6 | 79.1 |
| September | 91.9 | 86.8 | 103.4 | 75.2 | 94.9 | 77.4 | 76.4 | 84.6 | 85.3 | 76.4 | 58.7 | 45.0 | 89.6 89.6 | 78.3 |
| Qctober | 91.9 | 86.8 | 103.4 | 75.2 | 88.6 | 80.4 | 74.5 | 84.6 | 85.3 | 77.4 | 58.2 | 42.5 | 89.6 | 78.8 |
| November | 91.9 | 84.9 | 101.7 | 75.2 | 78.5 | 84.4 | 74.5 | 83.3 | 85.3 | 78.5 | 5 | 39.9 | 88.3 | 79.1 |
| Desember | 91.9 | 84.9 | 101.7 | 75.2 | 74.7 | 78.9 | 73.2 | 83.3 | 85.3 | 78.7 | 57.8 | 39.9 | 88.3 | 79.1 |
| 1238 |  |  |  |  |  | 78.9 | 72.0 |  | 85.3 | 80.1 | 57.7 | 40.1 | 89.6 | 78.4 |
| January | 91.9 | 84.9 84.9 | 100.0 | 74.3 | 72.2 70.9 | 78.9 75.4 | 72.0 | 83.3 83.3 | 85.3 | 80.9 | 57.2 | 40.3 | 89.6 | 77.9 |
| Tebruary | 93.2 | 84.9 | 100.0 | 75.2 | 70.9 | 75.4 75.4 | 71.3 | 83.3 | 85.3 | 81.0 | 57.5 | 40.1 | 88.3 | 78.6 |
| March . | 91.9 | 83.0 | 100.0 | 75.2 | 69.6 68.4 | 77.4 | 70.1 | 83.3 | 85.3 | 80.9 | 56.7 | 38.7 | 89.6 | 78.8 |
| April ... | 93.2 | 81.1 | 98.3 | 75.2 | 68.4 | 77.4 | 68.8 | 83.3 | 84.0 | 81.7 | 56.9 | 37.5 | 89.6 | 77.7 |
| May .... | $93-2$ | 81.1 | 98.3 | 75.2 | 68.4 | 76.9 | 70.1 | 83.3 | 84.0 | 81.9 | 56.7 | 39.1 | 89.6 | 78.1 |
| une | 91.9 | 77.4 | 98.3 | 75.2 | 67.1 | 75.4 | 70.1 | 82.1 | 82.7 | 81.7 | 56.9 | 40.7 | 89.6 | 78.4 |
| Iug ast | 91.9 | 75.5 | 98.3 | 75.2 | 67.1 | 74.9 | 70.7 | 82.1 | 82.7 | 81.7 | 56.4 | 56.7 | 88.3 | 80.7 |
| September | 89.2 | 67.9 | 96.6 | 75.2 | 67.1 | 75.4 | 70.1 | 80.8 | 82.7 | 82.1 | 57.2 | 41.9 | 88.3 | 77.6 |
| October. | 87.8 | 62.3 | 93.1 | 24.3 | 65.8 | 77.9 | 69.4 | 80.8 | 82.7 | 81.9 | 56.9 | 42.7 | 87.0 | 77.1 |


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The brisk advance of Canadian common stock price averages in the last three days of September was continued in the early part of October, and the daily price index for 95 common stocks mounted from 104.2 on September 30 to 110.2 on October 8. Subsequently this index noved irregularly higher to 111.9 on the 27 th, the maximum since October 8, 1937. It closed the month slightly lower at 110.6. The general index was influenced mainly by industrials while utilities and banks remained fairly steady. All sections of the index registered monthly gains and in the industrial section the advance was led by industrial mines, up 66.9 points. Appreciable strength was also apparent for beverages up 24.5 points, machinery and equipment 19.2 , building materials 18.3 , oils 17.1 and foods 7.9. The Investors' monthly price index for industrial, utility and bank common stocks was 109.7 for October as compared with 98.6 in September. Industrials rose 20.5 to 182.7, utilities 4.2 to 46.9 and banks 2.6 to 86.0 .

## MINING STOCK PRICES

October witnessed marked recovery on Canadian mining markets. The indexes for gold stocks and base metals showed an increase of 6.8 p.c. and 14.2 p.c. respectively with the result that the composite price index of twenty-four mining issues mounted from 144.0 in September to 157.4 in October. Mowever, day-to-day figures revealed that the advance may be almost entirely attributed to the base metals, with golds little more than maintaining the high point reached on the final day of September. The gold series moved within a range of 2.7 points during the month, the index for this group fluctuating between 119.8 and 122.5 , and closing at 120.6 . Base metals spurred by higher metal prices, particularly copper, provided a sharp contrast to gold shares. This index moved upward to 318.2 on October 15, the highest level since April 6, 1937. Indirectly affected by the removing of the copper restriction programme, and under profit-taking base metal issues became reactionary in the third weel, sut subsequently they rallied and were quite firm to the end of the month. The base matal series was 312.7 on October 31 as compared with 282.7 on September 30. Listed below is a table of average prices for the weeks of November 3 and September 29, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

|  | Nov. 3 | Sept. 29 |  | Nov. 3 | $\underline{\text { Sept. } 29}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Beattie | \$ 1.33 | \$1.06 | Macassa ........... | \$5.13 | \$4.09 |
| Bralorne | 9.49 | 8.46 | iscIntyre .......... | 51.23 | 44.29 |
| Buffalo-Ankerite | 14.13 | 12.75 | Hickle Crow | 5.08 | 4.42 |
| Central Patricia | 2.43 | 2.23 | Pioneer | 2.44 | 2.65 |
| Dome "new" | 32.56 | 29.83 | Reno | 29 | . 33 |
| God's Lake | . 39 | . 36 | San Antonio ...... | 1.22 | 1.13 |
| Hollinger | 15.06 | 13.15 | Siscoe ........... | 1.65 | 1.60 |
| Howey | - 26 | 2.1 | Sylvanite | 3.26 | 2.79 |
| Kirkland Lake | 1.27 | 1.03 | Teck-Mughes ....... | 4.65 | 4.44 |
| Lake Shore | 50.54 | 47.08 | Wright-Hargreaves.. | 7.77 | 7.10 |
| Little Long Lac | 2.78 | 2.57 |  |  |  |
| BASE METATS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Falconbridge | 5.78 | 4.59 | Noranàa | 79.50 | 66.67 |
| Fudson Bay . | 33.31 | 26.79 |  |  |  |
|  |  | FRHFE | STOCKS |  |  |

The preferred stock index for octover broke through the previous 1938 high of 87.2 to establish a new level of 88.0 . This is the highest point reached since March, 1937, when the index was 91.0. The lifting of the war clouds over Europe brought a reVival in both confidence and market activity and a post-crisis rally which started during the last few days of September continued throughout the greater part of october.

There were unconfirmed reports that the $\$ 50$ per ton price level for newsprint would be maintained next year and Abitioi rose from $\$ 233 / 4$ to $\$ 321 / 8$ on the eighth and closed at $\$ 29$. St.Lawrence Corporation opened at $\$ 167 / 8$, touched $\$ 19$ twice during the month and closed at $\$ 181 / 2$. Publication of saisisfactory 1938 earnings helpod the liquor group and National Breweries gained $\$ 2$ to $\$ 14$, while Wallurs made a fractional gain of $\$ 3 / 4$ over the opening price of $\$ 19$. Canadian Car and Foundry rose steadily from $\$ 28$ on the first to $\$ 30$ on the twenty-fifth and closed at $\$ 291 / 2$ while Steel of Canada gained $\$ 31 / 2$ to $\$ 681 / 2$. Canadian $0 i l$ advarced $\$ 4$ to 123 and McColl Frontenac lost $\$ 3$ to $\$ 95$ although a high of $\$ 101$ was reached during the month. As compared with last month Massey-Yarrio was up $\$ 11.1$ to $\$ 58$, Abitibi ${ }^{2} 11$ to $\$ 29.6$, St. Lawrence Corporation "A" $\$ 4$ to $\$ 18.5$, Tuckett Tobacco $\$ 9$ to $\$ 159$, Steel of Camada to $\$ 58.9$, Moore A $\$ 7.9$ to $\$ 162.5$ and Simpsons $\$ 7.5$ to $\$ 82.9$.

INDEX NUMBERS OF 25 PREFHRRED STOCKS, 1929,1933,1937,1938
$(1926=100)$
1929 Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr May June July Aug. Sept. Oct.
1933 $1 \overline{07.4} 1 \overline{08.1} 1 \overline{06 . \overline{8}} 1 \overline{04.3} 1 \overline{04.3} \frac{104.8}{104.8} \frac{105.6}{105.1} 102.9 \frac{\mathrm{Nov.}}{99.8} \frac{\text { Dec. }}{100.4}$ $\begin{array}{lllllllllllll}1037 & \ldots 9.6 & 49.6 & 47.3 & 47.2 & 54.6 & 53.5 & 61.9 & 61.7 & 61.0 & 59.7 & 59.1 & 60.2\end{array}$
 $1938 \ldots . . . \begin{array}{llllllllllllll} & 83.4 & 82.1 & 77.5 & 78.2 & 80.1 & 81.8 & 87.2 & 86.8 & 81.3 & 88.0\end{array}$


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| $x$ | GENERAL | BANKS |  | UTILITIES |  |  | INDUSTRTALS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Total <br>  <br> 95 | Total <br> 8 | $:$ Total | Trans -portation $2$ | Telephone Telegraph $2$ | Power and Traction 15 | Total 68 | Machin <br> ery <br> and <br> : Equip <br> : ment <br> 8 | Pulp <br> m d <br> Paper $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mill- } \\ & \vdots \\ & \text { ing } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Oils | Textiles : and Cloth ing : 10 | Food :and :Allied :Pro:ducts : 12 | Beverages | Build ing Materials $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & I_{n}- \\ & \text { dust- } \\ & \text { rial } \\ & \text { Mines } \\ & 2 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| 1936 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| July | 114.3 | 77.2 | 53.8 | 31.9 | 111.7 | 66.9 | 190.1 | 102.4 | 18.6 | 87.0 | 224.3 | 66.8 | 153.9 | 131.6 | 137.2 | 428.5 |
| August | 114.7 | 79.0 | 53.1 | 29.7 | 113.2 | 67.1 | 191.4 | 103.0 | 18.0 | 89.8 | 218.9 | 68.0 | 157.1 | 135.7 | 142.5 | 444.2 |
| September | 119.5 | 79.7 | 54.8 | 30.2 | 114.2 | 70.0 | 200.6 | 113.6 | 20.3 | 93.9 | 220.6 | 70.6 | 162.5 | 138.2 | 149.7 | 488.1 |
| October. | 126.9 | 80.6 | 59.8 | 33.4 | 114.6 | 77.7 | 212.3 | 127.3 | 24.4 | 101.9 | 232.5 | 73.4 | 171.7 | 135.6 | 162.6 | 419.3 |
| November | 131.8 | 84.5 | 62.4 | 34.6 | 116.5 | 81.8 | 219.9 | 140.4 | 27.5 | 107.0 | 233.4 | 74.4 | 179.6 | 143.6 | 178.3 | 546.2 |
| December | 129.2 | 87.7 | 62.8 | 34.6 | 120 c 4 | 82.1 | 212.8 | 139.4 | 29.7 | 112.5 | 215.4 | 73.5 | 182.3 | 145.3 | 181.9 | 540.0 |
| 1237 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 137.4 | 94.4 | 68. 5 | 38.7 | 122.0 | 91.1 | 222.0 | 156.3 | 37.2 | 119.6 | 229.6 | 77.3 | 184.2 | 141.0 | 197.0 | 549.3 |
| February ............ | 142.4 | 96.7 | 73.1 | 41.8 | 125.8 | 97.5 | 228.8 | 263.4 | 35.7 | 120.7 | 235.2 | 78.5 | 188.2 | 139.3 | 203.5 | 586.7 |
| 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 | 14.1 .8 | 213.4 | 618.2 |
| April | 136.2 | 94.0 | 64.1 | 35.0 | 122.0 | 85.1 | 224.2 | 157.5 | 47.1 | 117.4 | 230.4 | 79.9 | 282.4 | 133.4 | 204.8 | 538.9 |
| May ................ | 132.2 | 92.7 | 63.0 | 32.8 | 124.7 | 84.0 | 216.4 | 151.3 | 38.5 | 109.4 | 229.6 | 77.5 | 178.5 | 128.4 | 188.4 | 525.8 |
| June 00000000.0.0.0.c | 129.4 | 92.3 | 63.2 | 32.3 | .127.3 | $24 \times 1$ | 210.1 | 148.1 | 38.2 | 103.7 | 220. 2 | 77.7 | 277.7 | 131. 0 | 179.6 | 510.8 |
| July oocee.o........c | 133.0 | 90.2 | 63.9 | 29.7 | 129.0 | 38.0 | 2.27 .8 | 148.0 | 40.5 | 102.0 | 222.6 | 79.7 | 182.1 | 136.1. | 188.7 | 547.4 |
| bugust ..........0. | 135.2 | 89.9 | 65.2 | 29.9 | 123.7 | 90.4 | 221:6 | 151.2 | 40.4 | 95.2 | 223.5 | 79.5 | 182=0 | 136.9 | 19,2. 7 | 564.2 |
| Sept ember 0.0000000 | 118.9 | 84.9 | 57.4 | 24.8 | 126.6 | 78.6 | 193.3 | 122.8 | 29.3 | 89,1 | 2 C 5.3 | 73.3 | 167.9 | 118.3 | 159.4 | 470.5 |
| October............. | 105.8 | 81.4 | 51.7 | 20.9 | 122.9 | 70.7 | $\pm 70.3$ | 104.3 | 22.5 | 69.9 | 192.0 | 68.0 | 154.1. | 105.6 | 132.5 | 395.0 |
| November . | 103.1 | 79.0 | 49,6 | 19.9 | 122.2 | 66.9 | 166.3 | 104.7 | 20.4 | 80.1 | 193.2 | 67.7 | 154.1 | 115.7 | 129.5 | 359.2 |
| December | 103.7 | 81.6 | 49.5 | 19.8 | 125.4 | 66.0 | 167.7 | 103.2 | 18.3 | 82.9 | 188.0 | 67.1 | 154.7 | 114.2 | 131.9 | 382.7 |
| 1938 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ............ | 107.7 | 84.3 | 48.4 | 19.2 | 125.6 | 64.4 | I77.0 | 109.6 | 18.9 | 87.2 | 194.9 | 64.3 | 158.7 | 116.1 | 138.4 | 422.6 |
| February .oc........ | 107.1 | 81.8 | 46.8 | 17.6 | 123.1 | 63.1 | 177.7 | 109.3 | 17.5 | 88.9 | 195.2 | 64.8 | 159.9 | 115.0 | 131.4 | 425.0 |
| March .... | 99.2 | 80.5 | 43.1 | 14.5 | 120.1 | 58.2 | 164.0 | 100.7 | 14.6 | 76.5 | 181.2 | 60.3 | 152.0 | 101.3 | 116.0 | 387.3 |
| April .............. | 97.9 | 80.4 | 43.7 | 15.4 | 117.0 | 59.7 | 160.5 | 103.2 | 15.4 | 75.6 | 172.0 | 55.0 | 151.5 | 106.0 | 119.4 | 386.6 |
| May ....... ${ }^{\text {a }}$. ........ | 99.7 | 80.9 | 44.5 | 14.8 | 122.8 | 61.0 | 163.5 | 107.2 | 15.7 | 85.8 | 177.2 | 54.5 | 153.6 | 107.5 | 122.5 | 389.2 |
| June | 100.0 | 81.0 | 45.1 | 15.7 | 123.8 | 61.2 | 163.5 | 111.8 | 18.6 | 84.8 | 170.0 | 54.1 | 156.2 | 109.2 | 129.8 | 395.2 |
| Ju? ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | 106.9 | 84.9 | 48.6 | 18.3 | 123.7 | 66.4 | 175.1 | 129.2 | 23.1 | 88.6 | 177.6 | 59.4 | 167.9 | 120.5 | 142.6 | 433.0 |
| August | 105.2 | 85.0 | 47.1 | 16.7 | 125.3 | 64.3 | 172.8 | 130.1 | 21.0 | 88.3 | 176.7 | 59.0 | 168.5 | 122.1 | 139.3 | 421.1 |
| September | 98.6 | 83.4 | 42.7 | 14.1 | 121.1 | 57.8 | 162.2 | 120.6 | 17.5 | 78.4 | 165.0 | 54.3 | 162.2 | 108.8 | 121.2 | 401.0 |
| October. | 109.7 | 86.0 | 46.9 | 16.5 | 125.8 | 64.0 | 182.7 | 139.8 | 22.8 | 85.8 | 182.1 | 58.5 | 170.1 | 133.3 | 139.5 | 467.9 |

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|  | AUGUST |  |  |  | SEPTEMBER |  |  |  |  | OCTOBER |  |  |  | ZNOVNBER <br> 3rd |
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|  | 4th | 11th | 18 th | 25 th | lst | 8th | 15 th | 22nd | 29th | 6 th | 13th | 20th | 27 th |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beattie | 1.23 | 1.23 | 1.22 | 1.29 | 1.20 | 1.23 | 1. 14 | 1.07 | 1.06 | 1.20 | 1.23 | 1. 24 | 1.27 | 1.33 |
| Bralorne | 9.59 | 9.68 | 9.63 | 9.54 | 9.38 | 9.44 | 8.87 | 8.83 | 8.46 | 9.18 | 9.23 | 9. 33 | 9.49 | 9.49 |
| Buffalo-Ankerite | 16.40 | 16.48 | 15.85 | 15.77 | 15.31 | 15.25 | 14.40 | 13.63 | 12. 75 | 15.13 | 14.92 | 14.56 | 14.38 | 14.13 |
| Central Patricia | 2.69 | 2.71 | 2.56 | 2. 57 | 2.45 | 2.49 | 2. 35 | 2.18 | 2.13 | 2.56 | 2.54 | 2.47 | 2.44 | 2.43 |
| Dome ............ | 33.35 | 33,88 | 34.23 | 33.92 | 33.52 | 33.82 | 32.21 | 31.19 | 29.83 | 32.42 | 32.50 | 32.85 | 32.88 | 32.56 |
| God ${ }^{\text {s }}$ Lake | . 55 | 0.52 | . 48 | . 48 | . 45 | c 44 | - 41 | - 38 | - 36 | . 45 | - 4.7 | -42 | -40 | . 39 |
| Hollinger . | 15.07 | 15,12 | 14.98 | 15.19 | $15=10$ | 15.15 | 13.84 | 13.60 | 13.15 | 14.75 | 24.97 | 15.00 | 15.04 | 15.05 |
| Howey $\therefore \ldots$. | .28 | - 28 | - 26 | . 26 | c 25 | -26 | - 25 | - 24 | - 24 | - 29 | - 28 | . 28 | -33 | - 26 |
| Kirkland Lako | 1.35 | 1.32 | 1.24 | 1.30 | 1.19 | 1.19 | 2.05 | 1.06 | 1.03 | 1. 22 | 3. 29 | i. 28 | 2. 30 | 1.27 |
| Lake Shore ou | 52.62 | 52.44 | 52,44 | 53.25 | 52.50 | 52.92 | 48.85 | 48.50 | 47.08 | 50.32 | 49.95 | 50.33 | 50.52 | 50.54 |
| Littie Lorg Tac | 3.59 | 3.45 | 3.33 | 3,53 | 3.28 | 3.85 | 2.88 | 2.74 | 2.57 | 3,04 | 3.16 | 3.00 | 2.35 | 2.78 |
| Macassa ....... | 4.89 | 4.82 | 4.97 | 5.23 | 5.04 | 4.99 | $4 \times 58$ | 4.20 | 4.09 | 4.89 | 5.07 | 5.23 | 3. 26 | 5.13 |
| MicIntyre | 46.12 | 46.67 | 47.29 | $47=27$ | 47.54 | 47.52 | 45.50 | 45.00 | 44.29 | 47.77 | 48.12 | 49, 17 | 53.75 | 51.23 |
| Pickle Crow | 4.85 | 5.22 | 5.32 | 5.10 | 4.81 | 5.08 | 4.73 | 4.42 | 4.42 | 5.14 | 5.22 | 5.13 | 5:06 | 5.08 |
| Pioneer | 2.96 | 2.99 | 3.00 | 3.04 | 3.01 | 2.96 | 2.87 | 2.75 | 2. 65 | 2.92 | 2.82 | 2.70 | 2.62 | 2.44 |
| Reno. | . 45 | .45 | . 45 | . 43 | . 39 | . 39 | -37 | . 35 | - 33 | - 37 | . 37 | . 39 | . 31 | - 29 |
| San Antonio | 1.24 | 1.28 | 1.27 | 1.28 | 2.25 | 1.25 | 1.16 | 1.12 | 1.13 | 1.27 | 1.33 | 1.33 | 1.22 | 1.22 |
| Siscoe | 2.20 | 2.19 | 2.07 | 2.12 | 2.04 | 1.95 | 1.73 | 1.68 | 1.60 | 1.85 | 1.65 | 1.63 | 1.68 | 1.65 |
| Sylvanite | 3.29 | 3.39 | 3.38 | 3.32 | 3.20 | 3.18 | 2.95 | 2.86 | 2.79 | 3.23 | 3.28 | 3.18 | 3.20 | 3.26 |
| Teck-Hughes | 4.54 | 4.60 | 4.63 | 4.78 | 4.75 | 4.88 | 4.63 | 4.55 | 4.44 | 4.92 7.66 | 4.98 | 4.84 7.73 | 4.68 | 4.65 |
| Wright-Hargreaves. | 7.86 | 7.93 | 7.87 | 7.89 | 7.70 | 7.72 | 7.40 | 7.31 | 7.10 | 7.66 | 7.57 | 7.73 | 7.77 | 7.77 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Falconbridge ..... | 6.16 30.00 | 6.00 30.46 | 5.92 29.35 | 5.94 30.31 | 5.69 29.73 | 5.48 29.40 | 5.00 28.10 | 4.91 28.19 | 4.59 26.79 | 5.53 30.19 | 5.76 31.97 | 6.34 33.48 | 6.14 33.17 | 5.78 33.31 |
| Noranda . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 73.05 | 73.83 | 72.15 | 74.13 | 72.58 | 72.70 | 70.35 | 69.46 | 66.67 | 73.17 | 78.30 | 77.71 | 78.50 | 79.50 |

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- INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND PRICES AND YIELDS, ©CTOBER; 1938 (1926=100)
The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices reflected the improved outlook in world affairs and advanced from 116,0 for
- September to 116.9 for October. As recovery set in, following the year's low of 112.6 pn September 28, the Bureau's daily index rose to 115.1 by the end of the montin, but
( showed some uncertainty during the first four days of October, when the Munich pact was dobated in the British Youse of Comnons. An upward movement then commenced wich continued without recession until the 23 th, when a high for the month of 117.6 was reached. Subsequent to an offering by the Province of Quebec of a $\$ 30 \mathrm{million}$ bond issue, prices reacted slightly and the index closed the month at 117.3 ,for a net gain of 1.1 points. Provincials also moved higher during October and gains of from 3 to 5 points were common. Noteworthy events of the month included the successful floating of a loan for $\$ 4.5$ million by the Province of Nova Scotia, and one for $\$ 15$ million by the Province of Ontario. British Consols fell from $741 / 2$ on the 30 th of September to $713 / 4$ by October 18 , but rose again to $741 / 2$ on the 24 th before declining to close the month at 72 . The Dow-Jones avarage of high-grade United States bonds mounted from 87.18 at the end of September to 90.72 on the 28 th of October before falling to 90.12 on the 31st. Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields moved lower and the index declined from 65.3 for September to 63.2 for October, while thic average yield of the is sues used in the index decreased from 3.17 to 3.07 . Based upon information received from Messrs. Wood, Gundy Co. Ltd., the index for representative Province of Jntario bond yields dropped from 68.9 to 66.8 and the average yield was reduced from 3.30 to 3.20 .

MONTYLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND PRICES, 1930-1938.
(From data issued by A. E. Ames and Company, Ltd.)

|  | 1930 | 1931 | 1932 | 1933 | 1934 | 1935 | 1936 | $193 \%$ | 1938 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 99.0 | 103.1 | 94. | 103.3 | 104.6 | $1 \overline{15.9}$ | $1 \overline{13.6}$ | 11\%.7 | 116.1 |
| February | 99.3 | 103.1 | 94.9 | 1.103.4 | 105.4 | 114.2 | 115.0 | 115.3 | 116.6 |
| March | 99.9 | 103.7 | 96.4 | 102.1 | 107.9 | 115.0 | 115.5 | 112.9 | 116.8 |
| April | 100.5 | 104.5 | 96.2 | 102.9 | 109.4 | 114.5 | 115.7 | 112.7 | 117.3 |
| May | 100.9 | 104.0 | 96.3 | 103.8 | 110.3 | 115.2 | 115.9 | 113.8 | 118.2 |
| June | 101.0 | 105.4 | 94.8 | 104.9 | 110.4 | 114.es | 117.0 | 114.9 | 118.1 |
| July | 101.2 | 105.3 | 97.0 | 104.8 | 111.1 | 114.5 | 118.0 | 115.1 | 117.6 |
| August | 102.1 | 105.3 | 101.0 | 105.6 | 112.3 | 114.8 | 119.1 | 115.5 | 117.6 |
| September | 103.0 | 102.1 | 101.8 | 105.7 | 112.6 | 110.9 | 119.1 | 115.3 | 116.0 |
| October. | 103.2 | 98.1 | 103.8 | 1.05.0 | 111.1 | 110.2 | 117.1 | 114.5 | 116.9 |
| November | 103.2 | 97.4 | 102.6 | 104.2 | 112.2 | 112.5 | 117.6 | 114.3 | - |
| December | 103.1 | 95.5 | 101.2 | 103.6 | 115.2 | 112.5 | 118.2 | 115.6 | - |

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION CF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, 1930-1938.
(From data issued Ly $A$. N. Ames and Company, Ltd.)

|  | 1930 | 1931 | 1932 | 1933 | 1934 | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 | 1938 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 102.1 | 93.9 | 112.7 | 96.3 | 93.2 | $\overline{70.9}$ | 72.4 | 64.6 | 66.3 |
| February | 101.4 | 93.6 | 112.2 | 96.0 | 91.0 | 73.2 | 70.8 | 68.4 | 65.4 |
| March | 101.1 | 91.9 | 109.1 | 97.7 | 86.1 | 71.4 | 69.9 | 72.7 | 64.7 |
| April | 99.3 | 90,0 | 109.8 | 96.6 | 83.8 | 72.2 | 69.5 | 73.2 | 63.7 |
| May | 98.4 | 89.3 | 109.3 | 95.0 | 81.8 | 71.4 | 68.8 | 71.0 | 61.7 |
| June | 98.2 | 88.3 | 111.7 | 93.3 | 82.1 | 73.4 | 66.9 | 69.3 | 61.8 |
| July | 98.0 | 88.3 | 107.5 | 93.5 | 80.1 | 72.1 | 65.1 | 69.0 | 62.7 |
| August | 95.9 | 88.3 | 100.5 | 92.2 | 77.8 | 71.6 | 63.2 | 68.1 | 62.7 |
| September | 93.9 | 95.5 | 98.7 | 92.4 | 77.2 | 79.8 | 63.1 | 68.3 | 65.3 |
| October.. | 93.6 | 105.2 | 96.2 | 93.5 | 79.3 | 78.9 | 66.2 | 69.7 | 63.2 |
| Norember | 93.6 | 107.7 | 98.5 | 94.3 | 77.2 | 74.5 | 65.1 | 68.8 | - |
| December | 93.9 | 111.7 | 99.4 | 95.1 | 71.3 | 75.5 | 64.1 | 67.4 | - |

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERS* 1938


[^0]Note: The noon rates in Canadian Funds upon which these averages are based, have been suppized by the Bank of Canada


| , | Total <br> 419 Stocks | Industrials <br> 347 Stocks | Railroads 32 Stocks | Utilities 40 Stocks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1934 |  |  |  |  |
| October | 67.6 | 76.7 | 35.9 | 63.2 |
| November | 68.3 | 78.4 | 34.8 | 60.8 |
| December | 69.6 | 80.6 | 35.9 | 58.8 |
| 1935 |  |  |  |  |
| January | 70.1 | 81.9 | 35.0 | 57.6 |
| February | 68.0 | 80.1 | 32.3 | 55.1 |
| March | 64.6 | 70.2 | 28.4 | 53.4 |
| April | 67.5 | 78.9 | 29.4 | 59.1 |
| May | 73.1 | 85.7 | 30.9 | 63.7 |
| June | 75.5 | 87.4 | 32.4 | 69.8 |
| July | 78.8 | 91.2 | 33.8 | 73.3 |
| August | 83.0 | 95.0 | 35.8 | 80.6 |
| September | 85.0 | 97.5 | 37.0 | 81.9 |
| october | 85.2 | 98.5 | 34.3 | 81.0 |
| November | 93.3 | 107,4 | 37.6 | 90.1 |
| December | 95.3 | 109.2 | 41.4 | 91.6 |
| 1936 |  |  |  |  |
| January | 100.0 | 114.5 | 43.8 | 97.0 |
| February | 106.1 | 120.9 | 49.1 | 102.8 |
| March | 108.7 | 124.6 | 49.2 | 102.8 |
| April | 108.9 | 125.3 | 48.9 | 101.5 |
| May | 101.0 | 116.2 | 45.0 | 94.7 |
| June | 105.6 | 120.6 | 47.7 | 102.0 |
| July | 109.2 | 124.3 | 50.7 | 105.8 |
| August | 113.0 | 128.4 | 53.9 | 108.8 |
| September | 114.1 | .330 .2 | 55.4 | 107.7 |
| october | 118.7 | 136.0 | 58.4 | 109.1 |
| November | 124.2 | 144.3 | 57.9 | 108.9 |
| December | 122.8 | 142.6 | 54.4 | 110.6 |
| 1937 |  |  |  |  |
| January | 126.0 | 146.3 | 55.6 | 113.2 |
| February | 129.5 | 151.7 | 57.9 | 110.7 |
| March | 129.9 | 152.6 | 62.8 | 105.7 |
| April | 124.5 | 146.5 | 60.1 | 100.7 |
| May | 116.3 | 136.7 | 57.1 | 94.1 |
| June | 113.6 | 134.0 | 53.9 | 91.3 |
| July | 117.8 | 139.4 | 52.1 | 95.9 |
| August | 120.5 | 143.5 | 50.9 | 97.0 |
| September | 106.4 | 126.2 | 42.6 | 89.2 |
| October | 91.4 | 107.4 | 35.4 | 81.3 |
| November | 82.9 | 96.1 | 31.4 | 79.5 |
| December | 82.2 | 95.2 | 31.2 | 78.8 |
| 1938 |  |  |  |  |
| January | 81.6 | 95.7 | 29.0 | 75.7 |
| February | 80.7 | 95.7 | 28.3 | 71.2 |
| March | 77.9 | 92.7 | 25.5 | 68.5 |
| April | 70.7 | 84.2 | 20.9 | 64.0 |
| May | 73.9 | 87.4 | 21.8 | 69.5 |
| June | 73.1 | 86.4 | 20.5 | 69.2 |
| July | 88.0 | 105.3 | 27.3 | 76.5 |
| August | 89.5 | 108.0 | 27.8 | 75.0 |
| September | 86.0 | 103.9 | 25.5 | 72.2 |
| lst Week of October | 82.6 | 100.0 | 23.4 | 69.6 |


[^0]:    * Based upon an average of daily figures for the week ending on dates specified.

