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## COMMODITIES:

Commodity wholesale prices indexes declined sharply in the latter half of April, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index which stood at 83.3 for the first two weeks fell to 81.5 for the last week of the month. Although all of the eight groups included in the index showed losses in varying degree, Vegetable Products led the recession, dropping froin 83,5 to 81.5 . The most important factor in the decline was the slump in cash prices of wheat, which was instrumental in decreasing the index for grains from 91.6 to 83,9 . The grain index for the corresponding week of last year was 92.9. The decrease in Animal Products was much smaller and the index dropped only 1.8 points to 78.0. Livestock and meats were up, fresh meats rising 4.5 points to 87.4 , but butter fell from 36.9 cents to 30.6 cents and fish, hides and milk were oheaper as well. Changes in other groups were comparatively unimportant. Raw cotton moved fractionally higher while raw wool and woolien cloth deciined. Newsprint quotations, f.o.b. mill, were shaded due to freight increases and lower prices were asked for British Columbia lumber products. In the Non-Ferrous Metals a small gain was made by copper. Lead and tin weakened, although the international export quota for tin was reduced from 70 p.c. to $55 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. for the second quarter of 1938. Seasonal reductions for coal affected the index for Non-Metallic Minerals while a slight drop in Chemicals was due largely to easier prices for drugs and industrial gases.

COST OF LIVING:
A slight upward tendency in foods, partially offset by a minor reduction in fuels, resulted in a small advance in the Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost of living index from 84.2 in March to 84.3 in April. This was 2.3 per cent. above the level of the corresponding month of last year and 10 per cent. higher then the depression low point in 1933. The food group recorded a slight rise from 78.6 to 78.8 , gains for meats and butter being of more consequence than declines for eggs, potatoes, canned salmon and veal. The upward movement of 1.7 per cent. observable in wholesale foods since the first of the year was oniy partially reflected in retail prices. A reduction in the wood subgroup from 79.9 to 79.5 , brought about a decline in the fuel index from 86.3 to 86.2 . No changes of consequence were recorded for other budgetary groups.

## STOCKS AND BONDS

Industrial and utility common stock groups recovered about two-thirds of March losses in the first three weeks of April. This advance was followed by a moderate reaction in the final week which reduced not gains to approximately one-half of the decreases in March. The Investors' price index of industrial, utility, and bank common stocks advanced from 87.9 on March 31 to 102.7 on April 23 , and then dropped back to 98.5 on the 30th. The Merch ist index was 109.4. Indexes of 161.1 for industrials, and 44.5 for utilities on April 30, showed net gains of 19.1 and 4.7 respectively for the month. Mining markets followed the same course taken by industrials and utilities. A general price index of 24 mining issues advanced from 122.0 on March 31 to 139.9 on April 23 and then fell back to 136.1 on the 30 . On that day the gold sectional index was 112.1 , and base metals 234.5 , net increases for April for these respective groups being 8.7 and 36.4. Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices gained steadily during April and a weekly index for this group mounted from 116,6 to 117.9 , its highest level since the beginning of 1937. A corresponding series for yields dropped from 65.0 to 62.2 .

FOREICN EXCHANGE(Quotations mentioned are Montreal noon rates unless otherwise specified) Erratic fluctuations of foreign exchenges which accompanied European political developments in March, lessened appreciably in the last two weeks of April. Premiums on New York funds dropped from a late March peak of $11 / 16$ to $3 / 8$ of one per cent. and then steadied at $17 / 32$. The principal readjustment came after the announcement of a new United States eovernment exoenditure programme and increase in the credit base, to revive lagging business activity. For a brief period capital flowed from the United States, but there was little movement in either direction as the month closed. Sterling moved up from a monthly low of $\$ 4.9932$ on April 5 to $\$ 5.0235$ on the 19 th and then settled back between $\$ 5.01$ and $\$ 5.02$ during the firal fortnight. French francs advanced to 3.175 cents on the 19th, 10 points above an early April low, but reacted sharply to 3.065 cents on the 22nd, following rumours of contemplated devaluation. Later, they rallied slightly and closed at 3.08 cents on April 30. Belgas showed a minor net gain and florins a small loss during April, although the former remained in an unstable position. Argentine peso free market
rates moved sharply forward from 24.87 cents to 26.19 cents, with offiolal rates showing a minor rise of 14 points to 33.42 cents. Mexicen pesos rallied from 21.44 cents on April 4 to 24.51 cents on the 7 th , and closed at 23.42 cents.

## REVIETN OF IMPORTANI COMMODITY MARKETS

WHEAT AND OTHFR GRAINS: Canadian grain markets were highly irregular during April as premiums on top grades were severely cut. Favourable growing weather for the new crop pointed to a return to a normal supply situation in a few months and trading was largely confined to new crop futures and to the lower grades of spot grain. Export sales of wheat were again small and a large proportion of them were of the Durum variety which was quoted at $887 / 8$ cents per bushel for No. 1 on April 30. Tie premium on No. 1 Manitoba Northern over No. 3 reached a maximum of 32 cents on March 29, but by the final day of April it had fallen to 12 cents per bushel.

Beginning the month at the bottom of a reaction from the late March peak, Canadian wheat prices moved unsteadily higher as British millers showed substantial interest in nearby wheat. This movement was climaxed by the purchase of about $5,000,000$ bushels, mainly Australian and United States offerings, on April 8, at which time No. 3 Northern at Winnipeg reached $\$ 1.207 / 8$ per bushel, its highest price during the month. The second week was featured by the appearance of the official forecast of a winter wheat crop in United States in excess of $725,000,000$ bushels. This compared with a final estimate of $685,000,000$ in 1937. Canadian prospects too were favourable but offerings from Australia became fimmer and dry weather was reported from Europe and North Arrica. During this period top grades lost part of their premiums and No. 3 fell to $\$ 1.17 \frac{3}{4}$ per bushel before rising to $\$ 1.201 / 8$ on the 14 th. General rains in Areentine reinforced the bearish features at the middle of the month and continued fine growing weather in North America contributed to a further fall in premiums on No. 1 and 2 Northern. From an interim peak of $\$ 1.441 / 4$ on April 14, No. 1 Northern receded 19 cents in 10 trading days and No. 3 moved down 9 cents in the same poriod. A slight upturn in prices occurred when it was officially announced that the British government had already begur to accumulate reserve supplies of wheat but prices were again receding as the month ended.

Wheat prices on the whole averaged about the same as for March, No. 1 being unchanged, No. 2 down 3 cents, and No. 3 u: 2 cents per bushel. Net changes between April 1 and 30, however, showed a very different picture. In this period declines were as follows: No. 1,22 cents, No. 2,18 cents, and No. 3,4 cents. In the final two days of the month No. 1 Northern dropped below $\$ 1.25$ per bushel for the first time since June 19, 1937. Flax and oats exhibited greater strength in the lower grades. No. 1 and 2 flax registered a net loss of 2 cents per bushel in April while No. 3 rose 9 cents. Top grades of oats fell more than 4 cents and No. 2 Feed was down 2 cents per bushel. Barley declined approximately 2 cents per bushel during the month as rye receded fully 9 cents.

| Descriptions (Basis cash per bush | 1937 | 1938 | 1938 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fort William and Port Arthur) | April | March | April |
|  | Average | Average | Average |
|  | $\downarrow$ | $\phi$ | ¢ |
| No. 1 Manitoba Northern wheat | 138.9 | 138.4 | 138.4 |
| No. $2 \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{W}$. oats | 58.8 | 52.1 | 50.2 |
| No. 2 C.W. rye | 113.5 | 72.7 | 63.0 |
| No. 3 C.W. barley | 74.7 | 59.2 | 55.5 |
| No. 1 C.W. flax | 182.2 | 162.9 | 152.3 |

FLOUR AND OTHER MILLED PRODUCTS: Flour prices declined in sympathy with wheat during April. Spring wheat flour averaged more than $15 \phi$ per barrel lower than in March, although winter wheat varieties were firm. Domestic sales were light as buyers limited comitments on the falling markets, but improvement was anticipated since prices were relatively attractive and stocks were low. Sales of moderate quantities for export to Great Britain and the West Indies were reported although total exports continued to be far below last year's. Bran and shorts at Montreal averaged about $\$ 3.00$ per ton lower than in March.

|  | 1937 | 1938 | 1938 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Descriptions | April 15 | March | April |
|  | \$ | Average | Average |
| Flour, No. 1 patent, Manitoba, per barrel, |  | \$ | \$ |
| Montreal | 7.50 | 7.64 | 7.48 |
| Rolled oats, Toronto, per $80-$ pound bag | 3.24 | 3.00 | 3.00 |
| Oatmeal, Toronto, per 98-pound bag. | 3.96 | 3.70 | 3.70 |

SUGAR: World sugar markets during April were at the lowest levels in recent years. The trend of prices is well illustrated by quotations on B.W.I. raws at Montreal where the opening price of $\$ 1.975$ per cwt. equalled the figure for the last week of 1936 . A decline to $\$ 1.9375$ was registered for the weeks ending April 8 and 15 before an upward swing carried prices back to the opening figure. The No. 4 world contract at New York




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[^0]opened the month at the high, viz., $961 / 2$ cents and closed at $931 / 4$ cents after establishing a low point of $873 / 4$ certs per cwt. on April 11 . London prices showed similar behaviour with the bottom coming on the 12th. United States domestic markets continued to be weak, and were as much as 10 cents per cwt, below the Cuban free market price plus freight and duty.

|  | 1937 | 1938 | 1938 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Descriptions | $\text { Apr11 } 15$ | $\frac{\text { March } 15}{\$}$ | ${ }_{\text {April }}^{\text {\% }} 15$ |
| Granulated sugar, per cwt., at | 4.99 | E. 09 | 4.99 |
|  | 4.77 | 4.97 | 4.90 |
| B.W.I. raw sugar, per cwt. at | 2.21 | 1.99 | 1.94 |

RUBBER: Rubber prices showed no sustained rally from the drastic declines which occurred in March. Thick latex crepe sheets at New York began the month at 12 cents per pound and after rising to $131 / 8$ cents on April 9, fell back to the opening price on the 12th. Subsequently they worked up to $1315 / 16$ cents on the 23 rd, and closed the month at $123 / 4$ cents per pound. The Bureau's index of raw rubber fifes stood at 25.6 for the month of April ( $1925=100$ ). This compared with 52.8 and 52.2 respectively, for March and April 1937, indicating that average prices for April 1938 were more than 50 per cent, below those of last year. March consumption in the United States was only 30,487 tons against 54,060 tons a year ago.

|  | $\begin{array}{r} 1937 \\ \text { Apri1 } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1938 \\ \text { March } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1938 \\ & \text { April } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Descriptions | Average | Average | Average |
| Raw rubber per pound at New York (Canadian Funds) | $\phi$ | 6 | $\psi$ |
| Standard latex crepe sheets | 27.7 | 14.6 | 13.1 |
| Ceylon plantation ribbed smoked s | 23.6 | 13.7 | 12.0 |

LIVESTOCK: Livestock markets, calves excepted, showed considerable firmness during April. Runs of cattle were generally light, and despite narrowing export demand latterly, prices were well maintained. Good steers over 1050 pounds at Toronto rose from $\$ 6.01$ per cwt. for the week of Apiril 7 th to $\$ 6.30$ per cwt. in the following week, but lost 36 cents in the next fortnight. Averages for this grade at winnipeg dropped 10 cents for the second week but rose 25 cents per cwt. In the next two weeks to close at $\$ 5.65$ per cowt. Calves showed the usual seasonal declines. Hogs and lambs averaged higher with receipts of the latter unusualiy light.


BUTTER: First grade creamery butter at Montreal and Toronto dropped over 9 cents per pound between the opsaing and closing days of April, but western markets were firmer. Demand was light and fresh supplies increased while dealers bought cautiously, supplying needs from day to day. Cold storage holdings of creamery butter as shown by the Acricultural Bransil of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics were 4, 538,513 pounds on April l, or slightly mote than half the amount reported on April 1, 1937.


EGGS: ERgS averaged lower in April than in the provious month. After declining during the last week of March, quotations held comparatively steady during the next three weeks but tended upward as the month closed. Fresh arrivals had been well cleared from week to week as both consumptive demand and sales for breaking purposes were active. Markets were further supported latterly by purchases for storage and for export shipments to Great Britain. The Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported
eggs in storage at $43 \%, 831$ dozen on April 1 agginst 262,112 dozen on the first of the previous month.


COTTON: The downward trend in cotton was reversed and prices at New York rose almost steadily from the month's low of 8.2 cents on April 4 th to 9.0 cents on the 18 th. This rise coincided with reports indicating sizable reductions in crop acreage for India. After more than two weeks of activfty in fabric markets sales declined, demand for raw material slackened and by the 30 th raw cotton prices had receded to 8.8 cents per pound. Forwardings of American cotton to world mills totalled 730,000 bales for the four weeks ended April 29 against an aggregate of 986,000 from the previous four weeks.

| Descriptions | April <br> Average | 1938 <br> March <br> Average | 1928 <br> April <br> Averase |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rave cotton upland middling at New York | $\phi$ | ¢ | \% |
| per pound (Cariedian funds) | 14.2 | 8.9 | 8,8 |

WOOL: After earl. zeclines, a firmer tendency appeared in Canadian wool markets. The amount of business transacted was limited but in the last half of April, mill demand expanded and sales of tops and raw wool increased.


SILK: Raw silk rrices asajn moved forkard, but demend for the lorer grades remained keen. The margin between the lower and higher classifications continued to narrow aa indicated by the rance of prices of $85 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{c}$. 13-15 deniers and $85 \mathrm{p} \cdot \mathrm{c}$. 20-22 deniers. In January the former averaged $181 / 2$ cents higher, in February 17 cents, in March 13 cents, and in April only 7 cents per pound. United States mill takings for April were 33,381 bales or 1,508 bales less than in March. This was somewhat below trade expectations.

| Descriptions | 1937 | 1938 | 1938 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | April | March | April |
| Raw silk quoted on a 60-day basis at New work | $\frac{\text { Average }}{*}$ | Average | Average |
| Special grand XX 85 p.c. 20-22 deniers | 2.03 | 1.63 | 1.65 |
| Special grand XX $83 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{c}$. 13-15 deniers | 2.11 | 1.70 | 1.69 |

LIMBER AND TIMBFR: The export situation for Cantiian lumber showec little change and further price reductions occurred in April. Lumber yards in Great Britain were reported to be well stocked while freight rates were unstable. Purchases of British Columbia lumber by the Prairies were continuous but light, while eastern buying was hesitant. Supplies of fir were considered ample for current needs and logging operations were curtailed. A february log-scale of slightly more than $90,662,000 \mathrm{bd}$.ft. was the lowest in several months.

| Descriptions (Pirce Indexes 1926=100) | $\begin{aligned} & 1937 \\ & \text { April } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1938 \\ \text { March } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1938 \\ & \text { April } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| White pine lumber | 102.7 | 102.7 | 102.7 |
| Spruce lumber | 102.0 | 87.9 | 85.7 |
| Fir lumber | 113.7 | 88.1 | 85.6 |
| Cedar lumber | 119.2 | 94.0 | 87.0 |

Covel COPPFR: Copper prices, Connecticut Valley basis, held steady at the 10 cent level throughout Anril. Amerinan markets were quiet but European sales increased. As dedemand for armament purposes revived United States export prices moved up from 9 a 55 cents on the first to 10.20 cents on the 20 th , but dropped back on the following day and losed the month at 9.80 cents. World stocks of refinad metal at the end of March at 540,252 tons showed a gain of 11,118 tons, the smallest increase for some time.

| Descriptions | April <br> Copper, electrolytic domestic per 100 pounds | Average | March <br> Average |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIAIS, $1913=100$ (Sea page 8 for these dnta on the base 1926=100)

|  | 1937 |  | 1938 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | April | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | April |
| Building \& Construction Materials | 146.5 | 136.8 | 136.7 | 136.4 | 135,8 | 134.9 |
| Lumber : $\cdot$. | 155.8 | 13\%. 3 | 136.7 | 136.8 | 135.3 | 132.2 |
| Painters Materials | 133.6 | 129.1 | 128.8 | 127.5 | 127.4 | 127.2 |
| Miscellaneous ...... | 144.6 | 142.1 | 142.4 | 141.9 | 141.9 | 143.1 |


(Olassified According to Chief Component Materials)
$(1926=100)$

III.Fibres, Tootiles and

Textile Droáucts
Cotton, Re\%:
Cotton Yarn and Thread
Cotton Fabrics
Znit Goods
Sash Cord
Flax, Hemp and Jute Products
Silk, raw
Silk Thread and Yarn
Silk Hosiery
Silk Fabrics
Artificial Silk Products
Wool, raw
Wool Yarns
Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods
Wool Blankets
Wool Cloth
Carpets

| 85 | 72.7 | 75.2 | 68.6 | 67.9 | 67.8 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2 | 67.7 | 82.1 | 53.6 | 52.6 | 53.4 |
| 5 | 83.5 | 84.0 | 82.7 | 82.7 | 82.7 |
| 19 | 76.9 | 79.4 | 73.7 | 72.2 | 72.2 |
| 3 | 84.0 | 84.6 | 83.9 | 82.7 | 82.7 |
| 1 | 92.6 | 93.5 | 87.7 | 87.7 | 87.7 |
| 10 | 49.8 | 53.7 | 47.3 | 47.2 | 47.0 |
| 9 | 30.3 | 31.9 | 26.0 | 26.3 | 26.4 |
| 2 | 64.0 | 64.6 | 64.6 | 64.6 | 64.6 |
| 2 | 65.3 | 65.3 | 65.3 | 65.3 | 65.3 |
| 4 | 47.0 | 48.0 | 43.9 | 43.9 | 44.7 |
| 5 | 43.5 | 42.8 | 42.8 | 42.8 | 42.8 |
| 3 | 89.3 | 91.5 | 58.0 | 54.7 | 50.6 |
| 6 | 91.0 | 92.3 | 90.2 | 77.9 | 78.3 |
| 5 | 89.0 | 88.8 | 89.7 | 88.8 | 88.8 |
| 1 | 101.4 | 98.0 | 94.9 | 94.9 | 94.9 |
| 6 | 83.3 | 84.4 | 77.4 | 77.4 | 75.9 |
| 2 | 95.0 | 92.1 | 97.1 | 97.1 | 97.1 |


|  | Commodities | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. of } \\ & \text { Price } \\ & \text { Series } \end{aligned}$ | Yearly Average 1937 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & \vdots 1937 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & : \text { Feb } \\ & \vdots \\ & 1938 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar. } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & : 1938 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| IV. | Wood, Wood Products and Paper | 49 | 76.7 | 78.5 | 79.4 | 79.0 | 77.6 |
|  | Newsprint | 2 | 58.1 | 58.1 | 68.5 | 68.6 | 68.0 |
|  | Lumber | 33 | 98.1 | 105.0 | 92.2 | 91.2 | 89.1 |
|  | Pulp | 3 | 84.6 | 81.9 | 82.3 | 81.4 | 78.5 |
|  | Furniture | 10 | 82.0 | 81.1 | 85.6 | 85.6 | 85.6 |
|  | Matches | 1 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.9 |
| V. | Iron and Its Products | 44 | 101.8 | 102.9 | 103.9 | 103.7 | 102.5 |
|  | Pig Iron and Steel Billets | 3 | 99.5 | 101.7 | 101.7 | 101.7 | 101.7 |
|  | Rolling Mill Products | 14 | 108.5 | 109.3 | 111.0 | 110.6 | 109.4 |
|  | Pipe (Cast Iron and Steel) | 2 | 97.9 | 100.4 | 101.7 | 101.7 | 101.7 |
|  | Hardware | 16 | 90.0 | 86.4 | 91.7 | 91.6 | 91.6 |
|  | Wire | 3 | 99.1 | 96.6 | 103.2 | 103.2 | 103.2 |
|  | Scrap | 5 | 82.8 | 97.6 | 70.5 | 70.5 | 65.8 |
|  | Miscellaneous | 1 | 105.4 | 100.0 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 |
| VI. | Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products | 18 | 83.8 | 89.6 | 71.1 | 71.3 | 70.6 |
|  | Aluminium | 2 | 92.0 | 91.1 | 93.9 | 93.9 | 93.9 |
|  | Antimony | 1 | 92.3 | 93.1 | 97.5 | 97.5 | 97.5 |
|  | Brass and Copper Products | 6 | 92.8 | 103.7 | 72.3 | 72.1 | 72.0 |
|  | Lead and Its Products | 2 | 72.2 | 78.2 | 52.9 | 54.5 | 53.8 |
|  | Silver | 1 | 72.4 | 73.2 | 72.1 | 72.0 | 69.4 |
|  | Tin Ingots | 2 | 85.2 | 91.9 | 67.4 | 66.1 | 64.3 |
|  | Zinc and Its Products | 2 | 63.5 | 71.8 | 45.3 | 45.3 | 43.9 |
|  | Solder | 1 | 89.6 | 94.0 | 81.1 | 81.1 | 81.1 |
| VII. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Their Products | 83 | 86.6 | 85.6 | 87.1 | 87.0 | 86.6 |
|  | Clay and Allied Material Products | 10 | 87.9 | 87.4 | 88.2 | 88.2 | 88.2 |
|  | Pottery | 2 | 94.6 | 93.5 | 96.6 | 96.6 | 96.6 |
|  | Coal | 13 | 92.0 | 89.6 | 93.5 | 93.5 | 92.6 |
|  | Coke | 5 | 111.0 | 110.9 | 115.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 |
|  | Manufactured Gas | 3 | 99.7 | 98.0 | 102.0 | 102.0 | 102.0 |
|  | Coal Tar | 1 | 93.0 | 89.5 | 94.7 | 94.7 | 94.7 |
|  | Glass and Its Products | 6 | 84.3 | 89.0 | 84.8 | 84.8 | 81.0 |
|  | Petroleum Products | 6 | 74.1 | 73.9 | 73.1 | 72.8 | 72.8 |
|  | Asphalt | 2 | 90.8 | 91,4 | 92.2 | 92.2 | 92.2 |
|  | Salt | 4 | 77.7 | 77.7 | 77.7 | 77.7 | 77.7 |
|  | Sulphur | 1 | 96.3 | 93.7 | 98.0 | 98.2 | 98.5 |
|  | Plaster | 3 | 114.1 | 112.2 | 115.1 | 115.8 | 115.8 |
|  | Lime | 4 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.2 |
|  | Cement | 1 | 106.2 | 106.2 | 106.2 | 106.4 | 106.4 |
|  | Sand and Gravel | 8 | 91.5 | 91.7 | 91.4 | 91.4 | 91.4 |
|  | 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 | 82.7 | 80.6 | 80.5 | 80.4 |
|  | Inorganic Chemicals | 22 | 87.6 | 87.6 | 87.0 | 87.1 | 87.1 |
|  | Organic Chemicals | 6 | 86.1 | 93.3 | 77.4 | 77.4 | 77.4 |
|  | Coal Ter Products | 2 | 92.4 | 92.2 | 92.2 | 92.2 | 95.7 |
|  | Dyeing and Tanning Materials | 10 | 106.2 | 106.1 | 106.6 | 105.3 | 105.3 |
|  | Explosives | 2 | 75.8 | 76.4 | 74.7 | 74,7 | 74.7 |
|  | Paint Materials | 9 | 76.9 | 80.1 | 71.8 | 71.7 | 71.8 |
|  | Paints Prepared | 2 | 72.4 | 74.1 | 74.1 | 74.1 | 74.1 |
|  | Drugs and Pharmaceutical |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Chemicals | 10 | 76.1 | 77.1 | 75.7 | 75.4 | 74.4 |
|  | Fertilizers | 10 | 74.5 | 74.5 | 75.2 | 75.2 | 75.2 |
|  | Industrial Gases | 2 | 92.4 | 93.3 | 90.1 | 91.6 | 90.1 |
|  | Soap | 2 | 91.1 | 91 | 91.9 | 91.9 | 91.9 |

(Classified Accoraing to Purpose for which used)
(1926=100)

|  | Price Series: | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Yearly } \\ & \text { verage } \\ & 1937 \end{aligned}$ $1937$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 1937 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { March } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I. CONSUMERS' GOODS (GROUPS $A \& B$ ) | 236 | 79.5 | 79.1 | 79.1 | 79.0 | 78.5 |
| A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco | 126 | 81.2 | 80.7 | 80.7 | 81.2 | 80.6 |
| Beverages | 9 | 78.8 | 77.6 | 79.0 | 79.0 | 79.6 |
| Flour and Milled Products | 12 | 97.1 | 99.6 | 98.2 | 95.9 | 93.2 |
| Bakery Products | 2 | 91.1 | 89.7 | 94.3 | 94.3 | 94.3 |
| Fish | 16 | 74.2 | 70.4 | 76.4 | 75.3 | 70.0 |
| Fruits | 15 | 89.2 | 85.2 | 64.9 | 67.5 | 67.8 |
| Meats and Poultry | 10 | 77.9 | 74.9 | 73.5 | 75.7 | 81.0 |
| Milk and Malk Products | 12 | 77.8 | 78.6 | 86.7 | 89.2 | 86.7 |
| Sugar and Its Products | 8 | 86.3 | 85.8 | 87.1 | 86.7 | 85.3 |
| Vegetables | 13 | 64.8 | 74.0 | 52.8 | 50.9 | 49.3 |
| Eggs | 3 | 63.2 | 53.1 | 62.0 | 59.9 | 54.7 |
| Tobacco | 8 | 54.9 | 55.5 | 52.4 | 52.4 | 52.4 |
| Miscellaneous | 18 | 78.3 | 80.4 | 65.8 | 67.4 | 66.3 |
| B. Other Consumers' Goods | 110 | 78.4 | 78.1 | 78.0 | 77.6 | 77.1 |
| Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Hosiery and Underwear | 52 | 78.2 | 78.9 |  |  | 74.9 |
| Household Equipment and Supplies | 58 | 78.6 | 77.5 | 79.5 | 79.4 | 78.7 |
| II. PRODUCERS' GOODS (GROUPS C \& D) | 402 | 86.1 | 89.2 | 83.7 | 82.5 | 81.9 |
| - Producers' Equipment | 24 | 93.8 | 92.4 | 94.5 | 94.5 | 94.5 |
| Tools | 3 | 90.4 | 91.1 | 91.3 | 91.3 | 91.3 |
| Light, Heat \& Power Equipment and Supplies | 17 | 94.5 | 93.1 | 95.0 | 95.0 | 95.0 |
| Explosives | 2 | 75.8 | 76.4 | 74.7 | 74.7 | 74.7 |
| Miscellaneous | 2 | 87.8 | 85.9 | 95.3 | 95.3 | 95.3 |
| D. Producers' Materials | 378 | 85.2 | 88.8 | 82.5 | 81.2 | 80.5 |
| Building and Construction Materials | 111 | 94.4 | 98.2 | 91.4 | 91.0 | 90.4 |
| Lumber | 33 | 98.1 | 105.0 | 92.2 | 91.2 | 89.1 |
| Painters' Materials | 13 | 74.6 | 76.8 | 73.3 | 73.2 | 73.1 |
| Miscellaneous | 65 | 95.9 | 97.0 | 95.2 | 95.2 | 96.0 |
| Manufacturers' Materials | 267 | 83.6 | 87.2 | 81.0 | 79.5 | 78.8 |
| Textiles and Clothing | 64 | 71.0 | 73.0 | 66.6 | 65.9 | 65.6 |
| Furs and Leather Goods | 24 | 88.9 | 93.6 | 76.2 | 73.6 | 71.6 |
| For Metal Working Industries | 41 | 87.8 | 93.0 | 77.9 | 78.0 | 77.1 |
| For Chemical Usine Industries | 43 | 90.6 | 91.4 | 89,0 | 89.0 | 89.1 |
| For Meat Packing Industries | 4 | 91.3 | 94.2 | 74.5 | 79.2 | 82.4 |
| For Milling and Other Industries Miscellaneous Producers. | 23 | 92.6 | 98.5 | 93.3 | 89.2 | 88.5 |
| Meterials | 68 | 72.0 | 72.7 | 75.4 | 74.4 | 72.9 |


x Canadian Funds

+ New Grade January.









INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES, RENTS AND COSTS OF SERVICES IN CANADA, APRIL, 1938 (Calculations based on prices for the first of each month)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of retail prices, rents and costs of services on the base $1926=100$, rose slightly from 84.2 in March to 84.3 in April. Higher foods prices, offset to some extent by a minor decline in fuel were responsible for the upward movement.

Retail prices, including foods, coal, coke, clothing, household requirements, tobacco, etc., increased from 79.6 to 79.7 . When foods were removed from this index it was unchanged at 80.5 .

Average foods costs rose from 78.6 to 78.8 . This was 3.3 per cent. higher than a year before, and 30.5 per cent. above the low point in June, 1933. However, food sosts were still 26 per cent. below the level of January, 1930. Neats and butter recordec increases in April, while eggs and potatoes showed deciines. The following increaser, were representative of higher meat prices: Sirloin beef rose from 25.14 to 25.84 , shovider
 pork from $20.8 \phi$ to $21.0 \phi$, bacon from $39.1 \phi$ to $39.7 ¢$, and cooked ham from $55.3 \%$ to $56.4 ¢$ per pound. Creamery butter moved up from $39.1 \phi$ to $39.7 \phi$ and dairy butter from 35 .. O to 35.64 per pound. Grade "A" eggs fell from $32.0 \phi$ to $29.0 \phi$, while an average ç" trade "B" and Grade "C" was $24.4 \phi$ as compared with $27.0 \phi$ in March. Potatoes were down from $20.2 \phi$ to $19.5 \not \subset$ per peck.

Moderate reductions in wood prices caused the fuel index to recede from 86.3 in March to 86.2 in April. The fuel index has been moving gradually downward since 1921 from a high point of 109.2 .

Indexes for other groups were unchanged.
INDEX: NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES, RENTS, AND COSTS OF SERVICES, 1913-APRIL, 1938 .
(1926=100

|  |  | Total <br> Index | : Food <br> :Index | :Fuel <br> :Index: | Rent <br> Index | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cloth- } \\ & \text { ing } \\ & \text { Index } \end{aligned}$ | : Sun- <br> : dries <br> : Index | : Retail <br> : Prices <br> : Index <br> : (Foods, <br> : Fucl, <br> : Clothing, <br> : Household <br> : Requirements $: \quad \text { etc.) }$ | :Retail <br> :Prices <br> :Index <br> : Fuel, <br> :Clothing, <br> :Household <br> :Requirements 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 | 109.2 | 94.2 | 124.7 | 106.0 | - | - |
| 1922 | ........... | 100.0 | 91.4 | 104.6 | 98.1 | 105,7 | 106.0 | - | .- |
| 1923 | -........... | 100.0 | 92.1 | 104.6 | 100.0 | 104,4 | 105.3 | - | - |
| 1924 |  | 98.0 | 90.7 | 102.0 | 101.3 | 101.9 | 103.3 | - | - |
| 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 | S6.9 | 99,0 | 98.9 | 96.9 |
| 2930 |  | 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 | 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 | 92.9 | 75.8 | 78.0 |
| 2937 | April | 82.4 | 76.3 | 86.4 | 84.9 | 72.6 | 93, 3 | 77.9 | 79.5 |
|  | Mey | 82.9 | 76.6 | 85.9 | 87.3 | 72.6 | 93.4 | 78.1 | 79.5 |
|  | June | 82.9 | 76.4 | 84.0 | 87.3 | 72.8 | 93.7 | 78,0 | 79.5 |
|  | July | 83.1 | 77.2 | 83.8 | 87.3 | 72.9 | 93.7 | 78.4 | 79.5 |
|  | Aur,ust | 83.7 | 79.1 | 84.4 | 87,3 | 72.9 | 93.7 | 79.4 | 79.6 |
|  | September | 83.6 | 78.3 | 84.5 | 87.3 | 73.3 | 33.9 | 79.1 | 79.9 |
|  | October | 84.2 | 78.9 | 85.3 | 89.0 | 73,3 | 93.9 | 79.5 | 80.1 |
|  | November | 84.2 | 78.8 | 85.7 | 89,0 | 73.3 | 93.9 | 79.5 | 80.2 |
|  | December | 84.3 | 79.1 | 86.1 | 89.0 | 73.3 | 93.9 | 79.7 | 80.3 |
| 1938 | January | 84.1 | 78.4 | 86.2 | 89.0 | 73.3 | 93.9 | 79.4 | 80.3 |
|  | February | 83.9 | 77.9 | 86.0 | 89.0 | 73.3 | 93.9 | 79.1 | 80.3 |
|  | March | 84.2 | 78.6 | 86.3 | 89.0 | 73.7 | 93.9 | 79,6 | 80,5 |
|  | April $\cdots \cdots \cdot$ | 84.3 | 78.8 | 86.2 | 89.0 | 73.7 | 93.9 | 79.7 | 80.5 |

N.B.-Rentul indexes are calculated in Muy and october only. Clothing indexes are calcu-
lated for March, June, Sentember and Decembe as are certain sub-indexes in the Miscell-
aneous group. pifficulties in obtaining these data promptly cause revisions to be of ten
one or two months late.

INDEX NULBERS OF RTTAIL PRICES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN CANANL

| Year and bionth | Beef Sirloin | Beel Chuck | Veal <br> Roast | dilutton <br> -Rosst | Pork Fresh | Pork Salt | Bacon Breakfast | Lerd Pure | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Eggs } \\ & \text { Grado }{ }^{\text {"A }} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Eggs } \\ \text { Grade" } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { Grade" } \end{gathered}$ | : Milk | Butter Dairy | Butte Creame | : Cheese |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1935 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 58.8 | 62.9 |
| June | 84.4 | 88.1 | 66.1 | 72.1 | 70.5 | 70.6 | 69.7 | 62.4 | $48.3$ | $47.5$ | $\begin{aligned} & 87.5 \\ & 85.8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 57.5 \\ & 52.8 \end{aligned}$ | 58.8 55.5 | $\begin{aligned} & 62.9 \\ & 62.6 \end{aligned}$ |
| July | 85.4 | 88.1 | 66.7 | 71.8 | 74.2 | 72.4 | 79.7 | 63.3 64.9 | 52.0 59.2 | 5 | 85.8 | 52.6 | 55.9 | 61.9 |
| August ... | 84.4 | 83.0 | 66.1 | 70.8 | 74.8 | 72.0 | 70.6 73.1 | 64.9 70.2 | 59.2 66.7 | 59.5 66.3 | 86.8 86.7 | 52.6 54.1 | 56.8 | 61.6 |
| September | 82.7 | 80.5 | 67.2 | 70.1 | 75.2 | 73.5 |  |  | 96.5 | 75.6 | 88.3 | 58.0 | 60.6 | 62.6 |
| October | 79.6 | 79.9 | 69.8 | 68.1 | 75.2 | 73.5 | 73.6 | 73.9 |  | 83.9 | 88.3 | 61.5 | 64.0 | 64.5 |
| November | 76.5 | 77.4 | 69.8 | 66.8 | 72.5 | 73.1 | 72.2 | 74.7 | 92.7 | 83.9 87.2 | 88.3 | 65.4 | 67.8 | 64.5 |
| December | 75.9 | 76.1 | 69.8 | 67.8 | 68.9 | 73.1 | 69.2 | 74.7 | 92.7 | 87.2 | -8.3 | 65.4 |  |  |
| $\frac{1936}{\text { January }}$ | 77.6 | 79.2 | 73.4 | 72.5 | 69.9 | 72.8 | 67.8 | 73.1 | 88.7 | 85.2 | 89.2 | 66.4 | 68.5 | 64.8 |
| February | 78.6 | 81.1 | 76.6 | 73.8 | 70.5 | 72.4 | 67.4 | 70.2 | 72.2 | 72.4 | 89.2 | 65.2 | 67.3 | 64.5 |
| March ... | 79.6 | 81.1 | 79.2 | 74.8 | 69.9 | 72.0 | $67: 1$ | 67.8 | 81.4 | 79.4 | 89.2 | 63.2 | 64.2 | 64.8 |
| April | 77.9 | 79.2 | 71.9 | 74.8 | 69.5 | 71.3 | 66.4 | 65.3 | 60.0 | 58.3 | 89.2 | 61.0 | 63.7 | 64.8 |
| Liay. | 78.6 | 81.1 | 71.4 | 80.2 | 70.2 | 72.0 | 66:7 | 64.9 | 50.6 | 50.0 | 89.2 | 58.3 | 60.0 | 64.2 |
| June | 78.2 | 79.9 | 68.8 | 81.2 | 70.2 | $71: 3$ | 66.9 | 63.7 | 52.1 | 51.5 | 89.2 | 54.3 | 56.4 | 63.8 |
| July | 78.9 | $78: 6$ | 69:3 | 77.2 | 72.5 | $72: 0$ | 68.3 | 62.4 | 58.1 | 58.8 | 86.7 | 55.1 | 58.6 | 65.1 |
| August | 78.6 | $79: 2$ | 68.2 | 76.8 | 74.2 | $72: 8$ | 69.4 | 62.9 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 86.7 | 59.0 | 62.6 | 66.0 |
| September | 79.3 | 77.4 | 69.3 | 75.5 | 74.2 | 72.4 | 71.3 | 63.7 | 71.6 | 71.6 | 87.5 | 62.7 | 65.3 | $\begin{aligned} & 68.6 \\ & 70.4 \end{aligned}$ |
| October | 77.9 | 76.1 | 69.8 | 70.8 | 71.9 | 72.8 | 70.8 | 64.1 | 75.9 | 74.4 | 90.0 | 63.7 | 65.3 | 70.4 |
| November | 76.9 | 75.5 | 69.8 | 69.5 | $69: 9$ | 71.3 | 69.4 | 64.5 | 93.8 | 86.2 | 90.0 | 62.7 | 63.5 | 70.8 |
| December | 74.8 | 74.2 | 69.2 | 68.5 | 67:5 | 69.9 | 67.4 | 64.9 | 97.4 | 88.4 | 90.8 | 64.2 | 65.8 | 70.4 |
| 1237 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 70.4 |
| Snnuary | 77.2 | $76: 7$ | $73: 4$ | 72.1 | 67.9 | 70.6 | 67.6 | 64.9 67.8 | 84.6 67.5 | 81.9 66.1 | 90.0 90.0 | 66.2 66.7 | 67.8 69.1 | 71.1 |
| Fobruary | 81.3 | $81: 1$ | 77.6 | 75.2 | $70=2$ | 71.3 70.6 | 67.1 66.2 | 67.8 67.8 | 67.5 63.7 | 66.1 62.1 | 90.0 91.7 | 66.7 | 66.9 | 70.4 |
| March. | 79:3 | 80.5 | 75.0 | 72.8 | 67.9 69.2 | 70.6 | 66.2 66.0 | 67.8 68.6 | 63.7 57.3 | 62.1 57.0 | 91.7 | 65.4 66.4 | 68.2 | 70.8 |
| April | 84:4 | $85: 5$ | 74.5 | 76.5 80.5 | 69.2 70.5 | 70.3 71.3 | 66.0 66.2 | 68.6 68.6 | 54.3 54.5 | 53.5 | 91.7 | 67.4 | 68.9 | 72.1 |
| Nay . | $91: 5$ | 93.1 | $74: 5$ | 80.5 81.5 | 70.5 | 71.3 | 66.2 66.7 | 68.6 69.0 | 54.5 53.8 | 53.5 53.5 | 90.0 | 62.2 | 63.8 | 71.1 |
| June . | $96: 3$ $100: 2$ | 98.1 101.9 | 74.0 74.5 | 81.5 83.6 | 72.2 | 72.3 | 66.7 | 69.0 69.0 | 53.8 57.7 | 33.5 57.3 | 90.0 | 61.7 | 64.7 | 72.0 |
| July ${ }^{\text {fugust }}$. | 100.2 $98: 6$ | 101.9 | 74.5 74.5 | 83.6 80.2 | 78.5 | $73: 8$ | 71.1 | 69.0 | 68.8 | 67.1 | 90.0 | 65.7 | 68.9 | 72.3 |
| September | $93: 2$ | $92: 5$ | $76: 6$ | 7 ti 2 | $81: 8$ | $76: 3$ | $73: 6$ | 69.4 | 73.7 | 72.4 | 90.0 | 67.4 | 70.2 | 73.3 |
| October | 90.5 | 89:9 | $76: 6$ | 74:2 | 80:8 | 77.1 | $75: 2$ | 69.4 | 83.8 | 79.6 | 92.5 | 68.4 | 70.5 | 73.0 |
| November | 87.1 | $86: 8$ | 76.6 | 73.8 | 75.5 | 75.3 | 74.8 | 69.8 | 94.0 | 86.2 | 92.5 | 70.9 | 72.9 | 73.0 |
| December | 84.7 | 86.2 | 77.6 | $7 \% .1$ | 72.5 | 74.6 | 73.1 | 69.0 | 95.9 | 88.2 | 94.2 | 75.1 | 77.2 | 72.6 |
| 1938 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 85.4 | $86: 8$ | 78.6 | 73.8 | 73.2 | 74.9 | 70.6 | 66.9 | 81.8 | 78.6 | 95.8 | 76.3 | 77.6 | 73.3 |
| February | 86:7 | $88: 1$ | $83: 9$ | 75.2 | 73.2 | 74.6 | 70.1 | 63.7 | 68.4 | 67.6 | 95.8 | 79.3 | 80.5 | 73.3 |
| kiarch | 85.4 | 88.1 | 82.8 | 78.5 | 74.8 | 74.6 | 70.4 | 62.4 | 68.4 | 67.8 | 95.8 | 86.4 | 87.5 | 73.6 |
| April. | 87.8 | 90.6 | 81.3 | 81.2 | 78.1 | 75.3 | 73.8 | 62.9 | 62.0 | 61.3 | 95.8 | 87.9 | 88.8 | 74.5 |

















INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF PRINCIPAL GRTICLES OF FOOD IN CANGDi -COM

| Year and hionth | Bread | Flour | Rolled Oats | Rice | Beans | hpples <br> Evapor- <br> ated | Prunes | Sugar <br> Granu- <br> lated | Sugar Yellow | Tea | Coffee | Potato | Vneg | Weighted Food Index 46 Items |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1235 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 93.5 | 69.3 |
| June | 77.0 | $6 \mathrm{r} \cdot 2$ | 91.4 $89: 7$ | 72.5 | 67.1 | 79.9 80.4 | 79.0 78.3 | 83.3 82.1 | 84.0 84.0 | 72.5 72.2 | 61.4 60.6 | $\begin{aligned} & 33.1 \\ & 32.3 \end{aligned}$ | 93.5 93.5 | $\begin{aligned} & 69.3 \\ & 69.3 \end{aligned}$ |
| July. | 77.0 | $62: 3$ | $89: 7$ $89: 7$ | 71.6 | 68.4 | 80.4 80.9 | 78.3 78.3 | 82.1 82.1 | 84.0 .84 .0 | 72.2 71.8 | 60.6 61.3 | $\begin{aligned} & 32.3 \\ & 54.6 \end{aligned}$ | 93.5 92.2 | 69.3 |
| hugust ... | 77.0 | 62:3 | $89: 7$ $89: 7$ | 71.6 72.5 | 67.1 65.8 | 80.9 78.9 | 78.3 | 82.1 82.1 | . 84.0 | 71.8 | 61.3 60.6 | 54.6 40.5 | 90.9 | 70.9 |
| September | $75: 7$ | $60 \cdot 4$ | 89.7 | 72.5 | 65.8 | 78.9 | 77.1 | 80.8 | 81.3 | 72.2 | 60.6 | 43.8 | 89.6 | 72.4 |
| October. | 77.0 | 62.3 | 91.4 | 72.5 | 67.1 | 77.4 | 76.4 |  | 81.3 | 72.9 | 59.8 | 43.7 | 89.6 | 73.2 |
| November | 77:0 | 66.0 | 89.7 | 71.6 | 67.1 | 77.4 | 72.9 | 79.5 | 81.3 | 72.4 | 60.0 | 46.8 | 89.6 | 73.7 |
| December $1936$ | 78.4 | 64.2 | 89.7 | 72.5 | 68.4 | 78.9 | 72.0 | 79.5 | 81.3 | 72.4 | 60.0 | 46.8 | 8. 6 | 13.7 |
| January. | 78:4 | 64.2 | 89.7 | 71.6 | 68.4 | 77.4 | 72.6 | 79.5 | 81.3 | 72.8 | 59.8 | 48.0 | 90.9 | 73.9 |
| February | 78.4 | 64.2 | 89.7 | 72.5 | 68.4 | 80.4 | 71.3 | 79.5 | 81.3 | 72.4 | 59.3 | 50.4 | 89.6 | 72.9 |
| Warch ... | $78: 4$ | 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 |
| ispril | 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 |
| Lizy .. | 79.7 | 64.2 | 89.7 | 72.5 | 63.3 | 77.9 | 68.8 | 73.2 | 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 58.2 | 74.8 | 89.6 90.9 | 72.6 |
| July. | 79.7 | 62:3 | $87: 9$ | $72: 5$ | 62.0 | 81.4 | 68.8 70.7 | 78.2 | 80.0 80.0 | 72.4 72.7 | 58.2 57.8 | 74.8 | 90.9 89.6 | 74.7 |
| sugust .. | 81.1 | 66.0 | 89.7 | 72:5 | 64.6 | 78.9 | 70.7 | 78.2 | 80.0 | 72.7 | 57.8 | 73.0 | 89.6 | 75.1 |
| September | $82: 4$ | 69.8 | 91.4 | 73:4 | 72.2 | 82.4 | 72.0 | 78.2 | 80.0 | 72.4 | 58.0 | 60.7 | 88.3 | 74.4 |
| 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 | 8.3 | 75.4 |
| 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 | 89.6 | 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 |
| 1937 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 72,6 | 79.5 | 81. 3 | 72.8 | $5 \% .5$ | 59.9 | 89.6 | 75.2 |
| January .. | 83.8 | 75.5 | ,94.8 | 72.5 | 87.3 | 82.4 80.4 | 73.2 | 79.5 | 81.3 | 72.5 | 57.4 | 68.5 | 89.6 | 75.6 |
| February | 83.8 | 79.2 | 96.6 | 74.3 | 91.1 | 80.4 79.4 | 73.2 | 80.8 | 82.7 | 72.7 | 58.2 | 73.6 | 89.6 | 75.7 |
| liarch | 85.1 | 81.1 | 98.3 | 74.3 | 94.9 | 80.4 | 74.5 | 82.1 | 84.0 | 72.9 | 57.8 | 73.4 | 89.6 | 76.3 |
| April | 86.5 | 83.0 | 98.3 | 75.2 | 98.7 100.0 | 78.9 | 74.5 | 83.3 | 84.0 | 73.1 | 57.8 | 65.7 | 89.6 | 76.6 |
| hisy ... | 86.5 | 84.9 | 100.0 | $775: 2$ | 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 | 79.1 |
| Septèmber | 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 | 78.3 |
| October | 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 | 78.9 |
| November | 91.9 | 84.9 | 101.7 | $75: 2$ | $78: 5$ | 84.4 | 74.5 | 83.3 | 85.3 | 78.5 | 58.2 | 39.9 | 89.6 | 78.8 |
| December | 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 |
| 1938 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 40.1 | 89.6 | 78.4 |
| January February | $91.9$ | $\begin{aligned} & 84.9 \\ & 84: 9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100.0 \\ & 100.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 74.3 \\ & 75 \cdot 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 72.2 \\ & 70.9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 78.9 \\ 75.4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 72.0 \\ & 71.3 \end{aligned}$ | 83.3 | 85.3 | 80.9 | 57.2 | $40: \frac{1}{3}$ | 89.6 | 77.9 |
| Narch tpril | 91.9 93.2 | 83.0 81.1 | 100.0 98.3 | 75.2 | 69.6 68.4 | 75.4 77.4 | 70.7 | $83.3$ | $\begin{aligned} & 85.3 \\ & 85.3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 81.0 \\ 80.9 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 57 \cdot 5 \\ & 56.7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 40 \cdot 1 \\ & 38: 7 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 88.3 \\ 89.6 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 78.6 |

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The Invostors' price index for 96 cormon stocks advanced from 87.9 on March 31 to 102.7 on April 23, wiping out about five-sixth of the appreciable losses in the latter half of March. This improved tone has been reflected in all sections of the list and was accompanied by a recession in trading volume. Subsequently prices moved irregularly lower and this index closed at 98.5. All sections of the industrial group recorded net gains ranging from 56.5 points for industrial mines to 0.8 for textiles. However, monthly averages for five sub-groups were lower than in Mirch, while four were higher. Among the utilities, Bell Tolephone and Braziliun made the most substantial recovery. The general monthly price index for industrial, utility, and bank cormon stocks was 97.9 for April as compared with 99.2 in March. Industrials were down 3.5 to 160.5 and banks 0.1 to 80.4 while utilities rose 0.6 to 43.7 .

## WEEKIY INDEX NUMBERS OF 24 MTNING STOCKS <br> ( $1926=100$ )

Losses sustained in March on Canadian mining stock markets were partly cancelled in April. The recovery movement, common to both gold and base metals groups, started in the beginning of the month and continued to April 23rd. Fluctuations in the base metals were quite marked, relative to those for gold issues. Volume of trading receded to low levels as prices turned higher. An irregular downward tendency developed In the final days, and the daily general price index closed 3.8 points below the month's high at 136.1. Although weekly averages showed gains for every week and net increases during April were substantial, the monthly index for twenty-four mining issues declined from 134.9 in March to 133.9 for the following month. Golds fell 0.9 points to 110.5 and base metals rose 4.2 to 229.5 . Appearing below is a table of average prices for the weeks of April 30 and March 31, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

|  | Apr. 28 | $\underset{\mathrm{Mar} .31}{\mathrm{GOLD}}$ |  | Apr. 28 | Mar. 31 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Beattie | \$ 1.12 | \$ 1.13 | Macassa | \# 4.50 | \$3.72 |
| Bralorne | 8.73 | 8.38 | McIntyre | 39.67 | 36.67 |
| Buffalo-Ankerite | 14.75 | 12.67 | Pickle Crow | 4.70 | 4.06 |
| Central Patricia | 2.65 | 2.35 | Pioneur | 3.12 | 2.92 |
| Dome | 53.92 | 49.60 | Reno | . 57 | . 51 |
| God's Lake | . 43 | . 37 | San Antonio | 1.26 | 1.27 |
| Hollinger | 13.00 | 11.85 | Siscoe | 2.39 | 2.31 |
| Howey | . 28 | . 24 | Sylvanite | 3.16 | 2.76 |
| Kirkland Lake | 1.10 | . 98 | Teck-Hughes | 4,74 | 4.59 |
| Lake Shore | 51.58 | 49.27 | Wright-Hargreaves | 7.42 | 6.78 |
| Iittle Long Lac | 4.15 | 4.15 |  |  |  |
| BASE METALS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Falconbridge | 5.71 | 5.19 | Noranda | 57.79 | 50.75 |
| Hudson Bay | 26.56 | 22.60 |  |  |  |

PREFERRED STOCKS
After reaching the lowest level since June, 1936, in March, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index number for preferred stocks moved fractionally upward in April to 78.2 for a gain of 0.7 . There was less activity at the close of the month and prices sagged somewhat. The Investors' price index of common stocks declined from 99.2 in March to 97.9 in April.

Canadian Car and Foundry was buoyent, closing the month at $\$ 25$ for an advance of $\$ 6$ over the opening price. Brewery and Distillery stocks reflected the generally improved tone of the market, National Breweries rising from $\$ 385 / 8$ to $\$ 41$. Pulp and Papor issues improved despite another decline in newsprint production, Abitibi rising from an opening price of $\$ 9$ to $\$ 16$ and closing at $\$ 137 / 8$ while St.Lawrence Corporation opened at $\$ 91 / 2$, rose to $\$ 13$ and closed at $\$ 12$. Steel of Canada gained $\$ 71 / 4$ to $\$ 61$ and Massey-Harris $\$ 4.3 / 8$ to close at $\$ 371 / 2$.

Below is a table showing index numbers of preferred stocks by months from 1929 to date.
$\frac{\text { INDEX NUMBERS OF }}{25 \text { PREFERRED STOCKS, } 1929,1933,1934,1937,1938}(1926=100)$

|  | Jan. | Feb | Mar | Ap | May | June | Ju1 | Aug. | Sep | Oct. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1929 | 107.4 | 08. | 106.8 | 04 | 104.3 | 04. | 104.8 | 105.6 | 105.1 | 102.9 |  | 00.4 |
| 33 | 49.6 | 49.6 | 47.3 | 47.2 | 54,6 | 58.5 | 61.9 | 61.7 | 61. | 59.7 | 59. | 60.2 |
| 34 | 64.1 | 66.5 | 67.3 | 68.5 | 68.7 | 68.4 | 68.1 | 67.3 | 67.4 | . 5 | 70.6 | 71 |
| 37 | 99.2 | 100.4 | 102.6 | 103.1 | 100.2 | 99.3 | 99.4 | 101.5 | 91.0 | 82. | 82.0 | 81.0 |
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| Number of | Cold | $:$ | Bese | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Stocks |  |  |  |  |
| 1938 |  |  |  |  |




| GOLD GROUP | FEBR U A R Y |  |  |  | M is R G H |  |  |  |  | A PR I L |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | : 3rd | 10th | 17 th | 24th | 3rd | 10th | 17th | 24 th | 31st | 7 th | 14th | 21st | 28 th | 5th |
|  | $\pm$ | - | จ. | \$ | - | $\pm$ | $t$ | - | + | \$ | - | $\checkmark$ | + | + |
| Beattie | 1.35 | 1.35 | 1.37 | 1.37 | 1. 34 | 1.34 | 1.24 | 1.20 | 1. 13 | 1.11 | 1.15 | 1.11 | 1.12 | 1.08 8.79 |
| Bralorne | 8.95 | 8.97 | 9.00 | 8.93 | 8.87 | 8.98 | 8.80 | 8.47 | 8.38 | 8.39 13.08 | 8.48 14.00 | 8.54 14.37 | 8.73 14.75 | 8.79 14.48 |
| Buffalo-hnkerite | 16.96 | 16.77 | 16.89 | 16.91 | 16.35 | 15.75 | 14.02 | 13.19 | 12.67 | 13.08 | 14.00 | 14.37 2.62 | 14.75 2.65 | 14.48 2.54 |
| Central Patricia | 2.29 | 2.50 | 2.58 | 2.64 | 2.80 | 2.93 | 2.53 | 2.46 50.79 | 2.35 | 2.42 48.54 | 2.56 50.12 | 2.62 53.6 | 2.65 53.92 | 2.54 |
| Dome | 50.66 | 57.66 | 57.85 | 56.79 | 56.73 | 55.42 | 52.12 | 50.79 | 49.60 | 48. 54 | 50.12 | 53.19 | 53.92 | 53.71 |
| God 's Lake | .54 | . 52 | . 53 | .53 | . 52 | 13.82 | 12.61 | $\begin{array}{r}.39 \\ \hline 1788\end{array}$ | .37 11.85 | .37 12.62 | .42 12.81 | .42 12.65 | .43 13.00 | 13.04 |
| Hollinger | 14.04 | 13.87 .28 | 13.77 .29 | 13.93 .29 | 13.87 .29 | 13.87 .23 | 12.66 .25 | 11.96 .24 | 11.05 .24 | 12.62 .23 | 12.81 .23 | 12.65 .25 | 13.00 .20 | 13.04 .28 |
| Howey Kirkland Lake | . 30 | .23 1.37 | $\begin{array}{r}.29 \\ \hline .36\end{array}$ | .89 1.29 | .29 1.24 | 1.21 | .25 1.10 | .24 1.03 | . .98 | 1.05 | 1.07 | 1.06 | 1.10 | 1.04 |
| Kirkland Lake Lake Shore | 1.44 55.98 | 1.37 57.33 | 1.36 57.10 | 1.29 56.44 | 1.24 55.40 | 1.21 54.25 | 50.75 | 49.41 | 49.27 | 49.96 | 50.21 | 50.59 | 51.58 | 51.73 |
| Little Long Lau | 5.35 | 5.63 | 5.30 | 5.07 | 5.01 | 4.91 | 4. 54 | 4.38 | 4.15 | 4.08 | 4.02 | 4.16 | 4.15 | 4.12 |
| Liacassa | 5.10 | 4.96 | 4.92 | 4.83 | 4.76 | 4.80 | 4.17 | 3.91 | 3.72 | 3.82 | 4.07 | 4. 24 | 4. 50 | 4.45 |
| licIntyre | 44.50 | 43.19 | 42.94 | 41.39 | 41.98 | 40.96 | 30.31 | 37.23 | 36.67 | 38.10 | 38.87 | 39.87 | 39.67 | 38.93 |
| Pickle Grow | 4.85 | 4.77 | 4:76 | 4.72 | 4.67 | 4.78 | 4.37 | 4.22 | 4.06 | $4.11 ?$ | 4.15 | 4.54 | 4.70 | 4.67 |
| Pioneer | 2:96 | 2.95 | 2.96 | 3.07 | 3.17 | 3.16 | 2.93 | 2.95 | 2. 92 | 2.96 | 3.02 | 3.06 | 3.12 | 3.04 |
| Reno | $: 40$ | $\bigcirc 54$ | ¢ 57 | :6.2 | .61 | :69 | . 4.9 | - 57 | . 51 | - 52 | -5? | - 57 | - 57 | - 55 |
| San intonio | 1:42 | 1:35 | 1:31 | 1:40 | 1:42 | 3:40 | 1.29 | 1.27 | 1.27 | 1.33 | 2.26 | 1.25 | 1.26 | $1=24$ |
| Siscoe | 3:05 | 2:60 | 2:60 | 2.75 | 2. 72 | 2.71 | 2,50 | 2.37 | 2.31 | 2.30 | 2.34 | 2.34 | 2.39 | 2.36 3.07 |
| Sylvanite | 3:37 | 3.44 | 3.40 | 3.27 | $3.2{ }^{\prime}$ | 3.19 | 2.91 | 2.37 | 2.76 | 2.9. | 2.99 | 3.11 | 3.16 | 3.07 |
| Teck-Hughes | 5.4 .7 | 5.10 | 5.40 | 5.43 | 5.41 | 5.41 | 4.94 7.28 | 4.72 7.05 | 4.59 6.78 | 4.50 6.89 | 4.64 7.08 | 4.76 7.32 | 4.74 7.42 | 4.70 7.29 |
| Wright-Hargreaves | 8.11 | 8.07 | 8.04 | 7.97 | 7.97 | 7.86 | 7.28 | 7.05 | 6.78 | 6.89 | 7.08 | 7.32 | 7.42 | 7.29 |
| BisE IETi」LS GROUP |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Falconbridge | 6.10 | 6.05 23.83 | 6.17 24.75 | 6.24 27.29 | 6.10 27.98 | 6.13 26.37 |  | 5.44 24.81 | $\begin{array}{r} 5.19 \\ 22.60 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.30 \\ 23.08 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.58 \\ 25.06 \end{array}$ | $26.15$ | $26.56$ | $25.25$ |
| Huds on Bay | 23.96 | 23.83 | 24.75 | 27.29 60.87 | 27.98 60.17 | 26.37 60.29 | 25.83 57.62 | 24.81 54.17 | $50.75$ | $52.37$ | 54.17 | 57.56 | 57.79 | 58.29 |



Firm demand stimulated high-grade bond markets during the month of April and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices advanced from 116.8 for the month of March to 117.3 for April. In contrast to the uncertainty prevailing on high-grade security markets in the preceding month, the movement in bond prices was fairly regular with recessions few and comparatively unimportant. The Bureau's daily index, which stood at 116.6 on April lst, rose to 118.0 by the 23rd, but on the 27 th the effect upon outside markets of the British budget proposals was reflected on domestic markets and losses of $1 / 4$ point were common. A partial recovery occurred almost immediately, however, and the index moved up from 117.7 on the 28 th to close the month at ll7.9. Provincials were buoyant with the exception of Albertas which showed weakness. British Consols mounted from $735 / 8$ to $741 / 2$, recovering part of the loss of the previous month, while the Dow-Jones average of high-grade United States bonds increased from 83.39 to 86.23 . The index of Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields declined from 64.7 for March to 63.7 for April, and the index of yields for representative Province of Ontario bonds fell from 68.5 to 67.2 in the same period.

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

|  | 1930 | 1931 | 1932 | 1933 | 1934 | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 | 1938 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 99.0 | 103.1 | 94.1 | 103.3 | 104.6 | $1 \overline{15.9}$ | 113.6 | 117.7 | 116.1 |
| February | 99.3 | 103.1 | 94.9 | 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 | - |
| June | 101.0 | 105.4 | 94.6 | 104.9 | 110.4 | 114.2 | 117.0 | 114.9 |  |
| July | 101.2 | 105.3 | 97.0 | 104.8 | 111.1 | 114.5 | 118.0 | 115.1 | - |
| August | 102.1 | 105.3 | 101.0 | 105.6 | 112.3 | 114.8 | 119.1 | 115.5 | - |
| September | 103.0 | 102.1 | 101.8 | 105.7 | 112.6 | 110.9 | 119.1 | 115.3 |  |
| October | 103.2 | 98.1 | 103.8 | 105.0 | 111.1 | 110.2 | 117.1 | 114.5 |  |
| November | 103.2 | 97.4 | 102.6 | 104.2 | 112.2 | 112.5 | 117.6 | 114.8 | - |
| December | 103.1 | 95.5 | 101.2 | 103.6 | 115.2 | 112.5 | 118.2 | 115.6 |  |

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

|  | 1930 | 1931 | 1932 | 1933 | 1934 | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 | 1938 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 102.1 | 93.9 | 112.7 | $\overline{96.3}$ | 93.2 | 70.9 | 72.4 | 64.6 | 66.3 |
| Februery | 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 | - |
| June | 98.2 | 88.3 | 111.7 | 93.3 | 82.1 | 73.4 | 66.9 | 69.3 | - |
| July | 98.0 | 88.3 | 107.5 | 93.5 | 80.1 | 72.1 | 65.1 | 69.0 | - |
| August | 95.9 | 88.3 | 100.5 | 92.2 | 77.8 | 71.6 | 63.2 | 68.1 | - |
| September | 93.9 | 95.5 | 98.7 | 92.4 | 77.2 | 79.8 | 63.1 | 68.3 | - |
| October | 93.6 | 105.2 | 96.2 | 93.5 | 79.3 | 78.9 | 66.2 | 69.7 | - |
| November | 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 | - |

WEEKILY INDEX NUMBERS ${ }^{\text {K }} 1938$


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MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, $1934-1938$. Issued by the Standard Statistics Company, Inc., New York. $(1926=100)$

|  | Total 419 Stocks | Industrials <br> 347 Stocks | Railroad 32 Stocks | Utilities 40 EもOcks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1934 |  |  |  |  |
| March | 77.2 | 85.1 | 47.5 | 76.2 |
| April | 79.6 | 88.3 | 49.3 | 76.3 |
| May | 71.8 | 79.6 | 43,3 | 69.7 |
| June | 73.1 | 81.0 | 43.9 | 71.6 |
| July | 71.4 | 79.7 | 41.2 | 69.2 |
| August | 67.5 | 76.3 | 35.3 | 64.5 |
| September | 67.4 | 76.2 | 35.4 | 64,0 |
| October | 67.6 | 76.7 | 35.9 | 65.2 |
| November | 68.3 | 78.4 | 34.8 | 60.8 |
| December | 69.6 | 80.6 | 35.9 | 533.8 |
| 1935 |  |  |  |  |
| January | 70.1 | 81.9 | 35.0 | 57.6 |
| February | 68.0 | 80.1 | 32.3 | 53.1 |
| March | 64.6 | 76.2 | 28.4 | 53.1 |
| 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 | 130.2 | 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 | 72.2 |
| March | 77.9 | 92.7 | 25.5 | 68.5 |
| 1st week of April | 63.7 | 75.9 | 19.0 | 51.7 |


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