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COMMODITIES:
The decline in the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index of wholesale cormodity prices, which with some interruption has continued for most of the current year, was further accelerated during August when there was a drop from 78.0 for the week ending July 29 to 74.6 for the week ending September 2. Reductions were shown by Vegetable Products, Animals, Textiles and Non-Ferrous Metals while Wood and Iron moved moderately higher. Recessions were most pronounced in farm prices and the grain index at 46.6 for the final week represented a decline of 18.6 points during the month and was the lowest since the closing days of 1933. Meats were cheaper also, while the livestock index dropped 9.2 points to 84.1. Although textiles were largely unchanged, a marking down in rew cotton and serge cloth decreased the index for this group fractionally while the more volatile Non-Ferrous Metals were influenced to some extent by the uncertain political outlook in Europe and closed 1.0 points lower at 69.8 . The advance of the Wood index from 76.3 to 77.1 was chiefly due to strength in British Columbia forest products while Iron rose from 97.8 to 97.9 when an increase in scrap more then offset a decline in hardware.

## COST OF LIVING:

Moderate increases in the prices of foodstuffs and fuel were responsible for a rise in the Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost of living index from 84.2 in July to 84.9 in August. This index has advanced 1.4 per cent within the past year. Foods rose from 78.4 in July to 80.7 in August, being the largest monthly change recorded in two years. Advances were reported for pork and pork products, sirloin beef, eggs and potatoes, while moderate declines occurred in shoulder beef, veal, flour and onions. Seasonal advances in the prices of coal and coke in a few cities caused the fuel index to increase from 85.0 to 85.2 .

STOCKS AND BONDS:
Common stock prices pursued a sidewise movement during the first four weeks of August but increased political tension in European capitals culminated in a severe break in prices on August 29 which wiped out all advances accumulated since the final week of June. The Bureau's monthly index of 95 common stocks dropped from 106.9 for July to 105.2 for August. In the industrial section industrial mines and building material issues bore the heaviest losses wile machinery and equipment, food and allied products and beverage stocks posted moderate gains for the month. The telephone and telegraph sub-group was the firmest in the utility section but losses in the other two groups brought the index for utilities down 1.5 points to 47.1 for August. Banks remained firm, up 0.1 at 85.0 for the same period. The monthly index of 24 mining issues showed further improvement, moving up from 151.1 for July to 156.0 for August. The daily indexes for this series, however, after opening at 155.8 on August 2 and rising to 158.8 on the 24, receded thereafter, to close at 154.4 on the final day of the month. Both the gold and base metal sub-groups showed net monthly advances but the dally indexes for these series showed moderate losses between the first and last days of August. The daily index for Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices after opening at 117.3 rose to 117.9 on August 10 and then reacted to close at 117.2 . The monthly index remained unchanged at 117.6 .

FOREIGN EXCHANGE(Quotations mentioned are Montreal noon rates unless otherwise specified)
Both the British pound and the French franc were under severe pressure throughout August. The usual seasonal factors favouring sterling were offset by continued reports of unfavourable British export trade balances and by increased tension over the European political situation. Demand for gold and United States dollars mounted steadily while recessions in sterling rates were checked from time to time only by the intervention of equalization funds. On the withdrawal of this support, the pound broke through its former parity to reach $\$ 4.8650$ on August 30 and fell 8 till lower to $\$ 4.8628$ on the 31, netting a loss of $6.6 \not \subset$ for the month. The French franc declined almost steadily from $2.77 \phi$ on August 1 to $2.73 \phi$ on the 15 , then steadied at $2.74 \phi$ subsequent to official denial of further devaluation. Later intimation of the government's intention to modify the 40 -hour week was followed by a rise to $2.75 \phi$, but this was not sustained and the franc closed easier at $2.73 \%$. Premiums on United States funds reached a high for the month of $7 / 16$ of $1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}$. between the 12 and 16 and again on the 18 , but were recuced by irregular downward movements to $1 / 8$ of 1 p.c. during the closing days.

WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS: Grain prices during the first month of the 1938-39 orop year continued swiftly downard. The basic price of $80 \phi$ set by the Canadian Government Wheat Board for No. 1 Manitoba Northern wheat failed completely in holding up the price structure. Hedging pressure was heavy during the latter weeks of August and export demand continued light as British millers adopted a waiting attitude. Possibilities of trade agreements with the United States towards their securing a fair share of the world grain trade did nothing to alleviate a decidedly bearish situation.

No. 1 Manitoba Northern wheat opened the month at $871 / 2 \phi$ and thereafter moved steadily lower to close at $63 \mathrm{3} / 4 \not \subset$ on August 31 ; a point not equalled since January, 1934. Losses among the other coarse grains were also relatively severe with the exception of flax which was off only $1 \phi$ between the opening and closing days of the month.

| Description (Basis, cash per bushel, Fort William and Port Arthur) | $\begin{gathered} 1937 \\ \text { August } \\ \text { Average } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1938 \\ \text { July } \\ \text { Average } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. 3 Manitoba Northern wheat | $\begin{gathered} \phi \\ 122.1 \end{gathered}$ | $9{ }^{\text {¢ }}$ ¢ ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | ${ }_{1}{ }^{\text {¢ }}$, 9 |
| No. $2 \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{W}$. oats | 50.9 | 41.3 | 31.2 |
| No. 2 C. W. rye | 87.5 | 48.3 | 39.9 |
| No. 3 C. W. barley | 58.3 | 46.7 | 38.0 |
| No. 1 C. W. flax . | 173.3 | 144.5 | 141.4 |

SUGAR: World sugar markets remained dull and featureless during the first three weeks of August, and consequently prices remained practically stationary. Following this, however, demand improved and prices advanced to higher levels. Keen competition has developed between cane and beet sugar refineries and some price cutting was in evidence which is considered a significant development by the trade. The No. 4 world contract at New York moved up from $971 / 2 \phi$ (bid) on August 1 to $1.011 / 2 \phi$ on August 31 in irregular moves. Raw Cuban sugar $96^{\circ}$, on a delivered basis, after remaining stationary at $2.75 \phi$ until August 22 registered advances to close at $2.95 \phi$ on the final day of the month.


RUBBER: Raw rubber prices moved moderately higher during August. Standard first latex crepe at New York was up $1 \phi$ on the month at $181 / 8 \phi$ on August 31. Primary markets are holding steady with sentiment in both London and Singapore distinctly on the constructive side. The 45 per cent production quotas still in effect in the United States was another bullish factor contributing to the support of the market. Consumption in the United States was up approximately l,400 tons at the end of July, while stoaks on hand for the same period receded 9,600 tons under June.

Descriptions
(See dates above)
$\phi \quad \phi \quad \phi$

Raw rubber, per pound, New York
(Canadian funds)
Standard latex crepe sheets ..................... $19.8 \quad 17.2 \quad 17.9$

LIVESTOCK: Cattle markets were dull throughout the month. At first offerings were moderate but hot weather and fairly heavy supplies of beef in coolers, depressed trade. A minor upturn occurred at some centres during the week ended August 18 and this was sustained during the following week, but prices then turned downward. Export demand remained light and runs became too heavy to be readily absorbed. In generally active trading, calf prices moved upward. Hogs were easier with Winnipeg suffering the sharpest break in the current year. Lambs also averaged lower as poorly finished offerings predominated.

## Descriptions

Good steers over 1050 pounds, per cwt. at Toronto. . Winnipeg.
Good veal calves, per cwt. at

Hogs, bacon, per cwt. at
Lambs, good handyweight,per cwt. at
Toronto..
Winnipeg.
Toronto..
Winnipeg.
Toronto..
(See dates above)
$\$$
8.98
7.04
9.28
5.83
10.62
9.97
9.45
7.78

| (See dates above) <br> $\$$ | $\$$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 7.07 | 7.03 |
| 6.34 | 5.97 |
| 7.97 | 8.86 |
| 6.08 | 6.84 |
| 11.94 | 9.66 |
| 11.83 | 9.63 |
| 10.84 | 8.80 |
| 8.50 | 7.28 |

EGGS: A continued scarcity of Grade "A" eggs prevailed at all principal centres and price advances were comon. This was most apparent at Montreal and Toronto and was accompanied by the reopening of shipments from western points where some accumulations were reported. The shortage became more acute as the month progressed and daily price gains were recorded at several points. With the lessening of offerings, some dealers found difficulty in obtaining supplies and minor withdrawals from storage occurred. Cold storage stocks were shown by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at $8,632,771$ dazen on August 1, against $8,380,923$ dozen on the first of July.

Descriptions

Eggs, Grade "A" large per dozen at Montreal ...

| 1937 | 1938 | 1938 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| August | July | August |
| Average | Average | Average |
| $\phi$ | $\phi$ | $\not \subset$ |
| 32.2 | 32.8 | 33.0 |
| 29.2 | 30.8 | 31.7 |

COTMON: Spot cotton at New York declined fillowing the issuance of an official crop estimate of $11,988,000$ bales on August 1 , a much higher figure than any of the previous forecasts. Trade reports indicating light purchases by mills and the uncertainty regarding the government loan price were also regarded as depressing factors. By August 22, quotations at $8.2 \phi$ per pound had reached the low for the month and were $1 / 2 \phi$ below the opening level. Foreign buying then became more active and with stock markets showing recovery, cotton reacted and moved irregularly upward to close at $8.4 \not \subset$ per pound. World mill consumption of American cotton totalled 560,000 bales for the for weeks ended August 26 compared with 532,000 bales for the previous four weeks.
(See dates above)

| $\frac{\text { Descriptions }}{\text { Raw cotton upland middling at New York }}$ | $申$ | $\notin \ldots . .$. | 10.4 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |

SILK: Raw silk, quoted on a 60 -day basis at New York, averaged about $7 \phi$ per pound lower in August than in July. The market opened weak but strengthened when demand increased and spot supplies became scarce. Estimates of United States mill takings were placed at about 40,000 bales, marking the highest consumption figure since April 1937. With mill requirements covered, prices again eased and closing quotations ranged from $2 \phi$ to $3 \varnothing$ below the opening level.

Descriptions
Raw silk, quoted on a 60-day basis per pound at New York (Canadian funds)

| Special grand XX 85 p.c. $20-22$ deniers $\ldots \ldots .$. | 1.89 | 1.84 | 1.78 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Special grand XX 83 p.c. $13-15$ deniers $\ldots \ldots .$. | 2.10 | 1.89 | 1.81 |

WOOL: The stroncon tone displayed by Canadian markets reflected the firmer feeling in overseas centres. Statistics showed that supplies of raw wool in European countries, while not large, were about sufficient for current needs. Although most Canadian mills reported a light volume of business, some good sales were made during the month and inquiries from the United States increased.
(See dates above)
Descriptions
$\phi \quad \phi \quad \phi$
Rew wool in quantities of 20,000 pounds or more f.o.b. Ontario points per pound $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Eastern low, medium } 1 / 4 \text { blood staple or } 50^{\prime} \mathrm{s} . . & 31.0 & 16.0 & 16.0 \\ \text { Western semi-bright } 1 / 2 \text { blood staple or } & & \end{array}$
$\qquad$ 16.0
16.5

LUMBER AND TIMBER: Some improvement was noted in lumber markets and prices for several British Columbia descriptions stiffened. Many western mills showed considerable business on hand, directed partly towards the filling of the export quota to the United States as well as supplying the somewhat higher demand from the prairies and Eastern Canada. The export situation showed little change with United Kingdom stocks still reported heavy.
Descriptions
(Price Indexes $1926=100$ )

| White pine lumber | 102.7 | 102.7 | 102.7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Spruce lumber | 98.9 | 81.7 | 80.9 |
| Fir lumber | 102.4 | 88.3 | 91.6 |
| Cedar lumber | 96.7 | 87.4 | 92.4 |

IRON AND STEEL: A rise of $\$ 1.00$ per ton in quotations of scrap steel marked the most important change in prices of iron and steel products in August. New business remained dull and trade was considered to have fallen close to the lowest levels for the year. Owing chiefly to considerable backlogs, operations of steel mills held around 80 p.c. of capacity while pig iron production continued to be affected by the summer holiday season. Consumers adhered to the policy of buying small spot tonnages but sizable contracts for the manufacture of aeroplanes, munitions and railway rolling stock were sald to be pending.
escriptions
Ig iron, foundry No. 1 per gross ton, carlots f.o.b. sellers' works ................. 25.50
No. 1 scrap steel charging box size, per gross ton, delivered at consumers ' mill.. 14.00

| 1937 |
| :---: |
| August 15 |
| $\$$ |

1938
July 15
22.50
10.00

1938
August 15
\$

COPER: Copper prices at London went through a period of consolidation during August and a slightly easier tone pervaded the market as prices for standard copper eased approximately 10 shillings between the opening and closing days of the month. A considerable reduction was shown for London copper stocks but this news was more than counteracted by the general political unrest. In the United States the price of electrolytic spot copper, Connecticut Valley basis, remained stationary at $101 / 8 \phi$ throughout the month. Domestic sales of copper were considerably lower in August at 23,195 short tons as compared with 124,054 short tons in July. Specifications received from fabricators, however, point to a higher rate of activity and current consumption is estimated at 45,000 tons per month.

## Descriptions

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

* (See above dates)

TIN: The undertone of the tin market was slightly easier in August and consequently the price of tin ingots, Etraits, at New York lost $3 / 4 \phi$ between the first and last trading days of the month, closing at $431 / 4 \%$. Tin plate mills in the United States report operations reduced to 30 per cent as compared wtth 35 per cent in July. Consumers of tin plate are said to be filling current orders from their inventories as much as possible in anticipation of lower prices. World visible supplies increased 1,154 long tons in August to 32,251 long tons.

## Descriptions

Tin ingots Straits per pound, f.o.b. Toronto..
See above dates)
63.3
$\neq$
46.5
$\phi$
46.3

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

|  | 1937 | 1938 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Aug. | April | May | June | July | Aug. |
| Building end Construction Materials | 142.3 | 134.1 | 133.4 | 132.6 | 133.1 | 134.0 |
| Lumber | 146.3 | 132.2 | 130.9 | 130.3 | 131.2 | 133.0 |
| Painters Materials | 131.7 | 127.2 | 124.9 | 122.5 | 115.9 | 115.9 |
| Miscellaneous | 144.9 | 141.5 | 141.5 | 140.9 | 142.5 | 142.7 |

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|  | No. of Price Series: | $\begin{gathered} \text { Yearly : } \\ \text { Average: } \\ 1937 \text { : } \end{gathered}$ | Aug. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| rotal Index 567 Commodities | 567 | 84.6 | 85.6 | 80.1 | 78.6 | 76.0 |
| CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS CLASSIFICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I. Vegetable Products | 135 | 88.4 | 87.7 | 78.6 | 74.4 | 67.0 |
| II. Animais and Their Products | 76 | 78.4 | 81.0 | 77.8 | 78.3 | 76.2 |
| III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products | 85 | 72.7 | 73.6 | 67.2 | 67.2 | 66.9 |
| IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper | 49 | 76.7 | 77.9 | 76.7 | 75.7 | 76.8 |
| V. Iron and Its Products | 44 | 101.8 | 104.5 | 101.4 | 97.8 | 98.0 |
| VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products | 18 | 83.8 | 86.3 | 67.8 | 70.5 | 70.0 |
| VII. Non-Matailic Minerals and Their Froducts | 83 | 86.6 | 87.2 | 87.1 | 86.7 | 86.7 |
| PURPOSE CLASSIFTCATION |  |  |  |  |  | 79.4 |
| I. Consumers' Goods | 236 | 79.5 | 80.6 | 77.8 | 77.8 | 76.5 |
| Foods, Eeverages and Tobacco | 126 | 81.2 | 82.8 | 79.2 | 79.0 | 75.8 |
| Other Consumers' Goods | 110 | 78.4 | 79.2 | 76.9 | 77.0 | 76.9 |
| II. Producers' Goods | 402 | 86.1 | 86.8 | 78.5 | 70.1 | 71.9 |
| Producers: Equipmenis | 24 | 93.8 | 94.6 | 95.5 | 95.5 | 95.5 |
| Producers' Materials | 378 | 85.2 | 85.9 | 76.6 | 73.9 | 69.3 |
| Building \& Construction Materials | 111 | 94.4 | 95.4 | 88.9 | 89.2 | 89.8 |
| Manufacturers ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Materials | 267 | 83.6 | 84.5 | 74.5 | 71.3 | 65.8 |
| ORIGIN CLASS FTCATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Raw and Parily Manufactured | 245 | 84.3 | 83.6 | 75.3 | 72.5 | 67.5 |
| Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured | 322 | 80.5 | 81.9 | 79.2 | 78.4 | 77.0 |
| I. Articles of Tarm Origin (Domestic and Foreign) <br> A. Ficid |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Rew and partly manufactured | 95 | 82.8 | 80.4 | 69.5 | 63.4 | 53.2 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 91 | 83.4 | 34.6 | 78.1 | 73.8 | 74.4 |
| (c) Total | 186 | 83.1 | 82.7 | 74.1 | 70.6 | 64.6 |
| B. Animal |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Faw and partly manufactured | 46 | 82.7 | 82.7 | 79,5 | 79.4 | 78.0 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured. | 59 | 76.2 | 78.と | 75.0 | \% 5.7 | 74.0 |
| (c) Total | 105 | 79.0 | 80.4 | 77.0 | 77.3 | 75.7 |
| C. Canadien Ferm Froducts |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (1) Field | 52 | 88.3 | 84.6 | 74.3 | 65.9 | 54.9 |
| (2) Animal | 18 | 85.0 | 85.5 | 80.5 | 80.8 | 79.7 |
| (3) Total | 70 | 87.1 | 84.9 | 76.6 | 71.5 | 64.2 |
| II. Articles of Marine Origin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 5 | 72.1 | 83.0 | 55.4 | 56.7 | 62.6 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 11 | 71.7 | 70.9 | 72,4 | 71.0 | 70.8 |
| (c) Total | 16 | 71.8 | 74.2 | 67.8 | 67.1 | 68.6 |
| III. Articles of Forest Origin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 37 | 94.0 | 96.3 | 83.6 | 83.9 | 84.3 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 20 | 61.1 | 61.2 | 70.2 | 63.9 | 69.7 |
| (c) Total | 57 | 76.4 | 77.6 | 76.4 | 76.4 | 76.5 |
| IV. Articles of Mineral Origin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 52 | 85.2 | 86.1 | 80.7 | 81.2 | 81.0 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 141 | 91.6 | 93.2 | 91.3 | 89.7 | 89.6 |
| (c) Total | 203 | 88.8 | 90.1 | 86.6 | 85.9 | 85.8 |
| IMPORT AND EXPORT CLASSIFICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imports | 76 | 89.8 | 92.1 | 82.2 | 82.9 | 82.7 |
| Exports | 70 | 81.1 | 81.0 | 73.8 | 70.4 | 65.2 |

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


|  | Commodities | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. of } \\ & \text { Price } \\ & \text { Series } \end{aligned}$ | :Yearly :Average 1937 | :August $\text { : } 1937$ | $\begin{aligned} & : \\ & : \text { June } \\ & : 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} : \text { August } \\ : 1938 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| IV. | Wood, Wood Products and Paper | 49 | 76.7 | 77.9 | 76.7 | 76.7 | 76.8 |
|  | Newsprint | 2 | 58.1 | 58.2 | 68.4 | 68.1 | 67.9 |
|  | Lumber | 33 | 98.1 | 98.6 | 87.8 | 88.4 | 89.6 |
|  | Pulp | 3 | 84.6 | 91.0 | 73.9 | 73.5 | 72.0 |
|  | Furniture | 10 | 82.0 | 83.1 | 86.7 | 86.7 | 86.7 |
|  | Matches | 1 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.9 |
| V. | Iron and Its Products | 44 | 101.8 | 104.5 | 101.4 | 97.8 | 98.0 |
|  | Pig Iron and Steel Billets | 3 | 99.5 | 101.7 | 101.7 | 90.2 | 90.2 |
|  | Rolling Mill Products | 14 | 108.5 | 111.6 | 108.7 | 105.2 | 105.1 |
|  | Pipe (Cast Iron and Steel) | 2 | 97.9 | 100.4 | 101.7 | 97.1 | 97.1 |
|  | Hardware | 16 | 90.0 | 91.6 | 91.4 | 89.7 | 89.0 |
|  | Wire | 3 | 99.1 | 103.2 | 103.2 | 97.8 | 97.8 |
|  | Scrap | 5 | 82.8 | 81.7 | 54.7 | 60.3 | 64.7 |
|  | Miscellaneous | 1 | 105.4 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 |
| VI. | Non-Ferrous Metals and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Their Products | 18 | 83.8 | 86.3 | 67.8 | 70.5 | 70.0 |
|  | Aluminium | 2 | 92.0 | 93.9 | 93.9 | 93.9 | 88.3 |
|  | Antimony | 1 | 92.3 | 90.1 | 88.6 | 85.7 | 82.7 |
|  | Brass and Copper Products | 6 | 92.8 | 98.6 | 66.5 | 72.1 | 73.6 |
|  | Lead and Its Products | 2 | 72.2 | 70.9 | 49.5 | 51.9 | 49.8 |
|  | Silver | 1 | 72.4 | 72.3 | 69.7 | 69.4 | 69.2 |
|  | Tin Ingots | 2 | 85.2 | 92.3 | 64.3 | 68.4 | 68.3 |
|  | Zinc and Its Products | 2 | 63.5 | 68.0 | 42.2 | 45.3 | 43.6 |
|  | Solder | 1 | 89.6 | 92.7 | 66.9 | 69.5 | 72.1 |
| VII. | Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products | 83 | 86.6 | 87.2 | 87.1 | 86.7 | 86.7 |
|  | Clay and Allied Material Products | 10 | 87.9 | 88.2 | 88.2 | 84.5 | 84.5 |
|  | Pottery | 2 | 94.6 | 93.5 | 96.6 | 96.6 | 96.6 |
|  | Coal | 13 | 92.0 | 92.6 | 94.0 | 94.3 | 94.5 |
|  | Coke | 5 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 |
|  | Manufactured Ges | 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 | 81.0 | 77.8 | 74.9 |
|  | Petroleum Products | 6 | 74.1 | 74.8 | 72.7 | 72.9 | 72.9 |
|  | Asphalt | 2 | 90.8 | 90.6 | 92.2 | 92.2 | 92.2 |
|  | Salt | 4 | 77.7 | 77.7 | 77.7 | 77.7 | 77.7 |
|  | Sulphur | 1 | 96.3 | 98.1 | 99.2 | 98.7 | 98.5 |
|  | Plaster | 3 | 114.1 | 115.1 | 115.8 | 112.0 | 112.0 |
|  | Lime | 4 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 100.3 | 100.3 |
|  | Cement | 1 | 106.2 | 106.2 | 106.4 | 99.2 | 99.2 |
|  | Sand and Gravel | 8 | 91.5 | 91.4 | 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 |
| VII. | Chemicals and Allied Products | 77 | 81.4 | 81.8 | 80.1 | 79.4 | 79.4 |
|  | Inorganic Chemicals | 22 | 87.6 | 87.9 | 87.2 | 87.3 | 87.3 |
|  | Organic Chemicals | 6 | 86.1 | 84.5 | 74.5 | 74.6 | 74.6 |
|  | Coal Tar Products | 2 | 92.4 | 93.4 | 92.2 | 92.2 | 92.2 |
|  | Dyeing and Tanning Materials | 10 | 106.2 | 106.6 | 104.0 | 104.0 | 104.0 |
|  | Explosives | 2 | 75.8 | 76.4 | 74.7 | 74.7 | 74.7 |
|  | Paint Materials | 9 | 76.9 | 77.6 | 71.5 | 68.5 | 68.4 |
|  | Paints Prepared | 2 | 72.4 | 74.1 | 74.1 | 68.4 | 68.4 |
|  | Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals | 10 | 76.1 | 75.5 | 73.9 | 74.8 | 74.4 |
|  | Fertilizers | 10 | 74.5 | 74.5 | 75.4 | 81.1 | 82.8 |
|  | Industrial Gases | 2 | 92.4 | 95.1 | 91.9 | 92.5 | 93.7 |
|  | Soap | 2 | 91.1 | 91.9 | 91.9 | 91.9 | 91.9 |

## INDEX NUMBERS OF COIMODITIES

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The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of retail prices, rents and costs of services on the base $1926=100$, rose from 84.2 in July to 84.9 in August. The reaction observable in wholesale prices since the middle of 1937 has not been reflected in retail prices. During this period the wholessle index recorded a decline of more than 13 per cent while retail prices moved up sligitly more than 2 per cent.

Retail prices,inciuding foods, coal, coke, clothing, household requirements, tabacco, etc., advanced from 79.2 to 80.3 . When foods were removed from this index it was unchanged at 79.9.

An index of 46 food itens increased from 78.4 to 80.7 , higher prices for sirloin beef, mutton, pork, eggs and potatoes being of more consequence than declines in shoulder beef, veal, flour and onions. A decline in wholesale food prices for August of slightly more than 4 per cent marked the continuation of an irregular downward movement noticeable during the past five months. No reaction of any consequence has been apparent in retail food prices during the same period. The following advances are indicative of higher pork prices for August: Fresh pork moved up from $26.2 \phi$ to $2 \% .4 \phi$, salt pork from $22.0 \phi$ to $22.8 \phi$, bacon from $34.2 \phi$ to $36.3 \phi$, and cooked ham from $59.9 \phi$ to $62.0 \neq$ per pound. Eggs reported seasonal gains, Grade "A" eggs being up from $31.0 \phi$ to $34.1 \phi$ per dozen, while an average of Grades "B" and "C" was $29.2 \phi$ as compared with $26.7 \phi$ for the previous month. Potatoes moved up from $20.5 \not \subset$ to $28.6 \not \subset$ per peck. Onions fell from $7.0 \phi$ to $5.7 \phi$, while flour, veal and shoulder beef registered fractional declines.

Slightly higher prices for coal and coke in a number of centres caused the fuel index to advance from 85.0 to 85.2 . Increases in the sub-groups mentioned were as follows: Coal from 85.1 to 85.5 , and coke from 83.1 to 83.2 .

Index numbers for other grouss were unchanged.
INDEX NUMBERS OT RETAIL PRICRS, RENTS AND COSTS OF SERVICES, 1913-AUGUST, 1938.
$(1926=100)$

|  | - | Total <br> Incer. | Fnod <br> Index | Fuel <br> Index | Rent <br> Inder | Cloth- <br> : ing <br> : Index | : Sun- <br> : dries <br> : Index | : Retail <br> : Prices <br> - Index <br> : (Foods, <br> : Fuel, <br> : Clothing, <br> : Hous ehold <br> : Require- <br> : ments, etc | : Retail <br> - Príces <br> : Index <br> : Fuel, <br> Clothing, <br> Household <br> Require- <br> : ments, <br> 15 etc.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1913 |  | 65.4 | 66.2 | 65.8 | 64.1 | 63.3 | 66.2 | . - | - |
| 1920 | -•••••••• | 124.2 | 14].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 |
| 1927 | -......... | 98.4 | 98.1 | 97.9 | 98.8 | 97.5 | 99.1 | 97.9 | 97.9 |
| 1928 | . . . . . . . . | 98.9 | 93.6 | 96.9 | 101.2 | 97.4 | 98.8 | 97.9 | 97.3 |
| 1929 | -. . . . . . . . | 99.9 | 101.0 | 96.4 | 103.3 | 96.9 | 99.0 | 98.9 | 96.9 |
| 1930 | ............ | 99.2 | 98.6 | 95.7 | 105.9 | 93.9 | 99.4 | 96.7 | 94.9 |
| 1931 |  | 89.6 | 77.3 | 94.2 | 103.0 | 82.2 | 97.4 | 82.5 | 87.3 |
| 1932 | . . . . . . . . | 81.3 | 64.3 | 91.4 | 94.7 | 72.3 | 94.6 | 72.6 | 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 | $7{ }^{7}$ ). 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 |
| 1937 | August ..... | 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 | 93.9 | 79,1 | 79.9 |
|  | October .... | 84.2 | 1/8.9 | 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 | 7.3 .1 | 86.1 | 89.C | 73.3 | 93.9 | 79.7 | 80.3 |
| 1938 | Jamuary .... | 84.1 | 78.4 | 86.2 | 89.0 | 73.3 | 93.9 | 75.4 | 80.3 |
|  | February ... | 83.9 | 77.9 | 86.0 | 89.0 | 73.3 | 93.9 | 75.1 | 80.3 |
|  | March ..... | 84.2 | 78.6 | 86.3 | 89.0 | 73.7 | 93.9 | 79.6 | 80.5 |
|  | April ..... | 84.3 | 78.8 | 86.2 | 89.0 | 73.7 | 93.9 | 79.7 | 80.5 |
|  | May ........ | 84.2 | 77.7 | 85.9 | 90.3 | 73.7 | 93.9 | 79.1 | 80.5 |
|  | June ....... | 84.1 | 76.1 | 85.1 | 90.3 | 73.0 | 93.8 | 78.0 | 79.9 |
|  | July ........ | 84.2 | 78.4 | 85.0 | 90.3 | 73.0 | 93.8 | 79.2 | 79.9 |
|  | August ..... | 84.9 | 80.7 | 85.2 | 90.3 | 73.0 | 93.8 | 80.3 | 79.9 |

N.B. - Rental indexes are calculated in Nay and October only. Clothing indexes are calculated for March, June: September and December as are certain sub-indexes in the Miscellaneous group. Difficulties in obtaining these data promptly cause revisions to be often one or two months late.
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INDEX NUMBERS OF RRTAIL PRICES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICIES OF FOOD IN CANADA

| Yesr and Month | Beef Sirloin | Beef Chuck | Veal Roast | Mutton Roast | Pork Fresh | Pork <br> Salt | Bacon <br> Break <br> fast | Lard Pure | Eggs Grade"A" | Eggs Grade" and Grade" | $\begin{array}{r} \vdots \\ M_{i} I \mathrm{k} \\ \vdots \end{array}$ | Butter: Dairy | Butter Creamery | Cheese |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1935 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October | 79.6 | 79.9 | 69.8 | 68.1 | 75.2 | 73.5 | 73.6 | 73.9 | 76.5 | 75.6 | 88.3 | 58.0 | 60.6 | 62.6 |
| November | 76.5 | 77.4 | 69.8 | 66.8 | 72.5 | 73.1 | 72.2 | 74.7 | 88.7 | 83.9 | 88.3 | 61.5 | 64.0 | 64.5 |
| December | 75.9 | 76.1 | 69.8 | 67.8 | 68.9 | 73.1 | 69.2 | 74.7 | 92.7 | 87.2 | 88.3 | 65.4 | 67.8 | 64.5 |
| 1936 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 | 61.7 | 64.8 |
| May.. | 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 |
| Juty | 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 |
| Soptember | 79.3 | 77.4 | 69.3 | 75.5 | 74.2 | 72.4 | 71.3 | 63.7 | 71.6 | 71.6 | 87.5 | 62.7 | 66.2 | 68.6 |
| 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 |
| $\underline{1937}$ January ...... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 84.6 | 81.9 | 90.0 | 66.2 | 67.8 | 70.4 |
| January ........... | 77.2 81.3 | 76.7 81.1 | 73.4 77.6 | 72.1 | 67.9 70.2 | 70.6 | 67.6 | 64.9 67.8 | 84.6 67.5 | 81.9 66.1 | 90.0 90.0 | 66.2 66.7 | 69.1 | 71.1 |
| March. | 79.3 | 80.5 | 75.0 | 72.8 | 67.9 | 70.6 | 66.2 | 67.8 | 63.7 | 62.1 | 91.7 | 65.4 | 66.9 | 70.4 |
| April ............ | 84.4 | 85.5 | 74.5 | 76.5 | 69.2 | 70.3 | 66.0 | 68.6 | 57.3 | 57.0 | 91.7 | 66.4 | 68.2 | 70.8 |
| May .............. | 91.5 | 93.1 | 74.5 | 80.5 | 70.5 | 71.3 | 66.2 | 68.6 | 54.5 | 53.5 | 91.7 | 67.4 | 68.9 | 71.1 |
| June ............. | 96.3 | 98.1 | 74.0 | 81.5 | 72.2 | 71.3 | 66.7 | 69.0 | 53.8 | 53.5 | 90.0 | 62.2 | 63.8 | 71.1 |
| Juiy .............. | 100.2 | 101.9 | 74.5 | 83.6 | 74.8 | 72.8 | 67.4 | 69.0 | 57.7 | 57.3 | 90.0 | 61.7 | 64.7 | 72.0 |
| August ............ | 98.6 | 95.6 | 74.5 | 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 | 76.2 | 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 | 71.1 | 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 95 | 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 |
| March | 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 95.8 | 77.9 | 88.8 74.5 | 74.8 |
| May .............. | 91.5 | 95.0 101 | 81.3 | 86.2 | 80.5 | 76.3 | 75.2 | 62.9 62.4 | 55.3 | 55.0 | 95.8 | 64.1 | 74.5 | 74.8 |
| June <br> July | 96.6 96.6 | 101.3 | 83.8 | 79.5 | 88.8 | 78.4 | 76.6 79.2 | 62.4 62.0 | 66.2 | 67.1 | 92.5 | 64.7 | 66.9 | 74.8 |
| August | 97.3 | 99.4 | 81.3 | 82.2 | 90.7 | 81.7 | 84.0 | 62.4 | 72.9 | 73.4 | 92.5 | 64.7 | 66.7 | 75.2 |



INDEX NUBERS OF RETAXL PRTCFS OF PRTNCTEAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN CANADA - COn

| Year and Month | Bread | Flour | Rolled Oats | Rice | Beans | Apples <br> Evapor <br> ated | Prunes | Sugar Granu lated | Sugar <br> Yellow | Tea | Coffee | Potato | inega | $\begin{gathered} \text { Weighted } \\ \text { Food } \\ (46 \text { Indez. } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1935 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October | 77.0 | 62.3 | 91.4 | 72.5 | 67.1 | 77.4 | 76.4 | 80.8 | 81.3 | 72.2 | 60.6 | 43.8 | 89.6 | 72.4 |
| November | 77.0 | 66.0 | 89.7 | 71.6 | 67.1 | 77.4 | 73.9 | 79.5 | 81.3 | 72.9 | 59.8 | 43.7 | 89.6 | 73.2 |
| 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 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| 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 | 72.6 | 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 | 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 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| Merch | 85.2 | 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 |
| liay. | 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 | 200.0 | 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 | 83.7 | 103.4 | 75.2 | 96.2 | 77.9 | 75.2 | 84.6 | 85.3 | 75.7 | 58.0 | 60.7 | 89.6 | 79.1 |
| September | 91.9 | 36.8 | 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 | 39.6 | 78.9 |
| November | 91.9 | 84.9 | 101.7 | 75.2 | 73.5 | 84.4 | 74.5 | 83.3 | 85.3 | 73.5 | 53.2 | 39.9 | 89.6 | 78.3 |
| December | 91.9 | 34.9 | 101.7 | 75.2 | 74.7 | 78.9 | 73.2 | 83.3 | 85.3 | 73.7 | 57.8 | 39.9 | 83.3 | 79.1 |
| 1238 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 91.9 | 34.9 | 100.0 | 74.3 | 72.2 | 73.9 | 72.0 | 83.3 | 85.3 | 80.1 | 57.7 | 40.1 | 39.6 | 78.4 |
| February | 93.2 | 34.9 | 100.0 | 75.2 | 70.9 | 75.4 | 71.3 | 83.3 | 85.3 | 30.9 | 57.2 | 40.3 | 89.6 | 77.9 |
| March | 31.9 | 33.0 | 100.0 | 75.2 | 69.6 | 75.4 | 70.7 | 83.3 | 85.3 | 81.0 | 57.5 | 40.1 | 88.3 | 73.6 |
| April. | 93.2 | 31.2 | 98.3 | 75.2 | 63.4 | 77.4 | 70.1 | 83.3 | 85.3 | 80.9 | 56.7 | 38.7 | 89.6 | 78.8 |
| May ... | 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 |
| June | 91.9 | 77.4 | 98.3 | 75.2 | 68.4 | 76.9 | 70.1 | 83.3 | 84.0 | 81.9 | 56.9 | 39.1 | 88.6 | 78.1 |
| August | 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 | 80.1 |

## INVESTORS* INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

August trading on Canadian stock exchanges resulted in a net loss of 4.1 points for the daily price indexes of industrial, utility and bank common stocks. Two definite breaks, which occurred during the month, were credited mainly to seasonal dullness and to reports of the disturbed political situation of Central Europe; the declines were most pronounced in the industrial group. Opening at 106.9 the general index mounted to 107.5 on August 6 and slipped gradually to 104.1 on the 13 . Subsequently, the index recovered to 106.2 on August 23, when a brisk reaction sent prices upward. But, moving in line with world markets, as the tension abroad increased, common stock prices suffered a general set-back accompanied by heavy selling on August 29. On that date the composite index dropped to 102.1, erasing July and August advances and finally closed the month slighily higher at 103.0. In the industrial section weakness was shown by six sub-groups, led by industrial mines which registered a monthly decline of 11.9 points, followed by builaing materials down 3.3, pulp and paper 2.1 and oils 0.9 wh1le minor advances were recorded for beverages, foods and machinery and equipment. Transportation and power issues moved lower while communication stocks mounted 1.6 to 125.3 due to strength in Bell Telephone, The Investors' monthly index for 95 common stocks was 105.2 for August as compared with 106.9 for July. Industrials fell 2.3 to 172.8 , utilities 1.5 to 47.1 while banks mountea 0.1 to 85.0.

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

The monthly composite index of 24 mining issues showed further moderate improvement, advancing from 151.1 for July to 156.0 for August. The daily index for this series opened at 155.8 on August 2, and thereafter moved within extremely narrow limits untii August 29 when the index dropped to 152.0 as increased nervousness over the European political situation caused heavy liquidation in both gold and base metal stocks. A modest recovery in prices in the final days of the month, however, brought this index back to close at 154.4 on August 31. The comparative stability of the senior issues in both the gold and base metal sub-groups was an outstanding feature throughout the nonth. The daily indexes for these two sub-groups recorded minor losses between the opening and closing trading days of August, but the monthly indexes at 123.8 for golds and 289.2 for base metals showed net gains of 4.0 and 7.1 points respectively, over July. A table of average prices for the weeks ending July 28 and September 1, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, is listed below.

| GOLDS |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\frac{\text { Sept. } 1}{\$}$ | $\frac{\text { July } 28}{\text { \% }}$ |  | $\frac{\operatorname{sent} .1}{\%}$ | $\frac{\text { July } 28}{\$}$ |
| Beattie | 1.20 | 1.24 | Macassa | 5.04 | 4.88 |
| Bralorne | 9.38 | 9.52 | McIntyre | 47.54 | 44.77 |
| Buffalo-Ankerite | 15.31 | 16.27 | Plckle Crow | 4.91 | 4.88 |
| Central Patricia | 2.45 | 2.72 | Pioneer | 3.01 | 2.98 |
| Dome "new". | 33.52 | 32.06 | Reno | . 39 | . 46 |
| God's Lake | . 45 | . 55 | San Antonio | 1.25 | 1.27 |
| Hollinger | 15.10 | 14.98 | Siscoe | 2.04 | 2.22 |
| Howey | . 25 | . 27 | Sylvanite | 3.20 | 3.33 |
| Kirkland Lake | 1.19 | 1.32 | Teck-Hughes | 4.75 | 4.59 |
| Lake Shore | 52.50 | 52.00 | Wright-Hargreaves | 7.70 | 7.87 |
| Littie Long Lac | 3.28 | 3.61 |  |  |  |
| BASE METALS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Falconbridge | 5.69 | 6.32 | Noranda | 72.58 | 71.63 |
| Hudson Bay | 29.73 | 30.23 |  |  |  |
| PREFERRED STOCKS |  |  |  |  |  |

The preferred stock index was 86.8 in August as compared with 87,2 in July. Quiter trading conditions and irregular price movements prevalled during the greater part of the month, as was to be expected after the sharp rise during the previous six weeks. For a time, around the twenty-third, prices improved and an expension in turnover occurred. Abitibi Power and Puper gained $\$ 1$ to $\$ 261 / 4$, St.Lawrence Corporation A, \$2 to $\$ 191 / 4$ and Goodyear Tire and Rubber, $\$ 1 / 2$ to $\$ 561 / 2$. On the thirtieth there was a sharp relapse as tension in the political situation in Central Europe increased. The break in stock prices was the most severe for five months and losses up to $\$ 6$ were sustained by preferred stocks. National Breweries sagged $\$ 1 / 2$ to $\$ 421 / 2$, Canada Cement, $\$ 21 / 2$ to $\$ 931 / 2$, Canadian Car and Foundry, $\$ 1 / 4$ to $\$ 28$, st.Lawrence Corporation, $\$ 23 / 4$ to $\$ 161 / 2$, Abitibi Power and Paper, $\$ 5$ to $\$ 21$, Simpsons, $\$ 31 / 2$ to $\$ 761 / 2$, McColl Frontenac, $\$ 1$ to $\$ 99$ and Massey Harris $\$ 6$ to $\$ 54$.

INDEX NUMBERS OF 25 PREFERRED STOCKS, 1929, 1933, 1937, 1938.
(1926=100)

|  | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1929 | $1 \overline{07.4}$ | 108.1 | $1 \overline{06.8}$ | 104.3 | $1 \overline{04.3}$ | 104.8 | 104.8 | 105.6 | $1 \overline{05.1}$ | 102.9 | 99.8 | 100.4 |
| 1933 | 49.6 | 49.6 | 47.3 | 47.2 | 54.6 | 58.5 | 61.9 | 61.7 | 61.0 | 59.7 | 59.1 | 60.2 |
| 1937 | 99.2 | 100.4 | 102.6 | 103.1 | 100.2 | 99.3 | 99.4 | 101.5 | 91.0 | 82.2 | 82.0 | 81.0 |
| 1938 | 83.4 | 82.1 | 77.5 | 78.2 | 80.1 | 81.8 | 87.2 | 86.8 |  |  |  |  |

INVESTORS: MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMON STOCKS


* Bank of Canada stock was removed from the trading list on July 14.
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INDEX NUMBERS OF TWENTY-FOUR MINING STOCKS
(1926=100)



[^0]The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index of Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices continued at 117.6 for August. An improved tone was apparent in the earlier part of the month and the Bureau's daily index rose from 117.3 for the and to 117.9 for the 10th. There followed a period of moderate fluctuation at slightly lower levels until the 30th when the index broke from 117.7 to 117.2 as increased uneasiness over international friction influenced world markets. Prices in the provincial section were relatively steady. British Consols closed $1 / 8$ higher at $747 / 8$, while the Dow-Jones average of selected high-grade United States bonds deciined from 90.37 for the last day of July to 88.47 for the last day of August. The index for Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields remained at 62.7 and the average yield of the six leading issues used in this index was 3.04. Based on information supplied by Wood, Gundy \& Company, Limited., the index for representative Province of Ontario bonds was unchanged at 66.8 and their average yield remained at 3.20 .

MONTHLY 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 | 1937 | 1938 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 99.0 | 103.1 | 94.1 | 103.3 | 104.6 | $1 \overline{15.9}$ | 113.6 | $1 \overline{17.7}$ | 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 | 118.2 |
| June | 101.0 | 105.4 | 94.6 | 104.9 | 110.4 | 114.2 | 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 | i01.8 | 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. | 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 by A.E. Ames and Company, Ltd.)

|  | 1930 | 1931 | 1932 | $\underline{1933}$ | 1934 | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 | 1938 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 102.1 | 93.9 | 112.7 | 96.3 | 93.2 | 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 |
| Mey | 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 | 62.7 |
| 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 | - |

WEEKLY INDEX NUMBERSX 1938

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


MONTHLY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1934 - 1938.
Issued by the Standard Statistics Company, Inc., Now York

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| 76.3 | 35.3 | 64.5 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 76.2 | 35.4 | 64.0 |
| 76.7 | 35.9 | 63.2 |
| 78.4 | 34.8 | 60.8 |
| 80.6 | 35.9 | 58.8 |
|  |  |  |
| 81.9 | 35.0 | 57.6 |
| 80.1 | 32.3 | 55.1 |
| 76.2 | 28.4 | 53.4 |
| 78.9 | 29.4 | 59.1 |
| 85.7 | 30.9 | 63.7 |
| 87.4 | 32.4 | 69.8 |
| 91.2 | 33.8 | 73.3 |
| 95.0 | 35.8 | 80.6 |
| 97.5 | 37.0 | 81.9 |
| 98.5 | 34.3 | 81.0 |
| 107.4 | 37.6 | 90.1 |
| 109.2 | 41.4 | 91.6 |

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| January | 126.0 | 146.3 | 55.6 | 113.2 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Feburary | 129.5 | 151.7 | 57.9 | 110.7 |
| March | 129.9 | 152.6 | 62.8 | 105.7 |
| Apr11 | 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 |  |  |  |  |
| Tebruary | 81.6 | 95.7 | 29.0 | 75.7 |
| Maroh | 80.7 | 95.7 | 28.3 | 71.2 |
| Apri1 | 70.9 | 92.7 | 25.5 | 68.5 |
| May | 73.9 | 84.2 | 20.9 | 64.0 |
| June | 73.1 | 87.4 | 21.8 | 69.5 |
| July | 88.0 | 86.4 | 20.5 | 69.2 |
|  |  | 105.3 | 27.3 | 76.5 |




[^0]:    x Split 2 for 1 on June 22.

