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PRIET MOVEIYNTS, OCTOMSR, 1932.

## COMOMODITIES

The general rise in comodity prices proceeded at a much slomer rate during October and tho Dominion Eureau of Statistics index of Industrial Materials, on the base August 1939-100, showed a smalle: incricase from 1.2502 for the weok onding September 29 to 118.1 for the week ending octojes 27. Reactionary tendencies in the food group, apparent following the rapid rise in the first two verks of Soptember, continued sisto October. However, both Stable and Nemufucturing Matoriais advancod, the formor moving from 102.7 to 104.3 , and the latter from 125.5 to 133.0 , while Food Naterials fell from 118.8 to 115.6. Incustrial Moterial Prices on the tase 1926.100, rose from 74.7 to 76.6 . This was the highest point reachai aince cctobss 1937.

The Generai Who?esaic Uumoditiss incex increased from 77.9 to 79.0 between September 29 and $0=t 0 b \in I 27$. Aivances were gsneral in all the major groups, with the exception of Vegetable Proaucts, which riceded slightly under pressuro by grains. The Index for Wood Products has zisen shamivy finco mic-Augusi, and at 84.2 for the week of Octobor 27 touched tho hiehest point sinco December 1930.

Canadian Farm Products were off fractionally, easing from 64.5 to 64.4 , when declines in Field Fsoducts proved of move consequence than advances in Animal Products.

## COST OF LIVING

Sharp increases in food pricos eugmented by unsual seascmal advences in fuels, caused the Dominion Bureau of Statisticn cost of living index nuaber for Canada to rise from 82.9 on Septomber ! to 84,7 on 0ctoror Io Not since the spring of 1932 has the index shown a monthly change of suci racenivade. The food price index moved up from 74.2 to 79.8 betwoen September and $C=S o b u r$. Of the 46 food comodities comprising the index 38 showed gains, notably meats, butter, egge, fiour, sugar, tea and coffee. Codfish, finnan haddie, broad, ovaporatod aphles, jam, peaches and marmalado recordud no chango, while onions, the only food itom to acgister a declino, fell from $401 \phi$ to $3.8 \phi$ per pound. Widospread increasos in prices of coal and coke rosulted in an uptrard movement in the fuel index from 83.8 to 85.1 . Puntais changed from 90.0 to 89.9 . Although this index has tended steadily downwed during the peot year, the decline covering the entire period was less than a half of one per cont.

## STOCKS AND BONDS

The advance in Canadian sscuxjty prices initiated in the opening week of September continued through $0<i \rho^{b} a r$, though at a moxe moderate raie. Closing the month at 107.1 the Bureau's composite simex for 95 comion stociks showaj an October net rise of 5.5 per cent which compared with a I3.0 5 per cont increase in Septunber. All but two of the thirtoen sub-groups inciuduc in tho compsite incex shared in the advanco, gains ranging between 12.7 per cont for beruzece and 3.0 per cent for machinery and equipmont issues. Transporiation issuse, whecl lai shown the second largest advance in September dropped 19.7 per cent duthe Cotbler to cloge at 17.5. Milling stocks were down 1.1 per cent at 105.8. Most sub-Eroup incicues ware well aiove 1939 oponing lovels as the month closed and in severai instarces Foro at new poaks for the pasi year or longer. Mining stocks also were highor, though tondilug to lower levels as tho month ondodo Daily indexes showed a not gain of 903 per cent for basu mutals at 309.2 on October 31 and 6.6 per cent for golds at 107.1. Tho goncral fndex for $=5$ mining stocks was 7.7 per cent higher at 146.3 and compared with the month's peak of 149.9 torched on October 25 . Unilike industrials and utilities, mining issuas wore still ruling well below 2939 opening levels, this being especially ncticabie in the gold section. Bonds paralleled the rising trend in other security marketc and co deiny intar. for Dominion of Canada lonernerm bond prices moved up from 110. I on SEriamber 3 ts a higis of 313.2 on October 28, where it remained for the balance of the niorth. A. corresponding yield index declined from 74.8 to 68.6 during the same intorval.

FOREIGN EXCIANGE (Guctations are Noncreal Dojn rates unless otherwiso specified)
For tign exhange transactions weng loss arratic in ociober. Deily buying and selling rates set by the Canacian foreigh Exchange Contrul Board for bierijing and United


 the close at $\$ 4.00$ was oniy $2 申$ beibw the finei Septomber figure。 Janadian funds dropped
from $8915 / 16 \phi$ on September 30 a six-year low of $883 / 8 \phi$ on the 13 th, but subsequently recovered to $893 / 4 \phi$ on October 31. In continuation of an easy money policy the Bank of England announced a socond reduction within the month in its re-discount rate. The rate was lowered to its pro-war lovel of 2 per cont on October 26 , which compared with

- a peak of 4 per cont in Soptember. An eight year tie between sterling and the Japanese yon was broken in the last week of October when the yen was linked to the United State dollar at $\$ 237 / 16$ per 100 yonc


## REVIEN OF IMPORTANT COMMODITY MARKETS

WHPAT AND OTHRR GRAINS: Cash grain prices, Fort William and Port Arthur basis, movod lower in October with decines in coarse grains being relatively larger than those for wheat. A mid-month rally in wheat carried quotations for No. 1 Manitoba Nor thern to $721 / 8 \phi$ per bushel on October 17。 Prices subsequontly declined from this level and the close at $691 / 8 \phi$ indicated a net loss of $17 / 8_{\phi}$ for the month. Closing quotations for No. 2 at $671 / 4 \phi$ per bushel and No. 3 at $663 / 8 \phi$ showed not 10 ses of $11 / g_{\phi}$ and $1 / 8_{\phi}$ reapectively. Final October quotations for No. 1 Manitoba Northern were $7 / g_{\phi}$ per bushel below the minimum set by the Canadian Wheat Board for the current crop year, while No. 2 and No. 3 Nor thern were $1 / 4$ and $37 / 8 \phi$ above minimum quotations set for these grades.

In the Argentine the new wheat crop was roported to have received a setback In Octobor according to a Goverment roport which stated that "the current crop was only slightly better than fair." It was also reported that the Argentine Wheat Board fixed an official buying quotation for wheat of 6.50 peros per 100 kilos at Buenos Alres. This was slightly below last year's figure of 7.00 peson per 100 kilos . According to Broombell's report the new Australlan wheat crop was expected to average between 150 and 175 million bushels. A fixed price of 4 shillings (Australian) per bushel was currently being paid to the farmer.

Flax led the decline in coarse grains, Noil dit, dropping 14 per bushel durIng the month to $\$ 1.60$. Barley, No. 1 feed was of $47 / 8$ pet bushel at $401 / 2 \phi$ while Oats, No. 2 C.N., was down $11 / 4 \phi$ to $321 / 4 \phi$ per bushel. The decline in rye quotations was relatively small, No. 2 C . W. showing a loss of only $3 / 4 \phi$ to $591 / 2 \phi$ per bushel.

Deacription (Basis cash per bushel, Fort William and Port Arthur)
No. 1 Manitoba Northern wheat .................

| 1938 | 1939 | 1939 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| October | September | october |
| Average | Average | Average |
| ¢ | + | , |
| 61.5 | 73.9 | 70.3 |
| 28.1 | 36.7 | 32.8 |
| 41.0 | 56.5 | 60.4 |
| 35.8x | 45.3 | 42.0 |
| 132.7 | 166.1 | 167.9 |

$x$ This price was for No. 3 C.W. barley.
FIOUR AND OTHMR MITIRD PRODUCTS: Reflecting comparative ateadiness in the domestic wheat market flour quotations showed little change in October. At Toronto No. 1 petent remained stationary at $\$ 5.40$ per barrel while at Winnipeg quotations on a aimilar grade dropped from a mid-month peak of $\$ 5.50$ per barrel to the opening level of \$5.40. Lerge supplies of ontario winter wheat flour depressed quotations from $\$ 4.60$ per barrel at the end of September to $\$ 3.50$ by the third week of october. Spring wheat millers reportod business in the domestio market quiet, the heavy buying of the previous month having fully coverod immediate needs. Bxport demand was, however, reported to be the hoaviest in years. At London it was stated the Ministry of Yood had taken over all available flour and had also fixed a basic price of 22s. per sack of 280 pounds, delivered for imported flour. Canedian export flour would be delivered at that price while higher grades would sell at customary differentials over the export grade. Flour exporta from Canada in Soptombor totallod 416,553 barrols againat 319,739 barrols in Soptember 1938. Closing prices at Toronto for oatmeal at $\$ 3.00$ per 98 -pound bag and rolled oate at $\$ 2.35$ per 80 pound bag indicatod declines of $10 \phi$ per bag below final Soptember levels. plentiful suppliss in milloods inducod moderate price declines. Bran finished the month $\$ 1.00$ per ton lowor at $\$ 23.25$ s Montrcal rate points, while ahorts on the same basis was off $\$ 2.00$ per ton at $\$ 24.25$.


RUBBER: Comparative ateachess featured the ram rubber market at New York during October. A mid-rwach deciline in standard, thick, latex crepe sheets was later followed by a recovery which brought quotations for this grade back to cluse at the month's peak of $227 / 8 \phi$ per pound, delivered at New York. This compared with a quotation
of $221 / 4_{\phi}$ on September 30. Pibbed smoked sheets, on the same basis, finished the month at $203 / 4 \phi$ per pound for a net loss of $1 / 4 \phi$. The Bureauls weekly raw rubber index, following its sharp jump in September remained comparatively steady during october. showing a loss of 0.8 at 47.5. An advance in prices for men's and women's rubbers lifted

- the sub-group index for this series from 60.3 for the week of october 13 to 66.7 in the following week. United States raw rubber consumption totalled 50,250 tons in September compared with 40,183 tons in Suptember, 1938, while stocks on hand amounted to 150,271 tons against 268,094 tons a year ago.

|  | $\begin{gathered} 1938 \\ \text { October } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1939 \\ \text { September } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1939 \\ \text { october } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Description | Average | Average | Average |
| Raw rubber, per pound, New York (Canadian funds) | $\phi$ | $\phi$ | $\dagger$ |
| Standard latex crepe sheets | 19.2 | 25.3 | 24.5 |
| Ceylon plantaticin, ribbed smoked sheets | 17.2 | 24.1 | 22.8 |

LIVESYOCK: Prices of 421 classes of livestock except lambs averaged lower in October than in September. Steer and hog price averages moved down about 2 p.c. each. Lambs advanced approximately $21 / 2$ poc. while veal calves at Winnipeg fell approximately 8 p.c. but averaged more than $2 p_{0} c_{0}$ higher at Toronto. Runs of livestock were relatively heavy and at first markets exsed, but later strengthened to close in many instances, above opening levels. Shipments of cattle to the United States under the fourth quarter quota were heavy with markets there showing an easy tendency. Latterly, the Canadian market was supported by sifeng domand for feeder and stocker cattle. Losses for bacon hogs during the first two weeks ranged from $13 \phi$ at Toronto to $50 \phi$ per owt. at Montreal, but these amounts were more than recorered following the comonacement of higher British prices for Canadian bacon. Betwoen the weeks of October 6 and 26 , Canadian bacon in Great Britain rose from 92 s. per 112 pounds to 108 s.

|  | (See above dates) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Descriptions | \$ | + | \$ |
| Steers, good, over 1050 pounds per cwt. at Toronts $\qquad$ Winn:peg $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5.70 \\ & 4.83 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7.15 \\ & 6.50 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7.14 \\ & 6.02 \end{aligned}$ |
| Calves, good veal per cwt. at Toronto ....... Winnipeg ...... | $\begin{aligned} & 9.57 \\ & 6.66 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9.92 \\ & 8.34 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10.18 \\ 7.66 \end{array}$ |
| Hogs, bacon per cwt. at Tozonio ....... | $\begin{aligned} & 8.01 \\ & 7.80 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8.60 \\ & 8.46 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8.57 \\ & 8.16 \end{aligned}$ |
| Lambs, good handyweight, per cwi. at Toronto $\qquad$ Winnipeg | $\begin{aligned} & 7.64 \\ & 6.52 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9.13 \\ & 8.11 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9.27 \\ & 8.21 \end{aligned}$ |

BUTYTRR: An average piice for creamery butter in representative Canadian cities rose from $27.1 \phi$ in September to $29.2 \psi$ per pound in October. Throughout the month, trading was quiet as dealers were interested chiefly in supplying immediate requirementa, offerings were light and there was little selilng pressure apparent, Cold storage holdings of creamery butter were reportca by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at $55,92 j, 13 j$ pounds on November 1 compared with $62,465,601$ on the same date 1938 and $56,966,193$ pounds on Cctober 1, 1939.
(See above dates)
Description
Jobbing price of No. 1 creamery pints per $2 b$.

$$
\begin{array}{rlll}
\text { at Montreal... } & 24.3 & 27.8 & 29.0 \\
\text { Tosonto ... } & 23.8 & 27.7 & 29.2
\end{array}
$$

EGGS: Canadian egg markets, except for Vancouver, showed decided strength in October. Advances on the montin sucrasjed over $9 \neq$ per dozen for grade "A" at eastern points but in the west the rise was considerably less. Excopt in British Columbia, receipts of fresh grades continued to decline but the scarcity was relieved to some extent by shipments of medium and pullet eges from the Pacific Coast. There was a continuous movement from storage but thic dic nut reach proportions the trade had expected. As ghown by the Agricultural Brancii uf the Dominion Bureau of Statistics cole storage holdings moved down from 7,17ג, 0n deacn on jetober 1 to 4,627,000 dozen on November 1.

| Description | $\phi$ | (See aiove dates) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Eggs Grade "A" large per cozen at huritweal... | 44.5 | 37.6 |
| Mrasoto | 42.5 | 34.5 |

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 4 s.



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$\min +$



COITON: Raw cotton, upland middling, spot quotations at New York, eased to a low of $8.7 \phi$ on October 9 th but subsequently strengthened to finish unchanged from the opening level of $8.9 \neq$ per pound. A United States cotton crop of $11,928,000$ bales was forecast for the current season which compared with $11,943,000$ bales ginned in 1938 and a ten year 1928-37 average of $13,800,000$ bales. Norld mill takings of United Statea cotton, excluding Turope, for which no statistics were available, totalled 1, 292,000 bales for the four woeks ended October 27 th compared with 707,000 bales in the previous four weeks. Cotton bale openings by Canadian mills totalled 22,665 in September against a 1939 peak of 24,406 bales in Augus\%. Total openings for the gine months ended Soptember 30 th were 171,616 bales or approximately 5 per cent above the corresponding 1938 total.

| Description |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Raw cotton upland midding at <br> per pound (Canadian funds) | 1938 <br> October <br> Average | 1939 <br> September <br> Average | 1939 <br> October |
| $\frac{\text { Average }}{}$ |  |  |  |

## LINBARR AND TIMBERR: September advances in lumber prices, f.0.b. mills, were

 further extended in October. Recording the first noteworthy price change since March, 1937, various pine specifications were increased between $\$ 1.00$ and $\$ 2.00$ per thousand in the latter half of October. The weekly composite pine index closed at 106.6 compared with 102.7 at the end of September. Price advances of $\$ 2.00$ per thousand for apruce lumber lifted the index for this sub-group from 88.7 for the week ended October 13 th to 93.3 in the week following. Mill run hemlock, $2^{\prime \prime}$ and $2^{\prime \prime}$ culls moved up $\$ 1.00$ per thousand in the same period, bringing the index to 76.3. Increases in fir dimension and fir flooring raised the fir index to 100.0 in the third week of the month. Hardwoods remained unchanged. Both the domestic and export markets continued to show improvement, with September lumber exports out of British Columbia ports approaching record levela. A preliminary September figure showed British Columbia shipments to all destinations at almost 144 million feet, board measure, of which approximately 115 million feet went to United Kingdom ports. Demand for shingles from the United States contimued good.Description (Price Indexes 1926 =100)

(See above dates)
$x$ Final week of October 106.6.
COPP昭: On October 5 th United States domestic copper producers raised quotan tions to $121 / 2 \phi$ per pound delivered Connecticut Valley basis. This advance was $1 / 2 \phi$ above final September figures and followed several days of split prices. While official copper statistics were no longer available indications pointed to further heavy consumer demand. Good export inquiry was also reported from Japan and several South American countries. In Canada agreements were consunmated between seven Canadian base metal companies and the Britioh Ministry of Supply Mission whereby these producers would supply the United Kingdom with $420,000,000$ pounds of copper within the next year. This amount represented approximately 80 percent of the current annual output of these contracting units. Domestic copper quotations held steady during the month at $\$ 11.15$ per $\mathrm{cwt}$. . 1.o.b. Montreal.


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

|  | : 1938 : |  |  | 1939 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | oct. | : June | : July | : Aug. | Sep | : oct. |
| Building and Construction Materials | 131.3 | 132.0 | 132.2 | 134.7 | 136.5 | 138.0 |
| Lumber ........ | 133.4 | 136.7 | 137.0 | 142.7 | 144.1 | 147.1 |
| Paint Materials | 115.9 | 115.4 | 114.8 | 115.0 | 122.8 | 123.7 |
| Miscellaneous | 136.6 | 134.9 | 135.1 | 135.1 | 1.36 .1 | 136.4 |

## ( $1926=100$ )

| Commodity | $\begin{aligned} & \text { : No. of } \\ & : \text { Price } \\ & : \text { Series } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Y Yearly } \\ \vdots \\ : \\ \text { Average } \\ 1938 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { oct. } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { : Sept. : } \\ & : 1939 \text { : } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { oct. } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Index 567 Commodities | 567 | 78.6 | 74.1 | 72.4 | 78.2 | 79.3 |
| CHIDF COMPONENI MATERIALS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CLAS8IFICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I. Vegetabla Products | 135 | 73.8 | 60.8 | 58.8 | 68.4 | 68.1 |
| II. Animals and Their Products | 76 | 76.7 | 74.8 | 70.4 | 77.5 | 79.9 |
| III. Fiores, Textiles and Textile Products | 85 | 67.5 | 66.7 | 66.5 | 72.1 | 74.9 |
| IV. W002, Wood Products and Paper | 49 | 77.5 | 76.9 | 78.4 | 82.5 | 83.6 |
| V. Irour aid. Its Products | 44 | 100.4 | 98.1 | 97.4 | 99.3 | 100.6 |
| VI. Non-Feirous Metals and Their products | 18 | 70.9 | 73.0 | 69.9 | 74.5 | 74.9 |
| VII. Nor-Motailic Minerals and Their Products | 83 | 86.7 | 86.5 | 84.3 | 84.6 | 86.1 |
| VIII.Chemicnis and Allied Products | 77 | 79.9 | 79.4 | 77.6 | 80.9 | 81.5 |
| PURPOSE CLASSIEICATTON |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I. Consumers' Goods | 236 | 77.2 | 75.2 | 72.8 | 77.2 | 79.4 |
| Foods, Boversgos and Tobacco | 126 | 77.1 | 73.0 | 70.1 | 77.0 | 78.4 |
| Other Consumers' Goods | 110 | 77.2 | 76.7 | 74.6 | 77.4 | 80.1 |
| II. Producers: Goods | 402 | 75.8 | 68.3 | 66.7 | 74.1 | 74.0 |
| Producers ${ }^{\text {E }}$ Equipment | 24 | 95.1 | 95.3 | 94.9 | 95.7 | 96.4 |
| Producors: Materials | 378 | 73.7 | 65.3 | 63.6 | 71.7 | 71.5 |
| Building and Construction Materials | 111 | 89.1 | 88.0 | 90.3 | 91.5 | 92.5 |
| Manufacturers' Materials | 267 | 71.1 | 61.5 | 59.1 | 68.4 | 67.9 |
| ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Raw and Par ily Manufactured | 245 | 72.7 | 65.1 | 62.8 | 70.7 | 71.2 |
| Total Fully and Chicfly Manufactured | 322 | 78.2 | 74.7 | 72.8 | 77.5 | 78.8 |

I. Articlos of Farm Origin
(Domestic and F'oreign)
A. Ficld
(a) Raw and parily manufactured
(b) Fuliy and chicfly manufactured 91
(c) Total
B. Anima?
(a) Raw and partly manufactured
(b) Fully and chiofly manufactured
(c) Total
C. Canadian Farm Products
(1) Field
(3) Total
II. Articles of Marine origin
(a) Raw ari parily manufactured
(b) Fuliy and chiofly manufactured

11
(c) Total

16
III. Articlos of Forest Origin
(a) Raw and partiy manufactured.
(b) Fully and chiefly manufactured 20
(c) Totai
IV. Articlos of Mineral Origin

| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 62 |
| :--- | :--- |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 241 |
| (c) Total | 203 |

(c) Total

## IMPORT AND EMFORT CLASSIFICATION

| 63.0 | 46.9 | 44.5 | 56.7 | 55.0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 76.5 | 70.1 | 68.5 | 73.7 | 74.6 |
| 70.3 | 59.4 | 57.4 | 65.9 | 65.6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 79.8 | 79.4 | 74.9 | 81.1 | 84.7 |
| 74.3 | 71.8 | 68.3 | 75.2 | 77.7 |
| 76.7 | 75.1 | 71.2 | 77.8 | 80.7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 69.0 | 53.6 | 48.2 | 53.6 | 51.4 |
| 81.3 | 81.0 | 75.6 | 82.0 | 86.3 |
| 73.6 | 63.8 | 58.4 | 64.2 | 64.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 65.4 | 76.3 | 58.8 | 68.0 | 80.5 |
| 72.0 | 70.6 | 69.1 | 78.7 | 79.3 |
| 70.2 | 72.1 | 66.3 | 75.8 | 79.6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 85.5 | 84.4 | 88.3 | 91.8 | 93.9 |
| 69.9 | 69.8 | 69.1 | 73.6 | 74.0 |
| 77.2 | 76.6 | 78.0 | 82.1 | 83.3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 81.5 | 82.0 | 80.0 | 81.3 | 82.0 |
| 90.5 | 89.2 | 87.7 | 88.9 | 90.1 |
| 86.5 | 86.0 | 84.3 | 85.5 | 86.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 83.1 | 82.5 | 80.6 | 88.7 | 90.6 |
| 70.9 | 61.5 | 59.9 | 68.1 | 67.9 |

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


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

| Commodities | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Price } \\ & \text { Series } \end{aligned}$ | ¿Yearly Averag 1938 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { oct. } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & 1039 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { oct. } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I. CONSUMESE GOODS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (GROUPS A AND B) | 236 | 77.2 | 75.2 | 72.8 | 77.2 | 79.4 |
| A. Foods, Feverages and Iobacco | 126 | 77.1 | 73.0 | 70.1 | 77.0 | 78.4 |
| Beveraces | 9 | 78.2 | 79.0 | 77.3 | 90.9 | 96.0 |
| Flour sid Milled Products | 12 | 80.4 | 64.2 | 56.9 | 72.0 | 68.4 |
| Balerer Froducts | 2 | 91.4 | 85.3 | 84.4 | 84.4 | 84.4 |
| Fis sic | 26 | 71.9 | 74.9 | 67.9 | 77.9 | 82.4 |
| Fruita | 15 | 70.3 | 71.2 | 75.7 | 83.1 | 89.8 |
| Meats and Poultry | 10 | 79.2 | 74.9 | 75.6 | 81.1 | 79.4 |
| Muils end Milk Products | 12 | 78.4 | 74.5 | 68.5 | 75.6 | 78.8 |
| Sugar emd Its Products | 8 | 84.1 | 82.5 | 87.2 | 88.5 | 94.4 |
| Vegetables | 13 | 51.5 | 49.5 | 56.6 | 59.9 | 59.4 |
| Eggs | 3 | 67.5 | 79.8 | 57.8 | 66.8 | 72.8 |
| Tobacco | 8 | 51.3 | 52.5 | 45.5 | 45.5 | 45.5 |
| Miecelianeous | 18 | 65.2 | 64.1 | 56.5 | 64.2 | 72.9 |
| B. Other Consumers ' Goods | 110 | 77.2 | 76.7 | 74.6 | 77.4 | 80.1 |
| Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Rubbess, Hosiery and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Underwear | 52 | 74.2 | 72.9 | 72.7 | 77.4 | 80.7 |
| Houseinoiz Dquipment and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Supplies | 58 | 79.4 | 79.5 | 76,1 | 77.4 | 79.6 |
| 11. PRODUCTRE: GOODS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C. Praducems Equipment | 24 | 95.1 | 95.3 | 94.9 | 95.7 | 96.4 |
|  | 3 | 91.3 | 91.3 | 91.3 | 91.3 | 91.3 |
| Light, Feat and Power |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prploetvas | 2 | 74.7 | 74.7 | 74.7 | 73.1 | $\begin{aligned} & 97.1 \\ & 73.1 \end{aligned}$ |
| Miscojlaneous | 2 | 95.3 | 95.3 | 95.7 | 95.7 | 95.7 |
| D. Produseng Materials | 378 | 73.7 | 65.3 | 63.6 | 71.7 | 71.5 |
| Buildine and Construction |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Materials | 111 | 89.1 | 88.0 | 90.3 | 91.5 | 92.5 |
| Iuabcr Pajnt Materials | 33 | 89.8 | 89.9 | 96.3 | 97.1 | 99.1 |
|  | 13 | 69.6 | 66.6 | 66.1 | 70.6 | 71.1 |
| Miscollanoous | 65 | 93.3 | 91.6 | 90.6 | 92.3 | 91.5 |
| Manufacturers' Materials | 267 | 71.1 | 61.5 | 59.1 | 68.4 | 67.9 |
| Textiles and Clothing Furs sind Ieather Goods | 64 | 65.3 | 64.3 | 64.2 | 69.9 | 72.3 |
| For Matal \#orking | 24 | 71.2 | 70.2 | 69.3 | 79.5 | 87.7 |
|  | 42 | 76.9 | 78.1 | 75.5 | 79.8 | 80.5 |
| For Chemical UsingIndustries |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 43 | 88.6 | 88.2 | 86.2 | 88.7 | 87.9 |
| For Ksat Packing |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Industries | 4 | 82.0 | 73.0 | 79.3 | 88.7 | 86.9 |
| For Milling and OtherIndustries |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 23 | 68.1 | 43.8 | 39.1 | 53.4 | 51.0 |
| Miscojlameous Producers'Matcrials | 68 | 69.2 | 64.1 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 69.2 | 64.1 | 61.7 | 70.2 | 69.4 |


| Commodity |  | Average 1926 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Yearly } \\ & \text { : Averag } \\ & : 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{l:l} y & \text { Oct. } \\ \text { ge } & 19338 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { : Sept. } \\ & : 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oct. } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OATS, NO, $2 \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{W}$. <br> Ft. William and Port Arthur cash basis | Bush. | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
|  |  | .548 | . 413 | . 281 | .367 | . 328 |
| WHEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern |  | 1.495 | 1.015 |  |  |  |
| FLOUR, First Patent, 2-9818 |  |  | 1.015 | . 615 | . 739 | . 703 |
| Jute, Toronto |  | 8.821 | 6.491 | 5.025 | 5.380 | 5.400 |
| SUGAR, Br. T. Indies, Montreal | Cwt. |  | 2.041 | 2.000 | 2.682 | 2.250 |
| SUGAR, granulated, Montreal | Cwt. | 5.958 | 4.895 | 4.800 | 5.085 | 5.560 |
| xRUBBMR, Ceylon, ribbed, smaked sheets f.o.b. New York | Lb. | . 488 | . 148 | .172 | . 242 | . 228 |
| CATMIL, Steers, good over |  | 7.330 | 6.264 | 5.700 | 7.150 | 7.140 |
| HOGS, Bacon |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Toronto | Cwt. | 13.320 | 9.529 | 8.010 | 8.600 | 8.570 |
| BEERF HIDES, Packer Hides, Native Steers, Toronto | Lb. | . 135 | . 111 | . 130 | . 157 | . 170 |
| LEATHER, Packer, crops, NO.I and II. f.o.b. Distributing points | Lb. |  | . 374 | .360 | . 400 | 440 |
| BOX SIJES B,Oshawa |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ft. | . 263 | . 211 | . 220 | . 270 | . 270 |
| BUTMER, Creamery, finest prints, Montreal | Ib. | . 390 | . 284 | .243 | 278 | . 290 |
| CHBESE, Canadian, old, large, Montreal | Lb. | . 227 | . 182 | . 180 | . 220 | . 200 |
| HGGS, Grade "A" Iarge, Nontreal |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Doz. |  | . 335 | .445 | . 376 | . 415 |
| COTMON, raw $1^{\prime \prime}-11 / 1611$ Hamiliton | Lb. | . 194 | . 106 | . 107 | . 138 | . 117 |
| COTTON YARNS, 101 s white, single Hosiery cops, Mill | Lb. | . 368 | . 250 | . 250 | . 263 | . 263 |
| XSILK, raw, special grand XXX |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 85 p.c. New York, 13-15 deniers | Lb. |  | 1.818 | 1.955 | 3.388 | 3.703 |
| WOOL, eastern bright, $1 / 4$ blood, domestic, Toronto | Lb. | . 306 | . 168 | . 165 | . 214 | . 265 |
| HOOL, western range, semi-bright $1 / 2$ blood, domestic, Toronto | Lb. | . 316 | . 161 | . 165 | . 196 | .265 |
| PULP, groundwood, No. 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| f.O.b. M111 | Ton | 21. | 21.762 | 20.842 | 26.477 | 27.740 |
| PIG IRON, Malleable, f.o.b. plant | Gross |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ton | 25.680 | 22.000 | 20.500 | 23.500 | 26.500 |
| STERE, merchant bara, mild Mill | 100 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Iba. | 2.450 | 2.625 | 2.550 | 2.550 | 2.550 |
| COPPFR, Mlectrolytic, domestic Montreal | Cwt. | 15.767 | 10.550 | 11.580 |  | 11.150 |
| LTRAD, domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal |  | 15.767 | 10.550 | 11.580 | 11.272 | 11.150 |
|  | CWt. | 8.154 | 4.176 | 4.303 | 4.600 | 4.600 |
| TIN INGOIS, Straita, f.o.b. Toronto | Lb. | . 669 | . 458 | . 486 | .606 | -. 690 |
| ZINC, Domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal | Cwt. | 8.825 | 3.900 | 4.073 | 4.300 | 4.500 |
| COAL, Antbracite, Torontof.O.b. carlots |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ton | 12.110 | 10.211 | 10.444 | 8.600 | 9.740 |
| COAL, Bituminous, N.S. run-of-mine | Ton | 6.083 | 5.417 | 5.500 | 5.500 | 5.500 |
| GASOLENE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Gal. | . 253 | . 158 | . 150 | .245 | . 150 |
| SULPRURIC ACID $66^{\circ}$ Baume Toronto | Net |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ton | 14.000 | 27.000 | 17.000 | 17.000 | 17.000 |

x Canadian Funde.

+ Estimated.

WHOLESALE PRICES
1938 AND 1939
(1926 $=100$ )






The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of retail prices, rents and costs of services on the base $1926 \times 100$, rose from 82.9 in September to 84.7 in October, as a result of sharp increascs in foud prices and advances in coal and coke. The comparative figure for October 1938 was 83.9 。

An index for retail prices alone, including foods, coal, cjke, household requirements, etc., moved up from 77.2 in September to 80.1 in October. When foods were removed from this index it was 80.3 in October as compared with 80.0 for the previous month.

An index for 46 foods increased from 74.2 to 79.8 between September 1st and October lat. Of the 46 cormodities comprising the index, 38 recorded increases, 7 were unchanged while only one decrease occurred. The followirg increases were representative of higher meat prices: Shoulder bevf from $1503 \phi$ to $16.9 \phi$, veal from $15.6 \phi$ to $17.2 \phi$, fresh pozis from $23.5 \phi$ to 24 c $4 \phi$ and bacon from $29.7 \phi$ to $32.5 \phi$ per pound. Grade "A" eggs moved up from $32.8 \phi$ to $38.0 \phi$ per dozen, while an average of grades "B" and "C" was $30.1 \phi$ as compared with $25.9 \phi$ in September. Creamery butter was up from $26.2 \phi$ to $31.9 \phi$ and dairy butter from $22.8 \phi$ to $28.2 \phi$ per pound. Granulated sugar rose from $6.6 \phi$ to $6.8 \phi$ and yellow augar from $6.4 \phi$ to $6.6 \%$ par pound. NHour was $3.4 \phi$ per pound as against $2.9 \phi$ in September. Following the imposition of a tax on coffer, the price advanced from $34.0 \phi$ to $40.2 \phi$ between September lst and October 1.st. Other commodities to register advances of lesser importance were: Canned rilimon, lard, milk, cheese, soda biscuits, rolled oats, rice, tapioca, canned vegetables, dry beais, potatoes, prunes, raisins, currants, corn syrup, tea, cocoa, vinegar, salt and pepper. Cutish, finnan haddie, bread, evaporated apples, jam, marmalade and canned peaches showed prices unchanged, while onions were down from $4.1 \phi$ to $3.8 \phi$ per pound.

The fuel index rose from 83.8 to 85.1 following increases in prices for coal and coke. The sub-index for coll moved up from 84.8 to 86.8 , while coke was 84.2 in October as against 81.0 in Septeriber.

Rentals again receded slightly from 90.0 recorded at the time of the May survey to 89.9 in October. Middle grade dwellings were on the whole unchanged, a moderate increase in apartments being cifeet by lower rents for houses, duplicate and flats. Workingmen's houses and apartments averaged slightly lower.
INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRYCES, RENTS AND COSTS OF SERVICRS, 1923-1938, OCTOBER, 1938, AND SEPTMBER AND OCTOBER, 1932.
(1926:=100)

N.B.-Rental indexos are csiculatud in Mar am October only. Clothing inderas are calculated for March, June, Sepsmber and Dusember as are certain sub-induass in the miscellaneous group. Diffisulites in obtaining these data promptly cause retisions to be often one or two rionths late.

| Year and Month | Beef <br> Sirloin | Beef Chuck | Veal Roast | Mutton Roast | Pork <br> Fres | Pork Salt | Bacon <br> Break - <br> fast | Lard Pure | Eggs Grade |  | Milk | Butter Dairy | Buttex Gream ery | Che ese |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1937 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 77.2 | 76.7 | 73.4 | 72.1 | 67.9 | 70.6 | 67.6 | 64.9 | 84.6 | 81.9 | 90.0 | 66.2 | 67.8 | 70.4 |
| February ......... | 81.3 | 81.1 | 77.6 | 75.2 | 70.2 | 71.3 | 67.1 | 67.8 | 67.5 | 66.1 | 90.0 | 66.7 | 69.1 | 71.1 |
| Warch ............ | 79.3 | 80.5 | 75.0 | 72.8 | 67.9 | 70.6 | 66.8 | 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 |
| July ............. | 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 | 85.2 | 92.5 | 70.9 | 72.9 | 73.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { December . . . . . . . . } \\ & \text { 1938 } \end{aligned}$ | 84.7 | 86.2 | $77 \cdot 6$ | 71.1 | 72.5 | 74.6 | 73.1 | 69.0 | 95.9 | 88.2 | 94.2 | 75.1 | $77 \cdot 2$ | 72.6 |
| 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 | 88.2 | 83.9 | 75.2 | 73.2 | 74.6 | 70.1 | 63.7 | 68.4 | 67.6 | 95.8 | 79.3 | 80.5 | 73.3 |
| Narch ............ | 85.4 | 88.1 | 82.8 | 78.5 | 74.8 | 74.6 | 70.4 | 62.4 | 68.4 | 67.8 | 9:28 | 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 |
| May ............... | 91.5 | 95.0 | 81.3 | 86.2 | 80.5 | 76.3 | 75.2 | 62.9 | 55.3 | 55.0 | 95.8 | 74.1 | 74.5 | 74.8 |
| June .............. | 96.6 | 101.3 | 83.3 | 86.2 | 82.1 | 77.4 | 76.6 | 62.4 | 59.6 | 59.5 | 94.2 | 69.4 | 70.2 | 74.8 |
| July ............. | 96.6 | 101.3 | 81.8 | 79.5 | 86.8 | 78.9 | 79.2 | 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 |
| September ......... | 93.5 | 95.0 | 82.3 | 80.5 | 85.4 | 79.6 | 80.8 | 61.2 | 76.9 | 75.9 | 92.5 | 63.0 | 63.3 | 74.2 |
| October .......... | 91.2 | 92.5 | 83.9 | 76.8 | 82.1 | 78.1 | 78.7 | 60.8 | 84.8 | 82.7 | 94.2 | 62.0 | 60.9 | 73.3 |
| November ......... | 87.4 | 89.3 | 81.8 | 72.8 | 76.5 | 75.6 | 75.2 | 60.4 | 93.8 | 87.7 | 94.2 | 60.5 | 61.1 | 73.3 |
| December ......... $1939$ | 84.4 | 88.7 | 80.7 | 73.8 | 74.8 | 74.9 | 71.5 | 58.8 | 94.0 | 87.2 | 94.2 | 59.5 | 59.7 | 73.3 |
| January ........... | 86.7 | 90.6 | 83.9 | 75.8 | 77.2 | 76.7 | 70.6 | 57.1 | 82.3 | 79.6 | 92.5 | 58.8 | 59.1 | 71.7 |
| February .......... | 90.1 | 95.6 | 87.5 | 78.5 | 78.5 | 75.6 | 70.1 | 54.3 | 63.2 | 62.1 | 92.5 | 59.3 | 60.6 | 71.1 |
| Warch ............ | 92.5 | 97.5 | 87.0 | 79.9 | 78.1 | 76.0 | 70.6 | 51.8 | 64.3 | 63.3 | 92.5 | 58.8 | 59.7 | 69.8 |
| April ............. | 93.9 | 99.4 | 86.5 | 81.9 | 78.8 | 76.3 | 70.1 | 50.6 | 60.3 | 60.1 | 92.5 | 58.0 | 59.5 | 69.5 |
| Way .............. | 94.9 | 100.6 | 82.3 | 82.6 | 77.8 | 76.3 | 70.6 | 48.6 | 55.8 | 55.3 | 92.5 | 57.5 | 58.4 | 69.2 |
| June ............. | 96.3 | 100.6 | 80.2 | 82.6 | 78.8 | 76.0 | 69.7 | 48.6 | 54.5 | 53.5 | 92.5 | 55.3 | 57.0 | 67.0 |
| July | 96.3 | 100.0 | 81.3 | 79.5 | 78.1 | 75.3 | 69.7 | 47.3 | 58.1 | 56.3 | 90.8 | 56.3 | 58.6 | 67.3 |
| August ........... | 95.2 | 98.1 | 80.2 | 83.2 | 78.8 | 74.9 | 69.2 | 46.1 | 64.7 | 61.3 | $90.8$ | 55.6 | $58.2$ | $67.6$ |
| ssptember ........ tober ........... | 93.9 101.0 | 96.2 106.3 | 81.3 89.6 | 76.8 81.9 | 77.8 80.8 | 74.6 | 68.8 75.2 | 45.7 54.3 | 70.1 81.2 | 65.1 75.6 | $\begin{aligned} & 91.7 \\ & 92.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 56.3 \\ & 69.6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 58.6 \\ & 71.4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 67.6 \\ & 70.1 \end{aligned}$ |


| Year <br> and <br> Month | Bread | Flour | Rolled Oats | Rice | Beans | Apples Evapor ated | Prune | Sugar <br> Granu- <br> lated | Sugar <br> Yellow | Tea | Cor fee | Pota- tces | Vine gar | Weight <br> Food <br> Index <br> (46 I |
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| 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 |
| Lerch ........... | 85.1 | 81.1 | 98.3 | 74.3 | 94.9 | 79.4 | 73.9 | 80.8 | 82.7 | 72.7 | 58.2 | 73.6 | 89.6 | 75.7 |
| April ............. | 86.5 | 83.0 | 98.3 | 75.2 | 98.7 | 80.9 | 74.5 | 82.1 | 84.0 | 72.9 | 57.8 | 73.4 | 89.6 | 76.3 |
| Nay ............... | 86.5 | 84.9 | 100.0 | 75.2 | 100.0 | 78.9 | 74.5 | 83.3 | 84.0 | 73.1 | $57 \cdot 8$ | 65.7 | 89.6 | 76.6 |
| June ............ | 90.5 | 84.9 | 100.0 | 75.2 | 100.0 | 78.9 | 74.5 | 83.3 | 84.0 | 73.2 | 58.3 | 59.5 | 89.6 | 76.4 |
| July .............. | 90.5 | 84.9 | 100.0 | 74.3 | 98.7 | 78.9 | 75.2 | 83.3 | 84.0 | 74.5 | $58 \cdot 3$ | 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 |
| September ........ | 91.9 | 86.8 | 103.4 | 75.2 | 94.9 | 77.4 | 76.4 | 84.6 | 85.3 | 76.4 | 58.7 | 45.0 | 89.6 | 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 |
| Iecember ......... | 91.9 | 84.9 | 101.7 | 75.2 | 74.7 | 78.9 | 73.2 | $83 \cdot 3$ | 85.3 | 78.7 | 57.8 | 39.9 | $88 \cdot 3$ | 79.1 |
| 1938 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January .......... | 91.9 | 84.9 | 100.0 | 74.3 | 72.2 | 78.9 | 72.0 | 83.3 | 85.3 | 80.1 | 57.7 | 40.1 | 89.6 | 78.4 |
| February .......... | 93.2 | 84.9 | 100.0 | 75.2 | 70.9 | 75.4 | 71.3 | 83.3 | 85.3 | 80.9 | 57.2 | 40.3 | $89 \cdot 6$ | 77.9 |
| March ............ | 91.9 | 83.0 | 100.0 | 75.2 | 69.6 | 75.4 | 70.7 | 83.3 | 85.3 | 81.0 | 57.5 | 40.1 | 88.3 | 78.6 |
| April ............ | 93.2 | 81.1 | 98.3 | 75.2 | 68.4 | 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 $=\ldots . . . . . . . .$. | 91.9 | 77.4 | 98.3 | 75.2 | 68.4 | 76.9 | 70.1 | 83.3 | 84.0 | 81.9 | 56.7 | 39.1 | 89.6 | 78.1 |
| July .............. | 91.9 | 77.4 | 98.3 | 75.2 | 67.1 | 75.4 | 70.1 | 82.1 | 82.7 | 81.7 | 56.9 | 40.7 | 89.6 | 78.4 |
| 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 | 80.7 |
| September ......... | 89.2 | 67.9 | 96.6 | 75.2 | 67.1 | 75.4 | 70.1 | 80.8 | 82.7 | 82.1 | 57.2 | 41.9 | 88.3 | 77.6 |
| October ........... | 87.8 | 62.3 | 93.1 | 74.3 | 65.8 | 77.9 | 69.4 | 80.8 | 82.7 | 81.9 | 56.9 | 42.7 | 87.0 | 77.1 |
| November | 86.5 | 62.3 | 91.4 | 74.3 | 65.8 | 74.4 | 69.4 | 80.8 | 82.7 | 82.0 | 56.2 | 43.7 | 87.0 | 76.6 |
| December .......... $1939$ | 87.8 | 60.4 | 91.4 | 75.2 | 64.6 | 74.9 | 68.8 | 80.8 | 82.7 | 81.7 | 56.7 | 46.6 | $88 \cdot 3$ | 76.2 |
| January .......... | 85.1 | 58,5 | 69.7 | 75.2 | 64.6 | 76.9 | 69.4 | 80.8 | 82.7 | 81.2 | 56.0 | 48.8 | 87.0 | 75.2 |
| February ......... | 85.1 | 58.5 | 87.9 | 74.3 | 64.6 | 77.4 | 68.8 | 80.8 | 82.7 | 82.1 | 56.0 | 51.6 | $88 \cdot 3$ | 74.5 |
| March ............. | 83.8 | 56.6 | 86.2 | 74.3 | $63 \cdot 3$ | 76.4 | 68.2 | 80.8 | 82.7 | 81.6 | 55.7 | $52 \cdot 8$ | 88.3 | 74.5 |
| April ............ | 83.8 | 56.6 | 86.2 | 74.3 | 63.3 | 78.4 | 67.5 | 80.8 | 82.7 | 81.6 | 55.6 | 54.0 | 89.6 | 74.5 |
| Kay . . . . . . . . . . . | 83.8 | 54.7 | 86.2 | 74.3 | 63.3 | 76.4 | 68.2 | 82.1 | 84.0 | 81.6 | 55.2 | 60.1 | 88.3 | 74.6 |
| june . . . . . . . . . . | 83.8 | 54.7 | 86.2 | 74.3 | 64.6 | 76.4 | 68.8 | 83.3 | 85.3 | 81.7 | 55.1 | 58.5 | $89 \cdot 6$ | 74.3 |
| July ............. | 83.8 | 54.7 | 86.2 | 74.3 | 64.06 | 75.9 | 68.2 | 83.3 | 85.3 | 80.8 | 55.2 | 68.5 | 88.3 | 75.1 |
| August ........... | 82.4 | 54.7 | 86.2 | 75.2 | 64.6 | 73.4 | 68.8 | 83.3 | 85.3 | 81.2 | 55.4 | 64.7 | 89.6 | 74.9 |
| Sejt ember ........ | 82.4 | 54.7 | 86.2 | 75.2 | 64.6 | 77.4 | 70.1 | 84.6 | 85.3 | 81.3 | 55.6 | 53.6 | 89.6 | 74.2 |
| October......... | 82.4 | 64.? | $91=4$ | 76.1 | 81.0 | 77.4 | 70.7 | 87.2 | 88.0 | 84.8 | 65.7 | 59.3 | 89.6 | 79.8 |



## INVESTURS: TNCTN NUMEESS OF COMMON SIOCKS

Prices of Canadian coman sicuire continued gecurally higher on fairly heavy trading during october. Daily mice averages for 95 industrial, uitily and bank stocks moved upward from 101.5 on Ssutember 30 to 103.7 on October 26 but dropped again to 107.1 at the close. All sections of the composice index with the cxception of milling and transportation, sharel in the advance. Beverages headed the list with a 12.7 p.c. gain, followed by oils, textiles, powe issues, puly and paper, telephone and telegraph and building materials. During the montin, six industrial sub-groups reached their maximum for the current yeer but faijed to hold gains in act. The industriel index was 178.7 on Octobar 31 as compared uith 257.5 on Soptayber 30. Beyks were up 4.8 p.c. at 82.8 on the final day and uilifities 0.9 poce at $45.70 \Delta 12$ monthly averages, industrial mines excepted, registered gajns, and the investers' general index rose from 100.1 for September to 106.0 for October.

## MINING STOCK PRTCES

The upward courso of Caladiai mining stock prices initiatca in mid-September continued almost uninterrusted till tho final week of October, when a reactionary tend-
 October 31, as compared with 3359 on the alosing day of Septenber and 146.1 on August 31. The monthiy average thacr rose from $2.7,7$ in Soptomier to 244.7 in Oc:sober. The base metals series muvui highon Irom $282,5 \mathrm{~cm}$ Supteiaber 30 to 309,2 on 0 otober 31 , for an advance of 9.3 poce Rxcept fce a gain or 5.4 points to 106.0 on october 12 , fluctuations in the gold section were msinly nazrow, Trae fise noted cotacided with reports that the Canadian gole mining fisns were resoiviag more than $\$ 38,00$ per ounce on current bullion shipments. The guld fudez cloced the moth at 107.1 . showing an fincrease of 6.6 p.c。

| Beattie | $\$ \frac{\text { Nov } 2 ?}{2.21}$ | S3pt. ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | Little Long Lac | \$ $\frac{\mathrm{Nor}}{3.09}$ | $\frac{\text { sept. } 28}{\$ 2.59}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bralorne | 20.52 | 10. 15 | Mecassa........ | 4.25 | 3.88 |
| Buffalo-Ankerite | 7.08 | 7.38 | McTntyre | 58.42 | 48.58 |
| Contral Patricia | 2.35 | 2. 10 | \$ickle Crow | 4.28 | 4.06 |
| Dome | 29.03 | 26.90 | Efouesr | 2. 25 | 2.21 |
| God's Lake | . 55 | ¢7 | Remo | . 51 | . 47 |
| Hollinger | 14.42 | 12,94 | San Antonio | 2.75 | 1,62 |
| Howey | c 34 | .27 | Siscue | . 83 | -92 |
| Kirkland Lake | 2.31 | 1.16 | Sylvanito | 3.34 | 2.80 |
| Lake Share | 33.50 | 33.88 | Teck-Hughes | 4.17 | 3.93 |
| Lameque Gold Mines | 6.59 | 6,20 | Wrigiti-Hargieavos | 7.95 | 7.25 |
| Basm Mepats |  |  |  |  |  |
| Falconbridge | 4.85 | 4.93 | Noranda | 78.23 | 71.52 |
| Hude on Bay . | 34.42 | 29.85 |  |  |  |

## PEGTYTRED STOCES

The Bureau's piica finder for 25 prefersed stocks mourise to 89.0 in october which was 5.7 points ovar the muvious month and the highest average since Septomber, 1937. When the index stood at 91,0. Mar stocks were still in demand but interest turned also to other groups on the list and becanie more selective. Individual gains were not so pronounced as they had beon in Sepembor arcopt in a few instances. In the building group they reached $\ddagger$. $\%$, $\$ 9$ in the texilice group and $\$ 1$ in the miscol?anesus Eroup. Activity was well maintainat 3 , the rempprint section. grices muved to higher levels than a month ago and gains up to \$2.7 incto ia eviance. The utility gioup kas buoyant, increases being partly due to keavy traffic from grain movements. Oils followed the general upward trend and averegss also stiffened. Farm implement and milling moved upward during the earlier trading but reacted later. Averages as high as $\$ 8.9$ over the previous month occurred however. Altogether nineteen stocks on the list averaged higher in price as comparod with Septomber.

INDEX NUMBES OT 25 PRFTHUT SMOCKS, 1G29, 1933. 2237,2938 AND 1939
( $192=100$ )

|  | Jan | Feb. | Mar. | 48 x |  | -19ne | July |  |  |  | $\frac{\text { Nov. }}{99.8} 100.4$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1929 | 107.4 | 108.1 | 106.8 | -4. | 104 | 104. | 104.8 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1933 | 49.6 | 49.6 | 47.3 | 47.2 | 54.6 | 5.5 | 61.9 | 61.7 | 61.0 | 59.7 | 59 | 60. |
| 93 | 99.2 | 100.1 | 102,6 | 203.1 | 100.2 | 99.3 | 99.4 | 101.5 | 91.0 | 82.2 | 82. | 81. |
| 193 | 83. | 82.1 | 77. | 18. | 80. | 81. 8 | 87.2 | 86.8 | 81.3 | 88.0 | 87. |  |
|  | 5. | $8)+4$ |  |  |  | 8 | 83.0 | 8] |  | 89. |  |  |


(1926=100)


[^0]|  |  | AUGUST |  |  |  | SEFT EMBER |  |  |  | OCTOBER |  |  |  | NOU EMBER |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3rd | 10th | 17th | 24th | 31st | 7 th | 14th | 21st | 28th | 5th | 12th | 19th | $\text { : } 26 \mathrm{th}$ | 2nd |
|  | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| GOID GROUP |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beattie | 1.21 | 1.21 | 1.21 | 1.11 | 1.09 | . 98 | 1.01 | 1.03 | . 99 | 1.02 | 1.05 | 1.06 | 1.08 | 1.11 |
| Bralorne | 11.91 | 11.55 | 11.31 | 10.29 | 10.14 | 9.44 | 9.63 | 9.98 | 10.15 | 10.34 | 10.62 | 10.54 | 10.40 | 10.52 |
| Buffalo-Ankerite .. | 10.87 | 9.73 | 9.08 | 8.33 | 8.24 | 7.15 | 7.03 | 7.27 | 7.38 | 7.48 | 8.02 | 8.29 | 7.13 | 7.08 |
| Central Patricia.. | 2.49 | 2.47 | 2.42 | 2.26 | 2.16 | 2.10 | 2.20 | 2.09 | 2.10 | 2.09 | 2.21 | 2. 30 | 2.34 | 2.35 |
| Dome ........... | 32.83 | 32.57 | 32.85 | 32.33 | 31.79 | 28.77 | 25.50 | 26.04 | 26.90 | 27.35 | 27.90 | 28.27 | 28.38 | 29.08 |
| God's Lake | . 40 | . 41 | . 40 | . 36 | . 41 | . 40 | . 44 | . 40 | - 37 | - 39 | . 43 | . 46 | - 56 | . 55 |
| Hollinger .. | 15.27 | 25.07 | 15.08 | 14.12 | 14.50 | 13.45 | 12.88 | 12.69 | 12.94 | 13.04 | 13.55 | 14.31 | 14.43 | 14.42 |
| Howey .o.o...........0. | - 34 | -33 | . 32 | - 3.1 | - 30 | - 27 | . 27 | . 27 | - 27 | -. 27 | . 29 | - 32 | - 33 | - 34 |
| Kirkland Lake..... | 1.51 | I. 45 | 1. 44 | 1.28 | 1.27 | 1.15 | 1.15 | 1.15 | 1.16 | 1.17 | 1.19 | 1.24 | 1.32 | 1.31 |
| Lake She:-e ......onc | 41.79 | 41.70 | 40,83 | 39.00 | $38=31$ | 34.85 | 32.29 | 32.10 | 33.89 | 34.46 | 35.10 | 36.45 | $30^{\circ} 83$ | 33.50 |
| Iemaqua Gold Mines | 7.08 | 6.84 | 6.79 | 5.45 | 6.52 | 6.29 | 6.20 | 6.20 | 6.20 | 6.21 | 6.27 | 6.32 | 6.41 | 6.59 |
| Little Long Lac.... | 3.06 | 2.98 | 2.91 | 2.74 | 2.60 | 2.58 | 2.59 | 2.56 | 2.59 | 2.62 | 2.76 | 2.94 | 3.00 | 3.09 |
| líacassa enno..c.... | 4,76 | 4.83 | 4.74 | 4.26 | 4.24 | 3.97 | 3.88 | 3.74 | 3.88 | 3.85 | 3.89 | 4.08 | 4.23 | 4.25 |
| LeIntyre .......... | 58.12 | 58.20 | 58.19 | 55.08 | 55.42 | 52.65 | 47.08 | 47.75 | 48.58 | 48.56 | 49.70 | 53.44 | 57.46 | 58.42 |
| Pickle Crow ........ | 4.71 | 4.66 | 4.56 | 4.27 | 4.21 | 4.05 | 4.10 | 4.11 | 4.06 | 4.07 | 4.22 | 4.33 | 4.36 | 4.28 |
| Pioneer .... | 2.43 | 2.43 | 2.45 | 2.38 | 2.28 | 2.19 | 2.21 | 2.23 | 2.21 | 2.15 | 2.22 | 2.29 | 2.33 | 2.25 |
| Reno | . 48 | . 48 | . 47 | . 39 | .37 | . 30 | .30 | . 47 | . 47 | . 48 | . 52 | - 53 | . 52 | . 51 |
| San Antonio | 1.95 | 1.93 | 1.86 | 1.66 | 1.62 | 1.55 | 1.61 | 1.58 | 1.62 | 1.69 | 1.73 | 1.75 | 1.74 | 1.75 |
| Siscos ............ | 1.18 | 1.18 | 1.16 | 1.03 | 1.00 | . 93 | .93 | . 91 | . 92 | - 90 | . 91 | . 90 | . 83 | . 83 |
| Sylvanite .......... | 3.38 | 3.35 | 3.31 | 3.07 | 3.04 | 2.84 | 2.86 | 2.82 | 2.80 | 2.87 | 2.93 | 3.02 | 3.08 | 3.14 |
| Teck-Hughes ....... | 4.23 | 4.26 | 4.22 | 4.11 | 4.08 | 3.96 | 3.93 | 3.88 | 3.93 | 3.87 | 3.86 | 3.98 | 4.04 8.00 | 4.17 |
| Wright-Hargreaves .. | 8.14 | 8.07 | 8.03 | 7.78 | 7.57 | 7.20 | 6.98 | 7.10 | 7.25 | 7.24 | 7.55 | 7.89 | 8.00 | 7.95 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Falconbridge...... | 5.59 | 5.60 | 5.62 33.94 |  | 5.72 32.31 | 5.85 | 5.38 30.50 | 4.88 28.62 |  | 4.68 30.50 | 4.74 31.27 | 4.78 32.46 | 4.79 34.04 | $\begin{array}{r} 4.87 \\ 34.42 \end{array}$ |
| nudson Bay ......... | 34.25 82.73 | 34.45 8.35 | 33.94 82.54 | 32.08 | 32.31 | 35.10 79.35 | 30.50 72.52 | 28.62 70.40 | 29.85 71.52 | 30.50 72.13 | 31.27 73.72 | 32.46 75.71 | 34.04 78.50 | $78.13$ |

As markets became more stable, following the early Septomber upset, highgrade bonds were again in derand and values coge steadily thiovgiout October. A partial recovery was made by the Bureau?s monthly index, which advanced from $\approx 5$-year 100 of 109.3 for September to 172.2 for october. Tinis mas otill 4.3 below the August level, and compared with 126.9 for 0 0.eber of last rear. The advance was relatively steady, and the daily index at 113.2 for $0 c t c^{b} e r$ z., bhomed a net riee of . 301 for the month. Provincials were buoyant alsu, fricreases emouncing to well over $15 \mathrm{p}_{0} \mathrm{c}$ e in a number of issues. British Consols movse w io $675 / 3$, which cumpared with 72 for October 31, 1938 , while the average of selentok highogacis United states bonds increased fractionally to 90.24. The monthly index of Doxinion of Canada long-term bond yields fell from 76.5 for September to 71.0 for Ocivbes, and the avorage yield of the isemps used in this index dropped from 3.71 to 3.45 . Based upos infornation received from Kesars. Mood, Gundy and Company, Ifmited, the indux fos representative $i x o v i n c e ~ o f ~ O u t a r i o ~ b o n d ~ y i e l d s ~ d e-~$ creased from 84.1 to 75. ze bild the ay age yisid deeltned fyon 4.03 to 3.63. During October the Dominion Goverracizt suid to the chartored banks an iscue of $\$ 200,000,000$, 2 year, $2 \%$ notes of which $\$ 80,000,000$ were to be uspa for general purposes, and the beiance for refunding.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMGEKS OF DDMTNION OF CANADA LONG-TMPK BOND PRTCES $1931-1939$.
(From data issued by A. Ames and Company ztd.)

|  | 31 | 93? | 3 | 1334 | 1935 | 1935 | 1 | 38 | 39 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 103.1 | 94.1 | 10.03 | 104.6 | 15.5 .9 | 113.6 | 117.7 | 116,1 | 117.5 |
| February | 103.1 | $9!9$ | 103,4 | 105.4 | 124.2 | 115.0 | 125.3 | 116.6 | 117.6 |
| March | 103.7 | 96.4 | 102.1 | 207.9 | 115.0 | 215.5 | 112.9 | 1.16 .8 | 117.9 |
| April | 104.5 | 96.2 | -0\%9 | 1.09.4 | 214.5 | 115.7 | 112.7 | 117.3 | 116.8 |
| May | 104.0 | 95.3 | 103.8 | $110{ }^{3}$ | 115.2 | 115.9 | 113.8 | 118.2 | 117.0 |
| June | 105.4 | 94.6 | 104.9 | 110. ${ }^{\text {it }}$ | 114.2 | 217.0 | 211.9 9 | 213.1 | 118.0 |
| July | 105.3 | 97.0 | 104.8 | 111. 1 | 114.5 | 118.0 | 225.1 | 117.6 | 117.9 |
| August | 105.3 | 102.0 | 105:6 | 112.3 | 114.3 | 119.1 | 125.5 | 117.6 | 116.3 |
| September | 102.1 | 101. 5 | 105.7 | 112.6 | 110.9 | 119.2 | 115.3 | 116.0 | 109.3 |
| October | 98.1 | 103.5 | 105.0 | 111,1 | 110.2 | 117.1 | 114.5 | 116.9 | 112.0 |
| November | 97.4 | 102.6 | 1.04.2 | 112.2 | 112.5 | 117.6 | 214.8 | 117.8 | - |
| Decemb | 95.5 | 101.2 | 20305 | 115.2 | 112.5 | i13.2 | 135.6 | 117.7 |  |

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINYON OF OANADA LONG THEM EOND YIETOS, 1931-1939.
(From data issuad by 4. E. Ares and Company, Itd.)

|  | 1931 | 1932 | 1933 | $? 934$ | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 | 1938 | 1939 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 93.9 | 112.7 | Sbe 3 | 93.2 | 70.9 | 72.4 | 64.6 | 66.3 | 62.1 |
| February | 93.6 | 212.? | C. $6=0$ | 91.0 | 73.2 | 70.8 | 68.4 | 65.4 | 61.9 |
| March.. | 91.9 | 109.2 | 97.7 | 86.1 | 71.4 | 69.3 | 72.7 | 64.7 | 61.1 |
| April | 90.0 | 109.8 | 96.6 | 83.5 | 72.2 | 69.5 | 73.2 | 63.7 | 63.0 |
| May | 89.3 | 109.3 | 95.0 | 81.8 | 11.4 | 68.8 | 71.0 | 61.7 | 62.4 |
| June | 88.3 | 1110 ? | 95.3 | 82.1 | 73.4 | 66.9 | 69.3 | 61.8 | 60.1 |
| July | 88.3 | 107.5 | $9 ? 5$ | 80.1 | 72.2 | 55.1 | 69.0 | 62.7 | 60.1 |
| August | 88.3 | 100.5 | $9 \% 2$ | 77.8 | 71.6 | 63.2 | 68.1 | 62.7 | 62.9 |
| September | 35.5 | 950 | 32.4 | 77, 2 | 79.8 | 63.1 | 68.3 | 65.3 | 76.5 |
| October | 105.2 | 96.2 | 975 | 79.3 | 8.9 | 60.2 | 69.7 | 63.2 | 71.0 |
| November | 107.7 | 38.5 | c4.3 | 77.2 | 74.5 | 65.1 | $\mathrm{CS}_{5} 8$ | 61.5 | - |
| December | 131. 1 | 99.4 | 85.3 | 71.3 | 75.5 | 64.1 | 67.4 | 61.8 | - |

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