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## PRICE MOVEVENTS, FEBRUARY, 1939

## COMMODITTES:

The inertia which has characterized wholesale commodity price movements since the second week in September continued throughout February and the Dominion Bureau or Statistics' index moved narrowly from 73.2 for the week of January 27 to 73.3 for the week of February 24. These figures were identical with January and February monthly average inderes. Six of the eight groups comprising the index showed fractional reductions during February but buoyancy in Vegetable and Animal Products proved the dominant factor: Grains moved slightly higher influenced in some degree by indications of a charge in Government policy with respect to wheat. Smaller receipts of livestock more then offset the depressing effect of curtailed exports to United States markets following the filling of quota allotments for the first quarter. The Industrial Material Prices index ranged from 64.2 to 64.7 during February but closed without net change at 64.5 . The Stable group drifted 0.3 lcwer to 87.8 while the Sensitive index advanced from 52.4 to 52.6. Pising food material prices were entirely responsible for this increase as the Focd Materials index rose from 56,8 to 57.4 whereas the index for Manufacturing Materials closed unchanged at 50.8.

## COST OF LIVING

Moderate reductions in food prices, augmented to some extent by easier quotations for wood and coke, resulted in a decline in the canadian cost of living index number from 83.1 in January to 82.9 in February. The comparative figure for February 1938, was 83.9 . The food price index fell from 75.2 to 74.5 , declines for eggs, $2 a r d$, bacon, salt pork, and sode biscuits being of more importance then a lengthier list of increases including butter, potatoes, tea, canned salmon, codfish and fresh meats. Moderate recessions for wocd and coke accounted for a decline in the fuel index from 85.7 to 85.5.

## STOCKS AND BONDS

Price adjustments on Canadian stock exchanges, though narrow, were generally toward higher levels during February. Following a sharp advance from the low points touched in the final days of January, the Bureau's index for 95 common stocks ruled cornparatively steady at approximately 104 until the last week of February. A moderate rally then moved this series from 10 i. 1 on the 23 rd to a monthly high of 105.6 on the closing day. This compared with 103.4 on January 31 . Individual strength in selected issues moved all sub-groups up except those for machinery and equipment, pulp and paper and transportation. The industria? group index advanced 3.6 to 176.6 while utilities registered a gain of 1.4 to 43.6 . Banks were unchanged at 85.5 . Mining shares, fullowing the pattern set by industrials and utilities, also gave their best display towards the end of the month. The general index for 25 mining issues stood at 160.4 on February 28 compared with a low of 157.0 on the opening day and 158.3 on January 31 . Closing daily indexes for the gold and base metal sub-groups were 122.2 and 318.5 compared with 121.2 2nd 21.9 on January 31. An index of Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices moved up 0.9 to 117.7 between January 31 and February 28.

## FOREIGN EXCYANGE

Varying tendencies were exhibited by leading foreign currencies at Montreal during February. Sterling rates were exceptionally steady and the pound closed the month at $\$ 4.7075$ compared with a high of $\$ 4.7115$ on February 7 and $\$ 4.7067$ on January 31 . Continental Euiopean currencies were again featured by a sharp decline in the Netherland florin which dropped to new low levels since october 1936 and closed at $53.36 \not \subset$ for a loss of 79 points. The relapse was attributed principally to a continued exodus of foreign capital to other banking centres. Internal policical difficulties during the latter half of Febmuary had an adverse effect on the Beigian belga which closed gt $16.89 \varnothing$ compared with $17.01 \%$ at the end of January, wile incoming capital supported a rise of 11 points to $22.83 \not \subset$ in Swiss franes. A slightly easier tendency has prevailed for United Statew funds at Montreal since the beginning of 1939 and the premium on the dollar receded slightly from $5 / 8$ to $13 / 32$ of one per cent between January 31 and February 28.

## RUVIETY UF TMPORTANT COMMODITY MARKETS

WTEAT AND OTRFR GRATNS: Cash grain prices, with the exception of a sharp Qump in flax, rulea within an exceptionally narrow range in February. From an opening - level of $597 / 8 \phi$ No. 1 Manitoba Northern wheat moved uo to a monthly high of $613 / 4 \phi$ on February 20, but reacted to close at $601 / 2 \phi$, for a net gain of $5 / 8$. Slow demand from millers coupled with burdensome suppiies in leading exporting countries was reflected in March futures (old! at Liverpuol which receded from $4 \mathrm{~s} .83 / 4$. on January 31 to 4 s . $41 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. at the end of Frbruary. Overseas clearances of Canadian wheat at $6,854,683$ bushels for the four weeks endea fouruser 24 were lower by 945,587 bushels than the amount shipped ia the preceding four weeks. Aistranion exports since December 1 were recently estimatod at approzimately 26,061,000 bushels out $0^{t}$ ari exportahle surplus of $94,000,000$ while latest itgures for Argentina indicated shipments of only 15,846,000 bushels wich aucordins to Kroominall leavos approximately $212,000,000$ bushels available for export.

Quotations $\hat{C o r}$ coarse grains also indicated minor fluctuations except Flax No. 1 C.W. which junped $47 / 8$ to $1.491 / 4 \neq$ between January 31 and February 28. Oats No. $2 \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{W}$. closed the month at $28 \mathrm{I} / 2 \phi$ for a loss of $1 \mathrm{l} / 8 \neq$ while Barley No. $3 \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{W}$. was $3 / 8 \phi$ lower et $353 / 4 \phi$. No. 2 C. F. Fye added $1 / 4$ or the month, closing $41 \phi$ even.

|  | 1938 | 1939 | 1939 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fobruary | Jenuary | February |
| Description (Basis, cash per bushel | Average | Average | Average |
| Fort Wilitara amb Furt Arthur) | - | ¢ | ¢ |
| No. 1 Manitoba Northerm wheat | 3.44 .5 | 59.9 | 60.4 |
| No. 2 Canada Western oats | 56.7 | 30.0 | 28.9 |
| No. 2 Canada Western rye | 82.1 | 41.2 | 41.1 |
| No. 3 Canada Western barl.ey | 63.8 | 35.2 | 36.2 |
| No. 1 Canada Western Elax | 173.6 | 143.6 | 147. |

FIOTP ANE CTFER MIILED PRODUCTS: Reflecting to a considerable extent the marked stabijuty in the grain mariet, liour prices displayed little activity in February. A decline of loç per barrel was noted for various erades at Winnipeg while No.l Patent, Montreal rate points was unchanged throughout the month at $\$ 4.95$ per barrel. ontario winter wheat flour was somewhat erratic, jumping to a monthly high of $\$ 4.20$ per barrel on February 10 but later reacting to close at $\$ 3.40$ compared with $\$ 3.10$ on the 3rd. Other milled products were peatured, during the early part of the month, by reductions of $15 \phi$ per 98 pound sack for oatmeal and $10 \neq$ per 80 pound sack for rolled oats. Moderately higher prices were registered for bran and shorts coinciding with improved export demand and limited supplies.
(See dates above)

## Description

Flour No.l Patent, Nanitoba, per Darrel, Montreal

| . | \$ | \# |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7.95 | 4.88 | 4.95 |
| 3.00 | 2.23 | 2.18 |
| 3.70 | 2.80 | 2.74 |


| Rolled Oats, Toronto, per 80 pound bag $\ldots . .0$ | 3.00 | 2.23 | 2.18 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Oatmeal, Toronto, per 98 pound bag $\ldots . . .0$ | 3.70 | 2.80 | 2.74 |

SUGAR: A moderate price reduction was noted during February for preferential B.W.I. raw suegar coi.f. Montreal, the quotation moving down from 2.1ld on February 3 to $2.08 \phi$ prip pound on the $1 n t h$, ware it remained for the balance of the month. This compared with a 1.939 high of 2.12ф on January 20 and $2.10 \phi$ on February 15, 1938. For the first time in several montis Cuban sugar $96^{\circ}$, duty free, delivered at New York, closed higher than its opening level at $2,80 \phi$ compared with $2078 \%$ on February 1 . It had ruled as low as 2.75 during the first two weeks of the month。 February sugar futures at London, reflecting, hasertie pierailing in world markets, closed unchanged at 6s. 2d. after bounhing a Iow of 65 , on the 18th. A 1939 sugar clop estimate of 4,090,000 tons for British India compared with $5,400,000$ tons in 1938 , lent a firmer tone to kindor towards the latter part of Feoruary,

| Description | (See dates above) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Granulated suyar, standard, Der cwt, at |  |  |  |
| Nontreal | 5.09 | 4.80 | 4.80 |
| Vancouver | 4.95 | 4.91 | 4.70 |
| B.W.I. raw sucar, per cwto at Montreal | 2.10 | 2.11 | 2.08 |

RUBBER: Raw rubber prices wer- somewhet depressed durfing the first two woks of February in expactation of an increase in the basic export quota rate. Following the announcemait that the International Rubber Regulation Committee, which met at Iondon on February 14, had docided to leave the basic quata rate unchanged at 50 p.c. prices became

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much more buoyant. From an opening level of $187 / 8 \phi$, standard, thick, latex crepe, delivered at New York, moved down to a low of $181 / 8 \phi$ on February 10 , but subsequently advanced to close at its high for the month of $191 / 16 \phi$ per pound. Similar advances were noted for other grades, ribbed smoked sheets closing lq higher at $163 / 4 \phi$ while upriver
Fara gained $1 / 2 \phi$ to $135 / 8 \phi$ between February 1 and 28 . Rubber consumption in the United States totalled 46,234 tons in January and the February figure was estimated at 41,000-

- 42,000 tons. World rubber stocks latterly have shown substantial reductions compared with a year ago, due mainly to the continued improvement in the United States automobile industry in tie past five months.

|  | 1938 | 1939 | 1939 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Description | February | Januery | February |
| Raw rubber, per pound, New York (Canadian Funds) | $\frac{\text { interage }}{4}$ | $\frac{\Delta v e r}{\phi} \frac{2 g e}{}$ | hrode |
| Standard latex crepe sheets | 15.3 | 18.7 | 18.7 |
| Ceylon pianration, ribbed, smoked sheets.. | 14.7 | 16.0 | 16.1 |

LIVESTOCK: Canadian cattle markets displayed considerable strength during February, and prices moved up to the highest levels since August 1938. Early in the month, quotations at both eastern and western centres advanced while runs remained light. Buying for shipment to the United States was negligible as the quarterly quota to that country had been almost filled, but clearances were readily made. Late in the week of February 9, a setback at Toronto brought prices of good steers over 1,050 pounds, down $50 \phi$ per cwi. while western centres held firm. This was more than regained in the week following when offerings decreased and by March 2, prices at Toronto had reached \$7.19, marking a gain of $66 \not{ }^{\prime}$ per cwt. between the month's high and low. The corresponding rise at Winnipeg wes $50 \neq$ per cwt. Calves and hogs also averaged higher. Supplies of the latter were limited and firm British bacon markets had a steadying effect during the first weeks. Iatterly prices eased with the heaviest losses occurring at Toronto. A decline of less than i poc. occurred in lamb prices between January and February as indicated by indexes of 39.5 and 69.0 for these respective periods.

| Description | \$ | (See dates above) | \$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Steers, good over 1050 pounds, per cwt. at |  |  |  |
| Toronto | $5.58$ | 6.73 6.07 | 6.94 6.00 |
| Calves, good veal, per cwt., Turonto | 10.07 | 10.09 | 10.40 |
| Winnipeg | 7.79 | 8.50 | 8.70 |
| Fogs, bacon, per cwt., Toronto | 9.02 | 9.22 | 9.23 |
| Winnipeg ... | 8.59 | 8.54 | 9.03 |
| Lambs, good handyweight, |  |  |  |
| per cwt., Toronto | 8.31 | 8.88 | 8.80 |
| Winnipeg | 7.44 | 8.07 | 7.71 |

BUTTHR: An average price of butter in six representative Canadian cities fell slightly from 23.7\% in January to $23.5 \phi$ per pound in the following month. Markets at various points showed diverse tendencies with losses ranging from $3 / 10 \neq$ per pound at Toronto to $1 / 2 \phi$ per pound at Winnipeg while mid-month quotations at Vancouver recorded a gain of $11 / 2 \phi$ per pound. 「iroughout the month, offerings remained light at the key markets of Montreal and Toronto, but were still adequate for local demand, while buying interest slackened after the publication of preliminary stock figures. As shown by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, cold storage stocks of creamery butter were about $33,800,000$ pounds on February 1 , or 85 p.c. more than last year, but approximately $9,800,000$ pounds less than on January 1, 1939.

## (See dates above)

Descriotion
Jobbing price of ifirst grade creamery
butter, per 1b., at Montreal......
Toronto
........
$\phi$
35.3
35.8
24.2
23.7
$\not \subset$
23.8 23.4

EGGS: Egg prices averaged lower in February than in January, but the decline was not sevei'e. Losses at Montreal and Toronto for Grade "A" large were $4 / 5 \phi$ and lq per dozen respectively, while gains of over $3 \phi$ per dozen were recorded at some western points. Markets in general were firm throughout the greater part of February as receipts contracted due to unusuaily cold weather. Increased hatching activities and higher consumptive demand alsc added strength. Towards the close of the month, variable tendencies became apparent with prices at Montreal and Toronto dropping loper dozen during the week ended March 2 wilie most western centres either held steady or advanced slightly. Cold storage stocks were reported by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 528,000 dozen on February lsw about 41 p.c. below the January figure.


COTTON: Raw cot ton, upland middling at New York, opened at 8.5申, fluctuated between $8 . \overline{4 \phi}$ and $8.7 \phi$ throughout the rest of the month with the average of $8.6 \phi$ per pound showing no change from that of January. World mill takings for the four weeks ended March 2, totalled 871,000 baies compared with 877,000 bales in the previous four weeks. As gauged by the New York Times Business Index, United States mill activity reached the lowest level during the week ended February 22 since late october 1938 , but buying was later stimulated somewhat by better demand for grey goods. An artificial shortage of certain specifications continued, though there were rumours from time to time that government controlled cotton would be releasel to ease the tight spot, and nearby positions.

|  | (See dates above) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Descriptior | $\phi$ | $\phi$ | $\phi$ |
| Raw cotton, upland midding, per pound at |  |  |  |
| New York (Canadian Funds) ............... | 8.8 | 8.6 | 8.6 |

SILK: Except for a loss of $1 \varnothing$ per pound on February 15, raw silk prices at New York advanced steadjly to reach the highest level in about four years. The high rate of consumption continued in both tie United States and Japan, and by the week of February 10, prices in the latter country had reached a point at which the Japanese Silk Stabilization Board, is allowed to intervene by releasing custody stocks. These were readily absorbed and prices again mounted. The extent of the price movement may be measured from quotations for XX 85 poc. $13-15$ deniers which opened at $\$ 2.081 / 2$ and advanced steadily except for a $1 \phi$ reduction on the 15 th to close at $\$ 2.301 / 2$ per pound.
(See dates above)
Description
Raw silk, quoted on a 60-day basis, per pound, at New York.
$\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Special grand XX } 13-15 \text { deniers } 85 \text { p.c. } \ldots . . & 1.77 & 2.00 & 2.18 \\ \text { Special grand XX } 20-22 \text { deniers } 85 \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1.59 & 1.98 & 2.20\end{array}$
1.59

WOOL: Western wool prices moved down $1 / 2 \phi$ per pound between the weeks of February 3 and 10 and the eafter held firm while eastern quotations remained unchanged throughout the month. There was limited activity in Canadian wool markets and business was light, although latterly better small-lot inquirfes were reported. A slight fimprovement was noted by worsted cloth yarn spinners and demand for woollen fabrics also increased.

> (See dates above)

| Description | $\phi$ | $\phi$ | $\phi$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Raw wool in quantities of $20: 000$ pounds or more per lb. f.o.b. Ontario points |  |  |  |
| Eastern, bright $1 / 4$ blood staple | 18.5 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| Western, semi-bright $3 / 8$ blood . | 17.5 | 16.0 | 15.0 |

IUMBER AND TINBER: Februaxy reports on both the domestic and export lumber situation showed little change and prices held close to January levels. Cables from the United Kingdom indicated plentiful supplies thsre with dealers hesitant about making further commitments. In British Columbia, the usual seasonal dullness prevailed and production was curtailed by the closing down of several mills for repairs.

Description (Price Indexes 1926=100)

| White pine lumber | 102.7 | 102.7 | 102.7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Spruce lumber | 90.3 | 80.4 | 80.4 |
| Fir lumber | 88.5 | 88.9 | 88.9 |
| Cedar lumber | 93.9 | 98.4 | 98.4 |



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## INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES

(Classified According to Chief Component Materials) (2926=100)



|  | Price Series $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { :Yearly } \\ & : \text { Average } \\ & : 1937 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & : \text { Feb } \\ & : 1938 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I. CONSUMERS: GODDS (GROUPS A \& B) | 236 | 79.5 | 79:1 | 78.0 | 74.4 | 74.4 |
| A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco | 126 | 81.2 | 80.7 | 75.0 | 71.7 | 71.9 |
| Beverages | 9 | 78.8 | 79.0 | 78.2 | 77.8 | 79.0 |
| Flour and Milled Products | 12 | 97.1 | 98.2 | 61.6 | 62.3 | 63.2 |
| Bakery Produrts | 2 | 91.1 | 94.3 | 85.3 | 85,3 | 84.4 |
| Fisit | 16 | 74.2 | 75.4 | 68.8 | 69.2 | 69.3 |
| Fruits | 15 | 80.2 | 64.9 | 74.0 | 66.4 | 65.0 |
| Meats and Pouliry | 10 | 77.9 | 73.5 | 74.7 | 78.1 | 80.1 |
| Milk and Milk Products | 12 | 77.8 | 86.7 | 71.2 | 71.8 | 71.8 |
| Sugar and Its Iroducts | 8 | 86.3 | 87.1 | 82.8 | 82.9 | 82.9 |
| Voegetablea | 13 | 64.8 | 52.8 | 52.3 | 59.1 | 58.8 |
| Eegs | 3 | 63.2 | 62.0 | 75.0 | 59.5 | 56.3 |
| Tobacco | 8 | 54.9 | 52.4 | 45.3 | 45.3 | 45.3 |
| Miscollaneous | 18 | 78.3 | 65.8 | 61.3 | 59.8 | 58.9 |
| B. Other Consugers : Goods | 110 | 78.4 | 178.0 | 76.7 | 76.2 | 76.1 |
| Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Hosiery and Undenwear <br> Househoic Equirment and Supplies | $\begin{aligned} & 52 \\ & 58 \end{aligned}$ | $78.2$ $78.6$ | $\begin{aligned} & 75.9 \\ & 79.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 73.0 \\ & 79.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 72.5 \\ & 78.9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 72.5 \\ & 78.7 \end{aligned}$ |
| II. PREDUCERS ${ }^{\text {F }}$ GOODS ( ( HROUPS C \& D) | 402 | 85.1 | 83.7 | 68.4 | 68.1 | 68.2 |
| C. Producers Equi.ument | 24 | 93.8 | 94.5 | 95.2 | 95.0 | 95.0 |
| Tools | 3 | 90.4 | 91.3 | 91.3 | 91.3 | 91.3 |
| Light, Heat and Power Equipment and Suppiies | 17 | 94.5 | 95.0 | 95.8 | 95.6 | 95.6 |
| Explosives | 2 | 75.8 | 74.7 | 74.7 | 74.7 | 74.7 |
| Miscellaneous | 2 | 87.8 | 95.3 | 95.3 | 95.3 | 95.3 |
| D. Producers' Materials | 378 | 85.2 | 82.5 | 65.4 | 65.1 | 65.2 |
| Building anà Construction Materiels | 111 | 94.4 | 91.4 | 89.1 | 87.3 | 87.3 |
| Lumbex | 33 | 98.1 | 92.2 | 88.8 | 88.8 | 88.8 |
| Paint Material.s | 13 | 74.6 | 73.3 | 65.7 | 66.1 | 66.1 |
| Miscellaneous | 65 | 95.9 | 95.2 | 95.2 | 91.1 | 91.1 |
| Manufacturers ${ }^{\text {P }}$ Naterials | 267 | 83.6 | 81.0 | 61.4 | 61.3 | 61.5 |
| Textiles and Clothing | 64 | 71.1 | 66.6 | 64.4 | 63.8 | 63.8 |
| Furs and Leather Goods | 24 | 88.9 | 56.2 | 71.1 | 70.4 | 70.7 |
| For Metel Working Industries | 41 | 87.8 | 77.9 | 76.9 | 75.9 | 75.4 |
| For Chemscal Using Industries | 43 | 90.6 | 89.0 | 87.4 | 87.2 | 87.2 |
| For Meat Packing Industries | 4 | 91.3 | 74.5 | 81.9 | 86.0 | 87.5 |
| For Nilling and Other Industries Miscellaneons Producers . | 23 | 92.6 | 93.3 | 43.1 | 43.0 | 43.4 |
| Materials | 68 | 72.0 | 75.4 | 63,3 | 63.4 | 63.5 |


$x$ Canadian Funds.





The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of retail prices, rents and costs of services on the base $1926=100$, fell from 83.1 in January to 82.9 in February, owing to moderate reductions in foods and fuel.

Retail commodity prices alone, including foods, coal, coke, household requirements, books, tobacco, etc., declined from 77.7 to 77.4. When foods were remoted from this index it was 80.1, the same as for January.

An index for 46 food items moved down from 75.2 to 74.5. Seasonal declines in egg prices were the chief factor contributing to this result. Other commoditi es to record declines were lard, salt pork, bacon and soda biscuits. Moderate gains were noted for butter, potatoes, toa, codfish, canned salmon, beef, veal, mutton, fresh pork and cooked han. Grade "A" eggs fell from $38.5 ¢$ to 29.6 per dozen, while an average of Grade "B" and Grade "C" eggs was $24.7 \phi$ as against $31.7 \phi$ in January. Salt pork declined from $21.4 \not \subset$ to $21.1 \phi$ and bacon from $30.5 \phi$ to $30.3 \not \subset$ per pound. Lard was down from $14.0 \phi$ to $13.3 \phi$ per pound. Soda biscults at $15.3 \notin$ per pound were half a cent lower. Creamery butter rose from $26.4 \not \subset$ to $27.1 \phi$, while dalry butter averaged $24.0 \phi$ per pound as compared with $23.8 \phi$ for the previous month. Meat prices advanced as follows: Sirloin beef from $25.5 \phi$ to $26.5 \phi$, shoulder beef from $14.4 \phi$ to $15.2 \phi$, veal from $16.1 \phi$ to $16.8 \phi^{\prime}$, mutton from $22.6 \phi$ to $23.4 \phi$, fresh pork from $23.3 \phi$ to $23.7 \phi$ and cooked ham from $55.8 \phi$ to $56.0 \phi$ per pound. Potatoes rose to $26.0 \neq$ per peck, and canned salmon from $21.1 \neq$ to $21.6 \notin$ per pound tin. Tea at $58.9 \%$ per pound was fractionally higher.

Moderate reductions for wood and coke resulted in a slight decline in the fuel index from 85.7 to 85.5 . Sub-group recessions were as follows: Wood from 80.5 to 79.2 and coke from 83.7 to 83.6 .

Other group indexes showed no appreciable change.
INDFX NUMBERS OF RETAII PRICES, RENTS AND COSTS OF SERVICES, 1913-FEBRUARY, 1939.
(1926=100)

|  |  | Total <br> Index | Food: <br> Index: | Fuel Index | Rent <br> Index | Cloth- <br> ing <br> Index | Sun- <br> dries <br> Index | : Retail : Prices : Index : Foods, : Fuel, : Mothing: : hold : Require $:$ : ments, : etc.l | .Retail <br> "Prices <br> - Index <br> : (Fuel, <br> - Cloth- <br> ing, <br> - House - <br> :hold <br> - Requi re- <br> - ments, <br> : etc. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1913 |  | 65.4 | 66.2 | 65.8 | 64.1 | 63.3 | 66.2 | - |  |
| 1920 |  | 124.2 | 141.1 | 102.6 | 86.5 | 153.2 | 104.0 | - |  |
| 1926 |  | 100.0 | 200.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 1929 | . .. | 99.9 | 101.0 | 96.4 | 103.3 | 96.9 | 99.0 | 98.9 | 96.9 |
| 1930 |  | 99.2 | 98.6 | 95.7 | 105.9 | 93.9 | 99.4 | 96.7 | 24.9 |
| 1931 |  | 89.6 | 77.3 | 94.2 | 103.0 | 82.2 | 97.4 | 82.5 | 87.3 |
| 1932 |  | 81.3 | 64.3 | 91.4 | 94.7 | 72.3 | 94.6 | 72.6 | 80.3 |
| 1933 |  | 77.5 | 63.7 | 87.7 | 85.1 | 67.1 | 92.6 | 70.1 | 76.2 |
| 1934 |  | 78.6 | 69.4 | 87.7 | 80.1 | 69.7 | 92.1 | 73.7 | 77.7 |
| 1935 |  | 79.1 | 70.4 | 86.8 | 81.3 | 69.9 | 92.2 | 74.1 | 77.5 |
| 1936 |  | 80.8 | 73.4 | 86.4 | 83.7 | 70.5 | 92.8 | 75.9 | 78.0 |
| 1937 |  | 83.1 | 7.3 | 84.9 | 86.9 | 72.7 | 93.4 | 78.6 | 79.8 |
| 1938 | February | 83.9 | 77.9 | 85.4 | 89.0 | 73.3 | 93.7 | 79.2 | 80.5 |
|  | March | 84.2 | 78.6 | 85.7 | 89.0 | 73.7 | 93.7 | 79.7 | 80.7 |
|  | April | 84.2 | 78.8 | 85.7 | 89.0 | 73.7 | 93.7 | 79.8 | 80.7 |
|  | May . . . . . . . . | 84.1 | 77.7 | 85.3 | 90.3 | 73.7 | 93.7 | 79.2 | 80.6 |
|  | June | 84.0 | 78.1 | 84.5 | 90.3 | 73.0 | 93.6 | 79.1 | 80.1 |
|  | July ......... | 84.1 | 78.4 | 84.4 | 90.3 | 73.0 | 93.6 | 79.2 | 80.0 |
|  | August ....... | 84.8 | 80.7 | 84.6 | 90.3 | 73.0 | 93.6 | 80.4 | 80.1 |
|  | September | 84.0 | 77.6 | 84.8 | 90.3 | 73.4 | 93.6 | 79.0 | 80.3 |
|  | October ...... | 83.8 | 77.1 | 85.1 | 90.1 | 73.4 | 93.5 | 78.8 | 80.4 |
|  | November | 83.7 | 76.6 | 85.5 | 90.1 | 73.4 | 93.5 | 78.6 | 80.4 |
|  | December ..... | 83.5 | 76.2 | 85.7 | 90.1 | 72.8 | 93.5 | 78.3 | 80.2 |
| 1939 | Tanuary ...... | 83.1 | 75.2 | 85.7 | 90.1 | 72.8 | 93.5 | 77.7 | 80.1 |
|  | February - ... | 82.9 | 74.5 | 85.5 | 90.1 | 72.8 | 93.5 | 77.4 | 80.1 |

N.B. - Rental indexes are calculated in May and october only. Clothing inderes are calculated for March, June, September and December as are certain sub-indexes in the miscellaneous group. Difflculties in obtainine these data promptly cause revisions to be often one or two months late.
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INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES OF DRINCIPALAREIOLIS OF FOOD IN CANADA- COM.

| Year <br> and <br> Month | "Bread | :Flour: | Rolled Oats | Rice | Beains | :Apples :Tvapor- :ated | : Prune | : Sugar : Marnu : lated | : :Sugar : Yell | Tea | Coffee | atoe | Vineg | Food <br> Index <br> (46 <br> Items) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1936 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mey | 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 |
| Augurt. | 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 |
| Sept, ember. | 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 |
| $\frac{1937}{\sqrt{\operatorname{ann} u} \mathrm{ary}}$ | 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 | 58.5 | 89.6 | 75.6 |
| March | 85.1 | 81.1 | 98.3 | 74.3 | 94.9 | 79.4 | 73.9 | 80.8 | 82.7 | 72.7 | 58,2 | 73.6 | 89.6 | 75.7 |
| April. | 86.5 | 83.0 | 98.3 | 75.2 | 98.7 | 80.9 | 74.5 | 82.1 | 84.0 | 72.9 | 57.8 | 73.4 | 89.6 | 76.3 |
| May..... | 86.5 | 84.9 | 100.0 | 75.2 | 100.0 | 78.9 | 74.5 | 83.3 | 84.0 | 73.1 | 57.8 | 65.7 | 89.6 | 76.6 |
| June | 90.5 | 84.9 | 100.0 | 75.2 | 100.0 | 78.9 | 74.5 | 83.3 | 84.0 | 73.2 | 58.3 | 59.5 | 89.6 | 76.4 |
| July | 90.5 | 84.9 | 100.0 | 74.3 | 98.7 | 78.9 | 75.2 | 83.3 | 84.0 | 74.5 | 58.3 | 55.6 | 90.9 | $77 \times 2$ - |
| August | 90.5 | 88.7 | 103.4 | 75.2 | 36.2 | 77.9 | 75.2 | 84.6 | 85.3 | 75.7 | 58.0 | 60.7 | 89.6 | 79.1 |
| Sentember | 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 |
| cetober : | 91.9 | 86.8 | 103.4 | 75.2 | 88.6 | 80.4 | 74.5 | 84.6 | 85.3 | 77.4 | 58.2 | 42.5 | 89.6 | 78.9 |
| November. | 91.9 | 84.9 | 101.7 | 75.2 | 78.5 | 84.4 | 74.5 | 83.3 | 85.3 | 78.5 | 58.2 | 39.9 | 89.6 | 78.8 |
| December. | 91.9 | 84.9 | .101. ${ }^{7}$ | 75.8 | 74.7 | 78.9 | 73.2 | 83.3 | 85.3 | 78.7 | 57.8 | 39.9 | 88.3 | 79.1 |
| $\frac{1938}{\text { January }}$ | 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 | 89.6 | 77.9 |
| March ... | 91.9 | 83.0 | 100.0 | 75.2 | 59.6 | 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 | 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 |  |
| July | 91.9 | 77.4 | 98.3 | 75.2 | 67.1 | 75.4 | $70=1$ | 82.1 | 82.7 | 81.7 | 56.9 56.4 | 40.7 56.7 | 89.6 88.3 | 78.4 80.9 |
| August... | 91.9 | 75.5 | 98.3 | 75.2 | 67.1 | 74.9 | 70.7 | 82.1 | 82.7 | 81.7 82.1 | 56.4 57.2 | 56.7 41.9 | 88.3 88.3 | 80.7 77.6 |
| 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.. | 87.8 | 60.4 | 91.4 | 75.2 | 64.6 | 74.9 | 68.8 | 80.8 | 82.7 | 81.7 | 56.7 | 46.6 | 88.3 | 76.2 |
| $\frac{1939}{\text { January }}$ 。 | 85.1 | 58.5 | 89.7 | 75.2 | 64.6 | 76.9 | 69.4 | 80.8 | 82.7 | 81.2 | 56.0 | 48.8 | 87.0 | 75.2 |
| Februa ry.. | 85.1 | 58.5 | 87.9 | 74.3 | 64.6 | 77.4 | 68.8 | 80.8 | 82.7 | 82.1 | 56.0 | 51.6 | 88.3 | 74.5 |

## INV ESTORS: INDEX NHMBERS OF DOMLON STOCK8

Prices of Canadian common stocks moved within a narrow range on comparatively light trading during February and the Bureau's daily price index for industrial, utility and bank stocks fluctuated between a low of 102.6 on February 1 and a high of 105.6 on the closing day. The Investors monthly index for 95 common stocks rose from 102.9 in Tanuary to 104.1 in February. In the industrial section, six sub-groups registered advances led by industrial mines, beverages, oils and foods. Machinery and equipment remained unchanged while milling and pulp and paper issues were lower. In the utility division, communication and power shares recorded increases and transportation showed a slight recession. During the month industrials advanced 2.6 to 174.0 , utilities 0.2 to 42.9 and banks 0.1 to 85.3.

## MINING STOCK PRICES

Due to support from base metals, the Bureau's price index of twenty-five mining issues rose from 158.0 in January to 158.8 in February. The base matal section mounted. from 307.0 to 315.1 , while golds receded from 121. 4 to 121.1. After a strong opening, stocks turned unsteady and moved lower, although declines were not extensive. Renewed strength in the fourth weok resulted in gains, which were more than sufficient to offset losses previously sustained. Following last month's sharp fluctuations golds settled again at levels characteristic of the last quarter of 1938. Medium-priced golds attracted much attention dur ing tre month and McIntyre was an outstand ing feature of the senior group. Although the monthly index registered a recession of 0.3 , the daily averages showed a net advance of 1.0 to 122.2 for February. Base metals moved irregularly higher and trading activity was greatly raduced. The index for this series was 318.5 for February 28 as compared with 311.9 for the final day of January. A table of average prices for the weaks of March 2 and February 2, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics is listed below.

| GOLDS |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mar. 2 | Feb. 2 |  | Mar. 2 | Feb. 2 |
| Beattie | \$1.37 | $\$ 1.32$ | Littie Long Lac | \$3.18 | $\$ 3.18$ |
| Bralorne | 10.91 | 10.48 | Macassa | 5.39 | 5.3 |
| Buffalo-Ankerite | 13.50 | 14.44 | McIntyre | 55.75 | 51.79 |
| Contral Patricia | 2.53 | 2.98 | Pickle Crow | 5.34 | 5.07 |
| Dome "new" | 32.17 | 31.87 | Pioneer | 2.53 | 2.60 |
| God's Lake | - 21 | . 23 | Reno | . 27 | . 27 |
| Hollinger | 14.87 | 14.23 | San Antonio | 1.55 | 1.25 |
| Howey | 28 | . 27 | Siscoos | 1.23 | 1.38 |
| Kirkland Lake | 1, 52 | 1.30 | Sylvanite | 3.33 | 3.33 |
| Lake Shore | 47.37 | 47.88 | Teck-Hughes | 4.48 | 4.32 |
| Lamaque Gold Mines ...... | 6.43 | 5.82 | Wright-hargreaves | 8.65 | 8.32 |
|  |  | BASE | ITALS |  |  |
| Falconbridge | 5.23 34.29 | $4.25$ | Noranda | 80.27 | 76.81 |

PREFERRED STOCKS
The Bureau of Statiatics index number值wenty-five preferred stock prices traded on the Montreal and Toronto Exchanges moved down .6 to 84.4 for the month of February. Thirteen issues showed decreases, nine advanced and three remained unchanged. Sales aggregated 30,912 shares as compared with 41,922 in January. Trading conditions were quiat, marked by *arrow irregular price fluctuations.

Among newsprints,prices tended to sag. Abitibi declined $\$ 1.9$ to $\$ 13.9$, the lowest point since April last when it was \$13.8. St.Lawrence Corporation "A" was also weaker, dropping fractionally to \$12. In the steel and building group declines from fractions up to $\$ 2$ were shown, the latter by Dominion Tar and Chemioal which dropped to $\$ 73$, Steel of Canada fell $\$ 1.2$ to $\$ 70.1$ while Canada Cement lost . 9 to $\$ 97.1$. The greatest loss was in the oil group, Canadian 0il slipping $\$ 7.7$ to $\$ 110.1$. Another marked decline was Moore A from $\$ 166.1$ in January to 162.3 in February. Canadian Car and Foundry, Walkers and Shorwin-Williams remained unchanged.

In the milling section, Ogilvie Flour was up $\$ 6.7$ to $\$ 167.4$, showing its best price in a number of years. Toronto Elevators gained fractionally to \$43.2. In another group Tuckett Tobacco at $\$ 169$, a gain of $\$ 8$ over the previous month, also established a new "high" for several yoars.

## INDEX NUMBERS OF 25 PREFERRED STOCKS, 1929, 1933, 1937, 1238 and 1239

(1926-100)
Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr, May June July Aug, Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.
1929 $107.4108 .1106 .8104 .3104 .3104 .8104 .8105 .6105 .1102 .9 \quad \frac{19.8}{1000.4}$

| 1933 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 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 |  |



1939 .......... $85.0 \quad 84.4$




[^1]|  | DECEMBER |  |  |  |  | JANUARY |  |  |  | FEBRUARY |  |  |  | MARCH |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1st | 8 th | 15th | 22nd | 29th | 5 th | 12th | 19th | 26 th | 2nd | 9 th | 16th | 23rd | 2nd |  |
|  | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |  |
| G9LD GROUP |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beattie . | 1.37 | 1.33 | 1.34 | 1.28 | 1.34 | 1.38 | 1.38 | 1.35 | 1.30 | 1.32 | 1.35 | 1.31 | 1.37 | 1.37 |  |
| Bralorne ......... | 9.87 | 10.29 | 10.54 | 11.31 | 11.37 | 11.37 | 11.50 | 11.10 | 10.72 | 10.48 | 10.92 | 10.81 | 10.83 | 10.91 |  |
| Buffalo-Ankerite.. | 14.33 | 14.79 | 15.08 | 15.17 | 15.40 | 15.10 | 15.21 | 14.92 | 13.94 | 14.44 | 14.75 | 13.98 | 14.00 | 13.50 |  |
| Contral Patricia on | 2.39 | 2.47 | 2.49 | 2.42 | 2.44 | 2.52 | 2.65 | 2.59 | 2.45 | 2.48 | 2.59 | 2.55 | 2.48 | 2.53 |  |
| Dome .............. | 31.85 | 32.00 | 32.29 | 32 e 52 | 33.00 | 33.15 | 32.88 | 32.54 | 32.21 | 31.87 | 31.60 | 31.75 | 31.50 | 32.17 |  |
| God's Lake ........ | - 32 | . 29 | - 28 | . 24 | . 23 | . 27 | c 27 | - 25 | -22 | . 23 | . 21 | - 21 | - 20 | - 21 |  |
| Hollinger ......... | 14.73 | 14.87 | 15.02 | 14.89 | 14.87 | 14.80 | 14.67 | 14.58 | 14.33 | 14.23 | 14.75 | 14.71 | 14.68 | 14.87 |  |
| Howey .............. | . 25 | . 28 | - 29 | -30 | -30 | -29 | -29 | - 29 | -27 | - 27 | - 28 | - 28 | - 28 | - 28 |  |
| Kirkland Lake ..... | 1.19 | 1.23 | 1.26 | 1.26 | 1.29 | 1.37 | 1.38 | 1.35 | 1.28 | 1.30 | 1.38 | 1.43 | 1.42 | 1.52 |  |
| Lake Shore ...... | 50.19 | 49.25 | 49:64 | 48.83 | 48.90 | 50.17 | 50.04 | 48.98 | 48.40 | 47.88 | 47.69 | 47.42 | 47.27 | 47.37 | - |
| Lemaque Gold Minese | - | - | - | -- | - | 6.90 | 6.63 | 6.03 | 5.92 | 5.82 | 6.03 | 6.00 | 5.98 | 6.43 | F |
| Little Long Lac .e. | 2.68 | 2.77 | 2.74 | 2.84 | 2.88 | 3.15 | 3.41 | 3.45 | 3 ${ }^{\text {a }} 18$ | 3.18 | $3 \cdot 27$ | 3.22 | 3.13 | 3.18 | 1 |
| Macassa | 5.34 | 5.43 | 5.43 | $5 \cdot 35$ | 5.32 | 5.51 | 5.65 | 5.67 | 5.28 | 5.33 | 5.51 | 5.43 | 5.27 | 5.39 |  |
| McIntyre ........... | 51.46 | 51.00 | 51.00 | 52.90 | 52-20 | 53.35 | 54.10 | 54.27 | 52.65 | 51.79 | 53.42 | 53.40 | 53.85 | 55.75 |  |
| Pickle Crow 0.000 . | 5.15 | 5.10 | 5.12 | 5.03 | 5.04 | 5.11 | 5:34 | 5.21 | 5.10 | 5.07 | 5.27 | 5.24 | 5.21 | 5. 34 |  |
| Pioneer .....s...... | 2.77 | 2.71 | 2.66 | 2.49 | 2.46 | 2.51 | 2.65 | 2.68 | 2.62 | 2.60 | 2.66 | 2.61 | 2.62 | 2.53 |  |
| Reno ..... | . 27 | . 24 | - 24 | - 23 | - 23 | - 23 | 23 | - 29 | - 28 | . 27 | -28 | - 28 | 027 | - 27 |  |
| San Antonio ..... | 1.23 | 1.24 | 1.24 | 1.22 | 1.25 | 1.28 | 1.32 | 1.27 | 1.24 | 1.25 | 1.38 | 1.40 | 1.51 | 1.55 |  |
| Siscoe o......... | 1.45 | 1.30 | 1.33 | 1.34 | 1.41 | 1.59 | 1.53 | 1.44 | 1.39 | 1.38 | 1.42 | 1.36 | 1.23 | 1.23 |  |
| Sylvanite .ens.... | 3.38 | 3.33 | 3.33 | 3.32 | 3.37 | 3.40 | 3.49 | 3.46 | 3.32 | 3.33 | 3.45 | 3.42 | 3.34 | 3.33 |  |
| Teck-Hughes ........ | 4.70 | 4.70 | 4.54 | 4.55 | 4.69 | 4.63 | 4.46 | 4.33 | 4.33 | 4.32 | $4 \cdot 35$ | 4.39 | 4.38 | 4.48 |  |
| Wright-Hurgreaves.0 | 7.89 | 8.00 | 8.08 | 8.09 | 8.18 | 8.23 | 8.36 | 8.42 | $8 \cdot 33$ | $8 \cdot 32$ | 8.57 | 8.66 | 8.59 | 8.65 |  |
| BASE METAL GROUP |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Falconbridge ...... | 5.54 | 5.48 | 5.56 | 5.46 | 5.47 | 5.68 | 5.48 | 5.32 | 5.02 | 4.95 | 5.21 | $5 \cdot 27$ | 5.26 | 5.23 |  |
| Hudson Bay ......* | 33.35 | 33.35 | 33.04 | 33.17 | 34.00 | 34.50 | 35.02 | 34.75 | 32.69 | 32.81 | 34.46 | 33.25 | 33.08 | 34.29 |  |
| Noranda ............ | 81.50 | 79.54 | 78.81 | 78.60 | 79.87 | 80.37 | 80.75 | 80.75 | 76.00 | 76.81 | 79.62 | 79.92 | 79.69 | 80.27 |  |

## INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CATADA LONG-TERM BOND PRICES AND IELDS, FEBRUARY,1939. (1926=100)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices advanced from 117.5 for Janüry to 137.6 for February. Security markets strengthened in the opening days of the month after the Spanish outlook had clarified somewhat subsequent to the fall of Barcelona. The Bureau's daily index rose from the low of 116.7 on January 30 to 117.8 on February 4 , winich restored it to levels current during the greater part of January. A modest reaction than followed and the index dropped to 117.4 on the loth, but rebounded again to 117.7 on the 15 th. and remained comparatively close to this figure for the balance on the month. Trading wes relatively light throughout, but gains of $1 / 2$ to 1 point were cormon to most isencs. A moderately firmer tendency was noted in the provincial section, with the Saskatchewan list providing some exceptions. British Consols advanced fron $697 / 8$ to $705 / 8$, while the Dow-Jones average of selected high-grade United States bonds rase fror 89,88 to 90,96 . The index for Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields declined from 02 ? for January to 61.9 for February and the average yield of the issues used in this index decreasad from 3.015 to 3.005. Based upon information received from Messrs. Wood, Gundy Co., Lid., the index for representative Province of ontario bond yielas mounted fram 68.1 to 69.7 and the average yield increased from 3.26 to 3.34 .
$\frac{\text { MONTFLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINTON OF CANAZA LONG-TERM BOND FRICES, 1931-1939 }}{(\text { From data issued by A. E. Ame s and Company, Ltd.) }}$

|  | 1931 | 1938 | $\underline{18}$ | $\underline{1934}$ | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 | 1938 | 1939 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jenua | 103.1 | 94.1 | 103.3 | 104.6 | 12.5 .9 | 113.6 | 117.7 | 116.1 | 117.5 |
| February | 103.1 | 94.9 | 203.4 | -105:4 | 114.2 | 13.5 .0 | 115.3 | 116.6 | 117.6 |
| March | 103.7 | 96.1 | 102.1 | 10\%.9 | 11.50 | 115.5 | 112.9 | 116.8 |  |
| ril | 104.5 | 98.2 | 102.9 | 1.09 .4 | 114.5 | 115.7 | 112.7 | 117.3 |  |
| May | 104.0 | 95.3 | 103.8 | 110.3 | 115.2 | 115.9 | 113.8 | 118.2 |  |
| June | 105. 4 | 94.6 | 104.9 | 110.4 | 13.4.2 | 117.0 | 114.9 | 118.1 |  |
| July | 105.3 | 97.0 | 104.8 | 111.1 | 114.5 | 118.0 | 115.1 | 117.6 |  |
| Augus t | 105.3 | 101.0 | 205.6 | 112.3 | 114.8 | 119.1 | 115.5 | 127.6 |  |
| September | 102.1 | 101.8 | 105.7 | 122.6 | 110.9 | 1190. | 11.5.3 | 1.16 .0 |  |
| October | 98.1 | 103.8 | 105.0 | 111.1 | 110.2 | 117.1 | 114.5 | 176.9 |  |
| November | 97.4 | 102.6 | 1.04 .2 | 112.2 | 112.5 | 117.6 | 114.8 | 117.8 |  |
| Decem | 95.5 | 101.2 | 103.6 | 115. | 11.2 | 118.2 | 115 | 117 |  |

MONTPLY INDEX NUMBEPS OF DONTNIONT OF CANADA IONG-TTERM BOND YIELDS, 1931-1939
(From data issued by A.E. Ames and Compeny, Ltd.)

|  | 1931 | 1932 | 1933 | 1934 | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 | 1938 | 1939 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 93.9 | 112.7 | 96.3 | 93. $\overline{2}$ | 790.9 | 72.4 | 64.6 | 66.3 | 62.1 |
| February | 93.6 | i12.2 | 96.0 | 91.C | 73.2 | 70.8 | 68.4 | 65.4 | 61.9 |
| March | 91.9 | 109.1 | 97.7 | 86.2 | 71.4 | 69.9 | 172.7 | 64.7 | - |
| April | 90.0 | 209.8 | 96.6 | 83.8 | 72.2 | 69.5 | 73.2 | 63.7 | - |
| May | 89.3 | 109.3 | 95.0 | 81.8 | 71.4 | 68.8 | \%1.0 | 61.7 | - |
| June | 88.3 | 111.7 | 93.3 | 82.1 | 73.4 | 66.9 | 69.3 | 61.8 | - |
| July | 88.3 | 107.5 | 93.5 | 80. ${ }^{\text {. }}$ | 72.1 | 65.1 | 69.0 | 62.7 | - |
| August | 88.3 | 100.5 | 92.2 | 77.8 | 71.6 | 63.2 | 68.1 | 62.7 | - |
| September | 95.5 | 98.7 | 32.4 | 77.2 | 79.8 | 63.1 | 68.3 | 65.3 | - |
| October | 105.2 | 96.2 | ¢3.5 | 79.3 | 78.9 | 66.2 | 69.7 | 63.2 | - |
| November | 107.7 | 98.5 | 94.3 | 77.2 | 74.5 | 65.1 | 68.8 | 61.5 | - |
| December | 111.7 | 99.4 | 95.1 | 71.3 | 75.5 | 64.1 | 67.4 | 61.8 |  |

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



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|  | Total <br> : 419 Stocks | Industrials 347 Stocks | Railroads 32 Stocks | Utilities 40 Stocks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1935 |  |  |  |  |
| February | 68.0 | 80.1 | 32.3 | 55.1 |
| March | 64.6 | 76.2 | 28.4 | 53.4 |
| April | 67.5 | 78.9 | 29.4 | 59.1 |
| May | 73.1 | 85.7 | 30.9 | 63.7 |
| Juno | 75.5 | 87.4 | 32.4 | 69.8 |
| July | 78.8 | 91.2 | 33.8 | 73.3 |
| August | 83,0 | 95.0 | 35.8 | 80.6 |
| September | 85.0 | 97.5 | 37.0 | 81.9 |
| October | 85.2 | 98.5 | 34.3 | 81.0 |
| November | 93.3 | 107.4 | 37.6 | 90.1 |
| December | 95.3 | 109.2 | 41.4 | 91.6 |
| 1936 |  |  |  |  |
| January | 100.0 | 114.5 | 43.8 | 97.0 |
| February | 105.1 | 120.9 | 49.1 | 102.8 |
| March | 108.7 | 124.6 | 49.2 | 102.8 |
| April | 108.9 | 125.3 | 48.9 | 101.5 |
| May | 101.0 | 116.2 | 45.0 | 94.7 |
| June | 105.6 | 120.6 | 47.7 | 102.0 |
| July | 109.2 | 124.3 | 50.7 | 105.8 |
| August | 113.0 | 128.4 | 53.9 | 108.8 |
| September | 114.1 | 130.2 | 55.4 | 107.7 |
| October | 118.7 | 136.0 | 58.4 | 109.1 |
| November | 124.2 | 144.3 | 57.9 | 108.9 |
| December | 122.8 | 142.6 | 54.4 | 110.6 |
| 1937 |  |  |  |  |
| January | 126.0 | 146.3 | 55.6 | 113.2 |
| February | 129.5 | 151.7 | 57.9 | 110.7 |
| March | 129.9 | 152.6 | 62.8 | 105.7 |
| April | 124.5 | 146.5 | 60.1 | 100.7 |
| May | 116.3 | 136.7 | 57.1 | 94.1 |
| June | 113.6 | 134.0 | 53.9 | 91.3 |
| July | 117.8 | 139.4 | 52.1 | 95.9 |
| August | 120.5 | 143.5 | 50.9 | 97.0 |
| September | 106.4 | 126.2 | 42.6 | 89.2 |
| october | 91.4 | 107.4 | 35.4 | 81.3 |
| November | 82.9 | 96.1 | 31.4 | 79.5 |
| December | 82.2 | 95.2 | 31.2 | 78.8 |
| 1938 |  |  |  |  |
| January | 81.6 | 95.7 | 29.0 | 75.7 |
| February | 80.7 | 95.7 | 28.3 | 71.2 |
| March | 77.9 | 92.7 | 25.5 | 68.5 |
| April | 70.7 | 84.2 | 20.9 | 64.0 |
| May | 73.9 | 87.4 | 21.8 | 69.5 |
| June | 73.1 | 86.4 | 20.5 | 69.2 |
| July | 88.0 | 105.3 | 27.3 | 76.5 |
| August | 89.5 | 108.0 | 27.8 | 75.0 |
| September | 86.0 | 103.9 | 25.5 | 72.2 |
| October | 91.1 | 109.6 | 28.1 | 77.4 |
| November | 94.7 | 113.6 | 30.0 | 80.9 |
| December | 92.0 | 110.6 | 28.8 | 77.9 |
| 1939 |  |  |  |  |
| January | 91.8 | 109.3 | 29.8 | 81.2 |
| February (lst week) | 89.0 | 105.3 | 27.7 | 81.8 |


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[^1]:    * Weekly Ifgures.

