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## PRICE MOVEMENTS, APRIL, 1939

## COMMODITIES

A relatively sharp break occurred on wholesale cormodity markets in the first week of April, but a better tone developed thereafter and losses were more than recovered by the end of the month. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Industrial Material Prices, which stood at 64.9 for the last week of March, fell to 64.1 for the week of April 7, but rose to 64.8 for the week of April 28. This was due mainly to strength for grains and raw sugar in the Food Maderials section, the index for this group rising from 56.7 to 58.2 over the month, while the index for Manufacturling Materials declined from 51.3 to 51.0 , and the index for Stabje Materials remained unchanged at 87.8. General Tholesale Commodity Price levels fluctuated less widely than did Industrial Materials Prices, falling from 73.3 to 73.2 and then rising to 73.5. Moderate advances occurred In Vegetable Products, Textiles, Wood and Iron, whereas small declines took place in Animal Products, Non-Ferrous Motals and Non-Metallic Minerals. Canadian Farm Products closed 0.2 higher at 65.6 . Wholesele prices have shown remarkable steadiness in the past eight months and the index movemonts of both the Industrial Material Prices and the General Wholesale Comodity Prices have remained within a range of 1.6 throughout that time. COST OF LIVING

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost of living index for Canada was unchanged at 82.9 for April, a minor seasonal reduction in coal being offset by a slight rise in the sundries group. The general index was 1.5 per cent below the level of April 1938. The food index for Aoril, 1939, was 74.5, the same as for March. Pigher quotations were reported for beef, pork, mutton, cooled ham and potatoes, while veal, bacon, fish, lard; butter, eggs, canned vegetables and pepper registered decifnes. The fuel index fell from 85.4 to 85.2 , owing to a reduction in the coal sub-index from 87.1 to 86.8 . An increase in the tax on gasolene for the Province of Ontario caused the motor operating costs subgroup to advance from 92.0 to 92.7 , winich in turn resulted in a rise in the sundries group from 93.4 to 93.5 .
STOCKS AND BONDS
Common stock prices on Camadian exchanges fell to new 1939 low levels in April though subsequent recovery carried price averages back to within fractions of closing March quotations. Moderate gafno, accumulated in a brief opening rally, were quickly cancelled in the face of mounting European tension and the Bureau's index for 95 common stocks sagged to a new low of 92.6 on April 11. The irregular recovery, which ensued, moved the index back to 97.3 at the end of April compared with 97.1 on March 31. Industrial shares, as a whole, resistered considerably wider fluctuations than did utilities, though closing quotations in both cases were practically on a par with March-end prices. Miling, food and allied products, and telephone and telegraph were the only three sub-groups to record noteworthy gains. Banks clcsed the month at 84.4 for a net gain of 0.6 . Mining issues paralleled industrial and utility movements though the range of fluctuation was greater. From an opening peak of 147.5 on April 3, the general index for 25 mining stocks dropped to a low of 138.5 on the llth but by the end of the month had rallied to 145.3 . Closing indexes for golds and bese metals were 111.1 and 286.8 respectively, compared with 108.3 and 283.3 on March 31. An index for Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices, followed the easier tendency in other security markets, and moved down from 117.4 on March 31 to 116.3 at the and of April.

FOREIGN EXCFANGE (Quotations are Montreal noon rates unless otherwise specifled)
European political repercussions found reflection in forward rates, although spot quotations for most exchanges remained within a comparatively small range during Aril. Sterling spot rates were held within the relatively narrow limits of $11 / 3 \phi$ during the month while the ciosing quotation at $\$ 4.7011$ was unchanged from the opening level. Noticeably wider discounts on forward rates, on the other hand, reflected continued press ure. Discounts on 90 -day flutures, New York on London, increased $1 / 2 \phi$ to $3 \phi$ between April 1 and 11 but subsequertily reacted to $219 / 32 \phi$ at the close. French francs were steady at $2.66 \not \subset$ while dissounts on 90 ..day futures fluctuated between a low of $1 / 4$ on April 3 and $21 / 2$ points on the 22nd. The bel.ea was under considerable pressure during the first three weeks of April, due mainly to a continued heavy flight of gold to other repositories, coinciding with devaluation rumors. The National Bank of Belgium raised its re-discount rate from $21 / 2$ to 4 per cent, and official denial of any contemplated currency devaluation led to a pronounced rally later jn the morith. The closing rate for the belga at $17.08 \phi$ showed a net gain of 19 points. Month-end comercial obligations and substantial short covering advanced rates for the Netherignds florin sharply higher. Quotations jumped from 53.33 ¢ on April 24 to $53.73 \%$ at the close and compared with $53.31 \phi$ at the end of March. Rates
－ 2 －
on Brazilian milrefs were discontinued on April 6，the last quotation being 5．88\％．United States currency at Nontrea！clnsed the month unchanged at $\$ 1.007 / 16$ while the intervening range was between $\$ 1.003 / 3$ on April 3 and ${ }^{\$ 1} 1.0021 / 32$ on the 11 ．

## REVIEW OF IMPORTANT COMMODITY MARKEIS

WHAAT AND OIPI？GRATIS：Ro弓゙istering the first noteworthy gein since the 1938－ 39 crop year opened cish Wieat at Winnipeg advanced better than $31 / 4 \phi$ a bushel in April． Most of the advance was recorded in the final week of the month and reflected to a consider able extent reports of crop deterioration in the United states winter wheat belt．Clos－ ing quotations for NO．I Meritoba Northern wheat were $631 / 4 \phi$ per bushel，the highest level touched since mid－october， 2938 ．and $33 / 8 \not \subset$ above March 31 ．Other grades registered correspondingly higher prices，io， 3 Northern being particularly strong．Liverpool prices failed to respond to highor quotations on the Winnipeg and Chicago markets．May futures （old）closed at 4 s ． $43 / 8 \mathrm{C}$ ．per cwt．（ $62 \phi$ per bushel）compared with $4 s .43 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$ ．（ 61 1／2 $\phi$ per bushel）on March $3 \pm$ 。 The bu－densome surplus still remaining in western hemisphere exporting countries continued to bulk i．arge in importers reckonings．The Argentine sur－ plus was recently estimated by Broomhall at $183,000,000$ bushels．Considerably heavier shipments were noted fion this country during the lattor half of April，as the price level relative to other wheats was perticularly favorable to importers．

In the coarse grains section price movements were mixed．Barley，No． 3 C．W．， and Rye，No． $2 \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{A}}$ ，reilecting strength in wheat，ruled considerably higher，closing at 39ф and $411 / 8 \not \subset$ per bushei respectively．Oats were practically unchanged while flax， after registering a mid－month decline of almost $6 \notin$ per bushel subsequently recovered to within $1 / 2 \phi$ of the cperile level．

| Description（Basis，cash per bushel， | April <br> Average | March Average | April Average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fort William and Port Arthur） | $\phi$ | $\varnothing$ | $\downarrow$ |
| No． 1 Manitoba Northeir wheat | 138.4 | 59.5 | 60.5 |
| No． 2 Canada Western oats | 50.2 | 28.5 | 28.6 |
| No． 2 Canada Western sye | 63.0 | 39.1 | 39.8 |
| No． 3 Canada Western Usrley | 55.5 | 35.5 | 37.2 |
| No． 1 Canada Western ILax | 152.3 | 154.8 | 155.8 |

FLOUR AND OLTFER MLLIED PRODUCTS：Flour，No． 1 patent at Winnipeg dropped from an opening level of $\$ 4.90$ per barrel to $\$ 4,60$ on April 15 but subsequently recovered to close at $\$ 4.70$ ．Quotations on the same grade at Toronto were unchanged at $\$ 4.95$ per barrel throughout the month．Ontario winter wheat flour also remained stationary at \＄3．20 per barrel．Millers reporied domestic demand dull with considerable price cutting in evidence．Export business was light untii the latter part of the month when the opening of naviguton in the St．Lawrence stimulated demend．Prices were unchanged in other milled products with the exception of bran and shorts．Closing monthly quotations on bran and shorts，delivered Montreal rate points，were $\$ 26.25$ and $\$ 27.25$ per ton respectively com－ pared with $\$ 24.25$ and $\$ 25.25$ at the end of March．Competition from United States railways resulted in a reduction of Canadian freight rates on flour amounting to $1 \phi$ per 100 pounds， effective April 17 and expiring November 30， 1939.


SUGAR：Substantially hjgher prices for raw sugar，unequalled since 1930，featur－ ed international marieis in April．The upward movement reflected principally the tight statistical situation resulting from second year crop quotas and heavy buying by various countries for emergency purposes．Poor sugar beet yields in France and other sections of Europe were reported．Inala was a large buyer of Java sugar during the month due to a crop shortage．At London raw sugar advanced about 20 per cent during the month and this advance was immedistely reflocted in quotations at Montreal．British West Indies rews， on a dellvered basis rcse from $2.15 \notin$ per pound on Merch 31 to $2.46 \notin$ on April 28．Although domestic United States sugar prices ciosed practically unchanged，World Contract No． 4 at New York advanced from loj $95 \%$（bid）per pound to $1.420 \not \subset$ at the close．Registering the first general price change since May，1938，refined grades at Montreal moved materially higher．Three price advances during the latter half of April moved quotations for stand－ ard，graniteit sugar up from ${ }^{\circ} 1.800$ to $\$ 5.085$ per cwt．

| Description |  | （See above dates） |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | ＊ | \＄ | \＄ |
| Granulated sugar，standart，per cwto at |  |  |  |  |
|  | Montreal ．．． | 4.99 | 4.80 | 4.80 |
|  | Vancouver ．． | 4.90 | 4.70 | 4.70 |
| B．W．I．raw surar，per owto at | Montreal ．．． | 1.94 | 2.10 | 2.20 |

RUBBER: Though raw rubber prices fluctuated narrowly in April, closing quotations were generally firmer then opening levels. Continued improvement in the statistical picture was cited as the principal source of strength. Standard thick latex crepe, delivered at New Yorks closed at $1.83 / 4 \phi$ per pound compared with a low of $181 / 8 \phi$ on April 15 and an opening jevei of $185 / 26 \not /$. Ribbed smoked sheets, on the same basis, showed a net monthiy advacce of $1 / 15$ at $1.6 \phi$ per pound while upriver Pars remained stationary at $135 / 8 \%$. It was stated that consumer demand tended to taper off during the latter half of the month, as buyers were inclined to walt the outcome of the next meiting of the Rubber Regulation Committee on May 26. Estimated consumption of raw rubber in the United States during March totalled 50, 165 toiss, the largest amount since June, 1937. It cornpared with 42,365 ions in Febrvary.

Description
Raw rubber, per pound, New York(Canadian Funds)
Stendard letex crepe sheots
Ceylon plantation, ribued, smoked sheets ......

| 1938 | 1939 | 1939 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| April | March | April |
| Average | Average | Average |
| $\not{ }^{+}$ | \% | ¢ |
| 13.1 | 18.6 | 18.6 |
| 12.0 | 16.4 | 16.1 |

LIVESTDCK: An index of livestock prices for April fell about 2 p.c. below March levels, but all classes dic not share in this decline. Cattle markets showed varied tendencies and on an average were slightly higher then in the previous month. Good steers, over 1050 pounds, at Toronto, moved down $12 \phi$ to $\$ 7.05$ per cwt. during the week of April 14, rose to $\$ 7.10$ per cwt. in the following week, and closed at practically that level. This same grace at Winnipeg adranced $50 \not \subset$ per cwt. during the first two weeks but closed at $\$ 6.50$ per cwt. netting a loss of $25 \%$ per cwt. In the last half of the month. Throughout April, runs were moderate and shipments to the United States were resumed but a considerable percentage of offerings fell below export requirements. Calf and hog prices declined about 5 per cent, the latter being influenced maniny by price reductions in the British bacon markots. Jambs held comparatively steady.


BUTMER: Fractiona? declines in butter prices at representative Canadian cities brought an April wholesale average to $22.8 \not \subset$ per pound as compared with $23.4 \phi$ per pound in March. Throughout the month, marizets showed little activity and remained overshadowed by heavy supplies. Cold storage stocks of creamery butter were reported by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at $9,668,000$ pounds on May 1 or more than $11 \Leftrightarrow$ p.c. greater tha those of a year ago, but about $2,310,000$ pounds less than holdings as at April 1, 1939. Latterly raceipts of fresh grades increased while cautious buying on the part of dealers continued.

| Description |  | $\phi$ | $\not \subset$ | $\not \subset$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jobbing price of first grade creambry |  |  |  |  |
| prints per lb, at | Montreal | 33.7 | 23.3 | 22.7 |
|  | Torchto | 34.0 | 23.5 | 23.0 |

EGGS: Between the weeks of April 6 and 13, prices for grade "A" larga eggs at Montreal and Toronto moved down $I \phi$ and $I / 2_{\phi}$ per dozen respectively and most other centres showed corresponding weakness. Markets then steadied and little change was apparent thereafter. Throughout April, demand was well sustained but this was counterbalanced by some increase in producticn Egg breaking plants showed increased activity and the mo ement into storage gained moinsiatum. The resumption of export shipments to the United Kingdom also added strength to the situation. The Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reporte? cold storage supplies of eggs at 2,129,685 on May 1 compared with 96,076 duzen on the first of the previous month.

## (See above dates)

Description
Eggs, grade "A" large per dozen at

| Monveal $\ldots \ldots .$. | 25.4 | 25.4 | 24.6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Troronto $\ldots \ldots .$. | 23.3 | 23.6 | 23.1 |
| Vancouver $\ldots .$. | 22.8 | 23.4 | 22.5 |

COTTON: Spot prices of raw cotton at New York eased almost steadily to the month's low of $8.2 \phi$ per pound on April 14 and then recovered gradually to close at $8.7 \phi$ per pound, netting a gain of about $3 / 10 \phi$ per pound for the month. Liquidation of nearky positions continued and demand for grey goods was light but showed some improvement latter ly. Planting of the new crop in the United States progressed and estimates placed the acreage between $25,500,000$ and $26,500,000$. Markets were unsettled by lack of definite news regarding loan plans for the coming season but reports for the subsiaizing of exports persisted. World mill takings of American cotton fell from 854,000 bales for the four weeks ended March 31 to 774,000 bales in the following four weeks.

|  | 1938 <br> Description <br> Raw cotton, upland middling at New York, <br> per lb. (Canadian funds) | April <br> Average | March |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

SILK: Supported by steady demand and a growing tightness in the spot situation, raw silk at New York moved up to the highest level since June 1933. Market fluctuations may be judged from the behaviour of quotations for XX 85 per cent 13-15 denlers which opened at $\$ 2.25-\$ 2.30$ and rose steadily to $\$ 2.64-\$ 2.69$ per pound by April 19. Then followed a short reaction as Japanese crop estimates were revised upward. By the 26 th prices had receded to $\$ 2.52-\$ 2.57$ but markets were again stronger as the month closed. Stocks of raw silk in the United States at 23,116 bales at the end of March were the lowest since July 1923.

Description
(See above dates)
Raw silk (quoted on a 60-day basis) per pound
at New York (Canadian funds)
Special grand XX85 p.c. 20-22 deniers .......... $1.65 \quad 2.30 \quad 2.44$
Special grand XX 83 p.c. $13-15$ deniers ........ $1.69 \quad 2.31 \quad 2.47$
LIMBER: Minor price advances were noted for certain lumber specifications in Apzil. Merchantable spruce scantling was increased $\$ 1.00$ per thousand on April 21 while fir flooring advanced a like amount to $\$ 23.00$ per thousand on the same date. Quotations for other grades remained stationary. Uncertainty over the European situation was reported to have discouraged any extended forward commitments in the export market. Domestic business remained quiet, being limited to actual demand. March production of planks and boards at $155,292 \mathrm{M}$ board feet was well above the previous month's figure of $124,056 \mathrm{M}$ board feet.

Description (Price Indexes 1926=100)

| White pine lumber | 102.7 | 102.7 | 102.7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Spruce lumber | 85.7 | 80.4 | 81.2 |
| Fir lumber | 85.6 | 91.2 | 91.6 |
| Cedar lumber | 87.0 | 100.4 | 100.4 |

COPPER: World copper prices in April were featured by the erratic fluctuations In the United States domestic market. Electrolytic spot copper, delivered Connecticut Valley basis opened the month at $111 / 4 \phi$ per pound, the position it had occupied since October 14, 1938. On April 3 quotations were reduced to $103 / 4 \phi$ by one of the leading smelters and subsequently other price reductions followed until a low of $10 \phi-101 / 4 \phi$ was touched on April 20. At times there were as many as three different prices quoted to the United States trade. A stronger price tone developed in the final week, quotations firming to $101 / 4 \phi-101 / 2 \phi$ and consumer demand improved substantially. April sales of copper in the United States domestic market totalled 59,619 tons, the largest amount since october 1938. It compared with 22,678 tons in March. On the London market copper opened at $£ 435 / 16$ per long ton, standard spot copper, reacted to $£ 411 / 16$ on April 24 , but by the end of the month hed recovered to $£ 425 / 16$. World copper stocks rose 13,277 tons in March to 506,391 , but April figures were expected to be reduced.

| Description | \$ | (See above dates) | \$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Copper, electrolytic domestic per 100 pounds carlots, f.o.b. Montreal ......................... | 10.30 | 10.55 | 10.48 |

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

|  | 1938 |  | 1939 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | April | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | April |
| Building and Construction Materials | 134.1 | 132.9 | 130.3 | 130.3 | 130.4 | 130.7 |
| Lumber | 132.2 | 131.8 | 131.8 | 131.8 | 133.0 | 133.4 |
| Paint Materials | 127.2 | 114.3 | 115.0 | 115.0 | 114.8 | 115.5 |
| Miscellaneous | 141.5 | 141.9 | 135.8 | 135.8 | 135.1 | 135.1 |


| Commodity | : No. of <br> : Price <br> : Series | $\begin{gathered} \text { Yearly : } \\ \text { Average: } \\ 1938 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { : April } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ | : Feb. | Mar. 1939 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Index 567 Commodities | 567 | 78.6 | 82.3 | 73.2 | 73.2 | 73.4 |
| CFIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS CLASSIFICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I. Vegetable Products | 135 | 73.8 | 84.0 | 60.5 | 60.7 | 62.1 |
| II. Animals and Their Products | 76 | 76.7 | 78.9 | 73.4 | 73.3 | 72.2 |
| III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products | 85 | 67.5 | 68.1 | 66.2 | 65.8 | 65.7 |
| IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper | 49 | 77.5 | 77.6 | 76.1 | 76.3 | 76.4 |
| $V$. Iron and Its Products | 44 | 100.4 | 102.5 | 97.4 | 97.4 | 97.5 |
| VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products | 18 | 70.9 | 70.6 | 69.8 | 70.1 | 69.5 |
| VII. Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products | 83 | 86.7 | 86.6 | 85.7 | 85.2 | 84.9 |
| VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION | 77 | 79.9 | 80.5 | 78.3 | 77.9 | 77.9 |
| I. Consumers' Goods | 236 | 77.2 | 78.5 | 74.4 | 74.1 | 74.1 |
| Foods, Beverages and Tobacco | 126 | 77.1 | 80.6 | 71.9 | 72.2 | 72.3 |
| Other Consumers ' Goods | 110 | 77.2 | 77.1 | 76.1 | 75.4 | 75.3 |
| II. Producers' Goods | 402 | 75.8 | 81.8 | 68.2 | 68.1 | 68.3 |
| Producers' Equipment | 24 | 95.1 | 94.5 | 95.0 | 94.9 | 94.9 |
| Producers' Materials | 378 | 73.7 | 80.4 | 65.2 | 65.1 | 65.3 |
| Building and Construction Materials | s 111 | 89.1 | 89.9 | 87.3 | 87.4 | 87.6 |
| Manufacturers ' Materials | 267 | 71.1 | 78.8 | 61.5 | 61.3 | 61.5 |
| ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Raw and Partly Manufactured | 245 | 72.9 | 79.0 | 64.9 | 65.1 | 65.5 |
| Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured | 322 | 78.2 | 81.3 | 73.6 | 73.2 | 73.3 |
| I. $\frac{\text { Articles of Farm Origin }}{\text { (Domestic and Foreign) }}$ <br> A. Field |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 95 | 63.0 | 76.0 | 46.8 | 46.9 | 48.4 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 91 | 76.5 | 81.4 | 69.4 | 69.2 | 69.9 |
| (c) Total | 186 | 70.3 | 78.9 | 59.0 | 58.9 | 60.0 |
| B. Animal |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 46 | 79.8 | 80.7 | 80.2 | 80.7 | 79.7 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 59 | 74.3 | 78.1 | 69.2 | 68.5 | 67.8 |
| (c) Total | 105 | 76.7 | 79.2 | 74.0 | 73.8 | 73.0 |
| C. Canadian Farm Products |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (1) Field | 52 | 69.0 | 83.2 | 54.7 | 54.9 | 56.1 |
| (2) Animal | 18 | 81.3 | 81.2 | 81.5 | 82.1 | 81.3 |
| (3) Total | 70 | 73.6 | 82.5 | 64.7 | 65.1 | 65.5 |
| II. Articles of Marine Origin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 5 | 65.4 | 56.0 | 63.1 | 64.0 | 58.8 |
| (b) Fully and chiefiy manufactured | 11 | 72.0 | 74.0 | 69.0 | 69.0 | 68.5 |
| (c) Total | 16 | 70.2 | 69.1 | 67.4 | 67.6 | 65.9 |
| III. Articles of Foreat Origin <br> (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 37 | 85.5 | 85.9 | 83.0 | 83.7 | 83.9 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 20 | 69.9 | 69.8 | 69.5 | 69.2 | 69.3 |
| (c) Total | 57 | 77.2 | 77.3 | 76.0 | 76.0 | 76.1 |
| IV. Articles of Mineral Origin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 62 | 82.6 | 81.2 | 81.0 | 80.8 | 80.5 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 141 | 90.5 | 91.6 | 88.3 | 88.1 | 88.0 |
| (c) Total | 203 | 87.0 | 87.0 | 85.0 | 84.8 | 84.6 |
| IMPORT AND EXPORT CLASSIFICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imports | 76 | 83.1 | 83.1 | 81.0 | 80.9 | 80.5 |
| Exports | 70 | 70.9 | 78.7 | 60.8 | 60.7 | 60.9 |

(Classified According to Chief Component Materiels)
$(1926=100)$

|  |  | :No. Of Price Series | :Yearly <br> :Average <br> : 1938 | : April $\text { : } 1938$ | Fè. 1953 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mer. } \\ & 2.939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & : \text { April } \\ & : 1939 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Index | 567 | 78.6 | 82.3 | 73.2 | 73.2 | 73.4 |
|  | Vegetable Products | 135 | 73.8 | 84.0 | 60.5 | 60.7 | 62.1 |
|  | Fruits | 15 | 70.3 | 67.3 | 65.0 | 68.7 | 67.9 |
|  | Fresh | 4 | 69.8 | 66.3 | 62,9 | 67.8 | 67.1 |
|  | Dried | 5 | 78.9 | 79.6 | 78.0 | 78.0 | 76.4 |
|  | Canneả | 6 | 64.9 | 65.2 | 64.5 | 64, 4 | 64.4 |
|  | Grains | 23 | 68.1 | 88.5 | 43.4 | 42.8 | 43.7 |
|  | Flour and Milled Products | 12 | 80.4 | 93.2 | 63.2 | 的. 2 | 63.6 |
|  | Bakery Iroducts | 2 | 91.4 | 94.5 | 84.1 | 34.4 | 84.4 |
|  | Vegetable Oils | 8 | 61.2 | 62.7 | 56.2 | 57.8 | 58.2 |
|  | Rubber and Its Products | 9 | 59.9 | 62.1 | 57.1 | 57.2 | 61.0 |
|  | Sugar and Its Products and Glucose | se 8 | 84.1 | 85.3 | 82.9 | 32.9 | 83.2 |
|  | Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices | 15 | 73.9 | 75.2 | 74.0 | 72.8 | 72.8 |
|  | Tobacco | 8 | 51.3 | 52.5 | 45.3 | 45.5 | 45.5 |
|  | Vegetables | 13 | 51.5 | 49.3 | 58.8 | 52.1 | 72.7 |
|  | Miscelleneous | 22 | 66.3 | 69.9 | 59.2 | 30.1 | 60.0 |
| II. | Animals and Their Products | 76 | 76.7 | 78.9 | 73.4 | 73.3 | 72.2 |
|  | Fishery Products | 16 | 71.9 | 70.0 | 69.3 | 69.6 | 67.6 |
|  | Furs | 9 | 53.2 | 59.4 | 53.2 | 51.9 | 51.9 |
|  | Hides and Skins | 6 | 64:8 | 54.2 | 64.9 | 57.1 | 61.9 |
|  | Leather, Unmanufactured | 9 | 85,0 | 84.4 | E3.9 | 83.9 | 83.9 |
|  | Boots and Shoes | 2 | 81.2 | S0.9 | 90.3 | 39,8 | 89.8 |
|  | Live Stock | 4 | 82.0 | 82.4 | $87=5$ | 39.1 | 87.7 |
|  | Meats and Poultry | 10 | 79.2 | 82.0 | 80,1. | 30.2 | 78.8 |
|  | Milk and Its Products | 12 | 78.4 | 86.6 | 71.8 | 71.7 | 70.9 |
|  |  | 5 | 58.8 | 61.2 | 49.4 | 46.8 | 46.2 |
|  | Eggs |  | 67.5 | 54.7 | 56.3 | 56.0 | 53.6 |
| III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products |  | 85 | 67.5 | 68.1 | 66.2 | 65.8 | 65.7 |
|  | Cotton, Raw | 2 | 52.0 | 53.4 | 52.0 | 52.0 | 50.7 |
|  | Cotton Yarn and Thread | 5 | 81.2 | 81.2 | 80.8 | 80.8 | 80.8 |
|  | Cotton Fabrics | 19 | 72.2 | 72.9 | 69.7 | 68.9 | 68.9 |
|  | Knit Goods | 3 | 82.5 | 82.7 | 81.9 | 81.0 | 81.0 |
|  | Sash Cord | 1 | 85.3 | 87.7 | 83.7 | 83.7 | 83.7 |
|  | Flax, Hemp and Jute Products | 10 | 47.9 | 48.8 | 46.9 | 46.5 | 46.9 |
|  | Silk, Raw | 9 | 27.6 | 26.4 | 34.2 | 36.4 | 38.8 |
|  | Silk Thread and Yarn | 2 | 64.6 | 64.6 | 61.7 | 61.6 | 61.6 |
|  | Silk Hosiery | 2 | 65.1 | 65.3 | 65.0 | 65.0 | 65.0 |
|  | Silk Fabrics | 4 | 44.6 | 44.7 | 47.2 | 46.8 | 46.8 |
|  | Artificial Silk Products | 5 | 43.8 | 42.8 | 42.8 | 42.8 | $\therefore 2.8$ |
|  | Wool, Raw | 3 | 53.7 | 50.6 | 50.6 | 50.6 | 49.8 |
|  | Wool Yarns | 6 | 77.3 | 78.3 | 73.5 | 73.4 | 73.4 |
|  | Wool Hosiery and Knit Goods | 5 | 88.5 | 88.8 | 88.2 | 88.2 | 88.2 |
|  | Wool Blankets | 1 | 91.5 | 94.9 | 89.8 | 87.8 | 87.8 |
|  | Wool Cloth | 6 | 75.1 | 75.9 | 71.3 | 71.3 | 71.3 |
|  | Carpets | 2 | 93.7 | 97.1 | 93.1 | 93.1 | 93.1 |


|  | Commodities $\begin{array}{ll}\text { a } & \text { No } \\ & \vdots \\ & \text { Pr } \\ & \text { Ser }\end{array}$ | No. of Price Series | Yearly <br> Average 1938 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { : April } \\ & : 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & : \text { Feb } \\ & : 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar. } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| IV | Wood, Wood Products and Paper | 49 | 77.5 | 77.6 | 76.1 | 76.3 | 76.4 |
|  | Newsprint | 2 | 68.2 | 68.0 | 68.0 | 67.9 | 68.0 |
|  | Lumber | 33 | 89.8 | 89.1 | 88.8 | 89.6 | 89.9 |
|  | Puip | 3 | 75.6 | 78.9 | 69.8 | 70.1 | 70.2 |
|  | Furniture | 10 | 85.5 | 85.6 | 83.7 | 81.9 | 81.9 |
|  | Matches | 1 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.9 |
| v. | Iron and Its Products | 44 | 100.4 | 102.5 | 97.4 | 97.4 | 97.5 |
|  | Pig Iron and Steel Billets | 3 | 96.0 | 101.7 | 90.2 | 90.2 | 90.2 |
|  | Rolling Mill Products | 14 | 107.5 | 109.4 | 103.7 | 103.7 | 103.7 |
|  | Pipe (Cast Iron and Steel) | 2 | 99.4 | 101.7 | 97.1 | 97.1 | 97.1 |
|  | Eardware | 16 | 90.1 | 91.6 | 88.1 | 88.1 | 88.5 |
|  | Wire | 3 | 100.4 | 103.2 | 97.2 | 97.2 | 97.2 |
|  | Scrap | 5 | 65.9 | 65.8 | 70.0 | 70.0 | 70.9 |
|  | Miscellaneous | 1 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 |
| VI. | Non-Ferrous Metals and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Their Products | 18 | 70.9 | 70.6 | 69.8 | 70.1 | 69.5 |
|  | Aluminium | 2 | 91.6 | 93.9 | 80.4 | 80.4 | 80.4 |
|  | Antimony | 1 | 88.7 | 97.5 | 81.2 | 82.7 | 81.2 |
|  | Brass and Copper Products | 6 | 73.7 | 72.0 | 75.0 | 75.5 | 74.0 |
|  | Lead and Its Products | 2 | 52.3 | 53.8 | 49.5 | 50.2 | 49.5 |
|  | Silver | 1 | 70.1 | 69.4 | 69.4 | 69.2 | 69.4 |
|  | Tin Ingots | 2 | 67.6 | 64.3 | 71.8 | 72.2 | 72.4 |
|  | Zinc and Its Products | 2 | 44.3 | 43.9 | 43.2 | 43.5 | 42.7 |
|  | Solder | 1 | 74.6 | 81.1 | 74.6 | 74.6 | 74.6 |
| VII. | Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products | 83 | 86.7 | 86.6 | 85.7 | 85.2 | 84.9 |
|  | Clay and Allied Material Products | - 10 | 86.0 | 88.2 | 86.3 | 86.3 | 86.3 |
|  | Pottery | 2 | 96.6 | 96.6 | 96.6 | 96.6 | 96.6 |
|  | Coal | 13 | 94.4 | 92.6 | 95.9 | 95.2 | 94.5 |
|  | Coke | 5 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 110.8 |
|  | Manufactured Gas | 3 | 102.0 | 102.0 | 102.0 | 102.0 | 102.0 |
|  | Coal Tar | 1 | 94.7 | 94.7 | 94.7 | 94.7 | 94.7 |
|  | Glass and Its Products | 6 | 79.1 | 81.0 | 74.9 | 74.1 | 74.1 |
|  | Petroleum Products | 6 | 72.2 | 72.8 | 68.5 | 68.2 | 68.2 |
|  | Asphalt | 2 | 92.2 | 92.2 | 92.2 | 92.2 | 92.2 |
|  | Salt | 4 | 79.4 | 77.7 | 97.6 | 97.6 | 97.6 |
|  | Suiphur | 1 | 96.5 | 98.5 | 91.9 | 91.9 | 92.0 |
|  | Plaster | 3 | 113.3 | 115.8 | 109.3 | 109.3 | 109.3 |
|  | Lime | 4 | 104.2 | 108.2 | 100.6 | 100.6 | 100.6 |
|  | Cement | 1 | 102. | 1034 | 96.7 | 97.7 | 96.7 |
|  | Sand and Gravel | 8 | 90.2 | 91.4 | 87.8 | 84.9 | 84.9 |
|  | Crushed Stone | 3 | 85.8 | 85.8 | 85.8 | 76.7 | 76.7 |
|  | Building Stone | 3 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 64.3 |
|  | Asbestos | 8 | 76.8 | 76.8 | 76.8 | 76.8 | 76.8 |
| VIII. | Chemicals and Allied Products | 77 | 79.9 | 80.5 | 78.3 | 77.9 | 77.9 |
|  | Inorganic Chemicals | 22 | 87.2 | 87.1 | 86.4 | 86.1 | 86.0 |
|  | Organic Chemicals | 6 | 75.5 | 77.4 | 72.7 | 72.7 | 72.7 |
|  | Coal Tar Products | 2 | 93.1 | 95.7 | 92.2 | 92.2 | 92.2 |
|  | Dyeing and Tanning Materials | 10 | 104.7 | 105.3 | 104.0 | 104.0 | 104.0 |
|  | Explosives | 2 | 74.7 | 74.7 | 74.7 | 74.7 | 74.7 |
|  | Paint Materials | 9 | 70.2 | 71.8 | 68.3 | 68.2 | 68.2 |
|  | Paints Prepared | 2 | 71.2 | 74.1 | 63.4 | 68.4 | 68.4 |
|  | Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals | 1 s 10 | 74.8 | 74.4 | 73.5 | \%. 4 | 71.4 |
|  | Fertilizers | 10 | 78.9 | 75.2 | $85 . \mathrm{C}$ | 83.4 | 80.0 |
|  | Industrial Gases | 2 | 91.5 | 92.5 | 89.3 | 88.7 | 89.3 |
|  | Soap | 2 | 91.9 | 91.9 | 88.0 | 88.0 | 88.0 |

INDEX NUMBERS OF COMMODITIES
(Classified According to Purpose for which used)
(1926=100)

|  | Price Series | :Yearly <br> :Average <br> : 1938 | : April 1938 | $\begin{aligned} & : \text { Feb. } \\ & : 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar. } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I. CONSUMERS ${ }^{\text {GOODS }}$ (GROUPS A \& B) | 236 | 77.2 | 78.5 | 74.4 | 74.1 | 74.1 |
| A. Foods, Beverages and Tobacco | 126 | 77.1 | 80.6 | 71.9 | 72.2 | 72.3 |
| Beverages | 9 | 78.2 | 79.6 | 79.0 | 77.7 | 77.8 |
| Flour end Milled Products | 12 | 80.4 | 93.2 | 63.2 | 63.2 | 63.6 |
| Bakery Products | 2 | 91.4 | 94.3 | 84.4 | 84.4 | 84.4 |
| Fish | 16 | 71.9 | 70.0 | 69.3 | 69.6 | 67.6 |
| Fruits | 15 | 70.3 | 67.8 | 65.0 | 68.7 | 67.9 |
| Meats and Poultry | 10 | 79.2 | 81.0 | 80.1 | 80.2 | 78.8 |
| Milk and Milk Products | 12 | 78.4 | 86.7 | 71.8 | 71.7 | 70.9 |
| Sugar and Its Products | 8 | 84.1 | 85.3 | 82.9 | 82.9 | 83.2 |
| Pegetables | 13 | 51.5 | 49.3 | 58.8 | 62.1 | 72.7 |
| Eggs | 3 | 67.5 | 54.7 | 56.3 | 56.0 | 53.6 |
| Tobacco | 8 | 51.3 | 52.4 | 45.3 | 45.5 | 45.5 |
| Miscollaneous | 18 | 65.2 | 66.3 | 58.9 | 57.9 | 57.4 |
| B. Other Consumers' Goods | 110 | 77.2 | 77.1 | 76.1 | 75.4 | 75.3 |
| Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Hosiery and Underwear | $52$ | 74.2 | $74.9$ | 72.5 | $72.0$ | $72.4$ |
| Household Equipment and Supplies | $58$ | $79.4$ | $78.7$ | $78.7$ | $77.9$ | $77.5$ |
| II. PRODUCERS ${ }^{\text {GOODS }}$ (GROUPS C \& D) | 402 | 75.8 | 81.8 | 68.2 | 68.1 | 68.3 |
| C. Producers' Equipment | 24 | 95.1 | 94.5 | 95.0 | 94.9 | 94.9 |
| Tools | 3 | 91.3 | 91.3 | 91.3 | 91.3 | 91.3 |
| Light, Peat and Power Equipment and Supplies | 17 | 95.7 | 95.0 | 95.6 | 95.5 | 95.4 |
| Explosives | 2 | 74.7 | 74.7 | 74.7 | 74.7 | 74.7 |
| Miscellaneous | 2 | 95.3 | 95.3 | 95.3 | 95.3 | 95.7 |
| D. Producers Meteriels | 378 | 73.7 | 80.4 | 65.2 | 65.1 | 65.3 |
| Building and Construction Materials | 111 | 89.1 | 89.9 | 87.3 | 87.4 | 87.6 |
| Lumber | 33 | 89.8 | 89.1 | 88.8 | 89.6 | 89.9 |
| Paint Materials | 13 | 69.6 | 73.1 | 66.1 | 66.0 | 66.4 |
| Miscellaneous | 65 | 93.3 | 94.9 | 91.1 | 90.6 | 90.6 |
| Manufacturers' Materials | 267 | 71.1 | 78.8 | 61.5 | 61.3 | 61.5 |
| Textiles and Clothing | 64 | 65.3 | 65.6 | 63.8 | 63.4 | 63.4 |
| Furs and Leather Goods | 24 | 71.2 | 71.6 | 70.7 | 70.5 | 69.8 |
| For Metal Working Industries | 41 | 76.9 | 77.1 | 75.4 | 75.7 | 75.2 |
| For Chemical Using Industries | 43 | 88.6 | 89.1 | 87.2 | 87.0 | 87.0 |
| For Meat Packing Industries | 4 | 82.0 | 82.4 | 87.5 | 89.1 | 87.7 |
| For Milling and Other Industries Miscellanecus Producars' | 23 | 68.1 | 88.5 | 43.4 | 42.8 | 43.7 |
| Materials | 68 | 69.2 | 72.9 | 63.5 | 63.5 | 63.7 |


| commodity |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Average : } \\ & 1926 \text { : } \end{aligned}$ | : Yearly $:$ Average $: 1938$ | $\begin{array}{rr} \text { e: Apr11 } \\ : & 1938 \\ : & \end{array}$ | : Mar. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { : April } \\ & : 1939 \\ & : \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OATS, NO. 2 C . W. |  | \$ | \$ | \$ | \% | \$ |
| Ft. William and Port Arthur basis | Bush. | . 548 | . 413 | . 502 | . 285 | . 286 |
| WIEAT, No. 1 Man. Northern Ft. William and Port Arthur basis | Bush. | 1.495 | 1.015 | 1.384 | . 595 | . 605 |
| FLOUR, First Patent, 2-98's Jute Toronto |  | 8.821 | 6.491 | 7.475 | 4.950 | 4.950 |
| SUGAR, Br. W. Indies, Montreal | Cwt. |  | 2.041 | 1.938 | 2.100 | 2.200 |
| SUGAR, granulated, Montreal | Cwt. | 5.958 | 4.895 | 4.990 | 4.800 | 4.800 |
| xRUBBER, Ceylon, ribbed, smoked sh f.O.b. New York | Lb. | . 488 | . 148 | . 120 | . 164 | . 161 |
| CATTLE, Steers, good over 1050 lbs. Toronto | Cwt. | 7.330 | 6.264 | 6.070 | 7.150 | 7.100 |
| EOGS, Bacon, Toronto | Cwt. | 13.320 | 9.529 | 9.940 | 9.200 | 8.860 |
| BEEF FIDES, Packer Hides, Native S Toronto | s, Lb . | .135 | . 111 | . 090 | .100 | . 085 |
| EIDES, Packer, crops, No. I \& II, 1 Distributing points | Lb. |  | .374 | . 380 | .360 | .360 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { BOX SIDES B, } \\ & \text { Oshawa } \end{aligned}$ | Ft. | . 263 | . 211 | . 200 | . 220 | . 220 |
| BUTTER, Creamery, finest prints, Montreal | Lb. | . 390 | . 284 | .337 | . 233 | . 227 |
| CEEESE, Canadian, old, large, Montreal | Lb. | . 227 | . 182 | . 180 | . 200 | . 200 |
| EGGS, Grade "A" Large, Montreal | Doz. |  | . 335 | . 254 | . 254 | . 246 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { COTTON, raw 1" - } 1 \text { 1/16" } \\ & \text { Hamilton } \end{aligned}$ | Lb. | . 194 | . 106 | . 109 | .105 | . 102 |
| COTTON YARNS, $10^{\circ}$ s white, single Eosiery cops, Mill | Lb. | . 368 | . 250 | . 250 | . 248 | . 248 |
| XSILK, raw, special grand XX 85 p. New York, 13-15 deniers | Lb. |  | 1.818 | 1.722 | 2.339 | 2.505 |
| WOOL, eastern bright, $1 / 4$ blood, do Toronto | tic, Lb. | . 306 | . 168 | . 160 | . 160 | .255 |
| WOO-, western range, semíoright 1/2 blood, domestic, Toronto | Lb. | . 316 | .161 | .150 | . 150 | .150 |
| PULP, groundwood, No.I f.o.b. Mill | Ton |  | 21.762 | 21.834 | 21.365 | 21.456 |
| PIG IRON, Malleable, f.0.b. plant | Gross Ton | 25.680 | 22.000 | 23.500 | 20.500 | 20.500 |
| STEEL, merchant bars, mild Mill | $100 \mathrm{lbs}$. | 2.450 | 2.625 | 2.700 | 2.550 | 2.550 |
| COPPER, Electrolytic, domestic, Montreal | Cwt. | 15.767 | 10.550 | 10.295 | 10.552 | 10.483 |
| LEAD, domestic, $1.0 . b$. carlots Montreal | Cwt. | 8.154 | 4.176 | 4.292 | 4.013 | 3.950 |
| TIN INGOIS, Straits, f.o.b. Toronto | Lb. | . 669 | . 458 | . 425 | .495 | .503 |
| ZINC, Domestic, f.o.b. carlots Montreal | Cwt. | 8.825 | 3.900 | 3.863 | 3.828 | 3.755 |
| COAL, Anthracite, Toronto, f.o.b. carlots | Gross Ton | 12.110 | 10.211 | 9.930 | 9.930 | 9.670 |
| COAL, Bituminous, N.S. run-of-mine | Ton | 6.083 | 5.417 | 5.250 | 5.500 | 5.500 |
| GASOLENE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Toronto | Gel. | . 253 | .158 | .160 | .150 | .150 |
| SULPHURIC ACID 660 Baume Toronto | Net Ton | 14.000 | 14.000 | 17.000 | 17.000 | 17.000 |

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









The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of retail prices, rents and costs of services on the base $1926=100$ was unchanged for April at 82.9. The index has remained at exactly the same level during the past three months. Living costs in April, 1939, were 1.5 per cent lower than in April, 1938, but 8.2 per cent higher than the depression low point recorded in June, 1933.

An April index for retail commodity prices alone, including foods, coal, coke, household requirements, books, tooacco, etc., was 77.3, the same as for the previous month.

For the third consecutive month an index for 46 food items stood at 74.5. The movements of wholesale food prices during this period has been very gradually upward. As between March and April, deciines outnumbered advances among retail food prices but the latter were sufficiently important to offset losses recorded. The following gains were indicative of higher meat prices: Sirloin beef from $27.2 \phi$ to $27.6 \phi$, mutton from $23.8 \phi$ to $24.4 \phi$ and fresh pork from $21.2 \phi$ to $21.3 \phi$ per pound. Potatoes advanced half a cent to $27.2 \phi$ per per. Grade "A" eges fell from $30.1 \phi$ to $28.2 \phi$ per dozen, while an average of Grades "B" and "C" was $23.9 \phi$ as against $25.2 \phi$ in March. Butter prices registered fractional gains, as did also canned vegetables. Bacon moved down from $30.5 \phi$ to $30.3 \phi$ and veal from $16.7 \phi$ to $16.6 \phi$ per pound. Codfish and finnan haddie averaged $18.1 \phi$ and $16.9 \phi$ per pound, respectively, as compared with $18.3 \phi$ and $17.2 \phi$ for the previous month. Pepper fell from $35.2 \phi$ to $54.9 \phi$ per pound.

The fuel index declined from 85.4 to 85.2 , following a seasonal recession in the coal sub-index from 87.1 to 86.8 .

A slight rise from 93.4 to 93.5 in the index for miscellaneous items was due to an increase in the tax levied on gasolene by the Province of Ontario.

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES, FENTS AND COSTS OF SERVICES, 1913-APRIL, 1939.

|  |  | Total <br> Index | : Food <br> Index | Fuel <br> Index | Rent <br> Index | Clothing <br> Index | Sundries Index |  | Retail <br> Prices <br> Index <br> (Fuel, <br> Clothing, <br> Eousehold <br> Require- <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 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 1929 |  | 99.9 | 101.0 | 96.4 | 103.3 | 96.9 | 99.0 | 98.9 | 96.9 |
| 1930 |  | 99.2 | 98.6 | 95.7 | 105.9 | 93.9 | 99.4 | 96.7 | 94.9 |
| 1931 |  | 89.6 | 77.3 | 94.2 | 103.0 | 82.2 | 97.4 | 82.5 | 87.3 |
| 1932 |  | 81.3 | 64.3 | 91.4 | 94.7 | 72.3 | 94.6 | 72.6 | 80.3 |
| 1933 |  | 77.5 | 63.7 | $8 \% .7$ | 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 | April | 84.2 | 78.8 | 85.7 | 89.0 | 73.7 | 93.7 | 79.8 | 80.7 |
|  | Mey ........ | 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 | January .... | 83.1 | 7/5.2 | 85.7 | 90.1 | 72.8 | 93.5 | 77.7 | 80.1 |
|  | February ... | 82.9 | \%4.5 | 85.5 | 90.1 | 72.8 | 93.5 | 77.4 | 80.1 |
|  | March ...... | 82.9 | 74.5 | 85.4 | 90.1 | 72.8 | 93.4 | 77.3 | 80.0 |
|  | April -...... | 82.9 | 74.5 | 85.2 | 90.1 | 72.8 | 93.5 | 77.3 | 80.0 |

N.B.-Rental indexes are calculated in May and October only. Clothing indexes are calculated for March, June, September and December as are certain sub-indexes in the miscellaneous group Difficities in obtaining these data promptly cause revisions to be often one or two months late.

INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRI GES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN CANADA

| Year and Month | $\begin{gathered} \text { Beef } \\ \text { Sirloin } \end{gathered}$ | Beef Chuck | Veal Roast | Mutton <br> Roast | Pork Fresh | Pork | Bacon <br> Break <br> fast | Lard | $\begin{gathered} \text { Eggs } \\ \text { Grade" } A \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Eggs } \\ & \text { Grade"B" } \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { Grade"C" } \end{aligned}$ | Milk | Butter Dairy | Butter <br> Greamery | Gheese |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1936 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| July ......... | 78.9 | 78.6 | 69.3 | 77.2 | 72.5 | 72.0 | 68.3 | 62.4 | 58.1 | 58.8 | 86.7 | 55.1 | 58.6 | 65.1 |
| August ....... | 78.6 | 79.2 | 68.2 | 76.8 | 74.2 | 72.8 | 69.4 | 62.9 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 86.7 | 59.0 | 62.6 | 66.0 |
| September .... | 79.3 | 77.4 | 69.3 | 75.5 | 74.2 | 72.4 | 71.3 | 63.7 | 71.6 | 71.6 | 87.5 90.0 | 62.7 63.7 | 66.2 65.3 | $\begin{aligned} & 68.6 \\ & 70.4 \end{aligned}$ |
| October ...... | 77.9 | 76.1 | 69.8 69.8 | 70.8 69.5 | 71.9 69.9 | 72.8 71.3 | 70.8 69.4 | 64.1 64.5 | 75.9 93.8 | 74.4 86.2 | 90.0 90.0 | 63.7 62.7 | 65.3 63.5 | 70.8 |
| December ..... | 74.8 | 74.2 | 69.2 | 68.5 | 67.5 | 69.9 | 67.4 | 64.9 | 97.4 | 88.4 | 90.8 | 64.2 | 65.8 | 70.4 |
| 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 |
| March ........ | 79.3 | 80.5 | 75.0 | $72 \cdot 8$ | 67.9 | $70 \cdot 6$ | 66.2 | 67.8 | 63.7 | 62.1 | 91.7 | 65.4 | 66.9 | 70.4 |
| April ........ | 84.4 | 85.5 | 74.5 | 76.5 | 69.2 | 70.3 | 66.0 | 68.6 | 57.3 | 57.0 | 91.7 | 66.4 | 68.2 | 70.8 |
| May ........... | 91.5 | 93.1 | 74.5 | 80.5 | 70.5 | 71.3 | 66.2 | 68.6 | 54.5 | 53.5 | 91.7 | 67.4 | 68.9 | 71.1 |
| June ......... | 96.3 | 98.1 | 74.0 | 81.5 | 72.2 | 71.3 | 66.7 | 69.0 | 53.8 | 53.5 | 90.0 | $62 \cdot 2$ | 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 | $72 \cdot 3$ |
| 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 | $70 \cdot 5$ | 73.0 |
| November ..... | 87.1 | 86.8 | 76.6 | 73.8 | 75.5 | 75.3 | 74.8 | 69.8 | 94.0 | 86.2 | 92.5 | 70.9 | 72.9 | 73.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { December ..... } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ | 84.7 | 86.2 | 77.6 | 71.1 | 72.5 | 74.6 | 73.1 | 69.0 | 95.9 | 88.2 | 94.2 | 75.1 | 77.2 | $72 \cdot 6$ |
| January ...... | 85.4 | 86.8 | 78.6 | 73.8 | 73.2 | 74.9 | 70.6 | 66.9 | 81.8 | 78.6 | $95 \cdot 8$ | 76.3 | 77.6 | $73 \cdot 3$ |
| February ..... | 86.7 | 88.1 | 83.9 | 75.2 | 73.2 | 74.6 | 70.1 | 63.7 | 68.4 | 67.6 | 95.8 | 79.3 | 80.5 | 73.3 |
| March ........ | 85.4 | 88.1 | 82.8 | 78.5 | 74.8 | $74 \cdot 6$ | 70.4 | 62.4 | 68.4 | 67.8 | 95.8 | 86.4 | 87.5 | 73.6 |
| April ......... | 87.8 | 90.6 | 81.3 | 81.2 | 78.1 | $75 \cdot 3$ | 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 | $64 \cdot 7$ | 66.9 | 74.8 |
| August ....... | 97.3 | 99.4 | 81.3 | $82 \cdot 2$ | 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 | $75 \cdot 9$ | 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 | 61.0 | 60.9 | 73.3 |
| November ..... | 87.4 | 89.3 | 81.8 | 72.8 | 76.5 | 75.6 | $75 \cdot 2$ | 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 97.5 | 87.5 | 78.5 | 78.5 | 75.6 | 70.1 | 54.3 | 63.2 | 62.1 | 92.5 | 59.3 | 60.6 | 71.1 |
| April .......... | 92.5 93.9 | 97.5 99.4 | 87.0 86.5 | 79.9 81.9 | 78.1 78.8 | 76.0 76.3 | 70.6 70.1 | 51.8 50.6 | 64.3 60.3 | 63.3 60.1 | 92.5 92.5 | 58.8 58.0 | 59.7 59.5 | 69.8 |


| Year and Month | Bread | Flour | Rolled Oats | Rice | Beans | Apples <br> Evapor <br> ated | Prunes | Sugar Granu lated | Sugar Yellow | Toa | Coffer: | Potatoe | egar | ```Weighted Food Index (46 Items)``` |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1936 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| July ........... | 79.7 | 62.3 | 87.9 | 72.5 | 62.0 | 81.4 | 68.8 | 78.2 | 80.0 | 72.4 | 58.2 | 74.8 | 90.9 | 72.6 |  |
| August ......... | 81.1 | 66.0 | 89.7 | 72.5 | 64.6 | 78.9 | 70.7 | 78.2 | 80.0 | 72.7 | 57.8 | 84.9 | 89.6 | 74.7 |  |
| September ...... | 82.4 | 69.8 | 91.4 | 73.4 | 72.2 | 82.4 | 72.0 | 78.2 | 80.0 | 72.4 | 57.8 | 73.0 | $89 \cdot 6$ | 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 | $58 \cdot 3$ | 88.3 | $75 \cdot 3$ |  |
| 1937 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ........ | 83.8 | 75.5 | 94.8 | 72.5 | 87.3 | 82.4 | 72.6 | 79.5 | 81.3 | 72.8 | 57.5 | 59.9 | 89.6 | 75.2 |  |
| February ........ | 83.8 | 79.2 | 96.6 | 74.3 | 91.1 | 80.4 | 73.2 | 79.5 | 81.3 | $72 \cdot 5$ | 57.4 | 68.5 | 89.6 | 75.6 |  |
| March .......... | 85.1 | 81.1 | 98.3 | $74 \cdot 3$ | 94.9 | 79.4 | 73.9 | 80.8 | 82.7 | $72 \cdot 7$ | 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 | $58 \cdot 3$ | 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 | $55 . j$ | 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 | $\stackrel{\sim}{\omega}$ |
| Sept ember...... | 91.9 | 86.8 | 103.4 | $75 \cdot 2$ | 94.9 | 77.4 | 76.4 | 84.6 | 85.3 | 76.4 | 58.7 | 45.0 | 89.6 | 78.3 | 1 |
| October....... | 91.9 | 86.8 | 103.4 | $75 \cdot 2$ | 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 |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { December ........ } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ | 91.9 | 84.9 | 101.7 | 75.2 | 74.7 | 78.9 | 73.2 | 83.3 | 85.3 | 78.7 | 57.8 | 39.9 | $88 \cdot 3$ | 79.1 |  |
| January .c...... | 91.9 | 84.9 | 100.0 | 74.3 | 72.2 | 78.9 | 72.0 | 83.3 | $85 \cdot 3$ | 80.1 | 57.7 | 40.1 | 89.6 | 78.4 |  |
| February .o..... | 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 | 69.6 | 75.4 | 70.7 | 83.3 | 85.3 | 81.0 | 57.5 | 40.1 | 88.3 | 78.6 |  |
| April .........o | 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 | 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 80.7 |  |
| August........ | 91.9 | 75.5 | $98 \cdot 3$ | 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 | 77.1 |  |
| October ........ | 87.8 | $62 \cdot 3$ | $93 \cdot 1$ | 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 | 88.3 | 76.2 |  |
| January ......... | 85.1 | $58 \cdot 5$ | 89.7 | 75.2 | 64.6 | 76.9 | 69.4 | 80.8 | 82.7 | 81.2 | 56.0 | 48.8 | 87.0 | $75 \cdot 2$ |  |
| 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 | 88.3 | 74.5 |  |
| March ........... | 83.8 83.8 | 56.6 56.6 | 86.2 86.2 | 74.3 74.3 | 63.3 63.3 | 76.4 78.4 | 68.2 67.5 | 80.8 80.8 | 82.7 82.7 | 81.6 81.6 | 55.7 55.6 | 52.8 54.0 | 88.3 89.6 | 74.5 |  |

## INVESTORS' $\operatorname{INDEX}$ NTMBBERS OF COMMON STOCKS

Followime a gain of 2.4 points to 99.5 on the first two days of trading in April, Canadian common stock daily price averages for 95 stocks moved almost steadily downward to 92.6 on April 11, a new low for the current year. This downard movement oin prices was accompanied by heavy trading. Subsequently the tendency was distinctly irregu. lar but prices made some recovery from their recently established lows, and the generai indez closed the month at 97.3. This latter market movement appeared to be dominated by the internatioLal situstion and trading was dull and featureless. All monthly averages for April showed recessions and the Investorss index for industrial, utility and bank stocks was 96.2 as compared with 103.7 in March. The industrial index dropped 13.7 points to 157.7 in April. In this section pulp and paper issues led the decline followed by machinery and equipment, milling, building materials, industrial mines and beverages. Although the monthly indices for utilities and banks declined, daily averages showed net advances of 0.5 and 0.6 respectively. Utilities dropped from 44.4 in March to 41.9 in April and banks from 85.1 to 83.7 .

## MTNING STOCK PRICES

Canadian mining markets suffered severe losses during April and although repeated rallies were made the price index of twenty-five mining issues declined from 155.0 in March to 143.7 in April. Prices broke sharply in the opening days and on April 11, the gold stocks daliy average at 106.4 and base metals at 271.6 established new lows for the year. Subsequently mining stocks turned irregular, following a slow upward move ment led by base mstals. After the final April session the general price index was 2 p.c above the comparable figure of March and 13.5 p.c. higher than the 1938 low point, recorded on March 31. Caution seemed to be the watchwcrd among traders and sales volume was greatly reduced in the latter part of the month. The price index of twenty-five miners mounted from 142.4 on March 31 to 145.3 on April 29, with the gold section recording a net advance of 2.8 at 111,1 and base metals 3.5 at 286.8. Appearing below is a table of average prices for the wedk of April 29 and March 30, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

|  | April 27 | $\text { Mar } \frac{\text { GJLI }}{30}$ |  | April 27 | Mar. 30 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$ |  |  | \$ | \$ |
| Beattie | 114 | 1.18 | Little Long Lac. | 2.68 | 3.08 |
| Bralorne | 10,29 | 10.73 | Macassa | 4.23 | 4.91 |
| Buffalo-Ankerite | 11. 83 | 11.52 | McIntyre | 53.38 | 56.13 |
| Central Patricia | 2,22 | 2.37 | Pickle Crow | 4.71 | 5.02 |
| Dome "new" | 31.25 | 33.04 | Pioneer | 2.39 | 2.46 |
| God's Lake | - 24 | 22 | Reno | . 32 | . 37 |
| Hollinger | 14.27 | 14,52 | San Antonio | 1.42 | 1.55 |
| Howey | . 30 | . 29 | Siscoe | . 98 | 1.13 |
| Kirkland Lake | 1.36 | 1.48 | Sylvanite | 3.04 | 3.15 |
| Lake Shore | 40.35 | 39.92 | Teck-Fughes | 4.00 | 4.26 |
| Lamaque Gold Mines | 5.88 | 6.38 | Wright-Yargreaves | 7.93 | 8.40 |
|  |  | BASE | TALS |  |  |
| Falconbridge | 4.90 | 5.15 | Noranda | 74.77 | 77.42 |
| Eudson Bay | 29.06 | 32.15 |  |  |  |

## PREFERRED STOCKS

The price index for twenty-five preferred stocks traded on the Montreal and Toronto Exchanges was 78.9 in April as compared with 83.9 in March. Not since April of last year has as low a level been reached. Their the index stood at 78.2. Sales of these issues for the month totalled 17,932 against 46,106 in March, only five issues having turnovers running into fors figures. In all but eight cases closing prices constituted new low levels for 1939. Throughout the month trading was dull and prices fluctuated irregularly depending to a great extent on the news received from Europe. Losses in individual stocks ranged up to $\$ 8$, Simpson's declining this amount to close at \$78. Canada Cement lost $\$ 5$ from the opening price of $\$ 96$ and Steel of Canada likewise, closing at $\$ 67$. Massey-Harris dropped \#2 to \$33 and Ottawa Light, Heat and Power, \$3 to \$99. The only gain of any importance was Tuckett Tobacco which jumped $\$ 5$ at the close to $\$ 165$. Other gains and losses were chiefly fractional. As compared with last month all but two stocks on the list daclined in value, Canada Cement losing $\$ 8.4$ to $\$ 21.5$, Abitibi $\$ 5$ to $\$ 4.6$, and McColl Frontenac $\$ 5$ to $\$ 86.2$.

INDEX NUMBERS OF 25 PREFERRED STOCKS, 1929, 1933, 1937,1938 AND 1939.

| 1929 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 10.4 | 49.6 | 49.6 | 47.3 | 47.2 | 54.6 | 58.5 | 61.9 | 61.7 | 61.0 | 59.7 | 59.1 |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1933 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 99.2 | 100.4 | 102.6 | 103.7 | 100.2 | 99.3 | 99.4 | 101.5 | 91.0 | 82.2 | 82.0 | 81.0 |
| 1937 | $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 83.4 | 82.1 | 77.5 | 78.2 | 80.1 | 81.8 | 87.2 | 86.8 | 81.3 | 88.0 | 87.5 | 86.9 |

1939 ........ $\quad 85.0 \quad 84.4 \quad 83.2 \quad 78.9$

| Number of Securities 1939 | - GENERAL ${ }^{\text {a }}$ BRNKS |  |  | UTILITIES |  |  | : INDUSTRIALS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | tal $19$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { : } \quad \text { : } \\ & \text { :Trans-: } \\ & \text { :porta-: } \\ & \text { :tion } \\ & \text { : } 2 \end{aligned}$ | Telephone Telegraph 2 | : Power <br> : and <br> - Trac- <br> : tion <br> : 15 | :Total <br> : 68 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { : Machin } \\ & : \text { ery } \\ & \text { : and } \\ & \text { Equip- } \\ & \text { ment } \quad 8 \end{aligned}$ | spulp <br> : and <br> : Paper <br> : 7 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { :Mill- } \\ & : \text { ing } \\ & : 3 \\ & : 3 \end{aligned}$ | Oils $4$ | Tex - <br> tiles <br> and <br> Cloth- <br> ing <br> 10 | Food : and Allied Products 12 | Bever: ages: 7 : | ```Build-: In- ing : dust- Mater-: rial ials : Mines 15 : 2``` |  |  |
| 2936 |  |  |  |  | 116.5 | 81.8 | 219.9 | 140.4 | 27.5 | 107.0 | 233.4 | 74.4 | 179.6 | 143.6 | 178.3 | 546.2 |  |
| November | 131.8 | 84.5 | $62 \cdot 4$ | 34.6 34.6 | 1160.5 | 81.8 82.1 | 219.9 212.8 | 139.4 | 29.7 | 112.5 | 215.4 | 73.5 | 182.3 | 145.3 | 181.9 | 540.0 |  |
| December .e....... | 129.2 | 87.7 | 62.8 | 34.6 | 120.4 | 82.1 | 212.8 | 139.4 | 29.7 |  |  |  | 182. |  |  |  |  |
| 1937 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 223.0 | 156.3 | 37.2 | 119.6 | 229.6 | $77 \cdot 3$ | 184.2 | 141.0 | 197.0 | 549.3 |  |
| Jenuary ........... | 137.4 142.4 | 94.4 96.7 | 68.5 73.1 | 38.7 41.8 | $122=0$ 125.8 | 91.1 97.5 | 22.0 $228=8$ | 163.4 | 36.7 | 120.7 | 235:2 | 78.5 | 188.2 | 139.3 | 203.5 | 586.7 |  |
| February ......... | 142.4 147.2 | 96.7 95.9 | 73.1 71.0 | 41.8 39.6 | 125.8 124.2 | 97.5 94.7 | $228=8$ 241.7 | 168.3 | 40.2 | 127.0 | 247.7 | 80.2 | 190.0 | 141.8 | 213.4 | 618.2 |  |
| March | J.36.2 | 94.0 | 64.1 | 35.0 | 122.0 | 85.1 | 224.1. | 157.5 | 47.1 | 117.4 | 230.4 | 79.9 | 182.4 | 133.4 | 204.8 | 538.9 |  |
| May . | 132.2 | 92.7 | 63.0 | 32.8 | 124.7 | 84.0 | 216.4 | $151=3$ | 38.5 | 109.4 | 229.6 | 77.5 | 178.5 | 128.4 | 188.4 | 525.8 |  |
| June .o.o.o...... | 1.29.4 | $92 \cdot 3$ | 63.2 | $32 \cdot 3$ | 127.3 | 84.1 | 210.1 | 148.1 | 38.2 | 103.7 | 220.2 | 77.7 | 177.7 | 131.0 | 179.6 | . 8 |  |
| July 0sonsocococoe | 133.0 | 90.2 | 63.9 | 29.7 | 128.0 | 88.0 | 217.9 | 148.0 | 40.5 | 102.0 | 222=6 | 79.7 | 182.1 | 136.1 | 188.7 | 547.4 |  |
|  | 135.2 | 89.9 | 65-2 | 29:9 | 128.7 | 90.4 | 22].6 | 151.2 | 40.4 | 95 c. 2 | 223.6 | 79.5 | 182.0 | 136.9 | 192.7 |  | $\pi$ |
| September | 118.9 | 84.9 | 57.4 | 24.3 | 126.6 | 78.6 | 193.3 | 122.8 | 29.3 | 89.1 | 205.3 | 73.3 | 167.9 | 1.18 .3 | 159:4 |  |  |
| October 00e:ocoogeo | 105.8 | 81.4 | 51.7 | 20.9 | 12\%=9 | 70.7 | 170.3 | 104.3 | 22.5 | 69.9 | 192 -0 | 68.0 | 154.1 | 105.6 | 132.5 | 395 |  |
| Noveruber 000.0.occo | 103.1 | 79.0 | $49 \div 5$ | 19.9 | 122.2 | 66.9 | 156:3 | 104.7 | 20.4 | 80.1 | 193.2 | 67.7 | 154.1 | $115: 7$ | 127 . 5 | 35-6\% |  |
| December | 103.7 | 81.5 | 49.5 | 19.8 | 12504 | 66.0 | 167.7 | $103=2$ | 18.3 | 82.9 | 188.0 | 67.1 | 154.7 | 114.2 | 131.9 | 382 -7 |  |
| 1938 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January 0000000600 | 107.7 | 84.3 | 48.4 | 19.2 | 125.6 | 64.4 | 177.0 | 109.6 | 18.9 | 87.2 | 194.9 | 64.3 | 158.7 | 116.1 |  | $42205$ |  |
| February 0.0.00000* | 107.1 | 81.8 | 46.8 | 17.6 | 123.1 | 63.1 | 177.7 | 103.3 | 17.5 | 88.5 | 195.2 | 64.8 | 169.9 | 115 | 131 | $\begin{aligned} & 425.0 \\ & 387.3 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| March .....00.... | 99.2 | 80.5 | 43.1 | 14.5 | 120.1 | 53.2 | 164.0 | 100.7 | 14.6 | 76.5 | 181.2 | 60. | 152. | 10 | 116 |  |  |
| April mocoeoceoo | 97.9 | 80.4 | 43.7 | 15:4 | 11.7 .0 | 59.7 | 150.5 | 103.2 | 15.4 | 75.6 | 172.0 | 55.0 | 151 | 106 | 119. |  |  |
| May coorcoun000000 | 99.7 | 80.9 | $44 \times 5$ | 1408 | 122.8 | 61.0 | 163.5 | 107.2 | 15.7 | 85:8 | 177.2 | 54. | 153.5 | 107.5 | 122.5 | $\begin{aligned} & 339.2 \\ & 395.2 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Tune 0000000000eock | 100.0 | 81.0 | 45.1 | 15.7 | 123.3 | $61=2$ | 163.5 | 111.8 | 1.8 .6 | 84.8 | 270.0 | 54. | 156.2 | $109 \cdot 2$ | 129.6 | $\begin{aligned} & 395.2 \\ & 433.0 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| July 00000., | 105.9 | 84.9 | 48.6 | 18.3 | 123.7 | 56.4 | 175.1 | 129.2 | 23.1 | 88.6 | 177.6 | 59.4 | 167.9 | 120.5 | $142 \cdot 6$ 139.3 | 421.1 |  |
| August 00000000600 | 105.2 | 85.0 | 47.1 | 16.7 | 125-3 | 54.3 | 172.8 | 130.1 | 21.0 | 88.3 | 176.7 | 59.0 | 168.5 | 122.1 | 139.3 121.2 | 421.0 |  |
| September 000000000 | 98.6 | 83.4 | 42.7 | 14.1 | 121.1. | 57.8 | 162.2 | 120.6 | 17.5 | 78.4 | 165.0 | 54.3 | 16202 | 108.8 | 12.02 | 401.0 |  |
| October 0.0 | 109.7 | 86:0 | 46.9 | 16.5 | 125.8 | 64,0 | 182.7 | 139.8 | 22.8 | 85.8 | 182.1 | 58.5 | 170.1 | 133.3 | 139.5 | 457.9 |  |
| November | 110.4 | 85:6 | 46.2 | 16.4 | 126:8 | 62.3 | 184.9 | 141.5 | 21.6 | 84.9 | 184.5 | 59.0 | 170.2 | 143.3 | 141.5 | 466.1 |  |
| December | 106.8 | 83.9 | 44.0 | 14.3 | 127.3 | 59.4 | 179.4 | 135.5 | 19.3 | 78.8 | 176.9 | 56.9 | 170.1 | 135.9 | 140-2 | 459.3 |  |
| 1939 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ........... | 102.9 | 85.2 | 42.7 | 13.4 | 127.3 | 57.5 | 171.4 | 129.4 | 16.9 | 79.1 | 173.5 | 52.9 | 172.9 | 126.9 | 133.3 | 422.1 |  |
| February | 10 | 85.3 | 42.9 | 12.4 | 129.7 | 58.2 | 174.0 | 129.4 | 16.4 | 77.6 | 175.9 | 54.3 | 175.3 | 130.4 | 133.6 | 433.1 |  |
| March :0.:..... | 103.7 96.2 | 85.1 | 44.4 | 11.5 | 131.7 | 62.0 | 171.4 | 126.6 | 15.1 | 79.8 | 173.9 | 57.2 | 1.72 .5 169.2 | 127.6 116.9 | 132. | 419 |  |

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| GOLD GROUP |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beatie ......... | 1.32 | 1.35 | 1.31 | 1.37 | 1.37 | 1.36 | 1.34 | 1.23 | 1.18 | 1.14 | 1.08 | 1.12 | 1.14 | 1.16 |
| Bralorne ......... | 10.48 | 10.92 | 10.81 | 10.83 | 10.91 | 11.31 | 11.27 | 10.65 | 10.73 | 10.46 | 9.86 | 10.27 | 10.29 | 10.71 |
| Buffalo-Ankerite.o. | 14.44 | 14.75 | 13.98 | 14.00 | 13.50 | 12.31 | 12.60 | 11.94 | 11.52 | 12.04 | 11.00 | 10.71 | 11.83 | 11.67 |
| Central Patricia.. | 2.48 | 2.59 | 2.55 | 2.48 | 2.53 | 2.61 | 2.62 | 2.38 | 2.37 | 2.32 | 2.20 | 2.20 | 2.22 | 2.24 |
| Dome ............. | 31.87 | 31.60 | 31.75 | 31.50 | 32.17 | 32.33 | 32.81 | 32.10 | 33.04 | 32.02 | 31.28 | 31.10 | 31.25 | 31.02 |
| God's Lake ........ | - 23 | . 21 | . 21 | -20 | - 27 | - 22 | - 22 | . 22 | . 22 | . 21 | . 21 | - 22 | - 24 | - 30 |
| Hollinger ......... | 14.23 | 14.75 | 14.71 | 14.62 | 14.87 | 14.87 | 14.92 | 14.17 | 14.52 | 14.06 | 13.75 | 14.00 | 14.27 | 14.29 |
| Howey ............. | .27 | . 28 | - 28 | . 28 | . 28 | - 29 | -30 | . 29 | . 29 | . 27 | . 27 | - 27 | - 30 | - 29 |
| Kirkland Lake ..... | 1.30 | 1.38 | 1.43 | 1.42 | 1.52 | 1.62 | 1.62 | 1.43 | 1.48 | 1.43 | 1.32 | 1.33 | 1.36 | 1.37 |
| Lake Shore ........ | 47.88 | 47.69 | 47.42 | 47.27 | 47.37 | 46.46 | 43 \& 81 | 40.79 | 39.92 | 37.00 | 37.97 | 39.63 | 40.35 | 40.75 |
| Lamaque Gold Mines. | 5.82 | 6.03 | 6.00 | 5.98 | 6.43 | 6.81 | 6.78 | 6.39 | 6.38 | 6.18 | 6.05 | 6.04 | 5.88 | 6.22 |
| Little Long Lac... | 3.18 | 3.27 | 3.22 | 3.13 | 3.18 | 3.25 | 3.28 | 2.97 | 3.08 | 2.90 | 2.82 | 2.74 | 2.68 | 2.73 |
| Macassa .no....... | 5.33 | 5.51 | 5.43 | 5.27 | 5.39 | 5.41 | 5.37 | 4 .84 | 4.91 | 4.85 | 4.21 | 4.21 | 4.23 | 4.38 |
| McIntyre .........0. | 51.79 | 53.42 | 53.40 | 53.85 | 55.75 | 57.85 | 58.79 | 55.25 | 56.13 | 52.88 | 51.13 | 53.08 | 53.38 | 52.96 |
| Pickle Grow o...... | 5.07 | 5.27 | 5.24 | 5.21 | 5.34 | 5.43 | 5.48 | 5.02 | 5.02 | 4.95 | 4.83 | 4.75 | 4.71 | 4.80 |
| Pioneer ............ | 2.60 | 2.66 | 2.61 | 2.62 | 2.53 | 2. 50 | 2.56 | 2.47 | 2.46 | 2.42 | $2 \cdot 36$ | 2.36 | 2.39 | 2.36 |
| Reno mo..........s. | .27 | . 28 | . 28 | . 27 | . 27 | -23 | - 22 | -20 | . 37 | - 39 | . 37 | - 34 | . 32 | - 34 |
| San Antonio ...... | 1.25 | 1.38 | 1.40 | 1.51 | 1.55 | 1.57 | 1.63 | 1.48 | 1.55 | 1.49 | 1.36 | 1.36 | 1.42 | 1.47 |
| Siscoo ............ | 1.38 | 1.42 | 1.36 | 1.23 | 1.23 | 1.17 | 1.18 | 1.14 | 1.13 | 1.08 | 1.03 | . 99 | . 98 | 1.03 |
| Sylvanite ......... | 3.33 | 3.45 | 3.42 | 3.34 | 3.33 | 3.34 | 3.38 | 3.15 | 3.15 | 3.12 | 2.95 | 2.99 | 3.04 | 3.07 |
| Teck-Hughes ....... | 4.32 | 4.35 | 4.39 | 4.38 | 4.48 | 4.56 | 4.49 | 4.23 | 4.26 | 4.13 | 4.01 | 3.99 | 4.00 | 4.03 |
| Wright-Hargreaves.. | 8.32 | 8.57 | 8.66 | 8.59 | 8.65 | 8.73 | 8.80 | $8 \cdot 43$ | $8 \cdot 40$ | 8.19 | 7.79 | 7.88 | 7.93 | 7.93 |
| BASE METAL GROUP |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Falconbridge ...... | 4.95 | 5.21 | 5.27 | 5.26 | 5.23 | 5.77 | 5.63 | 5.21 | 5.15 | 5.01 | 4.75 | 4.62 | 4.90 | 4.93 |
| Hudson Bay ........ | 32.81 | 34.46 | 33.25 | 33.08 | 34.29 | 33.65 | 32.98 | 31.42 | 32.15 | 29.71 | 27.31 | 28.83 | 29.06 | 28.81 |
| Noranda . .......... | 76.81 | 79.62 | 79.92 | 79.69 | 80.27 | 81.06 | 80.15 | 76.50 | 77.42 | 73.98 | 72.25 | 73.67 | 74.77 | 76.67 |

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MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA IONG-TERM BOND PRICES, 1931-1939 (From deta issued by A. E. Ames and Compeny, Ltd.)

|  | 1931 | 1932 | 1933 | 1934 | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 | 1938 | 1939 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jenuery | 103.1 | 94.1 | 103.3 | 104.6 | $1 \overline{15.9}$ | $1 \overline{13.6}$ | 117.7 | 116.1 | $1 \overline{17.5}$ |
| February | 103.1 | 94.9 | 103.4 | 105.4 | 114.2 | 115.0 | 115.3 | 116.6 | 117.6 |
| March | 103.7 | 96.4 | 102.1 | 107.9 | 115.0 | 115.5 | 112.9 | 116.8 | 117.9 |
| April | 104.5 | 96.2 | 102.9 | 109.4 | 114.5 | 115.7 | 112.7 | 117.3 | 116.8 |
| May | 104.0 | 96.3 | 103.8 | 110.3 | 115.2 | 115.9 | 113.8 | 118.2 | - |
| June | 105.4 | 94.6 | 104.8 | 110.4 | 114.2 | 117.0 | 114.9 | 118.1 | - |
| July | 105.3 | 97.0 | 104.8 | 111.1 | 114.5 | 118.0 | 115.1 | 117.6 | - |
| August | 105.3 | 101.0 | 105.6 | 112.3 | 114.8 | 119.1 | 115.5 | 117.6 | - |
| September | 102.1 | 101. 8 | 105.7 | 112.6 | 110.9 | 119.1 | 115.3 | 116.0 | - |
| October | 98.1 | 105.8 | 105.0 | 111.1 | 110.2 | 117.1 | 114.5 | 116.9 | - |
| November | 97.4 | 102.6 | 104.2 | 112.2 | 112.5 | 117.6 | 114.8 | 117.8 | - |
| December | 95.5 | 101.2 | 103.6 | 115.2 | 112.5 | 118.2 | 115.6 | 117.7 | - |

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(From data issued by $A$. E. Ames and Company, Itd.)



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MONTHIY INDEXES OF AMERICAN STOCK PRICES, 1935-1939
Issued by the Standard Statistics Company, Inc., New York $(1926=100)$

|  | Total 420 Stocks | Industrials 350 Stocks | Railroads <br> 30 Stocks | Utilities 40 Stocks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1935 - |  |  |  |  |
| April | 67.5 | 78.9 | 29.4 | 59.1 |
| May | 73.1 | 85.7 | 30.9 | 63.7 |
| June | 75.5 | 87.4 | 32.4 | 69.8 |
| July | 78.8 | 91.2 | 33.8 | 73.3 |
| August | 83.0 | 95.0 | 35.8 | 80.6 |
| September | 85.0 | 97.5 | 37.0 | 81.9 |
| october | 85.2 | 98.5 | 34.3 | 81.0 |
| November | 93.3 | 107.4 | 37.6 | 90.1 |
| December | 95.3 | 109.2 | 41.4 | 91.6 |
| 1936 |  |  |  |  |
| January | 100.0 | 114.5 | 43.8 | 97.0 |
| February | 106.1 | 120.9 | 49.1 | 102.8 |
| March | 108.7 | 124.6 | 49.2 | 102.8 |
| April | 108.9 | 125.3 | 48.9 | 101.5 |
| May | 101.0 | 116.2 | 45.0 | 94.7 |
| June | 105.6 | 120.6 | 47.7 | 102.0 |
| July | 109.2 | 124.3 | 50.7 | 105.8 |
| August | 113.0 | 128.4 | 53.9 | 108.8 |
| September | 114.1 | 130.2 | 55.4 | 107.7 |
| October | 118.7 | 136.0 | 58.4 | 109.1 |
| November | 124.2 | 144.3 | 57.9 | 108.9 |
| December | 122.8 | 142.6 | 54.4 | 110.6 |
| 1937 |  |  |  |  |
| January | 126.0 | 146.3 | 55.6 | 113.2 |
| February | 129.5 | 151.7 | 57.9 | 110.7 |
| March | 129.9 | 152.6 | 62.8 | 105.7 |
| April | 124.5 | 146.5 | 60.1 | 100.7 |
| May | 116.3 | 136.7 | 57.1 | 94.1 |
| June | 113.6 | 134.0 | 53.9 | 91.3 |
| July | 117.8 | 139.4 | 52.1 | 95.9 |
| August | 120.5 | 143.5 | 50.9 | 97.0 |
| September | 106.4 | 126.2 | 42.6 | 89.2 |
| october | 91.4 | 107.4 | 35.4 | 81.3 |
| November | 82.9 | 96.1 | 31.4 | 79.5 |
| December | 82.2 | 95.2 | 31.2 | 78.8 |
| 1938 |  |  |  |  |
| January | 81.6 | 95.7 | 29.0 | 75.7 |
| February | 80.7 | 95.7 | 28.3 | 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 | 90.1 | 106.3 | 28.0 | 83.8 |
| March | 91.7 | 108.0 | 29.7 | 85.8 |
| 1st week of April | 87.6 | 102.9 | 27.8 | 83.3 |


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

