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PRICE MOVEMENTS, MAY, 1939

## COMMODITIES

A slightly higher level was maintained by Industrial Material prices during May and the Bureau's index of 65.2 for the week ending June 2 showed a net gain of 0.4 over that for the week ending April 28. The rise, which began in the early days of April, continued with little interruption until nearly the middle of May, but thereafter a period of unsettlement ensued which persisted for the remainder of the month. Food Material prices showed increasing instability. Raw sugar markets were somewhat erratic, and fluctuations were unusually sharp. Quotations for both steers and raw sugar were lower by the end of the month, whereas those for wheat, oats and hogs had advanced. Price movements in the Manufacturing Materials and Stable groups were generally more restrained. Firmer positions were taken by cotton, wool and raw silk, while pulp, steel sheets and crude oil moved moderately lower. Changes among the non-ferrous metals were of a mixed nature, with increases in zinc and tin opposed to reductions in lead and copper. The General Wholesale Commodity index rose moderately in the opening week of May, but closed unchanged at 73.5. Animal Products, Textiles and Wood Products advanced, while reductions occurred in Vegetable Products, Iron, Non-Ferrous Metals, Non-Metallic Minerals and Chemicals. Canadian Farm Products fell from 65.6 to 64.7 , with both Field and Animal Products closing at slightly lower levels.

## COST OF LIVING

The stability which has characterized the Bureau's cost of living index for Canada during the past few months, was apparent again in May when the index stood at 83.1, the same as for each of the three previous months. Not since 1926 has the index remained stationary for this length of time. Wholesale prices also have been extremely steady during 1939. Following a three-month period of inactivity, retail foods moved slightly upward from 74.5 in April to 74.6 in May. Decreases were reported for butter, eggs, lard, veal, salt pork, cooked ham, and pepper, while moderate gains occurred in sugar, potetoes, onions, beef, mutton, bacon and finnan haddie. Seasonal declines in coal and coke prices caused the fuel index to recede from 85.2 in April to 84.6 in May. Rentals for May were slightly easier, being 90.0 as compared with 90.1 in the month of October, 1938 .

STOCKS AND BONDS
The recovery movement on Canadian security markets, which followed the drastic declines in the first eleven days of April, was well maintained through May. This was especially noticeable in the mining section. An index for 25 mining issues rose from 145.3 on April 29 to 154.6 at the end of May, indicating a net gain of 6.4 per cent. Base metal shares were in the forefront, the index for this series advancing 8.3 per cent during the month to 310.7 . A similar index for 22 gold issues closed 5.3 per cent higher at 117.0. In the industrial and utility section all sub-groups, with the exception of banks and oils, were higher. Index gains ranged between 0.9 per cent for telephone and telegraph to 19.4 for transportation issues. Banks closed unchanged at 84.4 while an index for oils dipped 2.9 per cent to 162.2. Practically all of the loss in oil shares was concentrated in the last day of the month, the index level dropping from 170.2 on May 30 to 162.2 on the following day. The general index level of 95 common stocks closed the month 1.8 per cent higher at 99.1. It has moved 7.0 per cent above its 1939 low point of April 11. Paralleling the upward tendency in other security markets, an index of Dominion of Canada long-term bond prices advanced almost steadily from 116.3 at the end of April to 117.9 on May 31.
FOREIGN EXCYANGE (Quotations are Montreal noon rates unless otherwise specified)
Foreign currency rates, with the exception of the Netherlands florin declined almost steadily in terms of the Canadian dollar during May. Quotations on the British pound receded about $3 / 4 \phi$ from $\$ 4.7011$ on April 29 to $\$ 4.6935$ at the end of May. Sterling quotations at New York, on the uther hand, were firmer, rising from $\$ 4.6806$ at the end of April to $\$ 4.6825$ on May 31. Substantial reductions in New York discounts on sterling futures reflected an improvement in the international situation. Discounts on 90-day sterling forward rates narrowed from $217 / 32 \phi$ at the beginning of the month to $17 / 16 \phi$ at the close. The premium on the New York dollar which had been ruling approximately $7 / 16$ of one per cant above the Canadian unit during early May receded to almost one-half that amount or $15 / 64$ at the close. Erratic fluctuations in the Netherlands florin featured continental European currencies. From an opening level of $53.43 \phi$ the florin rose to $54.07 \phi$ on May 15. It subsequently reacted from that level to $53.83 \phi$ at the close.

Banking quarters credited repatriation of Dutch capital coupled with short covering as the principal source of strength. Belgian belga rates displayed continued firmess, closing unchanged at $1 ; .07 \phi$. A nominal rate of $11.05 \phi$ was quoted for the Spanish peseta on May 15 which comparea with the last previous quotation of $4.33 \phi$ on January 24, 1939.

## REVIEW OF IMPORTANT COMMODITY MARKETS

WYEAT AND OTHFR GRACNS: The rising tendency in prices on world wheat markets, first apparent in the ijnal week of April, continued through May though tending to lose its momentum towards the close. Sustained strength during the opening days of the month carried quotations for No. 1 Manitoba Northern from $631 / 4 \phi$ per bushel on April 29 to a peak of $663 / 4 \%$ on May 9. Although gains were subsequently pared, the closing figure of $655 / 8 \phi$ per bushel indicated a net advance of $23 / 8 \phi$ for the month and a gain of over $5 \phi$ since April 24. Wheat quotations at Winnipeg closely paralleled movements of the Chicago market where prices were dominated by reports of substantial crop damage in the United States winter wheat belt. European reports, indicating that the current year's wheat crop might be considerably less than last yeer, also received attention in trade circles.

In the conrse grains section quatations were featured by a rapid rise in rye prices. No. $2 \mathrm{C} . W$. J.ye showed s gat gain of $9 \phi$ during the month to close at $501 / 8 \phi$ per bushel. Oats No. $2 \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{W}$. moved $25 / 8 \phi$ hisher to $311 / 4 \phi$ while No. $3 \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{W}$. barley receded $3 / 4 \phi$ to $381 / 4 \phi$ per bushe? in the same interval. Flax continued erratic, No.l C.W. dropping from $\$ 1.57$ per bushel on April 29 to $\$ 1.461 / 2$ on May 22 . It subsequently recovered to close at $\$ 1.505 / 8$.

Description (Basis, cash per bushel,
Fort William ard Port Arthur)
No. 1 Manitoba Northern wheat ...................
No. 2 Canada Western oats ....................

| 1938 | 1939 | 1939 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| May | April | May |
| Average | Average | Average |
| $\phi$ | $\phi$ | $\phi$ |
| 115.2 | 60.5 | 65.5 |
| 49.1 | 28.6 | 30.5 |
| 57.3 | 39.8 | 45.8 |
| 56.3 | 37.2 | 39.8 |
| 147.5 | 155.8 | 150.8 |

FLOUR AND OTHFR MTTIE: PRODUCTS: A drop of $10 \phi$ per barrel for No. 1 patent flour, Montreal rate points, in the first week of May was later followed by a $35 \phi$ drop on May 26, bringing the price level for this grade down to $\$ 4.50$ per barrel. Winnipeg quotations for the same grade, following an advance of $10 \neq$ per barrel to $\$ 4.80$ on May remained stationary for the remainder of the ronth. Ontario winter wheat flour closed the month $10 \phi$ higher at $\$ 3.30$ per barrel although it had touched $\$ 3.40$ during the earlier part of the month. Millers reported considerable slackness in domestic trade channels with buyers hesitant to extend conmitments in the facs of the unusual instability in current market quotations. Export sales to the United Kingdom, which had been good during the first two weeks, tended to taper off during the latter half of the month. Oatmeal prices at Toronto were advanced $15 \not \subset$ per 98 pound bag to $\$ 2.85$ on May 12 while a rise of loq per 80 pound bag to $\$ 2.25$ was noted for rolled oats on the same date. More plentiful supplies coupled with a sharp contraction in seasonal demand forced prices in the mill feeds section substantially lower in May. Export demand from the United states, one of the chief sustaining price factors during the past few months, was materially reduced. At the close of the month bran and shorts at Montreal were both quoted at $\$ 23.25$ per ton, indicating a net loss of $\$ 3.00$ on the month for the former and $\$ 4.00$ for the latter.
(See dates above)

| Description | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Flour No. 1 Patent, Manitoba, per barrel |  |  |  |
| at Montreal | 7.00 | 4.95 | 4.76 |
| Rolled oats, Toronto, per 80-pound bag. | 3.00 | 2.15 | 2.23 |
| Oatmeal, Toronto, per 98-pound bag | 3.70 | 2.70 | 2.81 |

SUGAR: The shan advance in raw sugar prices on the London market during April continued through the first three weeks of May. As tightness in the rarby supply situation increased Cuban raws at London $\operatorname{sise}$ to a nine year peak of 8s. $41 / 2 d$. per cont. on May 9. This was equivalent to $1.53 \not \subset$ per pound $1.0 . b$. Cuba and was approximately 60 points above prices ruling a year ago. Later prices became erratic, tending sharply lower towerds the close of the month. Contributing chiefly to the lower price tendency was the announcemert from the International Sugar Council that quota shipments of raw sugar for the year ended August 31, 1939, would be raised 259,000 tons to 3,495,277 tons. At New York, world contract No. 4 openee at $1.44-1.441 / 2 \phi$ per pound, advanced to a new seasonal peak of $1.481 / 2 \mathrm{~d} .49$ on the following day but subsequently reacted sharply to 1.34-1.36 $\%$ at the close. From 2.4ry per pound on May 5, British West Indies raws at Montreal declined to $2.345 \phi$ on the $12 t h$, recovered to $2.475 \phi$ on the 26 th but dropped sharply to $2.315 \phi$ in the following week. In the refined section, prices at Montreal were steady at $\$ 5.085$ per gwt. for standard granulated sugar while quotations on a similar
grade at Vancouver showed a rise from $\$ 4.700$ per cwt. on April 28 to $\$ 4.850$ on May 19.

| Description | 1938 | 1939 | 1939 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | May | April | May |
|  | Average | Average | Average |
| Granulated sugar, standard, per cwt. at | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Montreal ...... | 4.90 | 4.80 | 5.085 |
| Vancouver ..... | 4.80 | 4.70 | 4.850 |
| B.W.I. raw sugar, per cwt. at Montreal | 1.98 | 2.20 | 2.345 |

RUBBER: Raw rubber prices attained their highest May levels on the final day of the month. Trading volume and price fluctuations were of a restricted nature during the first two weeks, all ordinary trade factors being subordinated to the impending meeting of the International Rubber Regulation Committee on May 16. Following the announcement from the Comittee that permissible exports would be increased only 5 per cent, or from 50 to 55 per cent of basic quotas, for the third quarter of 1939, United States traders began to take more notice of steadily decreasing supplies in the hands of manufacturers. The contra seasonal rise in automobile production received attention at this time, giving added impetus to the slowly rising rubber market. At the close of the month standard thick latex crepe, delivered at New York, was quoted at $191 / 16 \not \subset$ per pound, indicating a net gain of $5 / 16 \not \subset$. Ribbed smoked sheets, on the same basis, closed $11 / 16 \not \subset$ per pound higher at $1611 / 16 \phi$ while upriver Para gained $5 / 8 \phi$ to close at $141 / 4 \phi$ Crude rubber consumption in the United States during May was estinated at 46,000 tons against the previous month's figure of 44,166 tons.
(See dates above)
Descripticn
$\phi$
$\not \subset$
Raw rubber, per pound, New York
(Canadian Funds)
Standard latex crepe sheets .................. 13.2 18.6 18.8
Ceylon plantation, ribbed, smoked sheets .... 11.7
16.1
16.2

LIVESTOCK: Livestock markets, lambs excepted, moved still lower in May. At Toronto, good steers over 1050 pounds, held close to $\$ 6.98$ per cwt. for the first twelve days, supported chiefly by moderate ruis coupled with buying on export account. With the filling of the second quarter quota to the United States, prices eased intermittently to close at $\$ 6.69$ per cwt. for the week ended June.1. At Winnipeg, a $5 \phi$ decline between the weeks of May 5 and 12 was followed by a period of steadiness but a further loф drop in the last week brought prices to $\$ 6.15$ per cwt. for the week of June 1 . Calves and hogs also averaged lower, but the latter displayed more strength latterly. Light receipts at practically all centres sent lamb prices up about 22 p.c. above April levels.


BUTTER: Butter markets were generally quiet and trading light, throughout May. Prices at Montreal and Toronto moved within narrow ranges with highest quotations of $22.4 \phi$ and $22.5 \phi$ while lows of $21.7 \phi$ and $21.9 \phi$ per pound were established at the se respective centres on May 23. Buyers were interested only in immediate needs but receipts were light and clearances were readily made. Firm British markets also acted as a strengthening factor. The Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported cold storage stocks at $14,237,900$ pounds on June 1 compared with $9,643,800$ pounds on the first of the previous month.

| Description |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jobbing price of first grade creamery prints  <br> per lb. at  | $\phi$ | (See dates above) |  |
|  | Montreal $\ldots \ldots$ | 28.2 | $\phi$ |

EGGS: A drop of about 3 p.c. occurred in egg prices between April and May but this was not shared e qually by all grades. Average prices for representative Canadian cities showed net losses of $3 / 10 \phi$ and $2 / 5 \phi$ per dozen for Grades "A" and "B" while Grade "C" moved down more than $1 \not \subset$ per doren. Buying for storage was light at first and some accumulations occurred. Later as fresh receipts decreased and demandfon storage and
egg breaking plants became more active, markets strengthened, and quotations for Grade "A" moved up as the month closed. Other grades did not show the same firmness as with the advancing season, the percentage of lower grade receipts tended to increase. Cold storage stocks were reported by the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at $5,728,000$ dozen on June 1 or more then double supplies held in storage a month earlier but more than $1,400,000$ dozen less than on June 1, 1938.


COTTON: The artifically tight supply situation in spot and nearby positions during May, lifted United States raw cotton markets to the highest levels of the current season. Spot quotations at New York rose from the month's low of $8.8 \phi$ to the season's high of $9.4 \not \subset$ per pound by May 31, netting a gain of $1 / 2 \phi$ per pound on the month. Supply and demand presented a set of unusual relationships. On May 1, stocks of raw cotton in the United States were estimated at $15,000,000$ bales, the highest amount on record for this season of the year. Of this amount, over $11,000,000$ bales were held in government control, and as minor quantities only were released, mills reported difficulty in securing suitable grades. Although raw materials were scarce, sales of grey goods fell below production, and accumulating stocks led to some curtailment of mill operations latterly. World consumption of United States cotton totalled 659,000 bales for the four weeks ended June 2 , and was 118,000 bales below the previous four weeks aggregate.
(See dates above)

Description
Raw cotton, upland midding at New York per Ib. (Canadian Funds)
$\phi$
8.6
$\phi$
8.5
$\phi$
9.2

LUMBER: Lumber quotations, f.o.b. mill, generally remained stationary during May, although scattered increases were reported for spruce. Two grades of merchantable spruce scantling ( $2^{2} \times 3-2^{11} \times 6^{\prime \prime}$ ) and ( $2^{7} \times 7$ and up) were each advanced $\$ 1.00$ per M board feet on May 5 to $\$ 17.50$ for the former and $\$ 20.000$ for the latter. Merchantable spruce deals, ( $3^{\prime \prime} x 6$ " and under) were moved up from $\$ 17.50$ per M board feet on May 12 to $\$ 19.50$ in the following week. Increased activity in the export market has been a feature of the lumber trade in recent weeks. April shipments of British Columbia lumber to all destinations totalled $119,250,000$ board feet of which 77,250,000 board feet went to the United Kingdom markets. Prices of Canadian lumber in the United Kingdom market have recently been forced higher due to a sharp increase in ocean freight lates. The current half-yearly export shingle quota to the United States was filled by April 14 and manufacturers have curtailed operations temporarily.

| White pine lumber | 102.7 | 102.7 | 102.7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Spruce lumber | 83.3 | 81.2 | 84.9 |
| Fir lumber | 84.9 | 91.6 | 91.6 |
| Cedar lumber | 87.0 | 100.4 | 100.4 |

IRON AND STEEL: Operations in Canadian iron and steel plants were maintained at falrly high levels during May and were supported by considerable backlogs as well as good export demand. New domestic trade increased in volume due chiefly to orders placed by auto and electric manufacturing firms. Despite the softening tondency in American markets, Canadian prices held firm for most specifications although a $10 \phi$ drop per cit. occurred in quotations of galvanized and steel sheets No. 24 gauge.

| Description |  | (See dates above) <br> $\$$ | $\$$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pig iron, foundry No. 1 per gross ton, <br> carlots, f.0.b. sellers works $\ldots \ldots . . . . . . .$. | 25.50 | 22.50 | 22.50 |
| No.1 scrap steel, charging box size, per <br> gross ton, delivered at consumers' mill...... | 9.00 | 12.00 | 12.00 |

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


| Commodity | No. of <br> Frice Series | $\begin{aligned} & \text { :Yearly : } \\ & \text { :Average: } \\ & : 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & : \text { May } \\ & : 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar. } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Index 567 Commodities | 567 | 78.6 | 80.3 | 73.2 | 73.4 | 73.7 |
| CFIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS CLASSIFICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I. Vegetable Products | 135 | 73.8 | 79.1 | 60.7 | 62.1 | 63.1 |
| II. Animals and Their Products | 76 | 76.7 | 77.1 | 73.3 | 72.2 | 71.9 |
| III. Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products | 85 | 67.5 | 67.9 | 65.8 | 65.7 | 66.3 |
| IV. Wood, Wood Products and Paper | 49 | 77.5 | 77.2 | 76.3 | 76.4 | 76.7 |
| V. Iron and Its Products | 44 | 100.4 | 101.5 | 97.4 | 97.5 | 97.3 |
| VI. Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products | 18 | 70.9 | 69.0 | 70.1 | 69.5 | 69.2 |
| VII. Non-Metalic Minerals and Their Products | 83 | 86.7 | 87.1 | 85.2 | 84.9 | 84.8 |
| VIII. Chemicals and Allied Products PURPOSE CLASSIFICATION | 77 | 79.9 | 80.5 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.8 |
| I. Consumers ' Goods | 236 | 77.2 | 77.7 | 74.1 | 74.1 | 73.9 |
| Foods, Beverages and Tobacco | 126 | 77.1 | 78.4 | 72.2 | 72.3 | 72.2 |
| Other Consumers' Goods | 110 | 77.2 | 77,2 | 75.4 | 75.3 | 75.1 |
| II. Producers' Goods | 402 | 75.8 | 78.9 | 68.1 | 68.3 | 69.0 |
| Producers' Equipment | 24 | 95.1 | 95.5 | 94.9 | 94.9 | 94.9 |
| Producers' materials | 378 | 73.7 | 77.0 | 65.1 | 65.3 | 66.1 |
| Building and Construction Materials | 111 | 89.1 | 89.4 | 87.4 | 87.6 | 88.0 |
| Manufacturers' Materials | 267 | 71.1 | 74.9 | 61.3 | 61.5 | 62.4 |
| ORIGIN CLASSIFICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Raw and Partly Manufactured | 245 | 72.7 | 75.8 | 65.1 | 65.5 | 66.5 |
| Total Fully and Chiefly Manufactured | 322 | 78.2 | 79.3 | 73.2 | 73.3 | 73.2 |
| I. $\frac{\text { Articles of Farm Origin }}{\text { (Domestic and Foreign) }}$ <br> A. Field |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 95 | 63.0 | 69.5 | 46.9 | 48.4 | 50.5 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 91 | 76.5 | 79.0 | 69.2 | 69.9 | 69.9 |
| (c) Total | 186 | 70.3 | 74.6 | 58.9 | 60.0 | 60.9 |
| B. Animal |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 46 | 79.8 | 81.1 | 80.7 | 79.7 | 79.4 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 59 | 74.3 | 74.1 | 68.5 | 67.8 | 67.7 |
| (c) Total | 105 | 76.7 | 77.1 | 73.8 | 73.0 | 72.8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (1) Field | 52 | 69.0 | 74.6 | 54.9 | 56.1 | 55.9 |
| (2) Animal | 18 | 81.3 | 81.7 | 82.1 | 81.3 | 80.7 |
| (3) Total | 70 | 73.6 | 77.3 | 65.1 | 65.5 | 65.2 |
| II. Articles of Marine Origin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 5 | 65.4 | 56.0 | 64.0 | 58.8 | 71.0 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 11 | 72.0 | 72.5 | 69.0 | 68.5 | 67.8 |
| (c) Total | 16 | 70.2 | 68.0 | 67.6 | 65.9 | 68.7 |
| III. Articles of Forest Origin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 37 | 85.5 | 84.8 | 83.7 | 83.9 | 84.6 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 20 | 69.9 | 69.9 | 69.2 | 69.3 | 69.3 |
| (c) Total | 57 | 77.2 | 76.8 | 76.0 | 76.1 | 76.4 |
| IV. Articles of Mineral Origin |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Raw and partly manufactured | 62 | 81.5 | 80.8 | 80.8 | 80.5 | 80.1 |
| (b) Fully and chiefly manufactured | 141 | 90.5 | 91.4 | 88.1 | 88.0 | 87.8 |
| (c) Total | 203 | 86.5 | 86.7 | 84.8 | 84.6 | 84.4 |
| IMPORT AND EXPORT CLASSIFICATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imports | 76 | 83.1 | 82.7 | 80.9 | 80.5 | 80.6 |
| Exports | 70 | 70.9 | 76.2 | 60.7 | 60.9 | 62.2 |

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

|  | Commodity : N | No. of : <br> Price : <br> Series: | : Yearly: <br> :Average: <br> : 1938 : | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mey } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar. } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Index | 567 | 78.6 | 80.3 | 73.2 | 73.4 | 73.7 |
| I. | Vegetable Products | 135 | 73.8 | 79.1 | 60.7 | 62.1 | 63.1 |
|  | Truits | 15 | 70.3 | 68.5 | 68.7 | 67.9 | 69.0 |
|  | Fresh | 4 | 69.8 | 67.2 | 67.8 | 67.1 | 68.6 |
|  | Dried | 5 | 78.9 | 79.9 | 78.0 | 76.4 | 76.1 |
|  | Canned | 6 | 64.9 | 65.2 | 64.4 | 64.4 | 64.3 |
|  | Grains | 23 | 68.1 | 78.6 | 42.8 | 43.7 | 46.9 |
|  | Flour and Milled Products | 12 | 80.4 | 87.0 | 63.2 | 63.6 | 63.2 |
|  | Bakery Products | 2 | 91.4 | 94.3 | 84.4 | 84.4 | 84.4 |
|  | Vegetable Oils | 8 | 61.2 | 61.1 | 57.8 | 58.2 | 58.2 |
|  | Rubber and Its Products | 9 | 59.9 | 60.9 | 57.2 | 61.0 | 58.2 |
|  | Sugar and Its Products and Glucose | e 8 | 84.1 | 83.9 | 82.9 | 83.2 | 87.5 |
|  | Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Spices | 15 | 73.9 | 73.1 | 72.8 | 72.8 | 72.8 |
|  | Tobacco | 8 | 51.3 | 52.5 | 45.5 | 45.5 | 45.5 |
|  | Vegetables | 13 | 51.5 | 50.9 | 62.1 | 72.7 | 67.5 |
|  | Miscellaneous | 22 | 66.3 | 69.2 | 60.1 | 60.0 | 60.4 |
| II. Animals and Their Products |  | 76 | 76.7 | 77.1 | 73.3 | 72.2 | 71.9 |
|  | Fishery Products | 16 | 71.9 | 69.0 | 69.6 | 67.6 | 71.1 |
|  | Furs | 9 | 53.2 | 54.8 | 51.9 | 51. 9 | 50.9 |
|  | Hides and Skins | 6 | 64.8 | 55.1 | 67.1 | 61.9 | 63.2 |
|  | Leather, Unmanufactured | 9 | 85.0 | 84.4 | 83.9 | 83.9 | '83.9 |
|  | Boots and Shoes | 2 | 91.2 | 90.9 | 89.8 | 89.8 | 89.8 |
|  | Iive stock | 4 | 82.0 | 86.4 | 89.1 | 87.7 | 86.4 |
|  | Meats ard Poultry | 10 | 79.2 | 82.7 | 80.2 | 78.8 | 79.0 |
|  | M1lk aru Its Products | 12 | 78.4 | 78.6 | 71.7 | 70.9 | 69.4 |
| Eggs |  | 5 | 58.8 | 60.5 | 46.8 | 46.2 | 48.1 |
|  |  | 3 | 67.5 | 59.7 | 56.0 | 53.6 | 52.0 |
| - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| III.Fibres, Textiles and Textile <br> $\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { Products } & 85 & 67.5 & 67.9 & 65.8 & 65.7 & 66.3\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Cotton, Rew | 2 | 52.0 | 52.8 | 52.0 | 50.7 | 54.7 |
|  | Cotton Yarn and Thread | 5 | 81.2 | 81.2 | 80.8 | 80.8 | 80.0 |
|  | Cotton Fabrics | 19 | 72.2 | 72.9 | 68.9 | 68.9 | 68.3 |
|  | Knit coods | 3 | 82.5 | 82.7 | 81.0 | 81.0 | 81.0 |
|  | Sash Cord | 1 | 85.3 | 87.7 | 83.7 | 83.7 | 83.7 |
|  | Flax, Kemp and Jute Products | 10 | 47.9 | 47.8 | 46.5 | 46.9 | 47.2 |
|  | Silk, Raw | 9 | 27.6 | 26.3 | 36.4 | 38.8 | 43.3 |
|  | Silk Thread and Yarn | 2 | 64.6 | 64.6 | 61.6 | 61.6 | 61.6 |
|  | Silk Eosiery | 2 | 65.1 | 65.3 | 65.0 | 65.0 | 65.0 |
|  | Silk Fabrics | 4 | 44.6 | 44.7 | 46.8 | 46.8 | 50.2 |
|  | Artificial Silk Products | 5 | 42.8 | 42.8 | 42.8 | 42.8 | 42.8 |
|  | Wool, Raw | 3 | 53.7 | 50.6 | 50.6 | $\triangle 9.8$ | 48.2 |
|  | Wool Yarns | 6 | 77.3 | 78.2 | 73.4 | 73.4 | 73.3 |
|  | Wool Posiery and Knit Goods | 5 | 88.5 | 88.8 | 88.2 | 88.2 | 88.2 |
|  | Wool Blankets | 1 | 91.5 | 89.8 | 87.8 | 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 : | No. of Price Series | $\begin{gathered} \text { :Yearly : } \\ \text { : Average } \\ \text { 1938 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & : \\ & : \begin{array}{l} \text { May } \\ 1938 \end{array} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar. } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \vdots \text { May } \\ & : 1939 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| IV. | Wood, Wood Products and Paper | 49 | 77.5 | 77.2 | 76.3 | 76.4 | 76.7 |
|  | Newsprint | 2 | 68.2 | 68.2 | 67.9 | 68.0 | 67.9 |
|  | Lumber | 33 | 89.8 | 88.2 | 89.6 | 89.9 | 91.0 |
|  | Pulp | 3 | 75.6 | 77.0 | 70.1 | 70.2 | 70.0 |
|  | Furniture | 10 | 85.5 | 85.6 | 81.9 | 81.9 | 82.4 |
|  | Matches | 1 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.9 |
| V. | Iron and Its Products | 44 | 100.4 | 101.5 | 97.4 | 97.5 | 97.3 |
|  | Pig Iron and Steel Billets | 3 | 96.0 | 101.7 | 90.2 | 90.2 | 90.2 |
|  | Ro'ling Mill Products | 14 | 107.5 | 108.7 | 103.7 | 103.7 | 103.2 |
|  | Pipe (Cast Iron and Steel) | 2 | 99.4 | 101.7 | 97.1 | 97.1 | 97.1 |
|  | Hardware | 16 | 90.1 | 91.6 | 88.1 | 88.5 | 88.5 |
|  | Wire | 3 | 100.4 | 103.2 | 97.2 | 97.2 | 97.2 |
|  | Scrap | 5 | 65.9 | 56.0 | 70.0 | 70.9 | 70.9 |
|  | Miscellaneous | 1 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 112.5 |
| VI. | Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products | 18 | 70.9 | 69.0 | 70.1 | 69.5 | 69.2 |
|  | Aluminium | 2 | 91.6 | 93.9 | 80.4 | 80.4 | 80.4 |
|  | Antimony | 1 | 88.7 | 94.5 | 82.7 | 81.2 | 79.8 |
|  | Brass and Copper Products | 6 | 73.7 | 70.0 | 75.5 | 74.0 | 72.8 |
|  | Lead and Its Products | 2 | 52.3 | 50.4 | 50.2 | 49.5 | 49.8 |
|  | Silver | 1 | 70.1 | 69.5 | 69.2 | 69.4 | 69.2 |
|  | Tin Ingots | 2 | 67.6 | 61.6 | 72.2 | 72.4 | 75.2 |
|  | Zinc and Its Products | 2 | 44.3 | 41.8 | 43.5 | 42.7 | 43.0 |
|  | Solder | 1 | 74.6 | 66.9 | 74.6 | 74.6 | 77.2 |
| VII. | Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products | 83 | 86.7 | 87.1 | 85.2 | 84.9 | 84.8 |
|  | Clay and Allied Material Products | 10 | 86.0 | 88.2 | 86.3 | 86.3 | 86.2 |
|  | Pottery | 2 | 96.6 | 96.6 | 96.6 | 96.6 | 96.6 |
|  | Coal | 13 | 94.4 | 93.9 | 95.2 | 94.5 | 94.1 |
|  | Coke | 5 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 110.8 | 110.8 |
|  | Marufactured 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 | 74.1 | 74.1 | 74.1 |
|  | Petroleum Products | 6 | 72.2 | 72.8 | 68.2 | 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 |
|  | Sulphur | 1 | 96.5 | 98.8 | 91.9 | 92.0 | 91.8 |
|  | 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 | 102.4 | 106.4 | 97.7 | 96.7 | 96.7 |
|  | Sand and Gravel | 8 | 90.2 | 91.4 | 84.9 | 84.9 | 84.9 |
|  | Crushed Stone | 3 | 85.8 | 85.8 | 76.7 | 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 | 77.9 | 77.9 | 77.8 |
|  | Inorganic Chemicals | 22 | 87.2 | 87.1 | 86.1 | 86.0 | 85.8 |
|  | 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 |
|  | Faint Materials | 9 | 70.2 | 71.8 | 68.2 | 68.2 | 68.2 |
|  | Paints Prepared | 2 | 71.2 | 74.1 | 68.4 | 68.4 | 68.4 |
|  | Drugs and Pharmaceutical Chemicals | 10 | 74.8 | 74.5 | 71.4 | 71.4 | 70.9 |
|  | Fertilizers | 10 | 78.9 | 75.4 | 83.4 | 83.4 | 82.9 |
|  | Industrial Gases | 2 | 91.5 | 92.7 | 88.7 | 89.3 | 89.9 |
|  | Soap | 2 | 91.9 | 91.9 | 88.0 | 88.0 | 88.0 |


|  |  | Price Series: | Yearly : <br> Average: $1938$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { : Mar. } \\ & : 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { : April } \\ & : 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & : \text { May } \\ & : 1939 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | CONSUMEPS' GOODS (GROUPS A \& B) | 236 | 77.2 | 77.7 | 74.1 | 74.1 | 73.9 |
| A. | Foods, Beverages and Tobacco | 126 | 77.1 | 78.4 | 72.2 | 72.3 | 72.2 |
|  | Beverages | 9 | 78.2 | 78.1 | 77.7 | 77.8 | 77.8 |
|  | Flour and Milled Products | 12 | 80.4 | 87.0 | 63.2 | 63.6 | 63.2 |
|  | Bakery Products | 2 | 91.4 | 94.3 | 84.4 | 81.4 | 84.4 |
|  | Fish | 16 | 71.9 | 69.0 | 69.6 | 67.6 | 71.1 |
|  | Fruito | 15 | 70.3 | 68.5 | 68. | 67.9 | 69.0 |
|  | Meats and Poultry | 10 | 79.2 | 82.7 | 80.2 | 73.8 | 79.0 |
|  | Milk and Milk Products | 12 | 78.4 | 78.6 | 7 Pl ? | 70.9 | 69.4 |
|  | Sugar and Its Products | 8 | 84.2 | 83.9 | 82.9 | 8.3 .2 | 87.5 |
|  | Vegetables | 13 | 51.5 | 50.9 | 62.7 | 72.7 | 67.5 |
|  | Eggs | 3 | 67.5 | 59.7 | 56.0 | 53.6 | 52.0 |
|  | Tobacco | 8 | 51.3 | 52.5 | 45.5 | 43.5 | 45.5 |
|  | Misceilaneous | 18 | 65.2 | 66.1 | 57.9 | $5 ? .4$ | 57.8 |
| B. | Other Consumers ' Goods | 110 | 77.2 | 77.2 | 75.4 | 75,3 | 75.1 |
|  | Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Hosiery and Underwear | $52$ | 74.2 | 74.7 | $72 . \mathrm{C}$ | $\because: 4$ | 72.3 |
|  | Household Equipment and Supplies | 58 | 79.4 | 79.1 | 77.9 | $7 ? .5$ | 77.2 |
| II. | PRODUCERS: COODS (GROUPS C \& D) | 402 | 75.8 | 78.9 | 68.1 | 03.3 | 69.0 |
|  | Producens: Equipment | 24 | 95.1 | 95.5 | 94.9 | 91.9 | 94.9 |
|  | Tools <br> Light, Heat and Power Equipment | 3 | 91.3 | 91.5 | 91.3 | 91.3 | 91.3 |
|  | and Supplies | 17 | 95.7 | 96.1 | 95.5 | 95.4 | 95.4 |
|  | Explosives | 2 | 74.7 | 74.7 | 74.7 | 74.7 | 74.7 |
|  | Miscellaneous | 2 | 95.3 | 95.3 | 95.3 | 95.7 | 95.7 |
|  | Producers' Materials | 378 | 73.7 | 77.0 | 65.1 | 65,3 | 66.1 |
|  | Building and Construction Materials | 111 | 89.1 | 89.4 | 87.4 | 87.6 | 88.0 |
|  | Lumber | 33 | 89.8 | 88.2 | 89.6 | 89.9 | 91.0 |
|  | Paint Materials | 13 | 69.6 | 71.8 | 66.0 | 66.4 | 66.4 |
|  | Miscellaneous | 65 | 93.3 | 94.9 | 90.6 | 90.6 | 90.6 |
|  | Manufacturers ' Materials | 267 | 71.1 | 74.9 | 61.3 | 61.5 | 62.4 |
|  | Textiles and Clothing | 64 | 65.3 | 65.4 | 63.4 | 63.4 | 63.7 |
|  | Furs and Leather Goods | 24 | 71.2 | 70.1 | 70.5 | 69.8 | 69.7 |
|  | For Netal Working Industries | 41 | 76.9 | 75.5 | 75.7 | 75.2 | 74.9 |
|  | For Chemical Using Industries | 43 | 88.6 | 89.2 | 87.0 | 87.0 | 86.9 |
|  | For Meat Packing Industries | 4 | 82.0 | 86.4 | 89.1 | 87.7 | 86.4 |
|  | For Nilling and Other Industries Miscellaneous Producers' | 23 | 68.1 | 78,6 | 42.8 | 43.7 | 46.9 |
|  | Materials | 68 | 69.2 | 70.8 | 63.5 | 63.7 | 63.7 |


| Commodity |  | : Average |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

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WPOLESALE FRICE INDEX NUMBERS 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 83.1 in May, the same figure as for each of the three previous months. Seasonal declines in certain fuels and a minor recession in rentals were counterbalanced by a moderate rise in food prices. The range of fluctuation in the retail index during the past year has amounted to slightly more than 2 per cent.

A May index for retail commodity prices only was also unchanged at 77.4. When foods were removed from this index it was 80.1 as compared with 80.2 in Aoril

An index for 46 food items rose slightly from 74.5 in April to 74.6 in May, moderate gains for beef, mutton, bacon, finnan haddie, onions, potatoes and sugar being of more consequence than losses for eggs, butter, veal, salt pork, cooked ham, lard and pepper. The upward movement noted in beef prices dates from last January. Between April and May sirloin beef advanced from $27.6 \not \subset$ to $27.9 \%$, and shoulder beef from $15.8 \phi$ to $16.0 \phi$ per pound. Following an eight-month period when no change occurred, a Doninion average for retail granulated sugar prices rose from $6.3 \phi$ to $6.4 \phi$ and yellow sugar from $6.2 \phi$ to $6.3 \nsim$ per pound. Potatoes, wich had beer advancing steadily since August, 1938 , made a further gain from $27.2 \phi$ to $30.3 \notin$ per peck. Lard fell from $12.4 \not \subset$ to $11.9 \phi$ per pound, marking the continuation of an almost uninterrupted decline extending over the past year. Grade "A" eggs moved down from $28.2 \phi$ to $26.1 \phi$ per dozen, while an average of grades "B" and "C" was $22.0 \phi$ as against $23.9 \phi$ in April.

Moderate seasonal declines in coal, coke and wood caused the fuel indax to recede from 85.2 to 84.6. Sub-group declines were as follows: Coal from 86.8 to 85.7 , coke from 83.6 to 83.4 and wood from 79.0 to 78.8 .

## Rentals declined slightly from 90.1 to 90.0 .

Note: Indexes for fuel and sundries have been sevised for 1938 and 1939 in order to take into account changes in certain indexes which are calculated only upan a vearly basis. The fuel index has been revised upward, an advance in the sub-index for inmestic gas being of more consequence than a moderate decline in electricity. The level of the sundries index also has been raised, advances in sub-indexes for newspapers, doctors: fees, hospital rates and barbers' fees exerting more influence than declines in sub-indexes for books and laundry charges.

INDEX NUNBERS OF RETAIL PRICES, RFNTS AND COSTS OF SERVICES, 1913-MAY, 1939.
(1926=100)

| (1926-100) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total <br> Index | - Food <br> - Index | Fuel <br> : Index | - Rent <br> : Index | - Cloth <br> : ing <br> : Index | Sun- <br> dries <br> Index | Retail <br> Prices <br> Index <br> (Foocis, Fuel, <br> Clothing, <br> Household <br> Requirements,etc.) | -Retail <br> - Prices <br> - Index <br> : (Fuel, <br> - Clothing, <br> "Hous ehold <br> - Require- <br> :ments, 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 | 90.8 | 96.7 | 94.9 |
| 1931 |  | 89.6 | 77.3 | 94.2 | 103.0 | 82.2 | 97.4 | 82.5 | 87.3 |
| 1932 | -•........ | 81.3 | 64.3 | 91.4 | 94.7 | 72.3 | 94.6 | 72.6 | 80.3 |
| 1933 |  | 77.5 | 63.7 | 87.7 | 85.1 | 67.1 | 92.6 | 70.1 | 76.2 |
| 1934 | -•••... | 78.6 | 69.4 | 87.7 | 80.1 | 69.7 | 92.1 | 73.7 | 77.7 |
| 1935 |  | 79.1 | 70.4 | 86.8 | 81.3 | 69.9 | 92.2 | 74.1 | 77.5 |
| 1936 |  | 80.8 | 73.4 | 86.4 | 83.7 | 70.5 | 92.8 | 75.9 | 78.0 |
| 1937 |  | 83.1 | 77.3 | 84.9 | 86.9 | 72.7 | 93.4 | 78.6 | 79.8 |
| 1938 |  | 84.1 | 78.0 | 85.2 | 89.8 | 73.3 | 94.1 | 79.3 | 80.6 |
| 1938 | May | 84.2 | 77.7 | 85.4 | 90.3 | 73.7 | 94.1 | 79.3 | 80.8 |
|  | June | 84.1 | 78.1 | 84.6 | 90.3 | 73.0 | 94.0 | 79.2 | 80.3 |
|  | July | 84.2 | 78.4 | 84.4 | 90.3 | 73.0 | 94.0 | 79.3 | 80.2 |
|  | August .... | 84.9 | 80.7 | 84.6 | 90.3 | 73.0 | 94.0 | 80.5 | 80.3 |
|  | September.. | 84.1 | 77.6 | 84.8 | 90.3 | 73.4 | 94.0 | 79.1 | 80.5 |
|  | October | 83.9 | 77.1 | 85.2 | 90.1 | 73.4 | 93.9 | 78.9 | 80.6 |
|  | November . . | 83.8 | 76.6 | 85.6 | 90.1 | 73.4 | 94.2 | 78.7 | 80.6 |
|  | December... | 83.6 | 76.2 | 85.7 | 90.1 | 72.8 | 94.2 | 78.3 | 80.3 |
| 1939 | Jenuary | 83.3 | 75.2 | 85.7 | 90.1 | 72.8 | 94.2 | 77.8 | 80.3 |
|  | February . | 83.1 | 74.5 | 85.5 | 90.1 | 72.8 | 94.2 | 77.5 | 80.3 |
|  | March | 83.1 | 74.5 | 85.4 | 90.1 | 72.8 | 94.1 | 77.4 | 80.2 |
|  | April ..... | 83.1 | 74.5 | 85.2 | 90.1 | 72.8 | 94.3 | 77.4 | 80.2 |
|  | May . . . . . | 83.1 | 74.6 | 84.6 | 90.0 | 72.8 | 94.3 | 77.4 | 80.1 |

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. Difficulties in obtaining these data promptly cause revisions to be often ons or two months late.

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN CANADA-Cont'd

| Year and Month | Beef Sirloin (pound) | Beef <br> Chuck <br> (pound) | Veal <br> Roast (pound | tton ast pound) | Pork <br> Fresh (pound) | Pork <br> Salt (pound) | Bacon Breakf (pound | : Lard <br> : Pure <br> : (poun | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Eggs } \\ & \text { Fresh } \\ & \text { Grade } \\ & \text { (dozen } \end{aligned}$ | Eggs <br> Grade" <br> and <br> Grade <br> (dozen) | Milk | Butter <br> Dairy <br> (pound | Butter <br> Creamery pound) | Chees (poun |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| September ........ | 23.3 | 12.3 | 13.3 | 22.5 | 22.4 | 20.2 | 30.8 | 15.6 | 33.5 | 28.5 | 10.5 | 25.4 | 29.6 | 21.8 |  |
| October. | 22.9 | 12.1 | 13.4 | 21.1 | 21.7 | 20.3 | 30.6 | 15.7 | 35.5 | 29.6 | 10.8 | 25.8 | 29.2 | $22 \cdot 4$ |  |
| November . | 22.6 | 12.0 | 13.4 | 20.7 | 21.1 | 19.9 | 30.0 | 15.8 | 43.9 | 34.3 | 10.8 | 25.4 | 28.4 | $\begin{aligned} & 22.5 \\ & 22.4 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| December ......... | 22.0 | 11.8 | 13.3 | 20.4 | 20.4 | 19.5 | 29.1 | 15.9 | 45.6 | 35.2 | 10.9 | 26.0 | 29.4 |  |  |
| 1937 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January .......... | 22.7 | 12.2 | 14.1 | 21.5 | 20.5 | 19.7 | 29.2 | 15.9 | 39.6 | 32.6 | 10.8 | 26.8 | 30.3 | 22.4 |  |
| February ......... | 23.9 | 12.9 | 14.9 | 22.4 | 21.2 | 19.9 | 29.0 | 16.6 | 31.6 | 26.3 | 10.8 | 27.0 | 30.9 | 22.6 |  |
| March ............ | 23.3 | 12.8 | 14.4 | 21.7 | 20.5 | 19.7 | 28.6 | 16.6 | 29.8 | 24.7 | 11.0 | 26.5 | 29.9 | 22.4 |  |
| April ............ | 24.8 | 13.6 | 14.3 | 22.8 | 20.9 | 19.6 | 28.5 | 16.8 | 26.8 | 22.7 | 11.0 | 26.9 | 30.5 | 22.5 |  |
| May . . . . ........... | 26.9 | 14.8 | 14.3 | 24.0 | 21.3 | 19.9 | 28.6 | 16.8 | 25.5 | 21.3 | 11.0 | 27.3 | 30.8 | 22.6 |  |
| June ............. | 28.3 | 15.6 | 14.2 | 24.3 | 21.8 | 19.9 | 28.8 | 16.9 . | 25.2 | 21.3 | 10.8 | 25.2 | 28.5 | 22.6 |  |
| July ............... | 29.5 | 16.2 | $14 \cdot 3$ | 24.9 | 22.6 | 20.3 | 29.1 | 16.9 | 27.0 | 22.8 | 10.8 | 25.0 | 28.9 | 22.9 |  |
| August ........... | 29.0 | 15.2 | 14.3 | 23.9 | 23.7 | 20.6 | 30.7 | 16.9 | $32 \cdot 2$ | 26.7 | 10.8 | 26.6 | 30.8 | 23.0 |  |
| September ........ | 27.4 | 14.7 | 14.7 | 22.7 | 24.7 | 21.3 | 31.8 | 17.0 | 34.5 | 28.8 | 10.8 | 27.3 | 31.4 | 23.3 |  |
| October .......... | 26.6 | 14.3 | 14.7 | 22.1 | 24.4 | 21.5 | 32.5 | 17.0 | 39.2 | 31.7 | 11.1 | 27.7 | 31.5 | 23.2 |  |
| November .......... | 25.6 | 13.8 | 14.7 | 22.0 | 22.8 | 21.0 | 32.3 | 17.1 | 44.0 | 34.3 | 11.1 | 28.7 | 32.6 | 23.223.1 |  |
| December ......... | 24.9 | 13.7 | 14.9 | 21.2 | 21.9 | 20.8 | 31.6 | 16.9 | 44.9 | 35.1 | 11.3 | 30.4 | 34.5 |  |  |
| 1938 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jenuary ........... | 25.1 | 13.8 | 15.1 | 22.0 | 22.1 | 20.9 | 30.5 | 16.4 | , 38.3 | 31.3 | 11.5 | 30.9 | 34.7 | 23.3 |  |
| February .......... | 25.5 | 14.0 | 16.1 | 22.4 | 22.1 | 20.8 | 30.3 | 15.6 | 32.0 | 26.9 | 11.5 | 32.1 | 36.0 | 23.3 |  |
| March ............. | 25.1 | 14.0 | 15.9 | 23.4 | 22.6 | 20.8 | 30.4 | 15.3 | 32.0 | 27.0 | 11.5 | 35.0 | 39.1 | 23.4 |  |
| April ............. | 25.8 | 14.4 | 15.6 | 24.2 | 23.6 | 21.0 | 31.9 , | 15.4 | 29.0 | 24.4 | 11.5 | 35.6 | 39.7 | 23.7 |  |
| May . .............. | 26.9 | 15.1 | 15.6 | 25.7 | 24.3 | 21.3 | 32.5 | 15.4 | 25.9 | 21.9 | 11.5 | 30.0 | 33.3 | 23.8 |  |
| June . . . . . . . . . . | 28.4 | 16.1 | 16.0 | 25.7 | 24.8 | 21.6 | 33.1 | 15.3 | 27.9 | 23.7 | 11.3 | 28.1 | 31.4 | 23.8 |  |
| July .............. | 28.4 | 16.1 | 15.7 | 23.7 | 26.2 | 22.0 | 34.2 | 15.2 | 31.0 | 26.7 | 11.1 | 26.2 | 29.9 | - 23.8 |  |
| August ........... | 28.6 | 15.8 | 15.6 | 24.5 | 27.4 | 22.8 | 36.3 | 15.3 | 34.1 | 29.2 | 11.1 | 26.2 | 29.8 | 23.9 |  |
| September ........ | 27.5 | 15.1 | 15.8 | 24.0 | 25.8 | 22.2 | 34.9 | 15.0 | 36.0 | 30.2 | 11.1 | 25.5 | 28.3 | 23.6 |  |
| October .......... | 26.8 | 14.7 | 16.1 | 22.9 | 24.8 | 21.8 | 34.0 | 14.9 | 39.7 | 32.9 | 11.3 | 24.7 | 27.2 | 23.3 |  |
| November . . . . . . . . | 25.7 | 14.2 | 15.7 | 21.7 | 23.1 | 21.1 | 32.5 | 14.8 | 43.9 | 34.9 | 11.3 | 24.5 | 27.3 | 23.3 |  |
| December ......... 1939 | 24.8 | 14.1 | 15.5 | 22.0 | 22.6 | 20.9 | 30.9 | 14.4 | 44.0 | 34.7 | 11.3 | 24.1. | 26.7 | $23 \cdot 3$ |  |
| January .......... | 25.5 | 14.4 | 16.1 | 22.6 | 23.3 | 21.4 | 30.5 | 14.0 | 38.5 | 31.7 | 11.1 | 23.8 | 26.4 | 22.8 |  |
| February ......... | 26.5 | 15.2 | 16.8 | 23.4 | 23.7 | 21.1 | 30.3 | 13.3 | 29.6 | 24.7 | 11.1 | 24.0 | 27.1 | 22.6 |  |
| March | 27.2 | 15.5 | 16.7 | 23.8 | 23.6 | 21.2 | 30.5 | 12.7 | 30.1 | 25.2 | 11.1 | 23.8 | 26.7 | 22.2 |  |
| April | 27.6 | 15.8 | 16.6 | 24.4 | 23.8 | 21.3 | 30.3 | 12.4 | 28.2 | 23.9 | 11.1 | 23.5 | 26.6 | 22.1 |  |
| May . . . . . ......... | 27.9 | 16.0 | 15.8 | 24.6 | 23.5 | 21.3 | 30.5 | 11.9 | 26.1 | 22.0 | 11.1 | - 23.3 | 26.1 | 22.0 |  |

ATVAOD RETSI PRICES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF FOOD IN CANADA - Concluded

| Year <br> and <br> Month | Bread (pound) | Flour (pound) | Rolled Oats (pound) | Rice (pound) | Beans (pound) | ```Apples Evapor- a.ted (pound)``` | Prunes (pound | Sugar Granulated (pound) | Sugar Yellow (pound) | Tea (pound) | Coffee (pound) | Potatoes (peck) | Vinegar (pint) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1936 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| September ...... | 6.1 | 3.7 | 5.3 | 8.0 | 5.7 | 16.4 | 11.3 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 51.9 | 35.4 | 36.8 | 6.9 |  |
| Octobor ........ | 6.1 | 3.8 | 5.4 | 7.9 | 6.2 | 16.5 | 11.2 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 52.1 | 35.5 | 30.6 | 6.8 |  |
| November ....... | 6.1 | 3.9 | 5.4 | 7.9 | 6.4 | 16.7 | 11.3 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 52.0 | 35.5 | 28.6 | 6.9 |  |
| December ....... $1937$ | 6.2 | 3.9 | 5.4 | 8.0 | 6.7 | 15.9 | 11.3 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 52.0 | 35.4 | 29.4 | 6.8 |  |
| Januery ........ | 6.2 | 4.0 | 5.5 | 7.9 | 6.9 | 16.4 | 11.4 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 52.2 | 35.2 | 30.2 | 6.9 |  |
| Fobruary ....... | 6.2 | 4.2 | 5.6 | 8.1 | 7.2 | 16.0 | 11.5 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 52.0 | 35.1 | 34.5 | 6.9 |  |
| Merch .......... | 6.3 | 4.3 | 5.7 | 8.1 | 7.5 | 15.8 | 11.6 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 52.1 | 35.6 | 37.1 | 6.9 |  |
| April .......... | 6.4 | $4 \cdot 4$ | 5.7 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 16.1 | 11.7 | 6.4 | 6.3 | $52 \cdot 3$ | 35.4 | 37.0 | 6.9 |  |
| May ............ | 6.4 | 4.5 | 5.8 | $8 \cdot 2$ | 7.9 | 15.7 | 11.7 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 52.4 | 35.4 | 33.1 | 6.9 |  |
| June ............ | 6.7 | 4.5 | $5 \cdot 8$ | 8.2 | 7.9 | 15.7 | 11.7 | 6.5 | 6.3 | $52 \cdot 5$ | 35.7 | 30.0 | 6.9 |  |
| July ............ | 6.7 | 4.5 | 5.8 | 8.1 | 7.8 | 15.7 | 11.8 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 53.4 | 35.7 | 28.0 | 7.0 |  |
| August .......... | 6.7 | 4.7 | 6.0 | $8 \cdot 2$ | $7 \cdot 6$ | 15.5 | 11.8 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 54.3 | 35.5 | 3 C .6 | 6.9 |  |
| Sopt omber ...... | 6.8 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 8.2 | 7.5 | 15.4 | 12.0 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 54.8 | 35.9 | 22.7 | 6.9 |  |
| October ........ | 6.8 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 8.2 | 7.0 | 16.0 | 11.7 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 55.5 | 35.6 | 21.4 | 6.9 | , |
| November ....... | 6.8 | 4.5 | 5.9 | $8 \cdot 2$ | 6.2 | 16.8 | 11.7 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 56.3 | 35.6 | 20.1 | 6.9 |  |
| December ....... 1938 | 6.8 | 4.5 | 5.9 | 8.2 | 5.9 | 15.7 | 11.5 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 56.4 | 35.4 | 20.1 | 6.8 |  |
| January ....... | 6.8 | 4.5 | 5.8 | 8.1 | 5.7 | 15.7 | 11.3 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 57.4 | 35.3 | 20.2 | 6.9 |  |
| February ....... | 6.9 | $4 \cdot 5$ | 5.8 | 8.2 | 5.6 | 15.0 | 11.2 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 58.0 | 35.0 | 20.3 | 6.9 |  |
| March ........... | 6.8 | 4.4 | 5.8 | 8.2 | $5 \cdot 5$ | 15.0 | 11.1 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 58.1 | 35.2 | 20.2 | 6.8 |  |
| April .......... | 6.9 | 4.3 | 5.7 | 8.2 | 5.4 | 15.4 | 11.0 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 58.0 | 34.7 | 19.5 | 6.9 |  |
| May ............. | 6.9 | $4 \cdot 3$ | 5.7 | 8.2 | 5.4 | 15.4 | 10.8 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 58.6 | 34.8 | 18.9 | 6.9 |  |
| June ............ | 6.8 | 4.1 | 5.7 | 8.2 | 5.4 | 15.3 | 11.0 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 58.7 | 34.7 | 19.7 | 6.9 |  |
| July ............ | 6.8 | 4.1 | 5.7 | 8.2 | 5.3 | 15.0 | 11.0 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 58.6 | 34.8 | 20.5 | 6.9 |  |
| August .......... | 6.8 | 4.0 | 5.7 | 8.2 | $5 \cdot 3$ | 14.9 | 11.1 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 58.6 | 34.5 | 28.6 | 6.8 |  |
| September ...... | 6.6 | 3.6 | 5.6 | 8.2 | $5 \cdot 3$ | 15.0 | 11.0 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 58.9 | 35.0 | 21.1 | $6 \cdot 8$ |  |
| October ......... | 6.5 | 3.3 | 5.4 | 8.1 | 5.2 | 15.5 | 10.9 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 58.7 | 34.8 | 21.5 | 6.7 |  |
| November ........ | 6.4 | 3.3 | 5.3 | 8.1 | $5 \cdot 2$ | 14.8 | 10.9 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 58.8 | 34.4 | 22.0 | 6.7 |  |
| December ....... $1939$ | 6.5 | 3.2 | 5.3 | 8.2 | 5.1 | 14.9 | 10.8 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 58.6 | 34.7 | 23.5 | 6.8 |  |
| January ........ | 6.3 | 3.1 | 5.2 | 8.2 | 5.1 | 15.3 | 10.9 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 58.2 | $34 \cdot 3$ | 24.6 | 6.7 |  |
| February ....... | 6.3 | 3.1 | 5.1 | 8.1 | 5.1 | 15.4 | 10.8 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 58.9 | 34.3 | 26.0 | 6.8 |  |
| March .......... | 6.2 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 8.1 | 5.0 | 15.2 | 10.7 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 58.5 | 34.1 | 26.6 | 6.8 |  |
| April .......... | 6.2 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 8.1 | 5.0 | 15.6 | 10.6 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 58.5 | 34.0 | 27.2 | 6.9 |  |
| Kay ........... | 6.2 | 2.9 | 5.0 | 8.1 | 5.0 | 15.2 | 10.7 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 58.5 | 33.8 | 30.3 | 6.8 |  |




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## INVESTORS' TNDEX NTMBERS OF COMMON STCCKS

Prices of common stocks on Canadian markets moved within a narrow range during the month of May and sales were comparatively light. The Investors' monthly price average for industrial, utility and bank stocks rose from 96.2 in April to 99.2 ir May. Industrials were up 5.3 points to 163.0 , utilities 1.3 to 43.2 and banks 1.0 to 84.7 . All sections of the composite index shared in the advarce although oils registered a net loss for the month. The daily general price index for 95 common stocks advanced from 97.3 on April 29 to 100.4 on May 10, the highest level atained since March 29. This upward movement did not hold and the index dropped back to 97.3 on May 17 but suisequently mounted again to 100.4 on May 30. It closed the month at 99.1 for a net increase of 1.8 points. Gains were led by transportation, pulp and paper, building materials, beverages, textiles and power issues while oils receded almost 3 p.c. below the April close.

## MINING STOCK PRICES

Exeept for relative quietness in the middie of May, stocks on Cenadian mining markets pursued an upward course, which started on April 12, after the Bureau's general price index had touched 138.5, the lowest point for the current year. This series rose from an average of 143.7 for April to 151.4 for May. Gold and base metal shares participated in the advance, which was more steady than the corresponding movemert in industrials. During the final week of May, the rise was accelerated and was accompanied by an increase in sales volume. Junior and secondary gold stocks were most favoured by traders, although base metals showed the greatest net increase. The index for the latter was up 8.3 p.e. against 5.3 p.c. for the gold group. The generai price serias mounted from 145.3 on April 29 to 154.6 on May 31, with the gold section registering a net gain of 5.9 to 117.0 and base metals 23.9 to 310.7 . Listed belcw is a table of average prices for the weeks of June 1 and April 27, as compiled by the Dominion Eureau of Statistics.

| coins |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$ | \$ |  | \$ | \$ |
| Beattie | 1.25 | 1.14 | Little Long Lac | 3.08 | 2.68 |
| Bralorne | 11.62 | 10.29 | Macessa | 4.80 | 4.23 |
| Buffalo-Ankerite | 12.44 | 11.85 | NoIntrme | 57.46 | 53.38 |
| Central Patricia | 2.52 | 2.22 | Pickle Crow | 4.84 | 4.71 |
| Dome | 31.94 | 31.25 | Pioneer | 2.51 | 2.39 |
| God's Lake | . 37 | . 24 | $\mathrm{R} \in \mathrm{no}$ | . 52 | . 32 |
| Hollinger | 14.71 | 14.27 | San Antonio | 1.58 | 1.42 |
| Howey | . 34 | . 30 | Siscoe | 1.32 | . 98 |
| Kirkland Lake | 1.53 | 1.36 | Sylvenite | 3.32 | 3.04 |
| Lake Shore | 41.02 | 40.35 | Teck-Hughes | 4.23 | 4.00 |
| Lamaque Gold Mines | 6.42 | 5.88 | Wright-Fargreaves | 8.11 | 7.93 |
|  |  | BASE | TALE |  |  |
| Falconbridge | 5.28 | 4.90 | Noranda | 79.71 | 74.77 |
| Hudson Bay . . | 31.98 | 29.06 |  |  |  |

## PREFFRRRED STOCKS

The downard trend of the price index for twenty-five preferred stocks apparent since last October, was halted in May when the index moved up .l to 79.0. The rolume of sales also increased, showing a gain of 13,190 to 31,122 . Trading during the greater part of the month was marked by narrow irregularity in prices and scant sales. However, about the twenty-fifth and sixth a definite upswing was noticeable and a majority of the list showed distinct advances in prices. Massey-Harris fluctuated between $\$ 32$ and $\$ 351 / 4$ up to the twenty-fifth when it jumped to $\$ 39 \mathrm{l} / 2$, then to $\$ 42 \mathrm{l} / 2$, closing at $\$ 41$ for a gain of $\$ 9$ during the month. Canadian Car and Foundry deciined 韦 $^{2}$ over the opening price of \$28 after touching \$19 3/4 on the sixteenth and seventeenth. Steel of Canada and Canada Cement were highlights of the Building Materials group, the former up $\$ 6$ to $\$ 74$ and the latter $\$ 5$ to $\$ 951 / 2$, the greater part of these gains being made during the last few days. Newsprints were dull, Abitiol remaining unchanged while St. Lamrence Corporation "A" rallied \$1 $1 / 2$ to $\$ 10$, Textiles showed improvement, Canadian Celanese rising $\$ 31 / 2$ over the opening price of $\$ 100$, and Dominion Textile up $\$ 2$ to $\$ 155$. Oils were firm, McColl-Frontenac finishing $\$ 21 / 2$ higher at $\$ 871 / 2$ and Canadian 0il, $\$ 1$ up at $\$ 113$.

INDEX NUMBERS OF 25 PREFERRED STOCKS, 1929, 1933, 1937, 1938 AND 1939.
(1926=100)


|  | :GENERAL | BANKS | UTILITIES |  |  |  | INDUSTRIALS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of Securities 1939 | ! Total  <br> $\vdots$ 25 | Total <br> 8 | Total: <br> 19 | Trans - <br> porta- <br> tion $2$ | Telephone Telegraph $2$ $\qquad$ | Power and Traction 15 | Total | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Machin }- \\ & \text { ery } \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { Equip- } \\ & \text { ment } \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ | Pulp <br> and <br> Peper $\qquad$ <br> 7 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mill- } \\ & \text { ing } \\ & 3 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oils } \\ 4 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Textiles and Clothing | Food and Allied Products $\qquad$ _12 | Bever a.ges $\qquad$ | Build- <br> ing <br> : Mater- <br> iels <br> : $\quad 15$ | In- <br> dust- <br> rial <br> Mines <br> 2 |  |
| 1937 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 137.4 | 94.4 | 68.5 | 38.7 | 122.0 | 91.1 | 222.0 | 156.3 | 37.2 | 119.6 | 229.6 | 77.3 | 184.2 | 141.0 | 197.0 | 549.3 |  |
| February | 142.4 | 96.7 | 73.1 | 41.8 | 125.8 | 97.5 | 228.8 | 163.4 | 36.7 | 120.7 | 235.2 | 78.5 | 188.2 | 139.3 | 203.5 | 586.7 |  |
| March .. | 147.2 | 95.9 | 71.0 | 39.6 | 124.2 | 94.7 | 241.7 | 168.3 | 40.2 | 127.0 | 247.7 | 80.2 | 190.0 | 141.8 | 213.4 | 618.2 |  |
| April ... | 136.2 | 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 ................... | 129.4 | 92.3 | 63.2 | 32.3 | 127.3 | 84.1 | 210.1 | 148.1 | 38.2 | 103.7 | 220.2 | 77.7 | 177.7 | 131.0 | 179.6 | 510.8 |  |
| July | 133.0 | $90 \cdot 2$ | 63.9 | 29.7 | 128.0 | 88.0 | 217.8 | 148.0 | 40.5 | 102.0 | 222.6 | 79.7 | 182.1 | 136.1 | 188.7 | 547.4 |  |
| August | 135.2 | 89.9 | 65.2 | 29.9 | 128.7 | 90.4 | 221.6 | 151.2 | 40.4 | 95.2 | 223.6 | 79.5 | 182.0 | 136.9 | 192.7 | 564.2 |  |
| September ......... | 118.9 | 84.9 | 57.4 | 24.8 | 126.6 | 78.6 | 193.3 | 122.8 | 29.3 | 89.1 | 205.3 | 73.3 | 167.9 | 118.3 | 159.4 | 470.5 |  |
| October ............ | 105.8 | 81.4 | 51.7 | 20.9 | 122.9 | 70.7 | 170.3 | 104.3 | 22.5 | 69.9 | 192.0 | 68.0 | 154.1 | 105.6 | 132.5 | 395.0 | 1 |
| November | 103.1 | 79.0 | 49.6 | 19.9 | 122.2 | 66.9 | 166.3 | 104.7 | 20.4 | 80.1 | 193.2 | 67.7 | 154.1 | 115.7 | 129.5 | 359.2 | ir |
| December | 103.7 | 81.6 | 49.5 | 19.8 | 125.4 | 66.0 | 167.7 | 103.2 | 18.3 | 82.9 | 188.0 | 67.1 | 154.7 | 114.2 | 131.9 | 382.7 | , |
| 1938 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ............ | 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 | 138.4 | 422.6 |  |
| February ........... | 107.1 | 81.8 | 46.8 | 17.6 | 123.1 | 63.1 | 177.7 | 109.3 | 17.5 | 88.9 | 195.2 | 64.8 | 159.9 | 115.0 | 131.4 | 425.0 |  |
| March .............. | 99.2 | 80.5 | 43.1 | 14.5 | 120.1 | 58.2 | 164.0 | 100.7 | 14.6 | 76.5 | 181.2 | 60.3 | 152.0 | 101.3 | 116.0 | 387.3 |  |
| April | 97.9 | 80.4 | 43.7 | 15.4 | 117.0 | 59.7 | 160.5 | 103.2 | 15.4 | 75.6 | 172.0 | 55.0 | 151.5 | 106.0 | 119.4 | 386.6 |  |
| May ................. | 99.7 | 80.9 | 44.5 | 14.8 | 122.8 | 61.0 | 163.5 | 107.2 | 15.7 | 85.8 | 177.2 | 54.5 | 153.6 | 107.5 | 122.5 | 389.2 |  |
| June ................ | 100.0 | 81.0 | 45.1 | 15.7 | 123.8 | 61.2 | 163.5 | 111.8 | 18.6 | 84.8 | 170.0 | 54.1 | 156.2 | 109.2 | 129.8 | 395.2 |  |
| July ............... | 106.9 | 84.9 | 48.6 | 18.3 | 123.7 | 66.4 | 175.1 | 129.2 | 23.1 | 88.6 | 177.6 | 59.4 | 167.9 | 120.5 | 142.6 | 433.0 |  |
| August .............. | 105.2 | 85.0 | 47.1 | 16.7 | $125 \cdot 3$ | 64.3 | 172.8 | 130.1 | 21.0 | 88.3 | 176.7 | 59.0 | 168.5 | 122.1 | 139.3 | 421.1 |  |
| September .......... | 98.6 | 83.4 | 42.7 | 14.1 | 121.1 | 57.8 | 162.2 | 120.6 | 17.5 | 78.4 | 165.0 | 54.3 | 162.2 | 108.8 | 121.2 | 401.0 |  |
| October ............. | 109.7 | 86.0 | 46.9 | 16.5 | 125.8 | 64.0 | 182.7 | 139.8 | 22.8 | 85.8 | 182.1 | $58 \cdot 5$ | 170.1 | 133.3 | 139.5 | 467.9 |  |
| 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 ............ $1939$ | 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 |  |
| 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 ............ | 104.1 | 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 | 103.7 | 85.1 | 44.4 | 11.5 | 131.7 | 62.0 | 171.4 | 126.6 | 15.1 | 79.8 | 173.9 | 57.2 | 172.5 | 127.6 | 132.9 | 419.2 |  |
| April ............... | 96.2 | 83.7 | 41.9 | 9.6 | 129.7 | 58.9 | 157.7 | 111.1 | 11.5 | 71.4 | 162.9 | 53.1 | 169.2 | 116.9 | 119.3 | 381.9 |  |
| May ................. | 99.2 | 84.7 | 43.2 | 10.0 | 132.6 | 60.8 | 163.0 | 112.5 | 12.0 | 78.9 | 170.2 | 55.0 | 176.3 | 120.4 | 124.6 | 387.9 |  |

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| : | MARCH |  |  |  |  | APRIL |  |  |  | MAY |  |  |  | JUNE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| : | 2nd | 9th | I6th | 23 rd | 30th | 6 th | 13 th | 20 h | 27 th | 4th | 11th | 18th | 25th | 1st |
|  | \$ | \$ | \$ | $\$$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| GOLD GROUP |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beattie .. | 1.37 | 1.36 | 1.34 | 1.23 | 1. 18 | 1.14 | 1.08 | 1.12 | 1.14 | 1.16 | 1.19 | 1.18 | 1.20 | 1. 25 |
| Bralorne | 10.91 | 11.31 | 11.27 | 10.65 | 10.73 | 10.46 | 9.86 | 10.27 | 10.29 | 10.71 | 11.06 | 11.10 | 11.33 | 11.62 |
| Buffalo-Ankerite | 13.50 | 12.31 | 12.60 | II. 94 | 11.52 | 12.04 | 11.00 | 10.71 | 11.83 | 11. 67 | 12.04 | 12.04 | 12.04 | 12.44 |
| Central Patricia..... | 2.53 | 2.61 | 2.62 | 2.38 | 2.37 | 2.32 | 2.20 | 2.20 | 2.22 | 2.24 | 2.33 | 2.34 | 2536 | 2.52 |
| Dome ............... | 32.17 | 32.33 | 32.81 | 32.10 | 33.04 | 32.02 | 31.28 | 31.10 | 31.25 | 31.02 | 31.69 | 31.94 | 32.00 | 31.94 |
| God's Lake ............ | . 21 | . 22 | - 22 | . 22 | . 22 | . 21 | - 21 | -22 | . 24 | . 30 | . 34 | . 34 | . 35 | . 37 |
| Hollinger ............ | 14.87 | 14.87 | 14.92 | 14.17 | 14.52 | 14.06 | 13.75 | 14.00 | 14.27 | 14.29 | 14.50 | 14.50 | 14.50 | 14.71 |
| Howey .................. | . 28 | - 29 | . 30 | . 28 | . 29 | . 27 | .27 | . 27 | . 30 | . 29 | - 29 | - 29 | - 30 | . 34 |
| Kirkland Lake ......... | 1. 52 | 1.62 | I. 62 | 1.43 | 1. 48 | . 1.43 | 1.32 | 1.33 | 1.36 | 1.37 | 1.43 | 1. 39 | 1.40 | 1. 53 |
| Lake Shore ...... | 47.37 | 46.46 | 43.81 | 40.79 | 39.92 | 37.00 | 37.97 | 39.63 | 40.35 | 40.75 | 39.38 | 39.54 | 41.25 | 41.02 |
| Lamaque Gold Mines ... | 6.43 | 6.81 | 6.78 | 6.39 | 6.38 | 6.18 | 6.05 | 6.04 | 5.88 | 6.22 | 6.10 | 6.01 | 6.15 | 6.42 |
| Little Long Lac...... | 3.18 | 3.25 | 3.28 | 2.97 | 3.08 | 2.90 | 2.82 | 2.74 | 2.68 | 2.73 | 2.75 | 2.72 | 2.88 | 3.08 |
| Macassa ............... | 5.39 | 5.41 | 5.37 | 4.84 | 4.91 | 4.85 | 4.21 | 4.21 | 4.23 | 4.38 | 4.85 | 4.93 | 4.88 | 4.80 |
| McIntyre .............. | 55.75 | 57.85 | 58.79 | 55.25 | 56.13 | 52.88 | 51.13 | 53.08 | 53.38 | 52.96 | 53.04 | 53.17 | 54.42 | 57.46 |
| Pickle Crow .......... | 5.34 | 5.43 | 5.48 | 5.02 | 5.02 | 4.95 | 4.83 | 4.75 | 4.71 | 4.80 | 4.95 | 4.85 | 4.85 | 4.84 |
| Pioneer .............. | 2.53 | 2.50 | 2.56 | 2.47 | 2.46 | 2.42 | 2.36 | 2.36 | 2.39 | 2.36 | 2.35 | 2.42 | 2.48 | 2.51 |
| Reno ................... | . 27 | . 23 | . 22 | . 22 | . 37 | . 39 | . 37 | . 34 | . 32 | - 34 | . 40 | . 49 | . 52 | . 52 |
| San Antonio .......... | 1.55 | 1.57 | 1.63 | 1.48 | 1.55 | 1.49 | 1.36 | 1.36 | 1.42 | 1.47 | 1.53 | 1.51 | 1.54 | 1.58 |
| Siscoe ................ | 1.23 | 1.17 | 1.18 | 1.14 | 1.13 | 1.08 | 1.03 | . 99 | . 98 | 1.03 | 1.06 | 1.15 | 1.20 | 1.32 |
| Sylvanite ............ | 3.33 | 3.34 | 3.38 | 3.15 | 3.15 | 3.12 | 2.95 | 2.99 | 3.04 | 3.07 | 3.18 | 3.23 | 3.20 | 3.32 |
| Teck-Hughes .......... | 4.48 | 4.56 | 4.49 | 4.23 | 4.26 | 4.13 | 4.01 | 3.99 | 4.00 | 4.03 | 4.03 | 3.98 | 4.13 | 4.23 |
| Wright-Hargreaves .... | 8.65 | 8.73 | 8.80 | 8.43 | 8.40 | 8.19 | 7.79 | 7.88 | 7.93 | 7.93 | 8.11 | 8.09 | 8.08 | 8.11 |
| BASE METAL GROUP |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Falconbridge ......... | 5.23 | 5.77 | 5.63 | 5.21 | 5.15 | 5.01 | 4.75 | 4.62 | 4.90 | 4.93 | 5.08 | 4.96 | 4.97 | 5.28 |
| Hudson Bay ........... | 34.29 | 33.65 | 32.98 | 31.42 | 32.15 | 89.71 | 27.31 | 28.83 | 29.06 | 28.81 | 30.73 | 31.41 | 31.29 | 31.98 |
| Noranda. ............... | 80.27 | 81.06 | 80.15 | 76.50 | 77.42 | 73.98 | 72.25 | 73.67 | 74.77 | 76.69 | 78.63 | 77.88 | 79.17 | 79.71 |

## INDEX NUMBERS OF DONINION OF CANADA JONG-TERM BOND PRICES AND YIELDS, MAY, 1939. $(2926=100)$

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index of Dowinion of Canada long-term bond prices rose from 116.8 for April to 117,0 for May. A decline, which began in the third week of March, continued into the first week of May, when the Bureau's daily index touched the lowest point (116.0) since early in last October. Thereafter, recovery carried the index up to 117.9 for the last day of the month, a net gain of 1.6 for May. A Dominion loan was offered for subscription on May 10, and the cash issue of $\$ 50$ million was soon oversubscribed. A further $\$ 31.5$ million was received for conversion from an amount outstanding of 115.2 million maturing in 1939. Provincials made a good showing, with maturities of the restern provinces displaying the most buoyancy. Nova Scotia disposed of an issue for $\$ 4$ million on the 4 th. British Consols closed $41 / 4$ higher at 70 , while the Dow-Jones average of selected high-grade United States bonds rose from 88.00 to 89.55. The index of Dominion of Canada long-term bond yields dropped from 63.0 for April to 62.4 for May, and the average yield of the issues included in this index fell from 3.06 to 3.03 . Based upon information received from Messrs. Wood, Gundy \& Company, Limited, the index for representative Province of Ontario bond yields receded from 70.6 to 68.7 , and the average monthly yield decreased from 3.38 to 3.29 .

MONTFLY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG IERM BOND FRICES, 1931-1939
(From data issued by A. E. Ames and Company,Ltd.)

|  |  | $\frac{1931}{}$ | $\frac{1932}{94.1}$ | $\frac{1933}{103.3}$ | $\frac{1934}{104.6}$ | $\frac{1935}{115.9}$ | $\frac{1936}{113.6}$ | $\frac{1937}{117.7}$ | $\frac{1938}{116.1}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |$\frac{1939}{117.5}$

MONTHIY INDEX NUMBERS OF DOMINION OF CANADA LONG-TERM BOND YIELDS, 1931-1939
(From data issued by A. E. Ames and Company, Itd.)

|  | 1931 | 1932 | 1933 | 1934 | 1935 | 1936 | 1937 | 1938 | 1939 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 93.9 | $1 \overline{12.7}$ | $\overline{96.3}$ | 93.2 | 70.9 | 72.4 | 64.6 | 66.3 | 62.1 |
| February | 93.6 | 112.2 | 96.0 | 91.0 | 73.2 | 70.8 | 68.4 | 65.4 | 61.9 |
| March | 91.9 | 109.1 | 97.7 | 86.1 | 71.4 | 69.9 | 72.7 | 64.7 | 61.1 |
| April | 90.0 | 109.8 | 96.6 | 83.8 | 72.2 | 69.5 | 73.2 | 63.7 | 63.0 |
| May | 89.3 | 109.3 | 95.0 | 81.8 | 71.4 | 68.8 | 71.0 | 61.7 | 62.4 |
| June | 88.3 | 111.7 | 93.3 | 82.1 | 73.4 | 66.9 | 69.3 | 61.8 | - |
| July | 88.3 | 107.5 | 93.5 | 80.1 | 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 | - |
| Sept ember | 95.5 | 98.7 | 92.4 | 77.2 | 79.8 | 63.1 | 68.3 | 65.3 | - |
| October . | 105.2 | 96.2 | 93.5 | 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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EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS AT MONTREAL, 1938-1939
NOTE: The noon rates in Canadian Funds upon which these averages are based have been supplied by the Bank of Canada.


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

|  | Total 420 Stocks | Industrials 350 Stacks | Railroads 30 Stacks | Utilities 40 Stocks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1935 |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| Augu: | 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 |  |  |  |  |
| Jenuary | 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 |
| April | 81.9 | 95.9 | 24.8 | 80.0 |
| lst week of May | 83.1 | 97.2 | 24.9 | 81.6 |


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

